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VINTAGE CAR CLUB



Classic cars and motorcycles filled downtown Minden on a beautiful Saturday for the 17th Annual Car & Bike Show. Visitors admired rows of cool and colorful vehicles on display.



AMBER MCDOWN/ PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

Classic rides and family fun

Vintage Car & Bike Show draws large crowd to downtown Minden

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The 17th Annual Car & Bike Show, The Original Vintage Car Club Show & Shine, brought rows of classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles to historic

downtown Minden on Saturday, September 13. Hundreds turned out to enjoy the event, sponsored by Webster Parish Tourism and Minden Main Street, which featured food, music, and one of the largest tro-

phy presentations in the Ark-La-Tex. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, UCAP, and the NWLA Sickle Cell Association. Best of Show went to Putt Putman for his 1964 Chevrolet Impala SS Convertible, while Theodore Washington won

People's Choice with his 2016 Chevy Corvette Z06 Convertible. First-place winners by category: Antique A1 (1900-1925): Russell Adams, 1923 T-Bucket; Antique A2 (1926-1959): Steve Fowler, 1931 Ford Model A; Antique A5 (Modified):

Chris Wikerson, 1946 Plymouth Sport & Muscle SMC1 (1960-1975): Putt Putman, 1964 Chevrolet Sport & Muscle SMC2 (1976-1985): Chris Thornton, 1979 Camaro Sport & Muscle SMC3 (1986-2000): AD Robinson, 1987 Cutlass

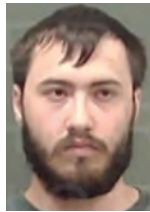
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CRIME

Haughton man arrested after school shooting threat at Camp Minden

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A 21-year-old Haughton man was arrested Thursday after allegedly threatening to "shoot up the school" at a campus located on the grounds of Camp Minden, authorities said.



STONE

According to investigators, an instructor at the Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College branch on the Camp Minden grounds overheard Austin Rae Stone making the threat. The instructor evacuated the building and alerted Camp Minden security and the Sheriff's Office.

Deputies responded to the scene, where Camp Minden authorities reported seizing 950 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition from Stone's vehicle. No firearm or additional ammunition was found during a further search of the vehicle or the school building.

Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker said Stone is being held at Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center on a charge of terrorizing. His bond was set at \$15,000.

AIRPORT

Wings & Wheels Fly-in and Car Show set for Sept. 20

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Engines will roar and propellers will spin as the Wings & Wheels Fly-in and Car Show returns to Minden Airport on Saturday, September 20. The popular community event will run from 10AM to 2PM and promises a full day of sights, sounds and family-friendly fun.

Visitors can expect to see a range of aircraft and classic cars on display, along with food trucks, pilot competitions and activities for all ages. Admission is free and no registration is required, making the event accessible to everyone.

The show has become a favorite for aviation and automobile enthusiasts alike, offering a chance to get up close to planes, meet pilots, and admire vintage and specialty vehicles. As an added bonus, participants will receive double Titan Rewards for fuel purchases during the event.

The Minden Airport, located at 100 Aviation Drive, is a public-use facility owned and operated by the City of Minden. The airport's fixed-base operator, also city-run, provides both self-service and full-service Titan Aviation fuel.

COMMUNITY



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Community members and veterans visit resource tables during the Veterans & Community Mental Health Resource Fair on Sept. 10 at the Minden Recreation Center. The event featured speakers, suicide prevention training, and support services in recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Veterans and community gather for Mental Health Resource Fair

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Veterans and residents connected with health and support services during the Veterans & Community Mental Health Resource Fair held Wednesday, September 10, at the Minden Recreation Center. The event was sponsored by Webster Parish Veterans Safety Net, Humana, and Minden Medical Center. Hilton R. Wells, co-founder of the coalition and representative of Overton

Brooks VAMC-CEPC, gave the welcome. Mayor Nick Cox delivered the invocation and proclamation. Guest speakers included Sheriff Jason Parker; Jerry Madden, coalition vice president, who shared a personal testimony; Kevin Stevenson, LCSW and retired Army colonel with Overton Brooks VAMC-SPC, who presented suicide prevention training; Trisha Brown of Minden Medical Rehabilitation; Allysan Smith of Freedom

Behavioral Health; and Barbara Johnson of Meadowview Health & Rehabilitation. Coalition president Gary Seegers provided closing remarks. Food was provided by Celeste Heisler with Humana, with Domino's Pizza donating pizzas, Webster Men of Courage furnishing desserts, and the Webster Council on Aging donating cases of water. Resource tables were set up by organizations such as

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WPSB

Central Elementary teacher honored as Employee of the Month

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Vickie Ramie, a third-grade math teacher at Central Elementary School, was recognized as the Webster Parish School Board's Employee of the Month for September during the board's meeting September 8.

The honor was presented by Tiffany Govan of Taylor and Sons, who praised Ramie for her dedication to students.

Daniel Lee, principal of Central Elementary, recommended Ramie for the award, noting her dependability and professionalism.

"Ms. Ramie exemplifies professionalism. She is punctual, rarely absent, and dependable. Year after year, Ms. Ramie comes to work and gives her

best to educate the third-grade students. She does whatever is asked of her without complaint even if it requires her giving up her own time," Lee wrote. "Her steadfastness and dedication to the students of Central Elementary are a testament to her professionalism and character. It has truly been a pleasure for everyone to work with her over the last eight years."

Govan added her own remarks of appreciation, saying, "I just want to say that — as a mother of three — I truly appreciate your sacrifice and all that you do for the students."

Taylor and Sons graciously presents an Employee of the Month plaque during each regular meeting of the Webster Parish School Board.



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WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES



Martha Belton

Graveside services for Martha Belton were held at 10:00 a.m. at Fellowship Cemetery in Dubberly, Louisiana on September 12, 2025, under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Bro. Randy Brown officiated. Martha was born on December 29, 1942, and entered into rest September 9, 2025, in Shreveport, Louisiana. She was raised in Dubberly and Minden. Martha graduated from Minden High School

in the 1960 class. She received graduate degrees from Louisiana Tech in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education and Special Education, followed by a 40-year teaching career from Glenbrook, Caddo, and Webster Parish school systems. Her commitment to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was manifested by her faithfulness to interim positions as musical worship leader for 40 years at Southside Baptist and Beech Springs Baptist Churches. She directed children’s choirs while still at First Baptist. Her community support was evident when she sang with the Minden Melodies entertaining people all over Louisiana. Pallbearers will be Richard Campbell, Reese Cole, Chance Cole, Andrew Cole, Aaron Cochen, Casey Bozenski, Chris Bozenski, Jon Patrick Cole, and William Cole.



JoAnn Harkness Davis

JoAnn Harkness Davis, age 94, of Brookhaven, MS and formerly of Minden, LA; peacefully passed away on September 12, 2025, after a brief illness.

She was born on September 26, 1930, to the late Augustus Brown and Lula Holdman Harkness. She graduated from Minden High School where she was voted “Best Girl Dancer” and served as a majorette. She immediately went to work for the Telephone Company where she made many lifelong friends. She worked for the Telephone Company until she Married C. L. “Skeeter” Davis, Jr. in 1960. She was also active in the Garden Club and Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her parents Gus and Lula Harkness; sisters Frances Harkness and Geraldine Sweatman; her husband Charles Lavelle “Skeeter” Davis, Jr.; and stepson Charles Rick Davis. She is survived by her son William Kevin Davis (Jef-

fery C. Clearman); nephew William Benjamin Sweatman (Gloria M. Sweatman) who served as a primary care giver along with her son Kevin; stepdaughter Janet Elaine Davis, and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, from 5 until 7 pm. A grave side service will be held at Gardens of Memory on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 11 am. Officiating will be Rev. Bill Crider. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Brookhaven, MS at 4 pm. Officiating will be The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Butcher. A reception will follow. The family would like to express special thanks to her caretakers at the Aspen of Brookhaven: Niesha, Destiny, Gracie, Kristen, Rachel, Aaliyah, BreHannah, Haley, Zandra, April, Tiyuna, Taylor, LaRonda, Catherine, KeyAnna, Rhonda, Silvia and MiOsha. The family also would like to express special thanks to Dr. Gladney and the nurses at King’s Daughters Medical Center for their support during her passing. Memorials may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital or the charity of your choice.



Rosa “Suzanne” Ford

Funeral services for Rosa “Suzanne” Ford will be held Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Holly Springs Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Bryan Longino officiating. Interment will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery in Minden,

Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Suzanne was born on March 28, 1961, in Kinder, Louisiana and went to her heavenly home on September 13, 2025, in Homer, Louisiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ollie and Louise English and son Jered Douglas Ford. She is survived by her husband Doug Ford of Homer, son Chad Ford (Jessie) of Haughton, daughter, Kelly Peoples of Texas, sisters, Sandra Marcantel of Homer and Emily English of Florida, and six grandchildren.

CRIME

Man arrested on I-20 for speeding, immigration violations

STAFF REPORT

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A man was arrested Monday after a traffic stop on Interstate 20 revealed he was unlicensed and wanted by federal immigration authorities, according to the Minden Police Department.

An officer patrolling

I-20 East near mile marker 47 reported seeing a white Chevrolet truck traveling 85 miles per hour in a 70 mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted near mile marker 48. The driver, identified as 20-year-old Jose Orozco, was unable to provide a driver’s license or any form of identification, po-

lice said. Three other men in the truck also could not produce proper identification. Immigration officials were contacted, and the passengers were taken to the Minden Police Department, where they were later placed into federal custody. Orozco was booked

into the Minden Police Department on charges of driving without a license, resisting an officer, and as a fugitive from Immigration and Customs Enforcement. *All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

CARS

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Sport & Muscle SMC4 (2001–2010): Richard Roton, 2002 Firebird Sport & Muscle SMC5 (2011–Present): Roderick Turner, 2020 Dodge Challenger Hellcat Corvette C1 (1953–1962): Robert Blake, 1962

Chevy Corvette Corvette C2 (1963–1967): Charles Hile, 1966 Chevy Corvette Corvette C3 (1968–1982): Edrene Frazier, 1970 Chevy Corvette Corvette C4 (1984–1996): Roy Scroggins, 1975 Chevy Corvette Corvette C5 (1997–2004): Brayden Hendrick, 2003 Chevy Corvette Corvette C6 (2005–2013): John Roden, 2013

Chevy Corvette Corvette C7 (2014–2019): Calvin Williams, 2014 Chevy Corvette Corvette C8 (2020–Present): Dean Smith, 2023 Chevy Corvette Mustang M1 (1964–1967): Fred Brown, 1965 Ford Mustang Mustang M2 (1968–1970): Mark Naron, 1969 Ford Mustang Mustang M5B (1984–1993): Rusty Rhame, 1990

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Semmes, 1937 Ford Business Coupe Truck T1 (Original): Dustin Andrews, 1984 Chevrolet Silverado Truck T2 (Customized): Amber Martin, 1998 Chevy C3500 Dually Jeep: Ronnie & Vicki Semmes, 1975 Jeep Renegade Rat Rod: Logan Annina, 1953 Dodge D100 Harley Davidson (Modified): Lewis Meek, 2000

Harley Softail Crotch Rocket: Matthew Butler, 2025 Kawasaki Ninja 636 Shadow Class (Upright Rider): Richard McKenzie, 2014 CVO Breakout Trike: Robert Vance, 1991 Harley Heritage Softail Off-Road Vehicle: Brad Sullivan, 1972 Ford Bronco

MILESTONE

Minden Lions Club marks 100 years of service

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lions Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, marking a century of service to the community through projects supporting eye wellness, youth recreation, and civic engagement. The club was first organized in the fall of 1925 and received its official charter on November 12 of that year, accord-

ing to Webster Parish historian John Agan in his Echoes of Our Past column, “Minden Lions Club Celebrates 75 Years,” published in the Minden Press-Herald in 2000. The first meeting was held November 5, 1925, in the dining room of the Imperial Hotel in downtown Minden with 20 charter members in attendance. A formal Charter Night was later celebrated on December 10, 1925, with civic leaders, families, and guests from

surrounding communities. The original officers included J.E. Harper, president; R.H. Lee, vice president; J.L. McInnis, secretary-treasurer; and several directors. Members represented a cross-section of Minden’s business and professional community, from educators and attorneys to merchants and railroad workers. From its earliest days, the Minden Lions Club was active in community

service. Its first projects included teaming with the Department Club to place highway signs at entrances to Minden and supporting recreation for local youth. In 1926, the Lions took over summer operations of the City Natatorium in Wilson Park, later helping establish playground equipment there. One of the most notable early endeavors was the Lions Boys Band, which performed in Minden’s City Park and traveled to

nearby towns. The club provided uniforms and instruments, building a tradition of supporting youth activities that continues today. The club has also been active in statewide Lions projects, including the Lions Camp for Crippled Children, and remains well known locally for fundraisers such as its semi-annual Chicken Charbroils. The group also collects eyeglasses and holds eye screenings to aid vision care efforts.

Founded in Chicago in 1917, Lions Clubs International grew quickly across the United States and abroad. By 1927, just two years after Minden received its charter, the organization had 60,000 members in more than 1,100 clubs. Today, the Minden Lions Club continues as a vital part of civic life, carrying on its long tradition of service while celebrating a century as one of the community’s longest-standing organizations.

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CRIME

Minden man arrested after foot chase at gas station

STAFF REPORT

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A Minden man was arrested late Thursday after running from police during a warrant arrest attempt at a gas station, according to the Minden Police Department. Around 11:13 PM on August 28, officers observed 44-year-old Antonio Elkins at the Circle K on Shreveport Road. Police said Elkins, who had an active bench warrant, was seen repeatedly walking between his vehicle and the store in what officers described as a stalling tactic. When officers attempted to stop him, Elkins ran south through the parking lot and onto Erwin Thompson Drive. Police said he ignored multiple commands to stop and made several failed attempts to climb

a fence before officers caught up to him. After continuing to refuse commands to get on the ground, Elkins was taken into custody. According to police, Elkins later admitted to driving to the store despite having a suspended license. He also told officers he did not know about the warrant and said he ran because he “just got off work and was ready to go home.” Elkins’ vehicle was towed. He was booked on the bench warrant at the Minden Police Department and also charged with operating a vehicle with a suspended license and resisting an officer. *All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

OPINION

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OPINION

The Heroic Life of Charlie Kirk: ‘An American Martyr for Truth, Faith and Freedom’

When a tyrant dies, his reign ends; When a martyr dies, his reign begins. (Soren Kierkegaard, Danish philosopher and theologian).

I was stunned to learn of the murder of Charlie Kirk, a 31-year-old husband and father of 2. He was the founder of Turning Point USA and a funny, witty, highly intelligent, self-taught individual. His organization sponsored him traveling to college campuses across the country to engage with often confused and misguided college students in respectful, civil debate.

He addressed many topics in these rallies, including that socialism may not be the best form of government, in light of the extraordinary success of free market capitalism; why transgenderism is so fundamentally unfair, and dangerous, allowing mediocre male athletes to compete in women's sports and encouraging the butchery and mutilation of young children who are “confused” about their gender; or, how an innocent unborn child, while a creation of her mother and her father, is a genetically distinct and indepen-

dently sacred life, worthy of protection, with a heartbeat at 18 days, and brain waves measurable at 45 days, after conception.

He also spoke regularly of the great importance to his life of his Christian faith and strong belief in Almighty God.

And why was he murdered? Well, no one was trying to steal his car, home or money. He was not even an elected official. He was shot and killed for his ideas even though they were stated in a charitable and constructive way. He never advocated for violence; in fact, he warned against it.

And that is the cruelest irony of all.

He died because he dared engage in freedom of speech and freedom of conscience on a college campus which, at least traditionally, was a bastion of vigorous intellectual debate and inquiry. No more, unfortunately. The fascist Thought Police of the violent Lunatic Left were Charlie's self-appointed judge, jury and executioner.

As recently as the 1960's, students on college campuses opposed to the Vietnam War demanded to be heard, including engaging in sit-ins in college administrative offices and other forms of civil resistance. Today, the opposite is true. Today, a conservative speaker on a college campus, if he or

she is allowed at all, is often harassed, threatened and shouted down for expressing a dissenting viewpoint.

This is the dark coven of Political Correctness coming home to roost; The ultimate form of Cancel Culture: Charlie Kirk's life has literally been cancelled. Snuffed out. On live television. Within the eyesight and earshot of 3 thousand students. With millions watching on TV and on-line. A Public Execution.

And yes, while there is political violence on both sides, I believe in the last decade the vast majority of it has targeted conservatives. That is what caused the death of Charlie Kirk. The Left, including the national media, have for years relentlessly attacked conservatives deeming them “white supremacists, “Nazis” and “destroyers of democracy.”

The Left has also deemed speech with which it disagrees to be “violence” to the listener. It is, then, not difficult to imagine an unstable individual reacting to that “violence” with murder because it's been justified by powerful Leftist elites who don't really have a problem with violence being done to conservatives (polling indicates 50% of the Left are not strongly opposed to the killing of Elon Musk or Pres. Trump). Speech is not violence. Violence is violence.

In short, while calls to violence arise from the distant fringes of conservatism, calls to violence come from the heart of the Democrat Party.

I will always remember him as the warm, funny and gracious person he was. I will never forget watching him face a throng of college students, many of whom insulted him, prompting him to chuckle and then share the truth.

When I think of a life lost in this fashion, I remember something I read many years ago by an author I cannot recall who said on the passing of a loved one that, “sadly, a light has gone out. There is now an empty place against the sky.” That is how I will remember him.

However, rather than having silenced a clarion voice for truth, I think his death will ignite a legion of like-minded patriots. I hope his death will serve as a transformative turning point in our nation and culture. Millions of flames of light have been lit across a broad and peaceful sky. That this continues should be our prayer.

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INSPIRATION

Thoughts are things and powerful things at that

Napoleon Hill, author of Think and Grow Rich wrote “thoughts are things, and powerful things at that, when they are mixed with definiteness of purpose, persistence, and a burning desire for their translation into riches, or other material objects.”

Famous motivational speaker, Earl Nightingale repeatedly said “we become what we think about all day long.”

The degree of success that we will achieve is determined by and will equal our level of self-esteem but we must decide if we're worth the energy needed to succeed.

The problem of crime, broken homes, unemployment and our economic level may be directly linked to how we visualize ourselves as others will only see us in the same lot that we see ourselves.

I believe the image that we give off may be increased or lowered by how we see ourselves.

As ones with the spark of divinity are we willing to settle for anything less than doing

our best but why do we worry so much about what our neighbors think as we try to “out do the Jones” at all cost not worrying about how we

might even be cheating our own family just to make a show?

I think sometimes those who have the lowest self-esteem will go to any means to making a

show no matter who we have to rob to create this show but we can't control what others do we can only control what goes on within our mind.

Self-esteem may be the life force that gets us up, bouncing back, resilient fueling our urge to not give up but to keep trying to develop our gifts however we can, reaching out, helping others to their feet with words of encouragement and through what only

we can give to the work place or in our homes.

It's this inner drive of being obsessed to fulfill our needs that determines what the quality of our needs are. Our self-worth gets us up -- out into the community to be a “Pathfinder” as Gail Sheehy wrote about in her book by the same title. It's what drives us to make a difference in each others lives.

We can only offer praise or pleasure to another if we possess a level of high self-esteem or we will be as threatened by someone's successes which I suspect is the reason behind childhood and even adult bullies in politics.

Awakening energized, reaching for the stars, will-ing our dreams into reality, is far more exciting than living from day to day, simply keeping our bodies fed.

But there are some dreams that have no dollar value because who can put a price on leaving a legacy for your family and those who pay attention to what we say?

These intangible benefits

that we leave our children may not be felt until many years after we are gone but our words may inspire future generations and be just the inspiration our great grandchildren need to believe in themselves.

We never know what tragedies may befall our children. Life is so uncertain. I speak from experience when I look into the eyes of a great grandfather who became a doctor or another, fourteen generations back, the first governor of New Jersey, I am inspired -- or when I envision my poor twenty-five year old grandmother who died in an underground dwelling during the Land Rush in Oklahoma, leaving behind two orphaned girls, my mother and aunt Gladys.

Life is a real trip and we always receive far more than we can ever repay.

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The day America changed forever

Last Thursday marked the 24th anniversary of a day that will forever live in infamy in the history of the United States — the day our world changed forever. On Sept. 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by a foreign enemy on our own soil in a way most Americans never imagined possible. The sequence of events that took place that morning seemed surreal, and the days that followed felt just as unreal.

It has now been 24 years since the horrific events of that day, and it's hard to believe so much time has passed. To the credit of those who keep us safe, we have not experienced another attack on our soil. Like all historic events of significant magnitude, anyone who was old enough on that life-changing, world-changing day can remember exactly where they were and what they were doing when they learned about the attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon and in a field in Pennsylvania.

It was horrible. It was frightening. It was something we never thought

we would see on our own soil. But it happened. It unfolded before our eyes. It left us feeling vulnerable. It left us angry. And for a brief time, it made us question the safety, security and sanctity of our nation.

Yet deep down, we knew then — as we know now — that the United States remains the greatest nation the world has ever known. And in the end, we win.

Here in Bossier City, in the years following Sept. 11, events such as the City of Bossier City's annual 9/11 ceremony (held in conjunction with Keep Bossier Beautiful) and the Bossier Chamber of Commerce's annual Patriot Day ceremony and luncheon remind us what this day is truly about.

We can never fully honor or adequately recognize those who keep us safe. We can never say “thank you” enough to the brave individuals who so often place our lives before their own. But it feels good to say “thank you” — and to show our appreciation every chance we get. These two wonderful, heartfelt events are excellent ways to do just that.

Country music star Alan Jackson released a song in November 2001 asking, “Where were you when the world stopped turning on that September day?” I will never forget where I was or what I was doing. I had been with the Bossier Press-Tribune for only about six weeks and was about to leave home to make advertising sales calls. Just before turning off the television, I heard Good Morning America's Charlie Gibson reporting that a small plane had apparently flown into one of the World Trade Center towers. I stopped to listen. Moments later, a large jet crossed the screen and struck the second tower. Almost immediately, Gibson

said, “This is no accident... our nation is under attack.”

Not knowing what else to do, I stuck to my plan and went on my sales calls. At every business I visited, conversation and attention were focused on what was happening in New York. I decided to return to the office earlier than planned, but getting there was difficult. Barksdale Air Force Base was already on heightened security alert, and Barksdale Boulevard was closed at the West Gate entrance, forcing traffic to detour. On the radio, I heard reports that President Bush was headed to Barksdale. Those reports proved true — soon I saw two F-16s flying overhead with Air Force One not far behind.

Not long after I arrived at the office, our entire newspaper staff rushed outside to stand in the parking lot on Viking Drive to watch Air Force One depart Barksdale, bound for Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. None of us who were old enough will ever forget that day — the day America changed forever. The day our world changed forever.

The day America stood momentarily silent, but never still. And here in Bossier City, through the role of Barksdale Air Force Base, we will always be tied to the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Do you remember where you were that day?

And just last Wednesday, we learned of the senseless assassination of 31-year-old Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA, while he was speaking at a college campus event in Utah. This is a tragedy. No matter which side of the political debate you are on, this kind of senseless violence cannot — and must not — happen in the United States. As I wrote in my column a few weeks ago, when we reach the point where we can no longer debate our political differences and beliefs, we are on a dangerous trajectory toward losing our identity as the great and mighty nation that we are.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL/COLUMN



The Minden defense turned in a dominating performance in a 28-0 victory over Homer last week.

Minden bounces back; North Webster rolls

Glenbrook, Lakeside look to rebound after losses

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Just two weeks into the season, no parish teams are undefeated. All four are 1-1.

Glenbrook and Lakeside suffered their first losses last week. The Apaches fell to Bossier 49-20 at home and the Warriors suffered a tough 32-29 loss to LaSalle on the road.

The Minden Crimson Tide bounced back with a 28-0 victory over Homer on the road. North Webster rolled past North Caddo 47-14 at home.

In Week 3's marquee matchup, Minden hosts North Webster Friday night.

Glenbrook and Lakeside will look to bounce back on the road.

The Apaches play Ringgold (1-1) Thursday and the Warriors take on Plain Dealing (0-1) Friday.

The Minden-North Webster game could be a good one. The Tide won 20-0 last year.

Minden Head Coach Spencer Heard was pleased with the way his team shook off the season-opening loss to Man-

Week 3 schedule

All games kick off at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Glenbrook at Ringgold

FRIDAY

Lakeside at Plain Dealing

North Webster at Minden

sfield. The Tide let a 35-0 first-half lead slip away.

"I talked to them about you know not letting that game dictate our season," he said Friday night. "It's just one game. We've got a lot more football to play. The main thing I talked to them about is learning how to finish the game and you've got to play hard for four quarters and they did that tonight."

After giving up a lot of yards against Mansfield, the Tide allowed just five first downs and 78 total yards against Homer, per stats kept for the KBEF-FM broadcast.

Offensively, Minden attempted just three passes, controlling the game on the ground with 329 yards rushing.

North Webster dominated on defense against North Caddo. But the

Knights also got a strong offensive performance.

Sophomore Braylon Washington scored three touchdowns, two rushing and one receiving. But all the Knights had a hand in the victory.

"We were just able to get a couple of creases," North Webster Head Coach Christopher Wilson said. "And we made some adjustments in the run blocking scheme this week because what North Caddo was going to do was kind of disrupt my youngsters. So we kind of fine-tuned some of that stuff. Just get the ball in the guys' hands and let them work."

The question Friday is whether North Webster will be able to slow down Minden's rushing attack and continue to have some success offensively. If the Knights can, the game may be close.

Lakeside hurt itself with penalties and turnovers against LaSalle especially at the end of the first half when the Tigers scored on the final play.

The Warriors rallied from a 12-0 deficit and led 29-26 in the second half. But LaSalle scored on a short drive in the fourth quarter to pull out the victory.

Lakeside crushed Plsin Dealing 62-0 last season. The Lions have a new head coach, Jerry Byrd Jr., and were within six points of Ringgold in the third quarter before falling 52-14 last week.

Glenbrook got in a 21-0 hole against Bossier and fought its way back into the game. The Apaches got within 28-20 in the third quarter when Slade Lollar returned a blocked punt for a touchdown. But Bossier pulled away down the stretch.

Ringgold opened the season with a 20-14 loss to Madison, which lost to Fontainebleau 52-14 last week.

The Redskins may provide a challenge for the Apaches, but look for Glenbrook to improve to 2-1.



Glenbrook quarterback Ryan Reagan tries to pull away from a Bossier tackler during a loss last week at home.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Louisiana Tech hammers New Mexico State

KANE MCGUIRE
Louisiana Tech Associate Athletic Director/Strategic Communications and Digital Marketing

RUSTON – Louisiana Tech opened Conference USA play with authority last Saturday night, running past New Mexico State 49-14 at Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium.

LA Tech (2-1, 1-0 CUSA) controlled the line of scrimmage from start to finish, piling up 353 rushing yards on 65 carries.

Quarterback Blake Baker, making his first start of the season, led the effort with 103 yards and a touchdown on the ground, while also throwing for 182 yards and a score.

Running backs Omiri Wiggins (68 yards, TD) and Andrew Burnette (41 yards, TD) added to the Bulldogs' depth in the backfield, with Clay Thevenin chipping in 68 yards of his own.

"It was a lot of fun to see our players break through, offensively in particular," Tech Head Coach Sonny Cumbie said.

"I think Blake started

the game with a lot of confidence throwing the football. I thought he was not hesitant; I thought that he made plays with his feet. I think our offensive line took another step, and I think the unit that really took a big step besides our production in play of quarterbacks was our running backs."

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 10-0 first-quarter lead behind a booming 55-yard field goal from John Hoyet Chance and a 40-yard touchdown strike from Baker to Jalen Mickens.

Burnette's 11-yard touchdown run and a 42-yard pass from Trey Kukuk to Marlion Jackson stretched the lead to 24-0 early in the second quarter.

While the offense wore down the Aggies with its rushing attack, the Bulldog defense clamped down. LA Tech limited NM State to just 27 yards on the ground and shut them out over the final 30 minutes. Kam Franklin and Jakari Foster each grabbed interceptions, while Kolbe Fields led the team with 10 tackles.

GSU gets past Kentucky State in overtime

GRAMBLING STATE ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

GRAMBLING – Grambling State defensive back Tyrell Raby returned a fumble 83 yards for a game winning touchdown in overtime to secure a 37-31 win over Kentucky State last Saturday night at Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium.

GSU rallied from a 14-point first-quarter deficit and sealed the win in dramatic fashion.

GSU quarterback C'zavian Teasett engineered a clutch eight-play, 75-yard drive in the final minutes, capping it with a 17-yard touchdown run

with just 10 seconds left to force overtime tied at 31-31.

After trailing 14-0 early and 21-10 late in the second quarter, the Tigers clawed back behind a balanced offensive attack led by Teasett, who threw for 228 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 99 yards and two more scores.

Kentucky State struck quickly with a pair of first-quarter touchdowns to jump ahead 14-0. Grambling got on the board in the second quarter with a 23-yard field goal from Josh McCormick, then Teasett found Keith Jones Jr. for a 12-yard touchdown strike.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

A photograph of Lucas Owens Jr. in a Tide jersey running with the ball during a game.

Lucas Owens Jr.
Minden, Soph.
Owens rushed for 106 yards and scored two TDs in a 28-0 victory over Homer.

The Press-Herald Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Wednesday by ADVANCED EMS!

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU gets past Florida; NSU falls in Cincinnati

STAFF REPORTS
Minden Press-Herald

Five interceptions propelled No. 3 LSU to a 20-10 victory over Florida in an SEC opener Saturday night in Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers improved to 3-0. The Gators dropped to 1-2.

Dashawn Spears had two interceptions. A.J. Haulcey, D.J. Pickett and Tamarcus Cooley had one apiece.

Spears returned his 58 yards for a touchdown to give LSU the 20-10 lead with 8:08 left in the third quarter.

LSU's Damian Ramos kicked field goals of 47 and 45 yards. The latter came on the final play of the half and gave the Tigers a 13-10 lead.

LSU's only offensive touchdown came on a 23-yard pass from Garrett Nussmeier to Zavion Thomas with 7:33 left in the second quarter.

Nussmeier completed 15-of-27 passes for 220 yards with one interception. Aaron Anderson caught four passes for 75 yards. Tight end Bauer Sharp had three catches for 71.

Caden Durham rushed for 93 yards on 15 carries. His 51-yard run late in the game enabled the Tigers to run out the clock.

LSU Head Coach Brian Kelly took exception to questions about the performance of the offense in his postgame press conference.

"Really, is that the first question?" he said. "We won the game 20-10. Try another question. What do you want me to tell you? I just laid it out for you. We played the game to win the game. We played the game to win the game."

LSU converted 4-of-14 third downs. Kelly was asked about that.

"It's one game," he said. "Last game we were great on third down. You micro ... You're looking at this from the wrong perspective. LSU won the football game, won the game."

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Southeastern at LSU, 6:45 (SEC NETWORK)
Southern Miss at Louisiana Tech, 6:30 (ESPN+)
Northwestern State at Prairie View A&M, 6 (SWACTV)
East Texas A&M at Grambling State, 6 (SWACTV)
ULM at UTEP, 8 (ESPN Networks)

"I don't know what you want from me. What do you want? You want us to win 70-0 against Florida to keep you happy?"

A question about the Tigers' struggling to run the ball didn't sit well with Kelly.

"We can run the ball," he said. "Did you see the last play? And I'm getting tired of it. That football team just worked their tail off to get an SEC win and you want to know what's wrong."

"You know what. You're spoiled. This team is 17-1 at night. 17-1. Give them some respect. How about that? Give them some respect instead of microanalysing every little thing. This is ridiculous. For a group of seasoned reporters that kind of question is so out of line."

In his opening statement, Kelly praised his team for finding a way to win. Here it is.

"That's one of the SEC classics. Two teams just battling. We did whatever was necessary to win the game. Defensively, obviously the five turnovers playing to our defense. (Punter) Grant Chadwick was outstanding. Sorry that doesn't sound appealing to you folks but I don't care."

"We're trying to win football games. We flipped field position and I think he had four inside the 20. He was our weapon on offense today and that's how we needed to win the game. We came up with the big play with the run at the end of the game to salt it away."

"Just really, really pleased with our guys and the way they handled things. You lose arguably your best defensive player (Whit Weeks) in the first series. Then his brother (West) goes down but we got a third Weeks so we brought in the

third Weeks (Zach). I'm not sure he knew what exactly was going on but he's game, which is great."

"And that's what I love about this group. They just kept battling where a lot of groups would have been deflated the way that went against us early on. They kept playing, believed they were going to win. And sometimes as fans you've got to understand there are ways to lose that game if you're not smart and I thought we were very smart with the way we managed the game and managing was for the outcome that we got and that is winning the football game in the SEC."

"This is a journey. This is a long time. Do we want to clean up some things? Absolutely. But again, holding somebody to 10 points that has talented players on the offensive side of the ball and then finding a way to win the game really proud of our group."

Cincinnati 70, Northwestern State 0: At Cincinnati, the Demons were snowed under by a first-quarter offensive output as Cincinnati scored five times in the first stanza en route to the victory.

"You want to compete every time you go out," second-year head coach Blaine McCorkle said. "You want to learn, and you want to get better. That's what I wanted our guys to do today. You look at the game - our guys didn't tackle very well."

"We were a very poor tackling team. We didn't wrap up. We didn't run our feet. We didn't do what we've been coached to do. Other than that, the last two weeks, we've done what we're supposed to do. We're going home, and we're getting ready for Prairie View A&M."

MPH FOOTBALL CONTEST RULES:

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Tie Breaker: SLU vs. LSU

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OUTDOORS

Sterling Harrell ... Area archery pioneer

GLYNN HARRIS

Archery season for deer begins in less than a month. It seems fitting that we shine the spotlight once again on Sterling Harrell, a man who pioneered bow hunting in our part of the country.

Pine Bluff, AR native Ben Pearson, was a pioneer and innovator when it came to promoting the sport of archery way back when. Pearson started the first company in the U.S. to mass-produce archery sets and equipment which ultimately led him to be inducted into the Archery Hall of Fame.

The company Pearson started would eventually be sold to a large corporation and by 1988 had 360 employees with an annual payroll of \$100 million..... big time stuff.

There was another archery aficionado who became not only a fan of Pearson but a trusted friend. His name was Sterling Harrell and he lived in Ruston. When Harrell passed away in 1995 at the age of 71, he had engaged the assistance of Pearson in a number of projects in Louisiana, the most notable of which was to try and convince the LA Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to start a new program for hunters in Louisiana. When bow hunters climb into their stands in a few short weeks, they have Harrell to thank for his part in our state having an archery season for deer.

An internet search of Harrell's name reveals some fascinating and interesting information. For one, the search revealed



Sterling Harrell is shown with a group of young bow hunters he organized in 1960.

a tribute to Harrell by associates of Pearson in Pine Bluff. Watching the tribute, I learned that Harrell would often take bus loads of kids to visit Pearson in Arkansas and later was instrumental in implementing a successful archery program at LA Tech in 1960. Harrell was affectionately referred to in the tribute as "Mister Longbow".

In order to gather more information on this area's pioneer in archery, I visited with Harrell's son, Van, who shared memories of growing up with a father consumed with the love for shooting a long bow.

"Before moving to Ruston, we lived in Shreveport in a heavily populated neighborhood but there was a golf course just down the street and dad would take us down there shoot our bows," said Harrell.

"After moving to Ruston in the 1950s,

dad organized a group of youngsters and taught them how to shoot bows. They'd go out once a week and he'd let them pop balloons and other targets. Ben Pearson came down and helped him develop an archery range out on the east side of Ruston out past Woodland Park," he said.

During my internet search, I found a fascinating clip of Sterling Harrell doing something he became known for around the area, "trick" shooting with his bow. He would roll discs out in front of him and would put and arrow through them as they rolled and incredibly, he would often shoot the rolling discs while holding he bow behind his back. Remarkable skills the man had.

However, Sterling Harrell was not perfect. I once stopped by his home for an interview and he invited me to shoot a long bow, some-

thing I had never done. He strapped the guard on my arm to protect me from injury when releasing the bow. However, he strapped it on the wrong arm - I didn't know the difference - and when I shot, all the hide was peeled off my arm from elbow to wrist. A red faced Sterling apologized.

When I visited Ruston's new 3-D archery range at Lincoln Parish Park recently, my thoughts were on my friend Sterling Harrell and the impact he had on scores of kids, many of whom are now grandfathers who are likely to visit the new archery range.

Had such a range been available when he was still alive, there is no doubt that Harrell would be one of the first to give the new range a try. Thanks to Sterling Harrell for instilling the love for shooting bows and arrows to so many who are active archers today.

Fishing Report

BUSSEY BRAKE

- The cool front slowed fishing down. Both bass and crappie have been on the slow side.. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER

- The water is falling and is quite low because of lock and dam problems down stream. The Prairieon area has been best for bass fishing. A good many catfish are being caught and crappie fishing is best around submerged tops in the river and in the bayou. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE

- Bass are scattered and suspended with best catches made early mornings on topwaters in the shallows. Soft plastics and crank baits are working best later in deeper water. Crappie are suspended on the flats. Shiners and jigs are picking up some fishing 8 feet deep in 12-14 foot water. Bream are fair. 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 fair on jigs and shiners suspended over deeper water. Bass are around the banks

and hitting topwaters early while later hitting hit spinners and soft plastics in deeper water. Night fishing is fair around lighted piers and boat docks on soft plastics and crank baits. Bream are scattered. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE

- Bass are fair at night on soft plastics and dark colored crank baits. Some are caught early morning around the grass on topwater lures with Chatterbaits are picking up some nice ones. Crappie are best around submerged tops in 16-18 foot water with shiners and jigs taking some nice fish. Bream fishing has slowed down. 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 are good while bass and crappie are rather slow. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN

- The water is falling with lots of catfish being caught. Bass and crappie are fair but the few crappie caught have been real slabs. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

OUR PRICELESS POSSESSIONS

Have you watched the popular television show where expert antique dealers examine “priceless possessions” of folks and give approximate value of each item? It makes us all wonder ‘now what do I have that might be of great value?’ Is it grandpa’s old watch? The wooden dough bowl grandma used to mix biscuits in? It may be that green vase found in the old barn in the country. On and on we might go until we can build ourselves a little next egg, selling our ‘priceless possessions.’ Is it possible the old comic books would be worth \$2 each? The boyhood toy might net \$5 (if in good condition)?

And what about the set of bowls collected from Quakers’ oatmeal in the 50’s? Surely, they are worth \$10 now (if not chipped)! Now this is sounding more like fun as we go! What else can you find? What would you say, above all else, is your most priceless possession?

Well, I do have several old books, a few first editions, a set of William Barclay New Testament Commentaries, a few wheat pennies, a basketball trophy from high school days, and a few arrowheads I have picked up along the way. Not much else to brag

about! Several of my Bibles are very special with my notes in the margins, scriptures marked and notated. Some were gifts, making them even more special to me. What about you? What are some priceless possessions you have been saving? Who is going to price them when you are gone? They probably won’t be as valuable to our heirs as they have been to us. And when they are passed to the next generation, don’t you think their value perhaps will decrease? The Apostle Paul stressed we are God’s prized possession. We

were bought with a price beyond all else. It cost Him ‘His only begotten Son-Jesus.’ (John 3:16 & 1 Cor 6:20). The Psalmist writes ‘I am fearfully and wonderfully made’ (Psalm 119). We are more precious than fine gold (1 Peter 1:7); we are ‘temples of God’s presence’ and should realize what a priceless possession we are to Him. (1 Cor 3:16). We are Ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor 5:20). When we commit our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, we become “children of God and joint heirs with Jesus.” (Romans 8:17). Talk about being priceless and special! That’s what we are – when we belong to the Lord...

priceless and special!

If you were placed on the ‘market block’ for sale today, what would your selling price be? Would you be worth more than the gold in your teeth or silver in your hair? Think about it! Submit yourself to the Lord and allow Him to take you to His anvil and forge to remove all the dross and make you more pure and holy (Proverbs 25:4). If you do, your eternal value will just keep increasing.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Be Glad and Rejoice

“Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.” Psalm 16:9 ESV

David’s confidence, his faith, his trust, is in the Lord. He rejoices knowing that the Lord God is with him and that the Lord will guide, instruct, and protect him. Having this confidence in the Lord’s provision, David worships the Lord. His heart and his whole being praises and glorifies the Lord. The troubles and trials of life, even death,

would not shake his confident trust in God. Because God would see him through life and through death, David could be glad and rejoice, resting securely in the presence of the Lord.



Max Hutto

Lord Jesus, I rest securely knowing You as my Savior and Lord. I rejoice and worship You having confident trust in Your great mercy, grace, and love.

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

INSPIRATION

Timeline

Today I would like you to take a journey through the timeline of your life. I want you to go as far back as your recollection will take you. Now if you would take the time to first focus on the good and then the bad. Finally, to end this journey I want you to try and separate the two. I on many occasions have tried to tell myself that any one event in my life was not necessary and in good conscience, I could not do so. Every event in my life has been used by GOD for my improvement. Romans 8:28 says “and we know that GOD causes all things to

work together for good to those who love GOD, to those who are called according to his purpose.” I would like to use this article to encourage anyone going through a struggle. Do not give up hope and maintain your faith in the lord he walks with you through every trouble and triumph. When life takes a turn don’t be dismayed just be patient and wait for GOD to move.



Bernard Harris

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

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THE BOARD OF REVIEW SHALL CONSIDER THE WRITTEN OR ORAL PROTESTS OF ANY TAXPAYER DESIRING TO BE HEARD THAT HAS TIMELY FILED HAND-DELIVERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL PROTESTS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Any person or persons who are office holders, particularly, pastors, bishops, elders, administrative staff and/or corporate office holders in and for GRACE TABERNACLE, INC., is asked to contact Jack W. Slaid, Attorney-at-Law at (318) 382-1177 or at 219 Main Street, Minden, LA 71055.

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September 17, 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE OPPORTUNITY FOR REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING

All interested persons are hereby advised that the Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services has applied to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for project funding under Federal Transit Administration

(section 5310, 5311, and/or 5339) for the following:

Webster Parish Police Jury is preparing to replace existing equipment to continue rural transportation services to the General Public in Webster Parish.

Further details relative to the project are available from Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services, Office of the Executive Director, 208 Gleason Street, Post Office Box 876, Minden, LA 71058-0876. Telephone 318-377-7022.

Interested persons are advised that they may request that a public hearing be conducted to provide a means for the public to express their views relative to the proposed project on the probable social, economic and environmental effects involved. In lieu of requesting a public hearing, interested persons may submit their comments in writing.

Written requests for a public hearing and/or submission of comments must be postmarked on or before September 26, 2025, and should be addressed to:

Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services, Melinda A. Davidson, Executive Director, Post Office Box 876, Minden, LA 71058-0876.

Should a public hearing be required, a public notice will be published stating the date, time and location of the hearing.

Signed: Melinda A. Davidson
Executive Director
Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services

August 27, 2025
September 17, 2025
Minden Press-Herald

WARD ONE MARSHAL'S SALE

B1 Bank Vs. Brian P. Boulas Jr. (Suit No. 29089) City Court of Minden Ward 1 Webster Parish, LA. By virtue of a Writ of Seizure & Sale issued out of the City Court of Minden, 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 on 24 September 2025 beginning at 10:00 a.m. to the last and highest bidder, with benefit of appraisalment, the following described property, to wit: 2018 Ford F150 Extended Cab XL 3.3L V6 VIN: 1FETEW-

1CB9JFD16499. Said sale will be conducted according to law at the principal front door at the Minden Civic Center, 520 Broadway Minden, LA. The above property was seized as that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a Judgment rendered in our Honorable Court. If anyone is interested in looking at the property before the said sale date, please contact the Marshal's Office at 318-371-4210.

Dan Weaver
Ward One Marshal
Webster Parish

September 10, 2025
September 17, 2025
September 24, 2025
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NOTICE Parcel No. 111310 Willie Mae Garner or Estate

THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:

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SHERIFF'S SALE

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. THE SUCCESSION OF DONALD RAY RICE, SR. AKA DONALD RAY RICE AKA DONALD R RICE, SR.

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In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 82169.

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, October 22, 2025,

During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOTS 48 AND 49 AND THE EAST HALF OF LOT 47, BABB ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWN OF MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 2, PAGE 82, OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 900 WATTERMAN STREET, MINDEN, LOUISIANA 71055 ("Property"). SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

JASON R. PARKER

Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer

Webster Parish, Louisiana

Tei Pam Brantley - Deputy

September 17, 2025
October 15, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE

PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR TO PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE LLC VS. TIMCO CONTRACTORS LLC

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish,

Louisiana, No. 81259.

By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFA issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, September 24, 2025, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

September 17, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. RICHARD PARISH IV & LASHAMEYON SHANTELE WALKER

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 82327.

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, October 22, 2025, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2023 Jessup (IESS) manufactured home bearing serial No. JHW06271TX23 Two tracts located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4 of SW/4) of Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 1) West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as;

Tract I: Commence at the intersection of the East line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and the South right of way line of Highway 80, and run South 84° 20' West along

serial numbers FLE240TX-1638012A and FLE240TX-1638012B SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. RANDAL DALE DAVIS AKA RANDAL D. DAVIS AKA RANDAL DAVIS & ANGELINA MONIQUE DAVIS AKA ANGELINA M. DAVIS AKA ANGELINA DAVIS AKA ANGELINA MONIQUE DAVIS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 82235.

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said South right of way line 412.6 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run South 03° 30' East for 98.7 feet; thence run South 77° 30' West for 137.5 feet; thence run North 06° 10' West for 119.2 feet to the South right of way line of old Highway 80; thence run along said right of way line North 84° 20' East for 142.5 feet back to the Point of Beginning; Tract II: Commence at the intersection of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, with the South right of way line of US Highway 80; thence run South 84° 20' West along said highway 412.6 feet; thence run South 03° 30' East 98.7 feet to the Point of Beginning of the property herein described; from said Point of Beginning, continue South 03° 30' East 98 feet to the North right of way line of old US Highway 80; thence run South 68° 10' West along the North right of way line 169.3 feet; thence run North 06° 10' West 118.5 feet; thence run North 77° 30' East 169.8 feet back to the Point of Beginning; Tracts I and II, being together with all buildings and improvements thereon

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

September 17, 2025
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN WORKSHOP HELD August 28, 2025

The Village of Dixie Inn met at the Village Hall in Dixie Inn, Louisiana beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Lance Milligan, Judy McKenzie, Nell Finley, and Jeff McNeill. Mayor Hoffoss welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following topics were discussed: restructuring the council

meetings, Ordinance 90-B, Tassers for the police department. No votes were cast during these discussions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Donna Hoffoss, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Ware, Clerk

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Road District "A" of Webster Parish, Louisiana and (ii) Road District B of Webster Parish, Louisiana (the "Districts"), on September 2, 2025, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Districts on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Districts qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT "A" OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District "A" of Webster Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 2.65 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$521,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing roads and bridges throughout the District?

ROAD DISTRICT B OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District B of Webster Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 3.92 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$454,000 reasonably expected

ed at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of building, constructing, maintaining and repairing roads and bridges in the District?

The said special election for Road District "A" will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

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The said special election for Road District B will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS
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09A
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13(PART)
14(PART)
15(PART)
16(PART)

The polling places at the precincts in the Districts are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of Road District "A" election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$44,500.

The estimated cost of Road Dis-

trict B election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$27,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law. The said special elections will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said elections, as provided in this Notice of Special Elections, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025, at 10:30 A.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the

said special elections. All registered voters of the Districts are entitled to vote at said special elections and voting machines will be used.

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October 1, 2025
October 8, 2025
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Town of Sibley Minutes

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6pm at Sibley Town Hall.

Members present were Mayor Robert Smart; Aldermen: Wayne Bolton, Pam Chanler, John Langford and Keith Merritt. Richard Davis was absent.

Mayor Smart opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt the minutes to the August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting as read with corrections, Pam Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

No New Items were added to the agenda and there were no Public Comments.

Keith Merritt motioned, seconded by John Langford to opt out of allowing for expedited temporary housing assistance with the Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program. Motion carried.

SVFD Secretary Keith Merritt

gave the August 2025 Activity Report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Assistant Police Chief Clint Meshell gave the August 2025 Activity Report for the Sibley Police Department.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the August 2025 Financial Report.

The mayor gave updates on the Weatherton / NE 5th St. Project; Saltworks Water System Project; National Night Out will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, and Lakeside Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2025.

Keith Merritt motioned to adjourn; Pam Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert Smart Mayor

Attest
Sherry McCann
Town Clerk

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Public Notice

The Webster Parish Assessor, Denise Edwards, Hereby declares the below to be surplus and no Longer needed in the regular operation of the Webster Parish Assessor's Office. This declaration of surplus Property is being made in accordance with LA R.S. 33:4711.1. The property will be sold in an "AS IS" Condition with no warranties or

guarantees and sale Shall be final. The Webster Parish Assessor reserves The right to accept or reject any and all bids.

1.) 2013 Chevrolet Avalanche (Diamond LT Sport Odometer 80,378 currently) No bids under \$11,000 Will be accepted.

Instructions for Bidding can be obtained by contacting Kyle Robertson at 318-377-9311, kyle@websterassessor.org.

Bids will be accepted until October 10, 2025, at 10:00 AM With bids being opened and read after closing of bids.

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WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, August 4, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The Webster Parish School Board Regular Meeting, of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, met at the Educational Service Center, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana, on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Johnnye Kennon. The Prayer was led by Jerri M. Lee and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Kinsey. Members Present: Susan Addington, Glenda Broughton, Jonathan Guth-

rie, Johnnye Kennon, Linda Kinsey, Jerri M. Lee, Jerry Lott, Ronald Rhymes, Charles Strong, Debbie Thomas, and Jana Watson. Margaret Edens was absent.

Item #2. Approve Minutes from the Finance Committee, and Regular Board Meetings on July 7, 2025. Motion to approve was made by Debbie Thomas; seconded by Jerri M. Lee. Motion passed.

Item #3. Recognize 1st place middle school public speaking winner at the Educators Rising National Conference in Orlando, Florida, Rylee Hudson 8th grader from Webster Jr. High School.

Item # 4. Recognize Eythan Gorum 9th grader at Minden High School for Algebra I perfect score on LEAP Exam.

Item # 5. Recognize Webster Parish Boys and Girls State Participants:

Hudson Smith, Governor

Topher Wilson, Commissioner of Insurance

Jacob Jefferson, State Party Chair

l'Xamien Sullivan, State Party Chair

Ava Martin, State Party Chair

Item #6. Consider approval of the 2025/2026 Webster Parish Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Motion to approve was made by Jerri M. Lee; seconded by

Ronald Rhymes. Motion Passed

Item #7. Consider approval of the 2025/2026 Webster Parish Homeless Policies and Procedures. Motion to approve was made by Ronald Rhymes. Seconded by Debbie Thomas Motion passed. Item #7A. Consider approval of Change Order No. 2 associated with 2024-08.A Athletic Improvements to North Webster High School & McMahen Park. Motion to approve was made by Debbie Thomas; seconded by Charles Strong. Motion passed.

Item #8. Attorney Jon Guice to address the board regarding paraprofessionals serving as bus drivers. Crevonne Odom will conduct a cost analysis to gain a better understanding of how the district could be affected.

Motion to approve Item #9 thru Item #51 in global vote was made by Charles Strong; seconded by Jonathan Guthrie. Motion passed.

Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund

Item #9. Consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #18721 from Mechanical Cooling Services for \$10,525.00 for replacing the compressor, inverter board, and (2) thermisters on the 5th grade wing at Central Elementary School. Funding source is Consolidated District

3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #10. Consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #109234 from DiversiFire Inc. for \$19,362.00 for replacing the fire alarm panel due to lightning strike at Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #11. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase a Betco Crewman 20" 2000 RPM Electric High Speed Burnisher from VCC Janitorial Supply. Total cost will be \$1617.77. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #12. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase wall pads with graphics from BSN Sports for the high school gym. Old pads will be placed in the junior high gym. Total cost will be \$4027.79. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #13. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase an ice machine from Hodges Services, LLC. Total cost is \$5164.10. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #14. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase 3 new laptops and 3 new desktops from Detel Computer Solution. Total cost will

be \$8911.47. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #15. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase 4 rubber scrapper mats from BSN Sports. Total cost will be \$1512.00. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item # 16. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase 75 student licenses from EdClub for 1 year to use in junior high keyboarding. Total cost will be \$899.25. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #17. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase 6 picnic tables from Southern Aluminum. Total cost will be \$7414.00. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #18. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase 2 Epson Eco Tank Wireless Printers from Amazon for teacher classrooms. Total cost will be \$399.98. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #19. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase vinyl floor cover, rolling cart and cover for cart from Minden Athletic. Total cost will be \$9560.00. Funding source is Consolidated

District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item # 20. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase new air conditioning unit in the Ag Shop from Mechanical Cooling Services. Total cost will be \$8400.00. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #21. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase 15 guitars for 6th grade elective class from Amazon. Total cost will be \$1648.65. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Item #22. Consider approval for Lakeside Jr/ Sr High School to purchase 2 guitar stands from Amazon. Total cost will be \$79.98. Funding source is Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

Cotton Valley Maintenance Fund

Item #23. Consider approval for Hawkeye Sheet Metal, LLC. to sawcut brick, and mount and caulk 40' (LF) of 22 Ga. Galv. metal to prevent water from entering the building at North Webster Upper Elementary. Total cost will be \$3467.00. Funding source is Cotton Valley Maintenance Fund.

Doyline Maintenance Fund

Item # 24. Consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #18687 from Mechanical Cooling Services for \$520.00 for



THE
October 8, 2025
MINERAL LEASE
SALE
NOTICE OF
PUBLICATION
OFFICE OF
MINERAL
RESOURCES
ON BEHALF OF THE
STATE MINERAL
AND ENERGY
BOARD
FOR THE STATE OF
LOUISIANA
BATON ROUGE,
LOUISIANA 70821

Notice is hereby given in conformity with La. R.S. 30:126 that sealed bids will be received in the Office of Mineral Resources, LaSalle Office Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (P. O. Box 2827, Baton Rouge, LA 70821) on or before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 for a lease to explore, drill for and produce oil, gas and any other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas on the following described tracts (Tract Nos. 45956 through 45965, inclusive). The sealed bids shall be opened publicly on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 in the LaSalle Office Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, Capitol Complex, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The descriptions for the Tract(s) nominated below were, for the purpose of acquiring a mineral lease(s) or a geophysical agreement(s), provided and corrected exclusively by the nominating party. Therefore, any mineral lease(s) or geophysical agreement(s) awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board (Mineral Board) from the Tract(s) listed below are without warranty of any

kind, either express, implied or statutory including, but not limited to, title or the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

An error or omission in the nominating party's Tract description may require that a State mineral lease(s) or geophysical agreement(s) be modified, canceled or abrogated due to the existence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions within the Tract(s) described. In such case, however, the Mineral Board shall not be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessee prior to such modification, cancellation or abrogation including, but not limited to, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

Tract(s) available for leasing may be situated in the Louisiana Coastal Zone as defined in Act 361 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 1978 (promulgated as LSA-R. S. 49:213) and may be subject to the guidelines and regulations promulgated by the Office of Coastal Management of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources for operations in the Coastal Zone.

Further, in accordance with Article XII, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and notwithstanding any language herein to the contrary, any mineral rights granted by the Mineral and Energy Board to the tract(s) advertised herein are

subject to the surface usage for integrated coastal protection or hurricane and flood protection projects promulgated, funded and effected through the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration, and the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and its divisions, whether solely or in conjunction with other state, local or federal governmental agencies or with private individuals or entities.

Bids may be for the whole or any particularly described portion of the land advertised, but no bids will be accepted that does not equal the Minimum Royalty as set forth in La. R.S. 30:127 or which are not in compliance with the provisions of Sub-part A of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, other applicable laws or the guidelines established by the Board through the Office of Mineral Resources. The Minimum Royalty is not to be construed as an amount acceptable to the Mineral Board, it being the policy of the Mineral Board to reject any bid which does not reflect tract potential. The Board considers bonus, royalty percentage, and also compares royalty granted to landowners in the area.

Multiple portion bids on the same tract may be accepted by the Mineral Board, even though they overlap. In the case of overlapping portion bids on the same

tract, each of which is otherwise acceptable to the State, the Mineral Board has the sole discretion, to determine which one of the multiple bids on the same tract is most advantageous and in the best interest of the State. The Mineral Board may base its decision on factors such as but not limited to the royalty, per acre cash payment, bonus, any additional consideration. The selected bid, (referred to as "Bid A"), will be given priority in having a lease issued. The Mineral Board will also indicate the acceptability of other portion bids on the same tract, if any, in the order of their acceptance (referred to respectively as "Bid B", "Bid C", etc.). Once the plat of "Bid A" 's portion has been rendered as accurately as possible, "Bid B" will be contacted and given an option to take a lease on the remaining portion of his portion bid acreage not overlapping "Bid A" 's bid portion, at "Bid B" 's per acre bid price (both as to bonus and rental); and thereafter, each successive bidder whose bid is otherwise acceptable will be given the option to take a lease on whatever portion remains of his portion bid acreage at his respective per acre bid price, less and except any prior portion bid acreage on which the successful bidder has opted to take a lease.

The Mineral and Energy Board does not obligate itself to accept any bid, and that acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Mineral Board which reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to grant a

lease on any portion of the tract advertised and to withdraw the remainder of the tract.

Additional requirements to be included in all sealed bids submitted to the Office of Mineral Resources and additional tract information associated with each tract advertised can be found at the Office of Mineral Resources website titled "Notice of Publication" located at: <http://www.dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1300>.

The rights to geothermal resources, free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and other solid minerals are to be excluded from any oil or gas mineral lease and any bid purporting to include those rights will be disregarded as to the extent of those rights only.

If you require accommodations due to a disability in order to attend or participate in a meeting, please notify the Office of Mineral Resources at P.O. Box 2827, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2827 or 225-342-4615 at least two (2) working days before the meeting date.

INLAND TRACTS (Tract Nos. 45956 through 45963 inclusive, herein cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding three (3) years).

TRACT 45956 - Webster Parish,

Louisiana All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description as to which title is vested in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on October 8, 2025, situated in Webster Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of State Lease No. 21962 having Coordinates of X = 1,730,679.86 and Y = 645,921.14; thence South 01 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds West 2,557.84 feet along the west boundary of said State Lease No. 21962 to the most northern Northeast corner of State Lease No. 22237 having Coordinates of X = 1,730,619.09 and Y = 643,364.02; thence West 5,112.39 feet along the north boundary of said State Lease No. 22237 to its most north Northwest corner and a point on the east boundary of State Lease No. 19542, as amended having Coordinate of X = 1,725,518.13 and Y = 643,364.02; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds West 5,112.39 feet along the east boundary of said State Lease No. 19542, as amended having Coordinates of X = 1,730,619.09 and Y = 645,921.14; thence South 01 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds West 2,557.84 feet along the west boundary of said State Lease No. 21962 to the most northern Northeast corner of State Lease No. 21978 having Coordinates of X = 1,725,518.13 and Y = 645,970.86; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds West 2,579.12 feet along

the east boundary of said State Lease No. 21978 to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,725,514.81 and 648,549.98; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East 5.19 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,725,520.00 and Y = 648,550.00; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East 5,280.04 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,730,800.00 and Y = 648,571.00; thence South 02 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds West 2,652.59 feet to the point of beginning, (This tract includes only waterbottoms claimed and owned by the state and specifically excludes any land which the state may claim or own and to which the mineral rights are vested in the state), containing approximately 284 acres.

NOTE: Bidders are hereby advised that certain areas in Lake Bistineau are the subject of dual claims to mineral ownership or mineral rights to certain accreted lands by the federal government and, therefore, title to such accreted lands is in dispute. Any bids accepted by the state mineral board which result in a state mineral lease being given places the successful bidder on notice that the State's title to that acreage, whether the whole or a part of the lease awarded, may be challenged. Accordingly, all leases awarded by the state mineral board are without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should

the awarded lease be subsequently modified, cancelled, or abrogated in any way as a result of the above mentioned or any other challenge, or conflicting private claims which affect or may affect all or any portion of the leased tract, the successful bidder/Lessee, their successors, or assigns shall not be relieved of the obligation to pay any monies due prior to the modification, cancellation, or abrogation, including, but not limited to, bonus, rental and royalty, nor shall the State be obligated to refund those monies paid.

STATE AGENCY TRACTS (Tract Nos. 45964 through 45965 inclusive, herein cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding three (3) years).

TRACT 45965 - Webster Parish, Louisiana A certain Tract of land, excluding the beds and bottoms of all navigable waters, belonging to and not presently under mineral lease from La Dept. Of Culture, Recreation And Tourism on October 8, 2025, being more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of State Lease No. 21962 having Coordinates of X = 1,730,679.86 and Y = 645,921.14; thence South 01 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds West 2,557.84 feet along the west boundary of said State Lease No. 21962 to the most northern Northeast corner of State Lease No. 22237 having Coordinates of X = 1,730,619.09 and Y = 643,364.02; thence West 5,112.39 feet along the north

boundary of said State Lease No. 22237 to its most north Northwest corner and a point on the east boundary of State Lease No. 19542, as amended having Coordinate of X = 1,725,506.71 and Y = 643,364.02; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 04 seconds East 2,606.87 feet along the east boundary of said State Lease No. 19542 to the Southeast corner of State Lease No. 21978 having Coordinates of X = 1,725,518.13 and Y = 645,970.86; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East 5.19 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,725,520.00 and Y = 648,550.00; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East 5.19 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,730,800.00 and Y = 648,571.00; thence South 02 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds West 2,652.59 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 281 acres. The description is based on information provided by the State Agency regarding location and ownership of surface and mineral rights.

NOTE: The Lessee shall not enter nor conduct any activity on the property without prior written consent of the Lessor.

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fixing the heat in the special education room at Doyline High School. Funding source is Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Item #25. Consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #18431 from Mechanical Cooling Services for \$6800.00 for fixing a dryer, inducer motor, and flame sensor at Doyline High School. Funding source is Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Item #26. Consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #18964 from Mechanical Cooling Services for \$13,240.00 for changing compressors, inverter board, board, and nitrogen rental at Doyline High School. Funding source is Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Item # 27. Consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #18764 from Mechanical Cooling Services for \$8257.00 for outside units making noise, changing out compressor and board at Doyline High School. Funding source is Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Item # 28. Consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #18679 from Mechanical Cooling Services for \$3336.00 for issues with units, crew labor, VFD replacement and supplies at Doyline High School. Funding source is Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Item #29. Consider approval for Homeland Safety Systems to install a remote door opening system to the glass doors in the entry hall at Doyline High School. Total cost will be \$8654.74. Funding source is Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Item # 30. Consider approval for Doyline High School to purchase a volleyball net system from BSN Sports. Total cost will be \$4288.38. Funding source is Doyline Maintenance Fund.

District 61/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund

Item #31. Consider approval to pay Johnson Controls \$22,255.00 for a one-year service agreement for the chillers at Minden High School. The agreement will be good from Aug 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026. Funding source is District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund. Item # 32. Consider approval to ratify for payment Invoice #900368121 from H&E Equipment Services for \$1464.13 for rental of a straight boom 120-125' w/jib diesel engine for Minden High School. Funding source is District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Item # 33. Consider approval to ratify for payment Invoice #18063 for Mechanical Cooling

for \$5780.00 for making repairs, replacing gas valves, inducer draft motors and thermostat at J.L. Jones Elementary. Funding source is District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Item # 34. Consider approval for Hercules Ag & Outdoor to sand blast and paint the entrance gate at the Minden High School Football Field. Total cost will be \$3000.00. Funding source is District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Item # 35. Consider approval for Matt's Music to update the audio/visual equipment in Strong Hall at Minden High School. Total cost will be \$7919.00. Funding source is District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Item #36. Consider approval for J. L. Jones Elementary School to purchase five picnic tables from Southern Aluminum. Total cost will be \$6218.00. Funding source is District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Item #37. Consider approval for Webster Junior High School to purchase 90 round tables and 300 student chairs from Virco. Total cost will be \$30,725.70. Funding source is District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Item #38. Consider approval for Ad Sign Service, Inc. to install a digital sign at J. A. Phillips Elementary School. Total cost will be \$26,057.00. Funding source is District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Springhill Maintenance Fund

Item #39. Consider approval for Browning Elementary School to purchase (4) horseshoe tables, (12) 72W x 30D x 29H tables, and (24) chairs for the parent conference room from VIRCO. Total cost will be \$11,408.00. Funding source is Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Item #40. Consider approval for Browning Elementary School to have The Mosaic Co. install new carpet for the outside entrance to the school. Total cost will be \$4429.43. Funding source is Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Item #41. Consider approval for Superior Graphix to install wraps to the front doors and tint the cafeteria windows at Brown Upper Elementary School. Total cost will be \$2441.00. Funding source is Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Item # 42. Consider approval for Brown Upper Elementary School to purchase an ice machine from Hodges Services, LLC. Total cost will be \$5154.10. Funding source is

Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Item #43. Consider approval for Brown Upper Elementary to purchase 15 Chromebooks from Detel. Total cost is \$5595.00. Funding source is Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Item #44. Consider approval for Brown Upper Elementary School to purchase Chromebook parts from AG Parts Worldwide Inc. to repair 39 Chromebooks. Total cost will be \$1997.60. Funding source is Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Item #45. Consider approval for Sexton Tree Service to completely take down and remove a damaged maple tree at rear of Browning Elementary School building. This includes removing material previously fallen due to high winds. The total cost is \$2,620.00. Funding source is Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Item # 46. Consider approval for Sexton Tree Service to take and removal of overgrown trees, brush and vines that are over hanging the building at Browning Elementary School. The total cost is \$1345.00. Funding source is Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Item # 47. Consider approval to ratify payment of Invoice #19272 from Mechanical Cooling Services for \$4117.00 for fixing an air conditioning issue that shut down a large portion of North Webster High School. Repaired and replaced a Symcom motor saver 3 phase, motor and rib. Funding source is Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Item #48. Consider approval of placing new sidewalk, culverts, and fencing for students that walk to and from school at Brown Upper Elementary by Shepherd Services LLC in the amount of \$28,675.00. Funding source is Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Shongaloo Building Fund

Item #49. Consider approval for North Webster Lower Elementary School to have the front doorway of the school and doorway to the lobby of the gym area prep, primed, and painted by Jerry Lay. Total cost will be \$2200.00. Funding source is Shongaloo Building Fund.

Item #50. Consider approval for North Webster Lower Elementary School to have the front doorway of the school and doorway to the lobby of the gym area wrapped by Superior Graphix. Total cost will be \$4998.00. Funding source is Shongaloo Build-

ing Fund.

Item # 51. Consider board approval for Sexton Tree Service to completely take down and remove a damaged Bradford Pear tree at front of the North Webster Lower Elementary School. This includes cleanup of all material that has fallen. The total cost will be \$1070.00 and will be paid through the Shongaloo Building Fund.

Item #52. FYI

Item #53. Personnel Report

Dr. Wilson announced six WPSB Paraprofessionals have become teachers through REACH.

Item #54. School Community Liaison Report

Ursula Hullaby spoke about the success of the Pack the Bus and Back to School Bash events. Over 1500 students were served during the Back-to-School Bash.

Item #55. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rowland acknowledged the businesses and individuals that made donations to help support the Back-to-School Bash.

Item #56. Announcement

Theresa Downs introduced exchange student from Italy.

Sales Tax for the month of July 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 P.M.

Next Board Meeting: Finance Meeting at 5:00 and Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 on September 8, 2025

The meeting will be open to the public as required by law.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHNNY R. ROWLAND, JR., SECRETARY

September 17, 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

October 2, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a zoning change request from Emmett F. Jones III on property owned by him located on Bayou Avenue. The property is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

The purpose of this zoning change request is to change the zoning from R-3 to B-1 for additions and development of Town & Country Nursing Home.

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

To be advertised in the legal sec-

tion of the official journal on September 17, September 24, and October 1, 2025.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY

September 2, 2025

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

Absent: Allen Gilbert and Beverly Kennon

PUBLIC HEARING: (10:30AM) To hear comments concerning the NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Road District "A" of Webster Parish, Louisiana and (ii) Road District B of Webster Parish, Louisiana (the "Districts"), on September 2, 2025, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Districts on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Districts qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT "A" OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District "A" of Webster Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 2.65 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$521,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing roads and bridges throughout the District?

ROAD DISTRICT B OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District B of Webster Parish, Louisiana

(the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 3.92 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$454,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of building, constructing, maintaining and repairing roads and bridges in the District?

No public comments or concerns

Public hearing closed

Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked

Mr. Steve Lemmons to open the meeting with prayer and asked

Mr. Mike Griffith to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. Bonsall asked for comments concerning the agenda from the audience.

Mr. Mike Griffith moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Mike Griffith. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to adopt the minutes of the August 5, 2025 Road Committee, Finance Committee, and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve the Webster Parish Police Jury Resolution 005-2025 which calls for a Special Election for Road District "A" of Webster Parish, Louisiana Proposition (Millage Renewal) and Road District "B" of Webster Parish, Louisiana Proposition (Millage Renewal). Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. LaTanya Grigsby moved, seconded by Mr. Adam Lee to approve the precinct survey forms of Webster Parish voting precincts having less than 300 registered voters. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Griffith moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to approve and ratify the Amendment and to Certify the Agreement and add additional providers with the Local Hospital Assessment Plan for the Webster Parish Police Jury for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Dan-

iel Thomas to approve Board Appointments for the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission to reappoint Sara McDaniel, Derek Melancon and Dianne Blake for a 3-year term to expire 12/31/2028. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Mike Griffith to approve the Proclamation for Webster Parish to declare October Dysautonomia Awareness month. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS:

Savannah Jones, Webster Parish Library

Amie Poladian, WP C.V.B. (Tourism)

Allen Moseley, WP Coroner

COL Carl Thompson, WP Assessor, Denise Edwards

Brian Williams, OEP Director

Jessica Gorman, Dorchest Historic Museum

Amber Cobb, North Webster CVB

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

Ms. Nancy Hines moved, seconded by Ms. LaTanya Grigsby to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks. There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

Lisa C. Balkom Secretary-Treasurer

Jim Bonsall President

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Solve the code to discover words related to protecting hearing.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 1 = N)

A. 8 3 21 18
Clue: Listening devices

B. 7 8 3 21 9 1 23
Clue: Ability to process sound

C. 18 13 15 1 24
Clue: Noises

D. 2 13 15 24
Clue: High volume

Answers: A. ears B. hearing C. sound D. loud

SUDOKU

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Martial arts in China

6. The butt of jokes

12. Nevertheless

16. Sportscaster Michaels

17. A firm believer

18. Atomic #18

19. One's bestie

20. Of I

21. Hamburger accessory

22. Thus

23. Partner to Pa

24. Scottish tax

26. Cuts away

28. Require

30. Government lawyer

31. Own (Scottish)

32. Body cavity

34. Brew

35. Young woman (French)

37. Platforms

39. Pair of points in mathematics

40. Attack suddenly

41. Aviators

43. Make perfect

44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

45. Neither

47. The center of a city

48. Sacrifice hit in baseball

50. Singer Redding

52. Dragged forcibly

54. Puncture with a knife

56. Belonging to me

57. Expresses surprise

59. Haul

60. The Golden State

61. Biblical Sumerian city

62. Integrated circuit

63. Opposed to certain principles

66. Sodium

67. Qualities

70. Walk

71. It awaits us all

CLUES DOWN

1. Ate quickly

2. Peyton Manning's alma mater

3. Moves through water

4. Run away from

5. Utah resident

6. Natural objects

7. Children's game

8. Obligation to prove

9. Ancient Greek building for performances

10. Soldier

11. Decorated

12. Catches

13. Russell __, author

14. Speak indistinctly

15. Students get them

25. Japanese warrior

26. Dessert

27. Doleful

29. Most cushy

31. Moon crater

33. Small evergreen Arabian tree

36. Something fugitives are "on"

38. 007's creator

39. Paintings on hinged panels

41. Type of bomb

42. Japanese classical theater

43. U.S. gov't department

46. Flightless bird

47. One who cuts wood or stone

49. Buttock and thigh together

51. A way to gather

53. Body part

54. Argentinian city

55. Undergarments

58. Jai __, sport

60. Container for shipping

64. Type of screen

65. Get free of

68. Indicates position

69. Business department

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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FALL IS COMING and the days are getting shorter, the air will be crisp, and the leaves will begin to turn vibrant shades of red and gold. It's the perfect time to bring the cozy feeling of the season indoors and start decorating your home for fall. Below are a few tips to get your home autumn ready. As you light a pumpkin spice candle, your home will feel like a warm and inviting haven, ready to welcome the season.

BRING THE OUTDOORS IN

- Natural Elements: Incorporate items found in nature like pinecones, acorns, branches with colorful leaves, and pumpkins. You can use them to fill bowls, vases, or create a centerpiece for your dining table.
- Seasonal Wreaths: Hang a wreath made of fall foliage, berries, and pinecones on your front door.
- Mums and Ornamental Grasses: Use mums in your planters to add a pop of fall color.

LAYER WITH COZY TEXTURES

- Throws and Pillows: Swap out your lightweight summer throws and pillows for heavier, cozier fabrics like knit, velvet, or flannel. Look for colors in a fall palette, such as burnt orange, deep red, gold, and earthy browns.
- Area Rugs: Consider adding an area rug with a warm color or a soft, textured material to add warmth to a room.

EMBRACE A FALL COLOR PALETTE

- Warm Tones: Use colors that mimic the changing leaves. A base of neutrals like beige and brown can be accented with rich shades of red, orange, and yellow.
- Artwork and Linens: Change out your wall art to reflect the season, or swap out table linens and curtains for ones in fall hues.

ADD WARMTH WITH SCENT AND LIGHT

- Scented Candles: Use candles or essential oils with warm, autumnal scents like pumpkin spice, cinnamon, or apple cider to fill your home with a cozy aroma.
- Lighting: Use warm-toned light bulbs to create a softer, more inviting glow. You can also add lanterns or string lights to create a cozy ambiance.

INCORPORATE PUMPKINS AND GOURDS

- Varying Sizes and Colors: Use pumpkins and gourds of different sizes, shapes, and colors. You can place them on mantels, tables, or group them together on your front porch.
 - DIY Projects: Try a no-carve pumpkin project like painting them or adding textures for a unique look.
- Follow these tips to help you create a beautiful and cozy home for the fall season!

GARDENING

A BED OF IRIS MAKES A GOOD ADDITION TO A LANDSCAPE

JOE W. WHITE, PH.D.
Extension Horticulturist, (ret)
LSU AgCenter
September 2025

A bed of iris is attractive and not only delivers pretty flowers, but also some plants with a different texture. Now is one of the best times to start a bed of these flowers. The ideal time to install many kinds of plants is when they are dormant and irises are typically dormant in September here in our corner of the state. So, whether you're re-working an old bed or planting a new one the time to do it is now.

If you are re-working an old planting, you probably will find several large clumps of plants and these should be divided. If you're starting new beds, there are some things you need to consider. Both Bearded iris and Louisiana iris need at least 6 hours of full sun so select a location with that in mind. Bearded iris needs good drainage, but this is rarely a problem with Louisiana Irises. Should old beds reveal several rotted rhizomes, those beds need to be topped with additional soil to make them higher which will improve drainage. Old beds that are composed of considerable clay should also be topped with 6-8 inches of a better quality soil which will provide a better environment for the rhizomes to flourish.

When renovating an old bed of iris, carefully remove the old rhizomes to avoid damaging them. A spading fork is ideal for this purpose. Clumps of rhizomes will contain both old and new ones (the new ones will have green tips). Separate the old from the new by either breaking them apart or by cutting. While it may be tempting



to keep the old rhizomes, dispose of those and set the new ones aside for replanting. If a good bit of foliage is attached to the new rhizomes, cut it back to about 6-8 inches in length in the shape of a fan. All yellow foliage should be removed from Louisiana iris plants.

The next step in getting the former bed ready for a new planting of iris is to clear the bed of the old rhizomes and any weeds. Then, with either a tiller or gardening tools thoroughly loosen the soil to about a 6 or 8 inch depth and while doing this removing or breaking up any debris that is uncovered.

A soil test of the bed is recommended to determine what kind of fertilizer would be best, but a general-purpose fertilizer can be used with some success. Regardless of the product used it should be well incorporated into the soil.

Use about a cup of fertilizer for each thirty square feet of bed surface when using a low analysis fertilizer (such as 8-8-8), but only a half cup of a stronger product. Finally, cover the surface of the bed with 2 or 3 inches of an organic material and mix that with the soil.

Now you are ready to plant the new rhizomes which should be several inches apart. Top of the rhizomes should just break the soil surface. Cover with a little organic matter and then water.



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2025 WEBSTER PARISH FAIR DAILY EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

FAIR PARADE DOWNTOWN MINDEN AT 5:00 P.M.
LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN AT 5:00 P.M.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

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