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THE WALK OF HONOR at the war memorial on the courthouse lawn in Dixon is nearly complete and will be dedicated on Monday, May 26 during the annual Memorial Day service, which is scheduled at 1:00 P.M.

Memorial Day Service Is Scheduled Monday

The Walk of Honor, as memorial walkway for those who have served and those who continue to serve, is nearly complete. County road department employees have spent the last two weeks laying engraved bricks, putting up new flag poles and setting benches at the War Memorial on the north lawn of the courthouse in Dixon.

This Memorial Day, the annual service will serve as not only a commemoration of those who made the ultimate sacrifice fighting for their country, but it will also serve as a reminder that without those who serve their country in the military, others would not have many of the rights provided by the US Constitution's First Amendment.

On May 26, the county will unveil the new walkway in a 1:00 p.m. ceremony. Two Hundred and twenty-four engraved bricks have been laid to honor those who have and those who continue to serve. The walk is already drawing a lot of attention as community members stop by to see the work that is already completed and look for bricks honoring their loved ones.

The Memorial Day event will feature music by Vicki Shadrick and David Dixon; speeches by Col. Clarence

Martin, Jr. (retired) and Lt. Col. Jennifer Martin Lane as well as the traditional laying of the wreath by Jack McDowell VFW Post Commander Michael Whitfield. The VFW Honor Guard will provide the color guard for a twenty-one gun salute to the fallen and Taps will be played.

Memorial Day is set aside on the last Monday of each May to pay tribute to those who have died for their country; it is also a time when many people kick off their summer with picnics, boating and family gatherings. This Memorial Day, consider taking an hour out of your holiday to pay tribute to our US military personnel. Join County/Judge Executive Steve Henry, mayors of Webster County communities, legislators, veterans and others as the county honors our country, those who serve and those who sacrificed their life for the USA.

Chairs will be set up on the courthouse lawn and parking is available in lots behind the courthouse. In case of rain, the program will be move to the circuit court room. For those who cannot go up steps, the elevator in the back of the courthouse is available.



CROSSES BEARING THE names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of all Americans are placed annually on the courthouse lawn. This year is no different, as the crosses have been placed in preparation for the annual Memorial Day service on Monday.

WC Grand Jury Returns Indictments

When they convened on May 14, the Webster County Grand Jury returned indictments on nine individuals and passed seven cases to the next session of grand jury.

Five indictments were returned against Tabitha Lynn Adair on charges of drug paraphernalia-buy/possess; possession of marijuana; first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense greater than or equal to two GMS of methamphetamine; rim or frame obscuring lettering or decal on plate and third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense less than 20 dose units, drug unspecified.

Jeffrey Travis Belt saw seven indictments returned against him. Belt faces charges of rear license not illuminated, operation a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first offense; third degree possession of a controlled substance, drug unspecified; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess; controlled substance prescription not in original container, first offense; first degree trafficking in a controlled substance second or greater, greater than or equal to two GMS methamphetamine and first-degree persistent felony offender.

The case of Joshua Michael Boaz, who is charged with flagrant non-support was passed to the next grand jury.

Also passed to the next grand

jury were the cases of Mellody Lee Braddam and Michael Dewayne Denton. Braddam faces charges of possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess and first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third or greater offense, methamphetamine. Denton is charged with first degree rape; second degree strangulation (non-domestic violence) and incest-person less than 18 by person three or more years older.

Dezmon Dewayne Golkie was indicted for menacing and to an amended charge of fourth degree assault.

Joseph Lee Kellems saw his case passed to the next grand jury. Kellems is charged with two charges of procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means.

In the case of Ernesto Nunez Solis, the defendant was indicted on eight separate charges: rear license not illuminated; failure to or improper signal; reckless driving; first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, methamphetamine; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess; possession of marijuana; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first offense and no operator's license.

Dion A. O'Connor's case was passed to the next grand jury. O'Connor's charges include distribution of obscene matter to minors, first

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Sebree City Council Meets

The Sebree City Council met in regular session on Monday night with Mayor Billy Smith presiding and five council members present. The meeting was the first for Smith as mayor. He was appointed to fill the vacant unexpired term and will serve until December 31, 2026.

Following approval of the minutes from the regular meeting in April and a called meeting, the council dealt with a short agenda in a session that lasted only 19 minutes.

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie Stull reported that 51 letters of violation have been sent to residents, year-to-date. Of that violations, nine cases remain open, and according to Ms. Stull, three more cases were expected to be on record on Tuesday morning.

Council members approved on a 5-0 vote the appointment of Terry Sutton to the city's board of adjustments.

City Clerk Monte Davenport presented members with an overview of the city's financial accounts for the month of April. Davenport stated, "The balances are pretty low right now." The city currently has nine active accounts, and each of those accounts had a positive balance on April 30.

Council member Jana Forker asked about the April expenses for the water account. Those expenses totaled \$55,772.25. Davenport responded, "We had some water leaks, and usage is up."

Ms. Forker also asked when the leaks would be repaired. Mayor Smith answered, "I am talking with the guys (public works department) about that."

The city clerk also told members he is currently working on the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. That budget is expected to be presented at the

June meeting.

Davenport also reported former council member Perry Culberson has accepted the appointment to fill the unexpired term on the council created when Smith became mayor. Culberson is expected to be sworn into office early next week. He also will serve until December 31, 2026.

Ms. Forker asked that an ordinance be written calling for all elective vacancies for mayor or city council seek letters of interest from individuals before any decision is made to fill said vacancy.

Council member Kathy Edwards reported she had been approached by an individual hoping to have a pickleball tournament during the annual Sebree Summerfest. Ms. Edwards expressed concern about the condition of the courts at Sebree Springs Park, saying, "Something needs to be done at the courts." The courts have apparently been the target of vandals on more than one occasion. No decision was made about a tournament.

The council had no further business to discuss but did hear complaints from two audience members concerning city streets. One individual asked when Madison Street repairs will be completed. Apparently, that work has been ongoing since September. Mayor Smith answered, "I will talk to our crew and we will get to it."

A second complaint concerned the condition of Railroad and Dixon Streets, apparently caused by overweight trucks. Smith acknowledged the city does have weight limits; however, no solution was offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 P.M.

The next regular meeting of Sebree City Council will be Monday, June 16, 5:30 P.M.

