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Just Talkin'

Parents of students at Natchitoches Magnet were upset with the School Board's plan to move the school to the Parks building because of Magnet's increasingly poor conditions. But their tune quickly changed when they previewed the Parks building April 30. Walking down the hallways parents realized how spacious the facility was, not to mention the superior condition of the buildings, which are mold free. One parent explored the grounds, stating how she never knew how big the school was. With an art room more than quadruple the size of Magnet's current one and a larger library, teachers are excited too. Magnet's current library is in what used to be the boy's locker room when the building housed the old ninth grade center. The possibilities seem endless and parents and teachers alike are eager to move in for the next school year. They are still waiting for the judge to approve the move, as the School Board is still under a desegregation order.

JT was among the many fans who attended the State Softball Tournament in Sulphur last weekend to cheer on the St. Mary's team. The Lady Tigers came up just a little short in the final game but played their collective hearts out in the first two games. Anyone who knows Ken Hale well knows he's easily excitable, particularly at a softball game in which his daughter Ragan is playing. When the girls recorded the final out against a bigger and higher-ranked Cedar Creek, Ken jumped so high so fast he suffered an injury. JT's not sure if he sprained his ankle or pulled a muscle in his leg. That afternoon he was limping quite a bit and that night for the final game, he was sporting a crutch. So take heed if you're standing next to Ken at a softball game in which Ragan is playing!

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Natchitoches Police Department Lt. Jeff Franks checks for a pulse on a victim of the mock crash held at Natchitoches Central High School May 3. NCHS student Kaitlin Hatten, at left, plays the drunk driver who caused the accident.



Pictured above, Natchitoches firefighters Siltan Metoyer, Josh Pulley and Robert Griffin used the jaws of life to pull one of the mock crash victims from the car. At right, EMS Director Larry Atteridge pushes NCHS student Taylor Nichols on a medical stretcher. The mock crash showed students how quickly an accident can happen. "Don't be a statistic," said Counselor Robin Guillory. NCHS student and mock crash narrator Cody Lacaze said he learned a lot from the demonstration.



Mock crash shows teens reality of drunk driving

Around 600 juniors and seniors at Natchitoches Central High School watched their peers and law enforcement officials perform a mock crash May 3 to warn them of the dangers of drinking and driving. "They're not 10 feet tall and bullet proof," said Principal Bill Gordy. With prom scheduled for

Saturday, he hopes the mock crash demonstration will shock them into understanding they need to be careful. In 2003 NCHS and Lakeview High School each lost a student in driving accidents. While neither was connected to prom night Gordy said, "Somewhere in America on prom night teenagers are going to make a serious mis-

take and we'll see this happen. I've looked into the eyes of a man who'd lost his son and had no words to say." EMS Director Larry Atteridge said that with over 30 years of emergency medical services behind him, he's seen a lot of this accidents in his experience. He

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EMT Nathan Williams and Paramedic Joey Beard load the latest technology into the Natchitoches Emergency Medicine Services fleet of ambulances. Each of the six units will be equipped with a Medtronic Physio Life Pack 15 defibrillator and Stryker medical stretchers.

Hospital upgrades equipment in ambulances

The Natchitoches Emergency Medicine Services upgraded its ambulances with new Medtronic Physio-control Life- Pack 15 Defibrillators.

The Life pack 15 is a defibrillator, pacemaker, cardioversion, pulse oximeter, carbon-monoxide level detector, automatic blood pressure monitor and an end tidal CO2 capable device with waveform screen and a diagnostic 12 lead EKG. The monitors will be linked to NRMC as well as hospitals in the state via Bluetooth technology. This will allow paramedics to send vital information to hospitals, which will assist with directing patients to the most appropriate facility for the patient's condition. "The cost of the devices is \$36,000 each with a life expectancy of 10-12 years," said EMS Director Larry Atteridge.

Six Stryker Medical stretchers were also added to the fleet. The new stretchers have built-in electric motors to assist in lifting patients in the 700-pound range and are designed to increase safety for the patients and medics by decreasing back injuries. The stretchers have expandable wings for use on larger patients and to facilitate patient movement from stretcher to hospital beds. "The number one focus for our service is patient safety and by making our medics' job safer we feel like we are accomplishing that mission," said Atteridge. "The cost of the stretcher is \$15,000 each."

Weather observer gives April rainfall amounts

By Wiley Butler
National Weather Service Cooperative Observer

April's total precipitation amount was above normal for Natchitoches. The month's end total is 5.84 inches. Several cold fronts during the month would cross Natchitoches Parish on April 6, 11, and 21, with each one producing periods of rain showers and thunderstorms. The 24-hour period of April 19-20th would have the heaviest amount during the month being 1.80 inches. Looking at past years April's rainfall has varied from 1.35 inches in 2010 to 7.83

inches in 2012. Last year, 4.97 inches was recorded for the month. March, April and May, on average, are the wettest months of the year for Natchitoches Parish.

Recent rainfall in the northern reaches of the Red River basin, has caused the Red River at Grand Ecore to rise and be at 33.90 feet as of 7 a.m. on Tuesday, while Black Lake stage level was 102.5 feet. The Red River rose above flood stage during Monday at 33.04 feet, and National Weather Service current forecasts project the Red to rise to near 39 feet later this week at the river gauge site at Grand Ecore.



Northwestern State University's long-awaited cafe opened on campus this week to great enthusiasm from the university community. Café DeMon, which is operated by Sodexo and sells Starbucks products, is located on the first floor of Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library and has drawn a dramatic increase in foot traffic to the building. Café DeMon opens at 7 a.m. weekdays and closes two hours prior to the library closing. Steve Kauf, Sodexo general manager, said response was overwhelming. "We had been told we had enough product for over a week and we ran out of some things in the first day of our unannounced opening," Kauf said. Café DeMon is open to students and the general public.

Parish declares state of emergency as Red River rises; crest expected Friday

Natchitoches Parish President Rick Nowlin declared a State of Emergency due to potential effects of the flooding conditions of the Red River. He urges citizens to take notice and prepare accordingly.

Anyone needing assistance with sandbags should contact Mary Jones with the Office of Emergency Preparedness at 471-2942.

Operations and Maintenance Director with

the Red River Waterway Commission Mike Boydston said that as of May 4, the stage of the Red River is at 34.72 feet, which is up about eight-tenths of a foot above May 3. The flood stage is 33 feet. NOAA predicts there will be a crest May 6 at 41 feet.

There was a crest March 18 at 41.81 feet and in June the river crested at 42 feet. The flooding of the Red River affects other tributaries such as Bayou Pierre, Saline Bayou,

Saline Lake, Black Lake and lower Cane River.

"Fortunately we don't have the local rainfall we did back in March that affected the flooding conditions," said Boydston.

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) puts out predictions on river stages based on gauges they have located at various locations on the Red River. The RRWC goes

by the gauge located at Grand Ecore.

Forced to close down for May 7-8 due to the Red River flooding, Natchitoches Alligator Park owner Terri Rogers said this is the third flood the park has experienced in less than a year.

His main concern is for the safety of the animals.

"I am told by some experts in river flooding that this has never happened in all of recorded history," he said.

"Hopefully it won't be here long and we will begin cleanup as soon as it begins to recede. It doesn't matter how many times you get knocked down. What does matter is how many times you get back up and get back into the fight."

It could take over a week for the waters to recede and Rogers hopes the park will reopen May 13-14, but he will keep the public posted through the park's Facebook page.

Obituaries



L. L. "LOOPY" LANGSTON
 March 18, 1934 – May 3, 2016
 L. L. "Loopy" Langston, a native of Pollock, and a long-time resident of Franklin, passed away at his home at the age of 82 Tuesday, May 3, 2016 following a brief illness.

Loopy was a 1953 graduate of Pollock High School and went on to Northwestern State University to receive a bachelor of arts in 1959. He was drafted in the 1957 NBA Draft to the St. Louis Hawks but declined to marry the love of his life, Marilyn Ruth Motter. They

moved to Franklin in 1962 and he began teaching in the St. Mary Parish School system, mostly at LaGrange Elementary School in Franklin.

Survivors include his daughter, Stephanie Langston Mason and her husband Anthony of Prairieville; two granddaughters, Courtney Claire Mason and Mackenzie Kate Mason both of Prairieville; his sisters, Bobbye White and her husband Alex of Alexandria, Carolyn Bozarth and her husband Joe of Conroe, Texas, and Louise Guillot and her husband Ray of West Monroe; and his brother-in-law, John Motter and his wife Mary Ann of Campiti.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Ruth Motter Langston; his parents, Charles Edward Langston and Gertrude Deville Langston; and his sister, Ruth Robertson.

A gathering of family and friends was held Wednesday, May 4, at Ibert's Mortuary in Franklin, with a service following.

Graveside services will be

held Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m. in the Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Pineville. Rev. Sue Pugh will officiate the services.

Serving as pallbearers will be Paul Naquin, Al Kuhlman, Dalton Simoneaux, Ricky Guillot, Kenneth Guillot, and Kendall Guillot. Honorary pallbearer will be Dale Robicheaux.

The family would like to thank his caregivers, Shannon LeBlanc, Sherry Carter, LaTonga Elliot, Denise White, Terrenisha Carter, Mariah Johnson, and Alison Madinson, as well as the staff of St. Joseph Hospice.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made to Sherry Carter's A-Team, PO Box 564, Baldwin, LA 70514 or to the First United Methodist Church, 920 Main St., Franklin, LA, 70538.

Family and friends may view the obituary and express their condolences online by visiting www.ibert.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ibert's Mortuary, Inc., 1007 Main Street, Franklin, LA 70538, (337) 828-5426.



On front row from left are Jessica Zhang and Michael Mayeux. On middle row are Madelynn Fontenot, Bethany Jenkins, Caroline Jin, Kennedy Ellender, Claire Lucas, Maya Bochas, Alese Jones, Alexis Cambridge, Johnnette Johnson, Sarah Rumsey, Vy Mai and Heather Soileau. On back row are Josh Ballagh, Kabir Shah, Brenden Nalbhone, Jessenia Ortiz, Parker Felterman, River Scrantz, Christopher Carter, Kyle Frederick and Ludwig Colimon.

Students compete at Foreign Language Festival

Students at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts competed at the 34th annual Foreign Language Festival hosted by Southeastern Louisiana University April 8.

LSMSA was recognized as Best School Overall Tier 2 (less than 600 students) in Spanish and French, for which the students earned a trophy.

Individual student results were:

Parker Felterman from Patterson, first place in Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking Level 1

Alese Jones from New Iberia, second place in Spanish Prose Level 1

Bethany Jenkins from Ville Platte, second place in Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking Level 2

Kabir Shah from Natchitoches, third place in Spanish Prose Level 2

Christopher Carter from Geismar, second place in Extemporaneous Speaking Level 3

Maya Bochas from Morgan City, second place in Spanish Poetry Level 3

Jessenia Ortiz from Oberlin, second place in Spanish Prose Level 4

Josh Ballagh from Leesville, third place in Spanish Poetry Level 4

Claire Lucas from Baton Rouge, second place in French Poetry Level 1

Alexis Cambridge from Slidell, first place in French Poetry Level 2

Johnnette Johnson from Marksville, first place in French Poetry Level 3

Madelynn Fontenot from Elton, first place in French Poetry Level 4

Heather Soileau from Westlake, first place in French Prose Level 1

Kennedy Ellender from

Westlake, second place in French Prose Level 2

Caroline Jin from Shreveport, third place in French Prose Level 3

Ludwig Colimon from Lake Charles, second place in French Prose Level 4

Jessica Zhang, from Natchitoches, second place in French Extemporaneous Speaking Level 1

Kyle Frederick from Breaux Bridge, third place in French Extemporaneous Speaking Level 3

River Scrantz from Breaux Bridge, second place in French Extemporaneous Speaking Level 4

Other competitors included Veronica Jimenez, a junior from Bogalusa; Michael Mayeux from Natchitoches; Brenden Nalbhone from Lake Charles; Vy Mai from Westwego; and Sarah Rumsey from Lake Charles.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of the Natchitoches Parish will be held at its regular meeting place in the Police Jury Room, Second Floor, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, 200 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to millage rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next tax year from the increased millage is \$826,257.71, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$25,453.44. Access to the Courthouse will be through the rear entrance on St. Denis Street.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23 (C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of Natchitoches Parish Hospital Service District, will be held at its regular meeting place in the John Luster Board Room of the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center, located at 501 Keyser Avenue, Natchitoches, LA on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next year from the increased millage is \$1,768,956.55, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$41,778.48.

MARY BRAXTON
 Funeral services for Sister Mary Braxton, of Natchitoches, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 at the Morning Star Baptist Church in Natchez.

Tourist Commission discusses decline in March tax collections

Hotel and motel tax collections for March were less than they were a year ago, according to figures discussed at the monthly meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission April 26.

The March Hotel/Motel OCC Tax collection was \$21,393, less the administrative fee of \$641, for a net collection of \$20,752.

This is \$11,440, or 35 percent less, than last year and \$10,267.46, or 49 percent, less than budgeted, said Arlene Gould, executive director of the Natchitoches Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau.

However, year-to-date collections are at \$81,916, which is just \$7,406 less than this time last year, and \$4,148 under bud-

get year-to-date.

Gould explained the declining collections could come from past-due taxes that have not yet been collected from hotels. Also, the March collections are from February overnight stays, and February was a shorter month.

"At the end of February we were 16 percent over budget and this loss in March set us back. I am confident we can and will get back on track," Gould said after the meeting.

Approximately 80 percent of funding for the Natchitoches Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau comes from the Hotel/Motel Tax, which is paid by the 13 hotels and motels in the parish. They collect a 3 percent occupancy tax from guests, which they pay to the

parish tax collector. The tax collector, in turn, gives the NPCVB its share, minus administration fees, each month.

The NPCVB also depends on the state for 20 percent of its operating expenses through the Visitor Enterprise Fund, but Louisiana is facing a grim financial situation. The state could be looking at a \$600 million budget shortfall in the financial year that begins July 1.

The Visitor Enterprise Fund was cut at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1, 2015) from \$130,000 to \$100,000 and took another hit during the recent special session. The bureau's cap dropped from \$100,000 to \$93,000, which represents a total of \$37,000 cut from the fund through this fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Gould said the next fiscal year may be even more challenging if cuts continue as the legislature seeks ways to lessen its shortfall.

"The state is in a very bad position," she said.

Commission chairman Randy Zeigler asked Gould about a contingency plan for the bureau if those cuts are wider than expected.

She said they've already cut some expenses on their copier lease and phone service. Utilities have been less than expected lately, too.

"We need to be real cautious," Zeigler said.

Gould said she and her staff are reviewing all advertising contracts that haven't yet been finalized and are aware of the situation.

On a lighter note, Gould announced two employees of Mariner's Restaurant, Laverne Moore and Bonita Rowell, will be recognized as "Restaurant Legends" by the Louisiana Restaurant Association, dur-

ing a presentation Monday, May 2, at 4 p.m. at Mariner's.

Mariner's owners Don and Jennifer Nichols said Moore has missed only 10 days in the 33 years she has been there. Rowell has been a server at the restaurant for 21 years.

The LRA Restaurant Legends Award recognizes the long-term dedication of employees of the restaurant industry, with 20 or more years of service at one establishment.

Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser will be making a stop in Natchitoches Wednesday, May 4, to celebrate National Travel and Tourism Week, May 1-7.

The event will begin at 3 p.m. at Fort St. Jean Baptiste, 155 Jefferson St., and is open to the public.

Gould along with Natchitoches Mayor Lee Posey, Parish President Rick Nowlin and State Parks Regional Manager Rick Seale will be joining Nungesser to speak at the rally.

Gould gave the front desk report, which categorizes the number of visitors who signed the register book when they visited the office for information. For April, 248 visitors listed Louisiana addresses, 233 came from Texas and 335 visited from all other states combined. Ninety-five people visited from other countries.

More than 2,100 visitors have signed the register since the start of the year.

New commissioner Joe Darby would like to see historical re-enactors become a regular part of the downtown scene as they walk along the sidewalks "interacting with tourists," he said.

Darby was appointed to the commission last month by Parish President Rick Nowlin to replace Commissioner Eddie Harrington, who resigned due to his election to a city council seat.

Darby suggested the tourism office partner with re-enactors to create interest in the historical side of Natchitoches, which was established in 1714 and is the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase.

The other commissioners liked Darby's idea and Zeigler suggested designating the first Saturday of each month with a theme and arranging for various groups to participate on their given day, such as military re-enactors on Memorial Day weekend.

The commission plans to visit the idea more at the next meeting, which will be Tuesday, May 17 at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room of the Natchitoches Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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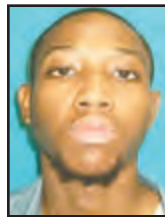
NPD arrests one suspect, searches for another in armed robbery of Southern Classic Chicken

The Natchitoches Police Dept. has arrested one person and another is wanted in connection with the armed robbery of Southern Classic Chicken.

Deontay Hardy has been charged with armed robbery and he is currently awaiting bond at the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center. Hardy also has a previous conviction for armed robbery.

Another suspect, Gerald Jimmerson II, 25, is wanted.

Natchitoches Police officers responded to 1433 Texas Street, Southern Classic Chicken, May 1 about 11 p.m. in reference to an armed robbery in progress. Upon their arrival, they saw the two suspects exit the store and began to chase them on foot. They caught Hardy but Jimmerson to get away.



Jimmerson



Hardy

If you have seen Gerald Jimmerson II, contact the Natchitoches Police Department at 352-8101 or Det. Victor Pinkney at 357-3817.

Do not attempt to apprehend or detain Jimmerson who is considered to be armed and dangerous. Information about the incident will remain confidential.

Graduation ceremony dates in Parish listed

The Northwestern State spring commencement will be Friday, May 6.

Gov. John Bel Edwards will speak to graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development and the Louisiana Scholars' College at 10 a.m.

NSU alum Dr. Larry Holly will speak to graduates from the College of Business and Technology and the college of Nursing and School of Allied Health at 3 p.m.

Both ceremonies will be in Prather Coliseum. High school graduation ceremonies begin Monday, May 9 with St. Mary's in the high school gym at 9 p.m.

The Frankie Ray Jackson Sr. Technical Center

will hold its first graduation Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. in the school gym.

Dr. Jim Henderson, president of Northwestern State, will be the speaker. Tickets are required and are available from the seniors graduating. Those under 3 do not have to have tickets according to Principal Bobby Benjamin.

Lakeview graduation will be Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Natchitoches Central will have graduation Friday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

Oasis of Love graduation for Pre-K and kindergarten will be Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the school. Eight grade and 12th grade graduations will be Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m., also at the school.

Farms and ranches damaged by flood may be eligible for help from USDA through Farm Service Agency

Sabine/Winn Parish USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Dale Ford, announced that flooding has caused severe damage in the Natchitoches, Sabine and Winn areas. Farms and ranches suffering severe damage may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the Natchitoches Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Office if the damage: will be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use; is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area; will impair or endanger the land.

A producer qualifying for

ECP assistance may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. No producer is eligible for more than \$200,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence. The following types of measures may be eligible: removing debris from farmland; grading, shaping or releveling severely damaged farmland; restoring permanent fences

Producers who have suffered a loss from a natural disaster may contact the local FSA County Office and request assistance from May 2, 2016 to June 3, 2016.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all of the following are met: an application for cost-share assistance has

been filed; the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area; the Agency responsible for technical assistance, such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), has made a needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earthmoving, etc., required for rehabilitation.

Contact the Natchitoches Farm Service Agency at (318) 352-7100 ext. 2.

Additional programs may be available to assist farmers and ranchers in this area. Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA Office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov for more information.

Report lists new businesses licenses for February-March

Twelve people applied for business licenses in February and nine in March according to the report issued by the Natchitoches Tax Commission.

Those applying for licenses in February included:

- Jefferson House Bed and Breakfast,
- Gregory and Lisa Salter, 229 Jefferson,
- Katherine's Creations Katherine Kelly, 100 Greyston Dr., Apt. 3-1,
- All Hours Fitness Inc.
- Walker Alford, 142 Claudia St., Rafiqul Islam, 201 Ledet Dr., Learn More Tutorial
- Dirty Dawgs Groom Shop, Lisa Shaver, 114 Broadmoor,
- Pelican's Post Too LLC, 626 Front, Georgia's Gift Shop
- Bless Your Art, Caroline Hamblin, 325 South Dr.
- Clean Kutz Barber Shop, Marvin Kirts, 524 Texas St.

•Silhouette Beauty and Barber, Ben Johnson LLC, 400 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

•Spark Studio LLC, Spark Studio LLC, 733 Keyser Ave., Suite 110

•Dolled Up, Larry Willis Sr., 100 Maria Lane #U1

•All Mixed Up, Anna Faust and Rosaline Holden Brown, 118 Broadmoor Shopping Center

Those obtaining licenses in March included:

•Hitchin' Post, Pickett 5 Enterprise, 708 Front St., 102

•Simply Chic Boutique, Simply S=Chic Boutique, 502 Front St.

•Roberson Royalty Real Estate LLC, Roberson Royalty Real Estate LLC, 206 Celina Dr.

•Recision Lawn Care, Jameel Courtney, 136 Celina Dr.

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Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Foundation member Gene Spillman will attend the James Bond Gala as Emilio Largo, the high ranking member of SPECTRE and the main villain of the 1961 novel Thunderball. The gala will be held Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center. Proceeds will support scholarships and community grants.



The Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, Fire District #9, EMS Paramedics, Life Air and State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash with multiple injuries on Hwy. 480 west of Campti April 25 at 5:41 p.m. The driver was airlifted to University Health in Shreveport with moderate to severe injuries. District #9 and NPSO Rescue extricated an adult female passenger from the vehicle. She and a 1-year-old infant were transported to NRMC with minor to moderate non-life threatening injuries.

Voters and Civic League will meet; plans fundraiser

The Natchitoches Parish Voters and Civic League will meet Tuesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. at Winnfield Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Anyone desiring to become a member can attend. There will be a brief registration period at the beginning of the meeting for those wishing to join. The Registration fee is \$5 per year.

The Voters and Civic League will sell barbecue dinners My 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot of

Natchitoches Regional Medical Center next to Rite Aid Pharmacy. The cost is \$8 per plate that will have smoked chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cake and bread.

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City Marshal Randy Williams wanted to inform the following people that they have outstanding bench warrants through the Natchitoches City Marshal's Office. The names on this list did not pay their fines in full nor did they return to court on the court date they were sentenced to by City Court Judge Gahagan. These individuals will need to clear up their fines and bench warrant fees at the City Marshal's Office located at 373 Second St. to stop any further actions:

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- Lakedra Beaudion, 1322 Grace Ave, Natch, La – Theft
- Ashante Calhoun, 267 Allen Beulah Rd, Natch, La – Theft
- Shronda Davis, 1102 Berry Ave, Natch, La – DP
- Samuel Futrell, 211 Dunn Rd, Natch, La – DWI
- Trevor Graham, 557 Parsonage Rd, Natch, La – Poss. Alcohol Under 21
- Ebony Helaire, 214 Johnson Loop, Natch, La – DP
- Patricia Hubbard, 911 Second St, Natch, La – DP
- Kajaundra Lewis, 100 Lakeview, Natch, La – EXP MVI
- Sandra Lowery, 935 Anita St, Natch, La – Poss. Stolen Things
- Demaurence Moore, 233 Cherry Loop, Natch, La – Unlicensed Driver
- Johnny Peters, 204 University Dr, Natch, La – SPOM
- Brian Rachal, 110 Sycamore Court,

- Natch, La – DWI
- Markell Roy, 151 Melissa Place, Natch, La – Simple Battery
- Erica Spearman, 1319 Philips St. Apt. 1, Natch, La – Theft
- Brittany Toutsant, 500 North St. Apt. Q-6, Natch, La – Unlicensed Driver
- Antonyo Turner, 240 Hampton St, Natch, La – Resisting Arrest
- Tanya White, 637 East 2nd St, Natch, La – No DL
- Sarah Zeringue, 414 Sibley St, Natch, La – Obstructing Public Passages

TRIAL (T):

- Marlon Brisco, 123 Robert Circle, Natch, La – Expired License Plates
- Matthew Darr, 940 Second St, Natch, La – Public Poss. Alcohol Under 21
- Gerald Johnson, 198 Cedar Grove, Natch, La – Theft
- Dominique Moses, 500 North St J-1, Natch, La – Theft
- Elizabeth Sykes, 324 E. Third St, Natch, La – Loud Music
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Record: Jindal inherited \$1 billion surplus and left \$3 billion deficit

Everybody in Louisiana and well beyond should know by now that former Gov. Bobby Jindal left state government finances in total shambles. He inherited a \$1 billion surplus and left a \$3 billion deficit even after severe budget cuts to agencies and institutions.

Throughout the process of dismantling higher education, health care and other state programs and services, the Jindal administration insisted that downsizing government and holding the line against new taxes would make Louisiana more attractive to businesses.

For eight years, the previous administration spewed propaganda about how its budget policies would bring in new companies and jobs and bolster the economy. If all that bunk had been printed, piled up and set afire in Baton Rouge, the blaze could have been seen from Natchitoches.

Two reports in the past few weeks underscore the havoc that Jindal and his people wreaked not just on state government but also on the Louisiana economy.

Louisiana has been ranked in a new study by 24/7 Wall Street as the second worst state in the nation for doing business. The report called the state's economy weak and pointed out that Louisiana is one of only two states that have experienced a decline in their Gross Domestic Product over the past five years.

The study also stated that Louisiana's population is shrinking when other states are growing. The population here will be down by 0.5 percent between 2010 and 2020 based on projections in the report, and the working age population will drop by 3.2 percent.

Unemployment here is higher than the national average, and the state ranks 48th nationally in educational attainment, which results in an inadequate workforce. Cuts to higher education and tuition hikes in the Jindal years had a negative impact on raising the educational attainment level across the state.

Another report issued by Moody's Investors Service lowered the state's credit rating. That downgrade will make it more expensive for the state to sell bonds for roads and other improvements that might help attract new business and industry to the state.

Companies across the nation and world will take note of the lower credit rating and the 24/7 Wall Street study on Louisiana's unfavorable business climate and will be less likely to consider building or expanding plants in the state.

It will take a long time to get state government in Louisiana back on solid financial footing after the past eight years of chaos, and the negative impact of irrational fiscal policies on the state economy is becoming increasingly evident.

House bill that will rein in number of consultants advances this week

BATON ROUGE, LA - The House Appropriations Committee this week advanced two bills that rein in the number of consulting contracts across state government, according to State Treasurer John Kennedy.

"We had \$12.23 billion in contracts last year. State agencies will tell you every one of those contracts is necessary. I disagree," said Treasurer Kennedy. "We have to get our spending in check."

House Bill 454 would create a layer of legislative oversight for professional, personal and consulting service contracts totaling \$25,000 or more. Those contracts would have to be reviewed by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

House Bill 74 would decrease by \$183.2 million the contracts paid with State General Fund dollars in the upcoming state budget year that starts July 1. The decrease equals the amount of money needed to make TOPS whole.

Both bills are sponsored by state Rep. Dee Richard of Thibodaux. They now go to the House floor.

"These are common sense solutions to the spending frenzy that is occurring with state contracts," said Treasurer Kennedy. "We're sending millions of dollars out the door when we could do this work in-house or not waste the money at all."



Should online retailers track your purchases?



By
Jeremy
Alford

LaPolitics News Service

The state House of Representatives will soon hear a bill that would require online retailers like Amazon to track purchases made by Louisiana residents and report to the state how much in sales taxes they owe.

Approved by the Ways and Means Committee on Monday with no objection, the bill would also force online retailers to notify customers of their obligation to self-report, which would be accomplished with a simple document that would arrive inside shipping boxes and alongside purchases.

The bill was introduced by Speaker Pro Tem Walt Leger, D-New Orleans, who was also the author of Act 22 from the first special session earlier this year. That act, passed by the House and Senate and endorsed by the governor, created a framework for collecting Internet sales taxes and Leger is now trying to build on it with HB 1121.

Act 22 simply requires out-of-state online retailers with contract affiliates in Louisiana to collect and remit sales taxes. Local governments and the state are splitting the collected 8 percent sales tax.

"I think we all knew at the time this wouldn't solve the problem entirely," said Leger, noting sales taxes have always been due on such purchases, but there were collection challenges.

The new system has only been in place for roughly a month, but Leger sees an opportunity to expand on it by implementing a nexus model from Colorado that has been upheld by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeal.

Like Act 22, Leger's HB 1121 would only apply to remote retailers that do \$50,000 worth of business in Louisiana annually. Unlike Act 22, it doesn't matter if they have contract affiliates here — so it casts a wide net and would capture major Internet players like Amazon.

The legislation would require online retailers to submit to the Department of

Revenue a list of all customers who have made purchases greater than \$250.

It has some bipartisan support, with Rep. Pat Connick, R-Metairie, deciding not to file a similar measure and throwing support to the bill by Leger.

In Colorado, Amazon recently decided to stop sending the state its list of customers and has begun collecting sales taxes on behalf of the state. Some studies have suggested Louisiana could receive up to \$75 million annually if just Amazon, and no other online retailers, do the same here.

"It's hard to even know how much money it would bring in, but this is a step in the right direction," said Leger.

Sales tax fixes awaiting action

Feeling that the temporary increases in sales taxes, from Act 25 from the first special session earlier this year, had a few unintended consequences, Reps. Jay Morris, the original author, and Phillip DeVillier are pushing proposed rebates to make agriculture and automobile interests whole, or close to it.

Both bills have been assigned to the Ways and Means Committee, but have not yet been put on an agenda.

Morris, R-Monroe, has HB 1011, which is a rebate for agriculture manufacturing machinery and equipment, which the author said was not supposed to be subject to the new temporary sales tax increase.

Morris is unsure how much money his bill would deduct from the revenue the state is expecting to receive from Act 25.

Morris also said he's more concerned with making sure his bill, should it move, not be loaded down with amendments seeking to protect other interests.

"No hitchhikers," he said, promising to keep his bill clean if it advances.

DeVillier, R-Eunice, said he would take a similar approach to his HB 1055, which would offer a rebate for the sales taxes that are having to be applied by automobile dealers to their manufacturer's rebates.

"That's not something we've ever taxed," said DeVillier, who was asked by a local dealer in his district to look into the issue.

Constitutional convention bill moving

The House and

Governmental Affairs Committee has been debating several different bills aimed at reforming how the Legislature does its job and has rejected many of them, but it did advance a framework recently for a possible constitutional convention.

HB 733 by Ways and Means Chairman Neil Abramson, D-New Orleans, would leave it up to an "Evaluation and Drafting Committee" to determine if a convention is really needed and then, and only then, would it be called.

The study group would develop a plan and a draft constitution that would be debated and voted on by 123 delegates, of which 105 would be elected from existing House districts and 18 would be appointed.

Abramson said the state's guiding charter, drafted in 1974, has become bloated with 183 amendments that lawmakers have sent to voters.

"We put everything in the Constitution, even things that shouldn't be in there," he said.

If his bill passes and the study committee calls for a convention, it would lead to a new constitution by May of 2018.

The measure has been recommitted to the Appropriations Committee for another hearing. If passed there, it would then move to House floor.

Former Jindal aide opens shop

Mike Reed, who served as former Gov. Bobby Jindal's communications director, has launched a strategy and research firm called River Delta Strategies.

Reed said the firm will serve both corporate and political clients, offering public relations, government relations and public affairs strategy. It will also specialize in opposition research, policy analysis and legislative-tracking services.

The Boston native, who has worked in D.C., added that he hopes to help clients at the federal and state levels.

They Said It

"I'm not for any deal around here if I'm not a part of it."

—Sen. Francis Thompson
"If you're not a political person then you need to get out of where you're at because you won't be there long."

—Rep. Steve Pylant, to a Division of Administration staffer who said he wasn't political

Vitter announces Water act passes committee

Washington, D.C.) - Monday U.S. Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) announced the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA) passed with bipartisan support through the Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW). Vitter successfully included a number of provisions that will improve flood control and coastal hurricane protection for Louisiana communities.

"This year's WRDA builds on the necessary, common-sense reforms we made in 2014, and will do a great deal to move forward projects that will better protect Louisiana families and businesses ahead of future natural disasters," Vitter said. As Chairman of the EPW Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Vitter included the following provisions in WRDA 2016:

- Authorization of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Project - This project will provide protection for residents outside the New Orleans Hurricane Protection System along the Interstate 10 corridor.

- Authorization for the Calcasieu Lock - This project will reconstruct an aging lock to ensure safe, reliable transportation along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

- Provisions that increase the beneficial use of dredged material - critically important for the restoration of our coast - including the placement of dredged material in a location other than the least cost alternative.

- Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund reforms to extend vital programs for those ports that move much of our nation's energy commodities, modernize deepening cost-shares to maintain our nation's competitive advantage in the global economy, and also provide for additional operation and maintenance needs for small, agricultural and commodity ports along the Mississippi River.

- Authority for ports to get limited reimbursement for maintenance they perform using their own specialized equipment on federal navigation channels.

- Provisions that allow local flood protection authorities to increase the level of protection after a disaster and rehabilitate existing levees to provide the authorized level of protection and meet the NFIP requirements.

- Provisions that allow locals to get credit for money they spend for operations and maintenance of multipurpose protection structures and work they've already completed on coastal restoration projects.

- Studies to look at improvements to the Mississippi River, flood protection and ecosystem restoration for St. Tammany Parish, bank stabilization and water supply on the Ouachita-Black River, and deepening of the Calcasieu River to 45-feet (Senate Resolution).

- Deauthorization and transfer of the Pearl River navigation project to the State of Louisiana.

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Vietnam vets asking for Blue Water Act to restore benefits

Advocates for Vietnam veterans who were indirectly exposed to Agent Orange while aboard ships in coastal waters are again asking Congress to pass the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act (HR 969), which will restore benefits to these servicemen and women.

"During the entire Vietnam War potable water contaminated with Agent Orange was provided to ships anchored in Da Nang and Qui Nhon harbors," said Cdr. John Wells (USN,

Ret.), executive director of Military Veterans Advocacy, a Louisiana-based non-profit. "Reports from Commander, Naval Forces Vietnam confirmed that over 1 million gallons of potable water per month were delivered to Seventh Fleet ships in Da Nang Harbor.

"The crew used this water for drinking, cooking, laundry, cleaning and hygiene. Despite this common knowledge, the Secretary still continues to

refuse to grant the presumption of exposure to those veterans aboard ships in the harbors."

Under current regulations, the VA has determined that ships in "inland waters" are eligible for the presumption. Over 340 ships have been identified as covered under the existing regulation, representing approximately 84,000 veterans. In April of 2015 the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Gray v. McDonald, found the

exclusion of bays and harbors from the VA definition of "inland waters" to be irrational and ordered them to rewrite the regulation concentrating on probabilities of exposure. Instead of including the harbors in their revised definition of "inland waters," the VA arbitrarily and capriciously chose to "double down" on their earlier policy.

They continued to exclude the bays and harbors from the presumption of exposure.



Lakeview presents Class of 2016 graduates



Lakeview Jr./Sr. High School presents graduates of the 2016 Class. Commencement ceremonies will be Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in A. A. Fredrick's Auditorium on NSU's campus. Doors open at 6 p.m. Not pictured are Jayquarius Johnson, Spencer Britt, Xavier Bobb, Andrew Christopher, Lushan Harvey, Jamilah Taylor, William Tyler, Jarrett Winslow and Quinton Winslow.



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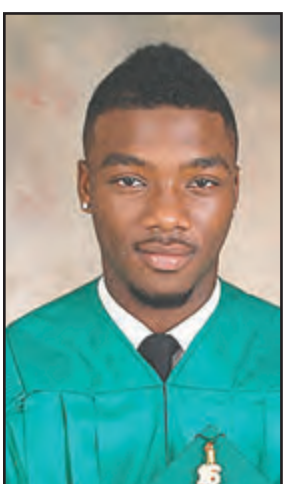
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Student takes 14-year journey to college degree

In working toward a college degree, Esther Stephens took baby steps, but those baby steps got her to her destination.

Stephens began working on a degree in 2002 and will fulfill her goal May 6 when she receives a Bachelor's in family and consumer sciences from Northwestern State University.

Stephens' journey has not been easy. She works as a paraprofessional at North Polk Elementary and has taken one class a semester for the past 14 years.

"I went step by step," said Stephens. "My husband passed away in 1996 and my children were very young. I felt like I needed to take care of my family and I could do that by earning a degree and getting a good job."

Overcoming the odds to improve her life is nothing new for Stephens who was born in Lebanon.

"Our village overlooked Beirut. Lebanon was going through a civil war in the early 80's and it was hard to find a job," she said. "My sister married a man from the United Arab Emirates and they decided to move to the United States and asked if I wanted to come as well."

Soon afterward, she made her first attempt at college.

"I started college in 1982 but didn't do well because my English wasn't very good," said Stephens.

Stephens later met her

future husband who was in the U.S. Army. They were married in 1987 and moved frequently as he was transferred to installations around the world. When he became ill, the Stephens family settled in Leesville where her sister and brother-in-law lived.

Stephens took classes at Northwestern State's Leesville/Fort Polk campus then finished her degree online.

"The faculty on the Leesville-Fort Polk campus were very helpful," said Stephens. "Most of the students were younger, but there were some around my age. They all encouraged each other."

Stephens completed all the face-to-face classes available in her degree program on the Leesville/Fort Polk campus then began taking classes online through NSU's electronic classroom.

"I loved taking classes online. That was the only way I could complete my degree," said Stephens.

On Friday, she will join two of her daughters, Rosa and Aimee Stephens, as NSU alumnae. Rosa is a 2006 graduate in social work. Aimee is a 2014 graduate in psychology.

"A lot of time I wanted to quit, but Aimee wouldn't let me," said Esther Stephens. "She told me that I started this and I needed to finish."

"I could not be happier for her," said Aimee Stephens. "She has worked so hard. I am

so proud of her. There were times when I kept her going. My sister and aunt encouraged her to start and my sister and I were able to take a class with her."

Stephens said earning a degree has also made her a better paraprofessional.

"I work with children who are in special education and I have learned how to work with them more effectively," she said.

Stephens is fluent in Arabic, English and French so language classes were easy for her. Like many students, especially those who have been out of school for a while, mathematics was a challenge.

"Math was the hardest," said Esther Stephens. "I had trouble using a calculator. One time, I asked the instructor if I could solve problems without it. He did that time, but insisted I learn to use a calculator and I got through it."

But Stephens is not through learning. She plans to take the summer off then take classes to prepare her for the PRAXIS examination.

"I'd like to be a kindergarten teacher," she said.

Based on the determination she has shown, that will soon happen.



Stephens

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Students and faculty in Northwestern State University's Department of Engineering Technology and Department of Fine and Graphic Art collaborated to produce a design for a miniature golf course to be constructed at the Leesville Municipal Golf Course. Plans, which were requested by the City of Leesville, were unveiled Wednesday. Seated from left are students Jessica Cross, Katherine Benson, Mitchell Landry and Ashton Sanford. Standing are student Ethan Perkins, Professor of Art Mirla Enriquez, Dr. Ali Ahmad, head of the ET Department; Professor of Engineering Technology Dr. Mohammed Benalla, NSU President Dr. Jim Henderson, Leesville Mayor Rick Allen and Matt DeFord, head of the Department of Fine and Graphic Art.

Students unveil design for mini golf course

A design created by several Northwestern State University students was selected for the City of Leesville's miniature 18-hole golf course, which will be constructed at the Leesville Municipal Golf Course. According to officials, the course was designed to be challenging, aesthetically pleasing and incorporates themes that reflect the history and culture of the city of Leesville and Vernon Parish. The course is reconfigurable and was designed to withstand the rigors of high traffic.

The plans were announced during a press conference Wednesday, April 27 at the site of the proposed miniature golf course at the Leesville Country Club.

Dr. Mohammed Benalla, a professor in NSU's Department of Engineering Technology, worked with

Mirla Enriquez, a professor in the Department of Fine and Graphic Art, on the interdisciplinary project to produce a proposal for the design, along with graphic illustrations highlighting various themes. Involved with this project are engineering technology students Ethan Perkins of Leesville and Mitchell Landry of Doyline and art students Ashton Sanford of Calvin, Jessica Cross of Natchitoches and Katherine Benson of Leesville.

"The department worked with the Leesville mayor's office and produced a detailed engineering drawing based on the proposed dimensions of the mini-golf course," Benalla said. "Further discussions with the mayor's office identified the need to incorporate different design themes that reflect the history of the city of Leesville, which include No

Man's Land, the railroad, the timber boom and Fort Polk. This project manifests interdisciplinary collaboration between the engineering technology and the art departments. This project allowed students to work together in order to generate solutions conveying architectural engineering design with layout design illustrations."

"We are absolutely thrilled with what these students have created," said Leesville Mayor Rick Allen. "Not only do we now have a detailed, scaled design for a new mini golf course, we've also got a design that is very unique and reflects the culture and history of the town we all love. We are so grateful that these professors and these students saw the value of working on this project. It helps them to become better at what they do, and it helps us to become a better City."

The miniature golf course can be built in-house by City of Leesville staff, but will require funding and sponsorship. A funding campaign has already been launched and sponsorships are now available for purchase. For more information on becoming a donor or a sponsor, please contact Tammy Sharp with the City of Leesville at (337) 238-2283.

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told the NCHS students gathered around the mock crash how he lost his brother and best friend when he was 19-years-old. A drunk driver killed them both when he ran his vehicle into theirs. Atteridge said what most people don't realize is the trauma that comes after the accident. The families of the victims are destroyed. He said that each student has a responsibility to their families to not make a bad decision, which would destroy multiple lives.

Participants included the Natchitoches Fire and Police Departments, Air Life Rescue, and the Natchitoches Coroners Office.

DHH Secretary Bruce Greenstein said, "We have a

responsibility as a Department and as parents in protecting our children from the dangers of underage drinking. Study after study demonstrates that when kids begin drinking at an early age, they're more prone to addiction and diseases that severely hinder their quality of life.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), underage drinking has a tremendous impact on the health and safety of consumers, including:

- Children who are drinking alcohol by 7th grade are more likely to report academic problems, substance use and delinquent behavior in both middle school and high

school;

- Teen alcohol use kills about 6,000 people each year, more than all illegal drugs combined; and

- Louisiana has consistently been above the United States average for fatal vehicle crashes involving alcohol.

"Unfortunately, teens are overrepresented in traffic crashes, and the use of alcohol is often a contributing factor. Our teens continue to have alcohol accessible to them, and the bad decision to illegally consume alcohol is turning into tragic results when they get behind the wheel of a vehicle," said Lt. Col. John LeBlanc, executive director of the Louisiana Highway Commission.



Participants in the mock crash demonstration, from left, are Raegan Lindsey, Mickenzie Maley, Dorothy Kerry, Brittany Miller, Taylor Nichols, Corey Gallion, Alex Guillory, Counselor Robin Guillory, Patricia Penny, Shannon Tucker, Cody Lacaze, Ashante Knox, Ia Sarpy, Bro. Charlie Sabin, Kaitlin Hatten and Karlie Stoker. Not pictured is Thurman Miller.



After stumbling from her car, beer in hand, mock crash participant Kaitlin Hatten tries to check on the passenger of the car she ran into. Pictured above right, an ambulance waits to take one of the victims from the car crash to the hospital, while the helicopter from Life Air Rescue prepares to transport one of the teenagers who was critically injured in the demonstration.

NPD arrests two people on narcotics charges

Natchitoches Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force Agents conducted a search warrant and arrested two people on narcotics charges.

Task Force agents executed a search warrant April 24 at 239 Mike Johnson Road in Campti and arrested Sammy Deval Pottain, 30. The search came after numerous complaints of illegal drug sales in the area. Pottain was arrested on an outstanding warrant for distribution of CDS Schedule II methamphetamine. Agents seized a .380 caliber handgun, 2 grams of suspected high grade marijuana, eight capsules of suspected Kratom, two digital scales, 38 grams of suspected methamphetamine and an assortment of drug paraphernalia.

He was charged with distribution and intent to distribute of CDS Schedule II methamphetamines; possession of

drug paraphernalia, marijuana, firearm in presence of CDS and possession of firearm by a convicted felon.

Holt was charged with letting a disorderly place, possession of drug paraphernalia, Tramadol and Clonazepam.

The owner of the residence, Charlotte Gallien Holt, 48, was not there but she was charged with letting a disorderly place and possession of drug paraphernalia. Agents found Holt in possession of Tramadol and Clonazepam pills. Both sus-



Pottain



Holt

pects are awaiting bond.

The Natchitoches Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force official would like to thank the citizens of Natchitoches for their support. He said that many times an investigation begins with phone call or tip from a concerned citizen. The Task Force encourages everyone to report crimes in their neighborhoods anonymously by calling 357-2248, The Natchitoches Police Dept. or the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office.

Fire District seeks board member

There is an immediate vacancy on Natchitoches Parish Fire District #2 Board. Any resident of the District interested in serving on the Board may submit their name and contact information by mailing it to the Office of the President, P. O. Box 799, 200 Church Street, Natchitoches 71458-0779, or by calling Lynda Vance at 352-2714, or by sending an email to admin@npgov.org to receive the application instructions.



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Job Fair set for May 26 in Bossier

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1A:
(8) Catholic-Pointe Coupee 8, (6) St. Mary's 3

B:
(1) Florien 7, (2) Holden 0

C:
(1) Hackberry 10, (3) Plainview 4

SLC baseball standings

(As of Thursday, May 5)

Southeastern	18-3
Sam Houston State	17-4
Lamar	16-5
NSU	14-10
McNeese State	13-11
Nicholls	10-11
Central Arkansas	10-11
Stephen F. Austin	11-13
New Orleans	9-12
Houston Baptist	9-12
Abilene Christian	5-16
Incarnate Word	5-16
A&M Corpus Christi	4-17

Toledo Bend to host memorial fishing tournament

Toledo Bend will host the Dylan Kyle Poche memorial fishing tournament Sunday, May 8 at the Cypress Bend Boat Launch. The tournament is from 7 a.m.-3 p.m.



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Registration is \$100 will a maximum of two per boat and will be available Sunday morning from 4:30 a.m.-6:30 a.m.

For more information contact Burt Poche at 318-652-3176 or 318-652-7192.

Demon football team sets home opener for Sept. 8

For a third straight year, Northwestern State's football home opener will be played on a Thursday night in Turpin Stadium with the annual "White Out" game against Southland Conference rival Incarnate Word set up as an opportunity for national television exposure.

NSU will host UIW at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, not on Saturday, Sept. 10, as initially announced last year. It's the second game on the Demons' 2016 schedule after a Sept. 3 opener at Baylor, and it will kick off a nine-game Southland Conference schedule.

The Southland will announce network affiliations for the game, and other contests in its television slate, prior to the annual Southland Conference Football Kickoff media day on July 27.

"We've had great response with our last two home openers played on Thursday with the White Out promotion so when this opportunity developed, we were very interested," said NSU director of athletics Greg Burke.

Demons' coach Jay Thomas embraced the opportunity.

"I think it's great for our fans, for our students, to play the first home game on Thursday night. We should have a packed house to open the Southland Conference season, and it could get us national TV exposure. That's a big win for our university," he said.

St. Mary's softball team is runner-up in state tourney

By Chris Salim
Sports Editor

The sixth-ranked St. Mary's Lady Tigers softball team gave their fans a weekend they will never forget April 29-30 at Frasnch Park in Sulphur. They finished runner-up in the 1A State Championship of the Fast 56 Tournament. They lost to Catholic-Pointe Coupee 8-3.

The Lady Tigers opened the weekend beating third-ranked Hanson 10-6 in 12 innings in the quarterfinals Friday.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first. Maddy Matt reached on an error and stole second base to lead off the game. She scored later in the inning on an RBI groundout by her sister, Meredith. Makenzie Methvin capped off the first inning scoring with 2-run single.

Hanson quickly cut the lead to one scoring two runs on two hits in the bottom of the first.

St. Mary's pitcher Meredith Matt and Hanson pitcher Sarah Sonnier settled down after rocky first inning.

Matt and Sonnier got through the second and third innings without allowing a base runner.

Hanson tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the fourth on a sacrifice fly by Sonnier.

The Lady Tigers threatened in the top of the fifth inning. Ragan Hale led off with a single and stole second base. However, she was thrown out at third on a bunt attempt later in the inning.

Hanson took advantage of the Lady Tigers' missed opportunity. They scored three runs on three hits and an error in the bottom of the fifth to take a 6-3 lead.

The Lady Tigers' season was hanging in the balance. Maria Bienvenu drew a one-out walk in the sixth inning. The next batter struck out. Lauren Vienne, then, drew a two out walk setting the stage for one of the most dramatic moments in St. Mary's softball history.

After a pass ball, the Lady Tigers had runners at second and third with two outs for Maddy Matt. She crushed a 3-run homer over the left center field wall tying the game at 6-6 sending the St. Mary's faithful into a thunderous cheer.

"I was really just thinking I needed to try to get the other two runners home some how," said Matt. "And when the ball left the bat I was sprinting out

SMH baseball team falls to Catholic-P.C. 4-1

By Chris Salim
Sports Editor

The St. Mary's baseball team's offense sputtered in Tuesday night's 4-1 loss to the 13th-ranked Catholic-Pointe Coupee Hornets in the second round of the 1A playoffs at home. The Tigers' season ended at 20-11.

The Hornets struck first scoring a run in the first inning on an RBI groundout.

The Tigers tied the game in the second inning. Donovan Ohnoutka led off with a walk.

Cole Zeagler sacrificed him to second base. Matt Nelson, who pinch ran for Ohnoutka, stole third base. Moments later, Cody Woodard hit an RBI single to right field tying the game at 1-1.

The Hornets regained the lead in the third inning. They scored a run without put a ball in play. They loaded the bases after drawing two walks and a hit-by-pitch. With two outs, they took advantage of wild pitch scoring a run to take a 2-1 lead.

The Tigers threatened in the bottom of the 3rd. Matt Gallien was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning and stole

of the box thinking about maybe an inside the park homerun but it went over the fence and I saw coach Liz (Jonson) cheering."

Despite the momentum shifting to the Lady Tigers, this game was far from over.

Hanson threatened in the bottom of the seventh. They put a runner at second with two outs. The next batter hit a line drive to center but Maddy Matt made a running catch to save the game and the season.

Both team battled ferociously as each inning pasted.

The Lady Tigers threatened in the eighth and ninth innings. They loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth but failed to score after a groundout. Then they put two runners on with two outs in the ninth but a groundout ended another scoring chance.

Meanwhile Matt was in control. She set down Hanson in order in the eighth and ninth innings.

In the 10th inning, the Lady Tigers defense stepped up again. With the winning run at second base, Methvin made a terrific running catch near the right field line to end the inning keeping the Lady Tigers' hopes alive. Not lost in the frantic extra innings was the defense of the Lady Tigers' middle infield. Hale at shortstop and Reagan Davis at second were phenomenal. They combined for 11 put outs.

The Lady Tigers nearly broke through in the eleventh inning. They loaded the bases with only out but Sonnier escaped. She got a strikeout and a lineup to end the inning.

Hanson, got the lead off batter on in their half of the eleventh. Meredith Matt retired the next two hitters but that left the winning run at third base. The next batter hit a laser to left field that looked like the game-winner. But Chloe Longlois came streaking in to make the catch as a collective sigh of relief came from the St. Mary's fan section followed by a massive cheer.

The Lady Tigers' will finally prevailed in the top of the 12th. They quick loaded the bases with nobody out.

Olivia Miller and Meredith Matt smacked back-to-back RBI singles to give SMH an 8-6 lead. Later in the inning, Methvin drew an RBI walk to make it 9-6. Bienvenu added an insurance run on an RBI groundout making it 10-6 and

outs then scratched across a run on an infield single to make it 4-1.

The Tigers appeared to have new life in the sixth inning. With one out, Warner Lee singled to right field and advanced to second on a heady basing running play. Neither middle infielder covered the bag after the throw back into the infield and Lee sprinted into second base. After a strikeout, Gallien walked putting the tying in the box. But Grezaffi got another strikeout to end the inning and the Tigers' hopes of advancing.

SMH went down quietly in the seventh inning as the Hornets picked up the upset win.

The Hornets' patience at the plate was the difference. They drew seven walks and were hit by a pitch four times.

Grezaffi pitched a complete game allowing one earned run, six hits, five walks and struck out 10.

Zeagler led the Tigers going 3 for 3 with three singles. Lee and Ohnoutka each had a hit.

The Hornets will face fifth-ranked Hanson in the quarterfinals.



The Lady Tigers posed after their 10-8 win over second-ranked Cedar Creek in the semi-finals Saturday. On front row from left are Kenzie Lipa, Isabella Peluso, Hailey Seaman and Saige Doty. On back row are Sara Loach, Reagan Davis, Jensen Parker, Keslie Ward, Ragan Hale, Lauren Vienne, Makenzie Methvin, Olivia Miller, Meredith Matt, Maddy Matt, Maria Bienvenu, Cheyenne Doty and Chloe Longlois. The team runner-up photo was unavailable.

Hanson down to their final three outs.

Meredith Matt closed the door with ease. She struck the first hitter out and Longlois made two more running catches in left field to clinch the win for the Lady Tigers in a three-hour and 22-minute marathon.

Matt pitched all 12 innings allowing four earned run, nine hits, no walks and five strikeouts. She threw 137 pitches.

Hanson's Sonnier allowed seven earned runs, 10 hits, struck out nine and walked 14. She threw an unheard of 244 pitches.

The Lady Tigers had to refocus as they advanced to the semi-finals against second-ranked Cedar Creek Saturday.

The Lady Tigers took control in the fourth inning. They trailed 2-1 entering the top of the fourth but erupted for six runs to take a 7-2 lead. They extended their lead to 10-3 going to the bottom of the sixth.

Cedar Creek put pressure on the Lady Tigers as they scored five runs making it 10-8 SMH.

But, once again, Meredith Matt showed her resilience. She brushed off her rocky sixth inning and retired the side in order in the seventh. The Lady Tigers stormed the field as they had clinched a berth in the 1A state championship game against the eighth-ranked Catholic-Pointe-Coupee Lady Hornets.

The Lady Tigers had a chance at redemption after losing the Lady Hornets 7-0 in



St. Mary's Maddy Matt crushed a 3-run homer during Friday's 12-inning 10-6 win over third-ranked Hanson in the quarterfinals.

the quarterfinals last year.

Unfortunately, things started out roughly for the Lady Tigers. Catholic-Pointe-Coupee scored four runs in the first and one in the second jumping out to a 5-0 lead.

The Lady Tigers refused to throw in the towel despite the rough start.

In the bottom of the third they scored two runs on an RBI bunt single by Miller and an RBI groundout by Davis.

The Lady Hornets quickly answered scoring two runs in the fourth inning retaking a 5-run lead 7-2.

The Lady Tigers threatened in the fifth and sixth innings but never got closer than five as Catholic-Pointe-Coupee went on to claim the 1A title. The Lady Tigers' magical run came to end with a record of 23-10.

"I'm extremely proud of my girls," said head coach Elizabeth Jonson. "Not just for wins, but for the fact that they competed with unwavering belief. We worked going into playoffs on practicing in pressure situations, as I knew that would be the biggest obstacle and clearly they succeeded in that aspect. These kids have always done everything I've asked them to, with a smile on their face and I'm so glad they got to reap the benefits. Yes, we are disappointed that we didn't win it all, but this run was still a lasting experience that I, and these girls, will hold onto for a long time. It also gives us fuel to continue working to get better. I'm thankful to the girls, the St. Mary's family and the whole Natchitoches community for making this such a memorable year."



The Natchitoches Central track team had several qualify for the state meet May 7 at LSU. Jasmine Hall, Aisha Latchie, Victoria Carroll and Chantrice Coleman advanced in the 4x200 relay. Hailey Sanchez will compete in the discus and shotput. Erin Palisi will be in the pole vault. Ryan Woodard will compete in the high jump. Hall will also be in the 400 and 100-meter dash. On front row from left are Coleman, Latchie and Hall. On back row are coach Austin Brown, Woodard and Sanchez. Not pictured are Palisi and Carroll.

NSU baseball team sweeps Texas A&M Corpus Christi, extends winning streak to six

By Jason Pugh
NSU Sports Info Office

A pair of long waits came to an end for the Northwestern State baseball team Sunday.

After waiting 36 hours to complete the middle game of their series with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the Demons polished off their first sweep of Southland Conference play on Kelsey Richard's ninth-inning walk-off single that lifted NSU to a 6-5 victory in the series finale.

"I'm proud of our guys," fourth-year coach Lane Burroughs said. "We came back for Game 2 - the first game today - and we didn't get the runners in from second and third, but Jeff Stovall pitched a whale of a game, and we were able to hold on. Great job (in the ninth inning of Game 3) by Dave (Fry) getting on. Daniel Garner, who's not used to bunting, lays down a perfect bunt. Then, Kelsey gets the 2,000 hopper through the left side, and we walk them off for the second time this weekend."

The wins gave Northwestern State (25-18, 14-10) a season-long six-game win streak with Richard's walk-off single matching Garner's from Friday's series opener.

After scoring a pair of runs in the ninth inning of the opener, the Islanders (14-29, 4-17)

kept the offensive momentum going, stringing together four second-inning hits and taking advantage of a Demons error to take a 4-0 lead.

Northwestern State, however, battled back against Islanders left-hander Chris Falwell, who pitched the finale instead of his typical Friday-night start.

With relievers Nathan Jones and Devin Bear keeping Texas A&M hitless through the seventh inning, the Demons chipped away at Falwell with single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings and took advantage of a pair of Islanders errors in the seventh to tie the game.

Cort Brinson lined an RBI double to left field in the seventh as part of his 4-for-5, three-RBI game. Brinson's first four-hit game of the season capped a weekend in which he went 7-for-12 against Islanders pitching.

"Regan Kaufman, earlier in the game, has a chance to not run one out," Burroughs said. "He's got a bum wheel and hits into a 4-6-3 double play, but he beats it out and we score a run. A hard 90 from a guy with a bad leg, that's winning baseball right there."

Freshman Austin Reich (2-0) tossed two perfect innings, striking out three to put the Demons in position to collect

their first conference sweep, which came in the eighth week-end of Southland play. In 2015, the Demons swept three conference series, including the opening series at Lamar.

"I know my team's always going to be there to back me up," Reich said. "I'm going to go out there and throw strikes, fill it up and make them have to hurt me. If I'm confident in my team and in myself, I think we have a shot to win."

The Demons' offense backed up Reich in the decisive ninth inning.

Fry battled back from an 0-2 count to line a full-count single through the left side of the infield off Chris Cooper (1-2) before Garner bunted him to second. Matt Valdez drilled a ball to the left-center field gap that Zacarias Hardy hauled in just shy of the warning track before Richard beat the shift with an 0-1 single between third base and shortstop. Fry raced home standing to give NSU its third walk-off win of the year and second in three days.

"Valdy hit a ball hard, but David didn't get to tag," Richard said. "The wind held the ball up. My job is just to get that guy in no matter what. I didn't see the shift until I was running down to first. That was a little exciting. We're just staying in the moment, a next-



NSU Kelsey Richard attempts a bunt during Sunday's 6-5 win over Texas A&M Corpus Christi. He smacked a game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the ninth.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

guy-up approach. If I don't get it done, I trust the guy behind me will."

In the completion of Friday's suspended game, Stovall worked two perfect innings in relief of Chase Hymel (3-5), who shut out the Islanders on five hits before lightning and eventual thunderstorms rendered Brown-Stroud Field unplayable on Saturday.

Stovall ran into trouble in the ninth when the Islanders turned a single and two doubles into two runs with one out before the Demons right-hander got a called strike three and a foul out to end the game, preserving NSU's 4-2 victory and earning his second save of the season.

"It was good to sweep," said Burroughs, whose team moved into fourth place in the

Southland standings, one game ahead of McNeese. "We had two walkoff wins, and I feel like we're playing our best baseball at the right time of the year."

The Demons step out of conference play for their next three games as they head to Arkansas State for a three-game weekend series. Game one is scheduled for 6 p.m. in Jonesboro, Ark.

NSU softball team's hopes for SLC Tournament spot take hit, lose series to Stephen F. Austin

By Matt Vines
NSU Sports Info Office

Northwestern State's post-season hopes took a hit Sunday as Stephen F. Austin singled in the eventual game-winning run in the seventh inning, topping the Lady Demons 7-6.

SFA's Taylor LeFlore (2-for-4) poked a two-out single to right field for the lead, and NSU stranded the tying run on second base in the bottom of the seventh inning.

NSU (25-24, 8-16 SLC) dropped two out of three to SFA this weekend before the final three-game set at home against Southeastern (22-30, 5-19 SLC) starting Friday.

Unofficially, NSU needs to sweep Southeastern and have No. 6 seed Sam Houston State (19-30, 11-13 SLC) lose all three games at SFA (24-25, 12-11 SLC) to qualify for the conference tournament.

The Lady Demons held separate leads of two and three runs Sunday, but SFA answered each time.

NSU junior Brittny Jones started the scoring with a two-run home run off starter

Callee Guffey. Senior Natalie Landry piled on with a solo home run to boost NSU's lead to 3-0, and Guffey was replaced after the first inning.

SFA's Brittany Lewis (1-for-3), who hit a crucial grand slam in the Ladyjacks 5-3 win Friday, came through again with a three-run home in the third inning to tie the game at 3-3. Lindsay Campbell (2-for-3) led off the inning with a double, and Autumn Holloway drew a walk to bring up Lewis.

The Ladyjacks extended their lead to 4-3 with a Campbell RBI-single to score Annie Mehringer, who led off with a double.

But Landry (2-for-4, four RBIs) wouldn't let her team down. The Denham Springs native smacked a three-run home run - her second of the game and third of the series - push NSU back to a 6-4 lead. Freshmen Kayla Roquemore and Kaylee Isenburg drew walks to reach base.

Landry moved into fourth all-time on NSU's career home list with 33 (13 this season), passing teammate Brittany Jones (31 career, nine this sea-

son). Landry has a pair of two-run home run games in her career, both occurring this season. Landry's 42 RBIs also tie junior Kellye Kincannon for the team lead.

That lead didn't stand long as Mehringer (2-for-4, two RBIs) tied the game again (6-6) with a two-run home run. She scored LeFlore after a leadoff single. A total of five home runs were hit Sunday, but SFA had the overall hits edge 9-4.

NSU pitcher Micaela Bouvier (14-10), who shut out SFA in a 4-0 win in the series opener, took the loss with seven runs on nine hits and two walks.

SFA reliever Makayla Sikes (7-10) got the win with three runs on one hit in six innings.

The Lady Demons haven't missed the Southland Conference tournament since 2012, winning tournament titles in 2013 and 2014 before reaching the 2015 tournament finals.

LSU softball team sweeps Arkansas, wins 9-1

By Clyde Verdin
LSUSports.Net

Coming off of a dramatic victory to claim the series Saturday night, the No. 12 LSU softball team left little doubt on Sunday as the Tigers scored three runs in the first three innings and exploded for six more in the sixth to earn a sweep of the Arkansas Razorbacks with a 9-1 win, claiming the program's 1,000th victory in the process.

The Tigers (40-13, 13-11 Southeastern) produced all nine runs on 10 hits on the afternoon, getting a pair of three-RBI days from Bianka Bell and Savannah Jaquish, while Sydney Smith scattered four hits as an unearned run was all that crossed the plate as LSU closes SEC play with its second consecutive sweep against a league opponent and extending its winning streak to 10 games.

"It's tough to get three wins against anyone in the

country, much less the SEC, so it's nice to see our team come away with three wins this weekend," head coach Beth Torina said. "We may not be in the spot where we expected to be at this point in the year, but I think we are a team that's playing good softball with everything this group wants to accomplish still within striking distance."

Jaquish finished the day leading all players going 3-for-4 with a double, three RBIs and a run scored, while Bell finished 2-for-4 with a double and hitting her 11th home run of the season in the victory with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Sydney Smith (10-2) earned her third-straight victory in the circle and has not allowed an earned run to cross the

plate in each of her last four appearances, striking out four and scattering four hits in the complete game victory. Smith needed just 79 pitches to get through the Razorback (17-36, 1-20) order, retiring the side in three of the six innings in the contest.

Sydney did a great job, and that's three weeks in a row that she's really carried us in games," Torina said. "She's performed really well and it's been nice watching her grow all season."

Grace Moll (12-29) suffered the loss after allowing all nine runs on 10 hits with six walks and four strikeouts in 5.2 innings of work. Peyton Carter got the final out and allowed a walk in that third of an inning. Tori Cooper led Arkansas at the plate going 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Patriots are 2017 Super Bowl favorites following NFL Draft

Despite Tom Brady's pending four-game suspension, the New England Patriots are once again the favorites to win Super Bowl LI, according to updated odds released by the Westgate Las Vegas SuperBook. With the 2016 NFL draft officially in the books, the Westgate SuperBook has released updated Super Bowl odds, as well as lines on games of the year, divisional odds and season win totals.

The Patriots are favored at 6-1, while the Seattle Seahawks, Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers are tied at 8-1. The Carolina Panthers, at 9-1, are the only other team with odds of better than 14-1. The

Patriots are also among five teams, joining Carolina, Green Bay, Pittsburgh and Seattle, with the highest season win total projection at 10.5. New England is favored to win the AFC at 3-1 and the AFC East at 4-9.

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Events

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New Life Publishing Co. will host an Author's Expo Saturday, May 7 on the downtown riverbank. It will feature local authors, musicians and entertainment. For more information call Loretta Davis at 1-877-333-3747.

In conjunction with National Small Business Week, May 1-7, the LSBDC Natchitoches Service Center, located on the Northwestern State University campus, South Hall, Suite 211 will host its Open-House Thursday, May 5, from 2-4 p.m. Dr. Jim Henderson, and Natchitoches Mayor Lee Posey will attend the event at 3 p.m.

The Childcare and Preschool Programs and Recruitment Day will be Thursday, May 5 from 4-6 p.m. at the Natchitoches Center. This event is for all families of children, ages birth to 4. Take copies of Social Security cards, birth certificates, proof of income, proof of residency

and immunization (shot) records.

Children's Book Week is May 2-5 and to celebrate Natchitoches Parish Library will be showing movies each day at 4 p.m. in the children's computer lab. On Thursday, May 5 at 9 a.m. children can see a performance by magician David Scott and get information about the library's summer reading program.

The City of Natchitoches will host Summer Splash Thursday, May 5 from 4-6 p.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center. Summer Splash showcases educational, recreational and social youth programs taking place in Natchitoches this summer. Local groups will distribute information and registration forms for a variety of summer programs including vacation Bible school, sports camps, art camps, science camps and more.

Cane River National Heritage Area, Inc. (CRNHA) and the US Army Corps of Engineers will host a daylong family friendly open house

Saturday, May 7 from 12-5 p.m. at the Grand Ecote Visitor Center. The event entitled, Rhythm and Birds will provide visitors with an opportunity to enjoy Grand Ecote's displays, grounds, and stunning view of the Red River all while learning about wildlife conservation and birding in Louisiana.

The Parish will hold a special call meeting Monday, May 9 at 5 p.m. at the Natchitoches parish Courthouse in the meeting room on the second floor to discuss levying millage rates for the 2016 tax year.

The Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District will meet Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at the Natchitoches parish Courthouse.

The Chateau Saint Denis Hotel will hold a job fair at the Natchitoches Events Center May 12-13. Positions being interviewed for will include Front Office Manager, Sales Manager, Executive Housekeeper, Food and Beverage Staff, Housekeeping Staff, Front Desk and Reservations Staff and Maintenance Support Staff. Applications may be picked up at the Natchitoches Events Center in advance of the job fair. For more information,

call (318) 238-7500 or visit www.ChateauSaintDenis.com. Job fair times are as follows:

- Thursday, May 12 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Thursday, May 12 from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursday, May 12 from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Friday, May 13 from 7 a.m.-10 a.m.

National Astronomy Day is Saturday, May 14 and astronomer Joey Matheson will have some of his star-gazing equipment set up to show children at the Natchitoches Parish Library from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

A Timber Marketing Workshop will be Friday, May 20 at the Winn Parish Library from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. This workshop is free. Learn more about forest health, forest best management practices, timber management and marketing plans, financial considerations, managing for multiple use and timber marketing resources. Four CLE credit hours will be awarded. Pre-Registration is recommended. To sign up contact Trailblazer RC&D at 318-255-3554.

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The Northwest La. Veterans Job and Resource Fair will be Thursday, May 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Bossier Civic Center in Bossier City. The center is at 620 Benton Road. For more information call (318)676-7748. The fair is for active duty, veterans, Guard and Reserves and the general public.

Block Builders Club will meet at the Natchitoches Parish Library Tuesday, May 31, at 4 p.m. for Lego building fun.

Natchitoches Parish School Board Supervisor Anita Dubois is accepting donations of used school uniforms, shoes and uniform accessories at the central office at 310 Royal St. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Airport Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 5 p.m. at Natchitoches Regional Airport. But in February, the commission will meet Tuesday, Feb. 16 because of President's Day on Monday. The regular schedule will resume in March.

The Natchitoches Tax Commission will meet for the following dates at 9 a.m. at 220 East Fifth St. Meetings are open to the public. The next meetings are May 18 and June 15. These dates are may change with prior notice.

The Natchitoches Parish Library holds Story Time Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

The League of Women Voters meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Front Street Marketplace, formerly Cane Brake Cafe. The League is a non-partisan group and is open to the public. For more information, call Ann Manger at 238-4781 or Dian Snowden at 352-9936. The meeting is open to the public and both women and men are welcome.

Natchitoches Young Professionals (NYP) is dedicated to developing the community's business leaders with membership available to anyone age 21-40 who lives, works, learns or plays in the Natchitoches area. NYP hosts a social every third Thursday of the month open to new attendees. For more information, visit the website at www.ChamberNYP.com; LIKE us on Facebook; and follow on Twitter and Instagram.

The NLHSD-Natchitoches, formerly the Natchitoches Mental Health and Addictive Disorders Centers, is open at 210 Medical Drive for clients in Natchitoches Parish. Appointments can be made by calling 357-3122 or walking in between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Faye Hobley at 357-3122 for more information.



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Natchitoches Special Education Department

Special Education Records Destruction Notice

The NSED, in accordance with state guidelines, will destroy all special education records of former students born Jan. 1, 1989 through Dec. 31, 1989. These records are no longer needed for educational purposes. All unclaimed records will be destroyed Friday, May 13. Anyone interested in obtaining these records or more information can call 318-352-2358 Cheryl Johnson ext. 1172, Beverly Bayonne at ext. 1182 or Markeisha White ext. 1166.

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Advice from #VegTogether campaign is to eat at least 3 times a day to improve general health

The Rapides Foundation is partnering with The Public Good Projects to kick off the #VegTogether media campaign to encourage Central Louisiana consumers to eat vegetables at least three times a day.

The #VegTogether campaign is being launched by the Foundation in Central Louisiana, and also serves as a project of A Healthy America, a national movement using prevention and the power of the media to solve our nation's greatest health problems. A Healthy America is led by The Public Good Projects, a nonprofit organization of media, marketing, and public health experts.

The Rapides Foundation is a grantmaking organization with the mission to improve the health status of Central Louisiana. The local #VegTogether campaign is funded by The Rapides Foundation as part of its Healthy Behaviors Initiative, which addresses important health behaviors including healthy eating, physical activity, tobacco use prevention and control, and substance/alcohol abuse prevention in order to promote health and prevent chronic disease.

The #VegTogether message to encourage consumers to include vegetables in more meals can be seen on broadcast and cable television, tra-



ditional and Internet radio, newspaper inserts, a variety of websites and social media platforms, and in grocery stores. The #VegTogether website will include videos, vegetable prep tips, and health facts related to vegetable consumption.

"The Foundation's Healthy Behaviors Initiative includes a focus on eating nutritionally balanced food because we understand how development of healthier behaviors can prevent illness and premature death," said Joe Rosier, President and CEO of The Rapides Foundation. "Our

partnership with The Public Good Projects to develop the #VegTogether media campaign provides an important tool in helping people move to a healthier lifestyle."

In the United States, the leading causes of death are heart disease, stroke and cancer – all diseases that eating more vegetables may prevent. Rates of heart disease, stroke and cancer are higher in Louisiana than in the United States as a whole.

More than four in five Americans do not eat enough vegetables, making vegetables the most under-consumed of all recommended foods. In The Rapides Foundation's nine-parish Central Louisiana service

area, only 30 percent of adults eat three or more servings of vegetables a day according to the Foundation's 2013 Community Health Assessment.

"Consumers are overwhelmed by the marketing of junk food," said Ruth Wooden, CEO of The Public Good Projects. "#VegTogether will use the marketing tactics proven effective by big brand food marketers to counter their efforts by promoting a healthy diet through the mass media."

Development of the #VegTogether campaign included feedback and collaboration from an Advisory Group made up of state and regional health organizations

and community partners including: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation; Food Bank of Central La.; Fresh Central; Keller Enterprises; LSU Ag Center; Market Umbrella; Office of Public Health, Region VI; Pennington Biomedical Research Center; and Southern Ag Center.

To learn about the #VegTogether campaign, see the videos and download veggie prep tips, visit www.VegTogether.org. The campaign will run for approximately three months and The Public Good Projects intends to evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign with surveys of adults in the region after completion.

Events

Events and meetings that appear in this column are open to the public.

Families First meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 at Reflections Outpatient Behavioral Health Center at 212 Medical Drive in Natchitoches. Families First strives to provide a safe and supportive environment to explore resources, treatment options, and focus on improving quality of life for individuals of all ages dealing with mental health issues. It is a comprehensive community support service for Natchitoches and surrounding communities providing free support and resources for families and friends of individuals dealing with mental health issues

Narconon reminds families that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or Prescription-abuse.org

The Community Services Division of the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office provides services to victims of domestic violence through its Crime Victims Assistance Program. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, call 238-7550, Monday-Friday, for assistance.

Weight Watchers meetings are Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at Lightway Nazarene Church at 112 East Fifth St.

Man pleads guilty to federal charges related to distribution of meth

MONROE, La. – United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that an El Paso man pleaded guilty last week to conspiring to transport and distribute methamphetamine.

Eduardo Guerrero, 24, of El Paso, Texas, pleaded guilty Friday before U.S. District Judge Robert G. James to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. According to the guilty plea, Louisiana State Police troopers conducted a traffic stop on a pickup truck traveling eastbound on Interstate 20 in Ouachita Parish in March of 2015. After a search of the vehicle, two gas tanks were found on the vehicle and one contained 16 gallons of liquid methamphetamine, which is approximately 28.8 kilograms of pure methamphetamine. The driver and passenger did not own the vehicle. Guerrero was determined to be the owner, and the driver said Guerrero had directed him to

Samantha Inocencio, authorized outreach specialist from The Food Bank of Central Louisiana, will assist with Food Stamp applications at the Council on Aging in Natchitoches the second Tuesday of every month from 9:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. For assistance or information call 318-792-4036 or 318-445-2773.

The Natchitoches Parish School Board is accepting donations of school uniforms, jackets, belts, etc. Donations may be dropped off at the NPSB on 310 Royal St. For more information contact Anita Dubois at 318-352-2358.

The MLK Center in Natchitoches offers HiSet Preparation classes. The classes are free and open to the public. The local program has experienced a high level of success with students that have reading levels down to and slightly below the seventh grade. Students are required to take a reading assessment after enrollment. Classes are scheduled on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. Students should be 19 or older. New classes or enrollment periods will start every eight weeks. The current session dates are Aug. 25-Nov. 26. The next session will begin in January 2016. For information call 357-3891.

The Natchitoches Hope for Paws meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Waskom Brown & Associates, located at 816 University Parkway, Ste. A. For more information, email HopeForPaws@natchitocheshopeforpaws@yahoo.com. The meetings are open to the public.

The City of Natchitoches Recreation Dept. presents an after school tutoring program at the John Below Center in Breda Town. The program is free to anyone between the ages of 5-12. The program days and times are Monday-Friday from 3-7 p.m. For more information, call Regina Layton at 318-357-3891.

The Natchitoches Parish

Housing Authority takes applications Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m.

The Natchitoches 911 Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Parish Council room on the second floor of the courthouse.

The Powhatan Volunteer Fire Dept. District 10 meets the

first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Master Gardeners of Natchitoches meet at the Arts Center the second Wednesday of every month. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. with refreshments at 9:30. Guests are welcome.

The Natchitoches Recycles Group will meet the third

Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center, located at 716 Second St.

The Natchitoches Kiwanis Club meets Thursdays at noon at the NSU Recreation Complex at 6604 Hwy. 1 Bypass.

The Natchitoches Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at noon at the Natchitoches Inn. For information call 357-8573.



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Northwestern State University Commencement Address of James L. Holly, MD 2016

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James L. Holly, MD-Class of 1965

Today, you stand upon the precipice of the rest of your life. Precipice, “a very steep side of a mountain where danger, trouble, or difficulty begins,” is not often used in this context. More often, one would choose threshold, which means, “the point at which something begins.” In actuality, both precipice and threshold apply to commencement.

Threshold speaks of opportunity while precipice warns of the risk of wrong choices, but, it is from the precipice that you can see the clearest and the farthest. At this moment of commencement, I adjure you to choose wisely, I challenge you to cross the threshold with the solemnity that it is also a precipice, as this day foreshadows great promise, it also harbors great risk. Today, your number includes you who are just beginning your journey, but also includes many who are in the autumn of your lives, as you began your journey, in this same place, fifty years ago.

Remember, the words of Minnie Haskins poem which stated:

“And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.” And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.” So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.” (The Gate of the Year, Minnie Louise Haskins, 1908)

In this setting, I place before you four admonitions:

1. Make a life
2. Pay your debt
3. Join a team
4. Prepare to be measured

Don't forget that those of you who begin today, will tomorrow join those who are in their autumn years. Without thoughtfulness, you will then lament, “Where did the years go?”

Make A Life

Some of you chose a degree program in order to make a “living”; you may be at the greatest risk as your ultimate task must be the making of a “life.” Sir Winston Churchill is credited with having said, “You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give.” Sometimes, we are so focused on the former that we fail to achieve the later.

“Giving” is not just related to money. And, the impact of what you “give” is not judged by the monetary value of the gift; it is judged by its cost to you. The commendation of the widow's mite was not assessed by its economic value, but by the fact it was all that she had. Second, don't wait until you have wealth in order to learn the art and the discipline of giving. Begin now, today, and maintain that “giving” spirit as long as you live.

When I was a sophomore at Northwestern State College, I was 18. I met a freshman who was shy and never smiled because his teeth were rotten and filled with cavities. I went to a dentist in Natchitoches and asked him what he would charge for a full-mouth extraction and to fit this young man with dentures. He gave me a price, and I asked if I could pay him the next summer when I would have a job. He agreed. I saw this young man's life transformed and I took my first serious step toward making a “life” out of the “living” I earned that next summer.

My wife and I taught school in Golden Meadow, Louisiana, our first year out of Northwestern. You would not believe how little we earned. The brightest young girl in my class was very poor and only attended school irregularly, but always made hundreds on tests. That year, Carolyn and I took Vivian shopping and bought her clothes including a red dress. That was 1965; in 2005, I was given her current address and I wrote her. I did not hear from her for a year.

When her response arrived it brought tears to my eyes. She said, “It has taken me a long time to write back. I have had a difficult life but things are better now. My children are doing well. When I was in the seventh grade a teacher and his wife bought me a red dress. Was that you? I wore it until it fell apart. It is the only dress I ever had.” Be a giver.

Third, give more than your resources, give your heart. A smile, a greeting, or a handshake often will do more for others than money. Recently, I entered a nursing home where as a physician, I have a prominent role. As I rounded a corner, I encountered a new janitor. I greeted him, stopped and shook his hand. This small gesture, done as a genuine affirmation of the value of our joint contribution to the health of the residents, was a great gift to him. But, as always, the giver receives the greatest return.

Opportunities to be a “giver” will abound in your life. Several years ago, my wife and I were having lunch at our regular Friday-noon restaurant. A new waitperson took our order and served us. She did a poor job but we were kind to her. And, though her performance did not warrant it, we gave her a gratuity. Ten days later, we saw this young woman walking down the mall. She had two children with her. They looked at their mother as if she were the Queen of England. I said to my wife, “Aren't you glad we were kind to her?” Always treat people the way you would hope they would be treated by their closest loved one.

Pay Your Debt

In his Letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul counseled, “Owe no man anything but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.” Throughout your life, you will incur “a debt of love.” In the context of your college graduation, you may say, “But I paid my tuition and my room and board, how could I owe a debt to Northwestern State University?”

First, your education cost more than you paid and second your professors gave you more of themselves than their salaries required. In addition, your fellow students invested in your life each day of your education. In the past four years, you have accumulated a “debt of love” toward the institution and the individuals of NSU.

A year ago, when my wife and I endowed a Distinguished Professorship and two scholarships at NSU, I asked the University not to announce the cost of the endowments. Why? Because more than a gift, they were installments paid upon a “debt of love” owed for fifty years and because the example was for others to be motivated to become “givers,” and the monetary value of the endowments was not the point.

In a moment, we will return to these first two principles but let me tell you that there is an alumnus of NSU, and it is not me, who has a vision of soliciting two pennies from every person in the United States of America for healthcare. What value could that be, you ask? It costs more to mint a penny than the face value of the penny. If two pennies cost two and a half cents to produce, how can a gift of two cents be a gift of value? It is the power of geometric progression. The reality is that if everyone gives two cents a day, \$1 billion dollars a year would be collected.

Join A Team

In his remarkable book, *The Fifth Discipline*, Dr. Peter Senge, addressed the value and the power of a team; he said:

“Most of us at one time or another have been part of a great ‘team,’ a group of people who functioned together in an extraordinary way – who trusted one another, who complemented each others' strengths and compensated for each others' limitations, who had common goals that were larger than individual goals, and who produced extraordinary results. I have met many people who have experienced this sort of profound teamwork – in sports, or in the performing arts or in business. Many say that they have spent much of their life looking for that experience again. What they experienced was a learning organization. The team that became great didn't start off great – it learned how to produce extraordinary results.”

If you are fortunate, you will be part of many teams in your life – some will come and go, some will be for a lifetime. Your marriage will be by its nature a team, as will your occupation but today, you join a team which is called, “The Alumni of NSU” or “The Long Purple Line.”

If, as an alumnus, you contribute to this new team your commitment to “making a life,” “paying your debt” and “being part of a team,” you should begin by giving \$10 a year to the NSU's student fund. By being a part of the alumnus team, If you add \$10 a year, in ten years you will be giving \$100 dollars a year. Continued until you are here for the fiftieth anniversary of this commencement, you will have given \$4,540 to your university. You will never have missed this money, just as today Carolyn and I do not miss the cost of dentures or the cost of a red dress.

If today's almost 1,000 new alumni do the same as you, in fifty years, the Class of 2016 will have contributed \$4,540,000 to NSU without accounting for interest. And, what if, the vision and commitment you begin today spreads to other classes, some older and some newer than yours? The potential is enormous. That is the power of a team.

Prepare to be Measured

Those of you here today for your fiftieth anniversary are in the autumn of your life. Remember the lyrics to *The September Song*, “But the days grow short when you reach September, When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame.” Do you remember, the spring time of your life; yes, it was just yesterday? It is in the autumn that we look back and measure ourselves.

How do you prepare to be measured a success? Winston Church said of himself, “Every night I try myself by court martial to see if I have done anything effective for the day. I don't mean just pawing the ground; anyone can go through the motions; but something really effective.” A life cobbled together with days of “effectiveness” will produce a life of worthiness.

Tremulously, in *Saving Private Ryan*, Ryan, now in his seventies, approached the headstone of Captain John Miller who gave his life that Ryan might live. In perhaps the most poignant moment in a great film, tears stream down his face, as Ryan plaintively said to his wife, “Tell me that I have lived a good life; tell me that I have been a good man.” The sacrifice of others, imposed upon Private Ryan a debt only a noble and honorable life could repay.

Everyone owes such a debt to someone. The circumstances of that debt may not be as dramatic, but it is just as real. Years ago, a man asked me, “Aren't you proud of what you have accomplished?” I said, “I have worked hard, but what I am is a result of the contributions of many. And, there are at least seven turning points of my life, in which it is obvious that without the providence of God my life would have been much different. Proud? Yes, but more grateful and humble than proud. And, ultimately, I am responsible for the gift of life given to me.

At the conclusion of the 1969 version of *Good-bye, Mr. Chips* (the earlier version was 1939 for which Robert Donat won the Academy Award for his role as Mr. Chips. He won over Clark Gable in *Gone With the Wind*) Peter O'Toole reviewed his life with the following words:

“I wonder if we were any use to them at all? I mean, What did we ever teach the boys? How to parse a sentence in ancient Greek? Was that going to help them today? Was it?”

I suppose we did teach them one thing; how to behave to each other. Yes, we did try to teach them that. Is there anything more important to teach people than that?”

Then walking from his lodgings to Brookfield School where he had taught for 64 years, remembering his beloved wife who had been killed in WWII, he sang:

“In the evening of my life I shall look to the sunset and a moment in my life when the night is due, and the question I shall ask, only you can answer, ‘Was I brave and strong and true, like you?’”

When Kent Keith was a sophomore at Harvard College in 1968, he said,

“I saw a lot of idealistic young people go out into the world to do what they thought was right, and good, and true, only to come back a short time later, discouraged, or embittered, because they got negative feedback, or nobody appreciated them, or they failed to get the results they had hoped for. I told them that if they were going to change the world, they had to really love people, and if they did, that love would sustain them. I also told them that they couldn't be in it for fame or glory. I said that if they did what was right and good and true, they would find meaning and satisfaction, and that meaning and satisfaction would be enough. If they had the meaning, they didn't need the glory.”

To encourage students and to sustain them in their journey, Keith wrote the *Paradoxical Commandments of Leadership*, which I commend to you today. They are:

1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway.
3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.
4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.
6. The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.
7. People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.
9. People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. Help people anyway.
10. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway. (© Copyright Kent M. Keith 1968, renewed 2001)

These realities may sound cynical but they are only a reflection of reality. Take these Commandments, make them your own and you will live a life of service and significance.

Congratulations and bon voyage.

Slice of Life

What's Natchitoches' superpower? Raising money for ACS!

By Joe Darby



I think that the verb people use when they want to say someone's making them go nuts is a very appropriate one. That verb, of course, is DRIVING, as in "You're driving me crazy." I say that because driving itself is pretty crazy these days.

They already have cars that can park themselves and they're testing cars that will drive themselves, with no input from the good ol' human being sitting behind the wheel. I say not just no to that idea, but heck no!

Then there are the texters. Tests have shown that texting while driving can be just as deadly as driving after sipping adult beverages all day.

Even some of the lucky ones never seem to learn.

Mary and I knew a sweet young lady who attended NSU a few years ago and she told us that while texting, she had side-swiped a bridge railing, much to the detriment of the side of her car and its wheels. But here's the kicker: "I didn't text and drive after that for three whole months," she said with pride, as I made a mental note to try to avoid her on the road.

I've noticed a couple of things about Natchitoches drivers, one very nice and the other not so.

First, you are just about the most courteous drivers I've ever seen. When in slow traffic, you almost always politely give way to someone trying to exit a parking lot or a side street. Thanks for that.

On the other hand, a lot of folks around here see a stop sign but they don't read "STOP." To them, the sign says, "Just slow down a second to see if anything's coming."

And some also like to perform a strange math operation. While driving in a residential neighborhood, like along Royal Street, they may see 25 mph on the speed limit sign, but they instantly convert that to 40 mph. Must be their own secret math formula.

And it's not just drivers that can be confounding. Look under the hood of a modern car and you'll see that the engine's pretty much covered over, as if warning us ordinary folks not to mess with it. If you don't have electronic diagnostic machines costing many thousands, you've got to leave it to the mechanics - at about \$100 or more an hour, I should add.

Of course, cars are generally far more reliable and trouble-free than ever before. I remember that most of my cars from the 1950s through the 80s spent a lot of time in the shop. Not so much any more.

But younger folks don't even remember the days when cars had no power steering or brakes, automatic transmissions or air conditioning, much less onboard computers!

I do remember. And I'm reminded of it every day with my 1939 Chrysler Imperial. The power steering is in my arms and the air conditioning is a big vent behind the hood that allows fresh air into the interior. The windows, of course, are rolled up and down with a crank. How neat. And automatic transmission? What's that?

But there's nothing finer than to get the ol' '39 out of the garage and drive Miss Mary somewhere. I take back what I said earlier. Driving ain't so crazy after all.

Darby, retired with his wife Mary to Natchitoches from New Orleans in 2006, where he worked for 41 years as a news reporter at the Times-Picayune. He still enjoys sitting down and expressing himself on paper, or should we say on a computer screen. He can be contacted at jdarby9@suddenlink.net.

Thirty-seven teams and nearly 400 participants helped raise \$88,676 for the American Cancer Society in the months leading up to this year's Relay for Life of Natchitoches Parish event.

About 300 people attended the all-night fundraising event at Northwestern State University April 22.

The theme was "Be a Hero's Hero."

The event included a survivor dinner, live entertain-

ment, food, children's activities and a luminaria ceremony.

Laurie Morrow, a breast cancer survivor, was the guest speaker at the event.

The Relay committee will continue fundraising through Aug. 31 toward its goal of \$96,000, said Danielle Antoon, senior community manager for Relay for Life.

The committee is planning a celebrity waiter event in June or July, she said.



Who's that masked superhero? It's none other than NSU President James Henderson at the Relay for Life fundraising event held April 22 at Northwestern.



Thirty-seven teams helped raise more than \$88,000 for the American Cancer Society at the Relay for Life. From left are Team NWLTC members Shelby Nichole Self, Laurie DeWitt Morrow and Rebecca Ronayne Hayes.



From left are Donna Walker and Craig Moran of the Northwest Louisiana Cancer Center's Fantastic 4 team, which paid tribute to those in the fields of medicine, fire protection, law enforcement and military.

See more Relay pictures on Page 3B.

Patton's traffic jam interrupts church service, exasperates priest

By Rickey Robertson

Possibly the greatest fighting general in the history of the United States Army was Gen. George S. Patton Jr.

He pushed both himself and his men tirelessly during the Louisiana Maneuvers of 1941 because he could see that America was being pushed into the war that was raging in Europe. Patton had been a mounted cavalry officer most of his career, and when he was chosen to become the commander of the 2nd Armored Division, many of the old mounted cavalry tactics that he had been taught he was able to use and perfect with his fast mechanized units.

During Phase 1 of the Louisiana Maneuvers of 1941, Patton and the 2nd "Hell on Wheels" Armored Division were assigned to the Red 2nd Army. The 2nd Armored was bivouacked across the Red River near Montgomery. On Sept. 15, 1941 at 5 a.m. the maneuver began.

Patton's reconnaissance, artillery, and various infantry units quickly crossed the Grand Ecure Bridge north of Natchitoches and turned westward toward the Sabine River. Gen. Ben Lear, commander of the Red 2nd Army, had ordered Patton and his armored units to attack all the way to the Sabine River on the western side of Many and then were to turn due south and launch a flanking attack against the Blue 3rd Army. If this southward flanking movement along the Many-Florien-Hornbeck-Leesville highway worked, the Red 2nd Army would be able to attack and capture Leesville and Camp Polk.

Patton's units travelled so fast that as the last units crossed the Grand Ecure Bridge in Natchitoches, his advanced units had already reached positions between Fort Jesup and Many. Joining Patton's convoys heading west were the 107th Cavalry Regiment and the 27th Infantry Division, who would guard his left flank from attack by the Blue 3rd army units. Always pushing his men to continue to advance,



This is the intersection on La. Hwy. 6 and old U.S. Hwy. 171 where the 2nd Armored Division became ensnarled in a traffic jam during the 1941 Louisiana Maneuvers and the site of General Patton bringing order to the chaos of the traffic jam. Photo taken in March 2016. (Robertson Collection)



Gen. George S. Patton Jr. was commander of the 2nd Armored Division as it came through Many, La. in 1941. He's shown wearing his "Hell on Wheels" Second Armored Division patch on his uniform. His encounter with Father J.A. Benoit at St. John's Catholic Church is now a Sabine Parish legend. (Robertson Collection)

at Fort Jesup his units attacked a mounted cavalry section of the Blue 1st Cavalry Division. This battle was fast and furious, with Patton right in the midst of it.

One of the 2nd Armored tanks during the heated engagement ran over and destroyed one of the historical markers at the site. He did not have time to stop because Patton was leading the advance westward and was shouting to his tanks to keep moving. The faster the 2nd Armored could reach its objective at Many the faster it could pivot and turn southward.

The 2nd Armored advanced quickly toward the town of Many. They encountered a massive traffic jam at the intersection of present day La. Hwy. 6 and old U.S. Hwy

171 at St. John's Catholic Church. At this intersection, Patton's units had to begin their turn southward as they attempted to turn the flank of the Blue 3rd Army. The single military policeman at this important intersection could not get the traffic jam of jeeps, trucks, civilian vehicles and tanks unsnarled and moving south again.

Up drove Patton in his command car and he jumped out and began shouting, cursing, and moving the men and vehicles.

With his loud bluster, Patton began to bring order out of the traffic chaos and the long columns of military vehicles began slowly moving south. But due to the loud cursing and obscenities the parishioners at St. John's Catholic Church had their



St. John's Catholic Church of Many as it looked during the Louisiana Maneuvers of 1941. (State Library of Louisiana www.state.lib.la.us)



St. John's Catholic Church photographed in March 2016 from the same angle as the 1941 photograph. (Robertson Collection)



St. John's Catholic Church in Many looking at it from the parking lot in March 2016. Beautiful architecture of the church is evident in the photograph. (Robertson Collection)

worship service completely disrupted!

Finally, the exasperated priest stopped Mass and walked outside to see what

was causing this massive disturbance outside the church. He immediately saw and con-

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Bonita Rowell and Laverne Moore, both employed at Mariner's Seafood, were recognized May 2 by the Louisiana Restaurant Association and the Natchitoches Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. From left are Rowell, Mariner's co-owners Jennifer Nichols and Lyssa Taylor and Moore. Not pictured is Mariner's co-owner Don Nichols.

'Legends' keep customers coming back

Two Natchitoches women have been recognized as "Legends" by the Louisiana Restaurant Association for their longtime dedication and service to the state's restaurant industry.

Bonita Rowell and Laverne Moore, both employed at Mariner's Restaurant, were recognized May 2 by the LRA and the Natchitoches Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Rowell has been a server at Mariner's for more than 21 years.

She is quite popular with the locals as many request her when they make their reservations, said Madeline DeBlieux

of the NACVB.

"She likes to say she has 'served doctors, lawyers and Indian chiefs,'" DeBlieux said. "She loves her job and gives credit to her customers, co-workers and working in a family business. She calls Don, Jennifer, and Lyssa her family."

Don and Jennifer Nichols and Lyssa Taylor are the owners of Mariner's.

Moore has been whipping up the greatest Southern recipes in the kitchen at Mariner's for 33 years.

From gumbo and etouffee to bread pudding and chocolate lush, she keeps the customers

coming back, DeBlieux said.

"She has loved working at Mariner's for many of the same reasons Bonita loves working at the family-owned restaurant," she said. "Laverne loves to learn new techniques, experiment and puts love in every dish."

DeBlieux said the NACVB congratulates these women for their service and thanks them for their love for the community and tourists. "To Laverne and Bonita, keep doing what you love; your service and delicious dishes are what make us keep coming back to dine at the Mariner's!" DeBlieux said.

Church News

Interfaith Fellowship of Covenant Churches will present the Rhema Fire Revival May 5-6 at 7 p.m. at Pentecost Baptist Church, 9425 Hwy. 1 in Natchez. Host pastor is Rev. Albert Gillie Sr. of St. Martha Baptist Church. Speakers are Charles R. W. Daniel, Louisiana State overseer, and Bishop Carey D. McCall, National Bishop and Founder.

Westside Baptist Church will have a spring cleaning sale in the gym May 7 from 7 am.-1 p.m. to raise money for shipping Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. For more information, call Westside Baptist Church at 352-2383.

Asbury United Methodist Church will host a program honoring its musicians on Saturday, May 7, at 6 p.m. Guest singers will be the male chorus of Walnut Hill St. Mary Baptist Church of Shreveport.

The Children of God Singers will celebrate their 27th anniversary Saturday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Singers are Deacon Obbie Gillie Jr., Delores Gillie Dorsey and Cynthia Gillie LeCoure. Guest speaker will be the Rev. James Below Jr. of Christian Worship Center of Campti. Other music includes St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Choir and Jody and Co. of Winnfield. Host pastor is Rev. Leo Walker St.

Emmanuel Chapel United Methodist Church will host Anniversary Appreciation

Services for Pastor Cynthia Lee Cole on Sunday, May 8 at 2:30 p.m. Guests will be Abundant Life International Church Ministry and their pastor, Rev. Steven Harris.

The Singing Stars will present their 17th annual musical on Saturday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Rock Island Baptist Church, 635 Dixie St. Choirs, groups and soloists are asked to render an A&B selection. For more information, call 357-0345.

Oak Grove Methodist Church will host its **Community Homecoming** Sunday May 15 with a memorial service to honor those in the community who have passed away. Music will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a service at 11:15 a.m. Dinner will follow in the fellowship hall.

St. Augustine Baptist Church Little River, along with Rev. Anthony Turner Sr., will celebrate Friends and Family Day Sunday, May 15 beginning at 11:30 a.m. followed by dinner at 1:30 p.m.

St. Paul Baptist Church of Lake End with pastor, the Rev. Lonnie Bradley, will celebrate the 116th Church Anniversary on Sunday, May 15, at 3 p.m. Pastor Altorio Holden Sr. and Living Word Ministries will be the guests. The church is located at 7362 Hwy. 1.

Grand Ecore Road Baptist Church, 1700 Washington St., will host its 63rd homecoming Sunday,

May 15, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow the morning services, and revival service Monday-Friday, May 16-20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. nightly. Guest evangelist is Dr. Richard Kaufman, pastor of Martin Baptist Church. Guest musicians are One Accord of Many.

"The Gathering," Faith Family Church's second annual spiritual rebirth jamboree, will be held Saturday, May 21 from 4-7 p.m. at the downtown riverbank stage. The free event will feature speakers Bro. Dustin Boudreaux of Faith Family Church and Bro. Tyrone Easterling of Love of God Agape Evangelistic Ministries. An anointed prayer team will be available during the event. Food and basic need items such as personal care products, household items and cleaning products will be distributed. Prizes and giveaways for children. For more information, call 663-7611.

St. Savior Baptist Church Cane River will host Family and Friends Day program Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. Special guests are Rev. Wesley Lott and Woodale Baptist Church of Alexandria. Rev. Henry Edwards is host pastor.

Pastor Ronnie Williams II will be celebrating three years of service at Rockford Baptist Church on Sunday, May 22. Pastor Joey Miller and Victorious Life Church of Coushatta will be the special guests. The program will begin at 3 p.m.

Doggie spa to open for one day

The Natchitoches Humane Society Bath and Nail Clip event will be Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Tractor Supply.

Baths are \$5 for dogs under 40 pounds and \$10 for larger

dogs. Nail clipping is \$5. Owners are asked to bring their own towels.

The Humane Society needs volunteers for the event. To volunteer, call 471-0546 or 471-6624.

Patton...

fronted Patton and asked him to please lower his voice and quit his cursing as he was attempting to conduct worship services.

Patton did not argue or bicker with the priest.

This may be the first time he was ever corrected and called down!

Instead of lashing back at the priest, he apologized and turned the traffic control duties back over to the military policeman. As he mounted his command car Patton saluted the priest and headed south with his advancing tanks! This story was repeated by the Catholic priest who

was assigned to this parish for years after this event. He never forgot his face-to-face meeting with Patton in the middle of the street in the midst of the traffic jam.

Betty Skinner of the Belmont community has been a parishioner at St. John's since she was a little girl living about 3 miles outside of Many on Shuteye Road. She said that upset priest at St. John's was Father J. A. Benoit and he was the one who called down Patton as he ranted and raved at the traffic jam by the church. Father Benoit was the parish priest from 1935 to 1951 and he was originally

from Canada. Father Benoit long remembered his encounter with Gen. Patton and told his story many times during his tenure at St. John's.

A reader from Leesville told me that during the maneuvers Third Street in Leesville was swamped with both civilian and military vehicles and parking spots were very hard to get. This reader's grandfather and Gen. Patton arrived at the only available parking spot at the same time.

Neither would let the other park so they got out of their vehicles and Patton thrashed

the man from Vernon Parish and he in turn thrashed Patton. The reader doesn't know who got the parking spot, but said they put on a good show for everyone on Third Street! Patton was into something everywhere he went!

Patton's entry in Many is not like the conquering Roman generals who would enter Rome in triumph after returning from battle riding a white war horse. Patton's entry is one of the true legends and historical facts of the Louisiana Maneuvers of 1941.

I recently went to St. John's Catholic Church and visited this intersection that is still in use today and viewed the site of the traffic jam. As I stood and watched traffic I could almost see Patton in the middle of the street shouting out directions as he unsnarled this traffic jam.

Due to the historical significance of this site and of the event that took place here, there needs to be a historical marker erected here to mark the site of this historical event that involved one of America's most dramatic military commanders of World War II.



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Faces of Natchitoches



Natchitoches Central High School freshman Skylar Morvan received two honors recently during the schools JRROTC Awards Program, a Junior Army Instructor Leadership Certificate and an award for Best New Female Cadet in the Freshman Class for 2015-2016. She is the daughter of Eric and Betty Morvan.



Beck Adams enjoys his fourth birthday with the NSU Soccer Team.



Instructors on Team NWLTC at Relay for Life for Natchitoches Parish are Kristin Dupree, Deanna Bynog, Star Hamous and Petula Holden.



Sean Baylor, Kristy McGlothlin, and Cathy Jacobs visit during the LA Tobacco Free Campaign After Hours Event April 14.



Cody Lacaze and Ashante Knox attend the NCHS Mock Crash for Prom event May 3.



Terri Ann and Hunter Callia raise funds at Relay for Life.



Sarah Stewart and Kelli Weaver show off their superpowers at Relay for Life April 22.



Calico Belles Sarah Gilmore, Mary Grace Long and Maggie Gilmore welcome visitors to Melrose Plantation at the arts and crafts festival.



Peggy and David Besson from Pineville visit the Melrose festival every year.



SydneyAnn Bryant, Dinah Ellzey, Meredith Ellett, Shilah Vance and Jess Poole celebrate Shilah's 10th birthday party at the Rocking Horse Toy Store April 16.



Abigail Thompson and Cassy Gebhart spend time together at the Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival April 16.



Patricia Lane of Montana and Rosie Finical of Natchitoches were Delta Zeta sorority sisters at NSU. They enjoyed shopping together at the Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival.



Megan, Jonathan, Allison, Denise and Curt Phifer enjoy some shade at the Melrose festival April 16.



Doyle and Barbara Bailey looked for bargains at the Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival.



APHN board members Gayle Howell, Alma Alost and Arleen Mayeux take a break at the Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival. The APHN sponsors the event.



Gail Tyler, Carolyn Pierce, Belvis Pierce, Jan McCullen, Denie and Mary Beth Wise, Nancy McDow, Clyde and Patricia High, Herschel Kilpatrick and Tim and Kay Leblue from Benton spend time together at the Melrose Plantation.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Poet's works to be featured in magazine

Two works by Northwestern State University English major Shundrika Smith will be published in the next issue of Dark River Review, a national undergraduate student literary magazine produced by Alabama State University.

The poems, "Mystery of a Toga" and "Tall Tales" came out of class assignments for Professor of English Julie Kane.

"Having this opportunity is amazing," said Smith, a senior from West Monroe. "I never thought my poems would be published. When I found out about the opportunity in Dark River Review, I decided to take a chance. This is a great start for me to be able to say I have been published."

In "Mystery of a Toga," Smith talked about an item of clothing, a purple sweatshirt that had meaning to her.

"I called it a toga as a way of working in Greek mythology and characters such as Atlas and Cerberus," said Smith.

"Tall Tales" was inspired by the series of Harry Potter novels. Smith said she was a big fan of the popular novels and used the poem to talk about personal relationships and their evolution.

As she has evolved as a writer, Smith says poetry has become the most meaningful form to her.

"I have written short stories and fiction, but I love the way I can express myself through poetry," said Smith. I have found poetry to be more personal. It has allowed me to



Smith

develop my own voice."

Smith has been a junior editor for Argus, the campus literary magazine, writing opinions on works that were submitted and edited those that were selected.



The Department of Creative and Performing Arts at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts presented "A Midsummer Night's Dream" April 21-24 in the Black Box located in the Center for Performance and Technology. On the front row left are Sidney Paulk, a junior from Deville, and Grace Dumdaw, a junior from Mandeville. On the second row are Erykah Wells, a senior from Hammond, Shona McCullough, a junior from Baton Rouge, Alexis Louviere, a senior from Breaux Bridge, and Annie Noel, a junior from Mandeville. On the third row are Hayden Fisher, a junior from Denham Springs, Josef Hofman, a senior from Gonzales, Ally Nguyen, a senior from Broussard, Lauren Sakryd, a senior from Harvey, and Hailey Vance, a senior from Alexandria. On the fourth row are Antonio Milton, a senior from Carencro, Parker Felterman, a junior from Patterson, and Joshua Ballagh, a junior from Leesville.

Day Camp registration opens

Registration is open for the Natchitoches Summer Day Camp, which is open to youth age 6-13.

The camp includes arts and crafts lessons, life skills and academics, sports and swimming lessons. Breakfast and lunch are included.

Camp is offered in four two-week sessions June 6-July 29. Camp sessions are Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Campers can sign up for multiple sessions.

Two program locations are available this year: East Fifth Program (Weaver Elementary in June, East Natchitoches in July) and Abbie Drive (732 Abbie Drive).

Cost is \$30 per session, per child, and \$25 for each additional sibling.

Registration is at MLK Recreation Center, 660 MLK Drive.

For more information, call Dallas at 238-7508 or email drussell@natchitochesla.gov.

EVENTS

The Gorum High School Reunion will be held Saturday, May 7, beginning at 10 a.m. at Long Leaf Trail Vista, Kisatchie National Forest. All former students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share at the meal. Meat, cold drinks and utensils will be provided. Bring a lawn chair.

"Rhythm and Birds," a free family-friendly open house, will be Saturday, May 7

at the Grand Ecore Visitor Center. Activities are scheduled from noon-5 p.m. For more information, call 356-5555.

"All White Affair - Summer Soiree 2016," hosted by Krewe of Excellence, will be Saturday, May 7 from 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at the Ben Johnson Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Dress is casual, white attire. Music provided by DJ Regg-Ja. For more information, call 332-7455.

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The bidding:
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Opening lead five of hearts.

It is said that every weapon devised by the will of man sooner or later leads to an effective counter-weapon that acts as an equalizer. I don't know whether this is literally true or not, but I do know that in bridge, many situations arise where an equivalent principle applies.

This deal occurred in a team-of-four match. At the first table, West led a heart against South's three-notrump contract. East took

dummy's queen with the king and returned a heart to the ace. Declarer now played a low club to the ten, losing to West's jack, and West returned a heart to South's jack.

Declarer then led the king of clubs and overtook it with dummy's ace. When East's queen fell, South was able to run dummy's clubs and make four notrump.

The same contract was defeated at the second table after a heart lead by West and a heart return by East to dummy's ace. Again declarer led a low club to the ten, but here West allowed South's ten to win the trick! As a result, declarer could not run dummy's clubs and finished down two.

Both declarers were very much on their toes in playing the clubs as they did. They realized that their best chance for the contract was to find East with the Q-x or J-x of clubs, in which case they would score five club tricks after losing the ten to West's jack or queen.

The second declarer ran into unusually inspired defense as West followed the countermeasure to defuse South's plan. West sacrificed a club trick by refusing to take his jack, but his side got three tricks back in exchange.

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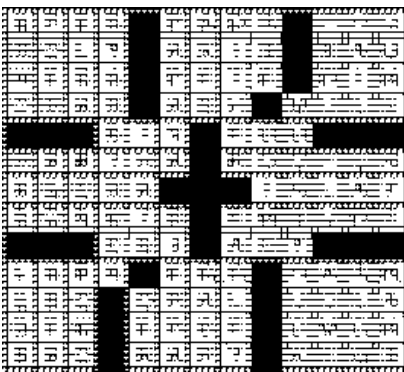
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN CROONER COOKE WROTE A TUNE ABOUT A BIG SMARTPHONE-MAKING COMPANY, SAM SUNG "SAMSUNG."

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| 32 Altar vows | | | 49 Title for Judi Dench |
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Saturday's answers 04-30-16

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JACQUELINE BIGARS STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 5, 2016:

This year you often reflect on what has caused certain problems to have emerged in your life. As a result of this reflection, you'll have the knowledge and power to change direction. You are likely to create a new beginning for yourself where you feel you need it. If you are single, you will be unusually magnetic through the summer. Know what you want from a relationship, and you will make good choices. If you are attached, you will need to guard against being too me-oriented. Remember, it takes two to make a relationship work. You will draw a fellow TAURUS closer to you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your energy might startle someone. Your high drive emerges when you are focused on an important issue or matter. Your approach could evoke a surprising reaction from many people. In any case, use care with your funds and your spending. Tonight: Try to appear a bit wiser.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could wake up with a realization that might surprise you. You are likely to gain a new understanding of a certain situation as a result. Try to do little until mid- to late afternoon, when you suddenly blossom and express the best parts of your personality. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your nervous energy could be a little high, so try to choose more physical activities. As a result, you'll feel better. Anything involving research, reflection or writing would be best handled later in the evening. Tonight: Test out a new approach on a friend or loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could find a boss to be rather explosive and unpredictable. You might not be sure what would be best to do under the present circumstances. Try to come to terms with this person's behavior, and then focus on your goals. How intrusive is this person? Tonight: Hang with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ News illuminates your morning. You could be pondering a sudden insight for a while. You will gain clarity because of your ability to detach and see the big picture. Understand what an authority figure is sharing. Tonight: Get a stronger vision of possibilities because of a discussion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ An associate easily could throw your plans into chaos. Relax a bit, and understand that you can accomplish everything with just the slightest change of pace. Detach and take a hard look at what has been bothering you. Tonight: How about some mind candy? Perhaps a computer game?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others dominate, no matter how many good ideas you have or how often you interject an opinion. Others are on a roll — you can either join in, be an observer or feel left out. The call is yours. By midafternoon, a conversation is inevitable. Tonight: Opt to be with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Though you could really dive into a project in the morning and approach it with a fresh perspective, distraction is likely to hit by midafternoon. Be willing to loosen up your schedule. An opportunity to chat and network could come up. Tonight: Be a social butterfly for a night!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You will want to move quickly on a creative idea today, though you might need to speak to others at a later date about what you are doing. In the afternoon, follow the logical sequence of what is happening. Understand what you need to do. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be in a position where you would prefer to stay close to home. How you handle a personal matter might be disruptive to those you live with. Mending fences or helping someone feel more comfortable will become a dominant theme. Tonight: Be a little naughty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be in a situation where you are on the receiving end of someone's sudden changes. As a result, your nerves could be fried. Recognize what is happening within your immediate circle, and listen more. Consider working from home. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be dealing with an unpredictable situation that really might start to irritate you. You are likely to feel as if your finances are on a bit of a roller coaster ride. Talk to a trusted friend who seems to have a better sense of direction. Tonight: Speak with a loved one.

BORN TODAY
Journalist Brian Williams (1959), philosopher Karl Marx (1818), singer Tammy Wynette (1942)

Marthaville student wins Miss Battle of Pleasant Hill; big winners in fishing tournament

MARTHAVILLE NEWS



By Donna Dyson-Horn
472-6396

Monday, May 2

Shelby Greer was crowned the 2016 Miss Battle of Pleasant Hill Saturday. She is the daughter of Lee and Shannon Greer of Marthaville. Her grandparents are Jessie and Helen Greer of Marthaville and Doug and Brenda Dickson of Hall Summit.

She will travel throughout Louisiana to fairs, festivals and pageants during her reign. In February 2017, she will attend the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festival Queen of Queens Pageant in Baton Rouge.

Greer is in the 11th grade at Natchitoches Central High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and co-student head athletic trainer. She attends the Red River Cowboy Church. Her favorite hobbies include playing softball, camping and mud riding. She is looking forward to traveling and getting to know all of her rhinestone sisters.

I wish Shelby the very best and I plan to keep up with her and let everyone else know what she is doing and where she is going. I know Pleasant Hill is pleased with their new Queen; we all are.

The Crossroads Baptist Church Fishing Tournament Saturday, went right on despite some gloomy weather and the fish were coming in from everywhere. Kelly Dortlon did an outstanding job of organizing the event and people including Joe Hays, Brenda Carr and Cynthia Withers helped clean and fry the fish.

With around 60 attending, the weather did not keep anyone away. Everyone had a great time and were able to leave with a full stomach.

Most everyone is familiar with heart catheterization, stents and bypass surgery. But a limited number know about rotational atherectomy plaque removal. This is a relatively new procedure that eliminates the need for open-heart surgery.

Bobby Ballard was able to find that out first hand. He already had open-heart surgery some 18 years ago but due to his family genes, age and gender, his changes were much greater. A heart catheterization was performed to identify blockages. Specific to atherectomy are the blockages that are too small to allow for normal



The 2016 Miss Battle of Pleasant Hill is Shelby Greer of Marthaville.



Cash Mitchell and Trey McCormic show off some of the days catch.



Joe Hays, Brenda Carr and Cynthia Withers skin the fish at the end of the day.

stent placement. These blockages must be enlarged or opened up. To accomplish this a diamond tipped rotational shaver is used.

Afterward, the necessary stenting can be accomplished. During

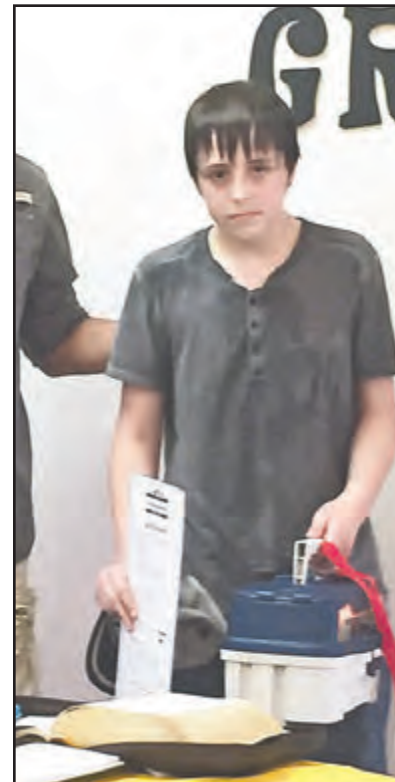
atherectomy surgery the patient is sedated, but awake. After an overnight stay in the hospital, the patient is sent home. Few limitations exist. After three days, the rotating diamond tipped burr is inserted into an



Big bass winners presented by Kelly Dortlon, included James Kelly Dortlon, who won first place in the five-fish stringer competition with 13.1 pounds; Stanley Townsend in second place with 12.96 pounds; and Katrina Townsend in third place with 12.52 pounds.



Stanley Townsend caught a Big Bass weighing in at 5.28 pounds.



Payton Blake won first place in the youth division for the .50 pound bass he caught.



Good catch Blue Goings, just not big enough for the money!



A few entrants in kids division receiving medals for participation included Katlin, RayleAnn Hays, Josie White, Cash Mitchell, Isaac Speight, Trey McCormic, Zachary Bruce and spokesperson Kelly Dortlon.

artery of the groin. It is then threaded into the blocked coronary artery where the arterial plaque is removed. With the assistance

of ballooning, stent placement is accomplished. Very little pain is experienced throughout this effort. To anyone that has experienced open-heart

surgery first hand, the knowledge of an alternative is of monumental value. If you would like to know more, give Ballard a call at 472-5281.

READHIMER NEWS



By Liz Morgan
576-3673

Monday, May 2

Rain, rain. We surely have had the rain. Everything is wet and it looks like it will stay that way. The flowers love it. I guess in a short time we will be wanting it to rain.

Jeannie Dennis and Ruby Speir attended the wedding of Jeannie's son, Danny Bruce Coleman and Alexis Smith, Saturday, April 30 in White Castle. Danny is the son of Jeannie Dennis, grandson of Ruby Speir Hatcher of Readhimer and the late Talmage Dennis.

Alexis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of Denham Springs. The wedding was at Nottaway Plantation. The couple will live in Baton Rouge after the honeymoon. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Briarwood Baptist Church celebrated the first Sunday mean My 1. After the noon meal, the young adult fellow-

Numerous church events on tap at Readhimer Baptist

ship was at 6 p.m. at the parsonage.

Mother's Day will be May 8. Be sure and let your mother know how much she means to you. Briarwood Baptist will have no evening service so you can spend the day with Mom.

Without our mothers, where would we be. For those of us who lost our moms, we can remember them and thank God for them.

The Morgan family reunion was not a complete rainout. Lots of Morgans came and shared a meal and lots of memories were talked about. The family always meets at noon May 1. Thanks for all who attended at my home in Readhimer and we miss all those who have gone before us. Most of the Morgans were from REadhimer and Saline. Join us in 2017.

Happy birthday to Betty Dobson May 21, Margie Dobson May 22, J.R. Davis May 23.

My grandson, Skylor House, has a birthday May 23.

Happy anniversary to Mickey and Gail Hawkins May 3, Scottie and Connie Williams May 13 and J.R. and Laverne Davis May 14.

Adult Day at Clara Springs Camp will be at 10 a.m. through lunch May 12. It's a day to enjoy a beautiful camp in the woods.

The Natchitoches Association prayer meeting will be May 5 at Trinity Baptist Church.

Miles Pike will be at Briarwood Baptist Church May 22 at 11 a.m. Miles sings and gives his testimony. He was at Briarwood Baptist last year. If you miss seeing Mr. Pike, you will miss a special blessing.

Congratulations to all the young people who will graduate in May. It is a very special and happy time and some are sad to finish school. School is so important for all of us to continue in life. For some it is scary but to most it's a start of a new adventure.

I got the most surprising call from a friend, Jan Norred, April 30. She was a former teacher at Saline who moved to Hot Springs, Ark. Jan has moved closer to her children. She taught for many years at Saline High School and lived at Lucky. Congratulations on her retirement and her many years of teaching.

NATCHEZ NEWS



By Shelia Johnson
354-1644

Monday, May 2

Happy belated birthday to Darrell Forest May 1. Happy birthday wishes are extended to Ocie Forest and Everett Washington May 7 and Oscar Williams May 10.

Happy anniversary to McKindley and Doris Hoover May 7. Also celebrating an anniversary are Jerry and Bernice Forrest May 14. I want to extend the very best to both couples and wish for many, many more years of happiness.

Pastor Albert Gillie and the St. Martha Baptist Church family will have to cancel the breakfast that was scheduled for May 7 at the Morning Star Baptist Church family. You will be notified of the new date.

There are several students for the community that will be graduating. Graduating from Provençal Jr. High are LaBraisha Forest, Treiana Robinson, Tyester Robinson,

Church cancels breakfast

Jahiem Thompson and Jamartreze Jones.

Graduating from Natchitoches Central High School are Demario Braxton, Chrishon Mills, Daniel Hill, Eric Berryman and Dominique Wardsworth. The commencement exercises for the high school is May 13, at 7 p.m., at Northwestern State University. You will meet a ticket for admittance. I am sending a shout-out to all of them.

The Village of Natchez council met April 7. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m., with village officials present with the exception of Alderman Amos Bradley. Community members present were Monique Sarpy and Viola Porter.

The prayer was led by Alderman Joe Walker. There was no guest listed on the agenda and Alderperson Shelia Johnson motioned to adopt the previous month agenda as well as the minutes.

There was no old business to discuss. New business consisted of a lengthy discussion of the flooding of our community. Many were affected by the flood waters. It was also noted that the Town Hall had

moderate to major damage with the flooding on March 8-17. The pumps at the lift station, the town hall along with tickets and the majority of the documentation were destroyed. An itemized statement will be provided to FEMA.

Community member Monique Sarpy stated that a cleanup day was April 9.

Next on the agenda was police business. Chief-of-Police Gerald Johnson stated that the street signs are still an issue. A letter has been sent to the Parish Council and the issue is pending. Mayor Rosia Humphrey stated that chief or his assistant need to be present during Mayor's court each month on the first Saturday. Chief Johnson concluded police business.

The financials were discussed and bills were paid. Mayor Humphrey made her final comments and meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

This is a reminder that FEMA have given an extension of 30 more days to get the necessary documentation to complete your claims.

Please make every effort to get the information that is needed.

Chalk art evangelist will be at Bellwood Baptist revival; group tours Peason Ridge and community

BELLWOOD NEWS



By Shirley O. Rachal
472-9175

Monday, May 2

Bellwood Baptist Church is planning a revival, May 22-25 with Scotty McDowell, chalk art evangelist, brining the messages.

Bro. Scotty is the founder and CEO of a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, International Edifying Christ Ministry, Inc. This ministry reaches into many countries, by sponsoring evangelism conferences, schools, orphanage, pastor conferences and church planting, and medical clinics. Bro. Scotty has conducted over 30 overseas volunteer mission teams leading them to be used mightily of God, touching thousands of lives. He is also the founder of Rainbow Children's Development Center in Malawi, Africa.

Bro. Scotty is a chalk art evangelist ministering the Word of God with a pastor's heart. He was a pastor for eight years prior to God calling him into full time evangelism in 1997. After answering God's call by faith, doors have been opened in both small and large churches all across

America with this unique ministry. Before each message, he will draw a picture to give a visual illustration of the message. Many come to see the amazing graphics, but leave saved by the amazing grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many churches have him back year after year because God uses him to encourage the saints and evangelize the sinner.

God has used Bro. him in conducting over 900 revivals, youth retreats, children's camps and pastor conferences. He and his wife Terry have been married since 1982 and have two children.

Jason Cook and Kristie Anders Welch were united in marriage last Tuesday at Bellwood Baptist Church with Bro. Roger Matkin officiating the ceremony. Charlotte Cook, the groom's mother, and Connie Matkin acted as witnesses. After the ceremony, the couple left for Hot Springs, Ark., where they spent their honeymoon.

Bro. Rickey Robertson conducted a tour of Peason Ridge last Saturday which began at Pine Grove Baptist Church in the Peason Community. Fort Polk's US Army provided a large tour bus, snacks, chips and cold drinks. They visited some of the old home sites, the Merritt and Conner Cemetery, several of the training sites and villages, through the Impact Area, over Eagle Hill and other his-

torical sites and locations. Capt. Makowski and SFC Fields explained the training and assault procedures at the Live Fire Village and trench sites. During the tour everyone got to see wild turkeys, wild hogs and other wildlife. Their last stop was at the Peason Memorial Park where many of the folks got to see their ancestors' names and photos on the historical markers and photo kiosks. Bro. Rickey said to be prepared for next year's tour.

My daughter, Brenda Dubois, had her cast removed today and everything seems to be okay. She plans to go home Friday and continue therapy there.

Memorial services will be held May 21 at Bellwood



Scotty McDowell, chalk art evangelist, will preach at Bellwood Baptist Church Revival, May 22-25.

Shady Grove Cemetery. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds. If you cannot attend, please consider making a contribution in memory of your loved ones. You can contact Helen Presley at 466 D. Masters Road, Provencal, LA 71468.

I talked to Ms. Nancy Harrington last week. She moved from Flora several years ago to a patio apartment in Natchitoches. I had tried to call her several times but there was no listing for Harringtons in the phone book.

She told me she had contacted the phone company about that and was told their names would be in there. She said she considers

My great granddaughter,



Kristie Anders Welch and Jason Cook were married at Bellwood Baptist Church Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Charlotte Cook congratulates her son, Jason, and daughter-in-law, Kristie, on their marriage.

Flora her home and also England, where she was born and raised. She met her husband, Billy, who was stationed there in the service. She still has relatives in England and some of them are coming to visit her in a few weeks. They will be staying with her son, Billy Joe. She is really excited about seeing them.

Andrea Penrod took a group of children to the bowling alley after church Sunday. They then went to the yogurt shop and had a treat. There were about 15 children who enjoyed the event.

My great granddaughter,

Kailynn Kay, won the Junior Miss Battle of Pleasant Hill title last week. Congratulations Kailynn and to all those beautiful girls who competed in this contest.

Bellwood Baptist Church is having their bake sale this Saturday, May 7, beginning at 7 a.m. Please come out and buy some delicious baked goods and help our kids go to church camp this summer.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Jesse Wyatt who is celebrating his birthday May 9, Debra Cook May 11 and Brennan Cook May 12. And Happy Anniversary to Anthony and Misty Masters May 19.

Pastor says church grows with prayer and hard work; prospective bride gets gift at church shower

OLD BETHEL NEWS



By Liz Durr
352-8898

Monday, May 2

I attended a bridal shower for Emily Posey and Jared Windham at Old Bethel Saturday, April 30. They played games and had refreshments.

They received lots of good gifts. They will wed May 28 at 4:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Country Club.

Bro. Weyland preached on Joshua 1:1-11 this past Sunday. The topic was "When Jesus is our Leader." He said the church grows with prayer and hard work. Everywhere you go you can spread the gospel by planting a seed. God owns everything here on earth.

What he wants you to do is plant a seed. He is the only one who can save souls. Before his morning sermon, Bro. Weyland did Children's Church with the help of Judy Montet. They planted some flower seeds and prayed over them. They should see flowers in five or six weeks.

Sunday night Bro. Weyland preached on James 1:1-12 about trials. A trial is to show how much you trust God. A trial is a test. When you serve God, he will help you with your needs. He said, "Faith is a gift from God."

Old Bethel Cemetery working will be May 28. Bring a covered dish and participate.

Trinity Baptist Church will not have a senior luncheon in May. They will be at Clara Springs.

Clara Springs will hold an Adult Day May 12 starting at 10 a.m. with lunch. Special guest is Dr. Rick Brewer, president of LA College. He will play the piano and entertain with gospel songs and hymns.



Judy Montet sings a special a capella version of "Jesus Rebuild in Me."

Fourth Friday fish fry at Clara Springs is May 27. Robeline First Baptist Church will cook. They will start serving about 5:15 p.m.

Kids Camp at Clara Springs will be May 30-June 2. Camp registration starts at 10 a.m. on May 30. The camp will go through Thursday at 7 p.m. Tony Samsone will be the speaker and host. Campers will participate in archery, fishing, swimming, shooting range, canoeing and other activities. The cost is \$160 after May 1. The next camp will be Boys Camp June 27-30.

Westside Baptist Church will sponsor an Operation Christmas Child garage sale May 7 in its gym. Proceeds will go toward mailing the shoe boxes.

El Camino Sale on the Trail will be May 6-7. The trail stretches from Hwy. 6 in Natchitoches to Texas Hwy. 21 into Alto, Texas. To participate call the Sabine or Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission at 1-800-358-7802. Shoppers will find new or used items sold by local businesses.

Toledo Bend Baptist Resort Ministries will be at the B.A.S.S. Tournament on Toledo Bend Lake May 12-15.



Bro. Weyland and Judy Montet plant seeds during children's church at Old Bethel Baptist Church.



Sisters enjoyed their bridal shower Saturday. From left are Amanda Jones, bride-to-be Emily Posey and Brandy.

ROBELINE NEWS



By Kathryn E. Laurent (Lisa)
471-6894

Monday, May 2

Robeline First Baptist Church invites everyone to attend National Day of Prayer on May 5 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone, no matter what religion, is invited because to God we are all one. Come join

Hit and run destroys sign

us in praying for our nation, leaders, communities, marriages and each other.

Saturday morning, someone missed the curve coming into Robeline and destroyed the sign belonging to the Robeline Heritage Festival Committee, then left the site. If anyone has information please contact the Robeline police. The sign was being used in a fundraiser for the Heritage Committee.

May 14th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Robeline First Baptist Church

will have their second Saturday barbecue May 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy a wonderful meal for \$9. Plate includes barbecued chicken leg quarter, another meat, baked beans, twice-baked potato, salad, drink, bread pudding or peach cobbler. Child plates are \$5.

If you have any news to share or announcements, you can send to lisatw4@yahoo.com or call 318-471-6894.

POWHATAN NEWS



By Johnnie Taylor
352-4371

Monday, May 2

The month of May is here, bringing with it lots of rain in the forecast, but in spite of it all, sunshine days are ahead. Flowers are in full bloom, especially the roses. They are so pretty in all the different colors of red, white, pink and orange. They're blooming just in time for Mother's Day. We will celebrate Memorial Day on May 30 also. Families will give honor to their mothers this coming weekend. Don't forget to show her how much you love and appreciate all she's done for you. She is the one who goes the extra mile for

Seniors graduate as school ends

you. She's caring and a great listener, even when what you're saying doesn't make much sense. Take her out to dinner, go shopping, watch a movie or give her cards and flowers. Have a happy Mother's Day!

Congratulations to the senior class of 2016. Graduations day is approaching for Natchitoches Central, Lakeview and St. Mary's high schools. We salute you and hope you reach all your goals in the future with the best wishes for your success. Kids have wrapped up most of the tests and are looking forward to their summer break. Soon the bells will be ringing to end this school session. Make plans now for summer jobs where they're available.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Angela Rediford, Jervel Brown, Mary Taylor, Aron

Jackson, Laura Taylor; Newman Taylor; Macie Hymes; Josephine Summers, Warnell Davison, Paul Calhoun, Denzell Russell, Dewayne Rice and Barbara Conley.

The youth did a wonderful job praising God with devotion Sunday. The youth sermon was given by Minister Annette Hines from the book of Joshua 6, with her subject being, "The battle is not yours. It's the Lord's." Pastor Taylor taught the Sunday school lesson "Facing up to Failure" from Luke 17. We invite you to come worship with us every Sunday morning. The St. Paul Baptist Church of Lake End will celebrate its 100th Church Anniversary May 15 at 3 p.m. with Rev. Altorio Holden of the Living Word Ministry family. Rev. Lonnie Bradley is pastor. The church is located on Hwy. 1 North in Lake End.

MELROSE NEWS



By Janet Jones
379-2691

Monday, May 2

Congratulations to Shun Isanor Metoyer Edwards, Audrey An Matt and Darrell Lynn Roque II on receiving their first Holy communion Sunday, May 1 at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Mother in the community are cordially invited for a

Breakfast will honor mothers

breakfast honoring them Sunday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m. in St. Augustine Parish Halal hosted by the Holy Name Society. Happy Mothers Day to all mothers.

In the spirit of fraternity, leisure and competition Father Charlie is attempting to field a quality softball team to compete against neighboring church to establish friendly dialogue (and supremacy). Weather permitting, there will be a practice on the resurfaced ball field May 15 at 12:15 p.m. Jambalaya will be available for \$3-\$5 a plate with pro-

ceeds going to the confirmation candidates' trip to Chicago.

Take your own beverage and glove. Spectators are welcome. Teams will be co-ed with a minimum age of 15.

Sincere sympathy and condolences to the family of Robert Gillie. Services for Mr. Gillie were Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Baptist Church in Bermuda. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Brandy LeCoure spent the weekend here with her sister Tefanie Below and her family. Brandy lives in Illinois.

Provencal recognizes 8th graders at banquet; speaker tells them to make intentional choices

PROVENCAL NEWS



By Nicole Connell
472-8107

Monday, May 3

Provencal Jr. High eighth grade students kicked off the end-of-the-year celebrations with their Athletic and Academic Banquet Tuesday evening. The annual dinner celebration highlighted not only to educational successes of the eighth graders but also celebrated their athletic success as well.

Evan Gandy, Asia Pikes and Hunter Masters opened up the event with the pledge. Principal Mary Yount then welcomed everyone to the banquet and thanked the students for all their hard work.

As everyone enjoyed a traditional meat pie meal students Hayleigh Todd and Jaheim Thompson introduced a slide show that featured students throughout the years at PJH.

Coach Kevin Warner then introduced the evening's speaker, Coach Bobby Barbier.

Barbier is the pitching coaching for the NSU baseball team and is also the husband

of PJH Pre-school teacher Kody Barbier. She taught many of the now eighth graders as first graders.

Coach Barbier also did his student teaching under Coach Warner in 2007. He spoke to students about "Standards and Choices." During his speech he reminded the students that as they move onto high school they should always "present yourself with grace" and to "be intentional with your choices." He encouraged students as they move forward into high school and onto their chosen paths in life.

Coach Warner, Dep. Myron Robinson, Coach Dwayne Poe and Coach John Hamby then honored all of the 2015-16 football team. Warner recognized the boys as team members who had all played 3 years of football.

He also recognized them as being part of a team that had played in the last six championship games.

Poe recognized the 8th grade members of the basketball team, followed by Coach Joshua Sampey who honored the girls' softball team. Coach John Hamby recognized members of both the boys' baseball team and the girls' basketball team. Coach Hamby coached both teams and was also recognized as the organizer of this year's Little Hoops

League.

Coach Poe paid tribute to all the 8th grade members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) who took an idea to have student-led prayer and evolved into a voluntary program that reaches all grades.

Two years ago, the Natchitoches School Board removed faculty-led prayer, but FCA students worked hard to continue to offer prayer time to students school-wide.

Lisa Dupree, school secretary and one of the cheerleader sponsors recognized cheerleaders and Amanda Adams, teacher and first year cheerleader sponsor encouraged the girls to continue to participate in spirit organizations as they progress to high school.

Russ Danzy, school board member, was in attendance and recognized students who would soon begin their high school endeavors. Danzy also acknowledged the teachers and thanked them for all their hard work. Danzy recognized teachers and support staff as part of National Teacher Appreciation Week.

Students were then presented with their award plaques to close out the evening. Eighth grade students honored were: Brianna Ballard, Aaliyah Bayonne, Brett Blair, Haley



Bobby Barbier, the NSU Demon pitching coach. He was the speaker at the Athletic and Academic Awards Banquet honoring 8th graders at Provencal Jr. High.

Brister, Jamee Calhoun, Jacob Carter, Kyle Clark, Farrah Connell, Nicholas Davis, Thomas Dodd, Brandon Durr, Savannah Edwards, Labrasiah Forest, Alexandra Hanchev, Evan Gandy, Belle Glenn, Paige Hennigan, Jamartez Jones, Dylan Kijanski, Hunter Liner, Morgan Maley, Hunter Masters, Laredo McManus, Shada'jia Metoyer, Dalton Phillips, Asia Pikes, Hayden Powell, Daniel Rials, Emily Robertson, Tre'Aunna Robinson, Leslie Roque, Taylor Schillings, Kayla Self, Nicholas Sepulvado, Jahiem Thompson, Haley Todd, Kayla Varnell, Zachary Vasocu,



The Provencal Little League games have continued despite the recent torrential downpours and a few canceled games. Games were scheduled for Saturday, but were rained out with floodwater once again threatening. Games resumed Monday and league officials have not announced any make up schedule as of yet. Chloe Griffin, a base runner, makes it safely across home plate to score a run for the Marthaville Titans. Brooklyn Townson, catcher for Provencal's Logan's Library, waits at the plate for a throw. Townson and teammates went on to win the game by one.

Gavin Vercher, Kinnie Vines, Dustin VanMatre, Layla Williams, Nash Welch, Buce Wyle and Christiana Woodel. Recognition of eighth grade students will continue May 17 at 8:30 a.m. with a graduation ceremony and Celebration in the PJH Auditorium.

CAMPTI NEWS



By Marie Walker
476-2231

Campti residents turn out to clean up; writer's granddaughter has beautiful wedding

to help keep Campti clean. Plans are already in progress for future town-wide clean ups.

The mayor wants our town to be a place we can be proud of and to remember we're better together.

I'm so sorry we missed the cleanup day the first time. Although I am not in the city limits, I am a big supporter of extending the city limits to Highway 9 or at least to Lakeview Junior-Senior High School.

The mayor is also looking ahead to the October Fest "Smokin on the Red." He is asking for volunteers interested and would be willing to help on the committee. Contact Velmo Turner at 476-3321 if interested. The person must be willing to attend

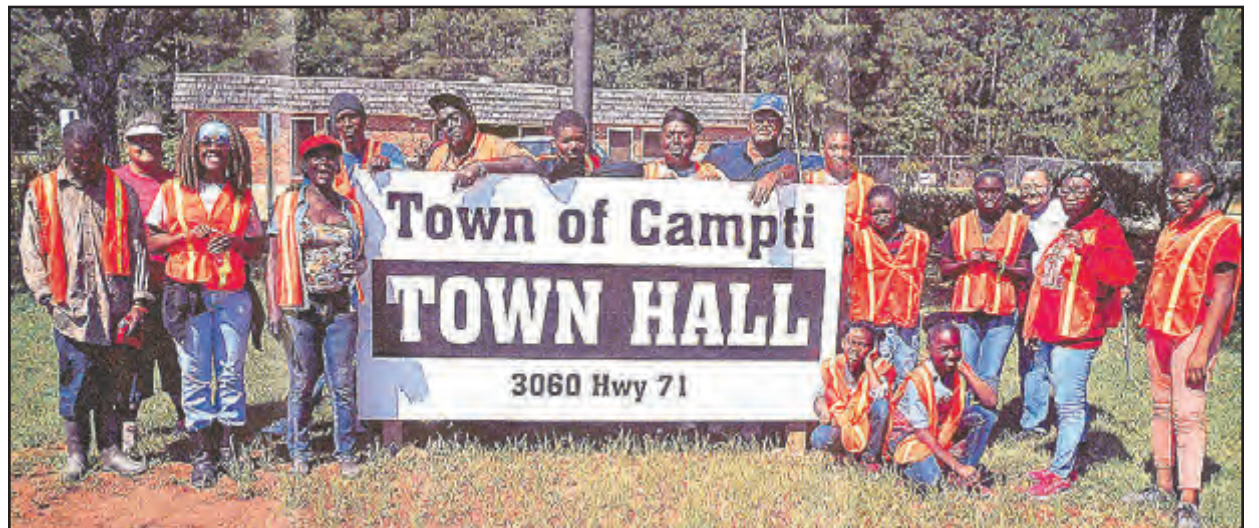
all meeting and be in active participant in all festival activities.

Well, the wedding is over. The reception at the Events Center Saturday night was great and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Niette (Allison Walker) left on their honeymoon Monday. God bless those two wonderful people.

I had to go to Shreveport this week for a P.E.T. scan and then see the doctor. I don't know what this shot is that is supposed to be the same as an infusion, but that is also on the agenda.

My granddaughter, Samantha Coleman, came Thursday from Houma planning to stay two weeks.

I was disappointed in the way the media promoted the Barksdale Air Show last



Several residents turned out to clean up Campti.

weekend. They didn't announce that Kevin Coleman was performing until Friday.

Samantha got to see her R.O.T.C. instructor Saturday night and they were thrilled to see each other. She was an outstanding student and liked by her classmates and instructors.

The cemetery reunion at the Little Pilgrim Home Church cemetery was Saturday. It rained a little but

there was a good crowd according to Ernest and Cletties Self. Ernest and Charles Cloud are the only board members left. Ann T. Graham had kept the church and cemetery records for years.

Since she is gone, we think Charles has those records. The memorial will be the first Sunday in May; it is time for cemetery memorials.

We did not get all the bad

weather we were expected to get. But our tornado sirens went off several times.

End of school activities are in progress. I will have dates next week.

With all the trouble we've had with the mower, Dennis and Pam brought their our to help. Then Chuck found a nice used mower and brought it to me. Toni and Linda said they should have been mechanics as much as they had to work on mowers.



Cloutierville Elementary and Jr. High featured its Top Bulldog Winners for the week of April 12. On front row from left are Jacob Collard, 1st grade; Dalton Conant, K; Nathaniel Lester, 3rd grade; and Corbin Rachal, P-K. On back row are Shaniya McNeely, 4th grade; Eugene Haynes, 5th grade; Austyn Bazar, 7th grade; Brandon Wablington, 8th grade; and Ziaya McGaskey, 6th grade. Not pictured is Sean Soto, 2nd grade.

Interactive leadership camp will give students chance to participate in community service

Rising eighth, ninth and tenth grade students in Louisiana are invited to attend an interactive leadership camp set for June.

The Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) camp will be held June 5-11 or June 12-18 at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts.

Students will take part in activities designed

to enhance their leadership skills in both small and large group settings. Also, participants will get involved in the Natchitoches area with a community service opportunity.

The cost of the camp is \$250.

For more information contact Jenny Schmitt, coordinator of student engagement at LSMSA, at jschmitt@lsmsa.edu or 318-357-2540.

NPD establishes safe transition zone in City

The Natchitoches Police Department set up a "Safe Transaction Zone" in the parking lot of the headquarters located at 400 Amulet Street.

The "Safe Transaction Zone" will give citizens a safe place to complete on-line transactions. Residents will be able to meet up buyers or sellers to show or purchase property in a safer way.

The parking lot is monitored by surveillance cameras 24 hours a day but the NPD requests that transactions take place during daylight hours.

To report suspicious activity or an emergency contact the NPD at 352-8101. Remember all information given shall remain confidential.

SPANISH LAKE NEWS



By Gayla Banks
472-4479

Monday, May 3

The summer heat is approaching. The first day of summer begins June 20. That's right around the corner. The daytime temperatures are getting warm. We're having quite a bit of rain in the forecast, but it too will pass. It's all God's heaven and earth. He knows what he's doing, not man.

Congratulations to the classes of 2016. It's been a long road, but you've finally made it!

Ms. Katie Sowell will be attending Southern University in Shreveport. She will pursue a career in the medical field. May God grant you knowledge "Big D" and much success.

Ms. A'Liyah Stewart will graduate from Marthaville Jr. High School May 12 at 10:30 a.m. She will attend Natchitoches Central High School.

She will be in the ninth grade. She's the granddaughter of Mr. Sam (Katie) Stewart.

A'Liyah is also Katie Sowell's baby sister. Congratulations to both of you young ladies.

Spanish Lake writer lists graduates and their plans

We had a beautiful Sunday School lesson, "Increasing Faith." The teacher was Sis. Dorothy Courtney. Rev. Dewayne Butler administered the Lord's Supper at 8 a.m. We, the members of Evergreen B.C., thank you, Rev. Butler, for your obedience in the Lord to feed his children in the presence of God for the blood of the lamb, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Cinco de Mayo begins May 5-8. May 5 is National Prayer Day. We should pray for our nations as Christians. May 8 is Mother's Day. May 15 is Pentecost. May 21 is Armed Forces Day. May 28 is the Dragon Boat Race. May 30 is Memorial Day. May 17 is the sixth Sunday of Easter. May 18 is the seventh Sunday of Easter. May 20 is Trinity Sunday.

On April 24, the Antioch Vine Baptist Church at 225 Haire Loop in Pelican had a Love Day Celebration honoring Pastor and first lady Micheal McDuffy. The theme was "A man sent with the word of God." "Then the Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." - Jeremiah 1:9.

Guests were Pastor Martin F. Washington of Willow Grove Missionary B.C. of

Gahagan. Pastor Washington's sermon was "The Bread of Life" taken from Jeremiah 10:7-14. Proclaim distress being in tight places. As Christians, we should live simply, care deeply, love generously, forgive freely and pray daily.

Condolences to the family of a lost loved one.

To my mother and mother-in-law: Moma, the time seemed short, but as I grow older, I realize that God does what's best for his children. As I was younger, I didn't understand.

I thought that you would live forever, giving no thought to the future. But as I became a mother and grandmother, that day will so come for me. No more tears. No more pain. No tribulations. You are at peace now because you've made it home, to your heavenly home. I love you, Mrs. Hazel Smith and Mrs. Dora Banks.

To my daughter Tanika: Your life was shortened, but God has his reasons. It's been eight years. It seems as though it was yesterday. I thank you for giving me two beautiful grandchildren. Your presence shall always be here on earth until Moma comes home to be with the Lord and you. I love you baby, always your mother.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers and aunts.

Public Notices

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DEADLINE NOTICE
All persons or organizations placing legal advertisements, notices, minutes, etc., are hereby notified that deadlines for getting the material to the *Natchitoches Times* for publication are as follows: for the THURSDAY paper the notice must be in the Times office **BEFORE** 4:00 p.m. Monday, and for the WEEK-END paper, the material must be in the Times office **BEFORE** 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday.

PUBLIC NOTICES FOR 5-5-16

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NATCHITOCHESE PARISH, LOUISIANA
Persons subject to service as Grand Jurors Beginning **TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 AT 9:00 AM**
JURY NUMBER 2016-0015

AARON SR. ECHO
ABDULLAH, ANEESHA BROOKS
ANTHONY, MAE ETIA
BEIGNAUD, ZACHARY EDWARD
BEIER, DAVID AMIR
BLANCHARD, SUSAN GIDDENS
BOWERS, RONALD RAY
BRADFORD, CONNIE
BRAXTON, GLORIA JEAN
BRIGMON, PAMELA RENEE
BROSSETT, LAWRENCE DWAYNE
BROSSARD, JORRELL JAMES
BROWN, LYNDA CYNIAK
BYONE, KIMBERLY JANISE
CARPENTER, LOIS GREER
CARROLL, BETTY LOU
CHILDRESS, MISTY WALKER
CLARKSTON, DENNIS HILTON
COOK, BRIAN DANDRE
COUCH, LABREE MASHIQUE
COUTEE, ERIC NICOLE
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DANIELS, FELICIA YVEETE
DAVIS, CARMEN JENNING
DOOLSON, STEPHANIE PARKER
DOOLITTLE, MATTHEW CRAIG
DYE, TAMMIE JO
ELKINS, DON LEE
FARRIS, DEBRA CYNTHIA
FONTENOT II, RICHARD KEITH
GARNER, STACIE CONLY
GONZALES, EILEEN JANIS
GOODSON, KATHERINE SHATAL-ENE
HARDON, DENNIS CRAIG
GRAY JR. EARL KELLY
GREEN, ELLIS
GREEN, PORISHA RENEE
GUNTER, DIANE M
HAMILTON, ANNA MAURIE
HAMILTON, WILLIE EARL
HERING, RAYMOND EDWARD
HILLS, TEVELL JAMES
HOLDEN, MICHELLE ROBERSON
HORTON, CHERYL ANNE
HOWARD, DONALD RAY
IGLESIAS, DEBRA
JACKSON, SANDRA ROSE
JONES, SARAH DAONES
KELLEY, RICHARD KOBIE
KENDRICK, DAVID SCOTT
LACOUR, DANIELLE
LACOUR, ROSHONDA VANESSA
LAGRANGE, MARTHA AMANDA
DOWNS
LAROUE, CAROLYN R
LESZEWSKI, CHERYL L
LEWIS, JEROME
LONGLOIS, MICHELLE RENEE
MASSON, TERRILYN ANN
MELTON, MELANIE SMITH
MELTON-JETT, ROBYNN
MICHELLE
MERCER, DAVID KEITH
METOYER, EMILE EDGAR
METOYER, SHANETRA SHANAY
MITCHELL, ELIZABETH SCOTT
MORGAN, MARY KATHERINE
KING
MORGAN, REBECCA LAMBERT
MURPHY, TINA SLOAN
NELSON, TRICIA HOWELL
NI, ZHIQIANG
ORSBORN, CHELSEA RAE
PAGE, DEWEY
PARKER, JESSIE JAMES
PAUL, DANIEL ANDERSON
PAYTON III, AMOS CLIFTON
PROTHRO, MEGAN ELIZABETH
RACHAL, MARY BENNETT
RACHAL, RUSSELL LEO
RAINEY, JEREMY TOBIAS
RELIFORD, DEONTA DEWAYNE
RELIFORD, MARY SANDERS
REMO, JAKENDRICK ALVIN
REMO, MARJORIE PATTERSON
REVELS, KEISHA KNETTE
ROBERTSON, ELLIOTT WILSON
SALARD, RODNEY JAMES
SHAFFER, CHARLES ELLI
SLATE, LESMOND JEROD
SMITH, HOLLY ELIZABETH
SMITH III, GUS
SWANSTROM, MARK ANDREW
TAYLOR, DUSTIN THOMAS
THOMAS, RONALD CHARLES
THOMPSON, ADRIAN DAREY
TOUSEK, HELEN SULLIVAN
TURNER, BRIDGET RENEE
TURNER, DERICK DEWAYNE
WARREN, LINDSEY DESADIER
WHITE, STEPHANIE LASHAY
WILLIAMS, MICHAEL WAYNE
ZOLZER, DAVID GEORGE
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF NATCHITOCHESE (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner")

The Owner will accept sealed or internet bids for – **CITY OF NATCHITOCHESE, RUE BEAUPORT SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION**, City Bid No. 0582, and will be received by Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing, City of Natchitoches, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 71457, for the construction of the project described as follows:

"RUE BEAUPORT SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION"

Sealed bids shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing and delivered to the City not later than 2:00 P.M. on Monday, May 23, 2016. A **mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held Monday, May 16th at 10:00 A.M. at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457. All bids shall be plainly marked in the upper left corner of the sealed envelope as follows: **SEALED BID**, Bid of (Name of Contractor), "Rue Beaport Sewer Main Rehabilitation", City of Natchitoches Bid No. 0582. To be opened at 2 P.M., local time, on Monday, May 23, 2016. Louisiana Contractor License No. (insert license #). All bids must be submitted on the proper bid form. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. (Central Standard Time) on Monday, May 23, 2016 at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457. Electronic bids can be submitted through www.bidexp.com.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the office of the Engineer, Shuler Consulting Company, 230 Grandview Drive, Chatham, LA 71226. Copies may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, Shuler Consulting Company, upon payment of \$150.00 deposit, which amount constitutes the cost of reproduction and handling. As per LA R.S. 38:2212 A(a)(e), deposits on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders the deposit, less actual cost of reproduction, will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. All bidders must sign: (1) the Bid, (2) Certificate of Corporate Principal and Surety, and (3) Bid Bond which always must accompany the bid in the correct amount. All Addendums issued must be acknowledged by the bidder. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof.


A Corporate Resolution authorizing a representative of the corporation to sign the bid must accompany the bid.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable under the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within fifteen (15) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations under ADA requirements must contact the Owner no later than (7) days prior to bid opening.

IN PARTICULAR, BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL.



I, CHRISTIAN A. BEHAN, have been convicted of 14:43.1 SEXUAL BATTERY on March 05, 2014.
My Address is: 8995 TEXAS ST, ROBELINE, LA 71469
Race: White
Sex: Male
Date of Birth: 09/08/1992
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 151
Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Blue

Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard for race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

/s/ Lee Posey, Mayor
#204-16 4/28 & 5/5, 12

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Natchitoches Parish School Board Child Nutrition Department will receive sealed bids as follows:

Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 2:00 p.m. - ALL FOOD ITEMS for School Year 2016-2017

Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 2:30 p.m. - MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS for School Year 2016-2017

Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 2:45 p.m. - JUICE for School Year 2016-2017

Thursday, May 26, 2016, 2:00 p.m. - PAPER AND CLEANING SUPPLIES for School Year 2016-2017

Bids will be accepted until the dates and times specified and will be publicly opened and read aloud at those times in the School Board's Child Nutrition Office, 300 Parkway Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457. Bids received after the date and times of opening will not be considered. Additional information may be obtained upon request by contacting Crittie Conley, District Manager, at 318-352-3438, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Steven Solomon
Director of Business Affairs

Dale Skinner, Secretary-Treasurer
Natchitoches Parish School Board
#213-16 4/21, 28 & 5/5

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on April 13, 2016, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of seven and two hundredths (7.02) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$226,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2017 and ending with the year 2026, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment in the District, including paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the District, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) am., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. RS. 18:541, to-wit

POLLING PLACES

Ward	Precinct	Location
04	03 (IN PART)	St Augustine Catholic Church Soc. Hall, 2250 Hwy. 484, Melrose
04	04	St. John Catholic Church Hall, 423 Hwy. 495, Cloutierville

The Water We Drink

**HAGEWOOD WATER SYSTEM
Public Water Supply ID: LA 1069005**

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2015. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day. (Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source(s) are listed below:

Source Name	Source Water Type
Well #1	Ground Water
Well #2	Ground Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial Contaminants - such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic Contaminants - such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and Herbicides - which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic Chemical Contaminants - including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive Contaminants - which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of "MEDIUM". If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact John Bynog at 318-472-8918.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Hagewood Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2015. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT) - an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant

Action level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum contaminant level (MCL) - the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) - the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations:

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
7/1/2015-9/30/2015	TTHM	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
7/1/2015-9/30/2015	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
8/1/2015-8/31/2015	COLIFORM (TCR)	MONITORING, (TCR) ROUTINE, MINOR
8/1/2015-8/31/2015	CHLORINE	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
8/1/2015-8/31/2015	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION

Our water system tested a minimum of 1 samples per month monthly sample(s) in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. During the monitoring period covered by this report, we had the following noted detections for microbiological contaminants:

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	TYPICAL SOURCE
COLIFORM (TCR)	In the month of July 1 sample(s) returned as positive	MCL: Systems that Collect Less 40 Samples per Month - No more than 1 positive monthly sample	0	Naturally present in the environment

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis, therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Barium	8/25/2015	0.066	0.026-0.066	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
DI (2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate	8/25/2015	0.51	0.51	ppb	6	0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
FLUORIDE	8/25/2015	0.12	0.067-0.12	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Combined Uranium	8/25/2015	0.67	0.67	ug/l	30	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha, Incl. Radon & U Gross Beta Particle Activity	8/25/2015	4.94	4.94	PCi/l	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 mil lires/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/L is used as a screening level.

Lead and Copper	Date	90th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER	2013-2015	0.1	0.1	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2013-2015	1	1 - 4	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	6464 Highway 6	2015	11	0-43.2	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	POC 5 Posey Road	2015	16	0-63.5	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	6464 Highway 6	2015	20	10.7-30.9	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	POC 5 Posey Road	2015	28	21.89-42.8	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
CHLORIDE	8/25/2015	25.7	13.2 - 25.7	MG/L	250
IRON	8/25/2015	7.6	7.6	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	8/25/2015	0.16	0.027 - 0.16	MG/L	0.05
PH	8/25/2015	8.4	8.1 - 8.4	SU	8.5
SULFATE	8/25/2015	159	159	MG/L	250
ZINC	8/25/2015	0.1	0.1	MG/L	5

+++++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language+++++

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Additional Required Health Effects Language.

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

+++++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language+++++

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

We at the HAGEWOOD WATER SYSTEM work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.

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Public Notices

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savings from the new agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center/Sheriff.

2. Council to consider adopting Ordinance 005-2016 to establish a policy for the order of business to be followed by the Parish Council at Parish Council meetings, including the receipt of comments from the public concerning matters to be considered by the Parish council and other subjects.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received for Northwestern State University by the NSU Purchasing Office, Room 104, St. Denis Hall, 200 Sam Sibley Drive, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497 until 2:00 pm, May 19, 2016.

SEALED BID #7524 – Student Newspaper Kiosk Natchitoches, LA Campus

Specifications may be obtained by e-mailing your company name and address to help@nsula.edu and requesting a bid package. Bids will not be accepted after hour and date specified and will be publicly opened at the hour specified in the Business Affairs - Purchasing Section, St. Denis Hall, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

Evidence of authority to submit the bid shall be required in accordance with R.S.38:2212(a)(1)(c) and/or R.S.39:1594(C)(2)(d).

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DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING
CARL JONES
VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS & CONTROLLER
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
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SEALED BID #7525 – NSU Band Locker Replacement

Specifications may be obtained by e-mailing your company name and address to dale@nsula.edu and requesting a bid package. Bids will not be accepted after hour and date specified and will be publicly opened at the hour specified in the Business Affairs - Purchasing Section, St. Denis Hall, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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SEALED BID #7526 – Contract for Food Services NSU ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars

Specifications may be obtained by e-mailing your company name and address to dale@nsula.edu and requesting a bid package. Bids will not be accepted after hour and date specified and will be publicly opened at the hour specified in the Business Affairs - Purchasing Section, St. Denis Hall, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana. The right is

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Procurement Section, 1201 Capitol Access Road, 4th Floor, East Wing Room S-447, Headquarters Administration Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Telephone number (225)379-1444 on date(s) shown below, until 10:00 A.M. No bids will be accepted after this hour. At 10:00 A.M. of the same day and date, they will be publicly opened and read in Headquarters Administration Building, 4th Floor, East Wing S-447. Evidence of authority to submit the bid shall be required in accordance with R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(c) and/or R.S. 39:1594 (C)(2)(D).

BIDS TO BE OPENED: May 19, 2016

DOTD-Portland Cement Type 1 3-5548

The Department will award the contract to the LOWEST responsible bidder without discrimination on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation or disabilities. Minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids pursuant to this advertisement.

Full information may be obtained upon request from the above address.

The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

SHAWN WILSON, Ph.D.
SECRETARY, LADOTD
CHARLOTTE GARRISON, CPPB
DOTD PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR
#238-16 5/5

PUBLIC NOTICE FEMA-4263-DR-LA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs to repair and/or replace facilities damaged by severe storms and flooding that occurred from March 8, 2016 to April 8, 2016. This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA), Individual Assistance (IA), and Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) programs implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206.

Under a major disaster declaration (FEMA-4263-DR-LA) signed by the President on March 13, 2016, Amendment No. 1, signed on March 15, 2016, Amendment No. 2, signed on March 17, 2016, Amendment No. 3, signed on March 25, 2016, Amendment No. 4, signed on April 4, 2016, Amendment No. 5, signed on April 7, 2016, Amendment No. 6, signed on April 8, 2016, and Amendment No. 7, signed on April 20, 2016 the following parishes have been designated as adversely affected by the disaster and are eligible for both PA under Categories A-G (emergency protective measures and permanent work) and IA: Allen, Ascension, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, De Soto, East Carroll, Franklin, Grant, Jackson, La Salle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Union, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Carroll, and Winn. The following parish is eligible for PA under Categories A-G (emergency protective measures and permanent work) only: Lafourche. Additional parishes and FEMA grant programs may be designated at a later date. All parishes in the State of Louisiana are eligible for HMGP.

This public notice concerns activities that may affect historic properties, activities that are located in or affect wetland areas or the 100-year floodplain, and critical actions within the 500-year floodplain. Such activities may adversely affect the historic property, floodplain, or wetland, or may result in continuing vulnerability to flood damage.

Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for opportunities

to relocate, and evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal and safety considerations. Where there is no opportunity to relocate, FEMA is required to undertake a detailed review to determine what measures can be taken to minimize future damages. The public is invited to participate in the process of identifying alternatives and analyzing their impacts. However, FEMA will not be providing assistance for actions in the Coastal High Hazard Areas (V-Zone), floodways, or within coastal areas protected by the Coastal Barrier Resource Act.

PA has determined that for certain types of facilities there are normally no alternatives to restoration in the floodplain/wetland. These are facilities that meet all of the following criteria: 1) FEMA's estimate of the cost of repairs is less than 50 percent of the cost to replace the entire facility, and is less than \$100,000; 2) the facility is not located in a floodway; 3) the facility has not sustained major structural damage in a previous presidentially declared flooding disaster or emergency; and 4) the facility is not critical (e.g., the facility is not a hospital, generating plant, emergency operations center, or a facility that contains dangerous materials). FEMA intends to provide assistance for the restoration of these facilities to their pre-disaster condition, except that certain measures to mitigate the effects of future flooding or other hazards may be included in the work. For example, a bridge or culvert restoration may include a larger waterway opening to decrease the risk of future washouts.

For routine activities, this will be the only public notice provided. Other activities and those involving facilities that do not meet the four criteria are required to undergo more detailed review, including study of alternate locations. Subsequent public notices regarding such projects will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

In many cases, an applicant may have started facility restoration before federal involvement. Even if the facility must undergo detailed review and analysis of alternate locations, FEMA will fund eligible restoration at the original location if the facility is functionally dependent on its floodplain location (e.g., bridges and flood control facilities), or the project facilitates an open space use, or the facility is an integral part of a larger network that is impractical or uneconomical to relocate, such as a road. In such cases, FEMA must also examine the possible effects of not restoring the facility, minimize floodplain/wetland impacts, and determine both that an overriding public need for the facility clearly outweighs the Executive Order requirements to avoid the floodplain/wetland, and that the site is the only practicable alternative. State of Louisiana and local officials will confirm to FEMA that proposed actions comply with all applicable State and local floodplain management and wetland protection requirements.

FEMA intends to provide IA program funding for disaster-related emergency housing. These actions may adversely affect a floodplain/wetland, or may result in continuing vulnerability to floods. These actions may include repair, restoration or construction of housing or private bridges, purchase and placement of manufactured housing units on private and commercial park sites, or repair of structures as minimum protective measures. This will be the only public notice concerning these actions. The purchase and placement of manufactured housing units on new sites, known as community development sites, will require a final public notice.

FEMA also intends to provide HMGP funding to the State of Louisiana to mitigate future disaster damages. These projects may include construction of new facilities, modification of existing, undamaged facilities, relocation of facilities out of floodplains, demolition of structures, or other types of projects to mitigate future disaster damages. In the course of developing project proposals, subsequent public notices will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Those actions or activities affecting buildings, structures, districts or objects 50 years or older or that affect archeological sites or undisturbed ground will require further review to determine if the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (Register). If the property is determined to be eligible for the Register, and FEMA's undertaking will adversely affect it, FEMA will provide additional public notices. For historic properties not adversely affected by

FEMA's undertaking, this will be the only public notice.

As noted, this may be the only public notice regarding the above-described actions under the PA, IA, and HMGP programs. Interested persons may obtain information about these actions or a specific project by writing to Kevin Jaynes, Regional Environmental Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI, 800 North Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209. Comments should be sent in writing within 15 days of the date of this notice.
#242-16 5/5

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Natchitoches Parish School Board will receive sealed bids for Restoration of Natchitoches Central High School Facilities due to damage caused by March 2016 flooding. Bids will be accepted until 2:15 p.m., Monday, June 6, 2016, and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time in the School Board's Central Office, 310 Royal Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457-5709. Please find bid-related documents and place electronic bids at WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM. For questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Bids received after the date and time of opening will not be considered. A non-mandatory walk-through will be held at the job site at 6513 Highway 1 South Bypass in Natchitoches, Louisiana, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Additional information may be obtained upon request by contacting Michael Milner, Purchasing/Risk/Accounts Payable Manager, at 318-352-2358, Ext. 1156, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Steven Solomon
Director of Business Affairs

Dale Skinner, Secretary-Treasurer
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Natchitoches Parish School Board will receive sealed bids for a 36-month lease beginning August 1, 2016, and ending July 31, 2019, for hunting purposes only of the following described property in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana:

Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 6 West, containing 398.10 acres, more or less

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish of Natchitoches will hold a special call meeting on Monday May 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, 200 Church Street, Natchitoches, LA in the Parish Council Meeting Room, Second Floor, Room 211, to discuss to levy millage rates for the 2016 tax year.
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The Water We Drink

CLARENCE WATER SYSTEM Public Water Supply ID: LA 1069002

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2015. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day. (Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o habele con alguien que lo entienda bien). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water system purchases water as listed below:

Buyer Name	Seller Name
CLARENCE WATER SYSTEM	NATCHITOCHESES WATER SYSTEM

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial Contaminants - such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants - such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides - which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants - including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants - which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of 'MEDIUM'. If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact Bobby Braxton at 318-357-0440.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. CLARENCE WATER SYSTEM is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2015. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Nepheometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nepheometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Treatment Technique (TT) - an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum contaminant level (MCL) - the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) - the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
7/1/2015-9/30/2015	TTHM	MCL, LRAA
7/1/2015-9/30/2015	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	MCL, LRAA
10/1/2015-12/31/2015	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	MCL, LRAA
10/1/2015-12/31/2015	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	MCL, LRAA

Our water system tested a minimum of 1 samples per month monthly sample(s) in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. During the monitoring period covered by this report, we had the following noted detections for microbiological contaminants:

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2015				

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis, therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	3/9/2015	Natchitoches Water System	0.057	0.057	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	3/9/2015	Natchitoches Water System	0.44	0.44	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE-NITRITE	3/9/2015	Natchitoches Water System	0.2	0.2	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Radionuclides - Collection date - Highest Value - Range - Unit - MCL - MCLG - Typical Source

No Detected Results Were Found in the Calendar Year of 2015

Lead and Copper	Date	90th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
No Detected Results Were Found in the Calendar Year of 2015							

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic ACIDS (HAA5)	463 Highway 6	2015	69	37-95.1	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Haloacetic ACIDS (HAA5)	Ms. Banks Highway 84 E	2015	62	36.9-118.7	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	463 Highway 6	2015	77	26.9-156.2	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	Ms. Banks Highway 84 E	2015	83	26 - 179.6	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Secondary Contaminants

Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
3/9/2015	Natchitoches Water System	0.2	0.2	MG/L	0.05
3/9/2015	Natchitoches Water System	15	15	MG/L	250
3/9/2015	Natchitoches Water System	0.0033	0.0033	MG/L	0.05
3/9/2015	Natchitoches Water System	6.9	6.9	PH	8.5
3/9/2015	Natchitoches Water System	30.9	30.9	MG/L	250
3/9/2015	Natchitoches Water System	0.55	0.55	MG/L	5

+++++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language+++++

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

We at the CLARENCE WATER SYSTEM work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions,
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Classifieds

Garage Sale

*****1 DEADLINE*****
Weekend
 (Saturday/Sunday) Ads due by noon Thurs.; Nakatosh Chief ads due by noon Thurs. (for the following week); Thurs. ads due by 4:30 Monday. Holiday deadlines may vary. Call 352-3618.

5-5-16

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Friday, May 6, Saturday May 7, 8am until, 946 Old River Road, off Hwy. 1 Bypass, straight across from Detention Center Road, 2 miles down.

GARAGE SALE First Baptist Church, 508 Second St., Saturday, May 7th, 7:00 AM to Noon, Pre-School Tables, Chairs, Toys and Games. Lots of other items.

GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 7th; 7 AM till Noon. 312 Pearl Street - 352-2123. Decorator craft supplies, last minute Mother's Day gifts, plus size dresses & more. \$1 grab bags.

GARAGE SALE! Saturday, May 7th, 7am to 1pm. 922 EAST 5TH. LOTS of home and garden decor, stepper exerciser, Yamaha tuner/receiver, speakers, Pampered Chef products, some tools.

HUGE INSIDE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE May 6th & 7th, daylight to dusk at 9855 Hwy. 120 (5 miles off Hwy. 6 Trail of Sales) between Robeline and Marthaville. Inside HUGE shop behind house.

MAY 6 & 7. EL CAMINO REAL SALE ON THE TRAIL! 175+ miles garage/yard sales & more.

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YARD AND BAKE SALE: Zion Baptist Church Youth, Saturday, May 7 at Collier's and Son in Natchitoches. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Land

LAND FOR SALE Approximately 2 acres of land in Provencal. Located off DeSoto Street. Call 472-6758 or 652-4498.

For Sale

FOR SALE: Dog yard 54'x54' - Has 1-double gate and 1-single gate, \$400. 352-3528 or 476-2239 or 471-7062.

FOR SALE: Mother's Day Gifts at 206 Melrose Ave., Friday at 11:00-2:00; Saturday 8:00 to 4:00

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1BR, 1BATH PATIO HOME on Sibley Lake. Furnished, Includes utilities and cable. ALSO: 2BR/2Bath apartment. Call Jerry 318-402-5149.

1BR. HOUSE on Pipeline Road, \$650 month, \$650 deposit. Utilities paid. Call 318-332-9927 or 318-352-4361

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Annie's Mailbox
Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar

Overbearing mom to much for daughter to live with

Dear Annie: My mother has always been a strong presence in my life. Growing up, I couldn't do anything right. She took things away from me and redid them, or stood over me and directed.

Three years ago, my husband suggested we move my parents in with us because their neighborhood had become drug and gang infested and we feared for their safety. Dad has Alzheimer's

and Parkinson's, which have greatly slowed his movements, but he is still able to feed, bathe and dress himself. However, living with my mom is a nightmare. She pokes her head into our bedroom many times a day and stands over me in the kitchen, often getting between me and whatever I'm doing. I have tried talking to her about it, but it doesn't help.

We recently bought a house in another city. I would love to get my parents set up in their own place now, but Mom has repeatedly said she can't take care of my father by herself. I feel so trapped and guilty. What do I do? — **Wilting in the South**

Dear Wilting: There are ways to help your mother care for Dad without sacrificing your happiness and independence. Look into assisted-living facilities close enough for you to visit often. Check out home health care options, including the Visiting Nurse Association (vnaa.org). Call the Eldercare Locator (eldercare.gov) at 1-800-677-1116 and ask for help. Mom may not like it, but you have to take care of your mental health.

Dear Annie: I would be grateful if you pass along to your readers some helpful hints when leaving a voicemail message, especially on a cellphone. I'm a Realtor and receive several such messages every day. Many people

leave long, rambling messages and then say their phone number so quickly I can't get it the first time. I then have to go back and listen to the whole message again. Please tell your readers when leaving a voicemail to keep it short, say your phone number slowly and then repeat the number. It would be greatly appreciated by those of us who rely on our cellphones for a living. — **Realtor in Orange Park, Florida**

Dear Realtor: This goes for any voicemail, whether cellphone or landline answering machine. Sometimes the connection is scratchy. Repeating the number slowly would help. Please, readers,

keep this in mind. It could explain why some of your phone messages haven't been returned.

Dear Annie: Thank you for the support you've shown in regard to organ, tissue and eye donation.

The laws about organ donation vary from state to state, but in many states, a person's documented donation wish now takes priority over the family's preference. It works similarly to a legal will — if your wish to become an organ and tissue donor is legally documented, your family cannot change it. However, it is still important to share your wishes with your family so they are not surprised. Their cooperation and support

make the process go much more smoothly.

To find out how to sign up as an organ and tissue donor in your state, please visit Donate Life America (www.donatelife.net). Readers in Canada should contact their local organ recovery organization to learn how to sign up in their province. On behalf of the more than 100,000 Americans awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, thank you. — **Jennifer Tislerics, Gift of Life Michigan**

Dear Jennifer Tislerics: We appreciate the clarification. Any readers interested in making a lifesaving donation should check your website.

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POSITION: Day Camp Counselor- Part Time- Temporary

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QUALIFICATIONS: At least 18 years of age. Strong communication skills and group management skills. Must pass a drug screen and background check. Prior experience teaching youth in one or more of the following areas: Art, sports, academics, life skills, and swimming. Must be available to work 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 2-July 29. Must be willing to spend time outside in the summer heat and swim with students at the City Pool

EDUCATION: High School diploma or equivalent.

CONTACT: City of Natchitoches, Human Resources Department located at 1400 Sabine St., or P.O. Box 37, Natchitoches LA 71458-0037. Applications may also be picked up upstairs at City Hall located at 700 Second St. or you may download an application on line at www.natchitochesla.gov

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Applications will be accepted until position is filled

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Clerk-of-Court elect tells Rotarians of plans when he takes office July 1

Rotarians were introduced to the inner-workings of the Natchitoches Parish Clerk of Court's office at their most recent meeting.

Rotarian Richard White introduced the group to David Stamey who will take office as the Clerk of Court on July 1. Stamey began by expressing his gratitude to long-time Clerk of Court, Louie Bernard, who has dedicated the last 24 years serving the people of Natchitoches Parish through his work.

Both Stamey and Bernard have worked since the election in 2015 to insure that the citizens of Natchitoches Parish continue to benefit

from an efficient and effective Clerk of Court's office — one which serves the people.

They believe that the citizens deserve a smooth transition.

In preparation for his new position, Stamey has had the opportunity to observe three elections, receiving a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into putting an election on. He has also spent time with office staff and received insight from their years of experience.

He noted that, although the office will be losing three important employees in June, there are a number of dedicated staff who are capable of



David Stamey, center, will take office July 1. He was elected clerk of court in 2015. From left are Rotarian Fred Teresa, Stamey and Rotarian Richard White.

continuing the tradition of professional and courteous service that has come to be expected from their office. Stamey ended his talk by addressing some of the changes that he hopes to see

in the future for the Clerk's office which include e-filing of lawsuits and the move to make more records available online. For more information, visit <http://www.npclerkof-court.org/>

Learn more about opportunities for kids Thursday at Summer Splash

The City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Parish Early Childhood Care and Education Network are teaming up to offer two events for families and children.

Summer Splash and the Childcare and Preschool Programs Information and

Recruitment Day will be Thursday, May 5, from 4-6 p.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Summer Splash, sponsored by the City of Natchitoches, is an informational fair that highlights summer activities throughout the city and parish for children of all ages. Summer Splash will showcase educa-

tional, recreational and social youth programs taking place in Natchitoches this summer. Information and registration forms will be available for a variety of summer programs including: 4-H Camp; Natchitoches Summer Day Camp; NSU soccer and basketball camps; summer programming at Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site and the Louisiana Sports Hall of

Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum; horse camp; cheerleading and dance camps; summer reading programs at the Natchitoches Parish Library; art and music camps; and health and fitness camps. Booth spaces are free for organizations wishing to participate.

The Preschool Programs Information and Recruitment Day, sponsored by the Natchitoches Parish Early Childhood Care and Education Network, is for all families of children age birth to 4 years. Childcare centers, Head Start centers, and Pre-Kindergarten Programs will be available to discuss enrollment and registration opportunities for children. Programs will provide information regarding hours of operation, rates, meal programs, CCAP, tax credit opportunities and educational curriculums. The goal of the Natchitoches Parish Early Childhood Care and Education Network is to ensure that all children in Natchitoches Parish are kindergarten-ready.

CITY OF NATCHITOCHESES JOB OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Animal Control Officer

DESCRIPTION: Enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance; maintain records and reports regarding impounded animals, animal bites, quarantines, investigations, citations and daily statistics; ability to operate Microsoft Word and Excel; lean and disinfect kennels and cages; provide animals with proper food, water, and medical care; must be available for after hours and weekend work.

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NPD offers free service for night deposits

The Natchitoches Police Dept. reminds business owners that it provides a free service to those making night deposits.

The second armed robbery of people making night deposits occurred Sunday night.

Capt. Brad Walker said that anyone making a night deposit can call the Natchitoches Police Dept. and a patrol officer will escort them to the bank at no charge.

"If you will call and let us know you're ready to close down, someone will accompany you to the bank," Chief Micky Dove said. "It's a service I highly recommend and we do it for free."

Walker said the service is available year-round but the armed robberies appear to be more prevalent during the Christmas holidays.



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