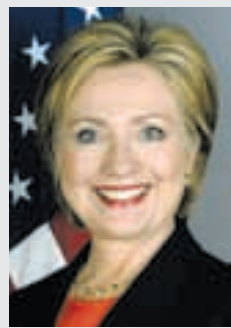


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Community, volunteers show up for

Day of Caring



Alisha Jones and Curlicia Turner paint over a canvas Saturday at The Farm as part of United Way's Day of Caring. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

United Way of Northwest Louisiana held its first Day of Caring in Minden Saturday and has already begun planning for next year's event and future volunteer opportunities.

"Anytime you have a pilot event, it's a bit nerve-wracking," Jeri Bloxom, United Way's director of Operations for Webster, Bienville and Claiborne parishes, said. "But it really came together because of the people in our community."

Bloxom says Day of Caring is an annual event hosted by many United Ways across the country.

"I've been asked if we will have this volunteer event more than once a year by businesses and non-profits," she said. "While Day of Caring is definitely going to be held again next year, United Way is available year round to partner businesses, volunteers, and non-profits together for meaningful experiences."

Day of Caring kicked-off with a breakfast donated by Bon Temp's Fleur Deli and speakers from area non-profits.

"The exchange of information during the breakfast led to people not only learning more about the services offered in our area and the United Way center in Minden, but also spurred conversations about future volunteer projects and partnerships."

Bloxom says one volunteer shared a personal story with her during the event.

"During the day I went around to all the different project sites and talked with volunteers," she said. "One story really stuck out and is a great example of how Day of Caring is used to build relationships and encourage us to get plugged in to our community."

Bloxom said the volunteer explained she became

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Northwest Louisiana Technical College SGA members Leta Charles, left and Clay Stokes give back to community by moving mulch during the Day of Caring Saturday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

MINDEN CRIME

Murder suspect due in court

Dylan Turk to face judge on accessory charges, new charges

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A Minden teen connected to the murder of Omar Lott in August 2014 is due in court Monday on the case; at the same time, the District Attorney's office will be asking the judge to revoke his bond after he was arrested on several new charges.

Dylan Turk, 17, was arrested Sunday, April 5, by Minden police and charged with disturbing the peace disorderly, simple criminal damage to property, interfering with medical transport, attempted simple escape, resisting an officer by force and battery of a police officer with injury.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says officers were dispatched to Minden Medical Center

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RAISING AWARENESS

Sexual Assault recognized this month

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Minden Mayor Tommy Davis has signed a proclamation in recognition of sexual assault prevention.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Bridgett Salsberry, Webster Parish victim outreach advocate for Project Celebration, Inc., says her area covers Minden, Springhill and all the municipalities in between.

Davis says he's glad to lend his support on behalf of the City of Minden.

"The City of Minden is glad to support sexual assault awareness month," he said, "to make people aware of this prevalent issue."

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2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Hillary Clinton kicks off 2016 campaign

Presidential hopeful headed to Iowa

KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton jumped back into presidential politics on Sunday, making a much-awaited announcement she will again seek the White House with a promise to serve as the "champion" of everyday Americans.

Clinton opened her bid for the 2016 Democratic nomination by positioning herself as the heir to the diverse coalition of voters who elected her immediate predecessor and former campaign rival, President Barack Obama, as well as an appeal to those in her party still leery of her commitment to fighting income inequality.

And unlike eight years ago, when she ran as a candidate with a deep resume in Washington, Clinton and her personal history weren't the focus of the first message of her campaign. In the online video that kicked off her campaign, she made no mention of her time in the Senate and four years as secretary of state, or the prospect she could make history as the nation's first female president.

Instead, the video is collection of voters talking about their lives, their plans and aspirations for the future. Clinton doesn't appear until the very end.

"I'm getting ready to do something, too. I'm running for president," Clinton said. "Americans have fought their way back from tough economic times, but the deck is still stacked in favor of those at the top.

"Every day Americans need a champion, and I want to be that champion, so you can do more than just get by. You can get ahead and stay ahead."

It's a message that also made an immediate play to win over the support of liberals in her party for whom economic inequality has become a defining issue. They remain skeptical of Clinton's close ties to Wall Street and the centrist economic policies of the administration of her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

Many had hoped Clinton would face a challenge from Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who has

said she will not run.

"It would do her well electorally to be firmly on the side of average working people who are working harder than ever and still not getting ahead," said economist Robert Reich, a former labor secretary during the Clinton administration who has known Hillary Clinton for nearly five decades.

Unlike some of the Republicans who have entered the race, Clinton was scant on policy specifics on her first day as a candidate. Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, for example, kicked off his campaign with a website and online videos that described his positions on an array of domestic and foreign policy issues.

Clinton also began her campaign for president in 2007 with a video, followed by a splashy rally in Des Moines where she said, "I'm running for president, and I'm in it to win it." This time around, Clinton will instead head this week to the first-to-vote Iowa, looking to connect with voters directly at a community college and small business roundtable in two small towns.

"When families are strong, America is strong. So I'm hitting the road to earn your vote. Because it's your time. And I hope you'll join me on this journey," she said in the video.

This voter-centric approach was picked with a purpose, her advisers said, to show that Clinton is not taking the nomination for granted. Her campaign said Sunday she would spend the next six to eight weeks in a "ramp-up" period, and she would not hold her first rally and deliver a campaign kickoff speech until May.

Clinton is the first high-profile Democrat to get into the race, and she quickly won the endorse-



In this image taken from video posted to hillaryclinton.com on Sunday, Hillary Rodham Clinton announces her campaign for president. The former secretary of state, senator and first lady enters the race in a strong position to succeed her rival from the 2008 campaign, President Barack Obama. Courtesy Photo

ment of several leading members of her party, including her home state governor, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, and Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine.

Still, there are some lesser-known Democrats who are considering challenging her, including former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders.

"During this campaign, it is imperative that Secretary Clinton, like every other candidate, address the great challenges of our time: the grotesque level of income and wealth inequality that is crushing our middle class," Sanders said.

The GOP did not wait for her announcement to begin their campaign against her. The party's chairman, Reince Priebus, has outlined plans for a broad effort to try to undermine her record as secretary of state while arguing that her election would be like giving Obama a "third term."

Republicans have also jumped on Clinton's use of a personal email account and server while she was

secretary of state, as well as her handling of the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, in his own online video, said Sunday: "We must do better than the Obama-Clinton foreign policy that has damaged relationships with our allies and emboldened our enemies."

Should she win the Democratic nomination, Clinton will need to overcome history to win the

White House. In the last half-century, the same party has held the White House for three consecutive terms only once, during the administrations of Republicans Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

As part of her launch, Clinton also will leave the board of her family's foundation.

The 2016 campaign is likely to be the most expensive in history, with total spending on both sides expected to well

exceed the more than \$1 billion spent by each of the two nominees' campaigns four years ago.

This weekend, Clinton campaign fundraisers escalated their outreach to Democratic donors, who largely back her bid, with a flurry of phone calls urging them to donate as soon as possible. Her team on Sunday encouraged donors to become "Hillstarters" by raising \$27,000 for the campaign in the next 30 days.

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Air monitoring, response preparedness topic of workshops

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The Environmental Protection Agency is hosting a pair of workshops as a forum about environmental monitoring equipment and health and safety training.

The workshops will take place at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Building, located at 9961 Highway 80. The first will be from 6 until 8 p.m.,

Thursday, April 16, with the second from 6 until 8 p.m., Thursday, April 23.

David Gray, with EPA Region 6, says the forums, dubbed the Camp Minden Superfund Site Environmental Workshops, are about how the EPA and affiliated agencies will collect and monitor air and soil quality in and areas around Camp Minden. Before disposal of nearly 16 million pounds of M6 propellant at the military installation takes place,

EPA will collect samples of air and soil as a baseline sample.

"As work continues in the selection of an alternative technology for disposal of material at Camp Minden, we are continuing to develop the necessary plans to support the state's efforts," Gray said. "As part of our promise to engage the community – we are releasing a draft baseline sampling plan and asking the community for feedback."

According to a news release, the first workshop will deal with environmental monitoring and sampling. The second will deal with response preparedness.

"In the first workshop, you will learn about future site activities such as air data collection mechanisms that will be conducted on and around Camp Minden," according to the news release. "In the second workshop, you will learn about response preparedness, including how

local officials will notify you if an incident occurs, who will respond and some basic actions you should be prepared to take to protect your family."

Representatives from the EPA, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Louisiana Military Department will be on hand to discuss and answer questions regarding monitoring and sampling questions, the news release reports.

The draft plan can be found on the EPA's website. The draft plan gives a detailed, scientific plan on how and where the data will be collected. It gives samples of tables that will contain the results following testing.

For more information, contact Jason T. McKinney, U.S. EPA community involvement coordinator at 1-800-533-3508 or his direct line at 214-665-8132.

AWARENESS

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Sexual violence is prominent in many communities, and there are several different kinds of abuse, according to a media packet provided to the Minden Press-Herald.

"Sexual violence is a broad term and includes rape, incest, child sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, exposure and voyeurism," the National Sexual Violence Resource Center reports. "Sexual violence happens to people of all ages, races, genders, sexual orientations, religions, abilities, professions, incomes and ethnicities."

All of these are sexual acts without consent. The NSVRW goes on to define consent as "permission for something to happen or agreement to do some-

thing." Sexual violence occurs when someone is forced or manipulated into unwanted sexual activity without their consent.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is about prevention. The NSVRW lists ways someone can prevent this type of behavior, and it includes speaking up about it when a person hears "harmful comments or witnessing acts of disrespect or violence."

It also includes communicating with legislators on the local, state and national level about supporting prevention programs. Policies against sexual violence can be created in the workplace and in schools.

Here are some facts provided by NSVRM about sexual violence

■ "Victims are never at fault for a sexual assault. Often, the media may unintentionally imply a victim is to blame by mentioning, for example, what the victim was wearing and if the victim was drinking. These comments lead to

victim-blaming.

■ "People who sexually assault usually violate someone they know and they often use coercion, manipulation or 'charm.' They may use force, threats or injury. An absence of physical injuries to a victim does not mean that a victim consented.

■ "Societal conditions that allow sexual violence to continue include tolerance of sexual harassment, restrictive ideas about gender, believing that women should be responsible for keeping themselves safe, rape jokes, violent pornography, the belief that alcohol will make sexual encounters better, and beliefs that certain groups are better than others (sexism, racism, heterosexism, etc.)"

If sexual assault is suspect, call local law enforcement. For more information about sexual assault prevention, contact Salisbury at 318-578-5525 or email websterpci@gmail.com.



Mayor Tommy Davis signed a proclamation in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Pictured with him is Bridgett Salsberry, advocate for Project Celebration, Inc. April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

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pregnant at age 16. A Minden resident at the time, the volunteer received services from the Pregnancy Aid Center, which is still serving clients today in the United Way center at 202 Miller St.

"She told me how important the counseling and assistance she received from the Pregnancy Aid Center meant to her and the success of her

young family," Bloxom said. "Her daughter is now grown and has started her own family.

"During the breakfast she learned the Pregnancy Aid Center is still assisting women and families, and she said she feels led to work with the non-profit and help others the way she was helped," Bloxom continued.

"Stories like this volunteer's and the comments from the participating non-profit agencies let me know that Day of Caring in

Minden had a tremendous impact."

More than 40 volunteers spent their Saturday morning with United Way and nine non-profit agencies.

"After breakfast each volunteer spent two hours at their project site," Bloxom said. "That is 80 hours of work- two full work weeks- given to non-profits that provide services and keep our community strong."

Non-profit agencies that participated in Day of

Caring include Cultural Crossroads, United Christian Assistance Program, Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry, Volunteers of America, Goodwill Industries, Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, Pregnancy Aid Center and Sadie's Arms.

Businesses that participated include ConocoPhillips, AmeriHealth, Minden Press-Herald, Minden Medical Center, Mond, Northwest Louisiana Technical College, and Regions.

Bloxom said two area

businesses, Bon Temp's Fleur Deli and Minden Embroidery, were a tremendous help in the event's success.

"This being a pilot year, we did not have event sponsorship secured," she said. "But these two businesses understood the service United Way was bringing and made sure we had breakfast and t-shirts for our volunteers-not expecting any publicity.

"They helped because that's the kind of people

they are," Bloxom continued. "We are really fortunate to be in a community that is composed of people and business of that caliber. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone who participated. It is because of you this event was a success."

For more information about United Way, volunteerism, or non-profit agencies contact Jeri Bloxom at jeri@unitedwaynwla.org or 318-677-2504 ext 140.

OBITUARY

Margaret Yount

Funeral services for Margaret Yount will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday April 14, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Dee Anders officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 8 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Margaret was born Oct. 31, 1927 in Fryeburg and entered into rest April 10, 2015 in Minden. She was a devoted Christian who loved the Lord, and her church family, and was loved by everyone. She will be greatly missed by all and she made a huge impact on many people's lives.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Edward Todd; son,



YOUNT

Charles Lynn Todd; and 2 great-grandchildren, Bailey Anne Turnage and Mark Anthony Bray.

She is survived by her husband, Claude H. Yount Jr. of Minden; sons Claude H. Yount III and wife Lori of Minden, Tracy O'Neal Todd and fiancée Wanda Thomas of Haughton and Teddy Ross Todd and wife JoLynn of Minden; daughter, Dawn R. Todd Armstrong and husband Clayton of Minden; sisters Mattie Ford of Minden, Mary Hedgecock of Minden, Johnnie Faye Stephen of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; numerous grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; several great great-grandchildren; special constant caregiver and friend Teresa Powell for over 30 years; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Terrell, Mark Tharpe, Marcus Gibson, Luke Adams, Eddie Prince and Kalob Prince.

The family extends a special thanks to Gamble Hospice and Dr. Bolger for the care given their loved one.

TURK

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where Turk was in the emergency room, reportedly causing a disturbance.

"His grandmother took him to the ER because he was complaining about being in pain," Cropper said. "Apparently he smoked some synthetic marijuana, and he was out of control. The ER called us. He supposedly broke a phone in the emergency room and caused a disturbance. So, we placed him under arrest for disturbing the peace."

When officers arrived at the Minden Police Department with Turk, Cropper says he was locked up in one of the holding cells and he began tearing up

the cell bed, breaking it into three pieces.

"Officers went in to try to get him under control," Cropper said, "and he tried to get out the door, and we charged him with simple escape."

Cropper went on to say Turk charged one of the officers, and when the officer tried to contain him, Turk allegedly bit him, breaking the skin.

Officials with the district attorney's office say while Turk faces the judge on the charge of accessory to first degree murder in the Omar Lott case, prosecuting attorney Hugo Holland will seek bond revocation in Turk's recent arrest.


Omar Lott was shot and killed Aug. 24, 2014, and J'Son and Dylan Turk were arrested along with Murphy Robertson. J'Son Turk

admitted to authorities he fired the fatal shots, but Dylan Turk reportedly helped with the body. At the time, Dylan Turk was also charged with obstruction of justice for statements made during their initial interviews.

Robertson was cleared of all charges, except a weapons charge in which a weapon was in plain view inside a vehicle in which he was a passenger.

Lott's remains were found in a wooded area off Walter Lyons Road three days after the shooting. Sheriff Gary Sexton says at the time, Lott was shot during a drug deal involving synthetic marijuana.

Turk is currently incarcerated at Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center on bonds totaling \$12,500.



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WEEKLY PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Tuition-Free Community College

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is Joe Biden and I'm here filling in for President Obama, who is traveling abroad.

And I'm here with a simple message: middle-class economics works.

Our economy has gone from crisis to recovery to now to resurgence—with the longest streak of consecutive job growth ever recorded in the history of this country and more than all other advanced countries combined.

But to make sure everyone is part of this resurgence, we need to build on what we know widens the path to the middle class—and you all know what it is, access to education.

Folks, the source of our economic power and middle class strength in the 20th Century was the fact that we were among the first major nations in the world to provide twelve years of free education for our citizens.

But in the 21st Century, other countries have already caught up and twelve years is simply no longer enough—a minimum of fourteen years is necessary for families to have a surer path to the middle class and for the United States to be able to out-compete the rest of the world.

Consider that by the end of the decade, two out of three of all jobs will require an education beyond high school, from an 18-week certificate to a two-year associate's degree to a four-

year bachelor's, or a PhD.

And consider that folks with an associate's degree earn 25% more than someone who graduated just from high school. And folks who graduate with a four-year degree make 70% more.

But today, the cost of higher education is too high for too many Americans. Too many folks are priced out of a piece of the middle-class dream.

And that's why the President and I have a straightforward plan to remove that barrier and expand the pathway to the middle class—by bringing the cost of community colleges down—down to zero.

Zero—for anyone willing to work for it and for the institutions that meet certain basic requirements.

Our plan is no give-away. Students must keep up their grades and stay on track to graduate. States must contribute funding and hold community colleges accountable for the results. And community colleges must maintain high graduation and job placement rates.

And here's a key point—community colleges will have to offer courses that are directly transferrable to

a four-year degree.

If two years of community college are free—and credits can transfer to a four-year university—that means the cost of a four-year degree will be cut in half for a lot of working families struggling to send their children to college, qualified children.

And under our plan, students from low-income families will be able to keep the benefits that flow from other financial aid, like Pell grants, to cover childcare, housing, transportation—costs that often keep them from attending college and completing a degree in the first place.

But here's another key point. Not every good-paying job will require a two-year or four-year degree. Some of these jobs will require just a training certificate that can be earned in just a few months.

For example, you can go to an 18-week coding bootcamp—with no previous experience in computers—and become a computer programmer making up to \$70,000 a year.

There are other jobs in fields like advanced manufacturing and energy that pay \$40,000, \$50,000, \$60,000 a year—jobs you can raise a family on.

It's a simple fact that community colleges are the most flexible educational institutions we have. I've traveled all over this country, from New York to Iowa to California, to see how community colleges create partnerships with Fortune

500 companies and local businesses to generate jobs; support apprenticeships with organized labor, and prepare hardworking students for good-paying jobs in the areas in which they live.

Making community colleges free is good for workers, it's good for companies, and it's good for our economy.

Here's what we propose: Close loopholes for the wealthiest investors and levy a .07% fee on the biggest banks to discourage the kind of risky behavior that crashed our economy just a few years ago.

Doing just that would pay for free community college—and provide a leg up for working families through tax credits to cover necessities like childcare.

That's what middle-class economics is all about—giving folks a fair chance to get ahead. A fair tax code. No guarantees. Just a fair chance.

It's simple folks, two years of community college should become as free and as universal as high school is today if we're to make this economic resurgence permanent and well into the 21st Century.

So I want to thank you all for listening. I hope you have a great weekend and God bless you all and may God protect our troops.

President Barack Obama's weekly address is published each Monday in the Minden Press-Herald.



JOE BIDEN



FROMA HARROP

PERSPECTIVE

Good people sometimes back bad laws

A law in Indiana and a bill in Arkansas making life harder for their gay neighbors have lost their wheels in a surprising smashup. Business interests, usually associated with the conservative cause, lowered the boom on "religious freedom" legislation supported by social conservatives.

But we are not here to discuss the Republican rift between economic and religious conservatives. Today's mission is to narrow the far wider gap between liberals and social conservatives. It's to urge liberals holding the fervent belief in the right to same-sex marriage to give the other side a little space to evolve.

Condemning these traditionalists as base bigots is unproductive. Liberals might borrow the sentiment religious conservatives have often applied to homosexuality: Hate the sin, but love the sinner.

Such laws are indeed discriminatory, and nastiness may propel some of their supporters. But many of the backers, though they regard homosexuality as immoral, are not especially hostile toward gay people. Some have been genuinely shocked to hear that they would be considered unkind, unfriendly and bigoted.

There's a tendency in our culture to cluster in communities of like-minded people and throw lightning bolts of disapproval over the walls into other like-minded communities. But where possible, persuasion beats condemnation every time.

The train to legalized gay marriage is unstoppable, so let it continue rolling at a comfortable pace. When Massachusetts first permitted same-sex marriage in 2004, pollsters asked that state's residents whether they defined marriage as something between a man and a woman. A majority said yes.

Most of the respondents' answers in 2004 reflected not an animosity toward gay people but rather a traditional view of marriage. A poll asking the same question today would undoubtedly find a majority in Massachusetts saying "not necessarily."

To my gay friends who regard the ability to marry another of the same sex as a basic human right, I hear you.

But you must concede that the path for widespread legalization of same-sex marriage — starting in liberal places, such as Massachusetts, and then expanding one state at a time as more Americans became comfortable with the idea — has been quite effective.

To my liberal friends of whatever sexual orientation, you and social conservatives share a few areas of common interest. This is territory you can meet on if you don't employ a scorched-earth policy every time you disagree.

The environment is one example. The Christian Coalition of America has fought efforts by fossil fuel interests and utilities to slap taxes on solar panels. In explaining its position, the coalition's president wrote, "We recognize the biblical mandate to care for God's creation and protect our children's future." Whatever the hearer's spiritual bent, those words are among the most beautiful statements of the environmentalist creed ever made.

White evangelicals may be more conservative on other issues than the population at large, but 64 percent told pollsters for LifeWay Research that they favor comprehensive immigration reform. Some of their church leaders have been among the most vocal proponents of a humanitarian approach to fixing the immigration laws.

The battle against casinos seems a lost cause, but Christian conservatives have led the good fight. Gambling as a means to raise government revenues is immoral, they say, and one reason is that it fleeces the most economically vulnerable members of the community.

What liberals and religious conservatives share is a belief that many of our most important values can't be measured in dollars. One can't paper over these groups' divergent worldviews. But while their advocates might not expect to embrace very often, they should preserve enough common ground to hold hands once in a while.

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Around Town

Monday, April 13-Wednesday, April 15

New Light Missionary Baptist Church will host its annual spring revival at 7 p.m. each night. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Kaled Adams of New Orleans. Everyone is invited.

Tuesday, April 14

Town and Country Health and Rehab will host its Souper Supper at 6 p.m. in the dining room to honor its volunteers. Bring at least one can of soup to donate to UCAP.

Tuesday, April 14-Thursday, April 16

Mt. Olive Christian School will host an "Open School" event. All parents of both attending students and prospective students are invited to come sit in the classroom of their choosing to get an idea of what a day in the life of a Mt. Olive School student is like. The classrooms will remain open for your visit until dismissal at 3:25 p.m.

New Zion Baptist Church, located at 570 Amos Cutoff Rd., will host its annual spring revival at 7 p.m. each night. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Richard Jefferson, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Doyline. Everyone is invited.

Saturday, April 18

The Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Association will convene for its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Givens Hall at Evergreen Union Church. Bring a covered dish and enjoy a buffet meal at noon. This provides the perfect opportunity to address any concerns about the cemetery and to add any spring flowers to loved ones' graves.

Sunday, April 19

Annual choir anniversary program at 3 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church. Special guest is Springfield Baptist Church of Mt. Lebanon. Other guests will be soloists and choirs from the surrounding area.

Lakeview Preschool plate lunch fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Plates will include Hugh Woods pork chop dinner with pork chops, au gratin potatoes, dirty rice, roll and a dessert. Plates are \$10 each, carry out only. For tickets call 377-1226 or 377-1302 before noon.

St. John Divine Baptist Church will celebrate Minister Herbert L. Rhone and his wife's 10th anniversary at 3 p.m. at 517 Lake Road in Sibley. Come and share this special occasion with guest speaker Minister Rodney Williams, pastor of King Solomon Baptist Church in Sibley. The theme will be "Don't give out, don't give in, don't give up," Galatians 6:9.

Sunday, April 19-Friday, April 24

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will host its spring revival. At 3 p.m., speaker for Sunday, April 19: Pastor James E. Smith. At 7 p.m. each night: April 20: Pastor Reggie Lofton, Mt. Nebo BC, April 21: Pastor Billy Hawkins, Mt. Pilgrim BC, April 22: Pastor Ray Jiles, Valley Spring BC, April 23: Pastor John Cole, Mt. Comfort BC, and April 24: Pastor Royal Scott Jr., Greater St. Paul Baptist Church.

Friday, April 24-Sunday, April 26

The 10th pastoral appreciation honoring Bishop Charles A. Blanks will be at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, located at 329 Shady Oak Ext., in Springhill. The guest speakers will be Bishop Kimberly Randle at 7 p.m., Friday, April 24, a musical at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 25, and Pastor Rodney Williams at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 26. Everyone is invited.

Saturday, April 25

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church will host a 5k race and fun run. "Race Towards a Mission" is a fundraiser for the youth's planned mission trip. The fun run begins at 8 a.m., with the 5k race beginning at 8:30 a.m. Photo booth and face painting will also be available. Register online at www.active.com or call 393-6150 for a race application. Prizes will be available for every age group.

Eastside Missionary Baptist Youth Fundraiser "Race Towards a Mission" will begin at 8 a.m. with a Fun Run at the church. There will be a 5K at 8:30 a.m., a photo booth and face painting. Register online at www.active.com or call 393-6150 for a race application. Prizes will be available for the winner of every age group.

Monday, April 27-Wednesday, April 29

Annual youth revival, 7 p.m. each night at Mt. Comfort Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be Minister Brian Jackson of Union Springs Baptist Church in Shreveport. Theme is "Doing What My Parents Say." All are invited.

Saturday, May 2

Mt. Lebanon Historical Society presents "Stage Coach Days" at Mt. Lebanon. Live music, cake walks, a silent auction, quilt raffle will be available. Gourmet hot dogs at noon and supper at 5 p.m. with grilled hamburgers. Lots of food and fun. Also, a fun game of Mt. Lebanon Jeopardy will be played with trivia questions and answers about the history of Mt. Lebanon. The event begins at 11 a.m. Exit 61 off I-20, Mt. Lebanon is on Highway 154, three miles south of Gibsland.

Sunday, May 3

Union Grove Baptist Church will host its 111th church anniversary at 3 p.m. The guest speaker and church will be Pastor Donald Crawford and Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church of Emerson, Arkansas.

Rocky Mount Baptist Church will host its 17th anniversary for Pastor Billy R. Ellis at 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Julian Burns of Springville United Baptist Church of Gibsland. Rocky Mount BC is located at Highway 534 in Homer.

GIRL SCOUTS



Girl Scouts deliver Easter baskets

Girl Scout Troop 508 delivered Easter baskets to local foster children through the Department of Children and Family Services. Pictured are from left, back row, Sara Osborne, Destani McCoy, Paige Simpson, Kazanee Willis, Kayleigh Haughton and Brandi Washington. From left, front row, Hannah Smith, Asia Huey, LaJada Chipps, Kyleigh Haughton, Trinity Phillips and Serenity Lee. Troop leader is Nikki McCoy. Co-leaders are Heather Haughton and Misty Simpson.

MEDICAL NEWS

Spring is ankle sprain season

Spring is sports season for many amateur athletes and weekend warriors in the Minden area. It's also ankle sprain season for one area foot and ankle surgeon.

Stefan Lorincz, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon with offices in Minden and Springhill, says ankle sprains are one of the most common sports injuries he treats this time of year.

"As people emerge from their winter hibernation and start to get active again, they can injure their ankles playing sports such as basketball, baseball, tennis and soccer," he said.

Anyone who injures an ankle requires prompt medical treatment, whether it's their first sprain or their fifth. Rest, ice, compression and elevation (R.I.C.E.) can reduce swelling and pain until the ankle can be evaluated and treated by a foot and ankle surgeon. A sprain may not always be a sprain; the ankle could be fractured.

Lorincz notes that many athletes develop chronic ankle instability from repeated ankle sprains, causing their ankle to frequently "give way." In some cases these players may require surgery. Proper rehabilitation of an ankle sprain reduces the likelihood of developing chronic ankle instability.

Lorincz shares three spring ankle sprain prevention tips from FootHealthFacts.org:

1. Perform warm-up stretches and exercises before playing sports.
2. Wear the right shoes for the sport. For example, don't wear

running shoes for sports that involve a lot of side-to-side movement, such as tennis and basketball.

3. Wear an ankle brace if you're recovering from an injury or have repeatedly sprained your ankle.

FootHealthFacts.org is the consumer web site of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). Lorincz

is a member of the ACFAS and board certified in foot and ankle surgery. He earned his podiatric medical degree from Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University in North Chicago, Illinois.

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SPORTS briefs

HIGH SCHOOL SB Lakeside Lady Warriors top Lakeview, 16-3

The Lakeside Lady Warrior softball team picked up a big win over the Lakeview Lady Gators over the week-end.

The Lady Warriors came out swinging, racking up 13 hits on their way to a 16-3 win.

All of the Lady Warriors got in on the action, with Allie Maness leading the way with three hits to go with 2 RBI. Cassy Monday added a double with 3 RBI, Ashley Nunn had a single and 3 RBI, and Kelly Willis, Emily Maness and Deirdre Johnson all had two singles and an RBI.

Alexis Harvey added a RBI single and Majorie Bailey had a RBI hit as well.

Lakeside started Kendall Williams on the mound, and she delivered with a solid outing.

Williams struck out four batters, giving up seven hits and two earned runs.

RACING

James Hinchcliffe wins first ever Grand Prix of Louisiana

AVONDALE, La. (AP) — James Hinchcliffe is getting used to partying in New Orleans.

The veteran IndyCar driver was a guest at one of the biggest Mardi Gras parades in February. So, he looked like a natural tossing beads Sunday after winning the inaugural Indy Grand Prix of Louisiana.

The Canadian had a wet track and a fortunate pit strategy to thank for his fourth career triumph, and won by leading most of the last 14 laps under caution. But he'll take it.

"The inaugural event at any track is always special," said Hinchcliffe, who rode in the Bacchus parade and was among the drivers most involved in promoting the race. "To be able to come out on top in that first race means a lot."

Helio Castroneves overcame early front-wing damage that put him near the back of the field to finish second for Team Penske, giving him a consecutive top-five finishes to start the season.

"In normal conditions, it's extremely difficult to come back," Castroneves said. "The way it was playing around with so many yellows and so many variables, amazing that we never gave up and were able to go back in the game."

James Jakes was third to give Schmidt Peterson Motorsports two podium finishers.

The variable conditions brought out one caution after another as drivers spun or slid off the track, causing what was scheduled as a 75-lap race to end as a timed race after just 47 laps. Several drivers lost control on the final turn before the front straight, where water was flowing across the spot where they wanted to accelerate.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

ACTION FILLED WEEKEND

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Minden Crimson Tide

The Minden Crimson Tide took their show on the road for a pivotal district showdown with the Benton Tigers Saturday afternoon.

The Tide and Tigers locked horns in a defensive battle for most of the day before Benton emerged victorious, 3-1.

For the Tide, it was a disappointing loss as they try to position themselves for a shot at the postseason.

Benton led the game 1-0 for most of the early going.

Minden was able to strike back and tie the game at one in the fourth when Peyton Gray drove in Austin Keough who reached on a double.

He and Gunner Stephens had the only hits for Minden.

Crimson Tide starter Trace Francis pitched well, giving up three earned runs while limiting Benton to six hits and striking out two.

The Tide will try to get back on track Tuesday, April 14 when they take on North DeSoto.

Lakeside Warriors

The Lakeside Warriors had a big non-district game with the Flyers of Loyola College Prep, defeating the visitors 7-2 on a beautiful day for baseball in Sibley.

The Warriors put on an impressive display, and also took advantage of some Flyer miscues late in the game.

The Warriors took control of the game for good in the third inning when they got two runs on a fielding error and then another on an RBI single by Luke Griffith.



Coulson White squares to bunt during the Warriors 7-2 win over the Loyola Flyers Saturday. Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

Then the Warrior pitching and defense took over.

The Warriors used four pitchers on the day, combining to six-hit the Flyers and keep a deadly lineup at bay.

Lakeside added three more runs at the end to bring the final score to 7-2 and improve their record to 13-7.

Luke Griffith had a nice game, finishing 2-4 with two singles and 3 RBI.

Coulson White went 3-4 with two singles and a double, Logan Clark and Trent Geis went 2-3 with two singles, Jake Gray was 1-4 with a double and

Tanner Page and Thomas Lambert both added singles for the Warriors.

Next up for the Warriors is a huge district battle with the Calvary Cavaliers, in Shreveport, Tuesday, April 14.

First pitch for that game will be 6 p.m.

Glenbrook Apaches

The Glenbrook Apaches have had an up-and-down 2015 campaign.

They exorcised a few of their demons on Friday versus their rivals from Claiborne Academy in a 18-3 victory that had head coach Jonathan Hardy in good spirits.

"This was a great game for us," Hardy said. "We had one of our best hitting outings of the season. I think we finished with 16 hits."

Leading the way for Glenbrook was Colt Wilson who went 3-4 with 4 RBI and a double for the night.

Also with an impressive day at the plate were Glenbrook's seniors. Spencer White went 2-4 with a pair of RBI, Caleb Wilson finished 2-2 with an RBI double, Clay Simonton went 2-5 with 2 RBI, Sutton Jones went 1-4 with 3 RBI and Cameron

Mathews went 2-3 on the day.

Nick Mourad came through with 2 RBI for the Apaches in a 2-3 outing, Trevor McLean went 1-1 and Parker Christy added an RBI hit.

Spencer White was the winning pitcher for the Apaches, going six innings, striking out two, allowing just six hits and walking one.

Next up is another date with the Claiborne Academy Rebels on Monday at Apache Field, starting with the JV at 4 p.m., followed by the varsity at 6 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF

Jordan Spieth earns redemption, green jacket

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Jordan Spieth got more than redemption and a green jacket Sunday. He took his place among the best in the game with a Masters victory for the ages.

One year after Spieth lost a bid to become the youngest Masters champion, the 21-year-old Texan turned in one of the most dominant wins ever at Augusta National. He never let anyone get closer to him than three shots after his record start. He never gave anyone much hope on Sunday.

Spieth closed with a 2-under 70, missing a 5-foot par putt on the final hole that would have set yet another record. Instead, he tied the score set by Tiger Woods in 1997 at 18-under 270.

"This was the ultimate goal in my golf life," Spieth said.

For all the talk about the Grand Slam bid by Rory McIlroy and the return of Woods, this week was about the arrival of another star.

"It's awfully impressive," McIlroy said after finishing fourth. "It's nice to get your major tally up and running at an early stage in your career. It's great to see, great for the

game, and I'm sure there will be many more."

Spieth became the first wire-to-wire winner at the Masters since Raymond Floyd in 1976, and this might have been even more special. Craig Woods in 1941 is the only other Masters champion who led by at least three shots from the opening round to the trophy presentation.

Phil Mickelson tried to make a run. So did Justin Rose. Neither got closer than three shots at any point, and it wasn't long before Spieth was making another birdie putt to take the drama out of the back nine.

Mickelson (69) and Rose (70) tied for second. It was the 10th time Mickelson has been runner-up in a major. Woods jarred his right wrist then he struck wood under the pine straw on the ninth hole. He recovered and closed with a 73, 13 shots behind.

Spieth won for the third time on the PGA Tour and fifth time worldwide. He will rise to No. 2 in the world rankings, still a ways to go to catch McIlroy at the top. When McIlroy won back-to-back majors last year to establish himself as the

game's best player, the quest was to find a rival.

Spieth provided the answer on perhaps the biggest stage in the sport with his record-setting week at Augusta.

"He has no weaknesses," Mickelson said. "He doesn't overpower the golf course, but he plays the course strategically well. He plays all the shots properly. And he has that ability to focus and see things clear when the pressure is on and perform at his best when the pressure is on."

"That's something that you really can't teach," he said. "Some players are able to do it, some players aren't. And he is."

Spieth showed early he was up to challenge. Rose, starting the final round four shots behind, rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the first hole, and Spieth calmly made his birdie putt from just inside him. Spieth went out in 35 to build his lead to five shots, and one putt later, the Masters effectively was over.

Spieth rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 10 for a six-shot lead. It was his 26th birdie of the Masters, breaking the tournament record that Mickelson set in 2001.



Spieth managed this in only 64 holes. The next target was the 72-hole scoring record that Woods set in 1997 and he almost got there except for that bogey at the end. McIlroy had a 68-66 weekend, hurt by his slow start and put him 12 shots going into the weekend. He will

have to wait until next year to try to win the Masters and become the sixth player to complete the career Grand Slam.

The way Spieth is playing, that task just got a little harder. In his last four starts, Spieth has won twice and finished second twice.

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PRIMETIME TELEVISION

Milo Ventimiglia talks ‘Gotham’ arc and ‘Heroes Reborn’

NEW YORK — Milo Ventimiglia is the new big bad villain on Fox's "Gotham," beginning an arc Monday (at 8 pm. EDT) that leads up to the season finale.

Ventimiglia plays the Ogre, whose name may be familiar to DC Comics fanatics, but his version is different from the one already in the DC universe.

"Gotham" focuses on James Gordon (played by Ben McKenzie) as a detective, before he becomes commissioner and before Bruce Wayne becomes Batman. In this prequel, Gotham City is still corrupt and has plenty of bad guys. That's where Ventimiglia's Ogre comes in. He's an untouchable mad man who the Gotham City police department won't go near, because every time someone does, the ogre responds by killing someone that person loves.

Ventimiglia said in a recent phone interview that he was drawn to the role because, for one, Bruno Heller, the creator of "Gotham," makes "great male characters."

"They're strong, they have a purpose and a direction," said Ventimiglia. "I identify with what I am. I'm a man and want to play a great, male character. Thank god for guys like Heller or (TV show producer) Kurt Sutter who give us these great characters for



actors to play with."

He also enjoys playing bad.

"We all have it in us to be very dark individuals but hopefully we choose not to be," he said. "To play a villain, to play a bad guy, to play a killer, it's fun because it's

make-believe and it's complete pretend. At the end of the day I get to step off camera and go back to being myself but as the cameras are rolling I can be as sick as I possibly can."

Ventimiglia, 37, is best known

for playing Peter Petrelli on the NBC drama "Heroes" from 2006-2010. He already announced via Twitter that he would not be returning to the reboot "Heroes Reborn" (described as a 13-episode miniseries to air later

this year). He said "I wish them all the best. I closed a chapter on 'Heroes' when it ended five years ago on the original."

He also admits he's not that curious about this new version.

"It's like, are you ever curious about your ex-relationships? Not really. Hopefully. Hopefully people can let you leave them in the past and not everybody's reminding you about that that girl you used to date."

He understands the show's fan base is interested but confesses, "It's hard being the guy that says, 'No, I'm not going back, A — because I wasn't invited, and B — I've moved past that and I grew up and I grew out of that. Had we still been making the show for the last five years it would be a different story. The truth is the show got canceled. It wasn't even that the show ended. The show got canceled."

This isn't to say he didn't appreciate the role because he stresses that he "enjoyed every minute. But, like every moment, every job, they will all end. Not to get super meta but everything comes to an end when it's supposed to and pumping new blood into a dead body won't necessarily bring it back to life. You might get a limb to twitch but, who knows?"

Kim Kardashian and Kanye take baby North West to Middle East

JERUSALEM — Israeli paparazzi are in hot pursuit trying to catch up with the Kardashians — and rapper Kanye West.

Members of reality TV's first

family touched down Monday in the Holy Land for what was described as a private two-day visit.

Kim Kardashian, along with husband West, their daughter,

North West, and her sister, Khloe, arrived in a private jet at Israel's international airport before being whisked away in a dark black SUV to a hotel in Jerusalem. All were captured on

camera disembarking their plane and the images featured prominently on Israeli websites.

The Kardashian entourage arrived from a high-profile visit to Armenia, where the

Kardashian family traces its roots.

They are expected to shoot some footage for their reality show in Jerusalem before moving on to Jordan.

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THREE-SEPIA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals F

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ACROSS	35 Rational	57 "—	10 Faction
1 "By all means"	36 Churlish types	Doubtfire"	11 Back of the foot
4 Picture puzzle	38 Pit of your stomach	58 Fry lightly	16 Promptly
9 Bat wood	40 "CSI" find	59 Grow old	20 Pinches
12 Beer cousin	41 "Peter Pan" pooch	DOWN	21 "Spare tire"
13 Repre-sentative	43 Grace, for one	1 Sweet potato	22 Car to a prom
14 False-hood	45 Cyndi Lauper hit	2 TV Tarzan Ron	23 Willa Cather work
15 Willa Cather work	47 Glutton	3 Mariner's place	27 Joke
17 Tribute in verse	48 Ball prop	4 Snitched (on)	29 Hathaway or Heche
18 Mel of Coopers-town	49 Willa Cather work	5 Vanity voyage	30 Calendar quota
19 Christ-mas tree shimmer	54 Listening device	6 Franklin or Stein	32 Hardly fascinating
21 Rose or carnation	55 Oyster prize	7 Monads	34 Boost
24 Fit of peevish-ness	56 Seek damages	8 Dry cleaner's targets	37 Gets nosy
25 Mouth part		9 Willa Cather work	39 Tiny amount
26 Groove on			42 Breath-lessness?
28 Spread outward			44 Past
31 Sur-rounded by			45 Goblet feature
33 — de deux			46 Listen to
			50 Water (Fr.)
			51 Mex. neighbor
			52 Carpet
			53 Witness

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Friday's Answers

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