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Above, Minden High graduates Dillon Herrington, **Lucas Lawrence and Timalia Weatherton sing** the alma matar after receiving their diplomas at Friday's ceremony. Right, Glenbrook Valedictorian Bridget Cone speaks to the Glenbrook Class of 2015 during the graduation ceremony. Bruce Franklin and Michelle Bates/Press-Herald





UNITED WAY

LINCC and Learn breakfast set for May 27

STAFF REPORTS

The Community Foundation of North Louisiana and the United Way of Northwest Louisiana have once again joined together to bring better philanthropic services to the citizens of north Louisiana.

In the latest collaboration, both entities have jointly formed Community Resource Management LLC. CRM will oversee Louisiana Initiative for Nonprofit and Community Collaboration, a clearinghouse for information about nonprofit resources and volunteer opportunities in northwest Louisiana.

CRM will host a LINCC and Learn breakfast for nonprofits at 8 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, at the United Way office in Minden, located at 202 Miller Street.

"Throughout partnership of the Community Foundation of north Louisiana and the United Way of Northwest Louisiana, they have

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provided a one-stop shop for our region to allow citizens to look in depth at community resources, issues and needs," Susan Campbell, executive director of CRM, said. "I am excited about the possibilities that LINCC can provide northwest Louisiana by

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CAMP MINDEN CLEANUP

Money is hold up with M6 removal

Col. Pete Schneider: Contract close to being signed

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Officials with the Louisiana Military Department say money is the holdup with actually signing a contract, but they are very close to doing so.

Col. Pete Schneider, spokesman for the LMD, says he doesn't see an issue with the contract signing; the problem is the money is designated for the open tray burn process, not the alternative chosen. That means the Administrative Order on Consent must be amended along with the money to carry out the cleanup of the nearly 16 million pounds of M6 propellant abandoned by Explo Systems, Inc., at Camp Minden.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

NWLTC appoints interim director

MICHELLE BATES

michelle@press-herald.com Northwest Louisiana Technical College has appointed an interim director in the wake of

Dr. Rick Bateman taking a position at Bossier Parish Community College. Dianne Clark, a 20-year employee with the

technical college system, is returning to Minden after a two-year stint at the Mansfield campus. With this one-year appointment, she hopes to strength-

en industry partnerships and the college's existing programs. "Coming back to Minden

knowing that we have this third building being completed under

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SECONDFRONT

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POSTAL SERVICE

Mailbox Improvement Week is this week

Postmaster Bruce Scott is asking all Minden homeowners to inspect and repair their mailboxes during Mailbox Improvement Week. "Repairing suburban and rural mailboxes improves the appearance of our community and makes delivering and receiving mail

safer for our carriers and customers," Scott said.

The Postal Service makes this annual request because of the wear and tear that occurs to mailboxes every year. "This is especially important because of the effects of the summer and winter weather we had this past

year," he said.

Some of the typical activities that need to be done include:

■Replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door,

■Repainting a mailbox that may have rusted or started peeling,

■Remounting a mailbox post if loosened,

■Replacing or adding house numbers.

"If a homeowner plans to install a new mailbox or replace a worn one, he/she must use Postal Service-approved traditional, contemporary or locking full/limited service mailboxes," Scott said. "Customers would be

careful when purchasing curbside mail receptacles because the use of unapproved boxes is prohibited."

Customers may use a custom-built mailbox; however, it must conform to local, state, federal laws, and highway regulations. Scott says customers must consult with the Postmaster or his designee to ensure the mailbox is consistent with guidelines applying to flag, size, strength, and quality of constructions, and to ensure there are no violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act.



The Minden High School Class of 2015 toss up their mortar boards following the graduation ceremony Friday night. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

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connecting and engaging our nonprofits and our community members."

By combining these similar functions into one enterprise, the two organizations will not only ensure that vital information about the nonprofit the Webster chambers of es it provides is available to LINCC website in Webster

our area's citizens, but we will also save administrative costs by grouping similar services together. CRM is currently working with community and the servic- commerce to promote the

LINCC is a free and easy website that brings community resources together through one portal, providing data, knowledge effective collaboration

between nonprofits, government, funders and workforce development. LINCC provides information on all exempt organizations to assist grant makers, service providers and those wishing to volunteer,

contribute and team up with organizations and dedicated improving the quality of life in northwest Louisiana.

For more information bell at 318-221-0582

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He also says the bids and methods chosen cannot be released to the public because the contracts have not been signed.

"Even though the EPA says they don't disapprove, until the AOC gets worked out, which ties money to open tray burn, we officially have no money to issue a contract to the vender that was chosen," Schneider said. "I can tell you we are working feverishly (to try

and get it worked out). Once we get the contract officially signed, we can (move forward)."

The Department of the Army, the EPA, the Louisiana Military Department and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality must all sign off on the contract for it to become official, he says.

He would not give a timeline on when the contract would be signed, but said they are working on it every day.

"The issue is money right now, because of the AOC," he said. "We're close. I wish I could tell you it will happen today, but I can't do that. We're really close, though."

Because Camp Minden is designated as a superfund site, the Department of Justice is the manager of those funds, Schneider says. He added everyone is working diligently to get the language of the AOC changed to account for the alternate method of contained burn chosen to dispose of the M6.

The price tag to dispose of the M6, according to Schneider's figures based on the open tray burn method, is about \$15 million. An additional \$4 million was allotted for the environmental sampling and monitoring. The total is about \$28 million, he says. The actual cost will not be known until the contract is signed and executed. To be clear, it is only an estimated cost.

The Camp Minden Citizens Advisory Group celebrated the victory of the community in stopping the open tray burn method of disposal. Eldorado Engineering will construct the contained burn unit to

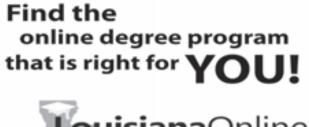
destroy the M6, but the contractor is Explosive Services International, which will carry the project from beginning to end.

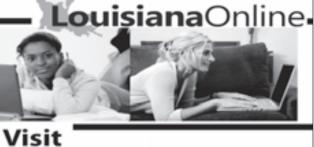
It will take approximately five months to construct the unit and an additional 12 months to dispose of the M6, to the tune of destroying about 63,000 pounds per day around the

Minden Mayor Tommy Davis, one of the first to object to the open tray burn along with State Rep. Gene Reynolds, says in a news release he is pleased with the selected process and supports CAG in its efforts to oversee the project and be the voice for the community as it gets underway.

CAG meets on the second Monday of each month at First Baptist Church in Doyline. The group is led by Ron Hagar, who says communities are counting on CAG to keep everyone informed about the process from beginning to end.

For more information, contact Hagar at 318-525-2324 or email hagaron@att.net.





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EDUCATION

SMILE program enriches kids' education

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With school getting out and the hot summer months approaching, St. Rest Baptist Church is once again offering its

SMILE program for kids. The Summer Motivational Intensive Learning Experience program offers an array of activities from academics to field trips.

"It's two months - June and July – and it will end July 31," Elena Black, director, said. "We usually have a motivational speaker before they go to classes. We include art, and last year we had music. We try to do some cultural things

She says they do all sorts of things, like going to the Minden Recreation Center Complex to go swimming, field trips like going to Sci-Port, the zoo and movie time. Last year, the big field trip was one to Hot Springs, Arkansas to Magic Springs.

"We also have library day once a week," she said. "They do reading and art projects as well. And we do physical education.

We did little gardening boxes last year. We planted peppers, strawberries and tomatoes."

One year, the kids got to make buttermilk.

"One year, we had whipping cream, and they made butter," Bro. Ben Martin, pastor of St. Rest, said. "You take the whipping cream and you put it in a gallon jar and you shake it and you shake it and eventually you get butter."

Black says they also teach social skills to help the kids cope better when they return to school.

SMILE started about five years ago to give the kids something to do and to get them off the streets, Martin says. The idea came from a

program started in Atlanta, he says, and he started it in Minden. "We had

an advantage there," he said. "We

had several retired school teachers, and the English teacher had them actually do a scene from one of

Shakespeare's play. The director was a retired school teacher, and he had one kid that was so far behind in his reading that he couldn't do well in class. So while everyone else was in class, he was one on one with him."

Black says they have asked parents in the application where the weaknesses are so they can work with the children in areas of math, English and reading.

The cost of the program is \$175 per child, \$125 with each additional child. The fee covers everything

they do during the summer, from breakfast and lunch to the field trips they take, Black says. The hours of operation are from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the summer feeding program, Black added.

SMILE will take place at the church's multi-purpose building, located at the church at 611 East Union St.

For more information or questions, call Black at 318-465-1494 or Jonquez Moore at 318-422-6184.

OBITUARIES

Duaine Pyle

A memorial service will be set for later date for Duaine Pyle.

Duaine was born June 17, 1934, in Truxno to Howard and Nana Burnside Pyle. He passed away on May 15, 2015, in Minden. After serving in the U.S. Army, he went on to become a driller in the oilfield for Sawyer Drilling Co.

He is preceded in death by his parents and son Heath Pyle.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Virginia Haltom



Pyle; sons, Adrian Pyle and wife Kim and David Pyle and wife Debra; daughter, June Kilpatrick and husband Lynn; sister, Linda Kaye Vestal; numerous grandchildren; and other family and friends.

Robert Earl Salter

Funeral services for Robert Earl Salter will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Barry Carter officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home.

Robert was born August 9, 1930, in Bryceland and entered into rest May 17, 2015 in Bossier City.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Ruth Turner Salter of Minden; son, Steve Salter of Minden; daughter, Debra Kay Ashley and husband Mike of Minden; sister, Shirley Ann Chandler and husband Charles of Homer; grandchildren, Clay Ashley, Christina Salter, Brandon Waters; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Damon Chandler, Paul Chandler, Charlie Chandler, Clay Ashley, Brandon Waters and Ray Bell.

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Act 360 as a workforce center, the focus is going to be on building industry partnerships and customizing the workforce offerings," she said. "That's what I've been challenged to do, and to bring continuity between us and Bossier Parish Community College. Because of the relationship with Dr. Bateman, we'll have a lot of shared resources and we'll work together very close-

She's already cultivated a relationship with BPCC at the Mansfield campus and gave a brief history of how that partnership worked there. She hopes to bring some of that to the Minden campus, she

"We're going to reduce duplication of services where possible, and we're going to use our resources much more efficiently," she said. "We're going to expand the day at our facilities. Right now, our facilities are going largely unused after 3 in the afternoon. We will be working

very hard to establish programs that will hopefully utilize every one of our campus sites." Another area she wants

to focus on is establishing a foundation to help students with tuition. She says with the continuing state budget cuts, it's getting more difficult for students to get financial aid. Currently, at NWLTC, if a student does not already have scholarships or a Pell Grant, then a student may not be able to pay for college. With the foundation, this will allow students to apply for a scholarship.

'There's just not been much of a way for us to help our students when they can't help themselves," she said. "We want to begin to get some endowments for a foundation to offer some scholarships to these students who have no other

means."

Regarding industry partnership development, Clark says the goal is to move with industry and provide the education they require to provide the workforce needed. She says the goal is to provide education for high-paying, high-demand jobs.

"We work very closely with the Louisiana Department of Labor," she said. "We're focusing on fiveand four-star jobs," she She explained the LDL

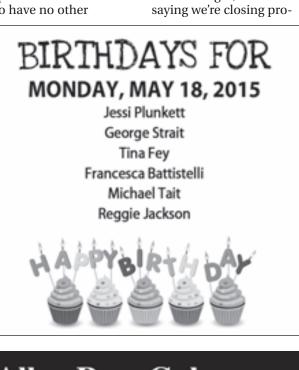
uses a star system to rank jobs in the way they pay, and the more stars, the higher the wages. Sne said they also work by a tier system, which also helps distinguish the higherpaying, higher-demand jobs.

"We will be making some changes, and I'm not saying we're closing programs," she said. "What we're going to do is take a good hard look at the curriculum that is established, and begin to revise it and tailor it towards the

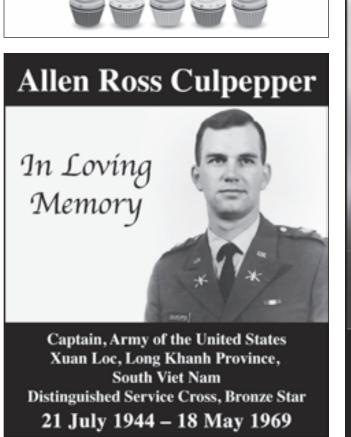
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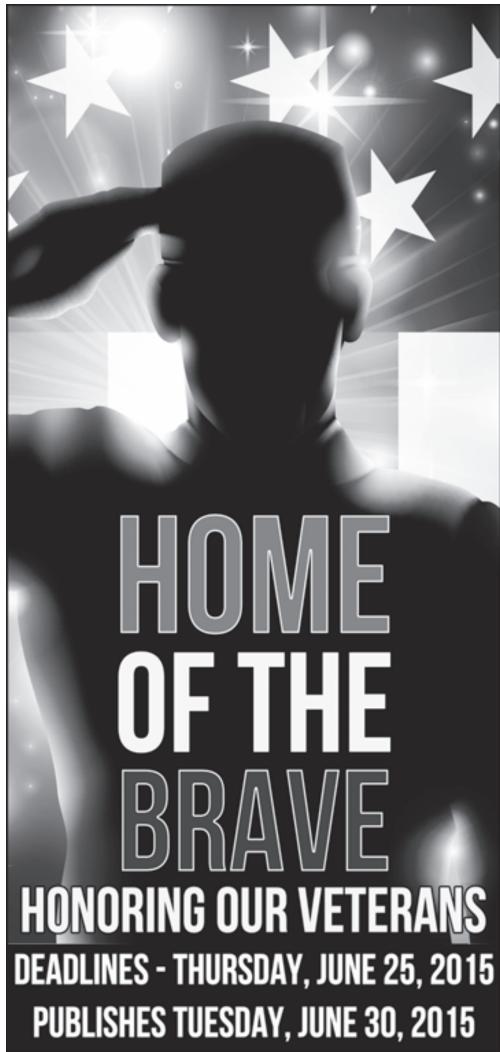
Clark began her career at NWLTC in 1989 as a business instructor and moved into the assistant

dean position in the early 1990s. She stayed with the Minden campus until 2013 in that position until she took the dean's position at the Mansfield campus.









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PRESIDENTIAL **ADDRESS**

Creating opportunity for all

Everything we've done over the past six years has been in pursuit of one overarching goal: creating opportunity for all.

What we've long understood, though, is that some communities have consistently had the odds stacked against them. That's true of rural communities with chronic poverty. That's true of some manufacturing communities that suffered after the plants they depended on closed their doors. It's true of some suburbs and inner cities, where jobs can be hard to find and harder to get to.

That sense of unfairness and powerlessness has helped to fuel the kind of unrest that we've seen in places like Baltimore, Ferguson, and New York. It has many causes -- from a basic lack of opportunity

to groups feeling unfairly targeted by police – which means there's no single solution. But there are many that could make a different and could help. And we have to do everything in our power to

make this country's promise real for everyone willing to work for it.

That's why last Tuesday, at a summit organized by Catholics and evangelicals, I sat down with a conservative scholar and a poverty expert for a discussion on what it takes to open more doors of opportunity. We know our efforts matter: since 1967, we've brought poverty down by about 40 percent, thanks in part to programs like Social Security and the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families. And we know that there are folks from all faiths, and across the ideological spectrum, who care deeply about "the least of these." So I hope this conversation continues, not as a question of whether, but of how, we can work together to grow opportunity. Because it's not words, but deeds, that make a difference. And from expanding tax cuts for working parents, to raising high school graduation rates, to helping millions of Americans secure health insurance when they didn't have it just a few years

is not the only barrier between too many of our young people and the kind of future they deserve. On Monday, I'll travel to Camden, New Jersey, a city that has faced one of the highest violent crime rates in America. I'll highlight some of the innovative things they've done to help police do their jobs more safely and reduce crime in the process. And I'll highlight steps all cities can take to maintain trust between the brave law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line, and the communities they're sworn to serve and protect. Whether we are Democrats,

ago -- our actions are making a

Of course, lack of opportunity

difference.

Republicans, or independents; whether we live in one of our poorest communities, one of our wealthiest, or anywhere in between, we all want our country to be one where hard work pays off and responsibility is rewarded. We want a place where you can make it if you try. That's the promise we make to our young people. That's the promise that makes us exceptional. And it's the promise I'll never stop fighting to keep, for

my children and for yours. President Barack Obama's weekly address runs every Monday in the Minden Press-Herald.

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ANALYSIS

Outcome of Common Core compromise appears murky

The compromise over Louisiana's use of Common Core in public schools was heralded by supporters and critics of the multistate education standards.

But exactly what the deal would mean for Louisiana's classrooms and its standardized testing is open to wide variations in interpretation. Whether it would ultimately scrap Common Core in public

schools is definitely not clear. Those decisions will depend

chosen for the review process. who gets elected to the state education board this fall and who Louisiana's next gover-

nor will be. Despite the uncertainty, lawmakers on

DESLATTE both sides praised the deal

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they reached last week. Řep. Brett Geymann, R-Lake Charles, a chief critic of the multistate education standards, said he was "glad that we're putting down the sword." On the other side, Rep. Steve Carter, a Common Core supporter and chairman of the House Education Committee, hailed the achievement and called it "an historic day."

Legislators with less strong opinions on the issue simply expressed relief the high-profile feud could disappear from the legislative session even if it rages on in education circles.

The Common Core standards are benchmarks of what students should learn at each grade level in English and math. They've been adopted by more than 40 states as a way to better prepare students for

college and careers. Opponents say the standards are developmentally inappropriate and part of federal efforts to nationalize education.

The compromise proposal is spread over three bills. Chief among the requirements is a review of the English and math standards used in public

The state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or BESE, would continue its already-started review process and adopt any changes to the standards by March. Before that, public hearings would be required in each of Louisiana's

six congressional districts. After BESE approval, the standards would have to go through Louisiana's Administrative Procedures Act, which requires public notice, a comment period and legislative oversight. The next governor, to be elected this fall and take office in January, would get an up-or-down vote on the standards but couldn't line-item

veto individual standards. If the revised standards were rejected, the Common Core standards would stay in place until agreement was

reached on any revisions. In the upcoming school year, the state education department would have limits on use of standardized testing questions from a multistate consortium tied to Common Core. Testing contracts for future years would be put in place after the standards review process.

Chief among the gray areas, the compromise doesn't dictate that Common Core must be replaced. The standards review process could come up with only modest adjustments that largely keep the multistate standards intact.

Rep. John Schroder, R-Covington, one of the compromise negotiators and a Common

Core critic, said he believes the deal puts Louisiana on a path to move away from Common

That wasn't the interpretation of Senate Education Committee Chairman Conrad Appel, R-Metairie, a fierce supporter of Common Core. He told his committee that he didn't expect "large-scale changes" to the standards during the review, just "minor adjustments.'

We believe we've got good standards. We're going to build on those," Appel said.

Whether the standards review becomes a wholesale rewrite or a rebranding of Common Core could largely be decided by the fall elections. Eight of the 11 BESE members will be chosen in elections this

Whether a majority of BESE members support or oppose Common Core is certain to determine what emerges from the review process. How strongly Louisiana's next governor feels about Common Core also could dictate whether revised standards get supported or rejected.

One thing that seems likely about the compromise proposal is that Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Common Core opponent, would be handed a mixed bag. He wouldn't be able to say he got rid of Common Core in Louisiana because the standards review wouldn't be complete before he leaves office in

So far, Jindal has been lukewarm about the deal. He has declined to endorse the bills that are part of the compromise proposal, and top administration officials have listed several concerns with them.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Melinda Deslatte covers the Louisiana Capitol for The Associated

PERSPECTIVE

The left Is so wrong on trade

The left's success in denying President Obama fast-track authority to negotiate the Trans-Pacific Partnership is ugly to behold. The case put forth by a showboating Sen. Elizabeth Warren — that Obama cannot be trusted to make a deal in the interests of American workers — is almost worse than wrong. It is irrelevant.

The Senate Democrats who turned on Obama are playing a 78 rpm record in the age of digital downloads.

Did you hear their ally, AFL-CIO head Richard Trumka, the day after the Senate vote? He denounced TPF for being "patterned after CAFTA and NAFTA." That's not so, but never mind.

There's this skip on the vinyl record that the North American Free Trade Agreement destroyed American manufacturing. To see how wrong that is, simply walk through any Wal-Mart or Target and look for all those "made in Mexico" labels. You won't find many. But you'll see "made in China" everywhere.

Many of the jobs that did go to Mexico would have otherwise left for low-wage Asian countries. Even Mexico lost manufacturing work to China.

And what can you say about the close-to-insane obsession with CAFTA? The partners in the 2005 Central American Free



Connecticut. (By the way, less than 10 percent of the AFL-CIO's membership is now in manufacturing.)

my equal to that of New Haven,

It's undeniable that American manufacturing workers have suffered terrible job losses. We could never compete with pennies-anhour wages. Those low-skilled jobs are not coming back. But we have other things to sell in the global marketplace.

In Washington state, for example, exports of everything from apples to airplanes have soared 40 percent over four years, to total nearly \$91 billion in 2014, according to The Seattle Times.

About 2 in 5 jobs there are now tied to trade.

Small wonder that Sen. Ron Wyden, a liberal Democrat from neighboring Oregon, has strongly supported fast-track authority.

Some liberals oddly complain that American efforts to strengthen intellectual property laws in trade deals protect the profits of U.S. entertainment and tech companies. What's wrong with that? Should the fruits of America's creativity (that's labor, too) be open to plundering and piracy?

One of TPP's main goals is to help the higher-wage partners compete with China. (The 12 countries taking part include the likes of Japan, Australia, Canada, Chile, Mexico and New Zealand.) In any case, Congress would get to vote the finished product up or down, so it isn't as if the public wouldn't get a

But then we have Warren stating with a straight face that handing negotiating authority to Obama would "give Republicans the very tool they need to dismantle Dodd-Frank. Huh? Obama swatted down the

remark as wild, hypothetical speculation, noting he engaged in a "massive" fight with Wall Street to get the reforms passed. "And then I sign a provision that would unravel it?" he told political writer Matt Bai.

This is not a partisan issue,' Warren insisted. Yes, in a twisted way, the hard left's fixation over big corporations has joined the right's determination to undermine Obama at every pass.

Trade agreements have a thousand moving parts. The U.S. can't negotiate with the other countries if various domestic interests are pouncing on the details. That's why every president has been given fast track authority over the past 80

Except Obama. It sure is hard to be an intelligent

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North Louisiana Criminal Justice Academy graduates 21

Twenty-one from six agencies became certified P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) law enforcement officers today during the graduation of Class 013 from the North Louisiana Criminal Justice

The guest speaker was Hon. Michael Craig, 26th Court Judicial District Judge, who highlighted to these new law enforcement officers the importance of justice, honor, duty and faith as they embark on their careers. "You've been trained well, you've studied hard, and you've earned the achievement that you have reached today," said Judge

The academy is hosted by Bossier Sheriff Julian Whittington and the Bossier Sheriff's Office and teaches officer survival skills, legal issues, weapons qualificaphysical fitness, chemical weapons and

The Honor Graduate Award and Firearms Proficiency Award winner was Deputy James Lonadier of the Bossier Sheriff's Office. The Academic Award winner was Deputy Michael Davis of the Bossier Sheriff's Office, and Deputy Devin Pease of the Bossier Sheriff's Office received the Physical Fitness Award.

The graduating class of NLCJA Class 013 is:

Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office

John Poda Trevor Ryder
Bossier City **Police**

Department John Easterling Charles Reynolds Daryl Thomas

Hunter Timms Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office Michael Davis Jack Dysart

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Donald Myers

North Louisiana Criminal Justice Academy held its first graduation in 2009, and more than 290 recruits have been trained to become POST-certified law enforcement officers over the past five years.



Gandy Inducted

Taylor Nicole Gandy was inducted into the National Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International on May 1. STTI invites Bachelor of Nursing students who are in the top third of their class. She is a senior at Northwestern State University and a 2012 graduate of Glenbrook High School in Minden. Taylor is the daughter of Ricky and Becky Gandy of Athens. Courtesy Photo

Around Town

Sunday, May 24

Hopewell Baptist Church will celebrate its 128th church anniversary at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Samuel Henderson.

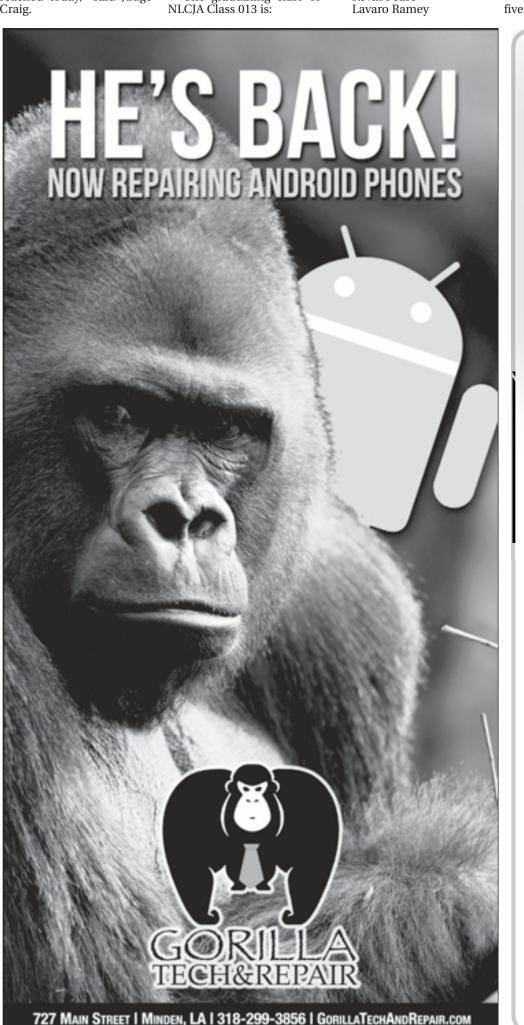
Growing Valley MIssionary Baptist Church will host a Veterans and Memorial Day program at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. James Bonner. All active duty veterans, law

enforcement and fire fighters are invited to attend.

Pine Grove **Baptist** Church will host an 11th anniversary celebration for the Reverand and Sister Donald Russell at 11 a.m.

Sunday, May 30

Mt. Zion CME Temple will honor Elder Arnold B. Caesar and first lady Daisey Caesar at 3 p.m.



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SPORTS briefs

GOLF McIlroy "bored" with win at Wells Fargo

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Rory McIlroy had one word to his play on the back nine Sunday at the Wells Fargo

Championship.

"Boring," the world's top-ranked golfer said with a laugh.

That's sort of what it has come to when McIlroy is playing it at the top of his game. Few in the world can challenge him when he's driving the ball and putting the way he is right now.

Sunday, he On became the first twotime winner at the Wells Fargo Championship with an impressive seven-shot victory over Webb Simpson and Patrick Rodgers. It was his second win in the last three weeks.

McIlroy closed with a 3-under 69 to finish at 21-under 267, shattering the tournament record by five strokes. That came after he fired a courserecord 61 on Saturday to take a commanding fourstroke lead.

He played the last half-dozen holes in 1under on Sunday and the outcome was never in question. McIlroy had set himself up to win with his big round Saturday when he made a run at 59.

"It was a more controlled run," McIlroy said. "I feel like I'm a more controlled player these days. I've learned how to finish things off."

MLB

Miami Marlins fire Mike Redmond

MIAMI(AP) — The Miami Marlins will have a new manager for the start of a four-game series Monday night against Arizona.

They're not yet saying who it will be.

Mike Redmond was fired Sunday after the Marlins were nearly nohit in a 6-0 loss to Atlanta that completed a three-game sweep. The defeat dropped Miami to 16-22. A news conference

was scheduled for Monday morning to announce Redmond's replacement. Bench coach Rob Leary also was fired.

"I feel bad for them," reliever Steve Cishek said. "It's not their

Redmond had managed the Marlins since 2013, and in his final game, he had a hard time finding anyone who could get a hit. Shelby Miller was one out from a no-hitter when Justin Bour sin-

The Marlins had the same 16-22 record in May 2003 when owner Jeffrey Loria fired Jeff Torborg as manager. Replacement led McKeon

turnaround that resulted in an improbable run to the World Series title.

The Marlins haven't been to the postseason COLLEGE BASEBALL

LSU not letting up



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{COLUMBIA, S.C.} \ - \\ \text{Jared Foster stood in front of} \end{array}$ the visiting dugout at Carolina Stadium, arms folded and with a smile on his face, as LSU fans lined up for autographs behind

He had just helped LSU Southeastern Conference championship, a ninth SEC series win and an 8-1 thumping of South Carolina on Saturday night.

Two weeks ago, the Tigers second baseman was removed from the team after being ruled academically ineligible.

"It's great to be back," he quipped. "Feels great."

What would feel better? An SEC tournament title next weekend.

"Can't let up now,"

The nation's consensus

top-ranked team for the past month, LSU (46-9) left Columbia with the pro-gram's 16th SEC title and maybe more. Coach Paul

Mainieri's bunch, many feel, secured the overall NCAA No. 1 national seed with the series vicover tory the Gamecocks.

That's not leading to any thoughts of taking a rest in next week's SEC tournament, though. "We're going to

go to Hoover, and we're going to do our best to win there," Mainieri said. "I don't know why people would think it doesn't mat-

Said shortstop Alex Bregman: "We want to win

The Tigers meet Tuesday's Auburn-Kentucky winner at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the double-elimination round of the Hoover at event Metropolitan Stadium in the Birmingham suburbs.
LSU has dominated the

tournament with Mainieri at the helm. He's 22-4 at the years, including the past event, and the Tigers have won five of the past seven SEC tournaments.

Some might say this year's event could do no harm or no good for a squad that the NCAA committee may have already scribbled on the top line of the bracket as the No. 1 national seed. "I don't know

that!" about MAINIERI Mainieri fired back at a reporter after Saturday's game.

Don't let that fool you. The coach knows his team's credentials are likely good enough for what would be the first No. 1 national seed in program history. In fact, earlier during that postgame interview, he rattled off the highlights.

"We won all five (SEC) road series, nine of the 10 series in the league, had single-digit losses in a regular season," Mainieri said.

LSU has been a top-eight national seed five times in

three. The school has grabbed seven national seeds since the NCAA began this format in 1999.

But the Tigers have never been the No. 1 overall seed in the rich history of the program. So what comes with being No. 1? LSU's path to the College World Series would, presumably, be the easiest of any team in the nation with respect to the opponents along the way. Like any top-16 seed, they'd host a four-team regional and, like any top-eight seed, they'd host a best-of-three super regional if they advance.

The NCAA reveals its national seeds and full field Monday, May 25 — the day after the SEC tournament championship game. LSU hopes it will be playing in that game — No. 1 national seed locked up or not.

"It's always fun to win," Mainieri said. "You have incremental goals along the way. You don't want to go two and out. Once you win one, you want to at least win

as many as you lose and then once you get to Saturday, you want to get to Sunday to play in the championship game and, heck, if you play on Sunday, you might as well try to win, right? That's kind of our approach to it."

Mainieri doesn't plan to rest his starting pitchers. Jared Poché will start Game 1 on Wednesday, and freshman Austin Bain will get the Game 2 nod Thursday while Alex Lange throws in LSU's possible third game Friday or Saturday if the Tigers win the first two games.

Mainieri threw Lange for five innings Saturday night against South Carolina despite LSU clinching the SEC regular-season before the game began.

"People say, 'You already had it wrapped up,'
"Mainieri said Saturday." "I've said so many times that every time you put that jersey on, you have a responsibility to go out and do the very best that you can and play to win for your university as well as to respect the game."

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Krewe of Ambassadeurs results



Pine Hills Country Club recently hosted the Krewe of Ambassadeurs tournament. Coming in first place in the championship flight was the team of Brian Grubbs (left) and Marcu Gibson (right). Tournament chairperson Gary Haynes (center) had this to say. "It was a super tournament and it keeps getting better each year," Haynes said. "Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to next year's tournament Press-Herald Photo/Blake Branch

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL



BATON ROUGE - After LSU lost to Arizona State in the NCAA softball tournament's Baton Rouge regional Saturday, Tigers pitcher Carley Hoover said, "We're going to see Arizona State again tomorrow, and we're going to be ready." The Tigers still had to beat

Nebraska in an elimination game, which they did (4-3 in 10 innings) to advance to Sunday.

But Hoover's faith was rewarded, and she and her LSU teammates certainly were ready. The Tigers beat the Sun Devils 5-0 to force a winner-take-all rematch later Sunday, and they won that one, too — prevailing 4-3 in nine innings to advance to a

LSU will face Arizona in a best-of-three series next weekend at Tiger Park. . The LSU-Arizona series

will start at 9 p.m. Saturday, with games at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. (if necessary) on Sunday at Tiger Park.

Hoover (16-5), who saved the win against Nebraska, got the win in both games Sunday, throwing a four-hit shutout in the first game and 2.2 scoreless innings in relief of Allie Walljasper, who allowed just one earned run in 6.1 innings in the second while pitching on her 19th

"I'm with these girls every day," Hoover said. "I see them play every day. I know what they're capable of. I really thought what we did today was we competed, and that's what this program is about. With our best and our worst, we are always competing. We are always trying to find a way to win, and that's what we did today."

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Rockets overcome 3-1 deficit, will meet Warriors

Down 3-1 in the series and on the brink of elimination, the Houston Rockets reeled off three straight wins to complete an improbable comeback over the Los Angeles Clippers and return to the Western Conference finals for the first time since

Now they'll face a team in Golden State that swept the regular-season series 4-0. Game 1 is Tuesday night in Oakland.

"I don't think we all came together just to get to the Western Conference finals," Dwight Howard said. "All of us are in pursuit of that ring.

James Harden scored 31 points, Howard had 16 points and 15 rebounds and the Rockets never trailed in a 113-100 victory over the Clippers on Sunday to punch their ticket to the conference finals.

The Rockets overcame a

19-point third-quarter deficit in Game 6 on Thursday night to stay alive. No such heroics were needed Sunday when they were up by 17 after three and Howard opened the fourth quarter with a 3-point play to push it to 88-68.

That last unit of Game 6 did an amazing job of putting us back in the series even though we were down," Harden said. "I felt like it was my job to come out for Game 7 and be the leader that I've been all year."

Blake Griffin scored five points in a 9-0 run to cut the lead to eight points with less than 2 1/2 minutes remaining. Harden made a pair of free throws after that, but a dunk by DeAndre Jordan got the Clippers within eight again. This time, Trevor Ariza hit a 3 from the corner to secure the victory.

Coach Kevin McHale, who won three titles in a Hall of Fame career with the Boston Celtics, said he'd take a minute to celebrate before

worrying about the Warriors. "They're a very good team," McHale said. "We have got to play our style of basketball. (Sunday) I'll enjoy this one. (Monday) we have to start prepping for that one. We've got to play how we play and just take it to them every, single posses-

Ariza finished with 22 points and made six 3-point-

Every fan in the arena was given a red shirt emblazoned with the words "Clutch City" in yellow letters, bringing back the moniker of the 1994 and '95 teams that won backto-back titles. These Rockets lived up to the nickname, winning their third game in a row to become the first team to win a playoff series after trailing 3-1 since the Phoenix Suns did it in 2006 against the Lakers.



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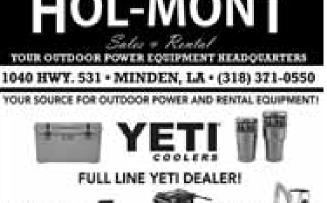


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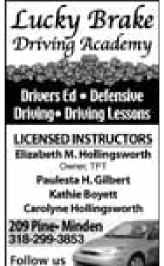


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Inn's Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on May 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Ava Nell MćWhorter, Kay Connie and Walden.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance given.

A motion was made by Evelyn Walden and seconded by Connie Woods to adopt the minutes of the April 13, 2015 session. Vote on the motion unanimous.

financial statements were presented and accepted.

Department Report:

Mike Chreene reported that there was a problem at the Dorcheat Seafood lift station public he was going to have to purchase two new grinder pumps and floats. The cost was estimated to be around \$5,000 pump. He reported also improvement of conditions at sewer plant.

Edwards reported Patrolman that Davis has completed the police academy and would be back

reported May 18, 2015 Woods that there was a dead tree on Front Street that needed to be removed. It was reported that would the work be done soon. Evelyn Alderman Walden reported that people were still parking in front the mailboxes on McArthur Street and was informed that there was а possibility of cluster mailboxes installed being that street. on

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> A motion was made Kay Stratton and seconded by drive, Evelyn Walden to adopt a resolution for the CDBG program grant adopting a citizen participation plan. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

> > An ordinance to adopt the 1916 Budget for the Village of Dixie Inn introduced was will be taken and for adoption

called meeting. Old

After a discussion, race, a motion was made national by Kay Stratton Minority and seconded by Connie Woods to be allow the police full chief to purchase to two body cameras pursuant to this at a price of advertisement. \$1,615.00 for the police department. Full unanimous.

Once again the subject discussion, it the any subject was tabled until a later date. SHERRI H. LeBAS,

There further Connie and by Kay Stratton.

A T T E S T : Minden Press-Herald Jane Rogers, Municipal Clerk

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Village of Doyline

The Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, available for inspection during the hours of 8:00 am - 12:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at the Doyline Town Hall located at 624 College Street, Doyline, LA. Regular Council Meeting for the month of June 2015 will begin at 6:00 pm on June 1, 2015. During the Regular Council Meeting a period of time will be set aside to discuess Proposed

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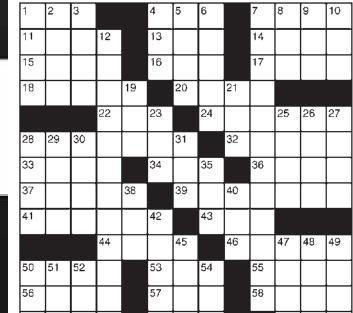
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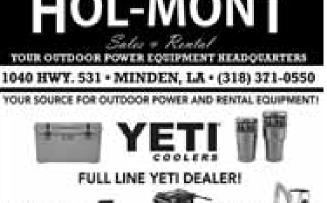


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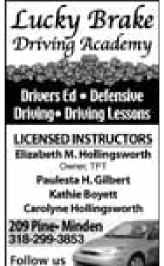


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