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Saying Goodbye



Sgt. Canvas is pictured one last time with her handler, Retired U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. James Russell Moseley and his daughter Lily Grace. Courtesy Photo/WildFlower Photography

Minden gives final tribute to Retired U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Canvas

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Minden said goodbye to Retired U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Canvas Friday.

She was given a hometown procession just like any fallen member of the military with honor, dignity and the support of the Minden community.

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Retired U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. James Russell Moseley along with Suzanne Moseley carries his K-9 partner Retired U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Canvas one last time before she was laid to rest Friday. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

QUEST FOR THE CROWN



Miss Minden readies for Miss La. pageant

Miss Minden 2015 Baylee Howell prepared for a busy week Friday evening, trying on and showing off the outfits she will wear as she represents Minden in the Miss Louisiana pageant set for Saturday. Howell, 18, pictured fourth from left, is wearing the dress she will don for the on-stage interview. Howell is a graduate of Lakeside High School and will begin the fall semester at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, majoring in pharmacy. Pictured with Howell, from left, are Young Women's Service Club members Candi Wimberly, Jennifer Spurlock with daughter Lindy Spurlock, Kelsey Storey, Howell, Jamie Hilburn, Kendall Brown, Paige McCoy (2014 Miss Minden) and Emily Walker. The Young Women's Service Club members helped Howell prepare for the state pageant. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

COURT WATCH

Hung jury in Shelton case

Shelton pleads guilty to armed robbery

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A trial on charges of armed robbery ended in a hung jury and the defendant pled guilty to attempted first degree robbery.

Laderrius Shelton, 21, of Homer, pled guilty Thursday before 26th Judicial District Judge Jeff Cox after the jury spent six and a half hours deliberating. Cox declared a mistrial when he learned the jury could not reach a unanimous vote.

"It simply means that 10 of the 12 jurors could not reach a verdict," Eric Johnson, Shelton's attorney, said.

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SHELTON

CRIME

Minden man charged with solicitation of prostitution

STAFF REPORT

BOSSIER CITY — A Minden man was arrested following a prostitution sting in Bossier Parish.

Richard L. Desadier, 45, of the 800 block of Middle Road was arrested on June 17 and charged with solicitation of prostitution.

Desadier has since bonded out, according to the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office. His bond was \$1,000.

The following individuals were also arrested in the operation:

■ Stephen Newell, 28, of the 300 block of Cotton Point in Bossier City. Charged with solicitation of prostitution

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Retired U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. James Russell Moseley says he will miss his companion who came to live with him after serving several tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Our relationship when we first started out, we had a lot kinks to work out," he said. "I got her in February 2013, and we were real close. We basically did everything together as long as we were able to."

He says Canvas was an improvised explosive device, or IED, sniffing dog, and she saved his life.

"They (the Taliban) had planted an IED at the base of the stairs and I stepped on it," he said. "The last thing I remember seeing before the explosion was Canvas rushing up to me and giving the signal that a bomb was present."

Canvas was Moseley's K-9 partner in every way. He was her handler, and she became a member of his family.

That fateful day in 2011, both Moseley and Canvas were injured during that explosion. It eventually cost Moseley a portion of his leg and Canvas suffered injuries no one knew about until about a year later, he says.

Canvas had been taking medication for severe arthritis and the back injuries she suffered from the explosion. Moseley

says she could not walk and it was painful to watch her try to move around.

He says Canvas suffered some after effects from combat, adding she was afraid of fireworks and was very nervous and clingy at times.

The Patriot Guard Riders led the procession from Dixie Inn to Buffington Veterinarian Hospital where Canvas was put to sleep. It was an emotional scene outside the hospital as guard riders, community members and active and retired military came to pay their respects to their K-9 comrade.

Sheila Bordelon, a ride captain in charge, says the family called the guard to escort them to the hospital.

"I don't know if they've done this for (service) dogs before, but apparently this is something our state captain thought we should do," she said. "I thought it was a great idea. The dog served too, and the guy lost his leg over there with the dog, and it was a hard decision for him to make. I know it's never easy to have to make that decision."

The purpose of the guard is to protect and support families of veterans, she says.

"The Patriot Guard was formed to protect and support families of veterans, mainly killed in action from the protestors that were coming around and saying really hurtful things during that time," she said.



Top, Lily Grace Moseley, daughter of Retired U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. James Russell Moseley hugs Retired U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Canvas one last time Friday before Canvas was laid to rest. Right, a supporter holds a sign thanking Sgt. Canvas for her service to her country. Sgt. Canvas was laid to rest Friday. Courtesy Photo/Wild-Flower Photography and Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



"They are there to shield the family from anything like that – also, just to show respect and support for the

veteran." Bordelon says a burial service will take place at a later date.

STING

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■Christopher Greene, 28, of Jourdanton, Texas. Charged with solicitation of prostitution

■Louetta D. Compton, 41, of the 900 block of

Anthony Street in Bossier City. Charged with prostitution and failure to appear on prostitution warrant

■Latehia D. McDougle, 28, of Fort Worth, Texas. Charged with prostitution

■Kendrick D. Vatin, 41, of North Little Rock, Arkansas. Charged with

prostitution ■John Winchel, 41, of the 2900 block of Weyman St. in Shreveport. Charged with solicitation of prostitution

■Ebony N. Johnson, 25, of Texarkana, Texas. Charged with prostitution

■Morris Walters, 30, of the 8700 block of Millicent

Way in Shreveport. Charged with solicitation of prostitution

The operation took place June 17 and was made up of law enforcement officials from the Bossier Sheriff-Police Narcotics Task Force, Shreveport Police Department's Vice Unit, Bossier City

Police Department's Vice Unit, FBI Child Exploitation Task Force and the FBI Shreveport Field Office.

Police say the operation was launched in efforts to target prostitution, human trafficking and child exploitation in Bossier Parish.

Suspects were trans-

ported and booked into the Bossier Maximum Security Facility.

The Bossier Sheriff-Police Narcotics Task Force comprises deputies with the Bossier Sheriff's Office and officers with the Bossier City Police Department.

COURT

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Johnson says his client will be sentenced August 3, with a 15 year cap on his punishment.

"After we (Johnson and assistant district attorney Hugo Holland) determined that the jury was deadlocked...Mr. Holland and I reached a plea agreement in the case," he said. "Mr. Shelton entered a plea to a charge of attempted first degree robbery with a 15 year cap on the sentence, which will be imposed by Judge Cox, with the benefit of a presentence investigation."

He says at the PSI hearing, Holland will be able to present testimony from the victims in the case and he would be able to present

testimony from Shelton and his family members.

Holland, in an email to the Press-Herald, says he was disappointed in how the trial turned out, because he feels the jury voted along racial lines, with nine white jurors and three black.

"During closing arguments, defense counsel for Shelton interjected the issue of race into the case, claiming that the Minden Police Department focused on Mr. Shelton solely because he was African American," Holland said. "Even though the victim in the case was also African-American, and told me later she was offended by the argument..., the jury voted along racial lines causing a mistrial."

He says the three black jurors refused to vote guilty

despite the evidence of Shelton's apparent guilt.

"What I find interesting, and disturbing, is that immediately after the mistrial, in an effort to avoid a re-trial where he could be convicted and face up to 99 years at hard labor, Mr. Shelton entered a guilty plea to a reduced charge and faces up to 15 years in Angola," Holland said. "The plea was approved by the victims. What is more interesting is that during the plea, Mr. Shelton admitted, under oath, that he committed the offense in question. In other words, he admitted in open court that he committed the offense in question even though his attorney had successfully convinced the three African Americans on the jury that he was innocent and merely picked at random as the

offender because the Minden Police Department was racist."

He went on to say that while on rare occasion, law enforcement acts with malice against racial minorities, there is no evidence whatsoever this happens in this case.

"It is disturbing to me as a prosecutor, the only lawyer in the criminal justice system whose sole obligation is to find the truth, that some of our African American citizens believe these actions are widespread," Holland said. "I urge you to contact Mr. Larry Gibson, the owner of Harris Corner Store, whose niece was the victim of the vicious armed robber per-

petrated by Mr. Shelton and Mr. Brian Gilbert. He sat through the entire trial. He is African American. And he was offended at the defense attorney's use of the race card in this trial. Just ask him."

Johnson says the reason he and Holland reached a plea agreement was to avoid the state having to retry Shelton. He praised Holland for his hard work during the trial.

"That was the first trial I've had with Mr. Holland, and I was impressed with his job as the prosecutor," he said. "He did an excellent job as did everyone in the DA's office with the trial. It was also the first case I've tried with my new

associate Rachel Wiggins. She did a fantastic job of helping me with the trial, and Judge Cox did a great job presiding over the trial."

Shelton was accused of armed robbery after he and another male, Brian Gilbert, held up a convenience store in January 2014. He was accused of brandishing a handgun and threatening to shoot the store clerk if she didn't give him the cash in the register.

At the time of his arrest, Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says the two took an undetermined amount of cash.

Gilbert has not gone to trial as of yet.



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DepositAccounts.com recognized MBL Bank as showing exceptional fiduciary responsibility in its 2015 edition of Top 200 Healthiest Banks in America. MBL Bank ranks No. 163 among the list of 6,998 banks.

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utmost in banking service."

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MBL Bank was named No. 20 in the category of "Community Banks with Assets of \$300-\$500 Million".

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MBL Bank was recently recognized as being among the nation's Top 200 Healthiest Banks for 2015 and one of the Top Performers for 2014. Courtesy Photo

nity banking while showcasing drive, ingenuity and community commitment," said Chris Lorence, ICBA executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "These high-achieving community banks demonstrate integrity, enthusiasm and inventiveness in the financial industry, and ICBA is proud to recognize them for their outstanding

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tomers and exceeding their expectations. MBL Bank is a place where you can come and receive friendly, no-hassle banking - we can guarantee."

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offers a variety of products and services including home, business, and personal loans, checking accounts, savings accounts, interest-bearing accounts, merchant services, online banking and bill pay, 24-hour account access by phone, and more.

OBITUARY

Jesse D. Campbell

Jesse D. Campbell, 91, passed away on June 18, 2015, at his home in Sibley. Visitation was Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 2 p.m. and services followed at 3 p.m. at Hill Crest Memorial Chapel. Bro. Randy Hales and Bro. Matt Cate conducted the services. Interment followed at Hill Crest Memorial Park.

Jesse was born Jan. 17, 1924 in Belvue. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp for three years as a young man. He retired from Sun Oil Company after 33 years, as plant manager. Jesse was a long time member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Minden.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby Carr and Jesse D. Campbell and brother, Linous Allen Camp-

bell.

Jesse is survived by his wife of 72 years, Margie Juanita Campbell; son, Raymond Lee Campbell and wife Mary Catherine of Phoenix, Arizona; daughter, Ritajane Campbell of Bossier City; son, Ricky Campbell and wife Debbie of Houston; four grandchildren and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Karl Faber, David Campbell, sons, Raymond Campbell and Ricky Campbell, best friend, Lorris Carter and friend, Ray Bell. Honorary pallbearers were members of his Men's Sunday School Class of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Creating new pathways

As President, I spend most of my time focused on what we can do to grow the economy and grow new pathways of opportunity for Americans like you to get ahead. And we've made progress. More than 12 million new private sector jobs in the past five years. More than 16 million Americans who've gained health insurance. More jobs creating more clean energy. More kids graduating from high school and college than ever before.

But in a relentlessly-changing economy, we've got more work to do. And one of the things we should be doing, for example, is rewriting the rules of global trade to benefit American workers and American businesses. I think we should write those rules before China does. That's why I've been working with Congress to pass new, 21st century trade agreements with standards that are higher and protections that are tougher than any past trade agreement.

I believe it's the right thing to do for American workers and families, or I wouldn't be doing it.

I believe it's what will give us the competitive edge in a new economy, or I wouldn't be doing it.

Now, several Members of Congress disagree. That's why it's still tied up there, along with a lot of other good ideas that would create jobs. And eventually, I'm optimistic we'll get this done.

But America doesn't stand still. That's why, on issue after issue where Congress has failed to act, my administration has partnered with mayors and governors across the country to advance economic priorities that most working families in America are in favor of right now.

And we've had success. Over the past couple years, 17 states and six major cities have raised the minimum wage for their workers. 19 cities have enacted paid sick days, and five states have enacted paid sick days or paid family leave. 34 states have increased funding for quality Pre-K. And 19 cities and states have signed up for our new TechHire initiative to train workers for the high-wage, high-skill jobs of tomorrow — the kind of jobs that new trade deals would help create.

Some of these victories have been small. Some have been quiet. But they've added up to a big difference for working families across America. And that's what matters to me. Because it matters to you. On Friday, I talked about these initiatives and more in a speech to the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Check it out at WhiteHouse.gov. Some of it might matter to your city.

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AP NEWS ANALYSIS

College, roadwork have modest gains in session

Public college leaders seeking a stronger financial base and advocates pushing for financing solutions to the state's woefully inadequate highway and bridge system made some modest strides in the recent legislative session.

But they achieved smaller victories than they sought when the session ended this month, as their larger proposals got sidetracked by the state's continued budget woes.

Lawmakers can't seem to have the broader conversations needed about long-term planning for priorities like higher education and infrastructure because they keep careening from financial crisis to financial crisis.

Higher education officials likely won't dwell on the disappointments of a legislative session in which they were threatened with state financing cuts of 80 percent, but ended with a standstill budget that has increases for some campuses in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

That victory was hailed by university system presidents and college leaders around Louisiana. However, while they got the most important win, higher education still fell short of its repeated push for more financial freedom.

Efforts to give higher education management boards the ability to set tuition rates for their own campuses — without requiring the hefty two-thirds

legislative vote for increased charges — again stalled with lawmakers who worried students could be priced out of school. Even a proposal that would only apply to graduate program tuition rates, complete with limits on how long the authority would last and how high it could go, couldn't win passage.

Those measures would have helped put college campuses on more solid, long-term footing, able to generate more of their own cash, rather than having to wait and see if state funding for the schools will be yanked away each year.

Besides escaping cuts, higher education did make two gains for their financial stability.

They won final passage of a bill by Rep. Chris Broadwater, R-Hammond, that will let college system management boards boost fees on students, but only for two years. They also got the possibility of new freedoms from state bureaucracy for bulk purchasing and other financial decisions.

Advocates seeking new dollars for Louisiana's \$12 billion backlog of repairs to crumbling roads and bridges, highway upgrades and port improvements also fell short of their long-term goal in the session. But they boosted financing a bit to help their cause.

Lawmakers agreed to put the brakes on spending state gasoline tax money for items other than roadwork, backing a cap on the dollars that can be diverted from the state Transportation Trust Fund to state police operations each year.

Under the bill by Rep. Terry Landry, D-New Iberia, up to \$45 million from the trust fund can be spent on state police in the upcoming fiscal year. A

year later, that will drop to \$20 million. After that, it will be limited to \$10 million annually.

That will keep gas tax dollars spent on the road and bridge work, boosting available funds each year. Since 2011, \$241 million has been steered to state police operations instead.

Changes also were made to how a state tax is levied on certain fuels, like compressed natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas, and a discount given to fuel suppliers and distributors was reduced. The changes were estimated to pour another \$6 million into the Transportation Trust Fund annually, maybe more.

Meanwhile, voters will decide whether to change the rules of the state's "rainy day" fund to provide additional money for roads. The proposal by Sen. Robert Adley, R-Benton, would generate an estimated \$21 million over the next five years for transportation projects — but much more in later years, estimated at as much as \$100 million annually.

But the big-ticket sales tax and gas tax increase bills, designed to provide billions of dollars for infrastructure, were shot down by lawmakers leery of raising new taxes in an election year after already agreeing to boost taxes to balance the budget.

Talk of ways to provide more financial stability for colleges and boosted funding for roadwork will continue into this fall's governor's race and into the next terms of office.

Melinda Deslatte covers the Louisiana Capitol for The Associated Press.

PERSPECTIVE

Why we still need public libraries

Younger Americans can hardly imagine a time when you had to visit a library to research the population of Phoenix in 1980. Google now does that in seconds.

Entire books are downloaded to tablets in minutes. Classics from "Moby-Dick" to Shakespeare's tragedies come virtually free. A project called the Digital Public Library of America now seeks to digitalize the entire Library of Congress and university collections.

And less of what we consider information comes in word form. Videos now explain everything from bicycle repair to how the Federal Reserve works.

So let's ask: Do we still need public libraries, with their miles of dusty bookshelves, decimated reference departments and rules of decorum? Yes.

We still want to read, study and communicate in a non-distracting environment. And we still need what urbanologists call "third places" — that is, public spaces other than work and home. Public libraries are third places, along with cafes and old-fashioned bookstores.

It was predicted that the move to online communication would enable us to make a living on an isolated farm or private mountaintop. Many can, but the human need to mix with others of the species remains strong.

Herein lies the paradox: The more we can work at home the more we need third places for getting out in the world. That's why many of the most digitally connected Americans are moving into downtowns. That's why Starbucks is so crowded, even in the suburbs.

And that's why public libraries are taking on a new importance in economic development. Older public libraries in sad urban cores are seeing tables once dominated by those with no other place to go being occupied by 20- and 30-year-olds who've just moved downtown.

Gloversville, New York, has suffered hard times since the glove business collapsed in the 1950s.

But it still has a glorious Beaux Arts library, built in 1904 with Andrew Carnegie's money. The town is now renovating this grand building as a magnet for downtown revival.

One thing that made public libraries of yore less-than-ideal third places was they discouraged lively conversation. Today's libraries have loosened up on that considerably.

"When my kids were little, I would not have even thought to bring them to the library," one librarian told me. Now there are cellphones going off and children running around.

Does anything go these days? "Yes and no," she responded.

"We don't want to stifle people too much when they're talking and communicating," she said, "but there have been times when I've had to stop someone using bad language close to the youth department."

Libraries have expanded their offerings well beyond the printed word. Many offer computer and literacy training, meeting rooms and much more.

The spectacular Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library in Kansas features an art gallery, cafe and "book-tique" selling used books, jewelry and various gift items. I could have spent a week there.

Many older Americans miss the starchy grandeur of the old library experience — the venerable wood tables, mosaic floors and hushed stacks. Should they just get over it?

John Palfrey, a founder of the Digital Public Library of America, warns against nostalgia for the public libraries of yesteryear. "Libraries must create a new nostalgia," he wrote.

I don't know. What's wrong with nostalgia the way it used to be? The library's retro feel fits right in with the downtown vibe. In any case, libraries can offer both old-fashioned reading rooms for traditionalists and (enclosed) rooms for video gamers.

Public libraries are evolving with the times. One hopes that they will keep what's nice while searching for the new.

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MELINDA DESLATTE

Webster High School Class of 1965 celebrates 50th reunion

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

“Dear Old Webster, We Love You” was the theme for the three day celebration of Webster High School Class of the 1965. The Minden Community House was the headquarters for the gathering of classmates from around the U.S. Friday evening was the opening reception with fellowshiping and refreshments. Of course dancing to old favorites of the sixties truly brought back fond memories of the past. Many classmates had not seen each other in fifty years.

The rainstorm the following Saturday morning could not dampen the excitement of the police escorted processional through our neighborhoods, by our old Webster campus and ending at the community house. Our fun-filled indoor picnic with plenty of food, games, pictures and reminiscing of years long gone was delightful.



A look at how we were then in our 1965 Wolf Yearbook and how we look now in 2015 was the highlight of the banquet on Saturday evening. We were most fortunate to have as honored guests some of our Webster High School teachers: Mrs. Thelda Walker Harris, Mrs. Betty Holliday, Mrs. Mabel Jones, Mrs. Adell Oliver and Mrs. Frankie Mitchell. Although not a Webster High Teacher, Mrs. Mary

G. Thompson, the oldest of any of our teachers attended. Mrs. Yvette Hayes Edwards, daughter of our beloved Principal W. Leon Hayes, was also present.

Also in attendance was the winner of our \$500 scholarship, Cayla McKinsey, who will attend Southern University in the fall. Ladies dressed in white and men in dark suits lined up and recreated our

graduation march from fifty years ago to Pomp and Circumstance! Classmates received plaques commemorating our reunion. A perfect ending to the night was a celebratory toast!

Classmates gathered Sunday morning at Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church for praise and worship. It was indeed a time of Thanksgiving. As always, we took time to remember our

deceased classmates at our Memorial Service that was held at the B. F. Martin Community Center Sunday afternoon. Invited to accept roses in honor of our deceased classmates were their family members, who with classmates, formed a memory circle. A reception followed the memorial service. Dear Old Webster, We Love You!

Larry Houston served as Chair and Billy Cosby served as Co-Chair of the

reunion committee. P. J. Winzer and Delois Hall served as Chair and Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee, respectively.

Floristene Johnson served as Chair of the Reception, Banquet, and Program Committees. Billy Cosby and Laura Morgan served as Chair and Co-Chair, Registration Committee, respectively. Barbara Bowie served as Chair, Memorial Service Committee.



Bostick graduates

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

On June 8, 2015, at the commencement ceremony of Lewisville High School, Kianna Desiree Boswick was presented her Lewisville High School Diploma by Trisha Sheffield, board of trustee incoming president. Commencement ceremonies

were held at the University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton, Texas.

Kianna is the daughter of Barry and Frieda Bostick and the granddaughter of Noella Bostick and the late William Henry Bostick Jr. and Tahereh Eshraghi and the late Amir Eshraghi.

Kianna plans to study finance. Relatives in attendance

in addition to her parents were brother, Cyrus; grandmother, Noella Bostick; uncles, Don Bostick and Gary Bostick; and twin cousins, Anthony and Andrew.

Cards were sent by many other relatives and friends extending congratulations.

Graduates numbered around 600.

Around Town

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June 22, 2015

North Acres Baptist Church will have its Vacation Bible School from 6 until 8:30 p.m. nightly until June 26. Ages are for entering PK through sixth grade.

June 23, 2015

A public information meeting on Lake Bistineau will take place

at 6:30 p.m., at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Region 1 Office in the Jonathan Glascock Memorial Classroom, located at 9961 Highway 80 in Minden. Space is limited to 100 people.

June 26, 2015

Lakeview United Methodist Church will host Arts and Crafts on the Pond from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. For more information, like Arts and Crafts on the Pond on Facebook.

June 28, 2015

The Longspring COGIC

located at 518 Constable St. in Minden will have their annual "Family & Friends Day" program on at 3 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Elder Jeffrey Williams & Tillman COGIC Family of Heflin, LA. Everyone is Welcome!

Miller Chapel G.B.C located at 2164 Dogwood Trail will celebrate its 9th Pastor's Anniversary for the Rev. Sherman Bradford and Sister Janice Bradford at 2:30 p.m. Special guest will be Billy Joe Hawkins and Mt. Pilgram B.C. Family.



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MLB

Scherzer still enjoying no-hitter

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day later, Max Scherzer couldn't stop smiling.

"I'm doing great," the Nationals right-hander said the morning after he threw a no-hitter and came within a strike of a perfect game before hitting Pittsburgh's Jose Tabata in Washington's 6-0 victory.

"I didn't get much sleep, but that's for a good reason, just on a high from the game."

Scherzer came within one strike of throwing the 22nd perfect game in major league history since 1900.

In his past two starts, Scherzer has retired 54 of 57 batters with a combined 26 strikeouts. He is 8-5 with a 1.76 ERA for the season.

Scherzer's parents were on hand at Nationals Park on Saturday to see his accomplishment. Brad and Jan Scherzer decided to visit this weekend from Missouri instead of next month.

"It was great to be able to share last night with them as well," Scherzer said. "That's what my dad wanted (for Father's Day). He doesn't want a tie. I gave him a no-hitter, so he's pretty happy."

NHL

Martinez blasts three home runs

NEW YORK (AP) — J.D. Martinez wanted that fourth home run. He had never even hit two in a major league game before, so might as well tie the record the first time he got a chance.

In his final at-bat, Martinez swung at a pitch out of the strike zone and popped up to right field. It was just about the only time he missed Sunday, when he hit three homers and drove in six runs to lead the Detroit Tigers over the New York Yankees 12-4 to snap a four-game skid.

"I definitely got anxious. I just knew that I was feeling good," Martinez said. "I don't think he threw me one strike."

Victor Martinez homered and drove in four two-out runs off Masahiro Tanaka for Detroit, outscored 21-5 in the first two games of the series.

Anibal Sanchez (6-7) lost his scoreless streak at 21 2-3 innings when Brian McCann homered with one out in the second. J.D. Martinez connected off Tanaka (4-3) with two outs in the first.

"It was just one of those days where you take swings and you're actually hitting the ball how you want to hit it," J.D. Martinez said. "There's not too many of those days, so you've just got to take advantage of them."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

NORTON LEAVING GLENBROOK



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The Chris Norton era is over after just one season at Glenbrook School.

Norton has accepted the head coaching position at Marvell High School in Marvell, Arkansas, effectively ending his time with the Apaches and leaving the school in search of a head coach with two

months between now and their season opener against Copiah Academy.

Norton offered these words on his time at Glenbrook.

"I've enjoyed it," Norton said. "I think Glenbrook is a very good job in the MAIS and have a ton of respect for Coach Dalton and Mr. Darden Gladney. I have no doubt they will find an outstanding coach to lead the program."

Norton informed athletic director Jeff Dalton and headmaster Darden

Gladney of his decision last Thursday.

The move will take Norton closer to home to continue his head coaching career, while the Apaches will wait for a hire to be made.

"Coach Norton is a good football coach," Dalton said. "I hope he does some good things in Arkansas."

Norton guided the Apaches to a 5-5 record, but failed to reach the post-season.



NORTON



U.S. OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Spieth halfway home to calendar slam



UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. (AP) — Jordan Spieth is halfway home to the Grand Slam, a prize only three of the biggest names in modern golf have ever chased.

And he still can't believe how he got there.

Spieth won the U.S. Open in a heart-stopper Sunday with a turn of events even more wild than the terrain at Chambers Bay. He thought he had it won with a 25-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole. He threw away a three-shot lead one hole later. He made birdie on the final hole. And then he thought it was over as Dustin Johnson settled in over a 12-foot eagle putt for the victory.

Three putts later, Spieth was the U.S. Open champion.

"I'm still in shock," he said with the gleaming U.S. Open trophy at his side. "I've never experienced a feeling like this. It was a very intense back nine."

Spieth became only the sixth player to win the Masters and U.S. Open in the same year, and he joined Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods in getting the first two legs of the modern slam that Palmer created on his way to St. Andrews in 1960.

That's the next stop for the 21-year-old Texan whose two major championships could not be any more different. A wire-to-wire runaway at Augusta National. A nail-biter on the edge of Puget Sound.

And another major heartache for Johnson.

"I had all the chances in the world," said Johnson, who missed six putts inside 10 feet on the back nine and finished one shot behind.

Spieth, the youngest U.S. Open champion since Bobby Jones in 1923, did his part. Even after letting Johnson and fast-closing Louis Oosthuizen back into the game with his double bogey on the 17th hole, Spieth responded with a 3-

wood that caught the backboard on the 18th hole and settled below the hole for an eagle putt. He missed it left, made birdie and walked off the green feeling more regret than excitement over his 1-under 69 for a one-shot lead with the big-hitting Johnson behind him.

Johnson reached the par-5 18th with a 5-iron — that's how far he smashed his tee shot on the 601-yard hole.

Make the putt and he wins the U.S. Open. Two putts would force an 18-hole playoff Monday on a course that favors power.

"I'm still amazed that I won, let alone that we weren't playing tomorrow," Spieth said. "So for that turnaround right there, to watch that happen, I feel for Dustin, but I haven't been able to put anything in perspective yet."

Spieth now prepares for St. Andrews, the next stop on this improbable ride.

Woods in 2002 was the last player to get the first two legs of the slam.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FINAL

Seeing double: rematch for the championship



OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Many preseason prognosticators believed Vanderbilt and Virginia had what it took to reach the College World Series finals again.

That the defending champion Commodores (50-19) returned is testament to their dominant pitching and the steady effort of a veteran group that got every opponent's best shot.

That the Cavaliers (42-23) ended up here is nothing short of a surprise given all the obstacles they had to overcome along the way.

The best-of-three finals start Monday night at TD Ameritrade Park.

"We're proud of what we've done and certainly glad to be here," Vandy coach Tim Corbin said Sunday.

Virginia knew its young players would

have to develop rapidly for it to make a title run. Injuries to veterans complicated matters. Outfielder Joe McCarthy had back surgery in January, utility man John LaPrise's season ended after four games because of a hip injury, and ace Nathan Kirby strained a back muscle in mid-April.

The Cavaliers were just 18-18 in March and April, finished 15-15 in Atlantic Coast Conference play and didn't qualify for the 10-team league tournament until the last week of the regular season. They were given a No. 3 regional seed and had to go to the West Coast for the start of the NCAA Tournament.

Senior Kenny Towns said his sense of accomplishment is greater than in 2014.

"What we've been through this year, the ups and downs of the season, it's a little bit more satisfying," he said, "just because where we've come from and how we've been able to have the success late in the postseason."

Vanderbilt swept three games in bracket play and is 8-0 in the national tournament. The Commodores dropped 6 of 8 in April, but since losing a series to Florida on May 9 they haven't lost back-to-back games.

Bryan Reynolds and Rhett Wiseman have led the Commodores offensively through the post-season, and a pitching staff featuring first-round draft picks Carson Fulmer and Walker Buehler



FULMER

has a 1.33 ERA in the CWS and an opponent batting average of .163.

Fulmer (13-2, 1.95 ERA), who will start against Virginia's Connor Jones (7-2, 3.05 ERA) in Game 1, said the experience last year has helped during the current run.

"I think the biggest thing for anyone who

comes here is to be comfortable," Fulmer said. "With the people in the stands and the pressure that's on the line, if you want to call it that, some people aren't used to it. Just staying comfortable and knowing that you're working with eight other guys, it's big."

Some things to know as the championship round begins:

Pitching Matchups

Virginia coach Brian O'Connor said he hadn't made pitching plans beyond Monday. Vanderbilt will start Philip Pfeifer on Tuesday and, if necessary, probably Buehler on Wednesday.

Swanson Struggle

Dansby Swanson, the first pick in the draft, is 1 for 13 with five strikeouts and an error at shortstop in Vanderbilt's three CWS games. Last year he was the CWS Most Outstanding Player after batting .323 with three doubles and four stolen bases.

Swanson, batting a team-leading .337 for the season, is at .242 with 11 strikeouts in eight NCAA Tournament



games. He said he hasn't been distracted since the Arizona Diamondbacks selected him.

"It's one of those things you can't control, what's going on outside of you anyway," he said. "You just play your best and your hardest and hopefully the results will speak for themselves."

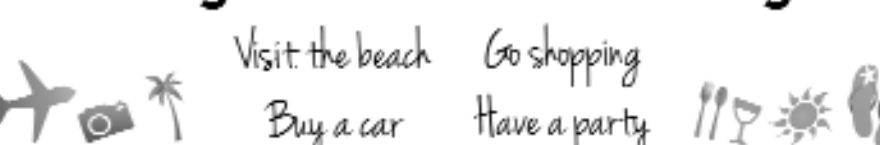
Home run watch

There have been 14 home runs through 13 games at the CWS. Three were hit in 16 games last year. Vanderbilt has homered three times and Virginia twice.

ACC Drought

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PRIMETIME TELEVISION

Will Ferrell, Kristen Wiig in deadly dull 'Deadly Adoption'

NEW YORK — The Lifetime movie that Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig denied would ever happen aired Saturday night — and their denial is now easy to understand. It was lousy.

Or, if nothing else, it aired on the wrong network. It belonged on Comedy Central.

It's hard to fathom what Ferrell, Wiig and their co-conspirators on "A Deadly Adoption" had in mind: Was it a misbegotten homage to the cheesy melodramas Lifetime specializes in, or an extended "Saturday Night Live" spoof mocking Lifetime on its own airwaves?

Who could tell? Who cares?

Certainly the people responsible for "Deadly" weren't explaining. In fact, they seemed to want to air this trifle without anyone noticing.

A few weeks ago, Ferrell and Wiig announced they were abandoning plans for what they termed a "secret" project after its existence was leaked to the public. The implication: Their anticipated film, having been exposed, was being scrapped.

Too bad it wasn't. But Lifetime swiftly acknowledged the film was safely in the can and would be broadcast in the not-too-distant future. Why its stars lied to their fans was never clarified.

The film was not made available for preview (no wonder), nor did anyone associated with it submit to an interview.

What Wiig and Ferrell did do was inflate with their inarguable star power an otherwise negli-



gible story, inspired by a real-life story, which doesn't save it from being cliché: An expectant mother loses her child in a ridiculous mishap and, unable to get pregnant again, she and her husband welcome a pregnant young woman (Jessica Lowndes) into their household in the hopes of adopting her unborn

child. The new arrival (the pregnant woman, that is) presents herself as a winsome goody-two-shoes but is also, of course, a psycho-seductress with her eye on Ferrell's rich, successful author.

"You leave her alone in the house with (your husband)?" a chum of Wiig's clueless wife asks in

amazement.

"She's six months pregnant!" scoffs Wiig about the family's new charge.

Guess what? The pregnant young woman has been faking her pregnancy. Then she and her low-life boyfriend kidnap the couple's six-year-old daughter to hold her for ransom.

Never mind the rest. It

just got worse and worse.

Wiig is appealing no matter what she does, no matter how threadbare the project, and she did her best here under thankless circumstances.

The real fault of "A Deadly Adoption" lay in the script and, most dramatically, in Ferrell's performance. He didn't bother committing either way

to the material: Was he trying to play it straight and failing, or playing it ironically and failing?

The answer to that will likely remain a secret for anyone who stumbled across "A Deadly Adoption." Too bad this deadly dull film didn't stay a secret from the viewers.

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June 15, 2015

The Sibley Town Council met for a Special Session on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 8:00 am in the Sibley Town Hall.

Members present were Mayor Jimmy Williams; Aldermen: Doyle Chanler, Richard Davis,

John Langford and Larry Merritt. Alan Myers was absent.

The Mayor asked that Alderman Doyle Chanler open the meeting in prayer; the Mayor then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Davis motioned to go into executive session to discuss current litigation. Doyle Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

Larry Merritt motioned to return to regular session. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

John Langford motioned to adjourn, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.
/s/ Jimmy Williams
Mayor

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/s/ Sherry McCann
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- ACROSS**
 1 Recedes
 5 Mandible
 8 Palindromic name
 12 Goose egg
 13 Yoko of music
 14 Comfield invader
 15 Authentic
 16 Football break
 18 Aft
 20 Got lathery
 21 Stereo alternative
 23 Wildebeest
 24 Interim
 28 Therefore
 31 Donkey
 32 Elite Navy group
 34 Sawbuck
 35 Grand story
 37 HBO rival
 39 Also
 41 Blue shade
 42 Teeming
- DOWN**
 1 Poet Pound
 2 Honey bunch?
 3 Neighbor's kid?
 4 Grave
 5 Hospital gowns
 6 Literary collection
 7 Three Little Pigs' pursuer
 8 Gasoline rating number
 9 Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, collectively
 10 Heavy book
 11 Had bills
 17 Visibility hindrance

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Friday's Answers

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