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2015 FLOOD

## Lake Bistineau closed to boat traffic

Lake Bistineau has been closed to boat traffic due to rising waters, according to Webster and Bossier parish officials.

Webster Parish Police Jury President Jim Bonsall and Bossier Parish Administrator Bill Altimus made the joint announcement Sunday

after the National Weather Service predicted the Red River would crest at 37 feet Monday morning.

Lake Bistineau water

levels have been rising steadily since Friday and with the revised crest level of the Red River, levels are expected to continue to go up. Camp owners along the

lake are advised to closely monitor the situation, and officials believe water levels similar to 2009 may be expected.



**BONSALL**



Homemade jams and jellies were for sale at Saturday's opening day of the Farmer's Market at The Farm. With reasonable prices and customers waiting to get into the gate before opening at 8 a.m., several hot ticket items, such as fresh vegetables, went fast. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

## Farmer's Market begins on high note

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This year's Farmer's Market began on a high note and can be written in the history books as one of the biggest openers since its inception.

With several vendors selling out of hot ticket items such as corn, tomatoes and peas, others were selling homemade items that were as artistic as they were creative.

Melinda West, a 20-year veteran of the Louisiana National Guard, says this is her third year to participate in the Farmer's Market. She is selling several items handmade from reclaimed fabric.

"I very seldom buy fabric," she said. "Most of my stuff is made from fabric that somebody was getting rid of. I'm a veteran and this is therapy for me."

Some of the items hanging up in her booth included



Several jars of plum and muscadine jellies and jams were for sale with several vendors selling these items and more. The Farmer's Market will be open from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. each Saturday until July 25. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

### FEATURED ITEMS

Weekly featured items at the Farmer's Market will be listed on the front page of the Friday editions of the Minden Press-Herald.

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ASSISTANCE

## VOA program benefits vets of all ages

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The Volunteers of America helps veterans who have served in combat with benefits and other programs, and it serves those who have returned from combat in Afghanistan and Iraq as well.

Serena Mendoza, campaign coordinator with United Way, says many of the younger generation of veterans do not know what's available to them from this office.



**MENDOZA**

Currently, the United Way offers space for agencies in its facility located at 202 Miller Street. Those agencies include Goodwill, Volunteers of America, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Martin Luther King Jr. Health Center and the Pregnancy Aid Center.

Susan Moseley, with Volunteers of America, works

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REMINDER

## Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission meets tomorrow

The second quarter board meeting of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission will be at 8 a.m., Tuesday at the newly-completed Germantown Colony Visitor Center, located at 120 Museum Road, eight miles north of Minden, off of Germantown Road. The meeting is open to the public.

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# THE 2015 FLOOD

## *Red River crest estimate raised again at Shreveport*

SHREVEPORT — The Caddo Parish sheriff's house is among dozens flooded in northwest Louisiana as Oklahoma and Texas floodwaters swell the Red River, and authorities were considering whether to evacuate a veterans' home with 144 residents.

The veterans and their caretakers probably will be able to stay, but Bossier Parish officials had not decided the matter Sunday evening, Bill Davis, spokesman for the parish sheriff's office, said in a phone interview. The building is dry but much of the land around it is flooded, The Times reported.

The river will crest at 37 feet on Monday, higher and later than predicted earlier, and the highest since April 1945, the National Weather Service said Sunday.

The crest is expected to last at least two days, and the Red probably won't go below the 30-foot flood stage at Shreveport before the end of June, meteorologist Dayvon Hill said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

"The river's going to stay pretty high at least through the end of the month — and, I suspect, even parts of July as well. It's going to be a slowwww, long process to get rid of this water," he said, stretching the word. "That would be under ideal conditions, without any more precipitation — or, God forbid, any tropical systems."

Davis said about a

dozen homes and 30 RVs in Bossier Parish had water in them Sunday, and another 18 or so were threatened.

Hill said the river is also in "major flood" downriver from Shreveport at Coushatta and Grand Ecore, near Natchitoches. Hill said the Red is expected to crest at 38.5 at Coushatta, 1.1 feet below the record set in 1945. The 42.1 feet expected at Grand Ecore would be the second-highest ever, he said.

Authorities have also been told that midweek rain will probably bring local flooding, Caddo Parish sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Chadwick said.

The Louisiana National Guard built a temporary floodwall of big fabric-lined metal frames filled with dirt, called HESCO baskets, to fortify a concrete wall at Shreveport and hauled two 5,700-pound pumps to a Caddo Parish pumping station serving about 20,000 residents, Staff Sgt. Denis Ricou said in a news release.

Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator told The Times that sandbagging his house and raising his antiques and other furniture onto 12-inch cinderblocks wasn't enough to save them.

"We'd lay sandbags all night long trying to protect the house, then I'd attend meetings and take phone calls all day long trying to protect other people's houses," Prator said.

He said he refused government help for his



**Above, Riverview Park along Clyde Fant Parkway in downtown Shreveport remains flooded as the River River remains in flood stage. Officials say the park could remain flooded until July as the river levels drop. Right, Interstate 220 remained closed Monday morning after the westbound lanes from I-20 to the Market street exit was closed Sunday afternoon because of water covering the lanes.** Courtesy Photo, David Specht Jr./Press-Herald

house, saying those resources should protect others.

"I'm OK with losing material things, but there's some things that are going to hurt to lose," Prator said Saturday.

Traffic on Louisiana Highway 3 was blocked Sunday morning while cattle were herded to higher ground, Davis said.

He provided video of ranchers on horseback escorting about 65 head of cattle from Leflett Cattle Co.'s flooded land past a nearby subdivision to dry ground across the four-lane highway. Bossier Parish deputies blocked traffic near the Magnolia Chase subdivision during the move, he said in an email.



## VETS

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with veterans, Mendoza says, making sure they are getting the services they need and is partnering with the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry as well.

"The food pantry has been keeping track of 'are you a veteran?,' she said. "We keep track of the age range of the people that are signing up, and so the Volunteers of America have partnered with them to reach clients who are needing additional services. So they've been able to track down veterans and make sure they are getting all the medical benefits that they have access to. There are so many benefits they aren't utilizing, so they are making sure they are aware of what they are."

Moseley has been making sure if veterans aren't receiving the benefits they need, she's providing applications and information to get them these vital services.

"I was surprised, when I worked for Legal Services, the number of veterans who weren't plugged in," said Bridgett Salsberry, advocate for Project Celebration, Inc.

Mendoza talked about the home loans available to veterans, which she says many vets don't know about. Her best friend just purchased a house through the home loan program, and she wondered about the number of veterans who might be missing out on the opportunity.

To qualify for a VA home loan, a veteran must have a credit score of 610 and have steady income for two years — and that's it.

"It's not only the older generation that doesn't know about it," she said. "It's people who are just now coming out that don't know. It's all of our veterans and they need some help."

According to the Volun-

teers of America, a faith-based organization which helps America's most vulnerable, they offer services for homeless veterans and those who are struggling.

Salsberry says veterans can also receive legal help in that a special court is offered for veterans who have criminal records get their records expunged — depending on the crime.

"It's been a big help so these people can find a job," she said.

Mendoza says she knew someone from Hope for the Homeless who went through the VOA program and step by step the organization helped them go from homeless to employed and owning a home and sustaining his life.

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## LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

## House, Senate at odds over state budget

BATON ROUGE — As Louisiana's legislative session enters its final week, a budget deal seems far from certain to be struck that can keep public health services and colleges from deep cuts while also satisfying Gov. Bobby Jindal's financial criteria.

The House and Senate have passed markedly different packages of tax bills to raise revenue for the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1. And what is contained in the \$24 billion budget tied to those bills also is the subject of disagreement.

"There's still a lot of uncertainty as to how this is going to all play out," Rep. John Bel Edwards, leader of the House Democrats, said Sunday.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Joel Robideaux, a leader in the budget negotiations, summed up the situation: "Right now, there's no agreement on anything."

The Senate is expected to pass a budget proposal Monday that contains about \$250 million more in spending than the House supported. It's not necessarily the spending to which lawmakers in the House object, but some of the tax hikes used to pay for them.

Senators agreed to raise much higher tobacco taxes

than the House supported, and the two chambers differ sharply on how much to rein in Louisiana's film tax credit program.

Days remain to broker a deal. The legislative session must end by Thursday at 6 p.m.

"It seems like I remember every session coming down until the last few days on the budget, and this is no different," said House Speaker Chuck Kleckley, R-Lake Charles.

Even if the two legislative chambers can agree on how much money to raise and how to spend it, they have yet to meet Jindal's parameters for what tax changes he'll accept.

As the House came in for a rare Sunday session, financial analysts for the

Legislature were sifting through the tax bills passed by the Senate, to determine how much money would be raised and whether the budget to be considered by senators matches the revenue projected.

The House voted to raise cigarette taxes from 36 cents per pack to 68 cents, to drum up \$68 million for next year's budget. The Senate rewrote the proposal to boost cigarette taxes to \$1.08 per pack, and to bump up taxes on chewing tobacco, cigars, e-cigarettes and other tobacco products — to raise \$188.5 million instead.

House leaders said such a hefty increase cannot get the two-thirds support needed to pass.

"We don't feel like (tobacco tax increases) should be responsible for carrying the budget," said Robideaux, R-Lafayette.

Also at issue, the Senate lowered a House-approved cap on the film tax credit program from \$200 million to \$180 million while also eliminating new tax incentives designed to bolster the indigenous film industry in Louisiana. Both changes have provoked criticism in the House.

Generating loud complaints from Democrats is the Senate's removal of a proposed \$36 million inflationary increase in spending for K-12 public schools.

If the House and Senate agree on how much new money to raise and how to spend it, they still have to

decide if they'll craft a proposal to match the governor's financial parameters.

Jindal, expected to announce his presidential campaign on June 24, won't support any tax changes he considers a net tax increase.

House lawmakers say they have the support needed for a veto override session if the Republican governor chose to jettison the financial agreement struck by the Legislature. But the Senate isn't interested in an override session and is still trying to find a veto-proof financial deal with loopholes that can satisfy Jindal and win House support.

## OBITUARIES

## Katie Howell

Funeral services for Katie Howell will be at 11 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Melvin Reagan officiating. Interment followed at Gardens of Memory in Minden. The family received friends from 5 until 7 p.m., Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home.

Katie was born May 11, 1980 in Monroe and entered into rest June 4, 2015 in Minden. Katie graduated from University of Louisiana at Monroe and worked in politics and accounting.



HOWELL

She is survived by her husband, Dustin Howell of Minden; son, Jackson "Whit" McKaskle of Minden; mother and step father Ann and Robert Webster of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, father, E. Lee Carter and wife Cathy; brother, Matthew Webster and sister-in-law Kristi; mother-in-law, Winona Howell of Minden; father-in-law, Ronald Howell and wife Bonnie; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and Duncan, her English Mastiff.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Northwest Louisiana Humane Society, 2544 Linwood Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103.

## Charles Ray Mason

Funeral services for Charles Ray Mason

were at 10 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2015 at First Pentecostal Church in Minden with the Rev. Jeff Ramsey and the Rev. Keith Adcock officiating. Interment followed at 3 p.m. at New Pine Hill Cemetery in Sicily Island under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family received friends from 5 until 8 p.m., Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Charles was born Oct. 2, 1945 in Sicily Island and entered into rest June 5, 2015 in Shreveport. He was a faithful member of First Pentecostal Church in Minden.

He is survived by his wife, Eva Mason of Heflin; son, Charles Mason and wife Nola



MASON

of Minden; daughter, Anessa Eastman and Dalton of DeRidder; sisters, Daisy Rowell of Heflin, Dot Henson and husband Vernon of Bossier City, Barbara Carter and husband Randall of Ringgold, Claudine DeLaney and husband Dave of Bossier City; brothers, Clarence Mason and wife Frances of Ringgold, Kenneth Mason and wife Paula of Benton; grandchildren, Britney Eastman, DeLaina Culverhouse, and Marie Smith; and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Craig Mason, Chad Mason, Randall Carter, Rodney Mason, Scott Carter, Brent Mason, Brian Mason and Dave DeLaney.

## MARKET

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an apron made from old table linens, a man's apron made from military fatigues, and "every woman needs a fox stole," she said.

Young entrepreneurs, such as Ben Branch, 15, was there selling farm fresh eggs and all the money he makes goes back into raising his chickens and taking care of them. He also takes care of the chickens on The Farm on the weekends.

"I was in Ruston about four years ago with my grandfather and we went to Tractor Supply to go look at the chickens," he said. "So we ended up buying six. That really started all this — then I had eggs. I had so many and I had to start getting rid of them."

He says he called Cultural Crossroads co-founder Chris Broussard and she set him up with the Farmer's Market, and as they say, the rest is history.

His mother, Kim Branch, says she's very proud of her son.

"He raises the chickens, collects the eggs and then sells them," she said. "He knows all about the chickens, what breed and he does all of it. He does all that by himself. I'm very proud of him. To me, it's amazing, because I didn't do stuff like this when I was little. I don't know where it comes from, honestly. He's a grown up in a kid's body."

An intern at Mahaffey Farms in Houghton talked about what it's like to learn farming, and what it means to farm organically.

"It's very rewarding, but for anybody going into it you have to count the costs," David Goppelt, 19, said. "It's a lot of hard work and it takes a lot of patience to get anywhere in it. But it's very rewarding and it's a great atmosphere and a great way of life."

He's interned for the Mahaffey's for about four

months and does a lot of work for them, from raising vegetables to working with farm animals "in a very sustainable and natural way."

"I've had to learn a lot of patience with myself and I've had to learn how to relax," he said. "Generally, I'm a very tense person, so I've had to learn how to listen and communicate more."

Other vendors showcased and sold jellies, jams, an array of vegetables and cracklins. Some of the younger entrepreneurs were selling handmade greeting cards, while other vendors were selling handmade flip flops, hair bows and bracelets. Also on tap was handmade jewelry.

Tina McKissack, Farmer's Market chair, says there's still time to sign up for booth space for anyone who wishes to sell their handmade, homespun and homegrown items. Booth space is \$30. Booth space for school students and senior citizens is \$10.

"The turnout opening day this year is better," she said. "We've had visitors walking up to us asking about booth space."

For more information or to secure a booth space, call executive director Dani Deshotel at 318-268-2122 or McKissack at 318-268-4555. The Farmer's Market will be open from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. each Saturday until July 25.

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# OPINION

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## Celebrating immigrant heritage month

One of the remarkable things about America is that nearly all of our families originally came from someplace else. We're a nation of immigrants. It's a source of our strength and something we all can take pride in. And this month – Immigrant Heritage Month – is a chance to share our American stories.

I think about my grandparents in Kansas – where they met and where my mom was born. Their family tree reached back to England and Ireland and elsewhere. They lived, and raised me, by basic values: working hard, giving back, and treating others the way you want to be treated.

I think of growing up in Hawaii, a place enriched by people of different backgrounds – native Hawaiian, Filipino, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and just about everything else. Growing up in that vibrant mix helped shape who I am today. And while my father was not an immigrant himself, my own life journey as an African-American – and the heritage shared by Michelle and our daughters, some of whose ancestors came here in chains – has made our family who we are.

This month, I'm inviting you to share your story, too. Just visit [whitehouse.gov/NewAmericans](http://whitehouse.gov/NewAmericans). We want to hear how you or your family made it to America – whether you're an immigrant yourself or your great-great-grandparents were.

Of course, we can't just celebrate this heritage, we have to defend it – by fixing our broken immigration system. Nearly two years ago, Democrats and Republicans in the Senate came together to do that. They passed a commonsense bill to secure our border, get rid of backlogs, and give undocumented immigrants who are already living here a pathway to citizenship if they paid a fine, paid their taxes, and went to the back of the line. But for nearly two years, Republican leaders in the House have refused to even allow a vote on it.

That's why, in the meantime, I'm going to keep doing everything I can to make our immigration system more just and more fair. Last fall, I took action to provide more resources for border security; focus enforcement on the real threats to our security; modernize the legal immigration system for workers, employers, and students; and bring more undocumented immigrants out of the shadows so they can get right with the law. Some folks are still fighting against these actions. I'm going to keep fighting for them. Because the law is on our side. It's the right thing to do. And it will make America stronger.

I want us to remember people like Ann Dermody from Alexandria, Virginia. She's originally from Ireland and has lived in America legally for years. She worked hard, played by the rules and dreamed of becoming a citizen. In March, her dream came true. And before taking the oath, she wrote me a letter. "The papers we receive...will not change our different accents [or] skin tones," Ann said. "But for that day, at least, we'll feel like we have arrived."

Well, to Ann and immigrants like her who have come to our shores seeking a better life – yes, you have arrived. And by sharing our stories, and staying true to our heritage as a nation of immigrants, we can keep that dream alive for generations to come.

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



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### AP NEWS ANALYSIS

# Budget deal hinges on protecting Jindal's record

The proposal's been called a sham, a fake, a gimmick, even money laundering. It's also become the linchpin of a budget deal between lawmakers and Gov. Bobby Jindal's administration. And it's all about protecting Jindal's record as he eyes a presidential campaign.

Without it, a financing proposal that shields public higher education and health care services from deep cuts could go down in flames.

The dispute centers on a bill by Sen. Jack Donahue, R-Mandeville, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, that would create the Student Assessment for a Valuable Education, or SAVE, tax credit.

Only it wouldn't lessen anyone's taxes at all.

The proposal would involve raising a new "assessment" on college students. The students wouldn't actually pay the fee because it would be covered by the state through the tax credit, paid directly to colleges.

It's a pass-through that doesn't provide any net new revenue to the state or to colleges.

If no one pays the new fee and no one actually gains any new revenue from the tax credit, what's the point of the bill?

Creating a tax credit — at least on paper — can be used as an offset to count against tax increases used to generate new money for the state's budget, like a cigarette tax

hike.

And that matters very much to Gov. Bobby Jindal, so he can claim Louisiana didn't raise taxes to balance the budget.

Jindal, expected to announce his White House bid in New Orleans on June 24, won't support any tax changes he — or national anti-tax activist Grover Norquist — considers a net tax increase.

Protection of that record has bogged down the budget negotiations and stymied debate over how best to address the state's financial problems.

With a \$1.6 billion budget shortfall for the fiscal year that begins July 1, lawmakers and the governor have acknowledged they must find ways to drum up new dollars to keep from devastating higher education and public health care programs.

Senate President John Alario, R-Westwego, said a deal with Jindal can't be struck without the tax credit bill. "You have to have this."

"We think that's a big part of what needs to be done to prevent (the financing) bills from being vetoed," Alario said.

The Senate has been willing to create the faux tax credit and give Jindal the loophole he needs to claim he's upheld his no-tax pledge, but the House has been resistant to the idea.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Joel Robideaux, R-Lafayette, called the higher education tax credit "a facade," and he helped bottle the bill up in his committee. Senators, however, continue to push the idea through other legislation.

While some lawmakers

simply bristle at the idea of crafting a tax credit to honor a no-tax agreement they didn't make, Robideaux has broader philosophical issues with the bill.

He said it's absurd to look only at decisions made during the current legislative session to determine if Jindal and lawmakers raised taxes. Robideaux said over the nearly eight years Jindal's been in office, lawmakers have passed \$2 billion in tax cuts. Trimming some of those back this year, he said, won't equal a net tax hike.

"We're extremely pro-taxpayer and pro-business when you use an eight-year window, which is what we should be judged on," Robideaux said.

The Ways and Means chairman also said by creating a "fake" assessment and a "fake" tax credit to offset it, a governor and lawmakers could raise exorbitant taxes on anyone and try to claim they didn't cause a net tax hike.

"It provides a cover to raise unlimited taxes. Why would conservatives be for that?" Robideaux said.

If the House won't go along with the tax credit creation, lawmakers could try to rally the votes to override Jindal's veto if he chooses to veto the financing bills that make up a budget deal. But such veto overrides are rare, and lawmakers even when angry at Jindal have never been willing to go to an override session.

Only days remain to try to reach an agreement. The legislative session must end by Thursday.

*Melinda Deslatte covers the Louisiana Capitol for The Associated Press.*

### PERSPECTIVE

## Keeping good workers

In olden days, the way you kept good workers was to pay them more. That's no longer the case in many jobs. Companies have been using "noncompete" agreements to stop these workers from seeking better compensation at rival companies.

Originally designed to stop tech whizzes from taking company secrets to higher bidders, these non-compete agreements are being forced on workers loading boxes at warehouses or assembling sandwiches so that they can't go to the warehouse or sandwich shop down the block.

Such agreements have been challenged at Jimmy John's sandwich franchise and Subway, among others. According to The Huffington Post, the Jimmy John's contract forbids an employee to work at any company making more than 10 percent of revenues "from selling submarine, hero-type, deli-style, pita and/or wrapped or rolled sandwiches" within 3 miles of a Jimmy John's (anywhere in the country) for two years.

The practice is outrageous, and a new bill before Congress would bar noncompete contracts for jobs paying less than \$15 an hour. Introduced by Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., and Rep. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., the legislation is aptly named the MOVE Act, which stands for the Mobility and Opportunity for Vulnerable Employees Act.

The need for such protections is truly a sign of these times. It reflects the increasingly skewed balance of power favoring top dogs over their delivery truck drivers.

Hotshot execs keep telling us that their companies have to pay them a zillion dollars an hour to attract rare talent such as theirs. You know, the supply and demand thing. When brilliant execs themselves are in short supply, you have to pay more for them.

But somehow, respect for the labor market's law of supply and demand fades the lower down the corporate ladder you go. So here you have guys making \$15 an hour and doing a good enough job that a company across town might pay them \$17 an hour to do the same thing, but they can't go.

Rather than give them a raise, employers wave these agreements workers had to sign as a condition of being hired.

Lower-skilled workers rarely challenge them, although they can. (The employer has to demonstrate that the workers could expose privileged information to its competitors.)

Some companies are paying off former employers to get higher-skilled workers out of noncompete agreements. California has virtually banned all types of them.

Over 19 million workers are now covered by such contracts, according to a working paper by Evan Starr at the University of Illinois and Norman Bishara and James J. Prescott?, both at the University of Michigan.

For obvious reasons, knowledge-intensive positions are likeliest to come with noncompete agreements. But the paper found that over 10 percent of repair jobs also require "noncompetes," as do 11 percent of jobs in production (tailors, machine operators) and nearly 12 percent in personal services (barbers, gym instructors, manicurists).

Noncompete agreements do reduce worker turnover, an expense for businesses. But so do higher wages and superior working conditions.

Companies demand these agreements because, why not? Only 10 percent of job applicants try to negotiate for higher pay in return for accepting restrictions on their ability to seek employment elsewhere, according to the working paper. Those with more ordinary skills are assumed to be less combative and more accepting of whatever they're offered. They just want the job.

They may get the job, but it's one with rather tight strings. The MOVE Act would cut the strings for those lower down the pay scale. If it passed, many employers wanting to keep their most prized workers would have to do it the old-fashioned way — by paying them more.

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**FROMA HARROP**



# Around Town

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## June 8, 2015

St. Rest Baptist Church will kick off its 2015 Vacation Bible school at 5:30 p.m. It ends at 7:30 p.m. nightly and runs through June 12.

Forest Chapel COGIC will host the Gospel Crusade at 6:30 p.m. nightly until May 10 at the B.F. Martin Community Center located at 611 East Union St.

## June 11, 2015

The Webster Council on Aging located at 1482 Sheppard St. will have a rummage sale from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the activities room.

## June 13, 2015

King Solomon Baptist Church will have Love Day at 5 p.m. featuring guest speaker Pastor Wosheka Burriel of Extreme Faith Worship Center.

Miracle Productions will

present An Evening of Gospel at 7 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building located at 311 Bailey St.. Featured guest will beDynamic Holy Spiritualaires.

Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church located at 1686 Fuller Road in Minden will have its Women's Ministry from 10 a.m. until noon.

## June 14, 2015

Mt. Olive Baptist Church will host the New Destiny Singers, Apostle Samuel Smith at 2:30 p.m.

Mt.Pilgrim Baptist Church will have its 107th anniversary at 3 p.m. featuring the Rev. Lester C. Sims as guest speaker.

Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church will be holding their Annual Homecoming Service Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3 P.M at 3354 Franklin Road in Heflin, Louisiana. They will also be holding Revival Services June 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. The speaker for all services will be Pastor Rodney Williams from King Solomon Baptist Church in Sibley.

## EDUCATION IN WEBSTER

# WEEF Recipients

Representatives from the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce made stops at Webster schools to hand out grants from the Webster Education Endowment Fund (WEEF). The fund is an effort to assist those local teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty and need funds to assist them in the classroom.



## NORTH WEBSTER HIGH SCHOOL

Pictured with the check is Secretary- Carol List, North Webster High Principal Jeff Franklin, Chamber President Jerri de Pingre', teacher Renee Sears, Secretary Pat McWilliams. Courtesy Photo

## POEM

# The thin blue line

That evil exists, we know is true, it exists in people, in more than a few. They stalk and rob, rape and maim, take away lives, it's all insane. Between good and evil, exists a Line, a long thin Blue Line. What would we do, me and you, without this Line, these men in blue. Peace they keep, so safe we stay, their lives on the line, everyday. If stopped, you best comply, lest Blue begins, to wonder why. Perfect they are not, they are men you see, the same, as you and me. What is it like, to walk the Line, to deal with evil, time after time. Give thanks to those, who walk the Line, the Thin Blue Line.

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## SPORTS briefs

### BASEBALL Tigers heading back to Omaha for CWS

BATON ROUGE -- With an NCAA Super Regional sweep, No. 2 national seed LSU (53-10) earned its 17th trip to the College World Series on Sunday, beating Louisiana-Lafayette, 6-3, at Alex Box Stadium, Skip Bertman Field.

After helping the Tigers advance to the Super Regional with a 2-0 blanking of UNC Wilmington Monday, LSU starter Jared Poche' (9-1) pitched another gem for the Tigers. He allowed only one run on five hits with a walk and seven strikeouts.

For its opening game in Omaha, the Tigers will face either No. 7-seed TCU or Texas A&M on Sunday at either 2 or 7 p.m. CT.

"This team deserves to go to Omaha," said LSU coach Paul Mainieri. "They've played at a high level all year. We haven't lost two games in a row one time the entire season. Different aspects of our team have done the job, taken turns doing the job, and it's a very selfless team that plays well together. They genuinely like each other, and I couldn't be more proud of a team going to Omaha. That's where we belong, and we're looking forward to going up there."

With 12 zeros posted to open the game, LSU catcher Kade Scivicque quite literally put the first run on the board in the top of the seventh with a no-doubt solo home run off the scoreboard in left field.

LSU led 1-0, as Poche' finished seven innings allowing only three hits of his own.

"It's definitely a dream for all these Louisiana boys that come and play at LSU," said Poche', a native of Litcher, La. "I'm just kind of living in the moment right now and enjoying it."

"Jared Poché is one of those pitchers that when you give him a lead, he shifts it into another gear," Mainieri said. "There's an extra competitive juice running through his veins, and he gets that lead and he just smells the victory, and that's when he's at his best, and he's done that so many times in his career."

"Once we got that lead, I knew as long as he wasn't tired from the humidity, which it was awfully hot out there, listen, he was still throwing the ball hard. His curveball still had a lot of bite to it, and I thought he could even possibly finish, but I thought when we took him out, it was the right time."

## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

# Webster Parish's Best of the Best



## MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

## FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



*L'Jarius Sneed*



*Carsin Spurlock*

# TOP PERFORMERS FROM WEBSTER PARISH IN 2015

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### Male Athlete of the Year

When choosing the Male Athlete of the Year it was all about who did the most, and who did it best.

The job was a tough one with several area athletes posting big years throughout various sports.

In the end, we went with Minden's L'Jarius "JJ" Sneed.

Whether we're talking about football or basketball, the senior-to-be did everything for the Crimson Tide, helping him land a spot on the all-district 1-4A first team as a safety.

Entering the 2014-2015 football campaign, the Tide had talent, but most of it was young and needed to be shown the way. Sneed helped do that, by anchoring a vicious Crimson Swarm defense that rarely allowed opponents into the endzone.

Roaming the free safety spot, Sneed picked off a team and district 1-4A leading seven passes last season. Even more impressive is the return yardage on those seven interceptions, a staggering 252. That means every time Sneed picked off an opposing quarterback he was good for an average of 36 return yards.

Sneed also had an eye for the endzone, scoring five touchdowns on the

season despite registering just 12 snaps on offense.

This past year, Sneed reached the endzone by way of rush, reception, interception return and kickoff return. None of those as big as the kickoff return at Benton to spark the Tide to an eventual upset of the Tigers.

On the hardcourt, Sneed shined just as bright, leading the Tide with his distribution, defense and willingness to rebound.

"JJ" as coaches, friends and fans like to call him, posted averages of 10 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists for the Tide. Those are pretty good numbers, not out of this world impressive, but where would the Tide have been without him?

The best part about this for fans of the Crimson Tide, is that Sneed will be back for another year, his last, and the production should only improve as colleges around the state have taken notice of Sneed's ability. Look for more from Sneed coming soon.

I couldn't finish this without praising the other athletes who made this decision a tough one.

North Webster's Devin White and Lyntravious Gipson will be missed tremendously in Springhill.

White probably had one of the best seasons of any athlete in the country in football, willing his team to

the semi-finals of Class 3A. He finished with 35 total touchdowns and over 2,500 yards of offense. His senior teammate Gipson had a strong season on the gridiron, and also was voted first team all-district in basketball for district 1-3A.

Then there was Lakeside's Thomas Lambert.

Lambert quarterbacked the Warriors with poise, leading them through tough times on the gridiron. Those same skills translated well to the wrestling mat and the baseball field. Lambert was the wrestling state runner-up in the 160 pound weight division, as well as a first team all-district rightfielder for the Warriors in baseball.

### Female Athlete of the Year

When I started breaking down the numbers to see who would be chosen as Webster Parish's Female Athlete of the year, I realized I had five very deserving candidates, one of them just a freshman.

As I stated in the Male Athlete of the Year section, the criteria consisted of who did the most, and who did it best?

While there were athletes who may have done a bit more for their school in their one sport, no one did more for their school in two sports than Glenbrook's Carsin Spurlock.

Spurlock, a senior-to-be at Glenbrook High School, was a force for the Apaches on both the softball diamond and the basketball court, earning first team all-district honors in both sports.

Spurlock has loads of athletic ability, as anyone who has watched her hoop can tell you.

In her junior campaign, Spurlock was the one Lady Apache that head coach Rendi Dillard could count on for points each night. She averaged an impressive 16 points and 8 rebounds for Glenbrook and often times had to fight through a flurry of fouls and double teams to get her points at the free throw stripe.

For a team that had just one senior, Spurlock was a calming influence on the court as well, never letting the emotions of the game get to her. Look for her to help lead the Lady Apaches to an improved record next year as a senior.

On the softball field, Spurlock proved to be adaptable this season. With the Lady Apaches graduating their catcher, someone had to step up and play possibly the least glamorous position on the field.

Spurlock took on that role willingly, showing she wasn't afraid of the challenge and actually excelling behind the plate.

She was feared by opposing pitchers, and for good reason.

On the season, Spurlock hit .379 with five doubles, a triple and 17 RBI, providing the punch for a lineup that was short on power.

While Spurlock is a worthy winner, there were other athletes who finished the year in style.

Amberlee Nix finished as the district 1-3A MVP for her excellent softball season. Nix pitched and hit North Webster into the playoffs and will continue her college career at Hinds Community College.

A pair of Lady Tiders were in the running: Tiaga Pugh and Freshman Sha'Terra Batton.

Pugh was a scoring force in the paint, averaging 15.7 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.

Sha'Terra Batton averaged 17.6 points to go with 5.6 boards and 3.3 steals in just her freshman season.

Rounding out the candidates was Lakeside's Alisa Lander.

Lander earned All-State honors in track by finishing third in the 3200 with a personal-best of 11:55.48.

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**AA Bandits 13 Roughneck Rentals 0**  
Wyatt Whorton and Devery Moore led the way with two singles and a double for the Bandits, followed by Willie Jenkins and Spencer Brantley with a double and single a piece. Hayden Watkins and Tanner Johnson had two hits and Lucas Whitten added a base hit.

No hits were recorded for Roughneck Rentals.

**Wonder Boys 21 Timberland 1**  
Easton Sanders and Reagan Coyle finished with singles and two doubles each to lead the Wonder Boys. Brody Bower, Bryson Ranger, Landyn Huddleston and Jaxon Smith all finished with two singles and a double, while Gaige Machen, Hudson Brown, Luke Butcher and Kevin Berry all had multiple hits. Jackson Speer and Kameron Lewis added base hits.

Nolan Still and Levi Miller had the only hits for Timberland Services, Still's a double.

**AAA Apaches 11 Minden Athletic 1**  
Cason Clemons led the Apaches with a triple, followed by Landry Powell with a double and single and Cade Frye with a double. Maddox Mandino, Garret Brown and Grayson Williams added base hits and Cason Clemons struck out six batters on the mound.

Jacob Powell, Collin Murphy and Luke Vining had base hits for Minden Athletic.

**Alpha Railroad 16 Farm & Garden 1**  
Seth Levesque doubled and singled and Price Miller and Hayden Harmon added singles to lead Alpha. Levesque also no-hit Farm & Garden, striking out four.

**Dixie Youth Minden Athletic 12 Tigers 2**

De'Mareya Howard led Minden Athletic with a monster home run, followed by Cameron Combs with a double. Kyle Spear struck out five batters.

For the Tigers, Jacob Walker had a pair of triples and a single, followed by Ryan Sheets who blasted a homer of his own, and Christian Stevens added a base hit. Trent McLaughlin struck out six for the Tigers and Jacob Walker sat down five.

**U.S. Silica 14 Rangers 1**  
Corbin Kendrick had an outstanding game, smashing a pair of triples to lead U.S. Silica. Connor Humphreys played well, hitting a triple and double, followed by Keegan Frizzell with a triple and double and Xander Turner who singled twice and doubled. Ashton Stewart doubled for Silica, and Thomas Rhames and Matthew Seales added base hits. Xander Turner also struck out eight batters.

Landon Hopkins had two base hits to lead the Rangers. Parker Cupples struck out six batters for the Rangers.

**MPC Bulldogs 16 Braves 2**

Carson Parker doubled and tripled, Jonathon Parkerson doubled and Connor Heard and Grady Brasher singled for the Bulldogs.

Matthew Harris, Connor Dunfey and Grayson Lamar all singled for the Braves. Grayson Lamar also struck out five batters.

**Dixie Boys Town & Country 6 Farm Bureau 5**

Cody Johnson singled three times, followed by Willis with two singles and Edwards and Cameron Barton with base hits.

Cameron Dollar doubled for Farm Bureau while Ethan Baldwin and Brittain Ranger added base hits. Brittain Ranger also struck out seven.

**Minden Elite 11 Lakeside 7**

Hunter Wilkes and Treyton Butler led Minden Elite with triples, followed by Cason with a single. Wilkes struck out seven batters for Elite.

Mike Watts doubled and singled for Lakeside, followed by Eric Lander and Trevor Randle with base hits. Landon Rasberry struck out five batters for Lakeside.

**Darlings Blaze 13 Kennon Krushers 6**



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Addie Monk homered, doubled and singled to lead Blaze, followed by Paiton Levesque with three hits, Audrie Teutsch with two hits and Landry Thomas, Hallie Harmon, Marley Black and Claire Hays with singles.

Dakota Howard tripled, doubled and singled, followed by Baleigh Haulcy with two doubles and a single. Leigha Gilbert, Leyla Slaughter and Brooklyn Davis had multiple base hits and Aubrey Gorman added a base hit.

**Angels Mark Dunn Tigers 4 Timberland 3**  
Piper Stephens doubled

and singled to lead the Tigers to the win. Kaleigh Foster doubled in support and Kaydree Kemp added a base hit.

Caylum Lewis doubled and Landry Malone singled for Timberland.

**Ponytails Sky Rangers 17 Gotshall Girls 12**

Kenya Harris, NuNu Franklin and Amelia Coleman had base hits for Sky Rangers. Franklin also struck out six batters and Camille Marvin came in to strike out five.

Crystalyn McDaniel had two hits and Karli Gotshall added a base hit for Gotshall.

**Dixie Belles Houghton Heat 12 First Methodist 7**

Myers and Damron had doubles for the Heat, followed by Ward and Compton with base hits. Myers struck out six batters.

Audrey Plants, Erin Lee and McKenna Edge all had a double and single for First United Methodist.

**Glenbrook 11 Pink Pratique 3**

Faith Earnhardt and Lauryn Gaddy had base hits to lead Glenbrook. Alyssa Martin struck out nine batters.

Datyquesha Jackson had the lone hit for Pink Pratique.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

First look at Webster Parish football schedules



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The Louisiana High School Athletic Association and Mississippi Association of Independent Schools recently released the 2015 football schedules, and all high schools in Webster Parish will kick off their seasons on the road this fall.

Glenbrook will start the year off on Aug. 21 and Minden High, Lakeside and North Webster follow on Sept. 4.

**2015 Football Schedules**  
**Minden High School**  
Sept. 4 – Southwood (Away)  
Sept. 11 – Houghton  
Sept. 18 – North Webster (Away)  
Sept. 25 – Fair Park\*  
Oct. 2 – Huntington\*

Oct. 8 – Benton\* (Away)  
Oct. 16 – Bossier\* (Away)  
Oct. 23 – Northwood\*  
Oct. 30 – North DeSoto\*  
Nov. 6 – Woodlawn\*  
**Lakeside High School**  
Sept. 4 – Ringgold (Away)  
Sept. 11 – Plain Dealing  
Sept. 18 – Grambling (Away)  
Sept. 25 – Ouachita Christian  
Oct. 2 – St. Mary (Away)  
Oct. 9 – Lakeview\* (Away)  
Oct. 16 – Jonesboro  
Hodge\* (Away)  
Oct. 23 – Red River\*  
Oct. 30 – Calvary Baptist\*  
Nov. 5 – North Caddo\* (Away)  
**North Webster High School**  
Sept. 4 – Haynesville (Away)  
Sept. 11 – Homer (Away)  
Sept. 18 – Minden

Sept. 25 – Ouachita Parish  
Oct. 2 – North Caddo  
Oct. 9 – Booker T. Washington\* (Away)  
Oct. 16 – Loyola Prep\*  
Oct. 23 – Mansfield\* (Away)  
Oct. 30 – Green Oaks\*  
Nov. 6 – Southwood\* (Away)  
**Glenbrook School**  
Aug. 21 – Copiah (Away)  
Aug. 28 – CHEF  
Sept. 4 – Hartfield  
Sept. 11 – PVA\* (Away)  
Sept. 18 – Riverfield  
Sept. 25 – Claiborne\*  
Oct. 2 – Trinity (Away)  
Oct. 9 – Union\*  
Oct. 16 – River Oaks\* (Away)  
Oct. 23 – Riverdale\* (Away)  
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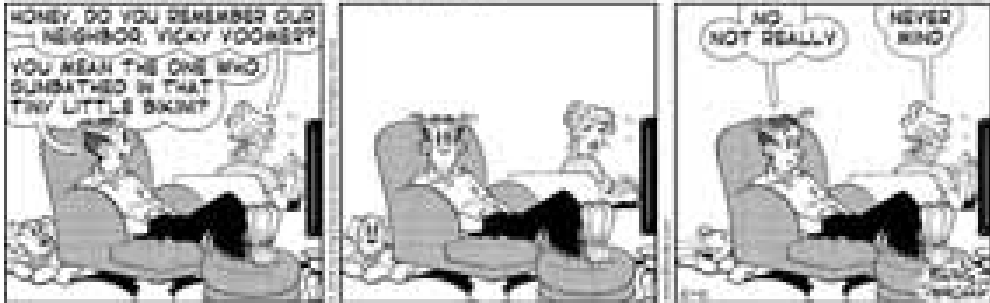
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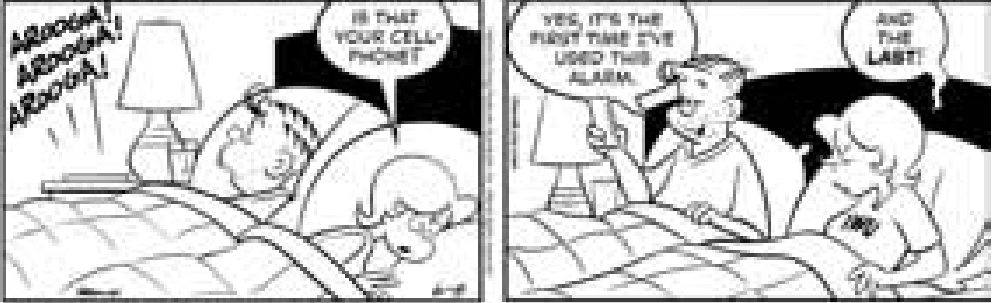
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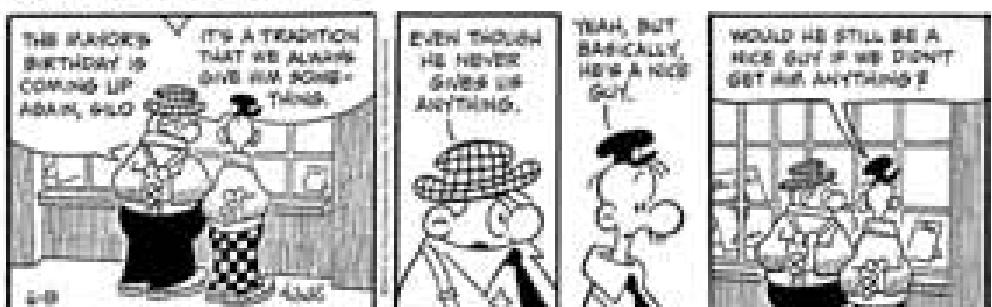
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#### Radioactive contaminants-

which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan,

our water system had a susceptibility rating of MEDIUM. If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact JIMMY WILLIAMS at 318-377-0345.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. SIBLEY WATER SYSTEM is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

#### Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL)-

The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

#### Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG)-

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

#### Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)-

one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000. The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2014. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In tables B-G on page(s) 9, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)- one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

#### Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)-

one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)- picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

#### Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)-

nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

#### Action level (AL)-

the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

#### Maximum contaminant level (MCL)-

the Maximum Allowed MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

#### Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG)-

the Goal is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

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During the period covered by this report we had noted violations of drinking water regulations in tables B-G.

Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month monthly sample(s) in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. During the monitoring period covered by this report, we had the following noted (In table B) detections for microbiological contaminants.

In tables D-G we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

#### +++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language+++

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

There are no additional Required Health Effects Notices:

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

We at the SIBLEY WATER SYSTEM work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.

June 8, 2015  
Minden Press-Herald

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Webster Parish School Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Operating Budget on June 29, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the School Board Office located at 1442 Sheppard Street in Minden, Louisiana. The Public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting and provide input into the spending of educational dollars.

A copy of the Budget will be available for Public inspection between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday thru Thursday, at the front desk of the school board office. Budget also available in table on page 9.

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CONSOLIDATED BUDGET SUMMARY  
2015-2016

	GENERAL FUND BUDGET	SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGET	TOTAL BUDGET	ESTIMATED ACTUALS FY 2014-2015	FY 2014-2015 REVISED BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGE	PERCENT TO CHANGE
I. REVENUE							
A. LOCAL	\$ 9,589,903	\$ 17,453,242	\$ 27,043,145	\$ 26,776,475	\$ 26,797,942	\$ 536,123	1.966%
B. STATE	\$ 37,655,817	\$ 1,874,036	\$ 39,529,853	\$ 38,169,186	\$ 38,123,385	\$ 466,439	1.568%
C. FEDERAL	\$ 60,942	\$ 7,639,948	\$ 7,700,810	\$ 8,295,276	\$ 8,881,881	\$ (1,181,091)	-15.338%
D. OTHER	\$ 2,306,716	\$ 1,333,946	\$ 3,640,676	\$ 3,644,937	\$ 3,597,195	\$ 43,571	1.197%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 49,612,998	\$ 27,701,176	\$ 77,314,174	\$ 76,887,844	\$ 77,399,123	\$ 5,041	0.007%
II. EXPENDITURES							
A. REGULAR PROGRAM	\$ 22,757,052	\$ 1,499,309	\$ 24,256,361	\$ 25,942,995	\$ 24,233,594	\$ 23,496	0.094%
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$ 7,982,288	\$ 1,782,317	\$ 9,764,605	\$ 7,506,193	\$ 7,476,749	\$ 1,147,856	13.204%
C. VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 1,476,231	\$ 156,812	\$ 1,633,043	\$ 1,625,793	\$ 1,613,332	\$ 15,711	0.964%
D. OTHER INSTRUCT. PROGRAMS	\$ 587,314	\$ -	\$ 587,314	\$ 599,796	\$ 497,449	\$ 18,768	3.822%
E. CULTURALLY DEPRIVED (ESSE)	\$ 338,492	\$ 3,221,205	\$ 3,559,697	\$ 5,818,295	\$ 5,923,243	\$ (12,349,166)	-68.665%
F. ADULT ED. PROGRAMS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.000%
G. PUPIL SUPPORT PROGRAMS	\$ 2,127,630	\$ 506,077	\$ 2,633,707	\$ 2,243,295	\$ 2,234,464	\$ 899,421	15.530%
H. INSTRUCT. STAFF SUPPORT	\$ 1,814,247	\$ 258,376	\$ 2,072,624	\$ 2,004,764	\$ 1,961,549	\$ 111,475	5.369%
I. GEN. ADM. PROGRAMS	\$ 993,385	\$ 496,303	\$ 1,393,487	\$ 1,326,624	\$ 1,250,499	\$ 142,588	10.267%
J. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,543,137	\$ 285,137	\$ 3,828,274	\$ 3,653,033	\$ 3,763,102	\$ 64,172	1.677%
K. BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 681,245	\$ 68,685	\$ 750,930	\$ 659,655	\$ 638,919	\$ 31,491	4.629%
L. OP. & MAINT. SERVICES	\$ 3,729,426	\$ 2,289,394	\$ 6,018,821	\$ 5,736,672	\$ 5,687,975	\$ 339,836	5.497%
M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 3,851,580	\$ 714,747	\$ 4,566,327	\$ 4,238,068	\$ 4,374,011	\$ 392,316	8.562%
N. CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 229,467	\$ 11,146	\$ 240,613	\$ 227,123	\$ 254,014	\$ 613,963	-5.427%
O. FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS	\$ 2,484	\$ 4,885,151	\$ 4,887,155	\$ 4,818,552	\$ 4,756,464	\$ 49,991	1.027%
P. COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0.000%
Q. FACILITY ACQ. & CONST.	\$ -	\$ 859,703	\$ 859,703	\$ 827,027	\$ 827,027	\$ 23,476	2.783%
R. OTHER USES OF FUNDS	\$ 394,245	\$ 9,383,638	\$ 9,777,883	\$ 9,127,215	\$ 9,343,023	\$ 625,280	6.492%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 49,343,884	\$ 26,325,290	\$ 75,669,185	\$ 76,374,640	\$ 74,445,840	\$ 1,929,349	1.362%
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	\$ 269,114	\$ 1,375,886	\$ 1,644,999	\$ 513,194	\$ 2,443,283	\$ (1,018,394)	-41.803%
EST. FUND BALANCE 7/1/15	\$ 4,644,128	\$ 21,773,221	\$ 26,417,359	\$ 25,449,847	\$ 25,374,571	\$ 1,042,388	3.946%
ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	0.000%
EST FUND BAL. 6-30-2016	\$ 4,613,241	\$ 22,349,156	\$ 26,962,348	\$ 26,193,631	\$ 25,838,254	\$ 24,084	0.085%

Table A

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL #3 6TH AT SOUTHERN PINES	Ground Water
WELL #4 5TH STREET	Ground Water
WELL #1 SOUTH 4TH	Ground Water

Table B

Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	PH	PUBLIC NOTICE	3/19/2014 - 8/13/2014

Table C

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2014				

Table D

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE	7/9/2012	0.53	0.5 - 0.53	ppb	6	0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories

Table E

Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	7/9/2012	5	5	pCi/l	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirems/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/l is used as a screening level.

Table F

Lead and Copper	Date	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2011 - 2013	0.5	0.1 - 0.5	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2011 - 2013	2	1 - 2	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Table E

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest UFAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	9050 HWY 371	2014	0	0 - 0	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	CORPORATE DRIVE	2014	0	0 - 0	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	9050 HWY 371	2014	6	5.96 - 5.96	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	CORPORATE DRIVE	2014	12	12.33 - 12.33	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals W

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- 1 "Slippery" tree
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  - 9 Pismire
  - 12 Vast expanse
  - 13 Ballroom favorite
  - 14 Actress Myrna
  - 15 Letter from the Vatican
  - 17 Cleopatra's slayer
  - 18 Floral garland
  - 19 Undeveloped stage
  - 21 Reacted in horror
  - 24 Leeway
  - 25 "Uh-huh"
  - 26 Thick-ness
  - 28 Dynamite inventor Alfred
  - 31 Disposition
  - 33 Formal
  - 35 "I never — man I didn't like"
  - 36 Porcine sniffer
  - 38 Pen point
- DOWN**
- 40 Varnish ingredient
  - 41 Small sala-mander
  - 43 In a whimsical way
  - 45 IOU signer
  - 47 Listener
  - 48 Swiss canton
  - 49 Sand-box toy, maybe
  - 54 Zero
  - 55 Moham-medan-ism
  - 56 Pod denizen
  - 57 Kenan's former Nickel-odeon pal
  - 58 Autocrats
  - 59 Upper surface
  - 1 Kreskin's claim
  - 2 Meadow
  - 3 Orien-teering aid
  - 4 Dormant
  - 5 With great intensity
  - 6 Ostrich's cousin
  - 7 More skilled
  - 8 Canned fish
  - 9 Warning signal
  - 10 Too curious
  - 11 Error in print
  - 16 Matter-horn, for one
  - 20 Prosper-ous time
  - 21 Workout venues
  - 22 Charlize Theron film, "— Flux"
  - 23 Ibis' kin
  - 27 Hankering
  - 29 Handy Latin abbr.
  - 30 Frilly
  - 32 Song for two
  - 34 Motor-cycle attach-ment
  - 37 Cheap
  - 39 Lullaby composer
  - 42 Lock of hair
  - 44 Sphere
  - 45 Basket-ball tactic
  - 46 A Great Lake
  - 50 Chicken — king
  - 51 Suitable
  - 52 Zodiac sign
  - 53 Once around the track

Solution time: 27 mins.

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Friday's Answers

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