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IN THE COURTS

## Turk murder case moved to October

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The status conference in the case against a Webster Parish man accused of first-degree murder was moved to Oct. 12.

J'son Turk, charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Omar Lott, was in court Monday for a status hearing. Assistant district attorney Hugo Holland says the status conference

was moved because defense attorney Walter Gerhardt is considering a plea deal for Turk.

"The defense attorney wanted additional time to propose a plea to me that is acceptable to the victim's family," he said.

Lott was shot and killed August 24, 2014, and brothers J'son and Dylan Turk were

arrested in connection with the shooting. Lott's remains were recovered in a wooded area off Walter Lyons Road three days after the shooting. Webster Parish Sheriff Gary Sexton said at the time, Lott was shot during a drug deal involving synthetic marijuana. Turk's brother, Dylan, is

charged with accessory after the fact, and gave a sworn statement against J'son Turk, Holland said.

Dylan Turk has additional charges gained while out on bail for the charge of accessory after the fact. He was arrested in April following a disturbance at Minden Medical Center. Minden Police arrested Dylan Turk, but he continued to cause a disturbance at the police station where police

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**J. TURK**



**D. TURK**

CITY OF MINDEN



Minden Mayor Tommy Davis says improvements at Minden Airport are expected to be complete this year. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

## Airport improvements nearing completion

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Improvements at Minden Airport are expected to be complete this year, mayor Tommy Davis said.

"The overall project we're doing at the airport comes under the umbrella

of obstruction removal," he said. "We're trying to build a parallel taxiway to the landing strip. To do that, we have to remove all of those older buildings existing now - where the terminal is now, where the fuel farm (fuel station) is now.

In order to do that we have to build a new terminal, move the fuel farm, and we've already built the 30 new T-hangers."

KSA Alliance is the engineer over the project, Davis said. The city will

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YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM



The Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program graduated more than 200 cadets Saturday at the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium. Nicolas Gray, left was awarded as a 5 Star Cadet. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

## Minden teen graduates with high honors

Nicolas Gray of Minden was awarded the rank of 5 star during the Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program graduation ceremony Saturday in Shreveport.

Louisiana Senator Gerald Long, District 31, delivered a commencement address to the class.

Louisiana Representative Henry L. Burns, District 9, was also present at the ceremony.

Through partnerships

with Bossier Parish Community College and Associated Building Contractors, The Youth Challenge Program now offers students additional opportunities to further their educational goals.



**GRAY**

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JOE LEBLANC FOOD PANTRY

## Food pantry fundraiser set for Saturday

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A garage sale fundraiser for the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry is set for Saturday.

The goal is to raise about \$2,000 for food to last until October, executive director Jessica Lewis said.

The garage sale will begin at 7 a.m. at the food pantry, located at 408

Broadway in Minden. The sale will be indoors and outdoors.

"We have more clothes than you can imagine," she said. "One whole side of the office will be clothes. We have some really nice clothes, a lot of stuff with tags still on it. The other side will be all kinds of house wares. We have an outrageous amount of sheets, blankets, kitchenware and

baby stuff."

Whatever items are left over, Lewis says these will more than likely be donated to various charities around Minden.

The food pantry purchases their food at a discounted cost from Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana in Shreveport.

"To put it into perspective, you go to Walmart and buy a box of Cornflakes for \$2 or \$3," she

said. "We can buy 12 boxes for \$1.50. We usually buy canned vegetables, canned fruit; it's usually nonperishables. We haven't had frozen food in forever."

Other nonperishable foods include staple items like flour, sugar and cornmeal. If donations of food are being made, Lewis asks that these staple items be bought in smaller sizes to allow more room

for more variety. JLFPP also receives food like rice, dry beans, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter and some canned meats through donations.

Donations for the garage sale will be accepted through Friday at 7 p.m. and can include gently used clothing, house wares, kitchen items and small furniture. For more information, contact Lewis at 465-6726.

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AROUND THE STATE

## Taxpayers pay legal costs of pro-Vitter super PAC

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana taxpayers have reimbursed more than \$69,000 in legal fees paid by a super PAC supporting Republican U.S. David Vitter for governor. The Fund for Louisiana's Future challenged the constitutionality of a Louisiana law limiting contributions in federal court last year and

won. The state was required to pay the political action committee's legal expenses. The Advocate reports payment by Louisiana's self-insurance program showed up on the PAC's campaign finance report. The Fund for Louisiana's Future objected to a state law capping indi-

vidual contributions to PACs at \$100,000 for each four-year election cycle, saying that unconstitutionally limited free speech. A federal judge agreed. The \$69,336 in legal costs paid by the state are less than the nearly \$150,000 the super PAC sought. That figure wasn't approved by the court.

## Youth Challenge Program graduates 219 cadets Saturday

### YCP

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This graduating class from Minden includes 73 cadets who participated in the BPCC program. 40 students had the potential to earn up to 21 transferrable college credits, and 33 students had the potential to earn up to 15 transferrable college credits before graduating from the five-and-a-half month residential phase. In total, more than 1,137 transferrable college credits were earned. Additionally, in partnership with Associated Building Contractors, 42 cadets completed a 90-hour NCCER course, which allows them to become certified in basic construction technology.

This graduating class includes 10 cadets who were awarded the rank of 5 star, which is the highest rank a cadet can achieve. These cadets have excelled in all aspects of the program and have been selected as leaders among their peers. Five star cadets included: Jhon Bohorquez of Mandeville, Edna Brown of Benton, D'Shawna Burgess of Denham Springs, Carter Burke of Sulphur, Tyler Dufrene of Boutte, Nicholas Gray of Minden, Claude Hayes Jr. of Boyce, Dakota Maffit of Jennings, Taylor Perry of Alexandria, and Palmer Prejean of Lafayette.

Of these top cadets, D'Shawna Burgess of Denham Springs was selected as Cadet of the Cycle, and delivered the commencement speech during the ceremony.

CPT. Jason Montgomery, director of YCP at

Camp Minden stated, "YCP graduations are always bitter sweet. Watching the cadets grow, from week one to week twenty two is a blessed experience. The journey has been long, and they have earned the privilege to graduate. The Youth Challenge Program changes lives, of both cadets and staff. I'm grateful just to have the opportunity to impact the lives of these young adults."

The mission of the Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16-18 year-old adolescents, producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education, and self-discipline necessary in order to succeed as productive citizens.

The Youth Challenge Program offers young people an opportunity to improve their lives through participation in an innovative, alternative school. The Youth Challenge Program is administered to participants at no cost, and all needs such as meals, bedding, classroom instruction, and uniforms are provided free of charge.

Since 1994, program participants have donated more than 5 million hours of community service, and more than 100,000 cadets have graduated nationwide, with more than 19,600 being from Louisiana. Typically, Louisiana graduates approximately 1,400 teens a year from three locations: Camp Beauregard near Alexandria, Camp Minden near Shreveport, and The Gillis W. Long Center near Baton Rouge.



## MACHEN DONATES TO ALL-STAR TEAM

Gaige Machen, top center holding trophy, recently raised \$1,050 by selling 50 chocolate pudding pies around the Minden, Shreveport, Bossier City, Benton, Haughton and Shongaloo area. Machen donated his earnings to the Minden Continentals AA Machine Pitch for their trip to the World Series in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Back row from left, Dawson Day, Hudson Brown, Reagan Coyle, Gaige Machen, Bryson Ranger, Jaxon Smith and Seth Mangrum. Front row from left, Brandon Davis, Brody Bower, Hunter Sutton, Landyn Huddleston, Zander Rowell and Easton Sanders. Courtesy Photo

AROUND THE STATE

## Lake Charles may change marijuana ordinance

LAKE CHARLES — The Lake Charles City Council will review an ordinance to amend the city's code on possession of pot and synthetic marijuana to comply with state law that Gov. Bobby Jindal signed last month.

The American Press reports the

law lowers the penalties for possession of small amounts of marijuana. People now caught with less than 14 grams of marijuana will face up to 15 days in jail.

Those caught with more than 14 grams but less than 2.5 pounds would face up to six months.

The law also moves the maximum prison term on offenses from a felony charge with a 20-year sentence to a felony with an eight-year sentence.

The council will vote on the ordinance Aug. 5.

### COURT

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Chief Steve Cropper says at the time of his arrest in April, he tore up a bed in the holding cell and bit one of the officers, breaking the skin.

Dylan Turk's attorney,

Eric Johnson, says his client was in court June 1, and he pled guilty to resisting an officer with force. The remand date for sentencing is set for August 21, Johnson said.


Trial on the accessory after the fact charge is set for Oct. 19.



"We're kind of in a holding pattern with regard to

Dylan until J'son is dealt with one way or the other, either through a plea or a trial," Johnson said.

Phone calls for comment from Gerhardt went unreturned as of press time.

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## 5 college institutions removed from negative credit watch

BATON ROUGE — With deep budget cuts dodged by Louisiana's public colleges, national credit rating agency Standard & Poor's has removed five higher education institutions from a negative credit watch.

Gov. Bobby Jindal's administration announced the credit decision Wednesday. The move by S&P indicates the institu-

tions aren't facing the short-term possibility of a rating downgrade.

"Obviously this is good news for us, great news for higher education," said Jindal's commissioner of administration, Kristy Nichols.

S&P's decision affects Nicholls State University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the University of New Orleans Research

Foundation, LSU's Bogalusa Community Medical Center Project and the Delgado Community College Foundation.

The credit agency had put the institutions on a negative watch in April, as higher education was threatened with hefty slashing because of state budget problems. But lawmakers scaled back tax breaks and raised taxes to

avoid the cuts, giving colleges a largely standstill budget this year.

The Jindal administration hopes the decision announced for the higher education organizations is the harbinger of good news for the state, which is awaiting word from the national credit rating agencies about its own status.

"This has to be an indi-

cation that we made the right strides," Nichols said.

Rating agencies have raised concerns about the state's long-term finances and patchwork budget maneuvers, which lawmakers reduced in the most recent legislative session.

A decision on whether Louisiana made enough progress to escape a lowering of its credit rating

should come within weeks, as the state readies for its next round of borrowing through a bond sale to investors.

Ratings from the credit agencies help determine interest rates. A drop in a state's credit rating raises interest costs, making it more expensive to borrow money.

## New airport manager to start pending city council approval

### AIRPORT

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more than likely receive a \$1 million grant through the Louisiana Department of Transportation to fund the remainder of the project.

Along with the construction of the new fuel farm and terminal, the grant will also pay for the removal of the existing buildings.

"We hope, assuming we get the money, we will be able to go out for bids on the terminal, the fuel farm and at the same time, we'll have to extend our water lines out there," Davis said. "We think this will take place in the 2015-16 (fiscal) year in the budget we've been working on."

The city applied for the grant last fiscal year, and if approved, they will likely receive the money sometime in August or early September, Davis said.

"We'll be able to go out for bids pretty quickly after that," he added.

The total cost of the project, including the construction of the T-hangers, is around \$2 million.

The new terminal will be about 2,500 square feet, roughly double the size of the current one. It will house a conference room,

pilots' lounge, control room with computers and phones for flight planning.

The Minden airport is classified as general aviation with roughly 200 and 400 planes in and out each month. About 29 planes are currently housed in the two open hangars.

Along with the improvements to the airport, the personnel committee chose a new airport manager Tuesday, who is expected to begin after council approval on August 3.

Steven Burdeaux, originally from Bogalusa, will take the helm and says he's pretty excited to manage Minden Airport, and that it's a nice facility.

"I'm pretty excited about it," he said. "It's a step up from my position at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. There's a lot of stuff that's about to be going on at the Minden airport, and I'm pretty excited to be a part of it."

Currently, Burdeaux is an operations supervisor at the Mississippi airport. He calls the position a "jack of all trades and master of none." He says he is responsible for everything from security badging to



BURDEAUX



Three new hangars were opened for use earlier this year. File Photo

construction, airfield inspections and a variety of things around the terminal.

He is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University, and says he likes the area, calling it "God's country." He's toured Minden Airport and Minden.

"It seems like a pretty nice place, a nice town," he said, "a good place to raise a family."

Burdeaux has been married for nearly eight years and they have a two-year-old son.

He says his interest in aviation comes from growing up around it. His

grandfather was always into aviation, owning several planes in Bogalusa, he said.

"I spent a lot of time at the airport in Bogalusa," he said. "My Eagle Scout project actually involved the Bogalusa Airport. I've just

always gravitated, really, to anything that had an engine, but aviation is a more lucrative career."

According to his resume, he is a certified employee of the American Association of Airport Executives, Airfield Light-

ing Maintenance Training and FEMA Emergency Operations Center training.

He has a bachelor's degree in aviation management.

STATE CRIME

## LSU police arrest employee after audit reveals missing funds

BATON ROUGE — LSU Police arrested an administrative coordinator in the university's Music and Dramatic Arts Building after an internal audit revealed more than \$82,000 was missing from the theater department's checking account.

The audit found 48-year-old David N. Rodriguez Jr. was one of

four employees in charge of the department's Campus Federal Credit Union account. The Advocate reports the audit said Rodriguez was in charge of taking the collected funds from the previous night's productions and depositing them in the CFCU account.

Sixty student productions took place between

June 2010 and March 2015, and while collections equaled over \$187,000, a total of just over \$82,000 remained unaccounted.

Rodriguez was booked Wednesday with theft and remains in jail on a \$5,000 bond.

Online jail records do list an attorney for Rodriguez.



# HOPE LOVE CURE

## #FightforTiffany

Miles that Matter  
**5K Run/Walk**  
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Miles that Matter 5K is being held in an effort to raise funds to offset healthcare costs for Tiffany Copeland of Minden who was recently diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

**Starting Time:** 5K Run/Walk sponsored in part by Minden Medical Center will start at 8a.m. Saturday, August 15.

**Race course:** The course will begin and end at Minden Medical Center Outpatient Physical Therapy at 1120 Homer Road in Minden. Participants will run/walk through Ridgewood neighborhood.

**Registration:** Early Registration is \$25 until August 4. All participants who register by August 4 will receive a short sleeve official Miles that Matter Run T-shirt. Late registration is \$30 August 5-Race Day. You may pay with a credit card online at [www.sportspectrumusa.com](http://www.sportspectrumusa.com) or with cash or contact Ashley Vise at 318-464-2146 or Sportspectrum in Shreveport at 6970 Fern Avenue. IPICO timing system is included in registration fee.

**Packet Pickup:** Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15, 8a.m. until 5p.m. at 1120 Homer Road and Race day 7a.m. until 7:45a.m. before race.

**Age Group Awards:** 1st place winners in each following age group will receive awards: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61 and older.

**Post Race Party:** Following the race we'll have family friendly entertainment and activities, so stick around!

**Inclement Weather:** Check Facebook Fight for Tiffany or Call 318-464-2146 for updates on race day weather.

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# OPINION

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ROUND UP

## The Advocate on how best to spend BP settlement money

It's hot as can be outside, but it's Christmas in July for elected officials who have BP settlement money to spend.

In Jefferson Parish, it appears part of the money may go to pay raises for parish employees, a nice thing if you are running for office this year.

The Parish Council is falling all over itself to support 5 percent pay raises to almost all Jefferson government employees, although not council members, retroactive to the beginning of this year. One council member, Ben Zahn, suggested the parish could use some of its \$45 million in BP money to fund the pay boosts.

This is an election year, and government employees vote reliably. But parish taxpayers — and there are more of them — are less likely to be impressed, for the raises and the prospect of paying for them with oil spill money are both bad public policy.

To begin with, Jefferson voters are about to elect a new parish president and council. So the raise issue should be theirs to decide next year.

Moreover, a more sensible plan is to tilt the raises toward jobs that are harder to fill rather than spread the money evenly around.

Finally, the parish and its leaders need to dream bigger when it comes to spending the BP funds.

The BP settlement includes payments to parish governments and cities, intended as compensation for the costs and economic dislocations caused by the spill. Chip Kline, head of the state's coastal restoration agency, said those particular funds are for local governments to spend. But he also stressed to the Press Club of Baton Rouge that the many projects in the 2012 coastal master plan will need money from all sorts of sources, beyond the sums from the BP settlements.

The purists would doubtless hope that the BP money be spent entirely for coastal restoration and protection. We hope that across the state, including places like Baton Rouge far removed from direct impact of the oil spill, the money is spent for conservation purposes. But that will require pressure from the public, we suspect, to keep officials focused on the one-time nature of this windfall.

In Jefferson in particular, the School Board voted for a one-time bonus for teachers and support workers, using only part of its BP haul. That's not ideal either, but obviously it's a more responsible use of the cash than a permanent raise that would cost money year after year.

But it's still a sign that this cash is going to burn holes in the pockets of elected bodies across Louisiana.

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PERSPECTIVE

## Dissecting babies

When our biology teacher Jeannie Hendrix gathered us together to dissect a frog at Huntington School in Ferriday, La. some 30 years ago it didn't dawn on me that one day we would read about dissecting aborted babies.

Then again, Planned Parenthood wasn't exactly a household name in Concordia Parish when I was growing up. And any discussion about abortion was hush-hush because, quite frankly, it was a bad thing. Still is.

Planned Parenthood, which bills itself as a "non-profit organization that provides reproductive health and maternal and child health services," is on the radar these days in light of three recently released videos. The videos captured Planned Parenthood professionals and associates, including medical doctors, discussing extracting body parts from aborted babies to be sold to private companies.

Supposedly, the little hearts and lungs and livers and kidneys and whatever else wind up in the hands of so-called researchers.

The word sadistic comes to mind. Murder does, too, but we'll get to that in a moment.

There's a big difference between dissecting a frog and dissecting an unborn baby. One's a frog. One is human. And perhaps the notion of dissecting an unborn baby is intolerable because we readily visualize the birth of a child. If you're a father, you probably recall the emotions you felt the first time you saw a sonogram of one of your unborn children. You'll never forget the birth.

I can't imagine what the mother feels. I suspect it's surreal.

And that raises a couple of questions. How on God's green earth could any expectant mother agree to have the life sucked out of her own child? And how could any human being bring himself or herself to the point of performing an abortion in the first place?

It's murder, plain and simple.

It's beyond any reasonable doubt that Planned Parenthood is in the abortion busi-

ness. It operates on fees collected for performing abortions, and Planned Parenthood receives about \$500 million annually from the federal government. In other words, U.S. taxpayers are financing abortions from coast to coast.

Over the weekend, the U.S. Senate had an opportunity to attach an amendment to a highway funding bill that could have eventually stopped any government financing for Planned Parenthood. The Majority Leader of the Senate, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, a Republican, spiked the measure. McConnell claims he's going to author separate legislation to defund Planned Parenthood.

Let's hope he keeps his word.

Untold millions of unborn babies probably would appreciate it.

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PERSPECTIVE

## 'Proud Partners' corporatize our parks

Our presidents are good at praising America's magnificent national park system, but they're lousy at maintaining it. Bill Clinton-the-candidate, for example, spoke of how lucky he was to have Hot Springs National Park as a childhood playground. Yet Clinton-the-president sat idle as that park's natural wonders and facilities deteriorated — and as the National Park Service's maintenance backlog soared to \$5 billion.

Likewise, in his 2000 campaign, a khaki-clad George W. posed in the majestic Cascade Range. He wailed that parks were "at the breaking point" and vowed to eliminate Clinton's backlog. Instead, he slashed the Park Service budget (including a 40 percent cut in needed repair funds for the Cascade parklands he'd used as a political prop). The maintenance backlog ballooned to nearly \$9 billion under his presidency.

Ranger George did make one fix, however — a PR fix. Bush operatives instructed park superintendents to make budget cuts in "areas that won't cause public or political controversy." When discussing park deterioration, they were to avoid the phrase "budget cutbacks" and say instead that parks were undergoing "service level adjustments."

Under Obama, who speaks movingly of a childhood Greyhound bus trip with his family to see some of our parks, another 12 percent has been chopped from the Park Service budget — bumping the deferred maintenance bill to a staggering \$11.5 billion!

To his credit, Obama has proposed a 2016 "Centennial Budget" for Park Service, mitigating years of destructive underfunding and calling for \$1 billion to address the backlog. Good for him. But that still leaves a \$10 billion shortfall, and the sour duo of Sen. Mitch McConnell and Speaker John Boehner will oppose even that increase for the maintenance of these invaluable public assets. Hidebound by their twisted corporate ideology, they dismiss public parks as government intrusion into the private realms of Disneyland and SeaWorld.

So, while we Americans celebrate the 100th anniversary of our National Park Service, Washington is literally stripping "service" out of the National Park Service.

And, by refusing to fund essential upkeep year after year, America's so-called "leaders" are guaranteeing that this invaluable national asset — deemed America's "best idea" by novelist and historian Wallace Stegner — will fall into acute disrepair. The only solution, they say, is to commercialize, industrialize and privatize our parks, converting these jewels of the common good into just another corporate cash cow.

The corporatization process started with "co-branding" agreements, rationalized by Park Service officials as "aligning the economic and historical legacies" of parks with advertisers. In other words, they're selling the Park Service's proud public brand — as well as its soul.

First in line was Coca-Cola. In 2007, the multibillion-dollar colossus became a "Proud Partner" with Park Service by donating a mere \$2.5 million (tax-deductible, meaning we taxpayers subsidized the deal) to the Park Service fundraising arm. In return, not only did Coke get exclusive rights to use park logos in its ads, but it was allowed to veto a Park Service plan to ban sales of bottled water in the Grand Canyon park. Disposable plastic bottles are that park's biggest source of trash, but Coke owns Dasani, the top-selling water, so bye-bye, ban. Public outrage forced officials to reverse this crass move, but the Park Service's integrity has yet to recover.

Then this April, Park Service abandoned its longstanding policy of disallowing any links to alcohol or tobacco products when it entered a partnership with Anheuser-Busch after the company donated a \$2.5 million tax-deductible "gift." In turn, its Budweiser brand was given the Statue of Liberty. Not literally, but symbolically — Bud now has the right to plaster Lady Liberty, the iconic symbol of the USA itself, on its cans.

Never mind that Busch is now Belgian-owned; the real hypocrisy is the claim that such co-branding is a philanthropic service to the commons. Creeping commercialization of our public parks no longer creeps; it's running rampant, with brands such as Disney, L.L. Bean and Subaru buying their pieces of Park Service integrity.

And get a whiff of this: Air Wick has also paid to become a Park Service partner, so it's now marketing a new fragrance collection that's advertised as being "uniquely inspired by America's national parks."

JIM  
HIGHTOWER

## Share your thoughts.

Email Letters to the Editor to [bruce@press-herald.com](mailto:bruce@press-herald.com).

## Around Town

### August 2, 2015

Old Shongaloo Rock Church will be holding its annual Revival at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Johnny Adkins as guest speaker. At 6 p.m. Sunday, August 2, the church will have pot luck at the church prior to service. At 6 p.m. Monday, August 3, salads, sandwiches, chips and dips will be served before service. Following service Tuesday, August 4, there will be an ice cream social. For more information call Elba Haynes at 846-2306 or Barbara Haynes at 846-2888.

Greater St. Paul Baptist Church will have its annual Deacon & Deaconess program at 9:30 a.m.

### August 9, 2015

Saint James Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 149th church anniversary at 3 p.m.

Mount Dillard Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will have its homecoming and revival services at 11 a.m.

### August 10 - 12, 2015

St. Mark Baptist Church will have its annual revival nightly at 7 p.m. Guest evangelist will be the Rev. Arthur Douglas.

Mount Dillard Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will have its revival nightly at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Derrick Harris.

Miller Chapel Gospel Baptist Church will have its annual revival 7 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker will be the Rev. ASby Glosson. All are welcome.

## EDUCATION

# Tips for choosing a major

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Choosing a major is an important decision for college students. The right major can set students on a path to a rewarding and successful career, which can lead to a more fulfilling life.

The gravity of such a decision is one reason many college students delay choosing their majors until after they enter college. Students often find entering college as an undecided affords them the opportunity to explore various courses of study without committing themselves to any particular subject. Though that approach can work while students are still underclassmen, many advisors recommend students choose a major before their third year of college. The following tips can help students ensure they make the right decision about which path to take for the remainder of their college careers.

· Visit your school's career center. College career centers are a great resource for college students as they

narrow down their options concerning a major. Many career centers have programs in place designed to match students' interests and personalities with courses of study. Utilize these programs if you are having trouble matching an interest with a major.

· Take action. Classrooms can be great places to discover a passion for a particular field of study, but lectures or entry-level courses are not always enough to spark interest. If there are particular fields of study that interest you, find extracurricular clubs that are associated with those majors. Such clubs may host speakers or seminars that can give you greater insight into the field than you might glean from the classroom. Attend such events when possible, and bring any questions you might have about the course of study they are associated with.

· Speak to upperclassmen. Underclassmen may make up the majority of students in entry-level courses, but you may encounter some upperclassmen who have already chosen

their majors in such classes from time to time. Such students can be valuable resources for other students looking to gain greater insight into courses of study. Ask about particular classes and professors who upperclassmen found particularly engaging and encouraging.

· Pursue an internship. The hands-on experience provided by an internship is a great way for students to learn if a particular line of work is for them. Internships can provide an insider's look into particular professions and industries. While internships might once have been designated for older students, many businesses now have more relaxed eligibility requirements regarding their internship programs, making it possible for students of all grade levels to gain some practical professional experience while still in school.

Choosing a major is one of the most important decisions young students will make. Taking a careful and thoughtful approach to such a decision can help students select majors that leads to rewarding careers.

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DIXIE ALL-STARS

# WORLD SERIES IN SIGHT



**Darlings**

The Minden Dixie Darlings' World Series gets going at the University of Louisiana Monroe against the winner of the Alabama/Georgia matchup on Sunday, August 2, at noon.



**AA Continentals**

The AA Minden Continentals will hit the road bound for Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for their World Series. Their first game will be against Georgia on Monday, August 3, at noon, followed by a game against Florida at 3 p.m.



**Angels**

The Minden Dixie Angels will also be on the campus of ULM for their World Series, which begins Saturday, August 1, at 12:30 against Florida. Opening ceremonies begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 31.



**AAA Nationals**

The AAA Minden Nationals will be in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for their World Series as well. They will take on Arkansas on August 8, at 8 p.m. in their opening game.

## Send off set for 3 p.m. Friday



**BLAKE BRANCH**  
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Minden made some serious noise this summer on the Dixie baseball circuit, and they're not done yet.

On Friday, July 31, two of our four state championship teams will head to Monroe to begin their soft-

ball World Series on the campus of University of Louisiana-Monroe.

Our two boys teams will take their talents to Myrtle Beach, with the AA all-stars starting August 3, and the AAA all-stars getting underway on August 8.

A send off has been organized for our two softball

squads on Friday at 3 p.m., beginning at the Minden Civic Center. The teams will ride through downtown Minden, then down Sibley Road until the teams hit the interstate.

All of Minden is encouraged to come out and see the team off as they try to bring home a pair of World Series

championships.

"I'm just very proud of how hard the teams have worked," Director of recreation Winky Newer said. "These teams have made Minden proud and we wish them the best of luck at the World Series."

Minden Mayor Tommy Davis is among those wish-

ing our all-stars the best of luck.

"I just want to say how proud I am of these teams," Davis said. "We've been playing Dixie baseball here for a long time and now we have four teams in the World Series. Truly, Minden is back to being the home of champions again."

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

### Apaches begin camp today



**BLAKE BRANCH**  
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The Glenbrook Apaches are on the practice field this morning to begin the 2015 season under new head coach Caleb Carmikle.

The Apaches are coming off a 5-5 season under Chris Norton - now departed for Marvel - Arkansas, and will be looking to improve upon last year's mark.

"I am so excited for football season to finally be

here," Carmikle said. "The summer months can create a lot of distractions away from football and it's always nice to get back on the field."

Norton was not the only coach to bid the Apaches goodbye, as offensive coordinator James Thurman is now at Plain Dealing and two other assistants won't be back.

Carmikle is happy to start fresh with a staff that is on the same page.

"We finally have our staff completed, and as a staff we've been working very hard to get ready for today."

With temperatures soaring into the triple digits and numbers lower than usual,

Glenbrook will have to temper expectations for how hard they can push with just three weeks until their first game.

"The main thing I want the guys to get out of camp is to learn how we practice," Carmikle said. "The tempo we practice at will be a pace that they've likely never seen before and can be overwhelming early on."

But these kids have been working hard all summer, so the learning curve should be quick."

The Apaches kick off the 2015 season on August 21 at Copiah Academy in Gallman, Mississippi.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

### Rangers trade for Hamels

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After years of trade speculation, Cole Hamels' time in Philadelphia is ending.

Two people familiar with the deal say the Phillies have agreed to trade the ace left-hander to the Texas Rangers for a package of prospects.

Both people spoke to The Associated Press late Wednesday night on condition of anonymity because the trade had not been finalized. Hamels has a limited no-trade clause but does not have to approve a deal to the Rangers.

Hamels would become the first pitcher in major league history traded during a season immediately after

throwing a no-hitter — he no-hit the Chicago Cubs on Saturday at Wrigley Field.

"He's definitely a great pitcher," Rangers first baseman Mitch Moreland said after Texas beat the New York Yankees 5-2 Wednesday. "Obviously watched the no-hitter the other day, pretty impressive. He's got a long track record of great success. It will be huge for us."

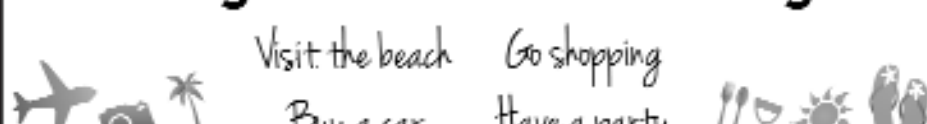
The 2008 World Series MVP was an integral part of the greatest run in franchise history when the Phillies won five straight NL East titles, two pennants and one World Series from 2007-11. "He's been here a long

time, but that's baseball," Phillies catcher Carlos Ruiz said following an 8-2 loss at Toronto. "Definitely it's sad when you're around one of your teammates for a long time and then they have to go away."

The rebuilding Phillies, a big league-worst 38-64, traded All-Star closer Jonathan Papelbon to Washington on Tuesday. Both players made it clear they wanted to play for contenders.

Texas is seven games behind AL West-leading Houston and four games behind Minnesota for the AL's second wild-card spot.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

# Jonah's complaint



**KATHY IRIZARRY**

Jonah knew God. He knew God well enough to anticipate a merciful reaction should the Ninevites effect a positive change in response to the prophetic judgment message, and Jonah did not want to be involved. That was precisely the reason he boarded a boat headed west to Tarshish rather than footing it eastward towards Nineveh. Following his night-

marish experience in the belly of the whale, Jonah did deliver his message of judgment to Nineveh with no conditions offered to avert their destruction.

The entire population of Nineveh followed the instructions of their king, "Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with

sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?" Jonah 3:7-9. It seems that even this heathen king had some concept of God's mercy.

Jonah had a problem. He wanted God's mercy,

and kindness exercised towards him, even towards a plant that came up overnight, but not towards his enemies. He desired the annihilation of the Ninevites. "God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and

he was very angry. And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is bet-

ter for me to die than to live" Jonah 3:10-4:3. Now that was an extreme stance!

I wonder how many of us are Jonahs - concerned for our own welfare and social image, expecting the best of God's mercies towards us, but desiring ill for those we dislike. Take time to reflect. A new heart may be in order.

ALONG THE WAY

## How I want to be remembered...

Recently we have attended so many funerals of dear friends. We visit often in the nursing homes and hospitals. Our focus has become more and more with the fact "our time is coming". You may find yourself wandering off in this 'area of thinking' too at times. This thinking has led to update our files and safety deposit box - on a regular basis. You may be working on a "legacy file" like us; Gathering the will, all legal papers and such, making lists of names to call, keeping our 'file of life' form updated and on the refrig,

discussing finances and legal matters with immediate family, writing out some last thoughts on dying, death and such. Some write letters to the children and grandchildren, (what a treasure to have for future generations to enjoy). Others share their valuables with family members and see them enjoy them now. Some clean out closets regularly (clothes especially) so the family will not have that burden when death occurs. These are all part of building and leaving a legacy for your family.



**BILL CRIDER**

We met Paul Meyer years ago when visiting friends in the Cayman Islands. He had a vacation home there, and often worshiped at the church where our friend served as pastor. Already Paul had authored many books, founded Success Motivation Institute (1960), and was leading seminars around the world. That's when I began to read some of his books and materials. Later, I found a copy of his 'final thoughts', as he reflected over his life. He outlined some statements of how he wanted to be remembered. Perhaps you will find some helpful suggestions in this list to guide you in this season of life. I pray you will be blessed as you read and ponder them. I want to be remem-

bered as one who....  
 1. **LOVED GOD FIRST** - Without God, I am nothing and have nothing of value to pass on through my legacy. I love Him because He loved me more than I can imagine and because of all He has done for me.  
 2. **LOVED HIS FAMILY AND EXTENDED FAMILY** - You can't ask for anything more precious than family. They are there with you when things are going well and when things are going bad. I love my family!  
 3. **WAS A GIVER** - Meeting needs is my opportunity to give back, to help, to serve, to bless - and besides, it's a whole lot of fun!  
 4. **WAS AN ENCOURAGER** - I want people to walk away from me feeling

more encouraged and more excited about life than before they saw me.  
 5. **FORGAVE!** - There is nothing in this world so important that I can't forgive another person. The freedom and liberty that forgiveness brings is indescribably, and I do all I can to liberate others as well.  
 6. **KEPT HIS WORD** - I believe that keeping my word is of utmost importance. I have made promises many years ago that are written in my will - when I die, my promises will still be kept.  
 7. **HONORED GOD WITH HIS LIFE** - My hope is that everything I do in life will be a testament of God's goodness. God deserves to be honored with everything I am and ever will be.

8. **ALWAYS HAD A POSITIVE ATTITUDE** - This includes never giving up, serving, loving, giving, seeing the best in others, and much, much more.  
 9. **WAS A ROLE MODEL** - My objective is to prepare my children and grandchildren for the best future imaginable - in every sense of the word.  
 10. **CONSISTENTLY HELPED OTHERS** - A hand-out is one thing but a hand-up is so much better. A gift or act of service once a year is nice, but change usually comes through long-term help. I believe that is the least I can do. (Paul Meyer)

THE UPWARD LOOK

## Peace in Christ



**MAX HUTTO**

"Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ." 1 Peter 5:14 HCSB  
 Peter concludes his letter with a greeting and a prayer blessing. The custom at that time was to greet others with a kiss on the cheek. This greeting was not a passionate romantic kiss, but rather a brotherly family greeting. Peter's blessing was for all believers to experience the peace that is found only in a close personal relationship with Jesus. This peace is not related to the circumstances one is going through, but is a peace that comes even in the midst of

the storms of life. As the believers suffered under persecution, they had peace because of their faith and trust in Jesus.  
 Lord Jesus, I pray that no matter what this day may bring that I would live in Your grace and peace. Help me to share with others how they can have this peace in their lives.  
 Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a resident of Minden. More information can be found at [www.upwardlook.org](http://www.upwardlook.org).

REFLECTIONS OF FAITH

## God of Possibilities

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD."  
 Exodus 14:13  
 Some of the greatest damage is done in our lives when we fail to rely fully on God. I believe that we've all been down "I got this" avenue and "I'll just do it my way" street. Sometimes God has to show us that, what stands before us is too much to handle within our own strength. Currently you may have your back against the wall, where it appears there is no way out. I've got good

news, this is where God works best, in situations that look impossible. If only we could learn the art of allowing God to drive us to our destination. When God takes charge of the situations in our lives, He shows us that He is the God of possibilities. He can make anything possible for you.  
 When Jesus sent Peter down to fetch a coin out of the mouth of a fish, Jesus proved to Peter that He was the God of possibilities. God desires to make things possible and easier in your life, but it takes following his

instructions. Situations that seem hard for you to stand under the pressure, qualifies for God to move in your life. God works best when there is a demand. We see this with the hit movies Superman. Superman worked best when there was a demand for his presence. He showed us at his best when man was limited.  
 Today God wants to show up in the midst of your limited decrepit situations, but it takes standing still allowing Him to work at His best. Stand in faith trusting this amazing God of possibilities and you will soon see a great move of God come your way. Jacques is the Pastor of Fresh Fire Ministries and Author of "Effectively Conquering Your Day"



**JACQUES MITCHELL**

## Watch, watch, watch



**MARY C ALLEN**

A Word of God submitted by Minister Mary C. Allen, comes from the Holy Bible.  
 Watch, watch, watch! Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer and request. Ephesians 6:18.  
 In the New Testament there are three different meanings for the word "watch." The first means "absence of sleep" and implies a wakeful frame of mind. The second meaning is to be "fully awake" - through carelessness or laziness, something horrible could suddenly happen. The third means "to be calm and collected in spirit, cautious against all pitfalls and distractions."

All three definitions are used by Paul. Two of them are used in connection with prayer.  
 Watchfulness must guard and cover the whole spiritual man and prepare him for prayer. Everything resembling unpreparedness or non-vigilance is death to prayer.  
 Father, I realize that it is important to watch and pray always because our enemy prowls around like a hungry lion, Lord, I pray to resist the devil. In Jesus Christ name, amen.  
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"Men ought always to pray."  
 Luke 18:1

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# Heed the Instructions of Your Parents

This might seem to be advice for children, but it really applies to anyone who still has parents who are alive and well enough to give them advice or correction. Parents are naturally, and probably instinctively, motivated to give their children helpful instructions, advice and corrections about life. They have been around a lot longer than their children and so they ought to have some advice worth imparting. Parents talking to their children, and the children listening, should start young. There is solid research going back decades demonstrating that parents who talk more to their children have smarter kids who do better in school and avoid problems in life. So, this advice to heed the instructions of your parents is actually advice to parents to make sure you start engaging your children early on, and not just with corrections and instructions, but by reading to them and talking with them as much as possible. Parents should be having an ongoing dialogue with their children, and should realize that what they say, and how they say it matters greatly to the reception of their message.

Christopher Simon



*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. - Colossians 3:20-21*

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# Stallone puts 'Rocky,' 'Rambo' memorabilia up for auction

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sylvester Stallone is parting with memorabilia from the "Rocky" and "Rambo" movies, but he's keeping the two characters alive onscreen.

The 69-year-old entertainer announced Thursday that he'll put hundreds of props and costumes from his 40-year career up for auction in October, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting military charities. Some of the items Stallone has agreed to sell include Rambo's Army jacket and Rocky's gloves, robe and boxing trunks.

Stallone isn't saying goodbye to the characters. Instead, he's set to become Rocky Balboa again onscreen in "Creed" this fall and is working on another "Rambo" installment.

Stallone said today's fascination with cinematic superheroes leaves little room for the "lone wolf" or "man against the odds" characters he likes to play.

"That's kind of why I'm still around, because I embrace that and it's become kind of a rarity and there's not many of us left," he said in a recent interview.

"Will that come around again? I don't think so. Not in its purest form... So I embrace it and that's why I want to continue to do it until my body explodes."

First up is "Creed," by writer-director Ryan Coogler. Stallone is Rocky, but this time he's coach to a young star boxer played by Michael B. Jordan.

"By no means is this a 'Rocky 7,'" Stallone said. "This is a journey for Michael B. Jordan, who is brilliant in the movie, and Ryan Coogler, (for whom) this is a very personal film."

When Coogler first approached Stallone about the film, he declined, saying he felt Rocky had "run his course."

After making "Fruitvale Station," the filmmaker returned to discuss the role again.

"I've never seen someone who was so persistent," Stallone said. He ought to know, after holding out to play the titular character in his breakthrough script, "Rocky," back in 1976.



At work now on a screenplay for a new "Rambo" film, Stallone admitted, "It really is not fun."

He still thinks the character is compelling — "Where Rocky is the height of optimism, this guy is the height of pessimism," he said — but finds writing more challenging than any other artistic discipline.

"I'm torn because the last one was so satisfying and hit all the buttons," he said. "The idea is: How do you top that? Or do you

try to top that?" Then there's the issue of a potential adversary.

"Rambo has shot just about everybody. There's no one left," Stallone said. "We're down to Eskimos. And penguins."

While fans are waiting for the new films, they can bid on pieces of Rocky's and Rambo's past when Heritage Auctions moderates the Stallone sale on Oct. 14 and 15.

"I saw the John Wayne auc-

tion and I thought it would have been so much more effective if John Wayne had still been alive so he could explain to his fans what some of his pieces meant to him," Stallone said. "I'm not that young, but still aware enough to appreciate the people that will appreciate owning (these items)."

He plans to use some of the auction proceeds to demonstrate his appreciation to those who have inspired his most pop-

ular characters by supporting military charities.

"I think my image and what I've played throughout my career has been very American and very military-oriented and also police-oriented," Stallone said. "It basically is something that has bolstered my career so I thought I'd like to pay back the real people that have supplied the inspiration for the characters I've played."

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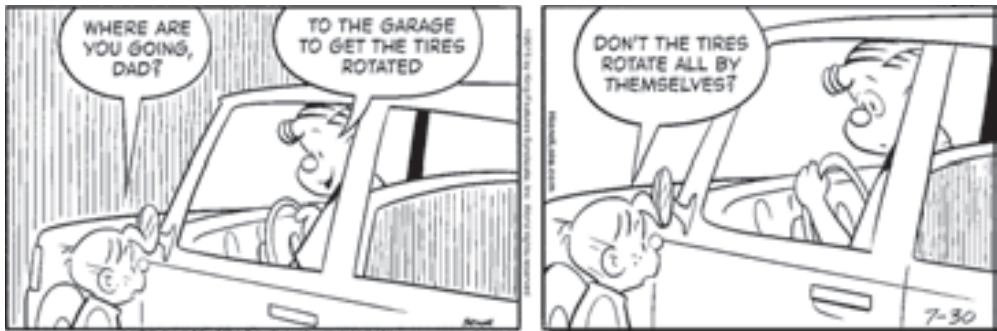
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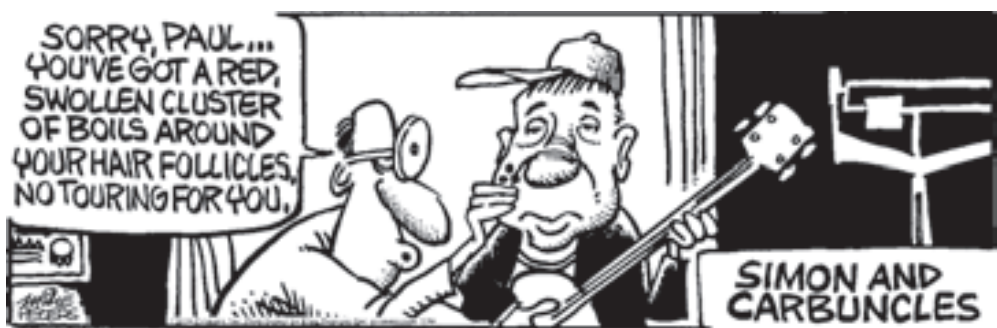
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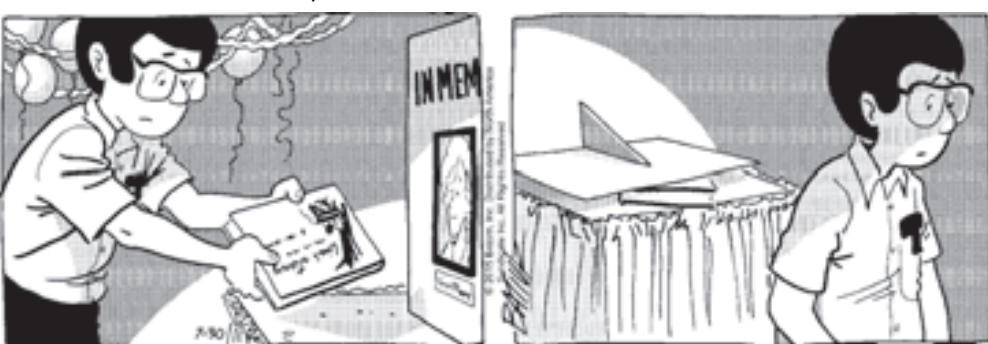
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Minden Planning Commission Meeting August 6, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. Pelican Conference Room - Minden City Hall  
On the agenda is a request from Michael R. Carr for approval of a preliminary subdivision plan for the subdivision of property owned by him located on Hwy. 531.

Legal Description: A 1.00 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 of SW/4), Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Begin at

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All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.  
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Webster Parish Community Services is offering the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Funds have been made available for fiscal year 2015 for non-crisis assistance as well as crisis assistance. Applicants will be served on a first come, first serve basis.

### SIGN UP DATE IS MONDAY - AUGUST 3, 2015

**TARGET GROUP:** The target groups for this program are the elderly, disabled, and families with children five years of age or younger. Target Group Individuals from the south part of the parish, Minden, Sibley, Doyline, etc., may request assistance by calling 377-7022 or coming in person to 208 Gleason St., Minden, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Monday - AUGUST 3, 2015 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Target Group Individuals from the north part of the parish, Springhill, Cullen, Cotton Valley, etc. may request assistance by calling 539-5696 or coming in person to South Main Mall, Springhill, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Monday - AUGUST 3, 2015 on a first-come, first-serve basis. **ALL OTHER GROUP:** Individuals who do not qualify as target group. Individuals from the south part of the parish, Minden, Sibley, Doyline, etc., may request assistance by calling 377-7022 or coming in person to 208 Gleason St., Minden, beginning at 12:00 p.m., Monday - AUGUST 3, 2015 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals from the north part of the parish, Springhill, Cullen, Cotton Valley, etc. may request assistance by calling 539-5696 or coming in person to South Main Mall, Springhill,

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**WAGES OFFERED:** \$10.86 per hour  
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**START DATE:** 09/15/2015 – 07/15/2016  
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