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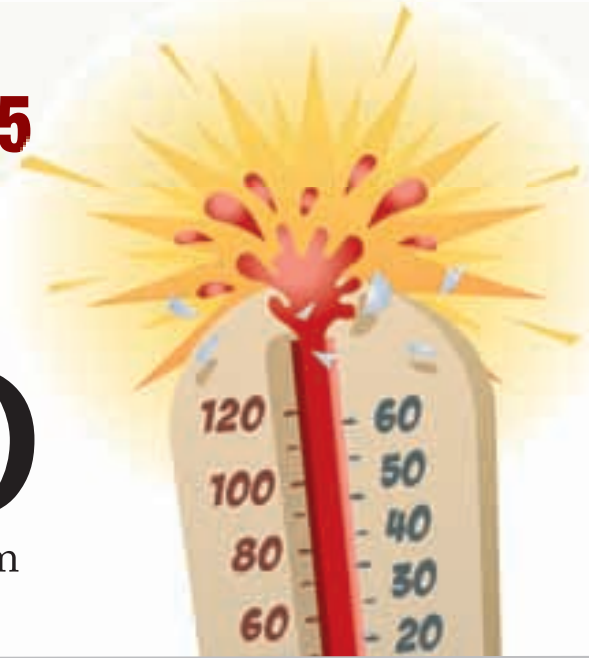
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A herd of Mustangs were only a small portion of the 2014 Show & Shine car and bike show, sponsored by Vintage Car Club of Minden and Minden Main Street. The 2015 show will take place downtown Saturday, September 12. Courtesy Photo

Annual vintage car and bike show nearing

The Vintage Car Club of Minden will host its 2015 Car and Bike Show Saturday, Sept. 12, in historic downtown Minden.

From 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., the event is co-sponsored by Minden Main Street and the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau. This year's event will line the brick streets of Minden with more than 50 Corvettes. Two local groups, Sport City Corvette Club and the Red River Corvette Club, will also participate in the show.

Judging begins at 10 a.m.; no entries after 11 a.m. Trophies will be presented at 2 p.m.

The Vintage Car Club boasts one of the largest trophy presentations in the Ark-La-Tex. Club president Wayne Edwards reported more than 180 cars and bikes registered with

hundreds in attendance at last year's show.

The club is planning a spectacular event for the community, filled with fun and entertainment for all ages.

Registration for the show is free and open to all car and bike owners. If you have a show tractor, don't leave it at home; the club also has a tractor class. The classes include antique, sport and muscle, Corvette, Mustang, Mopar, Import and miscellaneous, domestic, street rod, truck original and customized, rat rod, Harley-Davidson, crotch rocket, shadow, motorcycle, trike and tractors.

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ELECTION 2015

Qualifying for Oct. election kicks off Sept. 8

Press-Herald
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Qualifying for the October primary election is a month away, and candidates for various offices have begun to announce their intentions.

The Press-Herald will publish one campaign announcement per candidate free of charge prior to qualifying. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Sept. 4.

Local offices on the ballot include sheriff, clerk of court, tax assessor, coroner, justice of the peace, and police jurors.

Residents from across the state will vote for Louisiana's next governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, commissioner of agriculture and forestry, commissioner of insurance and BESE district 4 seat.

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PARISH

Burn ban in effect

A burn ban is in effect for Webster Parish upon the recommendation of the Webster Parish Police Jury and the Fire Chief's Association of Webster Parish.

The ban went into effect Monday, Aug. 10 and restricts all burning inside of the parish.

ACROSS THE STATE

Next year's state budget shortfall projected at \$713M

MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Only two months after a difficult budget-balancing session, Louisiana lawmakers Friday got their first official glimpse of the shortfall they already face for next year: \$713 million.

News of a horizon filled

with future budget gaps wasn't unexpected for the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

The \$25 billion budget for the fiscal year that began July 1 contains \$542 million in patchwork financing that isn't expected to be available a year later, accounting for much of the projected gap forecast for the 2016-17 budget

year.

The shortfall also assumes inflationary increases in health care, retirement and salary costs that lawmakers don't always choose to fund.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Jack Donahue said use of the piecemeal financing from a tax amnesty program, state surplus and agency

reserve accounts helps keep the state from having to make deep cuts to public health care services and colleges.

"I think using one-time money under those circumstances is the right way to go," said Donahue, R-Mandeville.

Though the shortfall projection was steep, legislative leaders noted it was

smaller than the \$1.6 billion gap they closed this year. Lawmakers were more immediately worried that this year's budget will have to be slashed, to account for oil prices falling below state forecast.

Only one month into the budget year, lawmakers Friday already had to

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IN THE COURTS

Court news for Aug. 7

Kenneth W. Cornelius: Charged with failure to register and notify as a sex offender or child predator (first offense). Further disposition set for Sept. 4.

Richano Fisher: Charged with terrorizing and disturbing the peace by appearing in an intoxicated condition. Bond reduced to a total of \$10,000. Status conference set for Sept. 18. Trial set for Nov. 2.

Gary L. Harris: Charged with operating a vehicle with an expired license plate. Warrant issued.

Steven Allen Hinds: Charged with possession of a Schedule II CDS. Probation revoked, serve original sentence. Must complete substance abuse program and get his GED.

Kendric K. Jackson: Pled guilty to violation of a protective order and simple assault. Violation of protective order (second offense) charge dismissed. On the violation of protective order, must pay \$200 plus court costs or 10 days in jail, six months of active supervised probation. Same sentence for simple assault charge. Sentences to run consecutively.

Deborah D. Jenkins: Charged with two counts of forgery, two counts of bank fraud, and possession of marijuana or syn-

thetic cannabinoids. Trial maintained for Nov. 2.

Shelley Marie Johnson: Charged with assisting escape. Probation violation hearing passed to Aug. 31.

Casey Ryan Moss: Charged with possession of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids. Status conference continued until Sept. 4.

Michael Thain Schuler: Charged with three counts of theft of \$1,500 or more, two counts of simple burglary, three counts of conspiracy to commit felony theft and two counts of conspiracy to commit simple burglary. Status hearing set for Aug. 31. Trial set for Nov. 2.

Jason Aaron Scott: Pled not guilty to theft of \$750 or more but less than \$5,000 and illegal possession of stolen things over \$1,500. Charged with three counts of theft of \$1,500 or more, two counts of simple burglary, three counts of conspiracy to commit felony theft, two counts of conspiracy to commit simple burglary. Status conference continued until Aug. 31. Trial maintained for Nov. 2.

Austin Anderson: Found guilty of simple battery. Must pay \$200 plus court costs within 45 days or spend 45 days in

the Webster Parish Jail. No inappropriate or physical contact with family.

Richard L. Harris: Charged with disturbing the peace. Bench warrant issued. Bond set for \$1,000.

Michelle Johnson: Pled guilty to cyberstalking. No contact with victim. Must pay \$250 plus court costs within 45 days or spend 45 days in the Webster Parish Jail.

Justin Cassidy Miller: Pled not guilty to domestic abuse battery (first offense). Status conference set for Aug. 24. Trial set for Oct. 19.

Kristen L. Renner: Pled not guilty to battery of a police officer, disturbing to peace, and flight from an officer. Trial set for Oct. 2.

Michael Bryant: Charged with theft of oil and gas equipment over \$25,000, operating a vehicle without a driver's license, operating a vehicle in an unsafe question, criminal trespassing, and theft under \$500. Bond return satisfied. Status hearing set for Aug. 14. Trial set for Oct. 23.

Contrarrio M. Cornelius: Charged with three counts of distribution of a Schedule II CDS. Sentence to five years of hard labor at the Louisiana Depart-

ment of Corrections, suspended, for each count for a total of 15 years. Five years of active supervised probation, \$75 monthly fee, probation concurrent, 32 hours of community service.

Carlos Cowthorn: Charged with aggravated assault with a motor vehicle upon a peace officer and aggravated flight from an officer. Must pay a total of \$1,000 restitution to officer. Sentenced to eight years of hard labor at the Louisiana Department of Corrections, credit for time served, to be served consecutive to any other sentence for aggravated assault charge. For aggravated flight charge, sentence to one year of hard labor at the Louisiana Department of Corrections, concurrent with aggravated assault charge.

Jason O. Ford: Pled not guilty to simple criminal damage to property valued at \$500 or more but under \$50,000, aggravated assault with a motor vehicle upon a peace officer, resisting an officer with force or violence, battery of a police officer, careless operation of a motor vehicle, and unlawful operation of an off-road vehicle. Status conference set for Sept. 11. Trial set for Dec. 7.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

23 recruits from 6 agencies begin law enforcement training

BENTON — Twenty-three recruits from six law enforcement agencies have begun training in the latest class of the North Louisiana Criminal Justice Academy in Bossier Parish.

The academy, located about halfway between the cities of Benton and Plain Dealing, is hosted by the Bossier Sheriff's Office.

A news release from Bossier Sheriff Julian Whittington says the latest

three-month program aimed at turning the recruits into certified law enforcement officers began Friday.

Recruits are from the Bossier City Marshals Office, Bossier City Police Department, the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, the LSU Health Sciences Center Police Department, the Many Police Department and the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

Deadline is Sept. 4 to submit announcements

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vote for two aldermen.

Qualifying for local candidates is with the Webster Parish Clerk of Court Sept. 8 through 10.

Candidates for state senator and representative

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will also qualify with the Louisiana secretary of state.

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trim \$4.6 million in planned spending because a package of recently-approved tax and fee bills aren't expected to generate all the money used in the budget. Nearly \$3.8 million of the cut will fall on public colleges, despite efforts from lawmakers to shield campuses from reductions.

Commissioner of Administration Kristy Nichols, Gov. Bobby Jindal's chief budget adviser, said the dollars will be restored if income forecasts improve, rather than drop.

But lawmakers expect they could face more bad news in the coming

months.

While oil price declines are good for drivers at the gas pump, large dips in per-barrel price can wreak havoc on Louisiana's budget, which gets money from severance taxes and mineral royalties tied to energy production. Every dollar drop in the annual oil price for income projections represents an estimated \$11 million hit to the state general fund.

This year's budget is built on a nearly \$62 per barrel oil price.

"The price of oil is a whole lot less than that," said Sen. Ed Murray, D-New Orleans. "That puts the budget significantly out of balance."

Oil prices have recently hovered around the low-\$40 range per barrel. Decisions on adjusting oil and

gas revenue projections, however, aren't expected to be made until economists gather more data.

The state's income forecasting panel, the Revenue Estimating Conference, met Friday but didn't rework projections to address oil price changes.

Economists are awaiting more information across the state's various tax types to see if income taxes, sales tax or other revenue sources are performing better than expected and can make up the gap for sliding oil prices.

The income forecasting

panel instead gathered to adjust the state's revenue projections to account for millions of dollars from fee hikes, tax increases and tax break scale-backs approved by lawmakers in the last legislative session to raise money for the state treasury.

Nearly \$767 million in new revenue from the tax and fee changes was added to this year's forecast. The budget hole forecast for the following year comes even after assuming that \$653 million will continue to be generated from those taxes and fees next year.



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Dr. Wilson is a true sports enthusiast. He also enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, watching airplanes with his children Evan and Ella and attending their activities with his wife, Jill, including soccer and t-ball games.

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OBITUARIES

Louise McDuff

Funeral services for Louise McDuff will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Ray Holmon officiating. Interment will follow at Bistineau Cemetery in Heflin. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Louise was born Sept. 27, 1927 in Plain Dealing and entered into rest Aug. 15, 2015 in Shreveport.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. T. McDuff Sr.; sons, J. T. McDuff Jr., Eugene McDuff; parents, William and Janie Norment; sister Willie Gingles; and brother Herbert Norment Jr.

She is survived by her son, James McDuff of Heflin; daughters, Mary Ann Saucier Marr and husband Frankie of Heflin, Delores Kennedy and husband Ed of Delphi, Indiana, Suzie Dickerson and husband Michael of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; brother, Lyman Lester Norment and wife Diane of Magnolia, Arkansas; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Ted Kennedy, James Paul Kennedy, Gary Martin, Aaron Martin, Ben McDuff and J. T. McDuff III.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jared Foster, Jordan

Kennedy, Ethan Martin, Gary Martin Jr., Jordan McKenzie, Jordan McDuff, Joe Norwood, Tristan McDuff, Darvin Watts, Aiden Smith, Brenden Deaton, Cole Lester and Wyatt Lester.

Allen L. 'Smitty' Smith

Funeral services for Allen L. "Smitty" Smith will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 at Evergreen Union Church in Minden with the Rev. Floyd Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Smitty was born Aug. 4, 1932 in Evergreen and entered into rest Aug. 14, 2015 in Livingston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Smith; parents, W.A. and Tahlee Smith; brother, Wayne Smith; and stepson Herbert Brown Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Smith of Livingston, Texas; son, Allen Wayne Smith and wife Gwen of League City, Texas; daughter, Terri Smith Jackson and husband Edward of Texas City, Texas; stepson, Dwight N. Brown of Houston, Texas; stepdaughter, Gwen Brown Jones of Sargeant, Texas; grandchildren, Jaime Hart, Beverly

Baker, Courtney Smith, Tiffany Blissit; and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Mildred Wall

Funeral services for Mildred Wall of Sibley will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E.B. Wall; daughter, Debra Sue Wall; grandson, Matt Wall; and daughter-in-law Dianne Wall.

Mildred was born Oct. 28, 1924 in Gaskin, Florida and entered into rest Aug. 15, 2015 in Minden. She owned and operated Bayou Inn Restaurant with her husband for 17 years.

She is survived by her sons, Don Wall and Jim Wall and wife Alice; brother, David Simmons; grandchildren, Lesa, Bobby, Mendy & husband Jim, Michael and wife Amber; 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



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Registration is free and open to all car and bike owners

CARS

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Onsite registration will take place from 7 until 11 a.m. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.vintagemindencars.com or by contacting local club members.

In addition to the cars, bikes and tractors on display, there will be plenty of good food, refreshing drinks and entertainment for the entire family.

A portion of the proceeds collected will be donated to the American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, UCAP and other community projects.

A special raffle will be conducted to support a 9 year old with spinal muscular atrophy 3. Their child is wheelchair bound and is in need of a van-mounted chair lift. A 1968 restored GMC truck will be the raffle prize. For additional raffle information, contact Mr. Bell at 318-422-9926.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Continuing work to improve community policing

It's now been a year since the tragic death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. His death—along with the events in Cleveland, Staten Island, Baltimore, Cincinnati, and other communities—sparked protests and soul searching all across our country. Over the past year, we've come to see, more clearly than ever, the frustration in many communities of color and the feeling that our laws can be applied unevenly.

After Ferguson, I said that we had to face these issues squarely. I convened a task force on community policing to find commonsense steps that can help us drive down crime and build up trust and cooperation between communities and police, who put their lives on the line every single day to help keep us safe. And I've met personally with rank and file officers to hear their ideas.



PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

In May, this task force made up of police officers, activists and academics proposed 59 recommendations – everything from how we can make better use of data and technology, to how we train police officers, to how law enforcement engages with our schools. And we've been working with communities across America to put these ideas into action.

Dozens of police departments are now sharing more data with the public, including on citations, stops and searches, and shootings involving law enforcement. We've brought together leaders from across the country to explore alternatives to incarceration. The Justice Department has begun pilot programs to help police use body cameras and collect data on the use of force. This fall, the department will award more than \$160 million in grants to support law enforcement and community organizations that are working to improve policing. And all across the country – from states like Illinois and Ohio, to cities like Philadelphia, Boston, and Nashville – local leaders are working to implement the task force recommendations in a way that works for their communities.

So we've made progress. And we'll keep at it. But let's be clear: the issues raised over the past year aren't new, and they won't be solved by policing alone. We simply can't ask our police to contain and control issues that the rest of us aren't willing to address—as a society. That starts with reforming a criminal justice system that too often is a pipeline from inadequate schools to overcrowded jails, wreaking havoc on communities and families all across the country. So we need Congress to reform our federal sentencing laws for non-violent drug offenders. We need to keep working to help more prisoners take steps to turn their lives around so they can contribute to their communities after they've served their time.

More broadly, we need to truly invest in our children and our communities so that more young people see a better path for their lives. That means investing in early childhood education, job training, pathways to college. It means dealing honestly with issues of race, poverty, and class that leave too many communities feeling isolated and segregated from greater opportunity. It means expanding that opportunity to every American willing to work for it, no matter what zip code they were born into.

Because, in the end, that's always been the promise of America. And that's what I'll keep working for every single day that I'm President.

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ANALYSIS

Tax reform talk from candidates lacks specifics

Louisiana's candidates for governor share near-uniform agreement that the state's budget practices are abysmal and need reform.

They also largely agree on some of the causes for the perpetual financial problems, like on overreliance on short-term revenue sources to pay for ongoing state expenses and an ever-growing list of tax break giveaways with little review of their effectiveness.

And because they've provided so few specifics on their tax plans, the four men vying to move into the governor's mansion in January also have yet to strike strong contrasts about how they'd fix the fiscal mess.

Sure, the candidates for the Oct. 24 election have distinctions in their opinions on the Common Core education standards, the expansion of Louisiana's Medicaid program and a variety of other issues. But they each describe the state's tax and fiscal policy as one of their top priorities — and that's where they're short on details about precisely what they want to change.

At the many forums held to size up candidates, Republican Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, Republican Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards and Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter describe a state careening from one budget crisis to the next. Angelle says the state goes

"from fire drill to fire drill." Dardenne says "the first order of business has got to be to unravel the mess." Edwards describes a "structural budget deficit." Vitter talks of a need for "fundamental tax and spending reform."

Each says they'd call a special legislative session shortly after taking office, to make long-term financial changes that will end the continued cycle of budget shortfalls and deficits that repeatedly leave public colleges and health services vulnerable to deep cuts.

As for what exactly they propose to do in that session, that's where things get murky.

Vitter said he wants to remove many of the spending protections that limit where cuts can be made. He talks of doing a "sober cost-benefit analysis" of the state's more than \$7 billion in tax breaks. He said he wants to cut some tax rates to promote economic growth.

Angelle said he wants to create an Exemption Review Conference, to determine if the state is getting a strong benefit from its tax credits, exemptions, deductions and rebates. He describes a "messy and complicated" tax structure that needs to be fairer and more transparent.

Edwards said he wants to look at all tax breaks to determine "what is working and what is not." He talks of putting expiration dates on tax breaks to try to force a regular review of their effectiveness. He slams Jindal's reliance on anti-tax activist Grover Norquist for tax guidance.

Dardenne also wants a widespread review of existing tax breaks. He said he'd con-

sider getting rid of sales tax holidays and seek to minimize refundable tax credits where the state gives out tax breaks greater than a person's or business' tax liability.

Both Dardenne and Edwards point to a study recently done for the Legislature by LSU and Tulane economists as a good starting point for the tax talks they want to have, which can offer a bit of insight.

But no candidate so far has detailed enough of a tax policy that would allow a person to compare and contrast them.

What tax breaks do candidates think are performing poorly and should be scaled back or eliminated? No particulars. What spending protections should be removed? No details.

The Baton Rouge Area Chamber last week issued a report urging more specificity from candidates about the budgeting policies they'd pursue in a special session.

"It's not too soon, or unreasonable, for voters to call upon candidates to clearly state what, exactly, will be included," says the report, which recommends ways to minimize the restrictions that give lawmakers less room to maneuver in budgeting.

But when candidates get specific, they can alienate voters, campaign donors, lobbyists and constituencies. Providing detail could cost someone support. In a race where no one's guaranteed a spot in the runoff, that's a risk candidates so far seem reticent to take.

Melinda Deslatte covers Louisiana politics for The Associated Press.

PERSPECTIVE

Voter suppression hides in the gray areas

The students at Miami Central Senior High frustrated me, and I frustrated them. The topic was Ferguson and my opinion that African-Americans in that torn-up Missouri city could get the city government they want if only they voted in greater numbers. After all, they are a clear majority of the population.

"It isn't as simple as you made it seem," T'mya wrote. For one thing, African-Americans in Ferguson "move a lot so they would have to change their address and register."

Ninth-grader Asia noted that "strict ID laws to vote make it also not easy for them to vote."

And Jose cited limits to early voting. "Certain politicians have made sure it's as inconvenient as possible" for the working poor to vote, he said.

I stand partly corrected. Voting is not so simple for many poor people as I seemed to imply. But I do worry that portraying inconveniences as high barriers can discourage people from even trying. Inconveniences can be worked around.

It's obvious that Republicans are pushing rules that discourage poor populations — people who tend to vote for Democrats — from voting. And it's no coincidence that enormous waits have occurred at polling places used by poor people and students, another largely Democratic voting bloc.

The problem comes in proving that the rules and long lines were intended to suppress the vote. Some cases are blatant, such as the Texas law requiring identification for casting a ballot that may include a concealed-handgun license but not a student ID or voter registration card.

Voter suppression usually hides in fuzziness. Consider the challenge to North Carolina's voting law now before a federal court.

Civil rights groups argue that by shortening the period for early voting, the 2013 law was intended to suppress the African-American vote.

That may well have been the intention, but try to prove it. North Carolina counters that the voting law changes apply to all. Furthermore, some states, such as New York, don't allow early voting at all. No one is charging New York with suppressing anyone's vote.

The Miami Central students correctly noted that poor people tend to move more often and have to register to vote with every change of address. True, but re-registering is necessary because politicians represent the people in their district.

Why don't the students organize and urge new voting-age neighbors to register at their current address? Learn the valid forms of ID, and help those without one obtain what they need.

In central Florida, a group called Mi Familia Vota is greeting new arrivals from Puerto Rico at supermarkets and festivals and making sure they register.

Many have complained that Ferguson elects its city officials on a date far removed from the traditional Election Day. This complicates matters for many poor residents, Isaiah wrote, "because voting is not held at a time when black and low-income people are likely to show up."

Isaiah is entirely right. But the immediate remedy would be to publicize the schedule and urge the people to show up. When they do so in large numbers, the date will be changed.

Tommie Pierson, pastor at the Greater St. Mark Family Church in St. Louis, said after a recent protest march, "If we're going to change the system to work for us, we need to run for office and vote for ourselves."

That cuts to the chase. And in the meantime, inconveniences aren't mountains.

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FROMA HARROP

Around Town

August 16 - 20, 2015

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will have annual revival. 3 p.m. Sunday Darrell Johnson of New Star Baptist Church Ringgold will act as evangelist. August 17 through 20 nightly at 7 p.m. Pastor Albert Mickel, Macedonia Baptist of Marrero will be special quest.

August 20, 2015

St. Rest will host a Betty Rose Watts Community Lunch at noon.

August 21, 2015

St. Rest Baptist Church's 2015 women's conference will be August 21 from 6 until 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. August 22. For more information contact the church at 377-5455.

August 23, 2015

Antioch Baptist Church will have its fifth Pastor's Anniversary Celebration at 2:30 p.m. with guest pastor the Rev. James Smith.

The Shepherd's Hut is celebrating its third anniversary at 3 p.m. at the Northwest 14th District Building. All are invited.

August 30, 2015

West Lake Baptist Church will have a plate lunch-fund raiser at noon. Money raised will go towards paving a parking lot. Lunch includes BBQ chicken, potato salad, and baked beans. Plates are \$8.

The Longspring Church of God in Christ will celebrate their Family & Friends Day at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Elder Jeffrey Williams and the Tillman Church of God in Christ Family of Heflin.

ConocoPhillips helps Pack the Bus

ConocoPhillips North Louisiana Production office employees volunteered in the Webster Parish School Board 2015 "Pack the Bus" Campaign Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25.

The event was held in the Minden Wal-Mart parking lot.

The "Pack the Bus" campaign is a 2-day event where local businesses and citizens collect school supplies to distribute to students at the Webster Parish Back-to-School Bash event on Aug. 3.

"The event was very successful! The school bus was packed with school supplies that will be sorted and distributed to students" ConocoPhillips said.



Pictured from left are, Brian Glover, ConocoPhillips I & E specialist; Kennedy Dent, student volunteer; Glenda Allums, ConocoPhillips SAP associate; Trenaty Cooper, ConocoPhillips intern, Sam Sahi, ConocoPhillips intern; VIKram Gupta, ConocoPhillips intern; Jayden Dent, student volunteer; Cathy Durain, ConocoPhillips production associate; Londyn Dent, student volunteer; Jane Sutton, ConocoPhillips production associate and Michael Wissing, ConocoPhillips HSE supervisor. Courtesy Photo

Xino Praise Dancers win award



The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Epsilon Rho Chapter attended the 2015 Annual Regional Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. More than 500 Xinos and Kudos high school students from Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma attended the conference. The Xinos Praise Dancers placed first in the talen show division in the competition.

Picture from left, front row, La'shavion Bonner, Kiara Rhone and Shonesty Kinsey; back row, Ke'Adria Miller, l'Janique Williams, Krystal Williams, Alaysia Wright, Serenity Lewis (Captain) and Alexis Allen.

Not pictured are Epsilon Rho president Amanda Thomas, sponsor Gail Coleman and Dance Choreographer Kellie Carter.

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NFL

Tebow runs for score against Colts

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tim Tebow got a warm Philly welcome. Tebow threw for 69 yards and ran for a touchdown in his first game in two years. Kenjon Barner returned a punt 92 yards for a touchdown and ran for a score and the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Indianapolis Colts 36-10 Sunday.

Tebow got a standing ovation when he entered midway through the third quarter and the crowd roared so loud when his name was introduced he had to quiet them down because he was taking the snap in a shotgun.

"It's very humbling, a blessing. I appreciated it," Tebow said.

Tebow completed his first four passes and fans chanted "Tebow! Tebow!" during his first series.

He dove into the pylon on a 7-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter and finished with 15 yards rushing on four carries. He completed 6 of 12 passes and was sacked twice.

"I liked how Timmy threw it," Eagles coach Chip Kelly said.

Tebow hadn't played since the 2013 preseason with New England until the Eagles (1-0) signed him to compete with Matt Barkley for the No. 3 spot behind Sam Bradford and Mark Sanchez. Barkley was 12 of 20 for 192 yards and one interception.

"Did some things decent and some things we have to work on," Tebow said. "I have to be more consistent."

MLB

Blue Jays finish off sweep of Yanks

TORONTO (AP) — After celebrating the 30th anniversary of their 1985 AL East championship team, the Toronto Blue Jays picked up a big win to bolster their chances of a crown this season.

Jose Bautista hit a two-run homer, Drew Hutchison won his third straight start and the Blue Jays beat New York 3-1 on Sunday.

Before the game, the Blue Jays welcomed back 10 former players and coaches from the 1985 squad, which claimed Toronto's first AL East title by two games over the Yankees. Outfielders George Bell, Lloyd Moseby and Jesse Barfield threw out ceremonial first pitches to current outfielders Ben Revere, Kevin Pillar and Bautista.

"It's awesome seeing how they can come back and enjoy those victories," Bautista said. "Hopefully we can create some memories like that for us to enjoy later on. I'm hoping 2015 will be one to remember."

The Blue Jays and the division-leading Yankees, separated by a half-game atop the AL East, will meet seven more times before the end of the season. Toronto swept a three-game series at Yankee Stadium last weekend.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL Ready for action



Glenbrook quarterback Hunter Vaughn delivers a pass in the River Oaks jamboree last Friday night. Courtesy Photo/Braxton Stuckey



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The Glenbrook Apaches were hoping to put on a show in their jamboree at River Oaks in Monroe last Friday night, but a team still trying to build chemistry in a brand new scheme failed to light up the scoreboard.

The good news is that the Apaches start their season this Friday with a clean slate and an unblemished 0-0 record. The bad news is the opponent, Copiah Academy, presents an even greater challenge than either River Oaks or Riverdale did last week.

"They're a 4A school," head coach Caleb Carmikle said. "We've been looking at film all weekend. They're really big up front, pretty athletic and well-coached."

Very, very well coached."

Carmikle said the Copiah offense is similar to what he has in place at Glenbrook.

"They're not complex in their scheme," Carmikle said. "They're going to do what they do and make us beat them that way. It's almost identical to what we do."

Carmikle believes the Apache defense is up to the task.

"I thought the defense played really well," Carmikle said of the jamboree. "They flew to the football well as much as they were on the field. Our offense hurt our defense by not being able to find a rhythm."

Glenbrook hopes to find that rhythm this week in practice.

"We were very vanilla last weekend," Carmikle said. "We'll fine-tune some things like the timing with our play action and passing game. It's all very fixable."

The Apaches will take on Copiah on Friday in Gallman, Mississippi at 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

Hardy accepts position at Ruston High

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Johnathan Hardy, the man who led Glenbrook on an unprecedented six-year run in baseball, has accepted an assistant coaching position at 5A Ruston High School.

During his time with the Apaches Hardy left an indelible mark on the program, competing for three straight state championships from 2011-2013, winning it all in 2012, while finishing as runner-up in 2011 and 2013.

Hardy also set a single season record for wins, recording 28 in 2012. He leaves Glenbrook with an astounding 129-40 record.

Glenbrook Athletic Director Jeff Dalton said Glenbrook will not rush to hire a replacement.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

LIVE ACTION AHEAD FOR TIDE, WARRIORS



Courtesy Photo/Kimako Sills

The Tide will scrimmage Captain Shreve on Friday in Lee Hedges Stadium at 6 p.m.



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The Warriors will scrimmage Homer on Thursday at 6 p.m., at Homer High School.

PGA TOUR

Day wins first major in record fashion

HAVEN, Wisconsin (AP) - Given a third straight chance to finally win a major, Jason Day promised a fight to the finish in the PGA Championship.

Turns out the biggest fight was to hold back the tears.

Worried that this year might turn out to be a major failure, Day never gave Jordan Spieth or anyone else a chance Sunday. He delivered a record-setting performance at Whistling Straits that brought him a major championship he started to wonder might never happen.

Day was in tears before he even tapped in for par and a 5-under 67 for a three-shot victory. He sobbed on the shoulder of Colin Swatton, his caddie and longtime coach who

rescued Day as a 12-year-old struggling to overcome the death of his father.

And then came high praise from Spieth in the scoring trailer when golf's new No. 1 player told him, "There's nothing I could do."

"I didn't expect I was going to cry," Day said. "A lot of emotion has come out because I've been so close so many times and fallen short. To be able to play the way I did today, especially with Jordan in my group, I could tell that he was the favorite. Just to be able to finish the way I did was amazing."

Three shots ahead with three holes to play on a course with trouble everywhere, Day blasted a drive down the fairway on the par-5 16th and hit a towering 4-iron into 20 feet. He

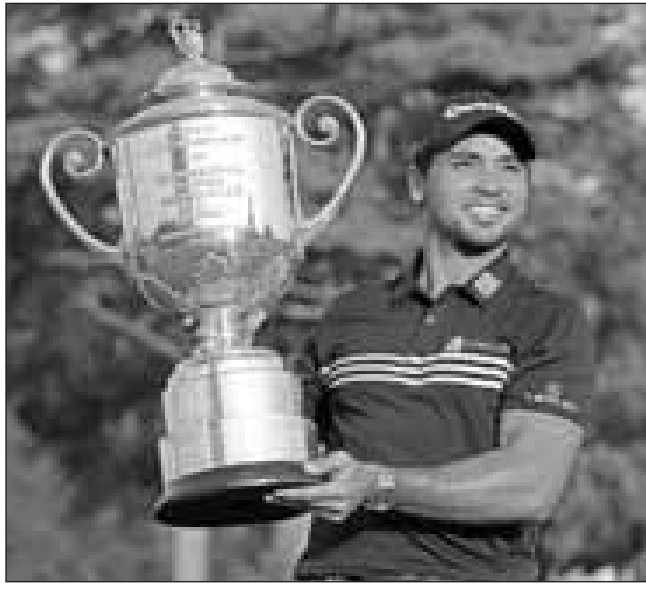
bit his lower lip, swatted his caddie on the arm, knowing his work was almost done.

The two-putt birdie put him at 20-under par, and two closing pars gave him the record to par in majors, breaking by one shot the 19 under of Tiger Woods at St. Andrews in the 2000 British Open. Day finished at 20-under 268, not knowing until it was over that it was a record.

What really mattered was that shiny Wanamaker Trophy at his side.

He shared the 54-hole lead at the U.S. Open and the British Open and had to watch someone else celebrate.

"Not being able to finish, it would have been tough for me mentally to really kind of come back from that," Day said. "Even



though I feel like I'm a positive person, I think that in the back of my mind something would have triggered and I would have gone, 'Maybe I can't really finish

it off.'

"It felt like I was mentally and physically grinding it out as hard as I could," he said. "I wasn't going to stop fighting until it over."

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From campaign to court: Trump summoned for jury duty in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is taking a break from the court of public opinion to go to ... court.

Trump is due to report for jury duty Monday in lower Manhattan. The Republican front-runner said last week before a rally in New Hampshire that he would willingly take a break from stumping on the campaign trail to answer the summons.

The real estate mogul and reality TV star had been called previously but didn't appear. His campaign said he hadn't received those summonses.

Michael Cohen, an executive vice president at the Trump Organization and special counsel to Trump, said the summonses had been sent to an address where the New York businessman never lived.

In celebrity-studded New York City, it's not unusual for famous names to be picked to show up in potential jury pools. Among them have been Caroline Kennedy, Woody Allen, Spike Lee and Madonna.

On Sunday, Trump was interviewed on NBC's "Meet The Press," saying that he would push to end the constitutionally-protected citizenship rights of children of any family living illegally inside the U.S.

"They have to go," Trump said, adding: "What they're doing, they're having a baby. And then all of a sudden, nobody knows...the baby's here."

Native-born children of immigrants — even those living illegally in the U.S. — have been automatically considered American citizens since the adoption of the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution in 1868.

Trump's remarks came as his campaign website posted his program for "immigration reform." Among its details: Making Mexico pay for a permanent border wall. Mandatory deportation of all "criminal aliens." Tripling the force of immigration officers by eliminating tax credit payments to immigrant families residing illegally in the U.S.



He said that families with U.S.-born children could return quickly if deemed worthy by the government. "We're going to try and bring them back rapidly, the good ones," he said, adding: "We will expedite it so people can come back in. The good people can come back."

Trump did not elaborate on

how he would define "good people." But echoing earlier controversial remarks that Mexico was sending criminals across the border, Trump said a tough deportation policy was needed because "there's definitely evidence" of crimes linked to immigrants living in the country illegally.

The New York businessman also said he would waste little time rescinding President Barack Obama's executive actions aimed at allowing as many as 3.7 million immigrants living illegally in the U.S. to remain in the country because of their U.S.-born relatives. Obama's November 2014

actions were halted by temporary injunctions ordered by several federal courts in rulings challenging his executive powers to alter immigration policies without Congressional approval. The cases could lead to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session August 10, 2015

The Village of Dixie Inn's Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on August 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Ava Nell McWhorter, Alderperson Kay Stratton and Connie Woods. Evelyn Walden was absent.

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

A motion was made by Connie Woods and seconded by Kay Stratton to adopt the minutes of the regular session on July 13, 2015. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

The financial statements were presented and were accepted.

Department Reports :

Mike Chreene reported that his department was dealing with several leaks and an equipment failure at the sewer plant. All equipment has been repaired and working.

Police Chief James Edwards reported that Josh McCormick would be starting the police academy Monday, August 17th. He also reported that he was purchasing tires for his police unit.

Alderwoman Kay Stratton reported on attending the Louisiana Municipal Association's annual convention in Lafayette. She stated that there were several helpful workshops.

Mayor Ava McWhorter also reported on the Louisiana Municipal Association's annual convention. She passed out copies of information on House Bill No. 33 concerning new litter laws that are in effect in Louisiana. She also reported that she received a pin recognizing her 28 years in public

service in Dixie Inn. Mayor McWhorter reported that the animal control officer, Grace Ozment was resigning her position effective August 11, 2015.

New Business:

After a discussion concerning the removal of stumps and grating the area on Levee Road, a motion to hire TGS Contractors to do the work at a price of \$5,000 was made by Kay Stratton and seconded by Connie Woods. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kay Stratton and seconded by Connie Woods. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A T T E S T :

Jane Rogers

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August 12, 2015

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2015 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

Members present were Mayor Jimmy Williams; Aldermen Doyle Chanler, Larry Merritt and Alan Myers. Richard Davis and John Langford were absent.

Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry Merritt motioned to adopt the June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes as read, Doyle Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

No New Items were added to the agenda.

Alan Myers motioned and Doyle Chanler seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2015-14 opposing any project pulling water out of Dorcheat to send to Bossier Parish. Motion carried.

Larry Merritt gave the monthly Sibley Volunteer Fire Department activity report and waiting on the confirmation of the PIAL rating.

Chief Jeremy Robinson gave the monthly Sibley Police Department activity report. He also announced Sibley's National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 and a Trunk or Treat for October 31, 2015.

Under Oral Communication, the mayor updated those in attendance about the LMA Convention and the time change for the October 13, 2015 to 5pm. Webster Parish Police Jurymen Steve Ramsey announced his intent to run for re-election for his seat on the Webster Parish Police Jury.

Alan Myers motioned to adjourn, Larry Merritt seconded. Motion carried.
/s/_____

Jimmy Williams
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals N

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ACROSS	DOWN		
39 —	24 Go		
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5 High tennis shot	41 Use a teaspoon	Vikki	25 Diary writer
8 Prickly heat symptom	42 — Sea, arm of the	2 Duel tool	Anaïs
12 Mimicry specialist	45 Citrus fruit	3 University bigwig	26 Train driver
13 Rage	49 Panic	4 Mistakes in print	27 Shun liquor
14 Pop flavor	51 Eccentric	5 Defamatory	29 Water, in Paris
15 Caboose's place	52 Lower extremities	6 Bobby of hockey	30 "The 5,000 Fingers of —"
16 Erupt	53 College transcript no.	7 Answering machine	33 Den
18 Change the title	54 Shrek is one	sound	36 Fly a plane
20 Groups of lions	55 Bygone times	8 More gross	38 City in Poland
21 Body powder	56 Bando of baseball	9 "Bye"	40 Tibetan critter
23 Slithery fish	57 Troubles	10 Hint	42 Doubtful
24 Escape		11 Chapeaus	43 Sandwich cookie
28 Clarinet insert		17 Exist	44 Egggy drinks
31 Family		19 Shark variety	46 "Forget it," at NASA
32 Blackbird type		22 Points	47 Bullfight injury
34 Rowing need			48 — out (supplements)
35 "Young Frankenstein" role			50 "— Lazy River"
37 Put your two cents in			

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Friday's Answers

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