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POLITICS



Webster Parish Police Jury candidate Nick Cox talks to the Lunch Bunch Friday about what he's learned about the parish during his time campaigning. Cox is running against Harper Edwards for the district 8 seat. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

Candidates talk issues

Police jury hopefuls attend political forum

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Candidates for various offices on the Oct. 24 ballot came to a Lunch Bunch meeting Friday in a political forum to discuss various issues in the parish.

While only candidates for different districts in the Webster Parish Police Jury

were on hand to talk, many candidates running for office were invited, officials said. State rep. Gene Reynolds and rep. Henry Burns were in Baton Rouge and were not able to attend.

Rebecca Shelley-Sherrard, running for the seat of the late Charlie Walker, district 12, Nick Cox, candidate for

district 8 police jury seat, and Vera Davison and Jerri Lee all talked about the issues at hand as well as the function of the police jury.

"I decided last year when our dear friend Charlie Walker was not going to run again, it had been placed on my heart (to run)," she said. "So, I went and talked to him last year, and told him I would. Little did I know after that, in October and November (2012) that we were going to have the situation with the M6 propellant."

INSIDE

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MINDEN CRIME

Police: Suspect tried to rob man with rock

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A Minden man is behind bars after police say he attempted to rob a man using a rock as a weapon.

Benjamin Dwayne Woods Jr., 21, of the 500 block of Patrick Street, was arrested Monday, Oct. 12, and charged with attempted armed robbery.

"The victim called the Minden Police Department saying that someone had just tried to take his money," Minden police chief Steve Cropper said. "He indicated that a male, identified as

Benjamin Woods, came up from behind him as he was walking down Sheppard Street, knocked him down and told him to give him all of his money."

During the confrontation, Cropper says Woods was holding a rock in his hand and explained that if a person is armed with an object threatening to kill someone during



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FUNDRAISER

T.C. Bloxom gun auction is Thursday

Tickets must be purchased in advance

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A chance to own one of the late Minden police chief T.C. Bloxom's gun collection is coming Thursday.

Bloxom's private firearm collection will be auctioned off at 6 p.m. at the home of James and Lyda Madden, located at 100 Willow Creek Drive, with tickets set at \$25 per person. Tickets will include a dinner, catered by Party Express and must be purchased prior to the event. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold.

Bloxom served Minden as a firefighter and in law



The late T.C. Bloxom.
Courtesy Photo

enforcement for more than 70 years. He was a firefighter for 63 years, serving as chief for the last 37. He held the title of Minden police chief for 20 years. He passed away July 12, 2014 at the age of 84.

The proceeds from the

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QUEST FOR THE CROWN

Miss Minden pageant moved to December

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The Miss Minden scholarship pageant has been moved up by a month or two, meaning this year, the pageant will have been held twice in one year.

Baylee Howell was crowned Miss Minden 2015 in February, but Miss Minden 2016 will be crowned Dec. 5, Jennifer Spurlock, president of the Young Women's Service Club, said. "In years past, the Young

Women's Service Club usually has the Miss Minden pageant in January or February," she said. "We've discussed this for several years; we knew we needed to back the pageant up a few months to give our winner more time to prepare for Miss Louisiana."

Spurlock says there is much that goes into preparation for the Miss Louisiana pageant, a forerunner to the Miss America pageant. With the Miss Minden pageant set for early in the year, it only gives her a couple of weeks to submit her material for the

Miss Louisiana pageant, such as music and talent information.

"That's not very long to get all that together," she said. "Then there's a lot of paperwork required, community service she has to do, and she has to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Each contestant for Miss Louisiana has a lot of



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things they have to do in order to get ready for Miss Louisiana."

The Children's Miracle Network is the philanthropic charity for Miss Louisiana, Spurlock said.

"This year we decided to give her more time by moving the pageant back," she said. "Businesses who sponsor the pageant and for interested contestants, we want them to know now."

The pageant will be done on an annual basis following the 2016 pageant, she added.

The Little Miss Minden

pageant as well as the Miss Minden Teen Princess pageant will be conducted before the Miss Minden pageant the night of Dec. 5.

Entry forms are available now for interested contestants, Spurlock said, adding that a pageant registration and meet and greet will take place from 1 until 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at Her's Bridal, located at 728 Main Street in Minden.

The gathering is for interested contestants and their

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MINDEN CRIME

1 arrested for identity theft

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The wife of a man arrested for principle to identity theft is now in custody, police say. Kimberly Ann Strother, 46, of the 15000 block of Country Road 712, Colcord, Oklahoma, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 14, and charged with a warrant from Minden police for identity theft. Bond was set at

\$50,000. Minden police chief says her husband, Shannon Strother, 47, was arrested Thursday, Oct. 8 in connection with the incident where the couple attempted to purchase a vehicle using Shannon Strother's ex-wife's name.

"After we arrested Shannon, Kimberly took off and went to Oklahoma," he said. "We obtained information as to her whereabouts and for-

warded the warrant there. She was picked up on our warrant in Oklahoma, and she waived extradition. Capt. Dan Weaver and Lt. Richard Cooper drove to Oklahoma to pick her up."

According to reports, Shannon Strother and his

current wife went to Carter Federal Credit Union and tried to get a vehicle loan in Strother's ex-wife's name using her personal information in March.

Shannon Strother was incarcerated at the time of his arrest on burglary and drug charges in connection with a burglary on Sand Plant Road in Dubberly in April. He is expected to be in court Monday, Oct. 19.



STROTHER

FORUM

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Sherrard was one of the people in a small group from Doyline that led the way in getting others involved in stopping the open tray burn of more than 16 million pounds of M6 artillery propellant improperly stored at the now defunct Expro Systems, Inc. at Camp Minden.

However, she says Doyline has issues outside of Camp Minden dealing with roads, litter, and Lake Bistineau.

Also running for District 12 is George Fuller, Bryan Langford and Dustin Moseley.

Incumbent Jerri Lee, district 9, says many don't know the function of the police jury; that it's not just about taking care of roads. In her position, she's very active on committees and boards that are served by the police jury, including the library board, the Office of Community Services and Head Start.

She explained the purpose of the police jury, saying not only is it about taking care of the parish, but it's also about public relations and supporting the people of the parish. She says she's proud of the current jury and how well they all work together.

"We have the opportunity to work very well together," she said. "There are 12 of us, and we don't all have the same responsibilities. Some of us think of the police jury as a full-time job. I think, in a sense, we're supposed to be public relations people. I think it's our responsibility to support all the people in the parish. I've been blessed to have been able to serve on this jury; I'm in my second term."

Beverly "Debbie" Kennon is running against Lee.

Vera Davison, district 10, is running unopposed and serves as vice president of the jury. She spoke on behalf of



Vera Davison, district 10 police juror, who attended the Lunch Bunch political forum, is running unopposed. She spoke about the cohesiveness of the current jurors and about police jury president Jim Bonsall, who could not attend. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

jury president Jim Bonsall who could not attend due to his wife's illness, and has helped with the responsibilities of president in his absence.

She says she feels Bonsall has led the jury responsibly since his appointment when Walker stepped down as president.

"If Jim Bonsall could have been here, he'd have been here today," she said. "He is the (epitome) of good leadership. We do have our own opinions about things. We don't always agree, but let me tell you about the whole jury. We work together. Jim Bonsall has done a fantastic job. I don't know him as well as some of you, but I do know he's a good person."

Running against Bonsall is Ronald Douglas Sale. Bonsall is the incumbent for district 6.

Nick Cox, running for district 8 against Harper Edwards, says he's learned a lot by going door to door, visiting with constituents in the district.

"I've learned that people really care about our community, and people really care about what happens," he said. "Some people think the police jury is not important, but it is. The police jury affects a lot of stuff. For instance, the landfill needs expanding, or what about the M6? What about our aquifer? What about our penal farm? We need to make good decisions about our future."

During a question and answer session, much discussion centered on the permit being sought by Bossier Parish to withdraw water from Bayou Dorcheat.

Steve Lemmons, district 7, running unopposed, says

the study is just that, a study. The scenic rivers permit has not been withdrawn, he says.

"This deal is still in the beginning study stage," he said. "Nothing is set in stone with it, and nobody has made any decisions on anything. Bossier Parish has said if Webster Parish is not on board with it, it will not be done. In my personal opinion, why not look at the study and see what it says, and not just say 'No,' and not even look at the study. What if something did happen to the Sparta, where are you going to get your water from?"

Several municipalities in Webster Parish have passed resolutions in opposition of water withdrawal from Dorcheat.

Election Day is Saturday, Oct. 24.

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the commission of a crime of this nature, it is considered a dangerous weapon.

"At that point in time, Mr. Woods went through the victim's pockets and took off running," he said.

Woods was wearing distinctive clothing, Cropper

says, described as red pants, black shoes and a shirt with the word "Grambling" in yellow. Later on, a person matching the description given by the victim was located at the corner of Ida and Walnut Streets, and Officer First Class Jeremy Sitter, Sgt. Joel Kendrick and Officer Terry Stephens made contact with Woods.

Woods was placed under arrest and transported to the

Minden Police Department.

"The victim was able to make a positive identification, advising that Mr. Woods was the one who tried to rob and threatened to kill him with a rock," the chief

said. "Mr. Woods was arrested and charged with attempted armed robbery."

Woods was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

OBITUARY

Lougena 'Gena' Sullivan

Funeral services for Lougena "Gena" Sullivan were at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Jeff Ramsey officiating. Interment followed at Fellowship Cemetery in Dubberly. The family received friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home.

Gena was born Jan. 3, 1955 in Minden and entered into rest Oct. 15, 2015 in Minden.

She was preceded in death by her husbands George McCoy and Acy Sullivan.

She is survived by her sons Jason McCoy and wife Kathy of Dubberly, Louis McCoy and wife Heather of Dubberly, stepsons Lee Sullivan, Jr. of Sibley, Jeff Sullivan of Blanchard, Bryan Sullivan and partner James Osborne of Shreveport, sisters Mary Ann "M" Sullivan of Dubberly, Virginia "Jin" Walker and husband Wallace of Minden, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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AROUND THE STATE

Feds: La. trucker imminent hazard to public safety

A federal agency says a trucker from Jonesville is an "imminent hazard to public safety" and cannot drive commercial vehicles in interstate commerce.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration says 28-year-old Mark Isiah Gordon tested positive for amphetamines and methamphetamines after his loaded log truck hit a pickup truck head-on Oct. 1, killing three people.

Gordon could not be reached for comment Sunday.

A phone company message said his number was disconnected.

The safety administration said in a news release Friday that its investigators and Louisiana State Police found that Gordon had been driving for more than the 14 hours a day allowed under federal safety regulations. The agency also found that his brakes were seriously deficient.

The agency didn't say how long he's barred or what appeals are possible.

AROUND THE STATE

8 years for Moss Bluff man for marijuana ring

LAKE CHARLES — Federal prosecutors say a Moss Bluff man faces more than eight years in prison for running a ring that sold and hauled a ton of marijuana in Texas and Louisiana.

U.S. Attorney Stephanie Finley says 43-year-old David Cantu-Lopez was sentenced Thursday to 96 months on one count of conspiracy to possess marijuana with plans to distribute it.

She said in a news release Friday that he

pleaded guilty in March, signing a statement that he was warehousing marijuana in Houston and distributing it out of his trailer in Moss Bluff.

Finley says a Lake Charles woman, two men from Mexico and one from Texas were sentenced earlier.

According to the signed statement, investigators confiscated more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana from the group during four months in 2013.

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Officials: Man illegally demolished historic house

NEW ORLEANS — A New Orleans man must pay more than \$6,000 in fines after demolishing a historic French Quarter carriage house without permission.

The New Orleans Advocate reports (<http://bit.ly/1NPcbL6>) that Larry Anderson, who owned the building at 724 St. Philip Street, was given the fines

during an emergency hearing held by Mayor Mitch Landrieu's administration. Department of Safety and Permits Officials found that Anderson violated 12 city

regulations when he tore down parts of the structure during illegal renovations. Anderson recently tore down two exterior walls, which they say left the building in

imminent danger of collapse. Anderson had been issued a stop-work order in February. The building had been built in the 1820s and once

housed a one-story, double-door carriage house where horses were kept. The Advocate couldn't reach Anderson for comment.



One airlifted following Saturday crash

One was airlifted to University Health Saturday morning following a crash near Ewell Park. Minden chief of police Steve Cropper says the wreck involved several juveniles. The driver rolled the vehicle, he said. No reports of other injuries or citations were available as of press time. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald



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parents to get together and learn more about the pageant, qualification requirements and what to expect to participate.

The winner chosen as the 2016 Miss Minden will receive a \$2,200 scholarship to the college of her choice, plus a \$150 cash award. First runner-up will receive a \$1,250 scholarship to the col-

lege of her choice plus a \$100 cash award. Second runner-up will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice and a \$75 cash award. Also, a \$75 cash award will be presented to non-finalist talent award.

Along the same lines, from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 3, the Hannah McFarland Scholarship Fundraiser benefit will be at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church. Plates of red beans and rice, catered by Bon Temps, will be available for

\$9 each. The pick-up location will be on the ticket.

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auction will go towards the

new, state-of-the-art children's building at First United Methodist Church.

Tickets to the casual event may be purchased at the First United Methodist Church on

Broadway, Carey Real Estate on Homer Road, or T.G.'s Gardens & Gifts on Hwy. 531. Checks should be made payable to the First United Methodist Church.

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OPINION

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Working for meaningful criminal justice reform

Thirty years ago, there were 500,000 people behind bars in America. Today, there are 2.2 million. The United States is home to 5 percent of the world's population, but 25 percent of the world's prisoners. Every year, we spend \$80 billion to keep people locked up.

Now, many of the folks in prison absolutely belong there — our streets are safer thanks to the brave police officers and dedicated prosecutors who put violent criminals behind bars. But over the last few decades, we've also locked up more non-violent offenders than ever before, for longer than ever before. That's the real reason our prison population is so high.

Ever since I was a Senator, I've talked about how, in too many cases, our criminal justice system is a pipeline from underfunded schools to overcrowded jails.

And we've taken steps to address it. We invested in our schools to give at-risk young people a better shot to succeed. I signed a bill reducing the 100 to 1 sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine. I've

commuted the sentences of dozens of people sentenced under old drug laws we now recognize were unfair. The Department of Justice has gotten "Smart on Crime," refocusing efforts on the worst offenders, and pursuing mandatory minimum sentences less frequently.

Still, much of our criminal justice system remains unfair. In recent years, more of our eyes have been opened to this truth. We can't close them anymore. And good people, of all political persuasions, are eager to do something about it.

Over the next few weeks, I'll travel the country to highlight some of the Americans who are doing their part to fix our criminal justice system. I'll visit a community battling prescription drug and heroin abuse. I'll speak with leaders from law enforcement who are determined to lower the crime rate and the incarceration rate, and with police chiefs who have dedicated their careers to keeping our streets and officers safe. I'll meet with former prisoners who are earning their second chance.

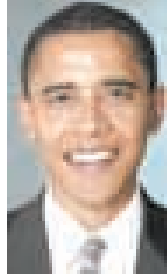
And I'll keep working with lawmakers from both parties who are determined to get criminal justice reform bills to my desk. Earlier this month, Democrats and Republicans came together in the Senate to introduce such a bill — one that would reduce mandatory minimums for non-violent drug offenders, and reward prisoners with shorter sentences if they complete programs that make them less likely to commit a repeat offense.

There's a similar bill working its way through the House, and I'm encouraged by these kinds of bipartisan efforts. This is progress — not liberal ideas or conservative ideas, but common-sense solutions to the challenges we face.

From the halls of Congress to the classrooms in our schools, we pledge allegiance to one nation under God with liberty, and justice, for all. Justice means that every child deserves a chance to grow up safe and secure, without the threat of violence. Justice means that the punishment should fit the crime. And justice means allowing our fellow Americans who have made mistakes to pay their debt to society, and re-join their community as active, rehabilitated citizens.

Justice has never been easy to achieve, but it's always been worth fighting for. And it's something I'll keep fighting for as long as I serve as your president.

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AP NEWS ANALYSIS

Lighter load this year for voters on amendments

Louisiana's lawmakers were kinder to the state's voters this year, giving them only four proposed constitutional changes to sift through on the Oct. 24 ballot, rather than a dozen or more.

The issues up for review, however, remain dense, requiring voters to do their homework if they want to make a reasonably well-informed decision on the four amendments — that is, if they're going to bother with them at all.

Voters in Louisiana routinely are expected to decipher a list of complex proposals to amend the state constitution.

The confusing, often arcane proposals placed on the ballot year after year are symptomatic of a cluttered guiding document for state government, jam-packed with detailed policy that many other states leave to statute.

Since it was adopted in 1974, the Louisiana Constitution has been amended 181 times, according to the non-partisan Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, known as PAR, which has tracked constitutional changes for decades.

"The concept of the constitution as a relatively permanent statement of basic law fades with the adoption of many amendments," PAR wrote in its guide to the four constitutional amendments on this month's ballot.

To get on the ballot requires a two-thirds vote of both the House and the Sen-

ate. The legislation bypasses a governor's desk, going straight to the voters for consideration.

This year's list all ties into money.

First up is an amendment that would steer oil and gas money that would otherwise flow into the state's "rainy day" fund into a transportation fund instead, to spend on road and bridge work.

A second amendment also seeks to pour more money into transportation projects, allowing the state treasurer to invest public dollars into an "infrastructure bank" that works as a revolving loan program for local governments to borrow money for the projects at low interest rates.

Organizations pushing for new investment into road repairs and highway upgrades are pumping money into advertising efforts supporting those first two proposals.

The remaining two amendments are more obscure.

The third proposal slightly widens the definition of what can be considered in fiscal legislative sessions held every two years to deal with mainly budget and tax issues. And the final amendment clarifies that state or local governments from outside Louisiana have to pay taxes on property they own in this state.

Years of elections show that participation drops as voters move down the list of constitutional amendments. Fewer votes are cast the farther down the ballot an amendment is.

That likely won't dissuade lawmakers from offering new amendments for consideration year after year.

In recent elections, voters have been asked to consider complex proposals that range from significant tax and budget changes to highly special-

ized issues only applicable to one municipality.

Last year's election was one of the heftiest lists of amendments voters ever faced at once, with 14 proposals. While nearly 1.5 million people voted in the U.S. Senate race on that November ballot, 88,000 fewer people weighed in on the first constitutional amendment on the list. By the 14th amendment, another 84,000 fewer people bothered to make a decision, according to data from the Secretary of State's office.

Items are locked into the constitution to make them more difficult to undo. Removing something from the constitution takes the same vote as adding them: two-thirds from the House and Senate and support from voters in an election.

Budget protections and state financing plans have been put into the constitution to mollify concerns of Louisianians distrustful of their politicians. Special interest groups seek constitutional protection for their programs to make them less vulnerable to legislative meddling. And, as more gets written into the constitution, that requires more amendment proposals as situations change or problems develop with the provisions added.

Lawmakers have been unwilling to embark on a constitutional convention to change the situation. And with the four men vying to be Louisiana's next governor all seeking to heavily rewrite the state tax structure, voters can expect more complex and confusing amendments in upcoming elections.

Melinda Deslatte covers Louisiana politics for The Associated Press.



MELINDA DESLATTE

PERSPECTIVE

Democrats have become the party of 'normal'

Who "won" the Democratic debate? The Democratic Party won. All the presidential candidates, from the most flamboyant to the most contained, talked seriously about issues, even straying from liberal orthodoxy.

Hillary Clinton's upbeat morning-in-America approach contrasted with Bernie Sanders' eve-of-destruction — I mean revolution. But both stood grounded in reality, with special kudos to America's favorite socialist for some refreshing breaths of nuance on polarizing issues.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich — not a crazy Republican but one who often talked crazy — once called Democrats "the enemy of normal Americans." Who's looking normal now?

Surely not Republican Carly Fiorina, condemning abortion with a gruesome description of a fabricated video she never saw. Not Ben Carson or Rand Paul, who, despite being doctors, didn't strenuously counter Donald Trump's contention that vaccinations put children at risk. Trump doesn't seem normal even when he's right.

The consensus said that Clinton walked off with it. She did, but it was an ensemble performance. Sanders struck the high note by mocking the overblown controversy over Clinton's use of private emails as secretary of state.

"The American people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails," Sanders said. "Let's talk about the real issues facing America."

And the Democrats generally dived under the surface of today's public debates. Clinton chided Sanders for his skepticism on some gun control measures, but Sanders had it exactly right.

He explained that his state, Vermont, has a rural hunting culture that doesn't see guns as always evil. Sanders backed a ban on assault rifles but opposed letting gun shops be sued if a gun they sell legally is used in a crime. Common sense all around.

The immigration discussion offered a welcome balance between the need to deal humanely with people here illegally and the need for controls.

Sanders defended his attack on an immigration plan that would have admitted huge numbers of "guest workers" to compete with low-wage Americans. If only more Democrats would talk that way.

Former Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia spoke up for struggling poor whites, another welcome reference in a party that too often frames policy in racial or ethnic terms. And thank you, Jim Webb, for saying, "No country is a country without defining its borders."

All in all, though, it was Clinton's show. Responding to Sanders' declaration of love for Scandinavian socialism, Clinton firmly replied: "We are the United States of America. And it's our job to rein in the excesses of capitalism so that it doesn't run amok and doesn't cause the kind of inequities that we're seeing in our economic system."

The consensus erred in naming Webb the evening's "loser." The former Navy secretary did great in his seething, quiet way. He steered the debate away from cloying political correctness. This very smart son of Appalachia would make a great vice presidential candidate.

Few noticed that Webb provided the wittiest remark of the evening. That came when he dryly informed Sanders that he doesn't "think the revolution's going to come."

The most unintentionally funny line was from CNN moderator Anderson Cooper.

"In all candor," Cooper said to Clinton, "you and your husband are part of the 1 percent. How can you credibly represent the views of the middle class?"

To borrow from the MasterCard ad, being questioned about losing credibility on matters of class because you've become rich: \$2.03. Being so questioned by the son of a Vanderbilt: priceless.

Clinton is clearly moving on from intraparty debate to general election mode. The other candidates seemed to genuinely respect that pivot and gave her space.

How gratifying to hear a leading presidential candidate sound like a normal American and not get punished for it.

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Around Town

Oct. 13-31
 First United Methodist's "Pumpkin Patch" featuring 1,500 pumpkins will be open throughout the month. "Football in the patch" will be from 5 until 7 p.m. Oct. 17. The LSU game will be shown via projector. There will also be games and food. Attendees should bring own chairs. "Pumpkin Shine" will be Oct. 24 from 3 until 5 p.m. with food and carnival games. For more information contact First United Methodist's main office.

Oct. 19
 The Webster Parish School Board personnel committee will meet at 5 p.m. in the board room at Central Office, located at 1442 Sheppard Street, to discuss the contract of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls and any other personnel matters.

Oct. 22
 An auction of Chief T.C. Bloxom's personal gun collection will be at 6 p.m. at 100 Willow Creek Drive. \$25 ticket must be purchased prior to the event. Tickets may be purchased at Carey Real Estate, First United Methodist Church, and TG's Garden and Gifts.

Oct. 24
 Iota Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, in cooperation with Partners for Healthy Eating, will sponsor a Food, Fun and Fitness Day from 10 a.m. until noon at St. Rest Baptist Church Family Life Center. Activities are open to all children grades K-12. Parental supervision is required. There will be games, prizes and snacks. For more information contact Ora Rice at 377-6842.

Oct. 25
 HALLELUJAH! Many Voices One Song Musical will be at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 pm. Special guest will be House of Peace Ministries. Other guest will be soloists and choirs from the surrounding area

Oct. 28-30
 Longspring Church of God in Christ will celebrate their 4th Annual Youth Explosion at 7:00 PM, nightly. Guest Speaker will be Elder Paul Gatlin of Emmanuel COGIC in Opelousas, LA. If any youths, are interested in performing contact Shyterikia Thompson at 318-458-5292.

J.L. Jones Elementary Students of the Month



Cannan Youngblood, above, is overall student of the month. Second grade students of the month, pictured top left are, from left, front row Shaniya Shehee, Aisha Khan, Keegan Pope, TaShondrick Moore and. Leia Maldonado and back row are Brooklyn Davis, Maddison Tillman, Elijah Lingenfelter, Landen Brewer and Asia Holiday. Not Pictured: Abigail Thomas. Third grade students of the month, pictured left, are, from left, front row, Tata Shyne, Anna Moore, Carmen Nelson, Makayla Boyce, Rider Miller and Cannan Youngblood and back row are Amiracle Germany, Kenny Anderson, Isaiah Kemp, Nicholas Evans and Jordan Simmons. Courtesy Photo

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

GROUND AND POUND

RUNNING BACKS, DEFENSE LEAD TIDE PAST BOSSIER, 35-10



Minden defensive back Kenneth Francis returns a fumble for a touchdown in the Tide's 35-10 victory over the Bossier Bearkats. Douglas Blow/Courtesy Photo

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BOSSIER - The Minden Crimson Tide got a total team effort Friday night, scoring on offense, defense and special teams on their way to a convincing 35-10 win over the Bossier Bearkats.

The Tide (5-2, 3-1) were methodical in dismantling the Kats, starting the game with a scoop and score for Kenneth Francis off a Bossier fumble. After a quick stop Minden got back to work quickly, handing the ball to Rodravion Rogers who sliced through the Bossier defense and finished the Tide's first offensive possession with a two-yard touchdown.

Bossier answered with a Rene Alverado 20-yard field goal to make it 14-3.

On the ensuing kickoff, Dekeltric Freelon fielded the ball at the 25 yard line, darted around the wall set up to his right and sped untouched to the end zone for his third kick return touchdown of the season.

From there, the rout was on.

"I thought our guys were very focused," Minden head coach Spencer Heard said. "They were ready to play. We wanted to establish the run and take a few deep shots. Defensively, we had a big fullback to stop and I'm proud of the defense for doing that. I thought special teams really brought it too, with the kickoff return for a touchdown; just a good team

effort."

The Crimson Swarm defense was smothering, forcing Bossier into three turnovers on the night and coming up with three several sacks and tackles for loss in a bounce back performance.

"Going into the game we had to be prepared for a lot of formation and shifting," Heard said. "I thought the defensive staff did a great job and our kids were really prepared for them. We didn't have a very complex scheme coming in, but we flew around and made

tackles and were able to scoop and score to get the ball rolling."

The Tide didn't pass much on the night, but Antonio Rivette and L'Jarius Sneed did manage to hook up for a 43-yard pitch and catch in the second quarter. That completion loosened up the Bearkat defense which created running room for Kolby Jackson.

Jackson carried for 18 yards on the next play before getting into the end zone on a three-yard run to make the halftime score 28-3.

Minden stuck to the run for most of the second half in an effort to run out the clock and help establish their running game. Sophomore D.J. Elkins scored from one yard out

to complete the Tide's big night on the ground and make the score 35-3 in the fourth quarter.

"That's what we wanted to do," Heard said. "It was a chance for those guys to get touches and get back on track. Our offensive line did a great job of opening up holes for those guys to run through. It was a great effort for those guys."

Bossier would add a late touchdown to make the score 35-10, but Minden ran out the clock to secure the victory.

The Tide were out-gained by Bossier, 222 yards to 193.

Leading the way offensively was Jackson with 61 yards and a touchdown. Jackson got help from Rogers (34 yards and a touchdown) and Elkins (29

yards and a touchdown).

Antonio Rivette finished two of four passing with 45 yards, 43 of which were on one play by L'Jarius Sneed.

Heard said he believes the Tide still have room to improve with three games remaining on the regular season schedule.

"I think we're in a good place right now," Heard said. "I don't think we ever got off track, we had great play even against Benton, just one too many mistakes. We eliminated some of that and I don't think we've reached our cap as far as what we can do to hurt defenses and how good we can be defensively. We have some tough ball games coming up, so we just have to keep working and stay healthy."



HEARD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Glenbrook trounced by Trinity



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NATCHEZ, MS - The Glenbrook Apaches went on the road and competed hard in an effort to gain their first win of the season, but it was not to be against a very talented Trinity Episcopal Saints team, as Glenbrook fell, 52-14.

"They were just as athletic as we expected them to be," Glenbrook head coach Caleb Carmikle said. "They hit us over the top for a score on their first possession, but we came out and sliced down the field, took a bunch of clock off and got into a fourth and manageable situation, but came up just short of the marker."



CARMIKLE



Lyle Reagan wraps up a Trinity receiver in Glenbrook's 52-14 road loss. Braxton Stuckey/Courtesy Photo

Following the missed conversion, Trinity struck for a pair of touchdowns to make the score 20-0.

Seth Tyler got the Apaches on the board with a one-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter to make it 20-8, but Trinity struck twice before the half to make it 34-8 at the break.

"Turnovers really killed us in this game," Carmikle said. "They

got 21 points off our turnovers, so our defense actually played pretty well."

Drennon Keen led the way for the Glenbrook offense with 26 carries for 172 hard-earned yards on the ground. Seth Tyler scored twice on the ground and finished with 75 rushing yards. Parker Christy led the receivers with two catches for 15 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Lakeside falls to Jonesboro-Hodge, 38-0



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JONESBORO - The Lakeside Warriors were hoping to put their first win on the board Friday night against Jonesboro-Hodge, but the Tigers had other ideas, using their athleticism and stout defense to defeat the Warriors 38-0.

Lakeside's offense couldn't find any traction against the Jonesboro-Hodge defense, as the

Warrior's leading rusher, Chris Brantley, could only muster 67 yards on the ground.

"They have great athletes all over the field, especially at the skill positions," head coach Joey Pesses said. "They thrive off their defense."

The Warriors had opportunities early in the game but the Tigers always came up with the turnover they needed to stop Lakeside drives.

The Warriors will aim to fix their struggles before next week's homecoming matchup with Red River.

"We have great kids at this school," Pesses said. "We just have to learn to be the aggressor. They love the sport and work to get better everyday. I try and relate things back to the struggles life throws you. It's all about how we react to them."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Defense, White lead Knights



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SPRINGHILL - The North Webster Knights took a big step towards winning the district championship that's eluding them Friday night with a dominant 28-7 victory over the Loyola Flyers.

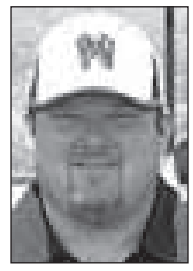
"It was a huge win for us," Knights head coach John Ware said. "It puts us at 2-0 in district ahead of this week's game. It just makes it easier for us moving forward. We're where we want to be this time of year and I thought we played pretty good overall."

Under Armour All-American running back Devin White was the man

for North Webster. He carried 21 times for 91 yards, finishing with three touchdowns on the ground. White added two catches for 72 yards and another score through the air, ending the game with 163 total yards and four touchdowns.

The North Webster defense played a starring role as well, harassing Loyola all night and only giving up a score late in the fourth quarter.

"The key to all this is getting better each week," Ware said. "It was a tough game Friday. We had to grind it out and play four quarters. We got a good pass rush all night and stopped the run with five men in the box, which was huge. Everyone tackled really well."



WARE

The Knights vaunted rushing attack took some time to get going. North Webster finished the first quarter up just 7-0. The Knights added one more score before halftime and added two third quarter touchdowns.

"They stuffed us up front," Ware said. "We were able to hit some big pass plays and that loosened us up a little bit. It was just enough to open things up and get us a couple of key first downs."

Cameron Huff completed five passes for 110 yards and one touchdown on a 60-yard touchdown to White. White led all receivers and rushers with 72 yards receiving and adding 91 yards rushing with four total touchdowns. T.J. Hawthorne added 44 yards rushing, Jalen Smith had 39 yards and Huff added 12 yards rushing. Blake Atchley, Rico Gonzalez, Ke'Untra Gipson and Jaylun Bonton continue to play lights out defense for the Knights.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Patriots cruise past Colts

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts coach Chuck Pagano stayed aggressive. Bill Belichick just wanted the Patriots to stay composed.

It was no contest — again.

This time, Indianapolis' unusual-looking punt formation fooled nobody and the ill-advised play backfired. The botched fake punt gave Tom Brady the ball back at the Colts 35-yard line late in the third quarter, and six plays later he threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to LeGarrette Blount to seal a 34-27 victory.

"It turned out to be one of the worst failed fakes probably of all time," Indianapolis punter Pat McAfee said.

Actually, the play was put in during practice last season and pulled out of the playbook at exactly the wrong time — with New England clinging to a 27-21 lead.

The Colts (3-3) shifted most of their players near the right sideline. Pagano was hoping to draw the Patriots into a mistake.

Instead, receiver Griff Whalen inexplicably snapped the ball to safety Colt Anderson, who was immediately tackled for a 1-yard loss.

"I saw the formation, and I wasn't sure what was going on," Patriots defensive end Chandler Jones said. "It was great awareness by our team."

The bizarre play overshadowed everything else in one of this season's most hyped games — the rematch of January's AFC championship game, which spawned the "Deflategate" controversy.

Tom Brady was his usually brilliant self, going 23 of 37 with 312 yards, three touchdowns and his first interception of the season as the Patriots improved to 5-0 for the first time since

they're 16-0 season in 2007.

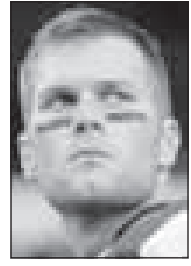
Andrew Luck returned from an injured right shoulder after missing the previous two games and played his best game of the year. He was 30 of 50 for 312 yards and three touchdowns.

Pagano's risky play calls did pay some dividends.

His first fourth-down gamble, on the game's opening series, resulted in a 5-yard TD pass from Luck to Donte Moncrief. His second, an onside kick after Indy took a 14-10 lead, nearly worked but the refs ruled New England recovered the ball, a play that was upheld on a coach's challenge.

But after Brady's 25-yard TD pass to Rob Gronkowski gave New England a 27-21 lead early in the third quarter, the fake punt proved costly.

"We expected this to be a gadget game," Belichick said. "Their punter ran a sweep against Tennessee a couple weeks ago, so that's something they've done in the past."



BRADY

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tigers remain undefeated thanks to trickery



BATON ROUGE — Perhaps someone at Florida should have reminded first-year coach Jim McElwain about Les Miles' propensity to gamble against the Gators.

Leonard Fournette ran for 180 yards and two touchdowns, Miles victimized Florida with a fake field goal for the second time in five years, and the No. 6 Tigers beat the No. 8 Gators 35-28 on Saturday night.

Kicker Trent Domingue's 16-yard touchdown run on the fake was LSU's only scoring play of the second half, breaking a 28-all tie in the fourth quarter.

Miles, who also once kept his offense on the field for five fourth-down conversions in a 2007 triumph over Florida, said his latest unconventional call in this series between these old Southeastern Conference rivals was very much a calculated risk.

"We studied it and kind of felt like it was there,"

Miles said, adding that during practice this week, his field goal unit "did everything they could do to sell us on running it. We are not going to run it if they are not just great at it. They were great at it all week."

The Tigers' defense held from there — barely. Florida receiver Antonio Callaway, who had a 72-yard punt return for a score, also had his hands on a long pass to the end zone from Treon Harris in the middle of the fourth quarter, but LSU's Dwyane Thomas punched it out to prevent a tying touchdown.

Harris, starting for the suspended Will Grier, passed for 271 yards and two touchdowns for Florida (6-1, 4-1 SEC), with both scoring passes to tight end Jake McGee. Brandon Harris threw for 202 yards and two scores for LSU (6-0, 4-0).

The fake field goal had to be a bad case of deja vu for Florida fans, even if not for McElwain, who still probably should have known Miles' reputation for such gambles.

Instead, McElwain called Miles' call "a badge of honor."

"They had to fake a field goal to beat us," McElwain said. "They made a hell of a play."

Domingue bobbled the lateral pitch as he ran at full speed, but was able to gather it in as he sprinted around the left end.

"I was pretty nervous. I guess my hands were shaking," said Domingue, a former walk-on who is 7 for 7 on field goals this season. "My whole body was shaking. I kind of did black out a little bit in the middle of it. It happened, so I guess I'll just realize it tomorrow when I wake up."

Fournette finished with 195 yards from scrimmage, including 15 yards on a screen pass. His rushing total was the highest by any player this season against Florida.

Fournette called the Florida defense "tremendous," and the most physical he'd faced, but also said the Gators delivered what felt like cheap shots, such as poking him in the eye, as tacklers piled on him.

LSU also proved it could hit on explosive plays through the air against a strong SEC defense.

Brandon Harris hit Malachi Dupre, who was covered by Vernon Hargreaves III, for a 52-yard gain on a flea-flicker that began with Fournette taking a pitch from Harris and lateraling it back. That



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play set up Fournette's second touchdown on a 6-yard run.

In the final half-minute of the first half, Brandon Harris escaped Florida defensive end Jordan Sherit's grasp, and launched a deep pass to Dupre, who made the catch in front of Marcus Maye

and scampered a final few yards for a 50-yard TD that made it 28-14 at halftime. That was Dupre's second touchdown catch of the game.

"I got outside the pocket and Malachi knows, just keep running," Brandon Harris said. "Wherever he's at on the field, I'll be able to

reach him."

Sophomore Treon Harris had a tough task in his eighth career start. Tiger Stadium was packed with more than 102,000 fans amped up for the showdown of unbeaten teams. LSU routinely got into the backfield, registering five sacks, three by Lewis Neal.

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YES

NO

Amendment No. 2

Do you support an amendment to authorize the investment of funds for a state infrastructure bank to be used solely for transportation projects?

YES

NO

Amendment No. 3

Do you support an amendment to allow any legislation regarding the dedication of revenue, rebates, and taxes to be considered during a fiscal legislative session?

YES

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Amendment No. 4

Do you support an amendment to specify that the ad valorem property tax exemption for public lands and other public property shall not apply to land or property owned by another state or a political subdivision of another state?

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PUBLIC NOTICES

October 13, 2015

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 5:00 PM in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

Mayor Williams opened the meeting with prayer and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doyle Chanler motioned to adopt the minutes of the September 8, 2015, regular meeting as read; Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

There were no new items added to the agenda.

Larry Merritt gave a report of monthly activity for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Under oral communication, Mayor Williams reminded those in attendance about the burn ban in effect which prevents outside burning.

Mayor Williams stated that the painting of the water tank behind Sibley Town Hall will be completed soon.

Alan Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting; Doyle Chanler seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned by the Mayor at 5:15 PM.

/s/ Jimmy Williams
M a y o r

A t t e s t :
/s/ Linda Christy
C l e r k

October 19, 2015
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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session October 12, 2015

The Village of Dixie Inns Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on October 12, 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 Kay Stratton and seconded by Connie Woods to adopt the minutes of the regular session on September 14, 2015. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

The financial statements were presented.

Department Reports:

A. Mike Chreene reported that his department was having a large number of leaks in the village. He reported that he was able to fix most

of them but had to have an outside contractor to fix some of them. He attributed the large number of leaks to the dry weather.

B. Police Chief James Edwards reported that Officer Josh McCormick would be graduating from the police academy in mid November.

C. Mayor Ava Nell McWhorter discussed different home within the village that needed to be condemned.

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

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Friday's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals I

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Brownish songbird
 - 5 Tiny (Pref.)
 - 8 Large (Pref.)
 - 12 TV advertisers
 - 14 "Once — a time"
 - 15 Barack Obama, e.g.
 - 16 Exploit
 - 17 Stocking stuffer?
 - 18 Soft and weak
 - 20 Actor Benjamin
 - 23 Sandwich shop
 - 24 Depend (on)
 - 25 Insists on
 - 28 Yoko of music
 - 29 Break a Commandment
 - 30 Discoverer's cry
 - 32 One bordering on divine
 - 34 Witticism
- DOWN**
- 35 Soon, in verse
 - 36 Rotates
 - 37 Sound system
 - 40 Kin of 30-Across
 - 41 Break into a computer
 - 42 Raze
 - 47 Liniment target
 - 48 Eternally
 - 49 Disposition
 - 50 Operated
 - 51 Break suddenly
 - 19 Level
 - 20 A sib
 - 21 Tear to bits
 - 22 Lotion additive
 - 23 English cattle breed
 - 25 Naive reformer
 - 26 Gloomy
 - 27 Tibia's place
 - 29 Movie
 - 31 Chances, for
 - 33 Graded (papers)
 - 34 Compunctions
 - 36 Explorer Heyerdahl
 - 37 Counterfeit
 - 38 Mexican entree
 - 39 Reverbate
 - 40 "So be it"
 - 43 Actress Longoria
 - 44 Charged bit
 - 45 Spanish Mrs.
 - 46 With it, once

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