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## **CRIME**

# WPSO, MPD assist in high-speed chase

Suspect leads police on multi parish high-speed chase

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The Webster Parish Sheriff's Office and the Minden

Police Department assisted

in a high speed chase that

ended in Bossier Parish. Webster Parish chief deputy Bobby Igo Jr. says they received a call for assistance from Bienville Parish just after 10 a.m. Tuesday when a man was coming



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through the parish at a high rate of speed. "It started around the 61

mile marker on I-20 on a traffic stop," he said. "The alleged passenger of that vehicle ended up jumping behind the wheel, and they started a high speed chase

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A truck driven by John Garcia of Plano, Texas sits in the ditch on Interstate 20 after crossing over spike strips while leading police on a high-speed chase. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

# Parish Fair Kicks Off



Annual fair parade marks start of fun and festivities

The 2015 Webster Parish Fair parade Fair Queen Sommer Laliberte, above, kicked off the week long, much-anticipated nival of fun for kids of all ages. The Webster Parish Fair is in full swing until Saturday. Franklin/Press-Herald

**WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE** »Fair gates open at 5 p.m. (Armband night: \$16 for an armband to ride rides until

closing. Gate fees are \$2) »4-H Swine showmanship at 6 p.m.: 4-H students will participate in showing their animals, with emphasis on the students' showmanship abilities. Swine weight classes will follow, where swine will be divided into their respective weight

»Stormy Weather Band will begin at 7 p.m.





POLICE JURY

# Penal Farm talks tabled

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Discussion on what to do with the Webster Parish Penal Farm has been tabled until after the first of the vear.

In the Webster Parish Police Jury's buildings and grounds committee meeting Tuesday, jurors began talking about the fate of the old prison, some saying they wanted to sell it, others saying they wanted to keep the property.

One thing made clear, though, is that if anything is sold, it will be the prison facility and the warden's house, which is about 10 acres. The rest of the property will remain with the jury.

Juror Daniel Thomas says keeping the property is just costing the taxpayers money.

dent Jim Bonsall says he'd like to keep it as he sees it as an investment.

However, Thomas added he is adamant

about doing something with the penal farm and the warden's house; he just doesn't see why they need to keep the rest of the property.

**BONSALL** 

Bonsall says it's a good access point to the jury's remaining property, but Thomas says an easement would alleviate that issue.

"This is one of the main access points to the rest of our property out there," Bonsall said.

"I love land, but when we are elected, are we really elected to go investing in growing pine trees?" Thomas asked. "Is that really the best

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WEBSTER'S ROOTS

# History of Griffith Stadium and Webster Parish Fair Grounds

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B.F. Griffith was operating a quarter horse racing track at this location in the early 1900s. In 1906 Griffith organized the Webster Parish Fair Association and the Webster Parish Fair

In 1917 the fair association suspended operation and the property was left in the hands of Griffith and its' stockholders.

In the late 1920s, Minden was considered as a possible site for a junior college, the property was offered as a potential location. The dream of a junior college was lost in the legislative process.

1930s saw the field being used for the American Legion baseball games. The area was also used for recreation by CCC cadets at Camp Meyer, located adjacent to the present stadium.

After WWII, Mr. Griffith was instrumental in having the property transferred to the City of Minden. June 2, 1947, the Board of Aldermen of Minden voted unanimously to name the property Griffith Park.

In 1951, the city donated part of the property to the state for the construction of the Northwest Louisiana Vocational-Technical School.

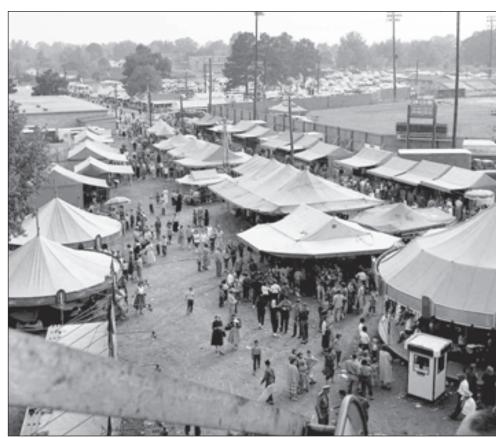
Dec. 16, 1952, a vote was approved for a 1 mil property tax for 5 years, to construct a municipal stadium and baseball park. The city council voted in 1953 that the Municipal Ball Park as it was being called then shall be open to any and all ball teams playing at that time without charge. All gate receipts would go to the playing teams and con-cession stand proceeds would go to the Baseball Commission.

By late 1950s, the park was used by Minden High School, American Legion and Redbirds Ball teams. In 1957 a motion was entertained from the Minden Baseball Association to change the name of the stadium to Griffith Stadium, in honor of the contributions of B.F. Griffith

Sr., to the sport of baseball in Minden and his work in donating property to the city. Griffith originally came to North Louisiana as a young man when hired as a professional baseball player by the L&NW Railroad Company in Homer, Louisiana. Griffith threw the first pitch at the 1957 Redbirds opening game and a name change ceremony followed. Because of legalities, the name was not officially changed until three years later after Griffith's

In the years since, the park has seen standing room only crowds for semi-pro games, the home field for LHSAA state championship teams for Minden High and home field for Webster High School prior to desegregation of schools.

The site has been the location of rodeos, speeches by national-known political figures such as Gov. George Wallace of Alabama, and many kid's day activities for the Webster Parish Fair.



The Webster Parish fair during the 1950s era is shown. Courtesy Photo

arts in minden

## Cultural Crossroads receives \$50k grant

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Thanks to a \$50,000 grant, Cultural Crossroads will now be able to offer arts programs at The Farm to about 30 at risk freshmen and sophomores.

Chris Broussard, cofounder and executive director, says this grant resonates with her in a very personal way, because when she relocated to Doyline from Paris, France 50 years ago, she was a freshman in high school, a failing freshman.

"Our family's statistics mirror those of our nation's children," she said during Tuesday's Webster Parish Police Jury meeting, "with only half of our freshmen seeing their way to graduation. So this grant is about me, and it is about all the other failing freshmen who

felt like me.' Through the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana's "Angels for Foundation Change," Cultural Crossroads will be able to offer hope to these young minds to



Cultural Crossroads of Minden was presented with a \$50,000 grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation's Angels of Change program. The Webster Parish Police Jury was instrumental in its support of the arts program in its beginning through today. The grant will go towards the Arts and Soil program at The Farm for roughly 30 at risk freshmen and sophomore students.. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

spark their desire for learn-

"Our goal is to reduce the number of young minds who for whatever reason have not realized their own potential or self-importance," she said. "Our goal is to expose them to a variety of art-related experiences that we hope will help them find their sense of

self-worth."

Broussard says she decided to make the big announcement at the police jury meeting because of their staunch support of Cultural Cross-

roads through the years. "We wanted to make the announcement here and the acceptance in front of you, our jurors, because years ago, when we questioned our own existence as an organiconvince some 30 young people and a host of children

zation, you believed in us and supported us," she said. "Thank you for believing in us, and now we are out to that we believe in them."

(district 2), \$182.73 (district 2) and \$719.29 (district 9) to purchase kitchen equipment for the Webster Parish Head Start, \$800 (district 9) and \$800 (district 10) to build a fence and for van repair for the Webster Parish Council on Aging.

■ the appointment of Bobby Dodson as board chairman for Cullen Fire District 6, replacing Ted Owens.

■ Third quarter budget amendments. ■ and off-system bridge

system requirements for 2014.

AROUND LOUISIANA

## Police: Principal, coach arrested for abusing student

ARNAUDVILLE - A St.Landry Parish high school principal and a coach have been placed on administrative leave following their arrests in a physical confrontation with a student.

The St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office says Beau Chene High School Principal Anthony K. James, and basketball coach Lorenso T. Williams were arrested Monday after detectives received a complaint Sept. 30 regarding incidents between the student, Williams and James.

The child told police that while Williams was scolding him for not tucking in his shirt, Williams threw him against lockers and dragged him. Investigators say the child later got into a physical altercation with James.

Williams and James say they were attempting to discipline or control the student.

Williams was charged with cruelty to a juvenile, while James was charged with simple battery.





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## JURY

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use of the taxpayers' money? If you're thinking about putting an industrial park there later on or a gravel pit there later on, I understand that. To me, it changes up what we're elected to do." Bonsall says for him, the

property is more valuable, adding the prison is not, but the property itself is the asset.

"It is one of the prime

pieces of property over there just because of the location," he said. "I'm not telling you that if there was a company to come along wanting to build something that might hire 25 people, I'd be tickled to sell it to them."

Juror Steve Lemmons also brought up the fact that if an oil company approached them with lease options that would be a win-win.

Committee chairman Randy Thomas says they need to look at the facility and the house, once the house is vacated to assess its

current condition. Discussion will resume once that has taken place. In other jury news, during

its regular meeting, they approved: ■ the certification of tax

rolls. Only two companies contested their assessments. Will Drill only contested so they could take their issue to Baton Rouge, parish assessor officials say. Autozone took issue with their inventory

recreation expenses: \$420 to purchase a heater for the Cullen Senior Center



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## GERMANTOWN COLONY MUSEUM CUTS RIBBON

An official ribbon cutting was hosted at the Germantown Colony Museum Tuesday with many special guests, including Secretary of State Tom Schedler. Descendants from the original Germantown colony were on hand to take part in the ceremony. Thanks to the hard work of so many, legislators like Sen. Robert Adley, Gene Reynolds and former Rep. Jean Doerge, now curator, made this possible. In 2008, the Germantown Colony Museum was added to the statewide museum program under the secretary of state. German native Michael Fluhr welcomed everyone and led prayer in his native language. A short history of the founding of the colony was given as well. Refreshments with a German flavor were served following the program. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

**OBITUARY** 

## Larry Harlan Hamner

Larry Harlan Hamner died peacefully on Sept. 26 2015 at the age of 65 in Baton Rouge. He was born in Minden on May 1, 1950 and is preceded in death by his parents, Virginia Reeves and Emory Maxwell Hamner.

He is survived by his children, Genevieve Delaune Hamner Silverman and husband Philip, and Bradley Stewart Hamner and wife Emily, and three grandchildren.

A graduate of Minden High School and

LSU, Larry spent his entire career as an investigator for the US Dept of Labor, Wage and Hour Division in Baton Rouge.

He was a kind-hearted man and enjoyed spending time with family watching movies, parades, and LSU football. He also found joy and beauty in music, amassing an impressive collection of artists of all genres.

A memorial service will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, with burial to follow in Lane Memorial Cemetery in Sibley.

## CHASE

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which started eastbound, but he turned westbound."

He says about four units from Webster joined the chase around the 52 mile marker and led the way through the parish, and when they arrived at Exit 47 (the Minden/Sibley exit), the driver got off where the Minden Police Department put out spike strips. The driver went around the spike strips and got back on to I-20 and the chase continued Bossier Parish.

The Louisiana State Police, by this time had also joined in the chase, says Bienville chief deputy Randy Price, and just on the other side of the parish line, spike strips were again put out, which caught the front driver's tire of the truck in ques-

"About mile marker 34, he hit the spike strips and the driver's front tire blew off; the tire just shreds," Price said. "The rim is still on the truck, but the tire just disintegrated."

By that time, six or seven units from all agencies were there and were able to take him into custody without

incident. Price says the incident began when deputies conducted a traffic stop on the truck for speeding.

"Our units were out working traffic this morning, and one of the deputies clocked a vehicle going 86 in the eastbound lane of I-20," Price said. "He initiates a traffic stop, approaches the vehicle, and the vehicle is being driven by a female at that particular time.'

The deputy smells a strong odor consistent with that of marijuana coming from inside. He says she is asked to step out of the vehicle and come to the back, to which she complies.

"He radios another deputy who was close by working traffic," Price said. "That other deputy arrived on scene, pulled up behind

the other deputy's unit, at which time Garcia jumps into the driver's seat, takes off and almost immediately cuts across the median and heads west. The female was left there; he took off just that fast."

The two deputies engage

in a pursuit, and another unit

was coming to the scene to take care of her, Price says. Meanwhile, she hitched a ride before the third deputy could arrive, he said. When the parishes east-

bound were notified, they received a call that she had been detained in Rayville in Richland Parish, he said.

The vehicle was brought back to Bienville Parish, and following the retention of a search warrant, deputies discovered suspected marijuana and a pipe commonly used for smoking marijuana, along with a blow torch inside.

John Albert Garcia, 27, of Plano, Texas, was charged with aggravated flight from an officer, improper lane usage, reckless operation of a vehicle, resisting by giving false information, two counts of possession of a Schedule I CDS (marijuana), possession of drug paraphernalia, and a hold was placed on him for charges of drug trafficking out of Texas and Arkansas. A hold will also be placed on him for charges in Webster. No bond has been set.

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ga, 22, of Dallas, was cited for speeding 86 in a 70 mile per hour zone, resisting an officer by flight, two counts of possession of a Schedule I CDS (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia. No bond has been set.

Igo says Garcia faces charges in Webster for speeding and aggravated flight from an officer. "I want to emphasize how

well all the agencies worked together for the safety of the suspect as well as the units," he said. "It was good teamwork with the state. Bienville and ourselves. The communication was just really, really good."

## BIRTHDAYS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

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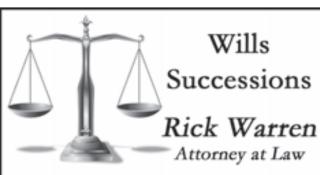
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**EDITORIAL** ROUND UP

# The Advocate on the price of oil

The price of oil is sharply down from last year, but if there's one thing Louisiana has still got, it's lots of natural gas at a historically low price level.

That is of course good news for the metropolitan areas of the state, including big refineries in Baton Rouge and Lake Charles and in the River Parishes above New Orleans. They are consumers of oil, but the industry complex is also a huge consumer of natural gas for petrochemical manufacturing.

Those industries are important economic drivers, but what about regular automobile drivers? A number of business vehicle fleets have been covering to compressed natural gas instead of regular gasoline-powered engines.

An obstacle to wider acceptance of CNG vehicles has been infrastructure: Where do you go when you need a fill-up?

Fleet vehicles are typically fueled at CNG stations where they are based; there is also at least one station accessible for heavy-duty vehicles on South Choctaw Drive in Baton Rouge.

In Lafayette, a company recently opened a public CNG station on Verot School Road, one of several stations along the Interstate 10 corridor, including one in Houston. The addition allows fleet owners "to make the shift away from diesel and (extend) the range of CNG-powered fleets already on the road today," said TruStar President Adam Comora of the new station.

Will all this catch on? We are of course delighted to see a Louisiana product being used for vehicles. There seems little danger of natural gas running out, even with the increased use in vehicles and exporting of natural gas to other countries — the latter is also a dawning industry in Louisiana.

At the same time, electric vehicles are becoming competitive and longer-ranged, appealing to other

The marketplace will eventually decide if gasoline is to be widely replaced by alternatives, but today's lower gasoline prices suggest that it's a little harder sell right now for switching to CNG or elec-

And while there is no guarantee over the longer term that gasoline prices — or for that matter, natural gas prices — will stay as low as they are today, the fact is that Louisiana's oil and gas industry is leading the way in a revolution of

The combination of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing — "fracking" — and enhanced methods of recovery are bringing more onshore oil and gas into the marketplace. This is a supply revolution in the supply-and-demand system, so prices will be down for a while. But the worldwide demand for energy will only increase and Louisiana's key role as a producer and refiner of petrochemical products is one our critical contributions to the economy of the globe,

not just our nation. With new outlets, such as vehicles and exports, Louisiana's natural gas production is a vital and growing element in our economy. We welcome these advances.

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PERSPECTIVE

# Suppressing Iree speech

I receive loads of mail in response to my weekly nationally syndicated column. Some recent mail has been quite disturbing. Here's a sample: "Given your support of freedom on a great many issues, I wish to bring to your attention the following George Mason University staff who have formally called on the President to use RICO statutes to punish organizations and individuals who dispute the 'consensus' of the" Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The writer goes on to say, "I am appalled that anyone

associated with George Mason would so misuse the power of the Federal government.' The writer names 20 signatories, six of whom are GMU facultv mem-



(http://tinyurl.com/nke4l5z). This letter writer's problem, like that of many others, is a misperception of George Mason University, where I am an economics professor. We have a distinguished economics department that can boast of having had two homegrown Nobel Prize winners on our faculty. Plus, we have a worldwide reputation as a free market economics department. The university can also boast of a distinguished law school with professors who, in contrast with many other law schools, have respect for the United States Constitution and the rule of law. We can boast of the excellent Law &

al firepower at George Mason University, most people assume that it is like its namesake, a libertarian or free market university. Little could be further from the truth. My university, at which I've toiled for 35 years, has a political makeup like that of most other universities — middle of the road to liberal/progressive. What distinguishes my liberal/progressive colleagues is that they are courteous and civilized, unlike many of those

at universities such as the

University of Massachusetts

and the University of Califor-

Economics Center, too.

With this kind of intellectu-

So I investigated this call for the use of RICO, or the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. It turns out that Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., has called for the criminal investigation of people and organizations who are seen as global warm-

nia, Berkeley.

ing deniers. This would include lawsuits against the coal and oil industries, certain think tanks, and other organizations that question the global warming religion. By the way, so that Whitehouse and his gang don't appear silly, they've changed their concern from global warming to climate change. That's stupid in and of itself, for when has the climate not been changing, even before mankind arrived?

It turns out that George Mason University meteorologist Jagadish Shukla is the lead signatory of the letter sent to the president and attorney general asking them to use RICO laws to prosecute corporations and other organizations that have knowingly deceived the American

people about the risks of climate change." This GMU professor calling for the prosecution of climate skeptics has been recently revealed as "climate profiteer." From 2012 to 2014, this leader of the RICO 20 climate scientists paid himself and his wife \$1.5 million from government climate grants for part-time work (http://tinyurl.com/p2c8nx3).

The effort to suppress global warming dissidents is not new. Grist Magazine writer David Roberts said, "When we've finally gotten serious about global warming, when the impacts are really hitting us and we're in a full worldwide scramble to minimize the damage, we should have war crimes trials for these bastards — some sort of climate Nuremberg." Professor Richard Parncutt has called for the execution of prominent "GW deniers." Climate Progress Editor Joe Romm called for deniers to be strangled in their beds. James Hansen, who has headed NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, has likewise called for trials of global warming deniers.

The global warming agenda is a desperate effort to gain greater control over our lives. Political commentator Henry Louis Mencken (1880-1956) explained that "the whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." That's the political goal of the global

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

**EDITORIAL** ROUND UP

## Town Talk on supporting leaders over attacks during the primary election

We're less than a month away from the Oct. 24 primary election. As the days left to the election count down, the campaigns of the candidates will ramp up.

Whether it's newspaper ads, TV, radio, outdoor or online and social media, candidates are scrambling to get their message out to voters.

Sadly, far too often the candidate's message isn't focused on what they will do to improve conditions in our state. Instead, many candidates prefer to promote themselves by tearing down their opponents. Instead of saying 'vote for me because I have a plan and the skills to fix the challenges facing Louisiana," candidates campaign on a platform of 'vote for me because the other guys running are bad people."

That's not a platform. And voting for one person not because you feel they are the best candidate for the job, but to simply vote against someone else isn't casting a responsible vote.

Louisiana faces huge economic challenges. With oil revenues declining, the state is looking at even more losses in revenue. The people elected to lead the state, from the governor to state legislators, will have to make serious decisions to make strategic spending cuts while finding ways to increase revenues. They can't hide behind no-tax pledges and smoke-and-mirrors tactics that create the illusion of a balanced budget. They will have to make hard decisions that will affect us

their homework. Check out candidate's websites. Attend or watch the candidate debates. Learn what their positions are and what their plan is to tackle the challenges facing the state.

What we hope voters don't do is make their decision based on a TV attack ad or a negative piece they get in the mail in the coming days. Negative campaigning isn't new. It's been around pretty much as long as there have been elections. And, one can reasonably assume that the reason it has lasted this long is that candidates believe it works. If they didn't think it got them votes, they

would stop doing it in a minute. And that's on us, the voting public. We have to be smarter than that. We have to learn to filter out the negatives and focus on real issues. Yes, a candidate's character matters. But sometimes there is more to the story than what gets shared in an attack ad. And, sometimes people make mistakes, learn from them, and become stronger for it.

Name calling, finger pointing and attacking others won't solve the state's budget challenges. Our state needs leadership that can work together with multiple groups to find and implement

solutions. It's up to each of us to do the research to find those leaders.

## Share your thoughts.

**Email Letters** to the Editor to bruce@press-herald.com.

# WEBSTERLIFE

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## **Around Town**

Oct. 6

The Webster Parish Police Jury will meet at 9 a.m. in the jury's committee meeting room on the third floor of the Webster Parish Courthouse. The monthly meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., in the jury meeting room on the second floor.

### Oct. 10

Webster Parish Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society will be from 3 until 10 p.m. at the Minden Recreation Center. There will be a car show, kids games and bouncing house, entertainment and a special ceremony supporting cancer survivors and honoring those who have been taken.

Pink Pearl Tea at Orleans on Main at noon. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

Junior Service League of Minden's Annual One Mile Fun Run and 5K starts at 7:30 pm and costs \$5. The 5K will begin at 8 p.m. and costs \$35. Race location is Eastside Missionary Baptist Church. For more information call Kelli Waller at 272-5194 or Ashley Gruner 840-6389.

### Oct. 11

West Lake Baptist Church homecoming will be at 10:30 a.m. with guest pastor Bro. Eddie Sowders and musical guest Aaron Watson and Friends.

Bright Star Missionary Baptist Church's 120th Anniversary will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Brady L. Blade.

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church's women's day will be celebrated at 3 p.m. with special guests Prophetess Theresa Jackson, Evangelist Sharon Lewis, Evangelist Gennell Lofton and Prophetess Roshanda Hammond.

St. James Missionary Baptist Church's musician appreciation program will be at 3 p.m.

Yellow Pine Christian Church's 113 anniversary will be celebrated at noon.

## Oct. 11-14

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church's revival will be nightly a 7 p.m. with guest evangelist Pastor Timothy Henderson.

# 2015 Fair Queen Pageant



Pictured from left are Fair Queen Pageant contestants Kaelynn Allen, Maite Bean (first runner up and People's Choice), Alice Kramer, Sommer Laliberte (2015 Fair Queen), Alexis Sneed (Miss Congeniality), Emily Rhame and Whitney White (second runner up) Courtesy Photo

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Central Elementary 6th Grade ELA Unit 1 Spelling Bee Winners, from left, are Maya Merritt (first place), Kendravious Dubose (second place) and Kristopher Redden (third place). Courtesy Photo

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# **SPORTS**

### **MLB**

## Astros advance with

## 3-0 win over Yanks

NEW YORK — A year ago, no one could've pictured this. Yet here they were, Dallas Keuchel and the Houston Astros, soaking in champagne, merrily posing for a victory shot on the mound at Yankee Stadium.

After all that losing, this was one October win to remember.

Keuchel baffled New York for six innings of three-hit ball. Colby Rasmus and Carlos Gomez homered, and the Astros beat the Yankees 3-0 Tuesday night in the American League wild-card

"Nobody really gave us anything at the start of the year. And I don't think anybody gave us a shot at the end of the year," said Keuchel, the AL's only 20game winner.

The orange-clad Astros advanced to the Division Series against the defending AL champion Royals starting Thursday night in Kansas City.

Rasmus sent Tanaka's first pitch of the second inning soaring into deep right field. Gomez connected on the first offering of the

"That really settled me down, and that's who we are," Keuchel said. "We hit a lot of home runs, pitch well and play defense.'

## **NCAAF** LSU, USC game

## site still up in the air

COLUMBIA, S.C. -South Carolina athletic director Ray Tanner is not "100 percent sure" that Saturday's football game against No. 7 LSU will be played at Williams-Brice Stadium because of the devastating floods that hit the state this past weekend.

Tanner said Tuesday that officials at both schools and the Southeastern Conference have gone through several scenarios, including playing the game at LSU. He said a decision will be made within the next day and half whether the game can go on.

Tanner said logistical issues like roadways that have been washed away and whether there would be enough first-responder personnel available to handle the typical duties on game day like traffic and crowd control.

"There are a lot of concerns and a lot of things to consider," Tanner said.

The contest between LSU (4-0, 2-0 SEC) and South Carolina (2-3, 0-3) is scheduled for noon.

Tanner said many cities have been discussed as potential alternatives.

"Certainly, a game at LSU is not out of the realm of possibility as well," he said.

The SEC Network had planned on hosting its "SEC Nation" show from South Carolina on Saturday, but moved to Knoxville, Tennessee because of the

If the Gamecocks cannot host the game, it would take a significant financial hit. Projections from the athletic department's budget presentation to the Board of Trustees in June showed the school expected to make \$3,854,476 from game ticket

sales. That was the secondhighest game projection this season with its home contest against rival Clemson on Nov. 28 expected to bring in more than \$4.2 million in ticket revenue.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Miles considering options



BATON ROUGE — As much confidence as LSU coach Les Miles expresses in the abilities of his receivers, he has apparently decided to see if the threat of lost playing time sharpens their focus.

"We're looking at shuffling the lineup. We're looking at all those things," Miles said Monday. "I like the effort of my wide receivers. It's not as productive as it

needs to be. It needs to be more in line with the coaching. We

have to execute better. Period."



In a victory over Eastern Michigan that had more tense moments than the seventh-ranked Tigers would have liked, LSU (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) was 4 of 15 for 80 yards and no touchdowns through the

Dupre graded the receiving corps at "F-minus" against EMU, adding that "we can't let anything close to that happen again.

So far this season, LSU is averaging 95.5 yards through the air per game. So far, low passing numbers haven't mattered because of a power running game led by Heisman Trophy candi-date Leonard Fournette, who already has 11 The 864 yards and 11 TDs (an average of 8.7 yards per carry and 216 yards per game).

Yet, LSU has six SEC games left, starting at South Carolina this Saturday, and followed by a home date against currently unbeaten and 11th-ranked Florida the weekend after.

So wide receiver John Diarse was not surprised to hear Miles was at least considering "shuffling" the line-

"If he does go along with that, apparently he has a plan and we have to trust that plan and be prepared for those changes," Diarse said. "Any time you kind of have those hiccups on your team, your coach has to make some type of change, whether it's a big change or whether it's a small change.

"Now we're about to go into the meat of our schedule with SEC opponents, so we've got to find something," Diarse continued. "We've got to find a rhythm. We've got to find a flow of things.

Miles recently has not allowed quarterback Brandon Harris to speak to media, but the coach does not sound too concerned about his quarterback's recent form.

"Brandon Harris is really doing what we ask him to do," Miles said. "The balls that he's throwing, he's really on target. We just need to catch it. I think that will happen. I think our wide receivers are poised to have a good year and this is not



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characteristic of them, dropping those balls."

We're kind of in a position where we'd like to be a little bit more hitting on all cylinders but in reality we're really close," Miles added.

Quarterbacks and

receivers at the pro and college levels often talk about the importance of establishing rhythm and tempo in the

passing game, which can be hard to do at LSU, where 75 percent (186 of 248) of total offensive plays called this season have been running

LSU's receivers aren't about to ask for more passes with Fournette's success, but there's an emphasis on improving the balance, as well as pitching in to help the ground game.

"If they were recruiting me and they told me they were going to give the ball to Leonard, or the running backs 75 percent of the time, it might be hard to get a recruit at the receiver position or quarterback position," Dupre said. "But at the end of the day, we're here ... we've got to live with it."

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Glenbrook holds homecoming bonfire



**BLAKE BRANCH** blake@press-herald.com

Glenbrook School was the place to be Tuesday night, as Apache players, students, parents and fans came together to celebrate homecoming with a bonfire rally.

The team kicked off the festivities by destroy an old car in throwback, homecoming fashion, a symbolic gesture of the type of performance Glenbrook is hoping for against Union Christian Academy Friday on

The varsity and junior high cheerleaders kept everyone pumped up with performances and refreshments were provided by the Glenbrook Booster Club.

Plenty of fun was had beside the towering blaze created by an excess of wood pallets and the football team, cheerleaders and sundancers took part in spirit games to win prizes. A Lion pinata was destroyed by the younger Apaches attendance and the night concluded with Minden Fire Department putting out the blaze.

The Apaches will kickoff their homecoming game against the Lions at 7 p.m. from Apache Stadum.







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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

# Carnivals and picture shows from the past

Special to the Press-Herald

Over half a century ago Minden had carnivals visit at least once a year. My recollection is that they were located across from the Coca Cola Bottling Company on Pine Street. The road

cemetery today has a sign that s a y s "Rephart", but old maps show it was named "Red Heart." With Pine Street it



forms a triangle of land that now has lovely brick homes on it. Back then it was vacant and that is where the carnivals put up their rides and booths.

There was petty thievery all over town. Most of those who worked with the carnivals looked like they might be hoboes. They were not very clean, and shabbily dressed. These were the depression years and hardly any of us had more than a dime to spend on rides (which cost a nickel).

## **Games**

Still, there was an air of excitement when we knew the carnival was in town. I remember going with a girl friend out to the carnival and just walking around looking at the various booths (where you took a

chance to win some worthless doll or object.) The money spent trying to win the doll would have more than paid for a similar doll.

There was always a booth where you had your picture made - a tiny little picture hardly bigger than a postage stamp, but it brought back memories of the excitement of the carnival. On several occasions the local police checked out those booths where you tried to win a prize, and they were "rigged" so that you could not win. The police closed those booths down. Also, they checked for "girlie" shows.

I remember when the carnivals pulled out of Minden, they took not only their rides and booths but on two occasions young girls ran away with them. The officers found the carnival and brought the girls back on both incidents.

### Field Trip

about a nickel.

Minden did not host the Webster Parish Fair back then, so the Louisiana State Fair in Shreveport was a really big event in our lives. The School Board set aside a day for the pupils to attend the fair - on the day the State Fair designated as "Children's Day." There was no charge for children to get into the fair on that day. Not only did we have a day out of school for the fair, but a school bus carried us to the fair for a small fee

One of the bus drivers that I remember was a man that everyone liked, his name was Ray J.Talley. I did not have very much money to spend at the fair, probably a quarter. That had to cover food, the bus ride and whatever was left for rides. There was so much free to see that I only remember riding the merry-go-round once. The exhibits were free and people had entered the best that they had made - canning, quilting, dress making and many other categories. The thought of a trip to the fair filled us with excitement.

## Today's Fair

Today, Minden is the home of the annual Webster Parish Fair. The spacious facilities at the Fair Grounds have been updated, along with the parking area. The Minden Police are there to see that everything and everybody is safe. The pretty girls from all over the Parish vie for the honor of being Webster Parish Fair Queen. With local residents manning the food booths, we feel safe letting the children eat there. The displays always point out the various talents the Parish residents possess. We even have a "Senior Citizen Day" (which covers me.)

### **Picture Shows**

Minden had two movie theatres - one that I think was called the Rex back then, and another that was located by City Drug where the jewelry store is now located. I remember it as the Scout Theatre, others remember further back when it was called the Brownie Theatre or later it was the Tower Theater... The Scout had western movies, that closed each episode with a "cliff hanger" so that you would return the next Saturday to see what happened. Some children had enough spending money to go each Saturday. The Christmas of about 1937, in addition to getting the compact with MHS in Green (when the colors had been changed to red three years before), I was given a nickel to go to the picture show (as my mother called them - not movies but picture show.) When we visited relatives in Shreveport they had Sunday movies. Once a cousin offered to pay my way if I would go with her to a Sunday movie. I knew my mother did not approve of such things on the Sabbath Day, so I was not surprised when she said, "Now if Jesus comes back today and He could, how will you explain being in a picture show on Sunday?" That scared me so badly that I turned down the opportunity to go (even though I really wanted to go.) Did you know that on April 5, 1956, the Minden City Council passed an ordinance to allow showing of Sunday night movies in

### **Drive-Ins**

During the war years we acquired at least one drivein movie theatre out the Shreveport Road Mcintyre, near where I-20 crosses Highway 80. Later, the Joy Drive-In on the Shreveport Road inside Minden opened. Earlier there had already been the Rex Theatre and the Scout Theatre. Later the Joy Theatre (the indoor version) opened down on Pearl Street. This was a great place to go to pass the time. Often there were double features - two movies for the price of one. I realized that most of these double features were Class B movies and the stars were not very well known. Still, during the war years it was a wonderful place to spend a couple of hours since there was so little to do during the war years for pleas-

**War Years** In 1940, while I was attending Meadows Draughon Business College, the Strand was showing "Gone with the Wind" during the day as well as night. I checked out of school and went to the movie - it began at about 10:00 a.m. and with the intermissions it lasted till after 2 p.m. That allowed just enough time to walk back to the parking lot for my ride back to Minden with Mrs. Pauline Oliphant and Judge Harmon Drew (the grandfather of Richard Carey, and the grandfather of the current Judge Harmon Drew and also the great grandfather of Drew White.) Two other students rode with Mrs. Oliphant. ---Mildred Hobbs and James

Of course, there was no television and only a few had radios. I listened to other people's radios but I never had one of my own until about 1941. The churches provided some activities for young people, but there was still a great deal of leisure time. So all these carnivals, fairs, and cheap movie theatres help fill the war years until the Minden boys came home.

Time has gone by and now we do not have even one movie theater, but we do have television and videos. And Minden still has the annual Webster Parish Fair, and Shreveport has the annual Louisiana State Fair. Do you remember the excitement when the carnivals came to town?

Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan's Cameos column every Wednesday.

ENTERTAINMENT

# Johnny Cash, Miranda Lambert, Steve Cropper get stars

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -Country stars Miranda Lambert and the late Johnny Cash, along with famed blues musician Steve Cropper, were honored Tuesday for helping to build Music City's reputation as a home for artists of any genre.

along with Gaylord Enter-

tainment business executive E.W. "Bud" Wendell, were given stars on the Music City Walk of Fame in downtown Nashville, Tennessee.

Lambert, a two-time Grammy winner originally from Texas, said she first came to Nashville a decade The three musicians, ago as a contestant on the talent show "Nashville Star,"

but has spent the better part of her career on the road.

When she finally took some time off of touring and moved back to Nashville, she said she felt like it was home.

"I have never felt more inspired," Lambert said. "It was my first summer kind of off the road and I have never felt more ready to make

music and learn from music and learn from musicians and songwriters."

Cropper got his start at Stax Records, in Memphis, Tennessee, as a guitarist with Booker T. and the M.G.s, The Mar-Keys and later as a member of the Blues Brothers with John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd.

But he was drawn by country and studio musicians, including Chet Atkins and Hank Garland, and moved about 30 years ago to Nashville, where he also has a studio.

"I have always said that Nashville has some of the greatest musicians that have ever walked on the Earth, period," Cropper said.

Cash's youngest brother, Tommy Cash, accepted the honor on his brother's behalf. Wendell, an executive who helped to grow the Grand Ole Opry and Gaylord Entertainment, also was

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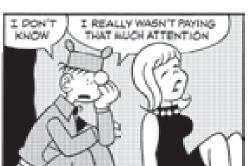


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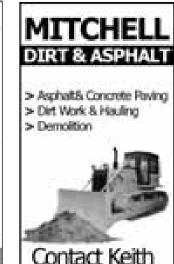
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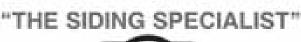
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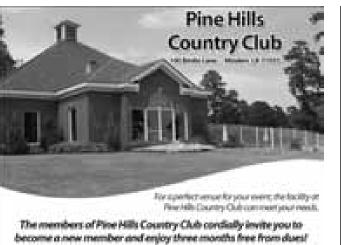
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