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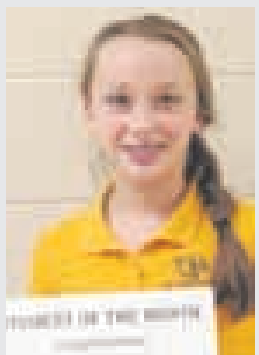
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EDUCATION

Resource officer contracts tops agenda

School board to vote on school resource officer contracts tonight

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The school resource officer contracts between the Webster Parish School Board and the Minden and Springhill police departments will go before the board Monday.

After review from attorneys, the contracts put before the board include what will be paid to each officer. If approved as is, the school board will pay \$9,250 for one officer at Webster Junior High School and one officer for Minden High School. A total of \$4,738.61 will be paid for one officer at North Webster High School.

Springhill chief Will Lynd and mayor Carroll Breaux approached the school board in June asking them to pay for a school resource officer. Although the city has had one, the city has paid for the officer to be at NWHS, while covering the other schools when needed.

In the contracts are what

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MINDEN CITY COUNCIL

The Minden City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in Council Chambers at Minden City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

PREP FOOTBALL

ON FIRE

Minden Crimson Tide brings home 43-40 win in fierce battle with North DeSoto Griffins



Minden's L'Jarious Sneed goes airborne to make a touchdown catch in Friday's 43-40 victory over North DeSoto. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

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STATE

Tax amnesty set to begin

BATON ROUGE — Delinquent taxpayers have one last shot to pay what they owe with lessened penalties and interest charges.

The state revenue department announced Monday that Louisiana's latest tax amnesty period begins Nov. 16 and runs through Dec. 15. It's the third year in a row Louisiana is offering amnesty to those who haven't paid what they owe, and it's the last amnesty allowed for a decade.

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WEBSTER CRIME

Fight leads to arrest

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SPRINGHILL — Springhill police arrested a man after his girlfriend called saying she had been hit during an argument.

Harvey D. Bates, 40, of the 500 block of 4th Street SE, was arrested Friday, Oct. 30, on the charge of domestic abuse battery. Bond was set at \$266.



BATES

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HALLOWEEN



Despite the wet weather early Saturday, the sky cleared in the evening making perfect weather conditions for area ghost and goblins to trick-or-treat. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

TURKEY GIVEAWAY WILDCARD



21 turkeys will be given away this year by area businesses participating in the TURKEY GIVEAWAY. Registration blanks will be printed on Nov. 2, Nov. 9, and Nov. 16. Drawings will be held Nov. 19. Winners will be announced in the Minden Press-Herald on Nov. 20. Participating businesses include: Walmart, Hamburger Happiness, RSB, Spiller's Appliance & Furniture, Bon Temps, Save-A-Lot, Ace Hardware, Possibilities, MBL, A.J. Price (Main Street), A.J. Price (Highway 531), Holcomb's Body Shop, Cone's Farm & Garden Mart, Hebert's Town & Country, Holmont Sales & Rental, GBT (Sibley), GBT (Homer Road), Minden Farm & Garden, DD Super Discount Liquor, Mike's Outdoors, and Lamplighter Apartments.



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Law enforcement, firefighters and first responders were honored during a unity ride in Heflin Sunday. Minden Police Dispatcher Shanell Shine, Heflin Police Chief Paul Migues and Dubberly Police Chief Charles Mims were given certificates of appreciation for their dedication and service to the community. Heflin volunteer firefighter Robert Stachowicz, above, accepted a certificate on behalf of Heflin Fire Chief Stewart Beatty and Shine accepted one on behalf of Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper. The idea behind the event was to say thank you to law enforcement, firefighters, first responders and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

ELECTION 2015

Edwards, Vitter agree to Nov. 16 debate

MONROE — There will be at least one debate before Louisiana's runoff for governor.

News outlets report that Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter and Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards have agreed to a Nov. 16 debate broadcast statewide from Baton Rouge. It's to be run by WVLA-TV at The Dunham School.

The News-Star reports that both campaigns have confirmed the debate.

Edwards has also agreed to participate in a Louisiana Public Broadcasting debate Nov. 10 if



VITTER EDWARDS

Vitter confirms.

Vitter has said he's interested in several debates before the election on Nov. 21.

He was criticized for participating in only two of seven widely televised debates and forums before the primary.

WEATHER

2 tornadoes confirmed in Louisiana Sunday

NEW ORLEANS — Bad weather prompted the Voodoo Fest's first weather cancellation in its 17-year history.

But Archbishop Gregory Aymond, carrying a big umbrella, blessed graves at seven cemeteries there up to Saturday for All Saints Day, WDSU-TV reported.

In the town of Jean Lafitte, Mayor Tim Kerner tells NOLA.com 'The Times-Picayune that storm forecasts moved All Saints Day observances there up to Saturday. But, he said Saturday, "The graveyards are full of water. ... It's sad. People can't get to the graves."

The Voodoo Music and

Art Experience's website states, "Voodoo is a rain, mud, sleet, snow, or shine Experience."

Sunday changed that.

"Fan safety is the top priority for the producers of the festival and current conditions at City Park do not meet our standards for maintaining a safe experience," read a message on its website. "While Voodoo is a no refund, rain or shine event, producers will make refunds available this year given the severe weather conditions."

The National Weather Service said crews confirmed on Sunday that Saturday's storms spun off tornadoes in Livingston and Tangipahoa

parishes.

An F1 twister with maximum winds estimated at 90 mph left a 2-mile path in Livingston, lifting metal roof panels from sheds and a barn and snapping or uprooting many trees, according to a storm report. An F0 tornado east of Tickfaw peeled part of the roof from a modular house and threw metal sheds and a trampoline about 300 yards, the report said.

Heavy rains on Sunday kept a crew from checking damage from a possible tornado Saturday in Pearl River, Mississippi, meteorologist Alek Krautmann said. He said that site, including a destroyed mobile home and a

roof torn from a house, will be checked Monday.

Three buildings were damaged and power lines and trees were knocked down in Pearl River county, according to a message late Saturday from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

It reported damage in three other counties. In Clarke County, four businesses, the county emergency operations center and one home flooded. Ten homes were damaged in Marion County; and one mobile home was damaged and power lines and trees downed in Wayne County, according to MEMA.

LOTTERY

Jackpots unclaimed in 3 big La. lotteries

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana Lottery Corp. says nobody won the jackpots in three big games sold in Louisiana.

That means Wednesday's estimated jackpots rise to \$142 million for the Powerball, \$400,000 for Lotto and \$60,000 for Easy 5.

The biggest prize won in Louisiana for any of those games was \$2,464.

The lottery corporation says 10 Lotto tickets each won \$2,464 by matching five of six numbers drawn Saturday.

Winning numbers drawn Saturday were:

Easy 5: 02-20-33-35-37

Lotto: 09-12-14-19-35-

37

Powerball: 09-20-25-47-68; Powerball 7, Power Play 2

OBITUARY

Martha Lynne Walker Wetzig

Martha Lynne Walker Wetzig, born Jan. 17, 1947, passed away on Oct. 30, 2015, in Grapevine, Texas. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 at West Chapel at First Baptist Church in Minden. Graveside services will be held at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden immediately following the service. Presiding will be the Rev. Bill Crider of Minden, assisted by Martha's cousin, Rolle Walker of St. Louis, Missouri. Visitation will be held at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden on Monday, Nov. 2, from 5 until 7:00 p.m.

Martha is preceded in death by her hus-

band, Donald Alan Wetzig of Dallas, Texas, and her parents, Frances Thomas and Andrew Newton Walker of Minden. She is survived by two children: Lindsey Alan Wetzig, his wife April, of Keller; and Leah Catherine Wetzig of Dallas. Grandchildren include: Andrew James Wetzig, Jack Ryan Wetzig and Ben Alan Wetzig. She also is survived by a sister, Ellen Elizabeth (Libby) Walker Cleveland and husband Gary of Berthoud, Colorado, and Tommy Walker and wife Cindy of Minden, LA. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Martha was selected as an All-State band member while at Minden High School and

was a member of the Teen Trebles ensemble and TeenTone Choir of First Baptist Church, Minden. She graduated from Minden High School in 1965 as salutatorian of her class. Martha then went on to graduate with honors from Baylor University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. Martha was the recipient of the Ross Perot Education Award for Excellence upon graduation. She earned a Masters degree in Education from Southern Methodist University in 1974. She married Donald Alan Wetzig in 1973. Martha taught in the Dallas area public schools for over 20 years and was named Teacher of the Year in Midlothian School District.

She and her two children, Lindsey and Leah, moved to Minden in 1991 where she was an active member of First Baptist

Church, Minden. Martha enjoyed singing in the First Baptist Minden choir and using her teaching gifts as a 4th grade Sunday school teacher for several years until 2008 when she moved to Dallas. Martha was known for her gentle spirit, friendly nature, and willingness to serve others.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to the Martha L. Walker Wetzig and Donald A. Wetzig Scholarship Fund at Baylor University. Donations may be mailed to One Bear Place #97050, Waco, TX 76798-7050 or online by visiting www.baylor.edu/give and then searching for "Martha L. Walker Wetzig."

Pallbearers will include: Winston Walker, Chris Walker, Craig Walker, Robert McKilips, Dr. Fred Cabaniss, Jack Byrd, Wayne Orr, and Howard Doughty.



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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Time to reform our criminal justice system

Today, there are 2.2 million people behind bars in America and millions more on parole or probation. Every year, we spend \$80 billion in taxpayer dollars to keep people incarcerated. Many are non-violent offenders serving unnecessarily long sentences.

I believe we can disrupt the pipeline from underfunded schools to overcrowded jails. I believe we can address the disparities in the application of criminal justice, from arrest rates to sentencing to incarceration. And I believe we can help those who have served their time and earned a second chance get the support they need to become productive members of society. That's why over the course of this year, I've been talking to folks around the country about reforming our criminal justice system to make it smarter, fairer, and more effective.

In February, I sat down in the Oval Office with police officers from around the country. In the spring, I met with police officers and young people in Camden, New Jersey, where they're using community policing and data to drive down crime. Over the summer, I visited a prison in Oklahoma to talk with inmates and corrections officers about rehabilitating prisoners, and preventing more people from ending up there in the first place.



PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Two weeks ago, I visited West Virginia to meet with families battling prescription drug and heroin abuse, as well as people who are working on new solutions for treatment and rehabilitation. Last week, I traveled to Chicago to thank police chiefs from across the country for all that their officers do to protect Americans, to make sure they've got the resources to get the job done, and to call for commonsense gun safety reforms that would make officers and their communities safer.

And we know that having millions of people in the criminal justice system, without any ability to find a job after release, is unsustainable. It's bad for communities and it's bad for our economy.

So on Monday, I'll travel to Newark, New Jersey to highlight efforts to help Americans who've paid their debt to society reintegrate back into their communities. Everyone has a role to play, from businesses that are hiring ex-offenders to philanthropies that are supporting education and training programs. And I'll keep working with people in both parties to get criminal justice reform bills to my desk, including a bipartisan bill 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 reason that good people across the country are coming together to reform our criminal justice system. Because it's not about politics. It's about whether we as a nation live up to our founding ideal of liberty and justice for all. And working together, we can make sure that we do.

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

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AP NEWS ANALYSIS

Vitter trying to appeal to GOP rivals' voters

Republican candidate for governor David Vitter should send thank you notes to his former GOP rivals for the job, Scott Angelle and Jay Dardenne. The two men's combined refusal to exit the race ensured a split of the anti-Vitter vote that helped propel the U.S. senator to the runoff.

Now, Vitter's got to figure out how to get those men's voters to pick him in the Nov. 21 election — or at least stay home and not cast a ballot for his opponent, Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards.

It's an awkward transition to be sure, after months of Vitter and a pro-Vitter super PAC attacking Angelle and Dardenne and after months of those two one-time contenders trashing Vitter in debates and campaign commercials.

The pair accused Vitter of dodging the voters and distracting from the state's real policy debates by running misleading attack ads about issues that have nothing to do with the governor's office. They called Vitter's 2007 prostitution scandal a humiliation for the state that would continue to cast a shadow on Louisiana if he was elected.

On Election Day, Dardenne ran an ad aimed at Vitter, in which he said: "We are better than this. We can avoid the disappointment, the embarrassment, the ridicule, the shame." Angelle called Vitter "Sen.

Pinocchio," accusing him of deceptive ads and a flip-flop on the Common Core education standards. He's said Vitter is not only "wrong on fornication," but also on "education, on medication, on transportation and on litigation."

And that's only a sampling of the harsh words exchanged leading up to the primary election earlier this month. In the last debate ahead of that election, Dardenne said voters should select one of the three men who participated. Vitter wasn't there.

Vitter, however, said he's actively reaching out to Angelle and Dardenne voters, describing the people who voted for the two Republicans as more ideologically similar to him than to a Democrat.

"Those voters are clearly more aligned with where I'm coming from than where John Bel Edwards is coming from," Vitter said.

Vitter ran a distant second to Edwards in the primary election, getting 23 percent of the vote compared to 40 percent for Edwards. But the dynamics of the election shift with a head-to-head matchup — and with all of Vitter's money, attacks and attention focused on Edwards.

A political action committee pushing an "Anybody But Vitter" campaign thought the words from Angelle and Dardenne were damaging enough that it decided to use them in its latest ad against Vitter. The television spot from Gumbo PAC, which is partially financed by the Democratic Governors Association, lifts clips from prior gubernatorial debates. The ad shows Angelle saying a "stench" will cover the state if Vitter is elected and Dar-

danne describing the prostitution scandal as a "stain on Louisiana" and Vitter as "vicious."

To encourage voters to choose him on the November ballot, Vitter's trying to make the race a partisan one. His first ad since the primary election — and the ads launched by outside and national groups — seek to tie Edwards to President Barack Obama, who is unpopular in Louisiana.

"The bottom line on our record is I'm a conservative reformer. He's a pro-Obama liberal. That's on issue after issue after issue," Vitter said. He said Edwards' support of Obama in the presidential elections "clearly suggests how he'd lead the state."

But Vitter and Edwards only have striking policy contrasts on certain issues.

Positions on cleaning up the state's budget mess through a state tax structure rewrite and on addressing the state's transportation backlog are similar. Both men oppose Common Core. Both are anti-abortion and pro-gun.

Angelle and Dardenne voters looking for distinctions between their two choices in the runoff will have to dig deeper, into issues of Medicaid expansion, charter schools, vouchers, environmental lawsuits and union support, where the candidates have strong differences.

And they'll have to decide if the criticisms their favored first candidates, Angelle and Dardenne, lodged against Vitter will sway their vote on Nov. 21.

Melinda Deslatte covers Louisiana politics for The Associated Press.



MELINDA DESLATTE

PERSPECTIVE

Cities losing people, not brains

The population of New Orleans fell 7.3 percent after Hurricane Katrina, but guess what. NOLA now has 40,000 more college graduates than before the disaster.

From 2000 to 2013, Detroit lost over 160,000 residents but amazingly added nearly 167,000 college graduates.

It's an urban myth that population loss and brain drain go hand in hand. On the contrary, of the 100 largest American metropolitan areas that lost population in this time period, every one gained in the percentage of college-educated residents. Such findings are contained in a report from the Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank that studies urban issues.

In some, cities with major population losses actually saw their college-educated head count rise to exceed the national average. "Buffalo and Cleveland went from less educated than America to more educated than America," Aaron Renn, a senior fellow at the institute, told me.

The Winston-Salem metro region, in North Carolina, lost jobs in this period (though not population), in good part because of a declining textile industry. But its number of college graduates grew by an astounding 66 percent.

This bright bit of news should not obscure the serious and enduring problem of poverty in New Orleans, Detroit and other shrinking cities, especially among African-Americans. Their list of challenges remains long, Renn said, but "losing brains is yesterday's problem."

Why do so many think otherwise? The public tends to view a city's talent pool like water in a bathtub. As population declines, educated people do leave; they go down the drain, so to speak. But this misses the running tap at the top of the tub. Educated people also arrive.

There are several reasons for this growth in educated urban residents. Obviously, the general rise in the number of Americans obtaining college degrees plays a part.

Still, why are they disproportionately living in cities once given up for dead? It happens that many of these cities enjoy the added advantage of being anchored by venerable institutions.

Cleveland, for example, has the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic medical complex. Pittsburgh is home to Carnegie Mellon University, a stronghold for science and technology.

Buffalo is an especially interesting case. It lacks big-name institutions but has a huge number of colleges. Many of their graduates stay in town.

Did you know that Buffalo last year had the lowest out-migration rate of any city in America? It also has the highest percentage of people living in the state where they were born; 81 percent were born in New York.

It may surprise many to learn that some cities with the most robust economies are actually experiencing a net out-migration of people with college degrees. New York and Boston are two examples. But that's no cause for panic. No one is worrying about the future of New York or Boston.

And what about the "cool" factor, the great old architecture and downtowns so appealing to creative types? Renn downplays the importance of hipster enclaves. Cleveland, for example, added about 4,000 people to its downtown from 2000 to 2010. That's good but not a huge number.

A more positive description would be "nascent repopulation." That's a great start.

Your author differs with the Manhattan Institute on a number of other fronts, but these market-oriented researchers have it straight on how hurting cities should direct their resources. They should spend money on improving the infrastructure they already have in place — the roads, pipes, housing. An advantage old urban cores have over new mushroom cities is they don't have to build these expensive services from scratch.

Above all, turn the public schools into centers of educational excellence and bingo. The educated middle class will stay put, and the poor will move on up.

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Around Town

Nov. 3

Tickets are on sale now for the Hannah McFarland Scholarship Fundraiser Benefit. Dinner will be red beans and rice, catered by Bon Temps. Plates are \$9 each. The Young Women's Service Club is sponsoring the event at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church on Germantown Road. Drive-through or pick-up from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. Pick up location will be on the ticket.

Nov. 7

Central Community Association's prayer breakfast to honor veterans will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Community Center. Veterans with ID eat free, cost to the public is \$8 per adult/ \$5 per child (ages 10 and below). To register to attend call by Oct. 29. For more information on registering contact Shelia Hunter (318-518-4790), Kim Doyle (318-707-1102) or Jeanette Williams (318-820-3488).

Nov. 8

A Veteran's Day Program at New Light Missionary Baptist Church will start at 3 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor James Bonner.

Webster Memorial C.M.E. Church's annual "Family and Friends Day" celebration will be at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Victor Carter.

Agape New Beginning Ministry's tenth anniversary will begin at 8 a.m. with guest speaker Elder Jerry Davis.

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church's "Parade of States" and annual men's day will be at 2:30 p.m. with Valley Spring Missionary Baptist Church's male chorus as special guest.



Carolyn H. Green was recently honored by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting for maintaining her CST certification for 15 years. Courtesy Photo

Green honored by NBSTSA

Carolyn H. Green is being honored by the National Board of Surgical Technology & Surgical Assisting with an important milestone in her career as a surgical technologist. Green has maintained certification for 15 years as a CST. The NBSTA is proud to honor all milestone recipients for their hard work and commitment to the profession.

While CST certification is currently non-compulsory in many states, more and more states are adopting statutory requirements for certification of surgical technologists. A CST is required to renew their certification every four years, either by submitting 60 continuing education credits or by taking the NBSTA CST examination.

Established in 1974 and headquartered in Littleton, Colorado, the mission of the NBSTSA is to provide professional certification of surgical technologists and surgical first assistances, thus promoting quality patient care in the surgical setting.

Paul named J.A. Phillips student of the month



Bailey Paul has been selected as J.A. Phillips' student of the month for September. Courtesy Photo

MAR-C Industries is raffling off a 65-quart Yeti cooler to help raise funds for a down payment to purchase a van to help with transporting their workers. The drawing is Nov. 10 and tickets are \$10. Call 377-4774 to purchase tickets. You do not have to be present to win.

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"Tenacious" is the one word Dr. Wilson uses to describe himself. Running his first marathon at 16, his determination has followed him throughout his career. He understands how important an active lifestyle is and plans to incorporate his extensive training into the treatment of his patients so that they can "get back to work, sports and life."

Dr. Wilson is joining Michael Austin PA-C to form Wilson Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine. New patients are welcome to their clinic located at 216 West Union, Suite A in Minden.

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PERSONAL

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

Dr. Mark D. Wilson

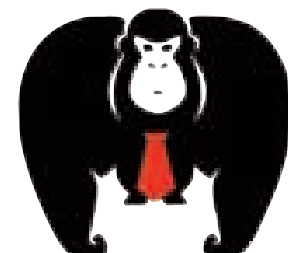
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GRIFFINS GROUNDED

MINDEN WINS SHOOTOUT WITH NORTH DESOTO, 43-40



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STONEWALL - The Minden Crimson Tide traveled to North DeSoto last season and fell hard, 23-0.

What a difference a year makes.

On Friday night, the Tide were back in the same stadium where they lost that game and the same quarterback that tossed five interceptions was under center once again, but this time, as head coach Spencer Heard predicted, the result was much better.

"I think it was a great win for us," Heard said. "North DeSoto is a very good team that plays physical football. I was proud of our guys for coming out and being able to match their physicality. I think the fans got their money's worth."

Minden started the game with a nice drive that ended with a 22-yard touchdown pass from Antonio Rivette to L'Jarius Sneed to make it 7-0.

The Crimson Swarm defense went back to work and forced another punt, and on the first play of

Minden's second drive they scored their second touchdown as Rivette took a quarterback keeper up the middle for a 68-yard touchdown run to give the Tide an early 14-0 lead.

The Griffin's couldn't get anything going against the Tide defense until late in the second quarter when Kyler Radford found Maguire Parker for a 14-yard score to get North DeSoto on the scoreboard.

On the first play of the second half, Rivette went back to work on the ground, breaking loose for a 50-yard touchdown run that put him over the century mark.

With Minden leading 21-7, things got interesting in the third quarter.

North DeSoto established their running game with a series of off-tackle runs by Delmonte Hall. Hall scored on a 16-yard run to make it 21-14. The Griffins opted for an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff and it was successful, giving possession right back to the Griffins. Three plays later Hall was in the end zone again, bringing the score to 21-20.

Minden drove the field and scored to respond, this drive finished off with Rivette's third rushing score of the day.

North DeSoto fought furiously, scoring three touchdowns in the final quarter of play, but it was a familiar face stepping up to save the day for Minden.

With six minutes to play and the Tide leading 29-27, L'Jarius Sneed got the ball on a speed sweep moving left. Sneed had to wait behind a pair of blockers who were out in front, but his patience paid off as the big boys found Griffins to block



Minden's L'Jarius Sneed (#5) follows Brandon Jackson (#52) for a big gain in Friday's 43-40 win over North DeSoto. Blake Branch/Press-Herald

and Sneed raced 63-yards untouched for the score.

North DeSoto took less than one minute to respond with a touchdown to make the score 36-33, but Sneed silenced the home crowd with an impressive run after the catch on a well-executed screen pass that ended with Sneed in the end zone to make the score 43-33.

"He's just become an incredible player," Heard said of his star senior. "We've been able to utilize him so well and he

gives us that spark. Anytime he touches the ball good things are going to happen. He's a very fun player to watch and even more fun to coach."

North DeSoto refused to give up, working their way downfield and scoring with 2:35 to go.

On the ensuing onside kick, North DeSoto appeared to recover which would have set up a potential winning drive, but the Griffins were flagged for illegal touching prior to the kick trav-

eling 10 yards.

The Tide worked the clock under one minute, before punting the ball back to the Griffins, but Patrick Heard ended any hope of a miracle with an interception right in front of a relieved Spencer Heard.

"It felt like a someone lifted a couple of hundred pound weights off my back," Spencer Heard said. "It was an extremely emotional moment for the whole team; just a very wonderful moment." Rivette finished with

166 yards rushing and three scores, adding 148 yards passing and two more scores.

Sneed finished with three catches for 99 yards and a pair of touchdowns, adding 81 yards rushing and another touchdown. Kelcey Miller caught three passes for 34 yards, Tavarius Edwards caught two passes for nine yards and Adrian Flournoy had one catch for five yards and a big first down.

Rodravion Rogers carried for 10 yards rushing.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

North Webster claims first district title, 62-25



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SPRINGHILL —The North Webster Knights used their powerful running game to roll over the Green Oaks Giants, 62-25, and clinch the first district championship in school history on Friday night at Baucaam-Farrar Stadium.

"We dominated up front the whole game," Knights head coach John Ware said. "The kids played great and they were excited. It was just a great night. It's been fun to see this program rise. The kids believe in what we do and it's been a long journey."

The Knights received to begin the game and strolled right down the field in less than two minutes, as Jalen Smith capped the drive with a 29-yard touchdown run.

Green Oaks responded with a nice drive of their own, but were stopped on fourth down by a stingy North Webster defense.

The Knights got their second score of the game on a 9-yard pass from Cameron Huff to tight end Cole Stanford with less than minutes left in the first quarter.

The two teams traded stops for the majority of the remainder of the first half, but with less than two minutes left until half-time, North Webster got the ball on their own 20-yard line. Two plays later, Devin White carved through the Giants defense like a Halloween pumpkin and hurdled the last man between he and the end zone for a 66-yard touchdown run.

North Webster's defense, led by defensive end Jaylon Bonton and linebackers Rico Gonzalez and Ke'Untra Gipson, played great the whole first half and limited Green Oaks to 94 offensive yards.

The Knights picked up right where they left off, rattling off 21 points in the third quarter, all of which came courtesy of the running backs.

Green Oaks did their best to keep up, putting 19 points on the board in the explosive third quarter, but North Webster continued to pile on points with 20 more in the final quarter.

The Knights finished with an eye-popping 544 yards rushing as a team, led by Devin White with 202 yards and two touchdowns.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Warriors' woes continue



Frankie Chanler carries the ball for Lakeside. The Warriors fell to Calvary, 41-0, Friday night in Sibley. Tim Boyet/Courtesy Photo

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Cowboys' downed at home



ARLINGTON, Texas — Beating the Dallas Cowboys wasn't the first thing on Russell Wilson's mind when he went to the locker room at halftime Sunday.

Seattle's star quarterback had just watched one of his receivers, Ricardo Lockette, crumble to the ground and lay motionless for several minutes after a vicious block on a punt return.

And even though Lockette flashed a thumbs-up from a stretcher as he was driven off the field on a cart — and Wilson directed a late drive to a field goal in a 13-12 win after finding out Lockette would

probably be OK — it was hard to forget a scary and tense moment for both teams.

"I don't think I've ever been part of something that scary," Wilson said. "He wasn't moving for a while, then he started moving his eyes and moving his fingers. And just starting talking to us, saying 'Do it for me, Russ.'" Seattle improved to an NFL-best 21-6 in games heading into the bye in its second straight win. The Seahawks will see NFC West-leading Arizona in two weeks.



BRYANT

Lockette was reported to have a concussion after he was flattened on a block by Jeff Heath, and several Seattle play-

ers appeared upset with the Dallas safety.

The ensuing discussion included the sometimes volatile Bryant, who was extremely upset in the locker room over a video posted to social media during the game by an outside source that appeared to show him using an expletive toward Lockette after the collision.

"I won't ever, ever, ever wish bad on a player that's getting knocked down," said Bryant, who had two catches for 15 yards. "Not once I said, 'Hey, that's what you get.' I got on one knee and prayed for that man. ... I mean, don't put clips together and do that."

A few minutes later, after a profanity-laced rant directed at media near him that could be heard on the other side of the locker room, Bryant had to be calmed by team personnel.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saints top Giants behind Brees' seven touchdowns



sure did.

Brees passed for career highs of 511 yards and an NFL record-tying seven touchdowns, and recently signed Kai Forbath kicked a 50-yard field goal as time ran out, giving the Saints a 52-49 victory in a game with a record 13 scoring passes.

"It's not like we came out today with the intent to set a few records just to shut some people up," said Brees, who went 40 for 50. "Our mindset is, every time we step on the field, we have a chance to do something pretty special."

The 101 points tied for third most in an NFL game. Both offenses combined for 1,030 yards.

"Never been a part of something like that,"

Brees said. "Pretty wild."

New York's Eli Manning connected on a career-high six touchdown passes, three to fellow New Orleans native Odell Beckham Jr.

"Their offense is always high-powered. I thought it might be a day where we were going to have to score some points," Manning said. "I didn't know how many it would take. Obviously, the offense did some good things."

Manning had lost his previous two visits to the Superdome, where his father, Archie, starred for the Saints. But those games were in 2009, when the Saints became Super Bowl champions, and 2011, when New Orleans was setting numerous offensive

records in a 13-win season.

The 2015 Saints (4-4) are younger and a little raw, but seem to be hitting their stride, having won four of five after an 0-3 start that ignited all kinds of predictions about the demise of the Sean Payton-Brees era.

Brandin Cooks and Willie Snead each had two touchdown catches. Brees' other three scoring passes went to Marques Colston, Ben Watson and C.J. Spiller, the last to tie the score at 49 with 36 seconds left.

Only seven other players threw seven TD passes in a game, including Peyton Manning and Nick Foles in 2013. Sid Luckman, Adrian Burk, George Blanda, Y.A. Tittle and Joe Kapp also did it between 1943-69.



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Hundreds of officers lose licenses over sex misconduct

MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Flashing lights pierced the black of night, and the big white letters made clear it was the police. The woman pulled over was a daycare worker in her 50s headed home after playing dominoes with friends. She felt she had nothing to hide, so when the Oklahoma City officer accused her of erratic driving, she did as directed.

She would later tell a judge she was splayed outside the patrol car for a pat-down and then made to lift her shirt and pull down her pants to prove she wasn't hiding anything. She described being ordered to sit in the squad car as the officer towered over her. His gun in sight, she said she pleaded "No, sir" as he unzipped his fly and exposed himself to her with a hurried directive.

"Come on," the woman, identified in police reports as J.L., said she was told before she began giving the officer oral sex. "I don't have all night."

The accusations are undoubtedly jolting, and yet they reflect a betrayal of the badge that has been repeated across the country.

A yearlong investigation by The Associated Press has found about 1,000 officers who lost their licenses in a six-year period for rape, sodomy and other sexual assaults; sex crimes that included possession of child pornography; or sexual misconduct such as propositioning citizens or having on-duty intercourse.

The probe at once represents both the most complete examination of such wrongdoing and a sure undercount of the problem, limited by a patchwork of state laws. California and New York, for example, had no records because they have no statewide system for revoking the licenses of officers who commit misconduct.

And even among states that provided information, some reported no officers removed for sexual misdeeds even though cases were discov-

ered in news stories or court records.

"It's happening probably in every law enforcement agency across the country," said Chief Bernadette DiPino of the Sarasota Police Department in Florida, who helped study the problem for the International Association of Chiefs of Police. "It's so underreported and people are scared that if they call and complain about a police officer, they think every other police officer is going to be then out to get them."

The AP's review is based on a state-by-state pursuit of records on decertification, the process by which a law enforcement license is revoked. Though nine states and the District of Columbia declined to provide information or said they did not track officer misconduct, decertification records from 41 states were obtained and then dissected to determine whether the cause of revocation involved sexual misconduct.

All told, the AP determined that some 550 officers lost their licenses from 2009 through 2014 for sexual assault, including rape, pat-downs that amounted to groping, and shakedowns in which citizens were extorted into performing favors to avoid arrest. Some 440 other officers were decertified for other sex offenses or misconduct, including child pornography, voyeurism in the guise of police work and consensual but prohibited on-duty intercourse.

About one-third of the decertified officers were accused in incidents involving juveniles. Overall, the victims were overwhelmingly women and included some of society's most vulnerable — the poor, the addicted, the young. Others had criminal records, sometimes used by the officers as a means for exploitation. Some were victims of crime who, seeking help, found themselves again targeted by men in uniform.

The law enforcement officials in these records included state and local police, sheriff's deputies, prison guards and school resource officers. They represent a fraction of the hundreds of

thousands whose jobs are to serve and protect. Nevertheless, the AP's findings suggest that sexual misconduct is among the most prevalent complaints against law officers.

Cases from just the past year demonstrate the devastation of such depravity.

In Connecticut, William Ruscoe of the Trumbull Police began a 30-month prison term in January after pleading guilty to the sexual assault of a 17-year-old girl he met through a program for teens interested in law enforcement. Case records detailed advances that began with texts and attempts to kiss and grope the girl. Then one night Ruscoe brought her back to his home. The victim told investigators that despite telling him no "what felt like 1,000 times," he removed her clothes, fondled her and forced her to touch him — at one point cuffing her hands.

In Florida, Jonathan Bleiweiss of the Broward Sheriff's Office was sentenced to a five-year prison term in February for bullying about 20 immigrant men into sex acts. Prosecutors said he used implied threats of deportation to intimidate the men.

And in New Mexico, Michael Garcia of the Las Cruces Police was sentenced last November to nine years in federal prison for sexually assaulting a high school police intern. The victim, Diana Guerrero, said in court the assault left her feeling "like a piece of trash," dashed her dreams of becoming an officer, and triggered depression and flashbacks.

"I lost my faith in everything, everyone, even in myself," said Guerrero, who is now 21 and agreed to her name being published.

Experts on sex assault believe most victims never come forward, and said fears can be compounded if the offender is an officer. Diane Wetendorf, who started a support group in Chicago for victims of officers, recalls the stories of those who did go to authorities: Some women's homes came under surveillance or their children were intimidated by police. Fellow

officers, she said, refused to turn on accused colleagues.

"It starts with the officer denying the allegations — 'she's crazy,' 'she's lying,'" she said. "And the other officers say they didn't see anything, they didn't hear anything."

The issue will be in the spotlight beginning Monday in Oklahoma City, where former Officer Daniel Holtzclaw is scheduled for trial, accused in the rapes, sexual battery or exploitation of 13 women, including J.L. The AP doesn't name alleged victims of sexual assault without consent, and J.L. declined to be interviewed. She immediately reported her accusations in June 2014, and detectives launched a wider investigation.

Police eventually assembled a six-month narrative of alleged sex crimes they said started Dec. 20, 2013, with a woman taken into custody and hospitalized while high on angel dust. Dressed in a hospital gown, her right wrist handcuffed to the bedrail, the woman said Holtzclaw coerced her into performing oral sex, suggesting her cooperation would lead to dropped charges.

"I didn't think that no one would believe me," that woman testified at a pretrial hearing. "I feel like all police will work together, and I was scared."

Holtzclaw, 28, a former football star who is now fired from the Oklahoma City Police Department, has pleaded not guilty. His family has said "the truth of his innocence will be shown in court." His attorney, Scott Adams, would not respond to requests for comment but indicated in pretrial hearings that he will attack the credibility of the accusers, some of whom had struggled with drugs or previously worked as prostitutes.

The youngest of the accusers, who was 17 when she says Holtzclaw raped her on her mother's front porch, said the attack left her unsure about what to do.

"Like, what am I going to do?" she said at the pretrial hearing. "Call the cops? He was a cop."

TAX

Continued from page 1

State lawmakers authorized the amnesty periods to help drum up money for the state's budget. The goal of this year's 30-day amnesty

period is to raise \$50 million.

Those who agree to settle their back-owed tax debts will have to pay the full amount of delinquent taxes, 83 percent of the interest and 67 percent of the penalties due. Six-month installment plans are available.

ARREST

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Springhill police chief Will Lynd says Bates' girlfriend called police saying he'd struck her.

"He and his girlfriend were fighting over some money," he said. "She called us saying that she was being beaten and hit. We got over there and she didn't want to press charges."

Lynd says they picked up the charge on their own given the nature of

alleged offense.

"We felt like a domestic situation had occurred," he explained.

According to reports, when Sgt. Rex Morse and Officer H.D. Ainsworth arrived at the scene, Bates was trying to leave the scene.

He was handcuffed for officers' safety, and once they interviewed the victim, Bates was placed under arrest on the above charge.

He was transported to the Springhill Police Department for booking.

MEETING

Continued from page 1

performances are needed, costs, terms and limits of the contract. Then the board will have to decide where the SROs will be, whether they will be full time or part time and list the conditions.

Also on Monday, a personnel committee meeting will take place at 5 p.m. to discuss the renewal of superintendent of schools Dr. Dan Rawls' contract. Evaluation scores for Rawls were released and his score was 2.27 out of an overall score of 3.

Rawls was rated in four different areas: educational leadership, district management, performance objectives and board and community relations.

The board will take action on whether to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the election on the renewal of the parish-wide property mill tax for district 6.

The tax passed 64 percent to 36 percent against. The tax was renewed for 10 years,

estimating an annual amount of \$729,000.

Also on the agenda:

- Jason Wesson will address the board on policy for feeding students going on out-of-town trips,

- Board member JJ O'Neal will address the board to review the policy on employees entrance to school events using their WPSB badges,

- Ceiling repairs to WJHS in the amount of \$4225,

- The furnishing, hauling, laying and dirt for a metal building at Central School in the amount of \$5,000,

- Refinishing the gym floor at Minden High School for \$2,620,

- Approval of the sale of an old food service van.

- Field trips approved,

- Personnel report and

- Superintendent's report.

The personnel committee will meet at 5 p.m., followed by a finance committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. The full board will meet at 6 p.m. at Central Office, 1442 Sheppard Street.

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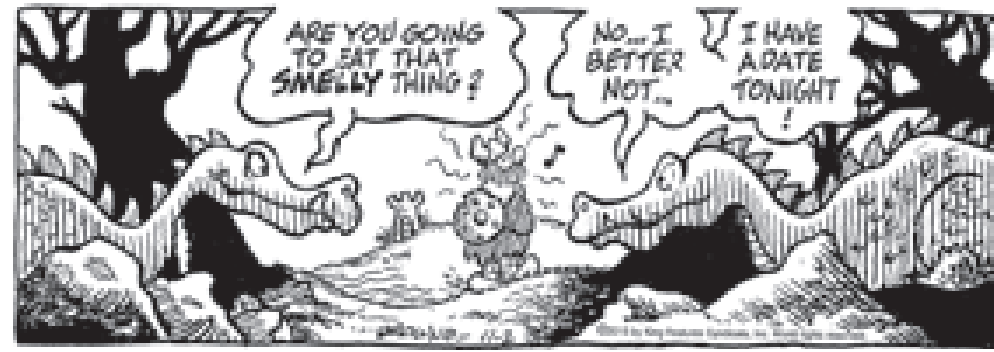
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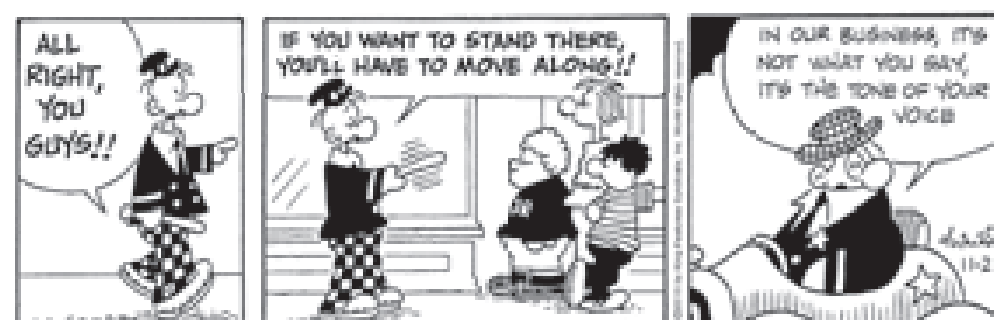
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October 29 & 30, 2015
November 2, 2015
Minden Press-Herald

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The Town of Cotton Valley announces that an application for FY 2016/2017 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funds will be submitted for the following:

ACTIVITY: LCDBG funds will be used to make street improvements.

OBJECTIVE: Provide adequate transportation service for low-moderate income residents of the Town of Cotton Valley.

LOCATION: The target area consists of various streets on the east side of Town.

AMOUNT: \$ 6 0 0 , 0 0 0

All citizens, particularly persons of low to moderate income and residents of blighted areas, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals to the Mayor at the following address: Office of the Mayor, Town of Cotton Valley, P. O. Box 415, Cotton Valley, LA 71018, 318/832-4283 by November 13, 2015.

The application is to be submitted to the State's Office of Community Development on or about November 20, 2015. A copy of the application will be available for review at the Cotton Valley town hall, Monday-Thursday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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Friday's Answer: SINCE I COULD SEE RIGHT THROUGH THAT TRANSPARENT APPARITION, I SHOUTED "THE GHOST IS CLEAR!"
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals N

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| ACROSS | 39 Colorful arc | 61 Blue | 12 "Years ago ..." |
| 1 Tummy muscles | 41 Advice guru on TV | DOWN | 19 "Shop — you drop" |
| 4 Poke | 43 — Lanka | 1 Blind as — | 21 Director Craven |
| 7 ABC's "Shark —" | 44 Verve | 2 Dim memory | 23 Swiss peak |
| 11 Squeal | 46 Shoelace tag | 3 Country singer | 25 Syrian, e.g. |
| 13 Tel Aviv's land (Abbr.) | 50 Wizard's prop | 4 Ship's sail | 26 Starchy tuber |
| 14 "The Good —" | 53 Fabric dye brand | 5 "Dream on!" | 27 Gush |
| 15 Mystique | 55 50 percent, up front? | 6 Coop group | 28 Piddle |
| 16 "Who's piece" | 56 Solo at the Met | 7 Comedy by Shakespeare | 29 Firmly declare |
| 17 Jazzy Fitzgerald | 57 Flier to Amsterdam | 8 Be sick | 30 Tide type |
| 18 Pamphlet | 58 Hefty book | 9 Super Bowl org. | 31 Televised |
| 20 Chicken-hearted one? | 59 Hot | 10 Green parrot | 35 Beetle juice? |
| 22 Optima maker | 60 "Yeah? — who?" | | 38 Texas tea |
| 24 Makes lean, as soup | | | 40 Gershwin or Glass |
| 28 Gelato flavor | | | 42 Capers |
| 32 Purse part | | | 45 African flower? |
| 33 Make level | | | 47 Late July babies |
| 34 Sty critter | | | 48 Stone of "The Help" |
| 36 Fabled loser | | | 49 Bound |
| 37 "Swell!" | | | 50 Existed |
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Solution time: 26 mins.



Friday's Answers

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