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WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Board discusses teacher gate fee

Principals' association says decision left to each school

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A discussion about allowing Webster Parish School employees use their employ-

ee badges to gain entrance into sporting events raised several issues.

Board member Jerri "JJ" O'Neal asked the board to adopt a policy on employee entrance using their identification badges.

The board never made a formal motion to draft a policy, but member Jerry Lott asked the principals association to look into it and come back with the results of their discussion.

Principals' association

president Jeff Franklin says the issue has already been discussed.

The decision was made to allow each principal to take care of his or her own staff.

With all due respect to the board, Franklin says, they don't engage in this practice because the schools' athletic

programs do not receive funding from the school board.

"Our other neighboring parishes send their athletic programs money from the school board in the form of stipends or supplies," Franklin said. "They get an athletic budget from the school board. Webster Parish gives us nothing; everything that we get comes through our gates or it's done through fundraisers."

O'Neal says it would just

be a nice gesture and would help raise morale.

"I received just a couple of phone calls about six weeks ago, not from a high school teacher or a junior high teacher," O'Neal said. "It's from an elementary teacher and support staff. We know that the price of everything is increasing. Even the price of admission to games has increased slightly over the past seven years, and just because that staff member is

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EDUCATION



Leroy Hamilton, left, assistant principal of North Webster Junior High School, accepts a plaque of appreciation from Rodney Taylor. Hamilton was chosen as the November employee of the month for the Webster Parish School Board. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

Leroy Hamilton named employee of the month

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The assistant principal of North Webster Junior High School has been chosen as the employee of the month for the Webster Parish School Board.

Rodney Taylor, of Taylor & Sons, presented Leroy Hamilton a plaque of appreciation and a goodie bag with a gift card and other items for his hard work for Webster Parish schools.

Taylor read a letter of nomination, which states Hamilton closely monitors students, ensuring every one is achieving full potential.

"Mr. Hamilton requires teachers to contact a minimum of five parents per week with positive news," he said. "He checks the conduct of each class, which improves behavior drastically. He works late, often staying until all the students or all activities have been completed."

Hamilton is described as a

gentleman, opening doors for the ladies and carrying heavy items.

"He is a great leader to our kids," Taylor concluded.

Each month, Taylor presents an employee with a plaque of appreciation for the hard work they do for the children of Webster Parish.

Last month, the employee of the month was Tonya Harris, a third grade teacher at Brown Upper Elementary School.

COURT WATCH

Sullivan pleads to drug charges

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A man convicted in March of drug charges has pleaded guilty to additional charges with others passed until January.

Voltaire Sullivan was in court Monday in front of 26th judicial district judge Mike Nerren



SULLIVAN

where he entered a plea of guilty on charges of possession with intent to distribute Schedule II CDS and convicted felon possessing a firearm or carrying a concealed weapon.

Charges of possession with intent to distribute Schedule I CDS, illegal possession of stolen firearms, possession of a firearm while in possession of a CDS and attempted simple escape were dismissed.

Additional charges of possession with intent to distribute a counterfeit Schedule I CDS and introducing contraband into or upon the grounds of any state correctional institution were passed until Jan. 11, 2016.

He was convicted on three counts of distribution of Schedule II CDS crack cocaine and one count of distribution of ecstasy, officials say, in March. He was sentenced to 35 years on those charges.

COURT WATCH

Sentencing for convicted armed robber moved

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Sentencing for a man convicted of armed robbery with the use of a firearm has been moved.

Court minutes show Judge Jeff Thompson, of the 26th judicial district, reset sentencing for Bernell Lewis, in light of a pre-sentence investigation, to Jan. 11, 2016.

Lewis entered a plea of guilty to an amended charge of attempted armed robbery in July in exchange for his testimony against his cousin, Mattavious Wortham.

Wortham was sentenced in August to 38 years in prison for trying to rob a Cullen store and attempting to kill the store owner.

Lewis was originally charged with attempted

first-degree murder and armed robbery with the use of a firearm.

The attempted murder charge was dismissed.

Assistant District Attorney Hugo Holland said in July there was no evidence he tried to commit murder.

Cullen police reported two suspects entered a business and went around a counter to the area where a safe was located, Springhill Police Chief Will Lynd said at the time of Lewis' arrest.

Lynd, at the time of arrest, said a shot was fired at the owner, who was not injured.

The incident occurred in October 2014.



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EDUCATION

NWHS student meals at away games called into question

Parent speaks to school board over concerns

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The parent of a cheerleader prompted a deeper discussion into feeding the auxiliary students at away football games.

Jason Wesson, whose daughter is a cheerleader at North Webster High School, says a policy letter was sent out with students to parents at NWHS on how the school will feed its auxiliary students on away games.

"If we can take a football team and feed them when they go off, why can't we feed all the other kids?" he asked board members. "Is the football team more important than your auxiliary just because you're in band, a cheerleader, dance line or whatever?"

He says it really became an issue with him last football season when his daughter went to Delhi to which NWHS brought a huge crowd.

"By half time, the concession stands were totally wiped out," he said. "They closed it down. For your auxiliary, during the third quarter, that's when they are able to get out of their seats and go to the concession stand. They get there, and guess what? There's nothing for the kids to eat. So, they load them back on the bus and send them home."

NWHS principal Jeff Franklin didn't go into any great detail about what took place on that trip, other than to say the school promised NWHS a number of things that didn't come to pass.



"I will admit that we had a little problem in Delhi last year," he said. "I think all the principals try to do the same thing on this, and the kids generally take stuff with them to eat, and a lot of times, that's the (most fun) part of the trip – them being able to pack their lunch and take their lunch with them."

However, he says if they do take a long trip and they aren't able to eat, they do provide food for them.

Part of the issue is other expenses as well, Franklin said. With expenses for fuel and paying the bus drivers, about \$14,000 was spent to cover those expenses last year, he added.

The football players are fed from funds from the quarterback club. The band also has a booster club in which they have fundraisers

to raise money for equipment and supplies they need, but they do not provide food on the trips.

However, not all of the extracurricular athletics, like cheerleading, dance line, etc. have nonprofit booster clubs to raise funds. They have to do independent fundraisers.

Board member Jerry Lott suggested the principal's association meet to discuss the issue.

"If it's a problem at North Webster, Minden would have the same situation," Lott said. "Lakeside and Doyline would have the same situation."

Board member Frankie Mitchell says when she was in high school, she was a band member, and someone always made sure they were fed and feels they need to look into it.

"Our cafeteria people made us some sandwiches," she said. "Sometimes it was just cheese and bread, but it was the love they had more than anything else."

Wesson says he understands there's nothing the school board can do, but he feels the more people know about it, the sooner a solution can be found.

The principal's association is expected to come back with a summary of their discussion by the end of the school year, Franklin, president of the principals association, said.

FUNDRAISER

Golf tourney to raise money for St. Jude

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The Minden Lodge #51 is having its St. Jude Scramble for a Cure golf tourney at 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 7.

The 2-man scramble will take place at Pine Hills Country Club and will cost \$150 per team. Included in the entry fee is a lunch catered by Hugh Wood and a chance to win a shotgun donated by Minden Pawn & Gun.

All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

An additional tee time of 1 p.m. will be added depending on the number of entries, organizers said.

For more information or registration, contact Ryan at 318-918-8627.

Sponsors for the tournament include Gibsland Bank & Trust, Dr. Zach Goodman of Elm Street Dental, J. Haws & Associates Inc. and Dr. Wilson of Minden Orthopedic. Other prize sponsors include Global Pressure Solutions, Trails End Golf Course in Arcadia and Adam and Kelli Harris of Spring Theatre in Springhill.

AROUND THE STATE

New Orleans grocery store ordered to pay back wages

NEW ORLEANS — A New Orleans grocery store has been ordered to pay \$403,000 in overtime back wages to employees.

The U.S. Department of Labor says the ruling went against the owners of the Ideal Discount Market, a grocery store specializing in Hispanic foods. Officials said the ruling was handed down Tuesday by the federal court in New Orleans.

The Labor Department

alleged the Ideal Discount Market failed to pay overtime as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act to 56 workers, including cooks, butchers, cashiers and stockers.

The Labor Department also accused the grocery store of failing to keep accurate records of employees' hours and pay. It said some employees worked entirely "off the books."

FEE

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not at that high school, they did educate those kids."

She says it is difficult for some employees to make the cost of the games.

"They're not asking for their spouses, just to use their employee badge to get in," she said. "You're going to get that money back. People are going to use the concession stands, they're probably going to bring their spouse, you'll increase employee morale and you're going to bring unity starting from elementary on up."

Minden High School principal Robin Tucker says she agrees with O'Neal that it would go a long ways toward morale, "however, I have been principal at Minden High when we were 14 and 1, and there was a lot of money in the bank to take care of helmets and equipment and all the things our students needed for athletics."

"But I've also been principal at Minden High when we were 1 and 9," she continued. "We could hardly pay the bills. We already have to acknowledge LHSAA cards and those people that get in free. There are a lot of retired administrators, principals who have their lifetime free

to get into any event. We already recognize our senior citizens, which I think is a wonderful thing for our community."

She says it's not that they don't want to extend the same courtesy to school employees, it comes down to the numbers and the money.

"I'm just here to tell you that when you're 1 and 9 and you still have to have those helmets reconditioned for the next year, our football team is out there knocking on doors raising money," she said. "Those years are going to come. You're not going to have every year where you are sitting on a successful football season."

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CAMEOS OF MINDEN

Larry Milford: An artist of many forms

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

Not often do you find one so talented in both oil painting and pastels in statues, in murals, in making sets and decorations for plays, in metal sculpture, and all kinds of mobiles. It is such a man that our Cameo will discuss today. You probably have seen and admired the figure of a baseball player in front of the Coca Cola Bottling Company. This was created as a tribute to the late Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hunter. Our Cameo personality is the creator of that statue.



AGAN

He was commissioned by Morris Sims to design a memorial piece in memory of his wife, Juanita. It is at the First United Methodist Church. It is called "The Angel of Hope."

When he told me that he was born in Ferriday, La., he reminded me that Ferriday was either famous or infamous for the cousins Jimmy Swaggart/Mickey Gilley/Jerry Lee Lewis. Each of these men were gifted musicians in their area of service. Our Cameo personality is equally gifted as either an organist or a pianist, as well as all the other talents that he possesses.

Beginnings

Mr. Larry Milford was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Milford. The Milfords lived

in McIntyre in a house that was built in about 1953.

Larry's father is dead, but his 84 year old mother still lives in this house. Larry indicated at an early age that he was interested in art. His mother can vouch for that because when he was about six he scratched a figure in the finish of her desk. His parents provided music lessons from a Mrs. Claire who lived in Princeton and drove to McIntyre to give Larry and a little girl lessons. It was hard for Larry to practice since his family did not have a piano. After a while, Mrs. W. J. Cox wanted to take lessons from this lady and Larry went to the Cox home for his lessons and practiced on the Cox piano.

Later he took piano lessons from Mrs. C. O. Nelson of Junction City, Ark. and in the last years of his instruction he was a student of Mrs. B. R. Rankin there in McIntyre.

After graduation from high school Larry enrolled at La. Tech. He was undecided about his major. He finally settled on Art and received his degree in 1964, but he continued for another year in Art Education.

He learned the principles of many types of art while there at Tech.

Family Ties

In 1964, he was married to Miss Barbara Johns of McIntyre. In 1966 they became the parents of a son, Lawrence, and then in 1970 they became the parents of a daughter, Liesl. Lawrence and his wife are the parents

of Larry's only grandchild, a grandson, Lance who is 7.

Larry and his wife lived in Shreveport for almost 31 years while Larry worked for American Machine and Foundry, an internationally known company. Later it became known as Beaird Industries. While they lived in Shreveport they were members of Broadmoor Baptist Church. He has done major productions for Broadmoor Baptist Church, and is currently working on an Easter production for Summer Grove Baptist Church. He not only designs sets but he also designs and makes the costumes. He designed and built a fountain behind Barnwell Center that was commissioned by Mrs. Shehee in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick. He designed and made two three foot tall Eagle heads and a tropical rain forest of metal for a prominent Shreveport family.

Coming Home

Larry and his wife returned to McIntyre about five years ago. He is pianist for Antioch Baptist church, serves as a Deacon and teaches a Sunday School Class.

Recently he designed and painted a baptistry picture for the First Baptist Church of Sibley. Larry said that it is a picture of a sunset over the Jordan River. Jesus is there with his arms outstretched, and over his head a dove flies. He painted the picture so that it is almost three dimensional. It seems like Jesus' arms extend out from

the picture, and the dove seems to be partially out of the picture into the room.

Larry is a talented writer with over 100 poems that he has written along with 50 songs. He is allowing me to use one of his poems on angels to accompany this Cameo. Currently Larry teaches Oil Painting at Wade Correctional Institute on Thursday night each week. He is teaching a Clay class at The Neighborhood. And he is designing a mural that will be 20 feet by 15 feet of the Homer Oil Field. This mural is for the Ford Museum in Homer. He is on the Board of Cultural Crossroads and the Shadows Museum. Several other projects are still in the planning stages.

Always Learning

Whether it is paintings, mobiles, statues, murals or any other art form you will find that Larry Milford has done that and is still working on others. In addition he is a licensed floral designer. He said he loved to learn, and is constantly broadening his abilities.

He once watched a lady crochet. He asked that she teach him. She thought he was joking, but she said that he was left-handed and it might be impossible for her to teach him. She showed him the steps to crochet, and by morning he had finished a crochet piece to her amazement. He said he did not plan to enter of career of crocheting, but he wanted to know how to crochet. Most of the things he has made are simply self-taught. God gave him

an extraordinary ability to make beautiful things and he has used his abilities for God's glory - either in painting sets for church plays or playing for worship services, he is dedicated to do his best.

We are blessed to have this talented artist in our area, and we are blessed by the beautiful poems that he has written, the songs he has composed, the paintings, the sculptures, and the many things of beauty that he has created. When I told him of my fascination with angels, he shared a beautiful poem. entitled "Angels". I'd like to share the poem with you, since it has meant a lot to me. I know that you have met an Angel like the one he describes, haven't you? I have.

Angels

All my life I've heard of these,
Angels, as they are called
I've seen them painted,
hung on trees,
Displayed on church
house walls.
I never thought I'd ever meet
One face to face one day,
But God finally let me,
friend,
The day you came my way.
During times of pain,
there you were,
During times of joy again
During times that meant
so much to me
You became an Angel,
friend.
A listening ear, a loving
heart,
Reveals your halo bright
You are so loved, if you

don't know
Though I see no wings of
white

A smiling face, a tender
touch,
Just knowing that you're
near
You don't have to do or
say
To show how much you
care.
During times of pain,
There you were,
During times of joy, again,
During times that meant
so much to me
You became an Angel,
friend
The kindest thought, that
golden deed,
God uses you that way,
The Lord magnifies His
love in you,
He blessed again today.
Time will come, maybe
soon,
When Christ will come
again,
We can kneel and thank
Him for
Our every Angel, friend.
For during times of pain,
there you were,
During time of joy, again,
During times that meant
the most to me
You became an Angel
then.

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.

OBITUARIES

Charles William Brunner

Our beloved uncle Bill was born June 10, 1934 went to be with the Lord on Oct. 18, 2015.

He is preceded in death by his mother Nellie McGraw and father Jess H. Brunner.

He was a very special man that gave of himself to everyone. He was a good husband and father to his family. When we were children, he took up so much time with us when we were around him and took us on so many exploring trips and taught us a lot of good values. He had so many friends everywhere he lived and was a caregiver for a lot of elderly people.

He served his country in the Navy - USS Estes/AGC 12 - Korea - Tachen Island - Vietnam. He was a member of VFW and American Legion. He served all with honor.

He was married to Nancy Elaine Ellis for 34 years. They



BRUNNER

had a daughter, Sharon Brunner, and son, Michael Brunner of Washington.

He was loved by everyone. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter, sisters Delores Sullivan and Darlene and a ton of nieces and nephews of Louisiana, Colorado and Illinois.

A memorial service will be at the family's home at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1.

Elton L. Smith Sr.

Elton L. Smith Sr., son of Lula Duncan Smith and Lutellis

Smith (Melissa) died in a car accident Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015 in Natchitoches.

Elton grew up in Webster Parish and graduated from Doyline High School. A public viewing will be Friday, Nov. 6, 2015 from 5 p.m. until 7 at Growing Vally Baptist Church and the funeral is Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at the Benjamin Johnson Memorial Auditorium in Natchitoches. All donations should be made to the Elton Smith Children's Scholarship Fund at First Federal Natchitoches.



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ROUND UP

The Kansas City Star on teen smoking

Raising legal age to 21 is the best way for KC area cities to combat teen smoking.

The best way to reduce tobacco use is to target teenagers so they don't start smoking and become addicted as adults. That's the aim of a new civic smoking-cessation initiative, Tobacco 21KC.

The worthy project, announced Thursday, aims to get area cities to raise the minimum legal age for tobacco product purchases from 18 to 21. It already has the support of more than 100 businesses, health care organizations, children's advocacy groups, educators and community groups.

That's not surprising. The promoting organization, Healthy KC, is a partnership of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City working to improve the health and well-being of area residents. Its four pillars are nutrition, physical activity, work/life integration and tobacco cessation.

Raising the legal age to 21 for tobacco purchases, including e-cigarettes, actually attacks smoking among 14- to 15-year-olds, because the younger teens mostly depend on their older friends to buy cigarettes for them. One study, by the Institute of Medicine on behalf of the Food and Drug Administration, predicts that raising the age limit would lead to fewer long-term smokers and reduce overall smoking rates by about 12 percent.

A drop like that and an expected 25 percent decline in youth smoking initiation would be good for the health of Kansas Citians. Right now 23.1 percent of Missouri's high school students and 24.1 percent of students in Kansas high schools are tobacco users compared with 22.4 percent nationwide. About 90 percent of adult smokers start before age 18.

Tobacco 21 was started in 1996 as a national effort. Needham, Mass., became the first city to act, in 2005, and has reported that teen smoking declined 46 percent between 2006 and 2010. Hawaii, New York City and more than 90 other cities in the U.S. have passed Tobacco 21 measures.

"We're excited about it," Jim Heeter, president and chief executive with the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, told the editorial board of The Star. "We feel it will have an enormous impact."

Raising the age for tobacco purchases is supported by 75 percent of adults in the United States and even 70 percent of smokers. Smokers are at a greater risk of stroke, heart disease and cancer. Smoking causes more than 480,000 deaths annually in the U.S. Most people who smoke say they wish someone had prevented them from starting when they were young.

Officials in several area cities have expressed an interest in passing Tobacco21KC ordinances. Once the first goes on the books, chamber officials said, other cities would follow. The initiative would dovetail with smoking bans approved in recent years by area cities and the state of Kansas, which have created healthier workplaces for employees and customers of restaurants, bars and other companies.

If what has occurred elsewhere happens in the Kansas City area, Tobacco 21KC is expected to decrease annual tobacco sales only by 2 percent but result in millions of dollars saved in health care expenses from people not smoking.

The initiative is the right thing to do to ensure Kansas City area residents live longer, healthier lives.

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PERSPECTIVE

Destroying your vote

Voter ID laws have been challenged because liberal Democrats deem them racist. I guess that's because they see blacks as being incapable of acquiring some kind of government-issued identification. Interesting enough is the fact that I've never heard of a challenge to other ID requirements as racist, such as those: to board a plane, open a charge account, have lab work done or cash a welfare check. Since liberal Democrats only challenge legal procedures to promote ballot-box integrity, the conclusion one reaches is that they are for vote fraud prevalent in many Democrat-controlled cities.

There is another area where the attack on ballot-box integrity goes completely unappreciated. We can examine this attack by looking at the laws governing census taking. As required by law, the U.S. Census Bureau is supposed to count all persons in the U.S. Those to be counted include citizens, legal immigrants and non-citizen long-term visitors. The law also requires that illegal immigrants be a part of the decennial census. The estimated number of illegal immigrants ranges widely from 12 million to 30 million. Official estimates put the actual number closer to 12 million.

Both citizens and non-citizens are included in the census and thus affect apportionment counts. Counting illegals in the census undermines one of the fundamental principles of representative democracy — namely, that every citizen-voter has an equal voice. Through the decennial census based process of apportionment, states with large numbers of illegal immigrants, such as California and Texas, unconstitutionally gain additional members in the U.S. House of Representatives thereby robbing the citizen-voters in other states of their rightful representation.

Hans von Spakovsky, a Heritage Foundation scholar and former member of the Federal Election Commission, has written an article, "How Noncitizens Can Swing Elections: Without Even Voting Illegally." He points to the fact that 12 million illegal aliens, plus other aliens who are here legally but are not citizens and have no right to vote, distort representation in the House. Spakovsky cites studies by Leonard Steinhorn of American University, scholars at Texas A&M University and the Center for Immigration Studies. Steinhorn's study lists 10 states that are each short one congressional seat that they would have had if apportionment were based on U.S. citizen population: Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

On the other hand, states with large numbers of illegal aliens and other non-citizens have congressional seats they would not have had. They are: California (five seats), Florida (one seat), New York (one seat), Texas (two seats) and Washington state (one seat). Moreover, the inflated population count resulting from the inclusion of illegal immigrants and other non-citizens increases the number of votes some states get in the Electoral College system, affecting the actual process of electing the president of the United States.

There is a strong argument for counting non-citizens, whether they are here legally or illegally. An accurate population count is important for a number of public policy reasons as well as national security — we should know who is in our country. But as professor Mark Rozell, acting dean of the School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs at George Mason University, and Paul Goldman, a weekly columnist for the Washington Post, say in their Politico article, there is no "persuasive reason to allow the presence of illegal immigrants, unlawfully in the country, or noncitizens generally, to play such a crucial role in picking a president."

Hans von Spakovsky concludes his article saying, "It is a felony under federal law for a noncitizen to vote in our elections because voting is a right given only to American citizens. It is a precious right that must be earned by becoming a citizen. Giving aliens, particularly those whose first act was to break our laws to illegally enter the country, political power in Congress and allowing them to help choose our president strike at the very heart of our republic and what it means to be an American."



EDITORIAL ROUND UP

The Times-Picayune on pay for New Orleans firefighters

The long-running back pay dispute between the city of New Orleans and its firefighters seemed hopelessly deadlocked in early September. Civil District Court Judge Kern Reese found Mayor Mitch Landrieu in contempt of court Sept. 4 and threatened him with house arrest if he didn't come up with an acceptable payment plan.

Not only did the mayor get out of having to spend weekends confined to his house, his administration worked out a settlement with union leaders this month. That is a significant achievement.

The Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region, which paid for much of the mediation and took part in negotiations, deserves a great deal of credit. "I think this is a fair deal for the firefighters. It addresses the long-term health of their pension fund and allows the city to meet its obligations," Business Council chairman Paul Flower said.

This fight had gone on for decades, first over leave pay in the 1980s and then the city's refusal to pay state-mandated 2 percent "longevity" raises to veteran firefighters. Courts ultimately found that the city owed back pay from 1990 to 2006, when the Nagin administration implemented the

raises going forward. Mayor Landrieu inherited the debt when he took office in 2010. Last year the city agreed to pay more than 1,100 firefighters or their heirs \$75 million. Not much of that had been paid when Judge Reese issued his contempt ruling.

Then Oct. 15, the day of the mayor's budget presentation to the City Council, a deal was struck.

Firefighters will now get the \$75 million the administration promised. The city will give them \$15 million from the general fund next year and pay off the rest in \$5 million annual installments. The city also will put money into the firefighters' troubled pension plan to ensure that it doesn't go under.

In return, Mayor Landrieu got some pension reforms that he badly wanted.

Future firefighters will accrue retirement credits at a slower rate, which means they won't be able to retire at full salary until they have put in 40 years. Under current rules, they only need 36 years to reach that level. That will save the city a sizable amount of money over time.

In addition, a new rule will prevent the pension board from approving cost of living increases unless the pension system is essentially fully

funded. The previous board gave out those increases even though the system was in poor financial shape.

The pension changes will save taxpayers an estimated \$275 million over the next 30 years, Mayor Landrieu said.

Neither side got exactly what they wanted. The mayor wanted to reduce the pension calculation formula for current firefighters, but that didn't happen. On their side, firefighters didn't want to change the accrual rate at all.

The union had argued that the pension had nothing to do with the back pay issue. That was true, but it was smart of Mayor Landrieu to push for those changes.

The city has been spending more of its general fund to meet firefighter pension obligations every year than it does on Fire Department operations. That couldn't continue.

The Legislature approved reforms in 2013 that should help make the pension system more stable in the future, but those changes didn't go far enough. These additional reforms should strengthen the pension for the long-term, which is important for firefighters and taxpayers.

And, after too many years of waiting, firefighters and their families will finally get the money they are owed.

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Around Town

Nov. 6
 The MHS Baseball Booster Club will be selling fish plate with coleslaw and french fries for \$8 from 4 until 6 p.m. Plates can be picked up at the MHS parking lot on the east side of Richardson Street. If raining, plates can be picked up at the show barn at the fairgrounds.

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.

Greater St. Paul Baptist Church will have its annual Youth Day program at 9:30 a.m.



New members and officers were installed the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. Epsilon Rho Chapter's 2015 induction ceremony. From left, front row are Tymecia Wilson, Gail Coleman (Xino/Kudos Sponsor) and Faith Carr. Back row, Ventavious Williams, Tony Rivette, Chacoria Rhone, Alexia West, Dakota Weathers, Tayler Banks, Tmya Hagans, Kayla Theus, Tavarius Edwards and Jarrion Hampton. Not pictured is president Amanda Thomas. Courtesy Photo

Xinos, Kudos 2015 induction ceremony

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Epsilon Rho Chapter members and sponsor recently held its 2015 induction ceremony for Xinos and Kudos at the B.F. Martin Activity Center. During the ceremony new members and officers were installed. A reception was held to include the parents of the youth group.

Xinos and Kudos are part of the organization's youth group whose major accomplishments of this program include leadership training, development of strategies and study methods aimed at academic achievement, conceptualization of excellence, social growth and community service participation.

Wilson to speak at Lion's Club Meeting

Dr. Mark D. Wilson, an orthopaedics and sports medicine specialist with Minden Medical Center, will be speaking at Thursday's Lion's Club meeting.

The Minden Lions Club meets at noon every Thursday in the American Legion Hall on Pine Street. Lunch is served around 11:45. Non-members may attend and eat at a charge of \$8.



WILSON

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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FOOTBALL PICKS Results from MPH football contest

The results are in from this week's football contest and in tied for first place with 21 correct picks and a tiebreaker of 44 are Martha Thompson and Lorrie Wright. Finishing in third is Charles Hoenke with 21 correct picks and a tiebreaker of 42.

Be sure to fill out your entry for this week's contest.

NCAAF First CFB Playoff rankings unveiled

NEW YORK — Clemson, LSU, Ohio State and Alabama are the top four teams in the first College Football Playoff selection committee rankings of the season.

Notre Dame was fifth and Baylor was sixth on Tuesday night.

Clemson, LSU and Ohio State are among 11 unbeaten teams in FBS, nearly quadruple the number there was last season when the committee started ranking teams. Alabama and Notre Dame each have one loss.

Memphis was the highest ranked team from a Group of Five conference at No. 13.

Last year the top four teams in the first playoff rankings were Mississippi State, Florida State, Auburn and Mississippi. Only the Seminoles reached the playoff. Ohio State, the eventual national champion, was 16th in the first rankings.

NFL Titans part ways with Whisenhunt

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Titans surprised Mike Mularkey by choosing him to replace the friend who brought him to Tennessee. With a third chance to be a head coach in the NFL, Mularkey wants to prove he's the man for the job.

The interim coach's nine-game audition starts Sunday at New Orleans.

"I wasn't sure I'd ever get another one after what happened in Jacksonville, but I'd absolutely like to have that opportunity," Mularkey said Tuesday.

Mularkey went 2-14 in his lone season in Jacksonville in 2012. He takes over a 1-6 Tennessee squad that has lost six straight, the longest skid in the NFL, and 16 of its last 17 games.

The Titans fired Ken Whisenhunt on Tuesday morning after a 3-20 tenure and turned to Mularkey, who also coached Buffalo in 2004 and 2005. Being the second NFL team to fire a head coach gives the Titans a chance to start evaluating candidates, and president Steve Underwood said controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk will pick the next coach.

"She obviously wants to get wins out of this team and felt in the best interest of the team," Mularkey said.

Strunk also made it clear she wants quarterback Marcus Mariota protected, even if that means holding the rookie out of games to heal. The Titans have given up 28 sacks, and Mariota missed the last two games with a sprained MCL in his left knee injured Oct. 18 when he was sacked five times in the first half by Miami.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

HIGH STAKES GAMBLING

TIGERS READY FOR TOP TEN BATTLE WITH CRIMSON TIDE



TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Jake Coker couldn't help but watch the Alabama-LSU games when he was growing up or even while playing for Florida State.

He remembers Julio Jones' fourth-quarter 73-yard touchdown catch in the 2009 game and the so-called "Game of the Century" two years later.

"I don't know who didn't see that," the seventh-ranked Crimson Tide's quarterback said Monday.

Then he watched last season's game from the sidelines and experienced the thriving SEC West rivalry for himself. Now, Coker makes his first start Saturday night against the fourth-ranked Tigers in a game that has become almost routinely a matchup of Top 10 teams vying for national and Southeastern Conference championship shots.

"It was crazy," Coker said of last year's game at LSU. "I've never seen a stadium like that. It was wild, that's for sure. It's something I won't forget."

Based on recent history, there's a better than fair chance the Tide and Tigers could create another memorable game at Bryant-Denny Stadium. It's the fifth straight regular season meeting to occupy CBS's lone prime-time



Courtesy Photo

television slot for an SEC game.

It's the seventh time since 2005 that both teams enter the game ranked in the top 10. As usual, it features formidable front lines on both sides of the ball. The game also includes two of the nation's top tailbacks, LSU's Leonard Fournette and Alabama's Derrick Henry going against two of the best run defenses.

Alabama has won the last four meetings, including a 20-13 overtime victory last season, the fourth time in a decade the teams couldn't settle matters in 60 minutes.

LSU coach Les Miles said fans ask him "daily or weekly" if the Tigers will beat Alabama this season.

"I can tell you that as an LSU fan there is great interest in this game," Miles said.

That's an understatement from either fan base. Neither team is a stranger to this kind of buildup and pressurized situation.

They play each other annually, after all.

"The good news is we've played these games before and we certainly understand them," Miles said. "A big game is only so big, right? You're playing for all the things you

wanted to play for at the beginning of the year. You're playing for the lead in the West. And you've put yourself, with your achievements, this team, in position to do so. They should look forward to it. They should relish it.

"It's why you come to LSU, to be a part of this game."

LSU defensive back Jalen Mills said the game does have a different energy from both the fans and coaches.

"I mean, it's crazy out there," Mills said. "But you also have to try to control that and figure out and hone in on what you

have to do on the field. When you see a guy maybe too amped up, just try to calm him down and tell him to focus a little more."

With all the ingredients of a hard-hitting, high-stakes game, that doesn't mean Miles and coach Nick Saban will call it conservatively. Sometimes it's the gambles that have made the difference.

They've each had some successful calls like Alabama's pivotal fake punt in 2012 and LSU's fourth-down tight end reverse to DeAngelo Peterson in 2010.

They've also had failed ones like Miles' fake field goal in 2012 and Saban's intercepted receiver pass the year before.

"I don't think being conservative is really going to help you win a game like this," Saban said.

The bye week gave both teams a chance to heal injured players. Miles said he expects cornerback Tre'Davious White (knee), defensive tackle Christian LaCouture (foot) and full-back J.D. Moore (knee) to return. Moore has missed the past two games while White and LaCouture missed one game. Saban said safety Eddie Jackson (knee) practiced some last week and was cleared to go for Monday. Safety Ronnie Harrison and right tackle Dominick Jackson, both recovering from ankle injuries, will be evaluated day to day but would practice in individual drills Monday, Saban said.

BASKETBALL Apaches split on opening night



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The Glenbrook Apaches and Lady Apaches tipped off basketball season Tuesday night against the Taylor High School Tigers, coming out with a split in two games.

Tigers 47 Apaches 46

Glenbrook fought hard against a tough Tiger team, but a buzzer-beating shot did them in on opening night as they fell, 47-46.

Neither team was able to separate themselves in the first half, as the two teams entered halftime with Glenbrook trailing by just one point.

In the second half, the Tigers extended their lead as far as seven points, but the Apaches fought back to take a four point lead.

With time ticking away Glenbrook committed a costly turnover, one of 32 they had in the game, that gave the ball back to Taylor with 2.8 seconds left, down by

one.

With 1.7 seconds left the Tigers put up a prayer that went in, sending the Apaches home with a loss.

"It's tough to win with 32 turnovers," Glenbrook head coach Jeff Dalton said. "It was good for us to play and see where we are. We'll get back at it tomorrow and get better."

Joseph Windham led the Apaches with 13 points on a night where offense was hard to come by. Connor Chase was in double figures with 10 points.

Lady Apaches 45 Lady Tigers 30

The Glenbrook Lady Apaches were able to lockdown defensively and earn a convincing opening night win, 45-30.

"I was pleased with our defense," Lady Apache head coach Rendi Dillard said. "We created a lot of turnovers with our pressure. Offensively, we still have a lot of work to do. Overall, the girls did well for their first game."

Carsin Spurlock led the team with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Olivia Dalton had 10 points and 10 rebounds and Amelia Christy had eight points.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Saints finding ways to win



METAIRIE — The streaking New Orleans Saints are not planning on slowing down, even after a defensive performance on Sunday that could have given them pause.

Back to .500 at midseason following a 1-4 start, they took more positives than negatives from their record-setting 52-49 victory against the New York Giants.

"Sometimes games take on a flow to them," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "I don't think New York or New Orleans went into that game thinking it would be in the high 40s, low 50s, and yet it began to unfold that way. The key was getting a stop at the end."

Right after Brees' seventh touchdown pass tied the score at 49 with 36 seconds left, the Saints forced a three-and-out, setting up a wild punt return that led to Kai Forbath's 50-yard field goal as time ran out.

"You give up a few plays on that drive, and all of a sudden they (the Giants) are kicking a field goal to win the game," Payton said. "And you go home with a loss."

Instead, New Orleans (4-4) is back in the playoff hunt with the softest part of the schedule in front of it. The Saints' three remaining games in November are against Tennessee (1-6) at home and Washington (3-4) and Houston (3-5) on the road.

With Brees and the offense finding a new level,

they have a real chance to continue their roll. New Orleans started sluggishly after trading its two leading receivers in the offseason — tight end Jimmy Graham and wide receiver Kenny Stills.

Against New York, though, Brees appeared totally comfortable with his new group, throwing for a career-best 511 yards.

"It was like magic," said running back C.J. Spiller, who caught the tying touchdown in the final minute. "I've seen him have performances like that from afar, but to be in it, you could tell he was locked in and ready to go. He showed you who he is."

Ben Watson, Graham's replacement as a starter, caught nine passes for 147 yards. Watson has the

same number of receptions for the season (38) as Graham in Seattle, with more touchdowns (3-2) and yards (472-450).

Second-year pro Brandin Cooks and newcomer Willie Snead each had two scoring catches.

"There's a time on task that takes place with a guy like Willie Snead or Brandin Cooks," Payton said. "You're seeing that production take place, and you're also seeing it at the tight end position."

The only down note for the offense was a season-ending injury to backup Khiry Robinson, who broke his right tibia in the second quarter and had surgery Sunday night. Payton said Robinson would be put on injured reserve, opening up an opportunity for Murphy, a rookie who has concentrated solely on punt returning, to be the No. 3 back behind Mark Ingram and Spiller.

Still, the Saints professed no more concern about their running back depth than in their defense, which is 30th in the NFL in yards allowed after giving up 416 to New York.

"It's a growing process that we're going through, said rookie linebacker Stephone Anthony, who had a team-high 11 tackles against the Giants. As we continue to jell and continue to play together, we'll figure this thing out."



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Little Big Town set to make big splash at the CMA Awards

Everyone's crushing on Little Big Town — including the Country Music Association.

The foursome is nominated for five CMA Awards on Wednesday, including album of the year for their million-selling effort, "Pain Killer," as well as single of the year for "Girl Crush," one of the year's most popular — and semi-controversial — songs.

"We poured so much of our lives into the 'Painkiller' record. I know every artist does, so when you are part of those five spots that are honored, it just means so much," band member Karen Fairchild said in a recent interview.

The group, which includes Kimberly Schlapman, Jimi Westbrook and Phillip Sweet, is also nominated for music video of the year for "Girl Crush," musical event of the year for "Smokin' and Drinkin'" with Miranda Lambert and vocal group of the year, which it has won for the last three years.

"Girl Crush," which has sold 1.8 million tracks and topped Billboard's Hot Country songs chart, is about a woman who is obsessed with another woman because she's with the guy she desires. The song was pulled from some country radio stations because of its lyrics. It opens with the line: "I've got a girl crush, hate to admit it but ..."

The ballad is also nominated for song of the year, a songwriter's award. Liz Rose, who wrote the song with Lori McKenna and Hillary Lindsey, says she was thrilled Little Big Town loved the song because she didn't think anyone would record it.

"We played them the stuff that we had been writing, and I said, 'Well we've got one more and it's weird. It's obscure and ya'll ain't going to cut it,'" Rose said. "And halfway through, (Fairchild) is looking at me and Lori and Hillary like, 'Are you crazy? Why would we not cut this?'"

While Little Big Town may go home from the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee, with top awards, they're not up for the biggest honor: entertainer of the year.

Eric Church, who also has five nominations, is nominated for the



top prize, pitting him against Garth Brooks, Miranda Lambert, Kenny Chesney and last year's winner, Luke Bryan.

Church will also perform onstage: He will open the show with Hank Williams Jr. Other paired performances include Keith Urban with John Mellencamp, Thomas Rhett with Fall Out Boy and Justin Timberlake with Chris Stapleton, who is nominated for album, male vocalist and new artist of the year.

"All of them were a surprise," Stapleton, a popular songwriter, said of his nominations. "CMA Awards are a very straight country

radio-driven thing. I don't have a lot of that presence and I am sure there are a lot of people going, 'Who in the hell is this guy?' But thankfully, I guess I have a lot of fans in the industry who are like, 'Watch this, we're going to vote for him.'"

Sam Hunt, also nominated for new artist, is the only breakthrough act competing for both song and single of the year with his No. 1 hit "Take Your Time," which he co-wrote.

"It's kind of like being on the radio for the first time," Hunt said of his nominations. "It's like you're in the company of your peeps and

the company you're in, they are the pros. They are the best."

Hunt will also hit the stage, as will Blake Shelton, Kacey Musgraves, Jason Aldean, Little Big Town, Florida Georgia Line, Reba McEntire, Dierks Bentley and Kelsea Ballerini. Presenters at the show, airing live on ABC at 8 p.m. Eastern and hosted by Carrie Underwood and Brad Paisley, include Lee Ann Womack, Darius Rucker, Edie Brickell, Steve Martin and members of the U.S. women's soccer team.

Brooks, who marked a comeback last year with his first album in 13

years, said he's excited to be nominated for entertainer of the year as a country veteran.

"How great is it to get this honor this late in your career? Very sweet, very sweet, 'cause careers are for young people and new artists," he said.

"The truth is I am just going with the most gorgeous woman on the planet," he added as he hugged his wife, singer Trisha Yearwood. "And I will be leaving with the most gorgeous woman on the planet."

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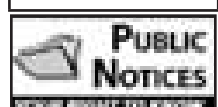
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SEALED BIDS for construction at the Minden Airport consisting of the Obstruction Removal - Fuel Facility project, State Project No. H.011275 will be received by the City Clerk at the City of Minden, Louisiana, located at 520 Broadway, P.O. Box 580, Minden, Louisiana 71058, until 2:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in

the Cypress Room located at City Hall. Bids received after the 2:00 p.m. deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened via certified mail. Received bids will be referred to the City of Minden City Council for action and award. Sealed bids must be marked on the outside with Bid No. 05-15.

Contract Documents including bid proposal forms, plan sheets, and specifications for the project may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com. Scanned plans and specifications (PDF format) are available on CD for a non-refundable price of \$25.00 from KSA Alliance, Inc., 1111 Hawn Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71107. Addenda will be posted at www.civcastusa.com. You will be notified of addenda automatically, through email, if you downloaded your plans and specifications via www.civcastusa.com. Please submit questions for the project 72 hours prior to bid opening through www.civcastusa.com in the Q&A portal.

Bids shall be received only on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer. In no event shall proposal forms be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

Bidders may elect to submit bids electronically via the internet. Electronic bids for the City of Minden are available for submission at www.bidexpress.com. Bidders desiring to submit electronic bids must register with Bid Express. All bids submitted electronically shall include a digital signature as required by Louisiana State law. Bidders submitting bids electronically are not required to submit paper forms.

Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids, which are received after the time specified for bid opening, shall not be considered for any cause whatsoever.

An acceptable bid bond, cashier's check or certified check payable to the City of Minden, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid price, shall be submitted with each bid. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bonds. Bidders are advised that Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond, each in the amount of 100 percent (100%) of the contract price, will be required.

On any bid submitted in the amount of \$50,000 or more, the Contractor shall certify that he is licensed under

Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2150-2164 and show his license number on the bid and on the envelope. Bidders must be licensed in one of the following categories: Building Construction; Highway, Street and Bridge Construction. The licensee shall not be permitted to bid or perform any type or types of work not included in the classification under which his license was issued.

Bids may be held by the City of Minden for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days after the date and hour set for the opening.

The City of Minden reserves the right to reject any or all Bids for just cause and reserves the right to waive any and all informalities.

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| 8 Online auction site | 47 Aplenty | 3 "This — outrage!" | 24 Yodeler's perch |
| 12 Bump | 51 Open — of worms | 4 Ready to swing | 25 Hindu king |
| 13 Botanist Gray | 52 Petri dish gel | 5 Japanese warrior | 27 Group of seals |
| 14 Size up | 54 Lower (Sp.) | 6 G8 member | 29 Outlaw |
| 15 Mobile person? | 55 Comparative suffix | 7 Leonine locks | 30 Hog haven |
| 17 Magical opener | 56 Next in line? | 8 Pencil ends | 32 "Platoon" setting |
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| 23 "Kapow!" | | | 44 Doldrums |
| 26 World view? | | | 45 Yaks |
| 28 Basra residents | | | 46 Berry in smoothies |
| 31 Pole, e.g. | | | 48 Pointed arch |
| 33 Charged bit | | | 49 Umbrella weather |
| 35 Whack | | | 50 Bungles |
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