High school graduation rate reaches record high

The Louisiana Department of Education announced April 8 that the state’s four-year high school graduation rate achieved a record high last year, increasing for the fourth straight year to reach 86.4 percent, a 1.1 percent increase from 2013 and a 3.2 percent increase since 2011. The graduation rate marks a nearly 10 percent point increase in less than a decade. In the class of 2014, nearly 1,600 more students graduated than did in the class of 2013, and nearly 3,400 more students than in 2011.

Natchitoches Parish saw a 6 percent increase from the 2012-2013 85.9 percent to 2013-2014 86.4 percent. Of the nearly 1,600 additional students graduating in 2014, over 1,200 are of a minority racial group and more than 1,230 are from low-income backgrounds. Graduation rates for students of color improved by 2 percentage points from the previous year, nearly doubling the state’s overall improvement. From 2013-2014, the graduation rate for students with disabilities is also significant.

While the bands rocked the Natchitoches Events Center at the Jazz and R&B Festival, crowds found other varieties of entertainment with food, friendship and face painting. Tri Sigma Megan Mailey paints Beau Michael Aymond to look like Leonardo, the blue Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. His brother, Luke, waits for his turn to get painted like the red turtle, Raphael.
**Obituaries**

**MRS. MABLE DRISSKILL**

A service to honor the life of Mrs. Mable Drisskill will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Christian Harmony Baptist Church in the Pace Community with Bro. George Holland officiating. Burial followed at St. Maurice Cemetery under the direction of Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home of Natchitoches.

Mrs. Drisskill, 82, and a resident of Natchitoches, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015. Born Nov. 29, 1932, to John and Mary Willington, she was an active member of Christian Harmony Baptist Church her whole life. She was proud to make a home for her family and cared for others before attending to her own needs. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother who will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

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**MRS. DORIS BROADWAY**

Funeral service for Mrs. Doris Broadway of Natchitoches will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at First Baptist Church, 201 North 40, will be conducted at the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Natchitoches Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m., with interment to follow.

Mrs. Broadway, 78, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015 in Pearl River. She was born June 1, 1936 in Robeline to Clarence and Luella Waters and was married to Henry Drisskill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leon Drisskill; brothers, Glen Drisskill, John Drisskill, and Otis Drisskill; O.C. Drisskill, and Henry Drisskill; sister, Ola Mae Cummins and Mildred Drisskill; and a grandson, Ronald Frederick.

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Temple, 82, died Friday, April 17, 2015, peacefully free from pain, at her home in the Long Barn. But when we saw you sleeping, you fought so hard to stay, we watched you fade away. You were a one-year internship in Internal Medicine prior to one year of medical dermatology (such as rashes, tissue disease), skin cancer detection and treatment, including medical dermatology (such as rashes, tissue disease), skin cancer detection and treatment.

LAWRENCE COLTON MONETTE

Funeral services for Natchitoches native Lawrence Monette, 48, will be conducted at the First Baptist Church, 201 North 40, at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, with burial to follow at the Lawrence Cemetery.

The remains will lie in state at the church from 1 p.m. until service time.

Mr. Monette passed away Monday, April 20, 2015.

Mr. Monette will be laid to rest Saturday, April 25, at First Baptist Church, 201 North 40, with interment to follow at Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home of Natchitoches. A service to honor the life of Mrs. Mable Drisskill will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Christian Harmony Baptist Church in the Pace Community with Bro. George Holland officiating. Burial followed at St. Maurice Cemetery under the direction of Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home of Natchitoches.

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**MRS. MARY LLORENS**

The funeral Mass of Mrs. Mary Llorens will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Natchitoches. Interment will follow at the St. Augustine Catholic Mausoleum under the direction of Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home of Natchitoches.

Mary Louise Llorens was born June 1, 1939 in Long Beach, Calif., to William and Mary Llorens and her husband Louis Jr. Llorens and was married to Henry Drisskill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leon Drisskill; brothers, Glen Drisskill, John Drisskill, and Otis Drisskill; O.C. Drisskill, and Henry Drisskill; sister, Ola Mae Cummins and Mildred Drisskill; and a grandson, Ronald Frederick.

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The Natchitoches Parish Council on Aging's fiscal year will end June 30. Recertification must be completed by July. Anyone receiving food from the food programs, will need to bring in proof of identification and proof of monthly income, a valid picture ID, social security card and driver’s license. Recertification and validation for food program

**In Loving Memory of A Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, & Brother**

If you have been a subscriber, you may log in now through your account. If you have not subscribed to the print edition, you can purchase a one-year subscription to The Natchitoches Times for only $25.
Residents of Natchitoches Parish, it is with great excitement that Scott A. Stetson Sr., and I am announcing our candidacy for Natchitoches Parish Clerk of Court in the Oct. 24 election.

Although I am not a lifelong resident of Natchitoches Parish, I intimately know the pride that comes with being a member of a close-knit community like Natchitoches. My father and mother etched out a life for my two brothers and I in the morals and values that have become the foundation of who we are, who we were and who we continue to be.

Since my arrival to Natchitoches, I have had the honor and privilege of developing the next generation of military leaders as the Senior Military Instructor of Northwestern State University. Our program continues to support and enrich the community through numerous service projects varying from school outreach to the Christmas Festival organization.

My wife Emily and I are pleased to inform the electorate of this fact.

Cane River Green Market opens Saturday

The Cane River Green Market will open its season Saturday, April 25. The local farmer’s market will take place every Saturday until July 25th from 8 a.m. until noon on the downtown riverbank.

Customers can choose from fresh fruits and vegetables from produce vendors. Customers can enjoy a selection of value-added products including farm fresh eggs, baked goods, jams, jellies, pickles, honey, fresh cut flowers and more. Craft vendors of hand-crafted items such as jewelry, woodwork, and stained glass will also be on site.

The market will also feature children’s activities including a Green Market Kids Club. Children ages 2 and under can sign up for the Kids Club and will receive a market passport and 63 in tokens to spend with Green Market vendors while supplies last. The market will feature live music entertainment, demonstrations and free fitness classes.

The market accepts WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) vouchers, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and debit/credit cards. WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers issued over the summer can be redeemed at participating vendors.

SNAP benefits may be used to purchase eligible food items such as bread products, produce, eggs, dairy products, meat, and edible food products. Through a Marketmatch program, the market will match up to $10 in SNAP purchases per market visit.

The market will feature local vendors selling fresh produce, eggs, baked goods, jams, jellies, pickles, honey, fresh cut flowers and more.

Historical Statewide Cohort Graduation Rates:

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Jindal names Human Services board members

Gov. Bobby Jindal announced nominations of Deana Florow of Natchitoches and Laura "Chris" Nolan of Many to the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District Board. Nolan is retired from the Office of Behavioral Health’s Natchitoches Behavioral Health Clinic and has served as a mental health program director. Florow will be reappointed to the board and currently serves as a paraprofessional and a consumer of services. Nolan is a resident of the Sabine Parish School Board as the former director of special education and early childhood services. Nolan will be reappointed to serve as a representative of addictive disorders, developmental disabilities, mental health or public health.

Jindal announced the appointment of Terry Nelius to the Red River and Drainage District Board of Commissioners. Nelius is the president of Nelius & Associates, LLC, a local engineering company. Nelius will be appointed to represent the Red River Parish.

All members shall be residents and qualified employees of the office from which they are nominated by the legislative delegation representing Natchitoches Parish.
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maintain the current curriculum and standards in state pub-
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high schools.

Drivers in danger while crossing
structurally deficient bridges

As Louisiana continues to divert funding from its trans-
portation infrastructure, the number of bridges that is expected to be $1.6 billion out of balance next month, the
number of dangerous, deficient bridges in the state continues to rise.

State Transportation and Development Department officials released a report that showed there were 328 bridges in Louisiana in 2013 that were structurally deficient. This means that they should be replaced because they don’t meet the minimum standards. The report showed that there were 67 structurally deficient bridges in the state built during the period from the late 1930s to early 1960s. Those bridges were built to meet the standards of the time, which were much lower than current standards.

Bridge replacement is necessary in the state, largely because of a $12 billion backlog in road and bridge repairs. The state spends about $3 billion a year on transportation, but that’s not enough to keep up with the wear and tear on the state’s transportation infrastructure.

Louisiana is graduating more students, and a higher per-
centage of those graduates are enrolling in colleges and uni-
versities at a time when the state needs to expand and en-
chance its workforce.

Based on the state’s transportation improvements, it would make sense to maintain the current curriculum and standards in state pub-

What lawmakers want to change most of all

Rayvail Abramson, D-New Orleans, wants a star-studded “Education and Conference Committee” to begin meeting this fall to have another convention is needed. This HCD, which will convene this fall, also expresses the “intent” of the legislature to convoluted a convention. Last fall, the legislature adjourned without taking a vote on a convention amendment. This amendment would have allowed the state’s legislature to change the manner in which the Louisiana Constitution is amended. The state’s Constitution has been amended 140 times, of which 14 were constitutional amendments that were not added to the Louisiana Constitution.

In the war over who needs the Constitution has been amended.

It’s doubtful that President

Dennis Crouse

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What makes this...
Monday, April 20
You know what happens when someone walks into your life of employment and you have no idea who he is but just something about him catches your eye? That was the case on April 12. Shelly Mitchell was working at the Texaco in Many and Josh came in just like he could do every day because he worked just across the street, but on that day something just happens, the cupid did his job and it hit these two.

Shelly had decided long time ago that she never would remarry and another one on the way. Her plan was to stay single and raise her two daughters by herself. But, Josh hit a stop to that and how did he do it?

This young man was raised right with his mother finding guidance from her parents and from his parents. Josh proved over and over, the out pouring of love this young man has. Not only for Shelly but for her parents, Justin and MaC, as well.

He is a former Marthaville resident. His father is Bubba Jack Mills and her and his friend was Bicky; and her mother is Ponda Broadway and her husband Kevin. Her grandparents are Melba and Pete Cruse and all still live in the Marthaville area.

Josh is from Many and is this son of Dan Haigh and the late Karen Haigh, Josh’s mom passed away in June of 2003 from cancer. His grandfather is Jackie Haigh who works at Slay Electronics and Slay’s Firearms in Many.

Saturday, the rain stopped and the sun came out. It was the most wonderful day held outside at the Marthaville Resort in Zwolle. With just under 100 guests, everyone had a delightful time.

Shelly’s maid of honor was Brooke Graaves of Scanton, Ark., bridesmaids were Christy Thompson of Florien, Shelby Downs of Marthaville and Laura Petos of Baton Rouge. Flower Girls were Savannah and Maci Mitchell.

Josh Mitchell is a former Natchitoches High School student, Jody Hart of Natchitoches, Joseph Hard Troy

On front row are Savannah and Maci Mitchell. On back row are Lauren Peters, Brooke Graves, Shelly Haigh, Christy Thompson and Shelby Downs. Anderson and Mike Haigh all of Many. Ushers were Adam Graves of Marthaville and David Windham of Baton Rouge.

In the ceremony, Shelly and Josh had their mother’s picture and her corsage on the first chair and a remembrance table was set up at the reception. The very next day the newfound took the flowers from the reception and the corsage and Shelly’s bouquet to her grave to honor and remember loved one.

With the wedding over, the newlyweds will continue to live in Many and will be taking their honeymoon to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., in May. Josh will continue to work at Slays and Shelly works at Workam Brown &

Bubba Jack Mills gave a devotional prayer on the DNOW in Provensal. weekend was Bro. Bubba Jack Mills from Clara Springs. Saturday evening Malcolm Durbin and Matt ended up with a fire of hamburgers and pizzas for those who put in a lot of time and effort. Josh had been the youth that a had a great time at the DNOW. Matt would like to thank Tammy Dupre, Don Knight, and Cindy who helped with the food. We also had the youth in their homes over the weekend.

Clara Springs Camp will be held May 30 then May 31 starting at 10 a.m.

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The council changed the name on the bank account to flood damage prevention.

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By Marie Walker
478-2331

The cake at the reception was decorated with symbols of Camp.

Natchitoches Parish is at 6A Recreation Complex.

A daily dressing and attention by spraying of 2 ounces of natural spray is 2 hot peppers, 1 garlic, 1 lemon and 1 cup of water. Let stand for 24 hours, add 1 pinto of water and let stand another 24 hours. This will help out by volunteering, it will be sure that all will be eaten.

Working hard to get some of these articles. I just need more information.

Working with the Rosary at 1 p.m.; sandwiches and gumbo My 17 at Our Lady of Lourdes.

In case of emergency, call 333-7394.

April birthdays are Patricia Joffrion and Jodie Marthaville.

Sunny Spaier caught two big catfish on Black Lake.

Happy anniversary to Bruce and Jannie Turner. Brian and My T. J. Joseph at 1 p.m.; sandwich and gumbo April 22 at Our Lady of the Rosary at 3 p.m. with meal at noon.

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By Franvis Bausman
353-3772

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No, I haven’t quit writing, nor have I given up fishing. I’ve just been so preoccupied with problems that I haven’t had time left for anything else. I can’t seem to do better, as things are slowing down some.

First, my father-in-law took a huge spill, he was at a stop sign and he hit his head. He was hit by someone driving ahead of him. He didn’t have his helmet on. My wife rushed to him, which now matches the right side.

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Catholic Diocese will host job fair this month

The Diocese of Alexandria will host a Catholic Schools Job Fair Thursday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church located at 4400 Coliseum Blvd. in Alexandria according to Supt. of Catholic Schools, Tommy Roque. Catholic schools from Avoyelles, Natchitoches and Rapides Parishes will interview for jobs in education including elementary and high school teachers, paraprofessionals, aides, such as secretaries, custodians, and cafeteria technicians. “We are looking for the best of the best to teach in our Catholic schools,” said Roque. “Applicants for teaching positions must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and certification or be in the process of teaching certification.”

Magnet school taking applications

Natchitoches Magnet School is accepting applications for 1st grade for the 2015-2016 school year. Applications can be downloaded and printed from the school’s website at www.nkm.k12.la.us. They are also available in the school office.

All 1st grade applications are due by 3 p.m. on Friday, May 1.

CASA event is Friday

CASA will host “Coins for Cash” Friday, April 30 from 6-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1325 East 5th Street. Tickets are $40 or $400 for a table sponsor, which includes eight tickets and recognition at the event. For information go online to www.casamot.org.

Colonial tours available in town

Cane River National Heritage Area (CRNHA) and Fort St. John Baptist State Historic Site announce the creation of a new, guided tour focusing on Colonial Natchitoches. Free to the public, the walking tour will cover the Cane River region prior to European contact major events and notable characters of the French and Spanish colonial period; and the development of the Natchitoches Pot. The tour is family friendly and meant to engage all ages. Tours will be given every Friday at 9:30 a.m. Tours will begin at Fort St. John Baptist State Historic Site located at 135 Jefferson Street. For large group tours, please contact the Cane River National Heritage Area in advance at 318-546-0096.

The program is sponsored by Cane River National Heritage Area in partnership with NPS, the Baptist State Historic Site and the Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission.
The eighth-ranked St. Mary's Lady Tigers advanced to the second round of the IA softball playoffs with a 3-2 win over Overmann. They will face ninth-ranked Vermilion Catholic Thursday at 5 p.m. On front row from left are Maria Bienvenu, Sarah Loach, Chloe Lemoine, Hannah Davis, Isabella Peluso, Maci Messenger, Ragan Hale. On back row: Kelsey Ward, Kaylan Weitz, Lauren Vieville, Abigail Gardere, Makenzie Mathim, Madison Matl, Olivia Miller, Meredith Matt and Natalie Sheffield. Not pictured are head coach Elizabeth Jonson and assistant coach done at year, said head Elizabeth Jonson.

"We had some really good swings and it was good to see that and to be peaking at the right time. The sky is the limit for us and as long as we show up to play we are going to be tough to beat."

Sophomore Abigail Gardere pitched three innings, and allowed one run before it was broken up on a sacrifice fly by Adding in the bottom of the third inning. Matt singled and stole second. Miller led the Lady Tigers at the plate going 4 for 4 with three RBIs and four runs scored. Matt was 3 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs. Davis singled to left scoring Matt. Davis' single put St. Mary's up 1-0. The Lady Tigers offense simply could not get anything going. Finelli led off with a single but was immediately gunned down at first. Davis was 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs. Davis singled to left scoring Matt. Davis wouldn't score. The Lady Tigers offense simply could not get anything going. Finelli led off with a single but was immediately gunned down at first. Davis was 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs. Davis singled to left scoring Matt. Davis wouldn't score. The Lady Tigers offense simply could not get anything going. Finelli led off with a single but was immediately gunned down at first. Davis was 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs. Davis singled to left scoring Matt. Davis wouldn't score. The Lady Tigers offense simply could not get anything going. Finelli led off with a single but was immediately gunned down at first. Davis was 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs. Davis singled to left scoring Matt. Davis wouldn't score. The Lady Tigers offense simply could not get anything going. Finelli led off with a single but was immediately gunned down at first. Davis was 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs. Davis singled to left scoring Matt. Davis wouldn't score. The Lady Tigers offense simply could not get anything going. Finelli led off with a single but was immediately gunned down at first. Davis was 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs. Davis singled to left scoring Matt. Davis wouldn't score. The Lady Tigers offense simply could not get anything going. Finelli led off with a single but was immediately gunned down at first. Davis was 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs. Davis singled to left scoring Matt. Davis wouldn't score. The Lady Tigers offense simply could not get anything going. Finelli led off with a single but was immediately gunned down at first. Davis was 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs. Davis singled to left scoring Matt. Davis wouldn't score. The Lady Tigers offense simply could not get anything going. Finelli led off with a single but was immediately gunned down at first. Davis was 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Mathim and Davis each had two hits and two RBIs.
The Chiefs baseball team wins two out of three from Pineville with thrilling wins, 4-3 and 6-5.

The reigning state champion St. Mary’s golf team won the District Tournament Tuesday afternoon at the National Golf Course of Louisiana in Westlake with a total score of 287. The course was an extremely long, 6,904 yards. Reagan Cunningham led the Tigers along with an 85. Reagan Cunningham shot 98. Oherlin finished second, Hamilton Christian was third and Pineville was fourth. The top four moved on to the Regional Tournament at Alexandria Golf and Country Club. From left are assistant coach Landon Ambreg, Adam Hudson, Drake Hale, Lucky Rogers, Jake Bankston, Ryan Cunningham, Reagan Cunningham and head coach Chris Lee.

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The Chiefs tied it in the top of the sixth. With two outs and nobody on, Thomas reached on an error then doubled and advanced to third on a throwing error by the catcher. Metoyer walked, putting runners on the corners and two out for senior David Spillman who reached on an error in the shortstop scoring Thomas to tie the game at 2-2. Metoyer retired the first two hitters in the bottom of the sixth before getting into trouble. The next two hitters reached on an error and a walk, chasing him from the game.

Freshman Adam Hudson relieved Spillman as thoughPinenville was a hit away to take the lead. Hudson smacked a bunt up the middle that was ticketed for centerfield. But Hudson didn’t see it so he was safe. The Chiefs kept the tying run at second at the lead of 2-2 heading to the final frame.

Senior Critt Williams doubled with one out in the bottom of the seventh but was stranded. In the bottom of the seventh the freshman Hudson showed up and led off with a single. Hudson moved up to second on a throwing error on a pick off attempt. Hudson got the next hitter to pop out to Roquemore on second base. The next hitter grounded out to third base and Archie Metoyer on the second out. However, the winning run was now at second base. Hudson never blinked and struck out the next hitter sending the game to extra innings.

Hudson led off the eighth inning with a ringing double down the right field line. Sophomore D.J. Rabb pinch ran for him. Thomas sacrificed Rabb to third. Archie Metoyer reached on a fielder’s choice. During the play Rabb got caught in a rundown but managed to get back to third safely Metoyer advanced to second during the rundown.

Spillman got the quickhand on a laser to center giving the Chiefs a 2-2 lead. Hudson still had his speed and one out. No hit, however, couldn’t add to the lead as the next two hitters were retired on a pop out to right and ground out to short-stopping the inning. Hudson gave up a double to the lead-off hitter of the bottom of the eighth. The next hitter sacrificed the runner to third with one out. Hudson got the next hitter to strikeout with the Rebels down to their final out. Metoyer put down a perfect sacrifice bunt and reached safely with two outs in the bottom of the eighth. The next hitter got caught in a rundown but managed to get back to second safely Metoyer advanced to third. Metoyer was safe at third on a throwing error and reached safely on a suicide squeeze bunt scoring the tying run. He got the lead, however, to end the inning but the marathon continued.

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Lady Demon named ‘SCL Pitcher of the Week’

St. Mary’s tennis players Scott Maggio and Tyler Vienne won the Boys’ Doubles Bracket at the Regional Tennis Tournament at Forsythe Courts in Monroe. Vienne and Maggio advanced to the State Tournament April 27 and 28 at UL-Monroe. From left are Vienne, head coach Willie Paz and Maggio. Not pictured are B.J. Bertus; who qualified for the State Tournament April 27 and 28 at UL-Monroe.

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The Chief’s hit a 4-0 victory at Louisiana Tech. Northwestern State took a 4-0 advantage going into the sixth. The Chiefs tied it in the top of the second to take the lead in the first game of the series to the Rebels with two hits each. A double by Williams, singles by Thomas, Critt Williams, and two out for senior David Spillman who reached on an error in the shortstop scoring Thomas to tie the game at 2-2. Metoyer kept the tying run at second at the lead of 2-2 heading to the final frame.

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“Adam (Hudson) came in there strike, “said Seann. “That’s all I can ask of him. He gave us a chance to win this game and competed a hole out there. The defense was terrific behind him but good things happen to guys that each guy made the commitment to help us find a way to win.”

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M.R. Weaver will have carnival

M.R. Weaver’s Spring Carnival is Thursday, April 30 from 5-7 p.m. The school put together eight baskets full of items ranging in value from $150-500. Raffle tickets are $1. For information call 318-352-3623.

1. Summertime. Outdoor Fun (Gift card to Academy, picnic, fishing, sports, outside toys, etc.)
2. Game day / Tailgate spot (Gift card to Academy, Skylanders, Cutting board, Cajun Fry Daddy, baking trays, etc.)
3. Entertainment - 29TV, DVD, Skylanders, GameStop gift card, etc.
4. Family Movie Night (14 movies, 4 movie passes, popcorn, snacks, blanket, pizza gift card, etc.)
5. Family Game Night (10 board games, snacks, etc.)
6. Spa Day (certificate for massage and a haircut, lotions, polish, heated massager, etc.)
7. Grandma’s Gumbo (gumbo pot, fry basket, and lid), all the fixins’ for gumbo, apron, potholders, etc.
8. Cajun/Creole Cuisine (Fry Daddy, baking trays, utensils, a pot, cooking utensils, cutting board, Cajun mixes and spices, etc.)

NSU will offer CLE course; 6.5 hours possible

Northwestern State University’s School of Business will host a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) event on Friday, April 24 at Russell Hall.

“The School of Business learned of the desire of local attorneys to have additional venues for CLEs in the area of the state,” said Dr. Carmella Parker, event organizer. “As a result, the School worked to make this a reality. Our CLE is a fundraiser for Northwestern State University’s School of Business Director’s Fund.”

The first CLE will feature five speakers, and offer a total of 6.5 credit hours for attorneys. Attorneys may choose to take one or five CLE courses with lunch available for an additional $15. Lunch will be provided for those who select the all-day option.

The cost for the full day is $50, which includes lunch. For a single credit hour, the cost is $75 with add-on lunch $15.

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Loggers can get hours at Winfield workshop

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Cloutierville man arrested on drug charges

A vehicle parked across the concrete median at Hwy 3310 that then pulled into Natchitoches Central High School parking lot late Wednesday night led to the arrest of a Cloutierville man on drug charges according to Natchitoches Parish Sheriff VicMAIN Michael J. LaCour.

Dustin Ray Reyna, 25, of the 100 block of Ash Street in Cloutierville was arrested by Red River Parish deputies and Winn Parish deputies. A trooper with the State Police CDS (Schedule II) Marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, careless operation of a vehicle, no compulsory vehicle insurance and suspended license plate. Reyna, who has a prior arrest record, remains in the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center awaiting booking.

Deputies were patrolling the Natchitoches Central High School parking lot when they saw a 1993 Acura Legend parked across the concrete median. When Reyna saw them, he pulled into the school parking lot.

Deputies suspected criminal activity involving drug paraphernalia and kept the vehicle at the 100 block of Ash Street in Cloutierville.

When NPD officers arrived, they found two packages containing suspected marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and a cell phone. They arrested Reyna, 25, of the 100 block of Ash Street in Cloutierville.

Deputies arrested three suspects after ATV theft

Three people, including a 5th grade student wanted by the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff’s Office in connection with the theft of an all terrain vehicle in north Natchitoches Parish, were arrested in Red River Parish according to Natchitoches Parish Sheriff VicMAIN Michael J. LaCour.

Dustin Ray Reyna, 25, of Provencal was arrested by Red River Parish deputies and charged with unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and theft of a vehicle.

Syrella E. Scallion, 18, of the 130 block of Ann Street, Gramercy was charged with unauthorized entry of a residence and contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile.

A 15-year-old Goldonna junior high student was arrested on suspicion of possession of CDS Schedule II methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

When NPD officers arrived at 410 Winnona March 25, they smelled the odor of what they believed to be marijuana when the resident, Christine Charles, opened the door. They even spotted a marijuana cigarette in the car, so they arrested Reyna.

NPD officers said Charles admitted smoking marijuana. When they searched the vehicle, they seized two packages containing suspected marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and a cell phone, along with chargers that deputies were able to identify and locate the owner.

When Reyna was transported to the Natchitoches Parish Jail, Walmart was impounded by a local wrecker service.

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Make gardening easier with mulches

By Dan Gill
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

Mulching is an easy-to-do labor-saving gardening technique that all gardeners should take advantage of. A mulch is a material, usually organic but sometimes inorganic, we use to cover the soil surface around plants. Mulching beds is an important part of sustainable landscaping.

Organic mulches, such as leaves, chopped leaves, pine straw, ground pine bark, dry grass clippings and newspapers, are all derived from organic living materials. They are popular for their ease of use, attractive appearance (except for newspapers) and because, as they decompose, they add beneficial organic matter to the soil. They are the most popular mulches.

Inorganic mulches are derived from nonliving sources and include such materials as plastic sheeting, landscape fabric or weed barriers, stone chips or gravel. These materials as plastic sheeting, or synthetic mulches, such as landscape fabric or weed barriers, stone chips or gravel. These materials are also derived from nonliving materials. They are popular for their ease of use, attractive appearance (except for newspapers) and because, as they decompose, they add beneficial organic matter to the soil. They are the most popular inorganic mulches.

Some of these mulches, like black plastic, are not very attractive and are only suitable in more utilitarian situations, such as a vegetable garden. In more decorative areas, unattractive inorganic mulches, such as landscape fabric, may be covered with a layer of organic mulch for appearance's sake.

The first and foremost reason to use mulches is to control weeds. Whichever said, “A job well done doesn’t have to be done again” never weeded a garden. Every time weeds are removed, new weed seeds germinate, creating the problem all over again. Mulches work to stop this by blocking light from reaching the soil surface. Most weed seeds need light to germinate because this tells them they are close enough to the soil surface to sprout and grow. When covered over with mulch, they think they’re still deep in the soil and will not germinate. To create this barrier to weed growth, organic mulches have to be applied thick enough to do the job. Too often, gardeners spread mulch as thin as possible just to cover the soil. This will be ineffective in preventing weeds. Apply organic mulches at least 2 inches thick for best weed control.

Organic mulches are not as effective in controlling persistent perennial weeds such as knotweed, docks, Barberry, dandelion, and wild radish. To control such weeds, you need to use a barrier of black plastic. This Plastic barrier is often called a plastic fabric, but it works much like a weed barrier. If you want to use a barrier of black plastic, make sure to cover it with a layer of organic mulch.

Another important function of mulches is conserving moisture in the soil. By slowing evaporation from the soil surface, mulches keep beds from drying out as fast. This is especially important in hot, dry weather. Your plants receive a more even supply of moisture and you save money on your water bill. Shallow-rooted plants with limited root systems, such as bedding plants and vegetables in sunny areas, particularly benefit.

Organic mulches also insulate the soil and moderate soil temperatures keeping the soil warmer in winter and cooler in summer, which helps the roots. They can even reduce damage from injury to whatever part of the plant they cover in winter.

Black plastic used in the vegetable garden during winter and early spring helps warm the soil by absorbing the heat of the sun. This keeps winter vegetables growing vigorously and allows for early planting of spring vegetables. As the weather warms in April, black plastic mulch should be covered with an organic mulch to shade it and prevent excessive heat build-up. Black plastic should not be used to mulch perennials, such as shrubs or around trees.

Have you ever worked hard to turn the soil in a bed until it is nice and loose only to watch rain and watering beat it down again until it’s just as hard and compacted as it was before. You will find that if you use mulch as soon as you finish bed preparation and planting, the mulch will substantially prevent soil compaction. A loose soil absorbs water faster and is easier for roots to grow through.

The Class Settlement and its objective, financial data based causation tests have been approved by final judgment. If you reside or have a business in the map above, you have the right to file a claim.

If you submit a claim form and all required information and meet the formulas as approved by the Courts, you qualify for an award.

Not every claim filed will be eligible, but you have the right to file and find out.

**Court-Approved Supplemental Information About The Deepwater Horizon Economic Settlement Claim Deadline**

**June 8, 2015 – Deadline to File**
Claim(s) with the Deepwater Horizon (BP) Economic Settlement Program

The June 8, 2015 Deadline will NOT be extended

To file your claim go to: [www.deepwaterhorizoneconomicsettlement.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizoneconomicsettlement.com)
Or Call (866) 392-6774

Deepwater Horizon Claims Center
Economic & Property Damage Claims

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Bands rock events center for Jazz Fest

Melrose Arts and crafts festival vendors receive awards

The first place blue ribbon winner of the Melrose Arts and Crafts festival in the Pottery Ceramics Glass category is Kent Fellette of Gonzales.

The first place blue ribbon winner of the Melrose Arts and Crafts festival in the Jewelry category is Anitra Mezzell of Graham, Texas.

The first place blue ribbon winner of the Melrose Arts and Crafts festival in the needle art category is Teresa Coffey of Two Sisters Crafts of Natchitoches.

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The first place blue ribbon winner of the Melrose Arts and Crafts festival in the Jewelry category is Ernesto Kersey of Austin, Texas.

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The Remnant House Church announces new pastor
Pastor Nathaniel Jones and his wife, Patricia Ann will join the ministry team at The Remnant House.

The Back Porch Band provided entertainment at Young at Heart. The band participates in many events across central Louisiana, playing authentic folk instruments. Members of the band from left are Michael Yankowski, Hurst Hall, Richard Rose, Bill Bryant, Burt Anders, Fay Carson, Gloria Bryant and Yvonne Dupuy.

Young at Heart members met the first Wednesday in April at First United Methodist Church. The Kominona Circle of United Methodist Women decorated the Easter with an Easter theme. Having April birthdays were, from left, Nelwyn Poole, Jo Hargis, Joleen Smith and Carol Otto. The group of over 20 adults meets at 11 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in Board Hall at First United Methodist Church. The meeting is open to all faiths. There is a $5 charge for lunch or guests can take a covered dish.

Writeernisers: An Old Time Country Revival
By Donald Gates
First Baptist Church held a revival last week. Baptists love to have Revivals but we don’t seem to have as many as we used to. Richard Owen Roberts defines a Revival as an extraordinary work of the Holy Spirit producing extraordinary results. I sit here in this beautiful sanctuary listening to the wonderful singing music and preaching and my mind is drawn back to an earlier time when rural Revivals were greatly anticipated spiritual events in a social context. The first such Revival I remember was when I was about 10 years old which would have been about 1954. My Dad had just died and my mother, baby sister and I had just moved from New Orleans to Puckett, MS. My mother’s father, Bill Taylor, asked us to come for a visit and attend a Revival at his church. So on Saturday before the beginning of the Sunday Revival, we travelled to Grandpa Taylor’s by bus down Highway 18 to Taylor Crossing. Grandpa met us there in his wagon to transport us to his home. Grandpa had a small farm way back in the woods bordering Baton Rouge National Forest near Raleigh. At this point I need to set the stage for what I am about to describe because it is like a scene taken directly from a movie by John Steinbeck (Grapes of Wrath) or the TV program, The Waltons.

Saturday duties involved the women cooking for the dinner-on-the-ground at the church. They would go to the Smoke House where hams and other pork parts were smoked with hickory wood and cut generous slices from the hams and sacked loins. Also made tripe to the storm shelter where mostly canned food was stored to select mason jars of beef and other meats that had been pressure cooked and canned. Also beans, tomatoes, peas, etc. If the garden had fresh food they were included. Ice cream would be hand made at dinner site. Country folks had little money but they typically ate well because they grew most of what they ate. It was a busy time for the ladies.

(The first two things you should know about dinner-on-the-ground are: 1. It’s not dinner and 2. It’s not on the ground. Ok, actually, it is dinner for Southerners, but I

See Country Revival page 10B
Meredith Norris and Haley May can't wait for Priss to come on stage at Jazz Fest.

Dr. Rhonda DeLoache and Darlene M. Coker show off DeLoache’s hat that she is going to wear at the Kentucky Derby.

Lionel Dawson Sr., Earnestine Armstrong and Elizabeth Wysingle wait for the Council on Aging groundbreaking ceremony to begin.

Jennifer Long and Dale Martin relax in the shade at the Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival.

Faces of Natchitoches

Martha and Truman Maynard are grateful for good weather at the Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival.

The Natchitoches Times introduces a new feature published every other Thursday on Page 3B in the Lifestyles section designed for everyone who loves where they live. Share birthdays, holidays, travel, dinner dates, parties and other events with your community.

• People in photos must be identified with first and last names in order from left to right
• Include a brief description of the event
• Open to all Natchitoches Parish residents
• Email photos to Natalie Covher at lifestyleeditor@natchitochestimes.com or post online and use our hashtag...

#NattyTimes
A composition based on an iconic image of the earth taken by the Apollo 8 astronauts will be performed as part of a concert featuring the Northwestern State Wind Symphony and Fricendes Concert Band Thursday April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Dr. Paul Forsyth is the featured soloist. Dr. John Clarke, professor of music and student Jaime Cisneros are the co-directors. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Wind Symphony will perform "Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Wind Orchestra" by Inigo Dalí featuring Forsyth and "Earthrise" by Nigel Clarke who will be in attendance. Clarke is at Northwestern State for a week working with students and presenting an master class Thursday at 3:20 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

"This gives us a unique opportunity to perform a work that connects some of my recent work as a composer, conductor and musicologist," Clarke said. "We can speak to the composer and his process and what he is considering and what he is considering to be meaningful." Clarke studied composition at the Royal Academy of Music in London where he won the James Parker Prize in 2000. "It was a great distinction, the Queen’s Commission for the Arts in Excellence," Clarke said. "I was overjoyed." Clarke was co-named composer of the year at the Sound Awards in the United Kingdom. He gained his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Salford.

Clarke previously held positions as young composer, conductor and musicologist at the University of Salford. He is the director of the School of Creative and Cultural Industries at the University of Salford.

"They got something from the journey they did not expect, an image of the earth rising that was more important than the mission," said Clarke. "The earth was the only colorful thing in space with its blues and greens."

Equally adept at both the classical and jazz repertoire, Forsyth has performed recitals and taught master classes at numerous concert halls, universities, and conferences around the world. Forsyth has been featured as a soloist and chamber musician at numerous American and International Saxophone Conferences, the World Saxophone Congresses, John Deitrich's Musicof the Year, Governor's, Olympic, and International Composition Weekends. He has been named to the executive board of the American Saxophone Association, the Iridium Performing Artist. He is a member of the Ridgefield Quartet and a member of the Los Angeles Jazz Education Network. Forsyth is named as the Collegiate Division Musicfor the Year, Governor’s, Olympic, and International Composition Weekends. Forsyth has been featured as a soloist and chamber musician at numerous American and International Saxophone Conferences, the World Saxophone Congresses, John Deitrich's Musicof the Year, Governor's, Olympic, and International Composition Weekends. He has been named to the executive board of the American Saxophone Association, the Iridium Performing Artist. He is a member of the Ridgefield Quartet and a member of the Los Angeles Jazz Education Network. Forsyth has been named as the Collegiate Division Musicfor the Year, Governor’s, Olympic, and International Composition Weekends.

"Bones" Malone, the 2015 recipient of the "Arts Are A Way of Life" Award, is an important figure in the Natchitoches community. The award celebrates the achievements of individuals who use their talents and skills to advance the arts in Natchitoches and throughout the nation. "Bones" Malone is known for his passion for music and his dedication to sharing his love for the arts with others. He has been involved in many music-related activities throughout his career, including performing at concerts, teaching music lessons, and organizing community events. "Bones" Malone is a true artist who inspires others to pursue their passions and to make a positive impact on the world through the arts. He is a role model for young people and encourages them to pursue their dreams and to follow their hearts. "Bones" Malone is a true inspiration and a true example of what can be achieved through hard work and dedication. He is a true "Arts Are A Way of Life" Award winner and a true inspiration to all who know him. He is a true artist who inspires others to pursue their passions and to make a positive impact on the world through the arts. He is a role model for young people and encourages them to pursue their dreams and to follow their hearts. "Bones" Malone is a true inspiration and a true example of what can be achieved through hard work and dedication. He is a true "Arts Are A Way of Life" Award winner and a true inspiration to all who know him.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING
PUBLIC BID SALE NOTICE

RED RIVER WATERTWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Monday, April 20, 2015
5:00 p.m.

The Red River Waterway Development Corporation (“RRWDC”), a public body chartered and constituted under the laws of the State of Louisiana, acting through and by its Director of Business Affairs, hereby gives notice that on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., a Public Bid Sale Notice (the “Notice”) will be held at which time the Corporation will receive sealed bids for the following project:

RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANT TO FACILITATE THE TIMBER HARVEST

RAPIDS PARISH, LOUISIANA

Sealed bids for the sale of approximately 100 acres of land located in the Red River Waterway Improvement District in Rapides Parish, Louisiana by the RRWDC will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Red River Waterway Development Corporation, Attn: Michael Milner, 1100 North Parkway Drive, Natchitoches, LA 71497 until 2:00 pm, University Drive, Natchitoches by the NSU Treasurer or any District at the time the bid opening.

John G. Auster, Treasurer
Steven Solomon
Director of Business Affairs

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Sealed bids shall be opened, read and placed on file in the office of the Director of Business Affairs on the date and time stated above and at the site of the project.

The above Notice is given under authority of the Board of Commissioners of the Red River Waterway Development Corporation.
As Secretary/Treasurer.

Brown was unanimously elected as Vice President.

Nettles Brown for President

A motion was made by Dan

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The minutes for the month of March, 2015, were approved by a roll call vote and the minutes for the month of April, 2015, were read and approved by roll call vote.

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To account for the city's limited funds, Family Day at the Drinking Water Releasing tower, direct service and other expenses relate to an improvement project for Park Avenue, and is appropriate for the Mayor to execute an instrument and all were in favor. This Resolution was introduced by Mr. Winterland, Inc., Marion, Indiana...$33,610.00
WHEREAS, the Honorable Lee Posey, Mayor, is hereby directed to sign any and all bid proposals for Christmas lighting supplies and the funds are committed to any other Department of the City of Natchitoches, the governing body of the City, or any other body to which the City may transfer such fund balances to the specific purposes of each fund balance(s) are committed to an improvement project for Hancock Ave.

- WHEREAS, the Honorable Lee Posey, Mayor, has requested that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches approve the assignment, if he is so requested to do so.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Lee Posey, Mayor, be and is hereby directed to execute the Resolution presented for a vote, and the vote was taken, and the vote was passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on November 10, 2014, at 9:10 a.m.
- ABSTAIN: None
- NAYS: None
- A YES: Nielsen, Morrow, Magee, Possey
- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INSTRUMENT APPROVING THE RIVER AERO, LLC, REALTY, LLC TO CANE RIVER AERO, LLC, AND ALL, WILLIAM PAINE AND LEE TAYLOR TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BATEROOM IN THE AMERICOM BUILDING IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES.

AND FURTHER
- WHEREAS, the apparent low bid by Amulet Street Elevated Tank, Los Angeles, CA, in the amount of $1,527,868.00.
- WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has requested that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches approve the assignment, if he is so requested to do so.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Lee Posey, Mayor, be and is hereby directed to execute the Resolution presented for a vote, and the vote was taken, and the vote was passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on September 26, 2016, and the vote was taken, and the vote was passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on May 6, 2015, and was then published in accordance with the law; and
- WHEREAS, the Honorable Lee Posey, Mayor, has requested that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches approve the assignment, if he is so requested to do so.
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- NAYS: None
- A YES: Nielsen, Morrow, Magee, Possey
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dinner would be prepared by the host family and served in the dining room. The guests were seated at long tables that were covered with white tablecloths and set with silverware and crystal glasses. The food was delicious, with a variety of dishes including roast beef, lamb, and poultry. After dinner, a children’s program was held in the church fellowship hall, with games and entertainment for the young people. The evening ended with a special program featuring a renowned artist or speaker, and concluded with a final prayer and benediction.