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Mr. Carroll 1985, Stanley White's Cherished Memories

Stanley Bernard White was born February 20, 1966 to Eula B. White Harris and the late Edward Wheeler in Monroe, Louisiana. Stanley transitioned to Heaven on October 18, 2017 with the six most cherished women in his life by his side. Stanley gave his life to Christ at an early age and rededicated his life to Christ in 2013. He was educated in the



Stanley Bernard White

Monroe City School System and graduated from Carroll High School in

See White, P.9

Shootings Continue

It's difficult being a young person and the question why remains overwhelming? According to police reports, police officers were sent to the 1200 block of South 3rd St., Monroe, LA in reference to a shooting on Tuesday, October 24. The initial investigation revealed that Dominic Dickens was shot one time in the left leg. Dickens was walking down South 3rd St when a black vehicle drove by and one of the occupants inside of the vehicle began shooting at the victim several times. Dickens was taken to a nearby hospital where he is being treated

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Shooting Rattles GSU

When teens go off to college, parents have some reassurance that their children are in a safe, nurturing environment. Unfortunately now in the times in which we live, some people make the decision to bring chaos and despair into places which were once a safe haven. Young people look the same, but act differently. Many have the shoot first, then think mentality. Some grew watching movies that have warped reality with their thinking

and end up with a wrong sense of purpose serving time, regretting their past actions. Police arrived to the crime scene where gun shots were reportedly heard around midnight, Tuesday, October 24. Two dead bodies were found, Earl Andrews, 23, and Monquiarious Caldwell, 23. Andrews was a senior at Grambling State University, and Caldwell was a visiting friend.



Victim Monquiarious Caldwell

Both were from nearby Farmerville, Louisiana. See Shooting, P.9

Ontario Hogg Hit'n Run Casualty

A family's worst nightmare is to never see a loved one when they leave home again. The Hogg family is left with a void in their hearts losing a family member not knowing the circumstances surrounding their death. People come and go all the time to various places or destinations. Shocking is when a person leaves never to be heard from, then a call from law enforcement or an unknown party brings reality full circle. What happened on Friday Morning October 20 will remain a mystery un-

less someone or the party responsibility speaks. According to Monroe Police, they believe Ontario D. Hogg 36, of Monroe LA was hit by an 18-wheeler on Hwy 165 at Ruffin Dr.

Authorities can't pinpoint the time of the accident or how long the victim had been deceased. The victim was either found or seen and reported around 6:45 am. Police need anyone with information to help them solve this crime. Please pray for this family and



Ontario D. Hogg

that the responsible party will step forth to help bring closure to a tragic event.

William Thomas Jefferson Gone Home



William Thomas Jefferson. Photo Dispatch

Carroll High Grad William Thomas Jefferson took his final bow Tuesday, October 20, 2017 in Ogden Utah. Jefferson grew up in Monroe, LA and left the south to become prosperous, which he

accomplished. He loved the Saints and is now one of them. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Please keep William Thomas Jefferson in your prayers, "he was a good man!"

Club Nuvvo Loses Alcohol Renewal

By Eddie D. Gillis

Residents of Frances Towers and the community were out in full force Tuesday night at the Monroe City Council meeting to voice their strong disapproval to recent incidents in/around Club Nuvvo. The club located at 109 Catalpa Street had been the subject of recent city council meetings, where a spokesperson for Frances Towers Residents urged council members "to do something" because they were afraid



Club Nuvvo

that someone could get killed. At the last council meeting two weeks ago, Councilman Kenneth Wilson (Dist. 4)

said that when it came to the "safety of the elderly", he would vote to shut the club down. That was in reference to the upcoming alcoholic beverage license renewal that the club's owner has requested for council approval. However, there

See Nuvvo, P.9

NAACP... School Board Unitary Status Unacceptable

By Eddie D. Gillis

A local civil rights group said that it could not support the Monroe City School Board as it seeks relief from federal oversight concerning a decades old desegregation lawsuit. The Monroe chapter of the NAACP held a Tuesday afternoon press conference, denouncing the school board's attempt to free itself from a federal lawsuit that literally looked as though it would never come to a satisfactory conclusion.



Rev. Ambrose Douzart

The Consent Decree that has had jurisdiction over how the Monroe City System has gone about desegregating

the city's schools has been a sticking point through many appearances before the courts. NAACP President Rev. Ambrose Douzart said that he believes that his group should have been asked for their input from the school board prior to the board's announcement that the system was seeking unitary status. Douzart said that a decision that will have a lasting impact on the children that attend Monroe City

See NAACP, P.9



Prayze Factor People's Choice Awards Urban Solo Artist of the Year Prophetess Shereka ShaBang (left) and Attorney Krystal Williams. Photo Dispatch

Above and Beyond the Imagination Urban Solo Artist of the Year Prophetess Shereka ShaBang and her guardian angel supporters celebrated a night of glorious victory on Monday, October 25, at the Ouachita Parish Public Library in Monroe, LA. Prophetess Shereka stated that being named as Urban Solo Artist of the year 2017 by Prayze Factor People's Choice Awards. Attorney Krystal Williams presented the simulation of the award.



Bishop Danny Hunt and Minister Jackie L. Freemont. Photo Dispatch

ORDAINED

At Walk in the Word Family Church in Monroe, LA, Minister Jackie L. Freemont was ordained before family, friends and church members by Bishop Danny and Apostle Carolyn Hunt, and Pastors K.C. and Vivian Wade on Sunday, October 22, 2017. With ten years of studying the Word, Minister Freemont is ready to give Hope to those who've lost their footing and preach the Word of God.



Pastor Ronald and First Lady Marilyn Green

Leadership Worth Following

Spirit Deliverance Church of God In Christ Monroe LA honored worthy servants Pastor Ronald and First Lady Marilyn Green 7 years of tireless kingdom service Sunday October 15. Special 7th Anniversary guests were Pastor Robert M. Moody Holy Way Ministries Family Worship Center.



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Starting Your Day

By Jessica DeTiege

How do you start your day? Do you roll over to your phone and scroll news or social media? Do you begin by turning on the radio? Do you reach for the remote control to turn on your TV?

How does your day end up going? Does it go smoothly or do you have small situations that consume you?

Start your day by being reminded to whom you belong. God wants us to be in constant relation and communication with Him. The closer we stay to Him the farther we are away from sin, depression, and anxiety. Throughout the day as you would a close friend, call on Him and talk things out



Jessica DeTiege

with Him.

Start your day by giving reverence to God. It can be by praying, reading a scripture, or even just mediating on one verse. This simple change can make an amazing difference.

Our Children, Our Responsibility

Children need inspiration, instruction, and examples. The greatest of these is “examples.” We must teach our children to love God. Parents should teach by instruction and example. Proverbs 6:20-21 teaches “...my son keep the commandments of the father and forsake not the law of his mother.” This Scripture indicates that parents have a great responsibility.

Our children will reflect our teaching and the examples that we have been exemplifying. We must take heed of the statement made by the great evangelist Gypsy Smith. He said, “there are actually five gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and you. The preacher and



Dr. Joseph Capers

the Sunday school teacher will read four of them, but the world only reads the last one. We are the only Gospel some people read. Our children read us parents. The comments made by the evangelist behooves each parent to train, teach and lead their children in the way of God and righteousness.

PRAYING STUDENTS

*Inspired by God through Mary Roggerson & Morning Prayer Ministries under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth Nolley, St. Mary Baptist Church

Purpose: For all children to learn, pray and confess the Word of God.

Goal: For all children to have an intimate relationship with God through prayer & His Word.

Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday

Rejoice in the Lord, O

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Joetta Adams or keepers of the door, their church service is invaluable. They are the first to meet and greet you at church. If you have a question, need a seat, need to speak or sit with a certain group, church ushers are at your beck and call to fulfill your desires and are valuable church servants. This week the Monroe Dispatch salutes dedicated True Vine Baptist Church usher Joetta Adams who loves God and loves being a favorite church usher.

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Pastors Dennis R. Martin Sr. and Donald Woods.



Deacons and Mothers filled the pew including Sisters Mary Tucker, Florece Staten and Brother Robert Bilton.



Among the many Sisters and Mothers in attendance.



Mission and Mothers included Sisters Evoria Gardner, Betty Glover, Jewel Cotton, Janie Slack and Lilia Scott.

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Fellow Laborers for God

A Deacons, Mothers Mission Anniversary was held recently at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church where Dennis R. Martin Sr. is Pastor. Guest Minister was Rev. Donald Woods Piney Grove Baptist Church Monroe LA. Deacon Willie Hunter was the master of ceremony. Piney Grove Male Chorus handled the song service. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building. If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.



Pastor Dottie Rivers

Pastor Dottie Rivers’ 27th Anniversary
Word of Faith Revival Center 210 Marx St. Monroe LA will honor Pastor Dottie Rivers for 27 years of preaching the word and saving souls Saturday November 4, 5pm at Tri-District Boys & Girls Club 2920 Louberta St. Monroe LA. Guest speaker is Pastor Patsy Brown Prevailing Faith Bible Church Monroe LA. Tickets are \$20, call Lashonda Wilson 318-547-8007.

Spiritual Harvest “Men Pursuing God” Conference

Pastor Bob Dziadaszek and the men of Spiritual Harvest Worship Center 8th annual “Men Pursuing God” Men’s Conference on Saturday, November 11 at 9 a.m. The theme is “Walking as Jesus Walked,” based on 1 John 2:6. Guest speakers are: Pastor Charles Washington Path Restore

Ministries, Monroe LA and Pastor Douglas Houston St. Mary Baptist Church, Ruston, LA.

Men of this community are invited to join us and experience praise, refreshing fellowship with other men of God, and the power of God’s Word. Women are welcome, too. Information, spiritual-harvestministries.org

A Laugh of a Lifetime

Donnie’s Production Presents Aunt Susie & Crew Gospel Comedy Show, Live In Monroe

Saturday, November 11, 7pm, Wossman High School 1600 Arizona Ave. Monroe LA, General Admission \$10 / “VIP” / With Reception \$25/\$15 at the Door. More Info Call Donnie Anderson 318-791-2392.

Monroe 2017 GSU Homecoming Celebration

Be with the ones who bleed black & gold Thursday October 26, 6-9pm Monroe Regional Airport free to the public. R&B/Jazz Music, free appetizers, Sky Lounge top shelf cash bar, free parking with validation and Tier Drawing Bayou Classic tickets. GSU Supporters will make special presentation to “\$1,000,000 Bring it Home Campaign.

Pulpits & Pews

Talent Show

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church 3507 Church St. Monroe LA Pastor Aide Committee presents a night of giving praise to God with your talent Saturday October 28, 6pm, Rev. Dennis R. Martin Sr. Pastor.

Free Clothing

Rose of Sharon Baptist Church 716 MLK Jr. Dr. Monroe LA 8am-12 noon, Saturday October 28. Lots of great clothes to choose!

Book of Revelation Bible Study

Philadelphia Word Center Church 215 Arnold Dr./ Buckhorn Bend Rd. Monroe LA Dr. Pastor/Teacher Alfred Mack. The book PULPITS, see page 4

HAPPENINGS

IT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN



Above and Beyond the Imagination

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Maurice Johnson Musical Tribute

Grambling State University Conrad Hutchinson Performing Arts Center Friday

October 27, 7pm Tickets \$25 call Sharon Robinson 318.614.1951.

Onyx Flow & Throw

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Seasoned

It was a celebration at St. Timothy Baptist Church celebrating 150 years last Sunday October 22, when former resident Pastor Harlan L. Brown St. Paul Baptist Church Forest VA. Magnified the Lord from the sacred desk. It was a celebration

and people are still talking! Sister Lucille Wilson and her Anniversary Committee went beyond the call! Rev. Dr. John Allen, III is Pastor.

Ain't To Proud to Beg

Not all but many young folks think others owe them something! That television mentality will keep our young folks locked up and they won't ever find the key! There is never something for nothing.

Domestic Abuse Crisis

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Fats Domino Passes

Legendary Singing Artist Fats Domino went to glory Wednesday October 25, 2017. His hits songs were memorable including Walking to New Orleans and Blueberry Hill.

Vehicle License or Title

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Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship Conference

Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship

Recently Pastor Joann Holland, Dr. Kay Honeycutt, Presiding Bishop Joseph Walker and Evangelist Gladys Goins attended the Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship Conference, where pastors, ministers and leadership were rejuvenated by inspiring messages. Conference host and guest speaker was Apostle Linda Sweezer of the House of Peace Ministries Vicksburg MS. Be on the lookout for Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship Conference 2018 in Monroe LA.



Mrs. Nola F. Green (Sitting)
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday Mrs. Nola F. Green Monday October 30 from all the Green Family.



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Ouachita Parish Human Rights Luncheon Celebration Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, 716 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Monroe, LA Friday, November 3, - 11 a.m. -1 p.m. Guest speaker: Dr. Lynn Clark, Executive Director of the Children Coalition of NE LA. Bring your favorite dish!

Rayville Community Breast Cancer Awareness Event

Rayville Rosewald/Eula D. Britton Alumni Center - 103 Cotton St. Rayville LA Sunday October 29, 3pm-5pm. Don't forget to wear pink! More info call Survivors Mary James

Neustadter or Annie Stat- en 318.344.0345 or Missionary Deanna Corbett 318.355.5252

Veterans Forum

Saturday November 11, Mount Olivet Baptist Church 500 Swayze Street • Monroe LA W.L. Brannon Hall 2918 Maddox Street (Building behind the Church) 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Public forum dedicated to connecting Veterans, service members, and their families to local resources. Information on VA Benefits- Claims / Appeal Process and VA Health Care Benefits/ Services topics discussed. more info John Wilson 318-547-0560 or johnnewilson@bellsouth.net.

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Witness Project

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of Revelation Bible study begins Sunday October 29, 6:30 p.m. You will learn how Revelation in Greek meaning Apokalupsis, meaning to reveal that which is hidden or concealed. You will have in-depth chapter, verse to verse explanation by Pastor Alfred Mack and maps and literature available at each class. So, if your Church is not having service come on over to Philadelphia Word Center Church, Children Church available

Healing Services

Healing Services conducted by Rev. Jacquelyn

Catfight in the Dome

Let's go see the North LA Tigers take on the South LA Jaguars in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome at the 43rd Annual Bayou Classic, Sat. November 25. The bus will leave Pecanland Mall (Across from Belk) at 7 A.M. and arrive in New Orleans around 1 P.M. Game time is 4 P.M. while returning

Simmons family & friends will convene Monday Oct. 23, 6 pm Triumph Baptist Church 800 Girod St. Monroe LA. The key word will be I Am with Minister Pam Blake serving as speaker. Music will be provided under the direction of Marion Prudhomme.

128th Church Anniversary

Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church 2930 Jackson St. Monroe LA Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m. Rev. Houston J. Simmons, Pastor. Guest Pastor Linzie Riley Saint Paul Missionary

to Monroe after the game. Trip cost \$95 (game ticket included) or \$60 (game ticket not included). Payment deadline Tuesday November 17. NO REFUNDS (unless trip is cancelled). Refreshments and door prizes will be given away. Contact Ezzard O. Burton 318-680-9057 or 318-343-3313.

Baptist Church Marion LA.

True Vine Trick or Trunk

True Vine Youth Department and EPIC Young Adult Ministry Hallelujah Trick or Trunk Carnival, Sunday, October 29 immediately after 11 A.M. service on church grounds and parking lot at Monroe location from 1 - 2:30 pm. enjoy hot dogs, treats, games and prizes. no fee, Minister Kelvin Horne, Youth Minister.

The "Spring" Adult Choir Musical

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 1001 Breard St., Monroe, LA, October 29, 3 P.M. Choirs & Soloists Welcome Contact (318) 322-0470 OR strickland-kemp@yahoo.com Confirming Attendance.

October-Fest 2017

Peter Rock Baptist Church 506 Benton Ave. Monroe LA Tuesday: Oc-

tober 31, 5:30pm Everyone is invited: No monster costumes please!

78th Church Anniversary Homecoming/ Revival

Zion Spring Missionary Baptist Church 913 Powell Ave. Monroe LA Sunday November 5, 2:30pm. Guest Rev. Jerry Baldwin New Living Word Church Ruston LA. Revival November 6-8, 7pm.

Harvest Day Celebration

New Antioch Baptist Church, Rev. John Russell, pastor, Monroe, LA Sunday, October 29, 3 p.m. Guest Rev. John L. Perry Sr. King Ollie Baptist Church.

"Prayer Breakfast"

Peter Rock Baptist Church 506 Benton Ave. Monroe LA. Rev. Timothy Henderson, Pastor. Saturday October 28, 9 am. Guest Speaker: Minister Yolanda Brown-Holman Break-through Baptist Church. Breakfast will be served.

Community Conversation

The 318 Community Ambassadors are back on the radio Majic 97.3, 10 am. Brother Brian Johnson motivates & educates every Sat. at the Roundtable where you can EAT (Evaluate All Things). Check it out and lock it down!

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Soldier Buried, Controversy Continues

By Eddie D. Gillis

What could have been settled with a simple apology, would have ended the nightmare that the family of Sgt. La David Johnson is currently experiencing. Sgt. Johnson was buried Saturday (Oct. 21) with honors, but the controversy over what led to his death/body recovery has not been answered by the Trump administration. The total unexplained deaths of Sgt. Johnson and three of his fellow soldiers in the nation of Niger, is turning uglier each day by a president who will not explain what went wrong. The world knows by now how President Trump bungled a condolence call to Myeshia Johnson on the very day that she was going to receive Sgt. Johnson's remains. It was alleged that President Trump told the young mother that La David "knew what he was signing up for", which has been supported by Chief of Staff John Kelly, who also lost his son in a military operation. But all of the anger by Trump supporters has been directed at Florida Congresswoman Fredericka Wilson, who made public the words that Trump allegedly told Mrs. Johnson. Congresswoman Wilson explained how Myeshia broke down in tears after hearing what President Trump said that was heard on speakerphone, noting that President Trump didn't even mention Sgt. Johnson's name when he made the call.

According to Wilson and Sgt. Johnson's mother, that caused Myeshia to cry which led to Wilson going public with the incident. Did the president apologize in an effort to "clear up" any misunderstanding? No, he did what he always does to take the attention away from himself. He attacks Congresswoman Wilson for doing something that the president often fails to do, which is tell the truth. Who started the controversy about the soldiers' deaths and calls to their families? It was none other than President Trump himself.

When asked why he had not mentioned the soldiers' deaths after over two weeks, Trump blamed Presidents Obama and Bush (43), saying that they didn't contact families of deceased soldiers. That was proven to be a lie. Next Trump said that he sent out letters to all families (or most of them, he couldn't get it straight), but said nothing of the four soldiers' deaths. Nonetheless, Congresswoman Wilson's name is dragged through the

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work is done in faithfulness. **Friday and Saturday**

He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 33:5

Prayer: Father, thank You for showing me who You are. I praise You with my whole heart. I am glad that You love righteousness and justice. The evidences of Your goodness are everywhere. Lord, You are Good!

Confession: God loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of His goodness.



Eddie Gillis

mud for simply telling the nation why Johnson's family is suffering through one of the most difficult moments in their lives. Chief of Staff Kelly, who is also a retired Marine general, astounded many people, when he publicly defended President Trump, saying that it "took bravery" to make the call to the Johnson family, even after Kelly "instructed" Trump on how to make those calls. Kelly referred to Wilson as an "empty barrel" for going public, even though she knew Sgt. Johnson from a mentoring program that she founded, which Kelly did not mention as an accomplishment of Wilson. Instead he went to the president's playbook.

Kelly, when referring to Wilson as an "empty barrel" (which has racial overtones) said that at the dedication of a building named after two FBI agents slain in Wilson's district, she made "everything" about her without so much as mentioning the FBI agents. He talked about a great speech made about recently fired FBI Director James Comey by Trump, but had nothing but utter contempt for Wilson, saying on that day, she was an empty barrel, making noise, and that was all. But on that day, the video/audio transcript showed that the general was not telling the truth. He has not recanted his statement, or anyone else in the Trump White House. But Wilson is the target of something that President Trump started, and continued by the White House and Fox News.

Myeshia Johnson has said through media interviews that President Trump did indeed say what was reported, even the part about Trump not mentioning her late husband's name. Congresswoman Wilson will continue to take the heat/blame for Trump's actions/words from Fox News, but they will not dare attack Johnson's family because they are in the Gold Star status. To attack anything said by his widow, or mother, is an assault against the memory of an American soldier who gave his life for his country. General Kelly didn't confirm Trump's version, even though the president said that he had "proof" that he is right. No one from the White House is rushing to provide that proof. The blame for where we are is not Congresswoman Wilson's fault, but that of the president.

None of us would expect a man of God to speak in the manner as President Trump did. Nor should a president. All is needed is an apology. Don't expect one to come from the Trump White House. To do so would admit to the truth.

Remember, the world is watching. So is God.

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Mr. Pickem Grissom’s Football Predictions

Week 9 - October 26 & 27

week 8 record: 12-13 featured games: 0-1 (14-5 overall) overall record: 86-25

The wait is over! It’s the final two weeks of the season and some highly anticipated games are set to take place. After a week 7 slate of games that featured some big-time blowouts and not many surprises, week 9 is sure to tilt the scales in favor of some epic battles. It’s now or never for some teams that are striving to improve their playoff positions and some teams face “must win” games to continue their football seasons. I expect some upset specials this week and the GAME OF THE WEEK could’ve easily been 4 or more games. After a 12-3 record last week, I even find myself trying to get into post-season mode but if I want to keep your attention I’ll have to step my game up this week.

***This week will feature several games that have been moved to Thursday night so be sure to check when your team will hit the field.

****Game of the Week****
#10 OUACHITA LI-ONS (5-3) @ #1 WEST MONROE REBELS (8-0)

Coming into the season, I held the Ouachita Lions in very high regard. They have the talent, experience and pedigree to beat any team in the state. However, over the past 8 weeks, they’ve faltered a bit losing 3 games on its way to a 5-3 record. Don’t get me wrong the 3 losses have come to some very viable opponents (Neville, Plaquemine and Ruston), but that shouldn’t be an excuse for a team as loaded as the Lions. Last week, they got back on track by wiping away district foe, Natchitoches-Central 54-14. The dominance displayed vs the Chiefs is what I’d expected out of the Lions since ranking them #1 in my preseason rankings. RB Dylan Roberts has returned from injury and appears to back at full strength as he rushed for 185 yards and 3 TDs on just 15 carries. Jabari Johnson also came up big with 54 yards rushing and 2 TDs. He also tossed 2 more TDs, including a 70-yard strike to his go-to receiver, Josh Newton. It was about as a complete game as Coach Jeff Fitzgerald could ask. His defense came away with 2 takeaways and his special team’s unit also produced a 95 yard kick-off return for a score. If the Lions want any shot at a district crown they’ll need to put forth that same effort this week vs a very good West Monroe team.

That West Monroe team was also putting on perhaps its most impressive win of the season in a 63-10 road victory over Pineville. The 53-point margin of victory was the highest of the season for the Rebs, but it could’ve been even more. All-Grissom QB Slade Bolden got off to a roller coaster start to the game. After hitting fellow Grissom G.O.At., Jairus Henry on a 61 yard catch and run TD, Bolden had his troops driving for another score but was picked by a N-C defender that returned it 93 yards to even the score at 7-7. That mishap must’ve upset the Alabama-commit because from that point , it was all Rebs. Scoring the next 28 consecutive points, West Monroe found themselves emptying the benches even before halftime. RB Cam Wright topped the century mark again with 118 yards and 2 scores and Henry would finish his night with 4 grabs for 106 yards and 2 scores. Sensational sophomore QB Garrett Kahmann appears ready to take

over for the graduating Bolden and even tossed and ran for a score as well.

Every year this game is highlighted on both team’s schedules. They despise each other and there’s no other way to say it. West Monroe owns the bragging rights in this series and hasn’t lost a game to the Lions since 1994. None of the players in this year’s game were born and probably not even thought about, but that doesn’t change the importance of this game. Last year West Monroe bested the Lions twice which included a whopping 61-21 2nd round playoff dismantling at Ouachita. I was actually at that game last year and for about a half I thought the Lions would come away with the upset, but Bolden flat out took over when it counted. OPHS wide receiver CJ Brown may have even had his best performance as a Lion in that game but it was not enough to get the win. If the Lions want to win, then they’ll need to use every weapon they have in all aspects of the game. Fitzgerald has shown a little more balance in his offensive scheme but the power rushing attack is his bread and butter, but with Dalvin Hutchinson, JB Gullatt and Javoris Harris patrolling the front line I think Brown and Newton could become the X-Factors. There’s really no stopping this dynamic offensive unit of West Monroe, but Ruston and Neville have shown that you can slow them down a bit and if Ouachita can muster up at least 28 points then the cowbells in western Ouachita Parish won’t ring so loud. But those are a lot of “ifs”. In my preseason predictions I had the Lions losing 1 game which I felt would be to Neville. But as you all know I can be wrong sometimes. I now have the utmost confidence the Lions will lose 4 games this regular season. Rebels continue to roll.

West Monroe 38 Ouachita 21

CARROLL BULL-DOGS (3-5) @ WOSS-MAN WILDCATS (1-7)

You’d rarely find me writing a segment about 2 teams that aren’t ranked nor are they above .500, but when Carroll faces Wossman the records and accolades can all be thrown out. Carroll will take the 2-mile trek to Arizona St this Thursday

night to take on its most heated rival, Wossman. The Dogs will come in on a bit of a high as well after pulling off the slight upset over Union last week 20-19. The Dogs offense appeared to have found its groove with the insertion of Cedric Woods under center and former QB SirTimothy Hollins imitating Tyreek Hill. The Carroll coaching staff also knew that once they got stud RB Fantoryian Pendleton healthy that they’d be able to compete in this vaunted district. Pendleton & Hollins ripped through the Union defense for a combined 234 yards and 3 scores. I was also impressed by the Dogs defense as they came away with 3 takeaways which included a remarkable game saving forced fumble with Union inside the Dogs 1-yard line. Sophomore CB Ladarius Goldsberry may have had the game’s biggest play when he intercepted the Farmer’s pass on its final drive of the game. Coach Jackie Hamilton has a way of getting his guys to perform when their backs are against the wall and that win has the Dogs sitting firmly in the playoff hunt.

A team that needs to take a page out of the Carroll survival kit is the Wossman Wildcats. In the most recent LHSAA the Wildcats currently rank #31. With only 32 teams eligible for post-season play, the ‘Cats will need to pick up a win or two in the following weeks. Last week wasn’t one to remember for Coach Dean Smith as he lost to Richwood for the first time in his short coaching career 48-0. The wheels are slowing falling off the Wossman carriage, but there’s still time to pull out the spare before it’s too late. Not much went right last Friday night for Wossman but Smith hopes to get his young bunch ready for the future and a win over Carroll would just the way to do it. The quarterback tandem of Nick Traylor and Ant Green provided most of the Cats yardage on the night and even though the 48-point margin looks ugly the secondary kept D1 commits, Geor’Quarious Spivey and CJ Ceasar in check for a majority of the night.

Honestly there hasn’t been any reason for me to pick in Wossman’s favor this season as it is obvious they’re in rebuild mode, but the pedigree

and pride of their players led me to believe that they could pull off the upset last week. Unfortunately, I was wrong, and the Richwood faithful weren’t shy about letting me know how stupid that assumption was. Well Carroll isn’t Richwood and picking the Cats over the Dogs isn’t that much of a stretch and besides, this game will be on Wossman’s turf. But there’s no way I can take the heckling from both Richwood and Carroll supporters 2 weeks in a row so this week I’ll use my better judgement and the reasonable analysis that it’s not likely a Cat can whip a Dog. Bulldogs chomp up the Wildcats.

Carroll 25 Wossman 20
#5 CALDWELL SPARTANS (8-0) @ JENA GIANTS (8-0)

I’m sure the folks in Columbia, La must consider themselves close kin to Rodney Dangerfield. “They get NO RESPECT”. I’ve sang their praises since catching a glimpse of them in week 3 vs 4A Grant. But with , even I hadn’t featured them in the weekly write-up. Several area locals are even questioning that the Spartans schedule. But what I’d say to that is, they’ve beaten everyone on the schedule and not many teams can say that. The Spartans currently sit at # 8 in the LHSAA power rankings and a win over Jena would put them into the top 5. Last year’s Spartans squad struggled to a 1-9 record in Coach Buster Duplessie’s first season, but in year 2 they’re hitting on all cylinders. Averaging 53 ppg through 8 games it’s pretty apparent that if you’re going to beat’em then you’d better have an ample offense. Leading the way for the Spartans is the state’s leading rusher and Grissom Mid-Season Offensive MVP, Eric London. London eclipsed the 2000-yard mark last week in a 54-22 win over Avoyelles. He’s also averaging a mind-blowing 260 rushing yards per game with 34 touchdowns. But as most football gurus know, in order to be a successful team, you must also have a leading man taking the snaps. For the Spartans its 6’4 senior QB J.D. Abrams. Abrams has accented London’s ground success with nearly 800 passing yards and 5 TDs while also being the second leading rusher for Coach

Duplessie with 585 yards (73ypg) and 10 TDs. WR Cole Buffington leads all receivers with nearly 200 yards and 2 scores.

Jena isn’t in Grissom’s coverage area but if they were they’d surely sit inside the Top 5. Jena sits at # 7 in the LHSAA power rankings and this game is just as important for them as it is for the Spartans. Over the past 3 seasons the Giants have posted an impressive 28-4 record but no one in our area has dared to ask, “Who have they played?” Jena also features a stud running back by the name of Chico Savage and his last name fits his running style. At 5’8, 180lbs Savage is almost the split image of London, but his supporting cast may be even better. QB Lamar Farris is committed to play at Kent St and 4-star WR Jaray Jenkins is an LSU-commit. Jenkins has missed a majority of the season with a leg injury and isn’t expected to play vs Caldwell but Coach Jay Roark has managed to utilize some younger players to help fill the void. Savage has rushed for 200 yards in back-to-back weeks over Peabody and Avoyelles with multiple runs of over 40 yards. His backup is 5’9, 180lb sophomore, Trelon Jones who has also rushed for over 1000 yards.

To most in our area you may not be overly concerned with this matchup Thursday night, but Grissom will be in attendance if weather permits. I’d advise a lot of you to follow suit because this one will be a good one. This game is another one of those fierce rivalries where the kids know each other and they’re not willing to give any handouts to the other. If Jenkins was healthy, I’d have no problem at all picking Jena to win at home, but losing that kind of player has negative effects in games of this caliber. When you check the common opponents (Grant, Winnfield, Avoyelles, and Peabody) the scores favor Caldwell on offense (212 to 85) and Jena on defense (159-45) and quite honestly their schedules aren’t much different from the other’s. However, Jena did venture into the 5A ranks and clipped Alexandria 40-21. Now with all those numbers there at your disposal, let me say this one more time.... NONE OF THAT MATTERS! Come Thursday night it’ll be for all the

marbles and the district title is at stake. Jena’s been down this road before going undefeated in 2015’s regular season, but I think it’s time for the new kids on the block to plant it’s flag on Jena’s turf. London does it again and the Spartans slip away from Jena with a program changing win.

Caldwell 38 Jena 32

OTHER GAMES: #4 RUSTON 48 NATCHITOCHES-CENTRAL 18; #6 NEVILLE 45 FRANKLIN PARISH 13; #9 BASTROP 50 WEST OUACHITA 20; #2 STERLINGTON 32 UNION 22; #3 RICHWOOD 49 MADISON PARISH 16; LOYOLA PREP 34 RAYVILLE 20; #7 FERRIDAY 55 DELHI CHARTER 8; MANGHAM 27 VIDALIA 22; GENERAL TRASS 15 BEEKMAN CHARTER 8; OAK GROVE 35 SICILY ISLAND 6OCS 27 ST FRED 18; #8 CEDAR CREEK 37 DELTA CHARTER 18

GRISSOM’S TOP 10 week 9

1. WEST MONROE (8-0) def. Pineville 63-10
2. STERLINGTON (8-0) def. Madison Parish 31-6
3. RICHWOOD (6-2) def. Wossman 41-0
4. RUSTON (5-2) def. Alexandria 56-14
5. CALDWELL PARISH (8-0) def. Avoyelles 54-22
6. NEVILLE (4-3) def. West Ouachita 43-14
7. FERRIDAY (6-2) def. Mangham 48-0
8. CEDAR CREEK (8-0) def. Sicily Island 54-12
9. BASTROP (4-3) def. Bastrop 53-52
10. OUACHITA (5-3) def. Natchitoches-Central 54-14

Just missed it: Oak Grove (7-1), Rayville (4-4), Mangham (6-2), Union Parish (5-3)

GRISSOM’S G.O.AT OF THE WEEK week 8

DANTRIEZE SCOTT – QB/WR/DE FERRIDAY HS 3 CATCHES, 114 YARDS 2TDS 3 CARRIES, 42 YARDS 1 TD 7 TACKLES (2 FOR LOSS), 1 SACK VS MANGHAM

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OFFENSE			
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RB	Demaine Riley	Neville	Senior
WR	Jairus Henry	West Monroe	Junior
WR	Sir’quan Hawkins	Bastrop	Junior
WR	Rashard Naylor	Rayville	Senior
TE	Brooks Rushworth	Sterlington	Senior
OL	Devin Phillips	Neville	Senior
OL	Isaac Ellis	Carroll	Senior
OL	Dare Rosenthal	Ferriday	Senior
OL	Jabari Danzie	Richwood	Senior
OI	Chris Doyle	Ouachita	Junior
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****Offensive MVP: Eric London, Caldwell			
DEFENSE			
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DL	Dalvin Hutchinson	West Monroe	Junior
DL	Taj Samuel	Ruston	Senior
DL	Anthony Freeman	Neville	Senior
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OBITUARIES

Eva Jean Robinson, 84

Eva Jean Robinson of West Monroe, LA Beautician died October 20, 2017. Graveside Services: 11:00 A.M., Thursday October 26, 2017 at Hasley Cemetery, West Monroe, LA. Visitation: 1:00 - 5:00 P.M., Wednesday October 25, 2017 at Smith Funeral Home, Monroe, LA.

Stanley Bernard White, 51

Stanley Bernard White of Lawrenceville, GA formerly of Monroe, LA Customer Service Worker, died October 18, 2017. Services: 1:00 P.M., Friday, October 27, 2017 at St. James Baptist Church, Richwood Road #2, Monroe, LA. Visitation: 1:00 - 5:00 P.M., Thursday October 26, 2017 at Smith Funeral Home, Monroe,

LA. Burial: Lane Chapel Cemetery, Downsview, LA under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Lacy Alexander Howard, Jr. 72

Lacy Alexander Howard, Jr. of Monroe, LA Trucking Company Owner died October 18, 2017. Services: 2:00 P.M., Saturday, October 28, 2017 at City of Faith Church, Jackson Street, Monroe, LA. Visitation: 1:00 - 6:00 P.M., Friday October 27, 2017 at Smith Funeral Home. Burial: Richwood Memorial Gardens under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Fredda Mae White, 85

Fredda Mae White of Monroe, LA Homemaker, died October 24, 2017. Services: 11:00 A.M., Saturday October 28, 2017 at Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Richwood, LA. Visitation: 1:00 - 5:00 P.M., Friday October 27, 2017 at Smith Funeral Home, Monroe, LA. Burial: Belle Union Cemetery, Winnsboro, LA under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Monroe, LA.

Wade Perkins, 97.

Wade Perkins of Delhi, LA Laborer died Tuesday October 17, 2017. Services: 11:00AM Saturday October 28 at Green Grove BC in Delhi, LA. Visitation: 2PM-6:00PM Friday October 27 in Funeral Home. Burial: Church Cemetery under direction of McFarland Funeral Company.

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Gwendolyn R. King, 39 Cashier.

Gwendolyn R. King of Delhi, LA died Sunday October 22, 2017. Services: 1:00PM Thursday October 26, at St. John BC of Delhi. Visitation: 2:00PM-6:00PM Wednesday October 25, in Funeral Home. Burial: St John Community Cemetery under direction of McFarland Funeral Company.

Woodruff Staten, Jr. 52

Woodruff Staten, Jr. of Monroe, LA Mechanic died Sunday October 22, 2017. Services: 10:30 AM Saturday October 28 at Greater Free Gift BC. Visitation: Friday 2:00pm-6:00pm in Funeral Home. Burial: Monroe City Cemetery under direction of McFarland Funeral Company.

James C. Henderson, 82

James C. Henderson of Monroe, LA Laborer died Sunday. Services: 2:00pm Saturday October 28, at Greater Free Gift BC. Visitation: Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm at the church. Burial: Mt. Hebron BC Cemetery in Chatham, LA under direction of McFarland Funeral Company.

Lavonne Traylor, 60

Lavonne Traylor of West Monroe, LA Homemaker died October 18, 2017. Services: 11:00am in Hesters Funeral Home Chapel. Saturday, October 28, 2017. Visitation: 2:00pm-6:00pm Friday in Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Hightower Cemetery in Homer, LA under direction of Hesters Funeral Home.

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Monroe-West Monroe Bike Route

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ance, and the public. West Monroe announced the addition of their first bike route which starts at the Endom bridge and goes to Lazarre Park. Those riding their bikes can now ride over the Endom Bridge and connect to a Monroe bike path that goes to the Forsythe Park boat dock. The route from Forsythe Park to Lazarre Park is a total of 7.1 miles, connecting Monroe-West Monroe. The City of Monroe currently has six pedestrian bike routes. This is another reason for



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all of us to be Monroe Proud. We are happy to share in this moment with Mayor Norris and the City of West Monroe. At this event, we also honored our friend Miles Luke, as his legacy lives on through the men, women, and children who will utilize the bike paths throughout Monroe and West Monroe.

This is an effort by the Twin Cities to promote Healthy Lifestyles, which is #49 on Mayor Jamie Mayo’s 60 for 60 Project List. Connecting the two cities with bike routes was a dream of Miles Luke, who passed away this December. Miles, and members of M.A.S.S., helped spearhead the development of the multiple bike paths we’ve created in Monroe over the past several years.

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White- From P.1

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Shooting - From P.1

Neither nor their loved ones could have imagined their lives ending this way. The shooting took place during homecoming week and has left many students, facility, residents, and alumni shaken. President Rick Gallot issued a statement to the university students, faculty, and staff sharing his sympathies to the families of the victims, and students caught in the crossfire. He also made comments that homecoming festivities would go on as planned. In life, expect the unexpected and never let your guard down. Pray for the families of the

two siblings Ruby Leonard and Mark White. Left to cherish his memories are his children, Calandra Jackson, Jaelin and Jade White all of Lawrenceville Georgia. Two grandchildren, Mason and Caris Evans of Dallas, Texas, mother, Eula B. White Harris,

five siblings Donnie White of Cedar Hill, Texas, Andrea Trudelle (Christine) of Los Bamos, California, Gregory White (Monica) of Oak Point Texas, Gary White of Dallas Texas and LaShonda White of West Monroe, Louisiana, God Sister, Michelle Getret-

Ford, his loving dog, Max, aunts, uncles and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral Services are at 1 P.M., Friday, October 27, 2017 at St. James Baptist Church, at Richwood Road #2, in Monroe, LA. Visitation is 1- 5 P.M., Thursday October 26, at

Smith Funeral Home in Monroe, LA. Burial will be in the Lane Chapel Cemetery, in Downsville, LA under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others

which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words I 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-14, 18.

Please continue to pray for this family.

Nuvvo - From P.1

was a concerted effort by supporters as they flooded council chambers waiting for their turn to voice their concerns if needed. Their concerns ranged from not only the recent shooting, but also the noise that they said that could be heard over a long distance from their residence. They also mentioned the number of times that the police had to come out to the club to investigate complaints, or calls about activity

at the club. One citizen said he was there for the residents, including his mother who also lived there. Residents were also afraid that in the event of another shooting that the shooter would run to the nearest place to hide which would have been Frances Tower.

Club owner, Mahemud Tejani argued that if the residents were so afraid, why were they still living there when a murder was committed where they are staying. Order had to be restored after angry residents grumbled loudly at Tejani's remarks. The owner also argued that

shots has been fired in other areas around businesses, but none of them are closed. He then asked if his renewal is denied, could he still remain open as a club. According to city attorney Angie Baldwin, Club Nuvvo could remain open, but alcoholic beverages would not be permitted. Club manager Tyrone "K-9" Dickens apologized for his comments directed at Councilman Wilson at the last council meeting, said that "if this license is rejected, others should be also". He said that there have been other shootings that "we don't hear about". He

asked about the need for a curfew to keep "kids" with guns from being in the streets. "The problem is that kids are out of control", said K-9.

The subject of how many times police officers had to be dispatched to Club Nuvvo was a concern for Wilson and Councilwoman Juanita Woods. Woods asked Officer Ken Hancock how many calls did the police have to respond to at clubs in the same area as Nuvvo,. The officer said that it was more than Nuvvo. However, not all calls were after a crime was committed

as at Nuvvo. There were complaints of possible fire code violations from overcrowding. Nonetheless, it was Councilman Wilson who said that he is voting "no", because he is "a boots on the ground" person, that he would rather "lose his seat" and protect the elderly. Councilpersons Gretchen Ezernack, Juanita Woods, Eddie Clark and Wilson voted to deny the license, while Mike Echols abstained, citing properties downtown and the issues that he had with Tejani. The council by a 3-2 voted to introduce an ordinance that would amend rates and fares for the Monroe Transit System. However, before anything become law, there will be an opportunity for the public to be heard at a public hearing at the next council meeting.

RELIGIOUS LOG

Jesus Cares Missionary Baptist Church
Marbles Community Center
2950 Renwick St. • Monroe, LA

1st-4th Sunday Worship - 11 am
Bible Study - Thursday 6:45

"Seeking the People of Isaiah 61"

 Pastor William & Wanda Carr

Antioch Baptist Church
310 S. 24th • Monroe, LA
Charles Myles, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M. every Sunday
Prayer Meeting, Bible Study —
6:30 P.M. Wednesdays

 Rev. Charles Myles

St. Luke Baptist Church
3507 Church St. • Monroe, LA
Rev. Dennis Martin, Pastor

Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
1st & 3rd Sundays 8 am
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays... 11 am
Prayer Meeting, Teacher's Meeting and Bible Study
Wednesday 6 p.m.

 Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Martin, Sr.

Available for Your Church
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Rose of Sharon Baptist Church
716 Martin Luther King Dr. • Monroe, LA
Rev. Dr. A.B. Davis-Johnson, Pastor

Morning Worship Service 1st and 3rd Sunday-8:30a.m
Sunday School at 9:45
2nd, 4th, 6th Sunday ---- 10:45 a.m
Sunday School 9:15
Evening Worship Service
6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday (Communion Service)
6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday
Mid-Week Service 6:30 P. M. every Wednesday

 Rev. Dr. A. B. Davis-Johnson


Mt. Zion Baptist Church
211 Mt. Zion Street - Monroe, Louisiana

Morning Worship
10:45 A.M. each Sunday
Sunday School 9:15 A.M.
Night Services - 2nd Sunday
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting -
6:00 P.M. Wednesday


 Rev. Ike Byrd, III - Pastor

Saint Mary Number Two M.B.C.
100 Williams Street, Monroe, Louisiana
"Winning and Recovering Souls for Jesus"
Rev. John H. Sewell (2 P.E.T.) Pastor

Church School 9:45 AM Every Sunday
Worship 11:00 AM Every Sunday
Prayer Meeting and
Bible Study 6:00 PM Wed.



NOI-Monroe Study Group
3307 Renwick St. • Monroe LA.
Meeting times are Wed and Fri 8pm, Sun 10am
Phone 318.387.0117
Bro Verbon Muhammad,
NOI Student Coordinator
Theme "Accept Your Own and Be Yourself"

 Bro Verbon Muhammad

Available for Your Church
318-325-2858


Mt. Nelo Baptist Church
2930 Jackson St. • Monroe, LA

Morning Worship
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays 11:00 A.M.
CHURCH MINISTRY
Sunday School - Sunday 9:30 A.M.
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday Evenings 6:00 P.M.
Bible Study
Wednesday Evenings 7:00 P.M.

 Rev. Houston J. Simmons, Pastor


A Family That Prays Together Stays Together
Solomon Temple Baptist Church
700 Atkinson Street • Monroe, LA 71202
Rev. James R. Howard, Pastor
Virginia Howard, Associate Minister

Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10 AM - 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays
Second Sunday Service - 8 am
Mid-Week Service 6 P.M. Thursdays
Teacher's Meeting 6 P.M. Tuesdays
Mission Ministry Every Saturday 9 A.M.

 Rev. James R. and Virginia Howard


Greater Flowery Mt. Baptist Church
1600 Wood St. • Monroe LA
Sam L. Moore III, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 am
Church Services.... 10:45 am
Wed (Bible Study)..... 7pm

 Pastor Sam Moore III

St. Timothy Baptist Church
1710 Canary St. • Monroe, LA.
71203
"Where Jesus is the Power"
323-9837
Rev. Dr. John Allen III Pastor


Church School - 9:30 A.M.
Worship Services 2nd and 4th
Sundays - 11:00 A.M.
Prayer Service/Bible Study/Teachers
meeting - Tuesday 5:00 P.M.

 Rev. Dr. John Allen III and Sister Allen

Sunshine Baptist Church
2196 Highway 135 N. • Alto, LA

Pastor John W. Gaines

Morning Worship - 11 AM 4th Sunday
Sunday School - 10 AM Every Sunday
Prayer Meeting & Bible
Study - 6 PM every Monday

 Pastor John W. Gaines

Shepherd's Pathway Ministries
Next Level Praise & Worship Center
500 Plum St. Monroe, LA
318.235.1191

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays
at 9 AM

 Minister Kappy Newton

Little Flower of Jesus Catholic Church
600 South 16th Street • Monroe, Louisiana

Pastor: Fr. Adrian Fischer, OFM
Parish Council: Mrs. Earnestine Green
Day Care Director: Mrs Deborah S. Marshall

CONFESSIONS
Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

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345 Solvent Ave. Sterlington LA

Worship Service 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
5th Sundays 10:45 am
Sunday school Every Sunday 10 am
Bible Study Wed. 6pm

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winning souls for Christ"

 Pastor Richard Wilson III

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"Where Jesus is Preeminent"
4010 Owl St. • Monroe, LA

Church School - 9:15 a.m. Each Sunday
Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Each Sunday
Church Prayer Hour &
Bible Study - Wed. 6 p.m.

Transportation Available
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 Bro. James Goods, Jr.


New Faith Missionary Baptist Church
3029 Tuner St. • Monroe, LA
(On the corner of Tuner and Canary St.)
Reverend Lenard Montgomery, Sr., Pastor

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - Wed. 6 p.m.
Sunday Services - 2nd Sunday, 4th Sunday & 5th Sunday at 11 a.m.
Scripture: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. John 1:1

 Rev. Lenard Montgomery, Sr.

Cuba Missionary Baptist Church
343 Blankston Rd. • Bosco, LA

Church Services
Worship - 1st Sunday 11 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship - 2nd,
5th Sunday 10:15 am

 Rev. Sammuell & Mary Toney

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Bible Study- 10:00 AM
Morning Worship - 11:00 AM

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 Rev. J. E. Jackson

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
500 Swayze St. • Monroe, Louisiana 71201
322-8587

Sunday School..... 9 A.M.
Worship Service..... 10 A.M.
5th Sunday Building Fund &
Fellowship Sunday 10 A.M.
Adult Bible Study Sundays 4P.M.

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"A New Beginning"

 Oliver W. Billups, Jr., Pastor

New Light Baptist Church
1623 S. 4th St. • Monroe, LA
Sunday School - 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship - 1st Sunday - 8 A.M.
2nd thru 5th Sundays - 10:45 a.m.
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study -
6:30 p.m. Wednesdays


 Rev. J. B. Johnson Pastor

Bread of Life Worship Christ Church
201 Stanley Ave. • Monroe, LA

Service Times
Sunday School - 10am
Sunday Worship Service 11am
Wed. Bible Study - 7pm

 Bishop David & Apostle Grace Lloyd

Dellwood Church of God
1110 Dellwood
Richwood, La. 71202
Worship Schedule
Each Sunday 11 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Prayer Service Wed. 6:00 pm
Bible Study Thurs. 6:00 pm

 Pastor David Profit, Sr.


First Baptist Church
Sunday School - 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Bible Study Every Wed. 7 p.m.
Noonday Prayer Every Wednesday

507 Swayze Street
322-8610

 Rev. Tegitra K. Thomas


Zion Traveler Baptist Church
211 S. 11th St. • Monroe, LA

Sunday School: 9:00am
Worship Service: 10:00am
Bible Study: Wednesday @ 7:00pm

 Rev. Willie Mabry Pastor

Faith United Baptist Church
1513 S. 3rd St. • Monroe LA
318.340.9175
Rev. Alex Earl Jr. Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Service 11 am
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by 8am

 Rev. Alex Earl Jr. Pastor


Philadelphia Word Center
Buckhorn Bend and Arnold Drive • Monroe, LA
Pastor-Teacher: Rev. Dr. Alfred L. Mack

Worship Services -
Sunday Morning at 8:00 AM
Sunday Evening at 6:30 PM
Thursday Evening Worship/Bible Study at 6:00 PM

 Rev. Dr. Alfred L. Mack

Seigle Community Baptist Church
100 Short Pink St.
West Monroe LA

Rev. William L. Cann Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., every Sunday
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

 Rev. and Sis. W. L. Cann

King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church
346 Huenefeld Road • Monroe, Louisiana
318-345-0679

Pastor and Mrs. Wesley Daniel

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m. every Sunday
Bible Study Wednesday 7 p.m.
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 Pastor and Mrs. Wesley Daniel

NAACP - From P.1

Schools might not be in their best interest. In a press release, Douzart said that with the history of the school system, and the problems that had to be confronted to "fully desegregate", perhaps the board is rushing to a conclusion where more time may be needed. He said that the NAACP should be at the table to share its views, as well as getting input from the community.

Superintendent Brent Vidrine shot back, saying that the organization "never contacted them at any time", nor offered any support during the entire court challenge. Vidrine said that "recent developments" have led the board to believe that the desegregation order that the board has been under is nearing a conclusion. Rev. Douzart in his press release said that the NAACP "has not been involved" in the process, See NAACP, P.11

Corner - From P.8

citizens of West Monroe and Ouachita Parish. The addition of this new bike route is hopefully just the beginning of many more miles of designated bike routes on the west side of the river," says Doug Seegers, Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of West Monroe.

The Share the Road Committee began in 2008 when Miles Luke first met with Mayor Jamie Mayo and personnel within Monroe's Planning and Zoning Division to discuss bike routes. A meeting was set up with various city departments & divisions, and well as members of the biking community to begin planning for the first routes. Monroe Advocates for Safe Streets (MASS) was formed the next year. Since that time, in Monroe, six pedestrian bike routes have been dedicated - with a total of 52.9 miles (round-trip) or 26.45 miles (one way).

By working together, we are making a difference!

LEGALS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017 AT 5:39 P.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a regular session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:39 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

The invocation was given by Mr. Clampit. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Clampit.

Mr. Clampit stated, “Mr. President, would you mind writing in the record that nobody took a knee, that we all stood, and that I appreciate the support that this Jury gives our veterans and our law enforcement officers.”

Members Present (6)

Scotty Robinson	District A
Jack Clampit	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F

Members Absent (0)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The president asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meeting held on September 18, 2017, was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed with Dr. Reddix abstaining.

SERVICE AWARDS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

James Franklin – 20 Years

Kevin Honeycutt – 20 Years

Steven Descant – 20 Years

Christian Brown – 20 Years

Heath Bedoit – 20 Years

Charles Hunter – 20 Years

Tina Carlisle – 20 Years

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9164 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell adjudicated property described as: Parcel 57136 in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202 et seq. and to authorize the Ouachita Parish Police Jury president to sign all necessary documents and to address the matters relative thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9165 – An Ordinance amending Section 14-1 of the compiled ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, to establish a speed limit of forty (40) miles per hour for Harrell Road; providing for a public hearing; and further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Emma Lovell and presented the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS “DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH”; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for “automatic” bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more;

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia are considered rare diseases, such as Multiple System Atrophy and Pure Autonomic Failure, while other forms of dysautonomia are common, impacting millions of people in the US and around the world, such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurocardiogenic Syncope and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome;

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race or background, including many individuals living in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can be very disabling and this disability can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship;

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones;

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our community;

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October around the world;

WHEREAS, we seek to recognize the contributions of the professional medical community, patients and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scotty Robinson, President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Dysautonomia Awareness Month throughout Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

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BOARD OF REVIEW:

A motion to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Board of Review to hear any and all appeals or protests from taxpayers on their 2017 assessments was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Stephanie Smith, Assessor. Ms. Smith stated that no appeals were filed and asked the Jury to issue a confirmation letter to the Tax Commission. Assistant District Attorney Jay Mitchell confirmed that no protests or appeals had been received by the Police Jury office this year.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to issue the appropriate documentation to the Tax Commission. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Dr. Reddix to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Ms. Stephanie Mullins, Director

Ms. Moore stated that there was a decrease in the number of dogs submitted to the shelter.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS:

Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

Ms. Bennett asked the Jury to clarify the transfer of asset 14471. The vehicle was transferred to Section 8 Housing instead of Workforce Investment. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to ratify the transfer of the vehicle from the Fire Department to Section 8 Housing. Motion passed without opposition.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Patrick Hemphill

Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

GREEN OAKS: Ms. Dorothea Bridges, Interim Director

Ms. Bridges presented the bid results for the fourth quarter food and food products and stated that the lowest conforming bid was from Lamm Food Service for \$23,595. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the bid from Lamm Food Service. Motion passed without opposition.

HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY

PREPAREDNESS: Mr. Neal Brown, Director

Mr. Brown asked the Jury to accept the FY 2017 State Homeland Security Grant for \$74,492.91. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the FY 2017 State Homeland Security Grant. Motion passed without opposition.

LIBRARY:

Ms. Robin Toms, Director

Ms. Toms invited the Jurors to attend an author appearance event on October 7 at the Carver McDonald Branch. Ms. Toms also invited the Jurors to attend a performance that is part of the Travelling Library Roadshow on October 10.

PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES: Ms. Julia Kirby, Coordinator

Ms. Kirby stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

911 OFFICE: Mr. Craig Lott, Director

Mr. Lott stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

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A motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairperson, Dr. Reddix, called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack asked the Jury to clarify the termination date for Anna Arnold to be October 20, 2017. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the termination date as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack requested to open the accountant position. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to open the position. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs. Ms. Bennett requested wage rate adjustment for Deela Woods to Grade 229 Step 22B. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the wage rate adjustment. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Ms. Mullins, Animal Control. Ms. Mullins requested to hire Heaven Wallace as part-time kennel worker. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to hire Heaven Wallace. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to adjourn and enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Smiley, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval and the requested minimum building setback variance for Autumn Place, Unit 2 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Moore to grant preliminary subdivision approval and variance for minimum building setbacks for Autumn Place, Unit 2 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding final subdivision approval for Purdy Place Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to grant final subdivision approval for Purdy Place Subdivision subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding final subdivision approval for Bluebird Ridge Subdivision, Unit 2 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson to grant final subdivision approval for Bluebird Ridge Subdivision, Unit 2 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray presented the knuckleboom loader bid results and stated that the lowest conforming bid was for \$136,729.25 from Kenworth of Louisiana. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to accept the bid from Kenworth of Louisiana. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby presented the bid results for Jack Crowell Road and stated that the lowest conforming bid was \$1,258,788.90 from Soil Stabilizers Inc. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the bid from Soil Stabilizers Inc. and to authorize the president to sign the notice of award and contract. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Slocum Road and Caples Road and stated that the contractors are finalizing the punch list items.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the St. Andrews Drive cross drain replacement and stated that the contractor should begin work next week.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the St. Andrews Drive road project and stated that he is still working on the plans for the project.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Comanche Trail and stated that the emergency repair is ongoing.

Mr. Crosby stated that he and Tracy Hilburn will have a meeting with GOHSEP and the Office of Community Development on the watershed study.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to ratify and adopt all actions taken in the committee meetings. Motion passed without opposition.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 9164

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL 57136 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 ET SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita on July 1, 1997, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption, as well of the five (5) year redemptive period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed and established by Parish Ordinance No: 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the

Parish of Ouachita has set a minimum purchase price in the amount of \$2,666.66 and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Pat and Lana Hezekiah for the consideration of \$2,666.66, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

This property is described as Parcel # 57136 / 2813 Oak Street:

LOT 6, SQUARE 31, RENWICKS ADDITION, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.

The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.

The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.

The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:

E&P LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

E&P LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.

At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the time-lines specified.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 18th day of September, 2017.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows

YEAS: (6) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Jack Clampit, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

The ordinance was adopted this 2nd day of October, 2017.

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Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 9165

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY, TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT OF FORTY (40) MILES PER HOUR FOR HARRELL ROAD; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has previously established a speed limit of 35 mph for Harrell Road in Ward 5; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish Engineer has indicated that an increase in the speed limit on said road would be helpful to the flow of traffic in this area of the parish;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Section 14-1(124) of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, be, and is hereby, supplemented and amended to change the speed limit for Harrell Road to 40 mph;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department is directed to post signage indicating this new speed limit without delay and that said 40 mph speed limit shall become effective upon the posting of such signage.

The ordinance was introduced on the 18th day of September, 2017.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (6) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Jack Clampit, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0) The above ordinance was adopted on the 2nd day of October, 2017.

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Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9166

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 74850: LOT L, SQUARE 39, LAYTON’S SECOND ADDITION, BEG 50 FT E OF 12TH STREET & FRGT 50 FT ON SO SIDE LOUISE ANNE AVE DEPTH 150 FT, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 ET SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita on June 22, 2002, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption, as well as the five (5) year redemptive period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Ouachita has set a minimum bid for public sale at \$3,996.41 and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from [TO BE DETERMINED AT AUCTION] for the consideration of [TO BE DETERMINED AT AUCTION] cash, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below is scheduled for public auction on October 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and re-

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adding there were many components that have not been explained to them, or the community. The question remains in Douzart’s mind, is

whether African-American children “will be treated fairly”. “The goal of the group is to see equality all across the board”, said Douzart.

There are those in the community that believe that once the board is no longer under federal decree, it will not fully adhere to the judgment,

because of the history of the school system. “This is not the time to ease up”, said Douzart, noting that the board

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for his injuries. Two other shootings occurred on Wednesday, October 25. one at the Parkview Apartments and the other one at Louis Lock Apartments. One person

was shot at both locations, and the Louis Loch victim died. According to Law enforcement the investigation remains ongoing at this time.

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quirements:

This property described as Ouachita Parish Parcel #74850, with municipal address 1302 Louise Ave, Monroe, LA 71202, and more fully described as:

LOT “L” OF SQUARE THIRTY-NINE (39) OF LAYTON’S SECOND ADDITION TO MONROE, LOUISIANA, BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIED AS THE LOT COMMENCING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOUISE ANNE AVENUE AT A POINT 50 FEET IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOUISE ANNE AVENUE FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOUISE ANNE AVENUE AND THE EAST LINE OF 12TH STREET; THENCE FRONTING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOUISE ANNE AVENUE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, 50 FEET AND RUNNING BACK IN SQUARE 39, IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION BETWEEN LINES WHICH ARE PARALLEL AND WHICH ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LOUISE ANNE AVENUE, 150 FEET.

This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.

The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.

The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.

The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:

E&P LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

E&P LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.

At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the time-lines specified.

Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance. ORDINANCE NO. 9167

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 101416: A CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING THE SE ¼ OF NW ¼, SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 ET SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita July 5, 2012, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period as well as the (5) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Ouachita has set a minimum bid for public sale at \$333.33 and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from [TO BE DETERMINED AT AUCTION]

for the consideration of [TO BE DETERMINED AT AUCTION] cash, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below is scheduled for public auction on October 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

This property described as Ouachita Parish Parcel #101416, with no municipal address located on Tom Jett Road, West Monroe, LA, and more fully described as:

A CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING THE SE ¼ OF NW ¼, SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST,

OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SE ¼ OF NW ¼, SECTION 17 AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 357.57 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY JAMES BINION SLAUGHTER AND THERESA LYNN CRENSHAW SLAUGHTER; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY FOR A DISTANCE OF 355.33 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY GARY DALE FOSTER AND SALLY CRENSHAW FOSTER AS PER DEED OF RECORD IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 1181, PAGE 305, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY (CALLED NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST) FOR A DISTANCE OF 190 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PROPERTY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PROPERTY FOR A DISTANCE OF 190 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.5 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORDS AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.

The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.

The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.

The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:

E&P LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

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At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the time-lines specified.

Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley offered the following resolution for adoption: RESOLUTION NO. 17-65

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, INCLUDING THE TOWN OF RICHWOOD; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, representatives of our community have participated in the process to prepare a Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) compliant multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, appropriate opportunity for input by public and community officials has been provided through press releases, open meetings and availability of draft documents; and,

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been recommended for adoption by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan is required for consideration of FEMA funding under the following programs:

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Flood Mitigation Assistance Program NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session convened on this 2nd day of October, 2017, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby accepts and adopts The Hazard Mitigation Plan for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

The above resolution was adopted on the 2nd day of

October, 2017.

Mr. Jack Clampit, District B: Mr. Clampit stated that he did not have any items. The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C: Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C: Mr. Caldwell stated that he did not have any items. The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D: Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D:

Dr. Reddix stated, “As a very proud citizen of the United States of America, I love the pledge that says that we are one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. And the beauty of the United States is our ability to allow, to help us as citizens to self-correct. Just like white cells in the body, when something happens, the white cells go straight to it. And so even though I did not take a knee, I do take a stand to say that the ability to citizens to agree or disagree is our First Amendment right. So I take a knee when I take a stand.”

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E: Mr. Shane Smiley, District E:

Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell offered the following resolution for adoption: RESOLUTION NO. 17-64

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA REGARDING THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and,

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury;

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (herein referred to as the Parish) does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017:

The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LADOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the parish to reflect all structural changes, and obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

All Parish owned or maintained bridges, which require load posting or closing, are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load-posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the Parish by the LADOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

The above resolution was adopted on the 3rd day of October, 2017.

Ms. Pat Moore, District F:

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to issue a letter of support for the Our Town Cultural Planning grant. Motion passed without opposition. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell stated that he did not have any items.


The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any items. BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

There were none. OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary

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has been guilty of having secret meetings or changes in meetings with very short notice to the public. Douzart also wonders why the board wants be declared "under unitary status" if everything is in order, then why the rush? That was one of the main reasons why the NAACP is objecting to the board's request, adding that more time is needed. Supt. Vidrine said that the system "is all about children, and what is best for them", which the community has heard from the board many times before. A lawsuit is expected to be filed in federal court, while the school board announced that a unitary status hearing is tentatively scheduled for some time next month.

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