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Julian Gray Sr., Determined, Esteemed, Persevered

On April 10, 1944 God blessed the union of the late John Gray, Jr. and the late Naomi Brown Gray with the birth of their first son Julian Maylon Gray. Julian passed to his eternal reward Thursday October 5, 2017. During his early years, Julian was reared in the Gentry Quarters of Monroe LA known as "Newtown". He began his primary education at Newtown School, and later attended grade school at Carver Elementary School. Julian was a very bright child and an academically gifted student. As early as grade school, he also displayed

strong athleticism and a penchant for sports. It was there in grade school that he met the late Mr. Charles Edwards, who was to become one of his earliest coaches and most profound mentors. Upon entering Monroe Colored High, which transitioned to Carroll High School, Julian continued to excel in both sports and scholastics, under the



Julian Maylon Gray

strict directives of the late Principal Henry See Gray, P.8

Police Shooting Family Grieves

By Eddie Gillis

The family of Marquinton Terral Brooks laid their beloved to rest Saturday(Oct. 8), as they are slowly coming to accept that Marquinton is no longer with them. A sheriff's deputy in western Ouachita parish killed Marquinton last Monday afternoon (Oct.2). According to media and law enforcements accounts, Marquinton and two other passengers were pulled over for a traffic stop. Deputies allege that



Marquinton Terral Brooks

Marquinton refused to comply with the deputy's orders, and tried

to drive away. The report says that as the car started to move, the deputy reached inside the car in an effort to stop the vehicle. It also said that the deputy was "in a headlock" as the car drove away, but there were no reports of injuries. Somehow, the car stopped, a struggle allegedly ensued as William Underwood, the second passenger, ran away from the vehicle. During the struggle, police See Grieves, P.9

Vote This Saturday

By Perry Thomas
Please don't forget to go vote this Saturday October 14, 2017 in some very important local/state elections Monroe, Ouachita Parish and state wide registered voters. ALL elections are important and your vote is too! Your vote represents your right and your voice in who is elected to serve you. If you don't vote, your voice is silent and may give victory to someone who won't represent the best interest and well-being of you, your family and loved ones. Blacks it does us no good to complain about misrepresentation by government officials if we don't take advantage of the opportunity to vote candidates into office that have your interest as their commitment to serve you. No excuses, plead vote Black People. It only takes a minute.

Pastor Mabry's Final Zion Sermon

Sources close to the Dispatch tell us that Zion Traveler Baptist Church Pastor Willie resigned after preaching his final sermon either this past or last Sunday. It was very unclear as to why Pastor Mabry resigned. Whenever the community was in turmoil, with shootings, community protests, marches etc., Pastor Mabry was always there, offering prayer or support many times representing clergy. The community remains in suspense as to what prompted his resignation? He will be missed!



Pastor Willie Mabry

Couple's Knock

Hurting the one you love seems impossible, yet in the heat of the moment something overwhelms the mind, instead of calmer heads. Once the devil is involved, love has not a chance until later after each party chills, which most times is too late. According to police reports on Tuesday, October 10, police were summoned to a domestic disturbance where a live-in girlfriend was slapped numerous times in the face by suspect Jalisha Modicue. The victim and suspect continued to fight for or over the victim's cell phone where the victim's hands and lips seemed swollen. The victim informed police that the suspect have



Jalisha G. Modicue

lived together for the past 3 months and were romantically involved. The suspect was arrested for domestic abuse battery. There are three sides to every story. This was one side of this story. The Monroe Dispatch welcomes another or the other side of this story.

SouthSide Vote, Crime Tops Council Agenda

By Eddie Gillis

For the second city council meeting in a row, the overwhelming topic that generated the most talk centered on crime and safety. However, that

wasn't the only topic that city council members addressed, as an upcoming election in November will give south side residents the opportunity to chart their own future. At Tuesday's night meeting of the Monroe City Council, concerned residents (and there were many) beseeched council members to do more to protect the city from what they see as a dangerous upswing in crime, to where no one feels safe anymore. At the last council meeting, concerned citizens one after the other, made a plea to the city council and the Mayor Jamie Mayo for increased security at neighborhood recreational and retirement home centers. The conversation was a virtual repeat in council chambers Tuesday night. City Councilman Kenneth Wilson(dist. 4), as he did at the last council meeting asked the administration if safety features could be enhanced at the recreational centers following the shooting of a teen after an argument started between other parties. Foster Wilhite, known as "PPW" in the community, once again pleaded with council members to support Wilson. This time Wilhite was accompanied by his grandson, the young man who was shot in the leg. The teen can walk slowly with the aid of crutches while the bullet is still in his leg. Doctors, according to Wilhite said that they will not operate at this time, hoping that the bullet "can work" its way out. Wilson said that he talked to City Marshal Wince Highshaw, who said that he is willing "to work with the council" in any way that he can. Wilson said that he is in contact with the mayor and others in an effort to do everything that can

be done to protect "our young people". Wilson is on record as saying that in addition to security on the ground, he said that metal detectors would also be helpful. "The upcoming election in November is an opportunity for much needed economic development to come to the south side", said Councilman (Dist. E) Eddie Clark. Clark, who was instrumental in getting the Bond Commission to place a 2% hotel tax on the ballot, if passed in districts 3, 4 and 5, voters in those three districts will receive money through the South Side Economic Development District, an organization that will spearhead economic growth on the south side. See Agenda, P.11



Miss Richwood Michaela Weeks. Photo dispatch
MISS RICHWOOD 2017

At Richwood Homecoming, Miss Richwood, Michaela Weeks, was crowned Homecoming Queen before students, parents and friends on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Richwood Homecoming Coronation in Monroe, LA. Congratulations Miss Richwood Michaela Weeks



RICHWOOD HOMECOMING 2017

At Richwood Homecoming on Friday, October 6, at the Mackie Freeze Stadium, former Richwood Alumni were present in big numbers representing that Richwood Spirit from 1961-2016. The tailgating, grills smoking and music playing was such a wonderful homecoming atmosphere in 2017. Richwood Football douched Union 14-7 to the delight of Richwood Alumni. Richwood Alumni chilled and grilled the entire game and then some! Richwood believes!



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Wildcats, Wildcats are you ready?

This week my high school, “the Wossman High School” will celebrate a much-anticipated homecoming week. Like most Wossman alumni, I am excited that this time has come once again and I am here to enjoy it.

When I first begin ninth grade at Wossman High School, I was a little intimidated. The transition, from middle school to high school seemed to be a scary one. Luckily though, I had friends who had already attended a year earlier along with two big brothers, one who would be there when I attended.

I remember many days spent at Wossman. I remember my first day of school. My grandfather picked us up; as it was our standard first day of school tradition. I remember my first pep rally, where I was called a

Our Children, Our Responsibility

Our children are special. Each child is a separate and special creation, created as God’s climax. This differs from that of other creatures, not after their own kind, but in the image of God. They are spiritual creations; soul bearers, and children of God. There is an enormous unbridgeable gap between man’s creation and that of the other animals. Man has the capacity for religion and a conscience.

The presence of a conscience allows man to determine right from wrong. This is essential in man’s carrying out his responsibilities to his children and children of others.

The Bible indicates in the book of Genesis 1:27 and 2:21-23 that God set up the major institutions in society with the basic unit being the family and secondly the Sabbath. Man is a social being,



Jessica DeTiege
“Swamp head” along with all my fellow freshman class. Living the experience, it felt so cruel, but just as it was allowed by teachers and administrators, I understood it was a WHS tradition and rite of passage. I remember racing to seventh period, trying my best not to be tardy so I wouldn’t have to run extra

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Dr. Joseph Capers
born into society, shaped by society.
How man uses his ability in shaping society reflects his parental ability. The home is the basic unit of the society which houses the family. It is the child’s first school with the parents being the child’s first teacher. This unit is where values are formed, morality is initiated, importance of life is emphasized honesty is taught and practiced, courage, patience, the importance of education and proper nutrition are taught.

PRAYING STUDENTS

*Inspired by God through Mary Roggeron & Morning Day 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

Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119:11

Prayer: Father, I come before You with Your Word in my heart and upon my lips. I thank You that Your Holy Spirit is within me to give me understanding of Your Word and to help me be obedient in following it

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FAVORITE CHURCH USHER



Lynetta Narcisse
Doorkeepers 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 Piney Grove Baptist Church West Monroe LA Usher Lynetta Narcisse who loves God and loves being a favorite church usher.

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Among the many in attendance including Philadelphia faithful Bonnie Harris and Margie Davis.



Church goes heard the Word.



Rev. Dr. Alfred L. Mack is Pastor-Teacher



Church Mother Sister Delois Jackson



Elder Linda Sharp
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Where God Guides He Provides

Philadelphia Word Church Monroe LA celebrated their 14th Church Anniversary, Sunday September 17 where Rev. Dr. Alfred L. Mack is Pastor-Teacher. ” Unless the Lord builds the house those who build it labor in vain. God will never guide you where He will not provide for you. If Jesus commands us to do something, then he will empower us and give us what we need to accomplish the task. At the anniversary Pastor-Teacher Mack spoke from the subject, “Take Your Case to Jesus!” Elder Linda Sharp gave the Call to Worship , Brother Carl Whitlock provided Devotion while Church Mother Sister Delois Jackson offered The Welcome. Try Jesus today! If you don’t like him, the devil will always take you back!



Those in attendance were blessed with the Word.



Pastor Warren Trimble



Pastor LaShelia Jordan



Pastor Ivey Felton

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Growing in Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ

Spiritual Harvest Worship Center held its 12th Church Anniversary September 12 where Bob & Brenda Dziadaszek are Pastors/ Teachers. Pastor Warren Trimble Liberty Christian Center SE Winnsboro LA gave an inspiring message. Program participants included Minister Brenda English, Sisters Cynthia Cotton, Catherine Miller-Johnson, Brother Roy & Sister Sandra Brown, Brother Jesse Jenkins, Pastor LaShelia Jordan, Pastor Felton Ivey, Pastors Calvin & Shelia Cyrus and Deacon Larry Shaw. There is great joy in serving our Father.



Spiritual Harvest Pastor-Teacher Brenda Dziadaszek

HAPPENINGS

IT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN



Morgan Wines
Sweet 16

Happy Birthday Morgan Wines October 12. Morgan is the very loved daughter of Terasheo and Felicia Wines and granddaughter of Johnny and Patricia Reed and Rosie Wines and the late Tom Wines. She is an eleventh grade student at Neville High School and dances at Dazzle Dance.



Gospel Song Composer
T. Anna

Gospel Song Writer T. Anna has over 240 new original gospel songs she has written and composed through the Grace and inspiration of God. Anyone seeking or needing new fresh gospel flavor, contact T. Anna at 318.516.4047. Leave a message and T. Anna will make it happen.



Alma Jean Moore
Sassy "78"

Happy 78th birthday Monday October 16 to Alma Jean Moore love Michael, Janice, Johnniemae, Jackie and Charles Cassey, Johnny Jr. and Joyce and sisters Janice Reese and Lillie Augurson and all your friends and church family. We love you Alma Jean!



Shereka ShaBang spearheads abstinence purity ministry

Abstinence Purity Ministry

There is more to Shereka ShaBang than Urban Solo Artist of the Year. ShaBang has an abstinence purity ministry where she mentors young ladies and children. They have pledged abstinence until marriage and to live pure lives for Christ. ShaBang stated that teaching and living abstinence comes with much opposition and it takes every bit of the holy spirit and prayer to overcome the temptations of the flesh. She is looking for other ministries to partner with her to mentor more adolescents. If you are interested please email her at sherekashabang@gmail.com. Victory Meet & Social Monday October 23, 2017, 5 pm-6:30 pm at the Ouachita Public Library Main Branch (1800 Stubbs Ave. Monroe, LA). This is to recognize her victory, bond with love, meet other supporters of her ministry and receive information on the future direction of her music ministry. She invites her team, supporters, battle buddies, friends, family, community, and all that would like to be connected to her journey to attend this event.

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For the Good Times

This is my payment for my Monroe Dispatch thank you, V. Augustine

SAVE Initiative Community Meeting

7th S.A.V.E. Initiative Community Meeting 6 pm Thursday October 12 Monroe Public Safety Center 1810 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Monroe LA. Recently hired Crime Consultant Curtis Spears will be on hand to meet with City officials, Focus Group Leaders, and others in attendance to begin sharing some crime reduction and prevention best practices.

Ouachita Parish Veterans

If you served in World War II, please contact Pat Moore at 318-235-3508 or pmoore03@comcast.net. We want to recognize you at "An Evening with General" James Whitehead Jr. Friday

November 10, 6 - 8 PM at the Northeast Louisiana Delta African American Heritage Museum. General Whitehead Jr. was the 1st African American Lockheed U2 Pilot. Information needed by October 21, 2017.

Monroe/Ouachita Parish #6068 Monthly Meeting

Thursday October 12, 6 p.m. at Harvey H. Benoit Community Center, 1700 Oaklawn St. Monroe LA. The public is invited to attend. Contact Rev. Ambrose Douzart, President at 318-235-7951 or ouachitanaacp.org for additional information.

FREE Community Health Fair

Parkview Drive Church of Christ Monroe LA is hosting a Community Health Fair on Saturday, October 28, 10am-1pm at Henrietta Johnson Community Center Monroe LA.

United Way NE LA Dollars & Sense Reality Fair

Volunteer Opportunities Now Available! The first United Way of Northeast Louisiana Dollars & Sense Reality Fair for 2017-2018 will be held Thursday, October 17, 7:30 - 10:00 A.M. at West Monroe High School (201 Riggs St. West Monroe LA **HAPPENINGS,** see page 6

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Richard and Ernestine Green

Happy Anniversary/ Birthday

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Susan Hayes-Feazell Scholarship

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Tim Tippet, Boley and Richardson Grads

The Richardson High School classes of 1969 and 1970 are having their class reunion on June 30, 2018 through July 3, 2018. We would like to invite you to our “Meet and Greet Affair” on June 30, 2018 at the West Monroe Convention Center West Monroe LA from 6:00 p.m., until 11:00 p.m. \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. There will be refreshments and other fun activities. We look forward to seeing you. Questions, contact us at (318)614-8344 or (318)324-9875 or email sandra815@yahoo.com. Thanks in advance



Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jackson and St. Rep Katrina Jackson.

Grambling Chamber Community Contributions Banquet

Six local citizens and two banks will be honored at the Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Contributions Banquet Thursday, Oct. 12 at the Ruston Civic Center at 6 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception and a silent auction followed by the banquet at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$30 and tables seating eight are \$210. “This is an opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations who consistently contribute to

the betterment of the Grambling community. Without a doubt, they have done it. Their contributions are solid,” it is also about recognizing those who have made extraordinary contributions in the Grambling community. The recipients include Rev. Andrew Julius Mansfield posthumously, Dr. Ruby Higgins, Thelma Smith Williams, Dr. Leon Whittaker, State Rep. Katrina Jackson, William Rutledge and L.D. Moore.

Las Vegas

For months, maybe years, a country and western concert was planned in a breezy open area to enjoy an evening of music. While performers played and spectators relaxed to listen to the musicians, gun shots began to fly into the air. Now, 59 have lost their lives and more than 500 are injured. So many lives lost and changed at the hands of a multi-millionaire who owned a plane, materials to make explosives, several guns, thousands of rounds of ammunition, and several real estate properties. Surely

money does not make a person happy, but it does not sound rational for these actions to occur. Intentionally causing harm to hundreds, for no stated purpose, is proving to be very hurtful to those involved and those feeling a sense of loss from this act of hatred. Many individuals, celebrities, and everyday people are feeling this loss and the pain of this tragedy. The spirit of humanity opened on the scene as strangers helped the injured as best they could. It was a little bit close to home as some

friends of mine were in Las Vegas NV and I do have family that lives there, however not at that concert. So grateful all is well for them, even though so many others are in so much pain. The media has kept us informed of this situation, but this is surely a senseless act with no reasoning at all. Let us pray for these victims and their families and hope that our legislators and government act to curb this type of violent action in the future. Be blessed and be a blessing. **LaRonda Dixon**

Remembering the Dead

By Eddie Gillis

With each passing day, the memory of those 58 people killed by a lone gunman in Las Vegas will become just that—a memory. Why do we become so passionate over some issues like the so-called flag protests that seem to linger on and on, but not over the Las Vegas shooting? Is it because none of us was affected, but by the same token, we sympathize with the victims? Why is it that so many of us want to rally around the flag over an issue that has nothing to do with disrespect, but will turn a blind eye to an issue that is about life and death? Those are hard questions whereby the answers seem so ever elusive. There are mass killings that occur in the U.S. more frequently than we know about, but other “newsworthy” issues take center stage. There is this daily obsession with what the president is doing/saying, than to what matters to most of us. Many of us have “bread and butter” issues such as keeping our jobs, paying bills and taking care of our families. It could be accurately said that the thousands of people who attended that concert/festival in Las Vegas may have had some of those issues in their lives. Nonetheless, for just a few hours they did what we all do, that is to do something that gives us a little pleasure in life for just a little while, knowing that we have to face the real world when it is all over. Fifty-eight people out of the thousands who were at the festival, including police officers will not live to talk about or relive those awful



Eddie Gillis

minutes when the shootings occurred. There is one person who also survived a shooting, that had it not been for law enforcement officers present, he could have been a victim of a mass shooting. Louisiana’s congressman Steve Scalise was seriously injured back in June, as he and other congressional representatives were practicing for an annual baseball game. If not for the quick action of Capitol Police and others, Congressman Scalise could very well be a memory by now. The congressman survived the shooting (the gunman was killed) and spent months recuperating from his near fatal injuries. Now he is back in Washington. When Mr. Scalise was shot, the conversation quickly turned to “doing something” about guns. However Mr. Scalise being a staunch supporter of gun rights (as is this reporter), but not to the point of guns that are of military grade, did not alter his views after he was almost killed, and not after the Las Vegas massacre. No matter how many people that have been killed in mass shootings by guns that are not used for sport/hunting, Republicans steadfastly refuse to consider any gun legislation. There was a glimmer of hope following what happened in Las Vegas, but that seems to be dead.

Congressman Scalise penned a “thank you” letter to those who “prayed and extended” well wishes to him and his family. He talked about God’s grace allowing him to live. He talked about being with his family, especially his children. He also talked about his faith in God. He also said that his near death experience “changed his life forever, but not the way you might think”. It would appear that the congressman was given an opportunity by God’s grace to make a change in the guns conversation, but he will not use that voice to do so. Why we may ask. Those **GILLIS, see page 6**

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O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord, presents “Magnify the Lord,” Saturday Oct. 21, 6pm

Book of Revelation Bible Study

Philadelphia Word Center Church 215 Arnold Dr./Buckhorn Bend Rd. Monroe LA Dr. Pastor/Teacher Alfred Mack. The book of Revelation Bible study begins Sunday October 15, 6:30p.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 Simmons family & friends will convene Monday Oct. 9, 6 pm Triumph Baptist Church 800 Girod St. Monroe LA. The key word will be Love with Rev. Elisha Cook serving as speaker. Music will be provided under the direction of Marion Prudhomme.

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laps for cheer practice. I remember fearing Mrs. Ruby Boston, and working so hard to keep my English notebook neat. I remember going to visit Mrs. Dorothy McNeal, sitting in the Catshop, and traveling out of town to cheer at the football and basketball games with cheer coach Mr. Malcolm Gay. There are so many other memories I could share and would love to relive.

Attending Wossman reminded me how special I am, how much pride there is on the south side, and how truly amazing Black excellence is.

Congratulations to Dr. Eric Davis, Wossman’s current principal for continuing that spirit of excellence.

Happy Homecoming to all the Wossman High School alumni! I am so happy to be a part of the Wildcat family!

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Mr. Pickem Grissom’s Football Predictions

Week 7 - October 13

week 6 record: 11-4 featured games: 3-0 (14-4 overall) overall record: 75-25

Another successful week is in the books as I went an impressive 11-4 overall and 3-0 in featured games, but with district rivalries, long-distance road trips and daunting road games I wouldn’t expect things to go this week as well. Richwood battles cross-town rival, Carroll at the Dog Pound, while Neville hits the road to south Louisiana to take on Franklinton and #2 Sterlington will have its hands full again as they visit Wossman and their intense homecoming crowd. Don’t be afraid to go with a few upset picks this week, because I really think that regardless of record, there will be some thrilling finishes. With the LHSAA playoffs just 3 weeks away, winning becomes as important as ever and some teams on the outside don’t have much time to book their tickets into the postseason.

**** Game of the Week ****
#7 OUACHITA LIONS (4-2) @ #6 RUSTON BEARCATS (3-2)

The Ouachita Lions opened the first 2 weeks of the season sitting atop Grissom’s rankings and rightfully so. With several division 1 athletes on their roster, the Lions looked poised to finally take over as the king of district 2-5A and perhaps the entire 5A classification. In the time since, they’ve lost twice (Neville and Plaquemine) and won twice (Pineville and Carencro) even finding themselves falling completely out of the top 10 a week ago. A much-needed win to start district last week may be the spark the Lions needed to get the wheels spinning. A balanced offensive output by the Lions kept Pineville guessing all night. Backup RB Chaunzavia Lewis has filled in nicely in the absence of Dylan Parker and shredded apart the home team with 165 yards on 26 carries. QB Jabari Johnson has displayed his dual-threat abilities over the past 2 weeks and he threw for 155 yards and 2 touchdowns vs Pineville. Both of those TDs connected to WR Josh Newton who pulled down 3 catches for a whopping 146 yards. The Lions stout defense also pitched a shutout until the last 5 minutes of the game. With Roberts and C.J. Brown expected to be back at full strength this week, the Lions team that was once #1 is excelling right when it needs.

I’m sure Ruston isn’t the team that hangs their hat on moral victories, but a tough road loss in week 6 to West Monroe shouldn’t deter anyone’s belief in the Bearcats. The ‘Cats only two losses came to the top 2 teams in 5A (Acadiana & West Monroe). Last Friday, the Bearcats bottled up stud QB Slade Bolden for a majority of the contest but costly penalties and a costly turnover plagued the road team late. La Tech commit RB Deandre Marcus burst free for some big runs in the contest and rushed for a team high 119 yards and a score. Ruston’s dual-quarterback system was at its best when junior QB Eric Outley was behind center as the offense struck the scoreboard first on its second drive of



IT’S FOOTBALL SEASON

During halftime, Neville 2017 Bengal Belles provide halftime entertainment second to none.Photo Dispatch

the game when Outley hit Grissom Top 10 athlete, Taj Samuel for a 9 yard score to give the ‘Cats an early 7-0 lead. With the game knotted at 14-14, a botched snap on a Ruston punt gave the Rebs the ball inside the Bearcat 10-yard line and it proved to be a pivotal turning point in the game. Bolden would score the go-ahead touchdown on the ensuing drive. Grissom G.O.At., Damarion Malcolm wasn’t tested too often but I would expect that to change this week vs the Lions.

For decades, District 2-5A has been one of the most heralded districts in the state, but it’s usually a one-horse race when all the smoke settles. Both teams are itching to get over the hurdle known as West Monroe and Friday night’s game will put one of these teams closer to that goal and another one looking from the caboose. Ruston must be kicking themselves for not finishing the job last week and now they’ll have to sit back and play the waiting game, while Ouachita technically still controls their own destiny. A win over the Bearcats will keep Ouachita at the top of the district and with a matchup versus those dreaded Rebs 3 weeks away they can’t afford a slip up. Both teams feature some very talented players that will be very productive on the next level in the years to come, and this one should be about a good a game as you’ve seen all year. Ouachita currently sits at #10 in the LHSAA power ratings, but Ruston is see-sawing on the outskirts at #28. Ruston coach Jarrad Baugh will have to convey to his guys that this is a must-win for Ruston if they want to solidify a post-season berth and any shot at a district championship and with West Monroe now in the rear-view, I expect the home team to pull out all the stops. Samuel and Marcus carry the ‘Cats back into the win column!

Ruston 23 Ouachita 20
#2 STERLINGTON PANTHERS (6-0) vs WOSSMAN WILDCATS (1-5)

Sterlington’s housewarming gift into its new residence wasn’t the most hospitable. In its inaugural game in district 2-3A the Panthers scratched and clawed its way to a 36-26 victory over the

2016 co-district champion, Carroll Bulldogs. The undefeated Panthers had to reach deep to fend off a pesky bunch of ‘Dogs that weren’t quite ready to get off the throne. After heading into the half ahead 22-6, a little complacency may have settled into the Panthers mindsets but a potent running game produced two late scores while also chewing up valuable seconds off the clock. RB Dallas Reagor put together consecutive weeks of outstanding rushing as he paced the Panthers with 116 yards and a score. Luke Denmon also eclipsed the century mark with 115 yards and 2 touchdowns. If that wasn’t enough, QB Carson Clowers also tagged in with 73 yards on the ground with 2 scores of his own. This Friday they’ll all need a repeat performance if they plan to leave with a victory at Wossman. Wossman finally got into the win column last Friday with a district road win over Madison Parish 50-26. In its previous 5 games the Wildcats scored a combined 44 points, but the trip to Tallulah may have been what coach Dean Smith needed to put his team in position to defend its district title. After starting the season 0-5 many Wildcat supporters were considering the “wait till next year” approach but Smith is thinking about shocking some folks in 2017 first. Wossman went into the game with a few revisions to the offense and employed a traditional under-the-center I-formation and pounded away at the Jags front. The Wildcats’ rugged start to the year hasn’t been enviable but the athletes are there to make late run. Jay West, Nick Traylor and KJ Dougan all reached paydirt and they’ll look to do the same as the homecoming crowd is expected to be thick and loud Friday night.

Even at 6-0 the Panthers are going to have to play their way to earn the respect of such a competitive district and it’ll only do so by winning. In case you didn’t know, Wossman is currently district co-champs in 2-3A and at 1-0 this year, they’re not ready to just hand it over to a newcomer. Sterlington’s M.O. the past couple years has been “come one, come all” and they’ve knocked out every one that’s stepped

won’t be overly impressed by the ‘Cats. The biggest question that I have about this game is “Why would anyone schedule a state champion for their homecoming?” Well Coach Dean Smith operates under a different set of rules and in his eyes, he’s still the top dog in this district and the Panthers are just a stepping stone towards another crown. However, homecoming festivities are like a gift and a curse. There will be a ton of folks on Arizona St just waiting to send the Panthers packing up HWY 165N, but I think Coach Lee Doty keeps his bunch focused on the goal of overtaking this district and chasing another state title. “What will Sterlington do to the Dub?” They’ll leave an L on the Dub!

Sterlington 24
Wossman 12

CARROLL BULLDOGS (2-4) VS #3 RICHWOOD RAMS (4-2)

The roller coaster that we’ve come to know as Richwood reached its peak last Friday with an incredible homecoming win over Union Parish 14-6. The Rams defense led by CJ Ceasar and twin brothers, Devione and Deionte Reed have lifted the Rams 5 spots up and into the 3rd spot of Grissom’s Top 10. Holding the Farmers to 131 total yards offense the home team pleased the crowd of thousands. What’s even more impressive is that the Rams held stud athletes Lawrence Glos-son and Trent Ginn to 84 total yards (less than 150 yards away from their averages). Union Parish also realized very quickly that Ceasar can make a team pay wherever he lines up on any gridiron and now with his partner in crime, Joseph Smith, behind the center the duo have been

lethal running the Rams attack to perfection. They connected for several big plays Friday night but none bigger than a 33-yard touchdown in the back of the end zone that gave the Rams the lead for good.

Carroll showed it’s resilience Friday night in a tough road loss to Sterlington. Fantoryian Pendleton has been somewhat of the spark plug that Jackie Hamilton was hoping for prior to his jamboree injury. Combined with the insertion of Cedric Woods at quarterback and the ‘Dogs have a recipe for some late success. Woods connected with former QB Sir Timothy Hollins for 76 yards and a score and Pendelton rushed for a season-high 85 yards on 11 carries. Woods, only a sophomore, has a very bright future on Renwick and he’s built for the job. He even moonlighted again in the ‘Dogs secondary and came away with beautiful interception. With an overall 142 passing yards, 3 TDS & 114 yards rushing, Woods made his claim for week 6’ Grissom G.O.At. loud and clear. Carroll found a way to produce another defensive score on a Derrick Logwood 65-yard fumble recovery, but they’ll need to limit the Rams rushing attack and minimize the penalties (13 for 110 yards) if they plan on upsetting a very good Rams squad.

Both teams have made quarterback changes at the initial stages of the season and by doing so they’ve both seen good results. The only difference is that Richwood’s results have been in the win column while Carroll’s have been in overall offensive effectiveness. This will be one of those rival games that records won’t matter one bit

when the clock starts to roll. In last year’s contest Carroll’s experienced bunch lost a squeaker 19-14 to a good but not great Richwood bunch. Turn the clock a year and now the Rams are the more experienced team and they’ve had a point to prove since an upsetting 1st round loss to North Webster in 2016. Coach Robert Arvie has Richwood winning games in all different fashions but a win is a win. Smith has made his job a lot easier by spraying balls around to his studs, Ceasar and Mississippi St commit, Geor’Quarius Spivey both of whom caught TDs last week, but I think that Arvie exploits a Carroll defensive front that struggled against the run and senior RB Anthony Watson will steal the show Friday with 200+.

Richwood 28 Carroll 16

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Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

Prayer: Father, I am thankful that Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I rejoice in Your Word because it shines light on all of my situations. I can see where I am going and not stumble because Your Word is shining brightly in my heart. It is my guide for living. Bless God!

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Prayer: Father, it is so satisfying to know that every Word of Yours is tried and purified. Your Words are true and they are always reliable. You are a shield to me because I trust You wholeheartedly. Thank God!

Confession: Every promise of God proves true. He protects everyone who runs to Him for help. God is a shield to me because I trust and take refuge in Him.

OBITUARIES

Erma J. Copland, 62. Homemaker.

Erma J. Copland of Monroe, LA Homemaker died Saturday October 7, 2017. Services: 11:00AM Saturday October 14 at Greater Free Gift B C. Visitation: 3:00-6:00PM Friday in Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Richwood Memorial Garden under direction of McFarland Funeral Company.

Emmitt Loretha Franklin, 81

Emmitt Loretha Franklin of Monroe, LA Custodian, died October 3, 2017. Services: 11:00 A.M., Saturday, October 14, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Monroe, LA. Visitation: 1:00 - 6:00 P.M., Friday October 13, at Smith Funeral Home, Monroe, LA. Burial: Magnolia Cemetery, Monroe, LA under the direc-

tion of Smith Funeral Home.

Otha McHenry, 63

Otha McHenry of Bastrop, LA Cook, died September 30, 2017. Services: Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Greater Magnolia B.C. in Bastrop, LA. Visitation: Friday, October 13, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Tennant Funeral Home of Bastrop, LA. Burial: H.V. Adams Cemetery in Bastrop, LA under the direction of Tennant Funeral Home.

Tommie Lee Bass, Sr., 65

Tommie Lee Bass, Sr. resident of Enterprise, AL, formally of Lake Providence, LA Custodian, died October 1, 2017. Services are incomplete at this time, under the direction of Tennant Funeral Home of Rayville, LA.

AKA 14th Annual Health Fair

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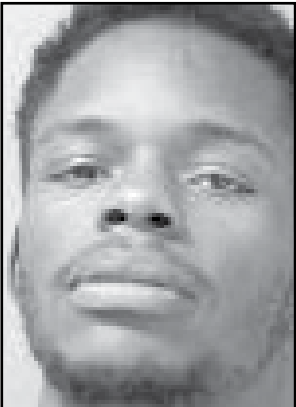
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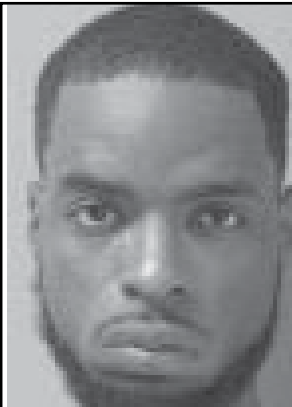
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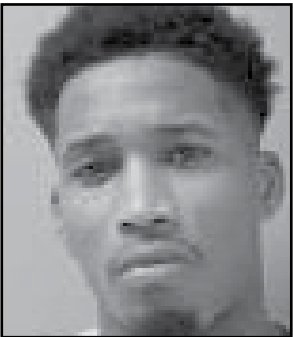
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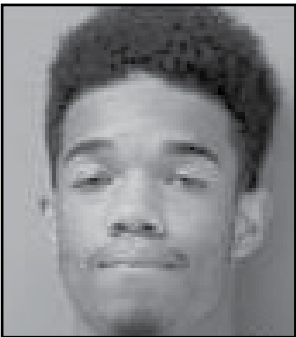
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Gray - From P.1

Carroll. Julian excelled at football, becoming Co-Captain of the football team during his junior year, and then Captain during his senior year of high school. While excelling in sports, Julian kept up his studies and maintained honor roll status throughout high school. On the team, he played tight end very well, and was an All-State Football Player, catching 16 touchdown passes in his junior year and 13 touchdown passes in his senior year. During his time at Carroll High School, the Bulldogs won their first State Championship in 1961 under the tutelage of Coach J.L. Thomas. Upon high school graduation Julian quickly set his sights on furthering his education and playing “ball”. In 1962 Julian was awarded a full athletic scholarship and entered Grambling College, now known as Grambling State University. Following beside him was his

high school sweetheart and longtime love, Geneva Lynch. Under the training of the legendary Coach Eddie Robinson, Sr., Julian and a multitude of teammates were destined for greatness. Despite heavy football training and coursework, during the holidays and summer breaks, Julian came home to work with his father at The Bayou De Siard Country Club, to earn extra money. Even though earning money was good, it was the lessons that Julian’s father instilled in him regarding accountability, perseverance, determination, and challenging work that continued to shape the rest his adult life. Julian was a guys’ guy and a ladies’ man. His sense of humor was uncanny, and his ability to make everyone feel welcome was irresistible. He continued to excel on and off the gridiron. Despite a short split from

his long-time love, Geneva, they were destined to reunite after some reconciliation. In 1966, during their senior year of college, Julian married his childhood crush and high school sweetheart, Geneva Lynch. He and his bride matriculated Grambling College, both graduating with Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees in 1967. During his senior year he was drafted in the 4th round by the New York Jets. However, after sustaining a career ending shoulder injury, he departed from the Jets, leaving the game of football forever. He then returned to his other love - *teaching*. He very graciously accepted his first teaching job from Mr. Mack Moore at Sevier High School. Julian and Geneva moved to Ferriday, LA in 1967 to embark on a new life and career.

He later transferred to Ferriday High School where he could impart his knowledge of “the game” by working as both a Head Football Coach and Teacher. Winning district football championships every year certainly solidified his decision to continue molding young athletes and developing raw talent. His time in Ferriday, LA was brief yet valuable, as he and Geneva met many lifelong friends in the small but close knit community. In 1971 he gladly accepted a job from Principal Henry Carroll and reentered the hallowed halls of his alma mater-Carroll High School. He fell into the roll with vigor and gusto as a Business Teacher, Football Coach and Track/Field Coach. In 1976 Julian’s tough

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every man, woman and young person in Monroe and surrounding areas. If you know someone (male or female) that could benefit from the services that we are trying to make available, please bring them with you. We are asking that EACH 1, REACH 1 and BRING 1. There will not be anything sold during this event. EVERYTHING IS FREE including the FOOD.. Those with booth spaces who will be cooking or providing information and services will arrive as early as 8am to set up. We will start lining up at 9am @ The Zoo Pavilion located at 1405 Bernstein Park Road and walk into our designated area of

Charles Johnson Park to begin the program @ 10am. We have invited Job Corps, Mccann School of Business & Technology, Delta Community College, mental health, substance abuse, counseling and other social service agencies. Local carpenters, plumbers, electricians, concrete finishers and others have been invited to offer employment opportunities for those in need of a job, but have been denied because there may be something on their record. Information on how to get criminal charges expunged will also be available. The main focus and purpose of this event is that we (The Church, The Chosen and The Children) will humble ourselves before God to ask Him to forgive us for falling short of His glory and that we will make a vow to Him to do our part to make our community a safer place to live. We are asking for your prayers that God will lend us His spirit as we strive to make Him proud of our efforts. Thank you for reading these words.

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America’s Anthem, Flag, Freedom, Justice Hypocrisy

by Perry Thomas

God loves the truth and the light. The American National Anthem, flag and claims of freedom and justice do not have the same symbolism for all Americans. Certainly not for black Americans and other minorities, the poor and downtrodden. White Americans appear to be America’s preference for privilege. Other Americans are, by virtue, considered to be second class citizens. Therefore, the emphasis, loyalty, devotion, worship and praise directed toward the Anthem and flag take on quite a different perspective according to what category one falls in as an American citizen,

and lately for those non-whites seeking citizenship in America. America touts itself to be the land of the free and freedom, but has, and still to an overt extent enslaves blacks from the legal era of slavery and involuntary servitude, to the current day mass imprisonment, arrest, convictions, sentencing, false witness, wrongful death, murder and executions, lack of due process, racial profiling, racism, discrimination, suppression, etc. Black Americans are still not free. America proclaims itself to be a land of equal opportunity, yet it has and continues to deny blacks the same opportunities given to whites concerning blacks being denied opportunities for equal justice under the law, equal lending and credit, equal pay and voting, employment, educa-



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tion, housing, schools, communities, services, money, resources, civil rights, human rights, and the constitutional Bill of Rights. America has been deceptive in its claim to be a nation of law and justice, when government officials and the rich and powerful break every law, rule, code, regulation, statue, or ethic ever written without consequence; while blacks and the poor suffer the full and excessive brunt of the law, America’s brand of justice to blacks equates to, “just us.” Blacks/poor are in a continuous fight for freedom, liberty and justice is America. The American flag to many Americans, represents enslavement, impoverishment, unemployment, injustice, misrepresentation, war, death, destruction, money, greed, corruption, power, blood, sweat, tears, and deception. The National Anthem, some say, depicts the same. Vote!!

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say that Marquinton produced a gun, whereby he was shot and killed. Underwood was apprehended with drugs and a firearm in his possession. The third passenger wasn't harmed, but was said to collaborate deputies' account of the incident.

The incident happened about 5:30p.m. that afternoon. At about 5:41p.m., the family received a call that Marquinton had been shot, and told the family where he was. Several members of the family hurriedly drove to the area where the incident happened, only to be asked by officers at the scene at a roadblock, "how did they know" of the incident. They were told "to wait", but from their vantage point, they didn't see or hear any emergency vehicles come to the area, but only saw law enforcement vehicles. As the family asked more questions, they also noticed that there wasn't any yellow tape at the scene, but

didn't get any answers, only questions about who they were. The family felt that the officers in charge treated them in a manner that was unprofessional, given the stress that they were under, not knowing if their loved one was dead or alive. The family thought that if the officers knew that they were related to Marquinton, and they knew who they (deputies) shot, just tell them if it was their loved one. The father, along with Marquinton's mother and grandmothers were there, but still the family had to wait hours before they finally got confirmation that Marquinton "was deceased", allegedly telling them that he had "drugs and a gun" on him, nothing else. The family contends that throughout their ordeal, the treatment that they received was crude and abusive. The family

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also said that the place where Marquinton was killed was more than a mile from where they were.

The family said that there wasn't any ambulance/first responders that arrived at/near the

Gray - From P.1

approach and dedication to his team payed off as he was named the Bayou DeSiard Optimist Track Coach of the Year. Many have said that he also ran a defensive line that was second to none. Shortly thereafter he met a new friend, the late Principal Curtis Armand, who was soon to become a significant leader and career advisor for Julian.

Being the consummate student, in 1977 he hit the books again, returning to school to receive his Master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Northeast Louisiana University. Shortly thereafter he ventured on to receive his Master's +30 degree from Northeast Louisiana University. Teaching accounting, typing, and business courses, he continued to push his students in the

scene of the shooting, as they said that their loved one "just laid there on the ground" without any dignity, when officers knew he was long dead. The family is very hurt, having just buried Marquinton Saturday (Oct. 7)

classroom as he did his athletes on the track and football field. Julian not only felt it was important to motivate his students, but mentor them as well. In 1983 he was awarded "Male Teacher of Year 1982-1983" at Carroll High School.

In 1983 he was promoted to Assistant Principal at Wossman High School, and spent five transformative years working under the late Grady Jones, who was then Principal at Wossman High School. Julian not only gained another mentor but also a great friend in Grady. He and Grady were said to be like "Ebony and Ivory living in perfect harmony".

In 1988 Julian was promoted to Principal of Carroll High School. It was bittersweet to leave his friend Grady, but cer-

tainly a much-anticipated homecoming celebration for Julian, making him the first Carroll High School graduate to ever become principal. During his tenure at Carroll High School, Julian made student education the priority. He may have walked softly, and carried a big stick, but every student felt safe, loved and important.

In 1997 he became the Director of Child Welfare and Attendance at Monroe City Schools and in 2000 was promoted to the Assistant Superintendent of the Monroe City Schools. It was there that Julian found another great mentor and faithful friend Dr. George Cannon. Some would say that they were like "brothers from another mother" or "frick and frack". They may have not always agreed on

and got a degree as an auto tech. The family has come closer together, said one of his relatives, as they rely on their faith in God to get them through this difficult time. They want and need your prayers.

everything, but they were devoted friends and knew how to compromise, just like family. Julian later served two terms as Interim Superintendent of the Monroe City School before retiring in 2005. Julian selflessly dedicated over 38yrs of his career in education to teaching, coaching, mentoring, restructuring and enhancing the educational experience for thousands of students. He hoped his efforts to improve education would make a positive impact on society.

Julian dedicated his life to Christ and was a member of Avenue Baptist Church under the late Reverend L.B. Oliver. There, he served as the Adult Sunday School Teacher and Associate Superintendent of Sunday Schools. He also frequently visited Mt. Zion Baptist Church with his wife and family for Sunday Services lead by Reverend Ike Byrd, III.

He has received numerous awards over his lifetime including the City of Monroe's Martin Luther King Achievement Award, Henry Carroll Achievement Award, and Carroll High School's Alumni Award, just to name a few. He is a very proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and served as Exchequer of the Monroe Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. for many years. He was also a member of the Roy O. Wilis #260 Masonic Lodge and served as President of the Matador Civic Club.

Despite Julian's stoic appearance, it was his raw candor, off handed jokes and comedic timing that so many loved about him. He was a true gentleman- quietly and bravely battling three types of cancers over his lifetime. Julian endured his cancer treatments and dialysis with courage and dignity. On some of his longer trips or hospitalizations, he was often accompanied by his loyal wife, Geneva, coupled with his devoted sister, Janie, and brother-in-law, Carl, or his other brother-in-law Rusty. He always remained generous and humble to his friends and family, despite his tribulations.

Julian's advice, guidance and wisdom have been invaluable to many, and it will be dearly missed. Although he is away, we will continue to carry on the memories and his legacy in our hearts and minds forever. Julian was preceded in death by his parents John Gray, Jr. and Naomi Brown Gray. He leaves to cherish his life and legacy...

His loving and devoted wife of 51years Geneva Lynch Gray, and their four wonderful children- Dameon Gray (Denise), Julia Nicole Jason, Julian "Scotty" Gray, Jr., Karen Gray Gomez (Rossie) and 7 amazing grandchildren, Jonathan, Blair, Jillian, Taylor, Brooke, Bailey and Giovanna. His sweet Goddaughter- Iketria Byrd, His lovely eldest daughters from a prior relationship- Tonya W. Galloway (Frank) and Roslyn Holmes (Lamon) and six amazing grandchildren Ramon, Dameon, Kimitria, Anfernee, Kamara, Ravon and several beautiful great-grandchildren. His caring siblings-

Leamon Gray (Stephanie), Janie Williams (Carl), Barbara Ann Turner, Raynetta Traywick (Joe), Beverly Washington (Larry), Michael Gray and Tammy Gray and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral services are Saturday October 14, 2017, 1pm Carroll High School Auditorium Monroe LA. Visitation is Friday October 13, 2-5pm and Family hour is 6-7pm Miller Funeral Home Monroe LA. Please pray for this family.

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LEGALS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 AT 12:00 P.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a special called session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Conference Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 12:00 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

Members Present	(4)
Scotty Robinson	District A
Jack Clampit	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Pat Moore	District F
Members Absent	(2)
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E

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. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to close the public comment period. Motion passed without opposition.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the emergency repairs to Comanche Trail and stated that a water line ruptured under Comanche Trail and caused significant damage to the road on the evening of September 8, 2017. Mr. Crosby stated that during the past week he had prepared specifications, provided them to multiple contractors and received sealed bids that were opened on September 14 with the lowest conforming bid coming from Amethyst Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$274,342.30. Mr. Mitchell stated that if the Jury certified this situation as a public emergency the normal requirements of the public bid law do not all apply and the Jury could accept the Amethyst Construction bid as recommend by Mr. Crosby. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Crosby then explained the circumstances that supported certifying this as a public emergency.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-62
A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE DAMAGE/COLLAPSE OF A PORTION OF COMANCHE TRAIL RESULTING FROM A RUPTURED WATER MAIN CONSTITUTES A “PUBLIC EMERGENCY” PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 38:2212(D)(1)(a); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, on the evening of Friday, September 8, 2017, a large, high pressure water main ruptured under Comanche Trail, just north of Indian Lake Drive;

WHEREAS, water rushing from this ruptured main significantly damaged the road bed and roadway rendering a section of the roadway approximately 200’ in length collapsed or otherwise impassable;

WHEREAS, this damage to Comanche Trail has cut-off direct vehicular access to dozens of homes. A detour is available to allow vehicles to reach all but a few of these homes; however, that detour involves placing significant traffic on two particularly narrow, curving residential streets that were not designed or intended for such traffic;

WHEREAS, residents in the immediate area of the collapsed roadway are unable to reach their homes by vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the consequences of the sudden and unforeseen event that rendered this section of Comanche Trail impassable constitutes a “public emergency” under La. R.S. 38:2212(D)(1)(a)

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby certifies the sudden and unexpected rupture of a large, high pressure water main under Comanche Trail that occurred on or about September 8, 2017, which damaged a portion of that roadway to the extent that it is impassable, to constitute a “Public Emergency” pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2212(D)(1)(a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Notice of this Public Emergency shall be published within 10 days in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

The above resolution was adopted the 15th day of September, 2017.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the lowest conforming bid and award the contract to Amethyst Construction, Inc. Motion passed without opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President
Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 AT 5:40 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, September 18, 2017 at 5:40 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

The invocation was given by the president. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the president.

Members Present	(5)
Scotty Robinson	District A
Jack Clampit	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F
Members Absent	(1)
Ollibeth Reddix	District D

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Cammack asked to add excavator bid acceptance to the agenda under Mr. Murray. This item was inadvertently left off of the agenda and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The president asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. No one came forth at this point in the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on September 5, 2017 and the minutes of the Special Called meeting held on September 15, 2017 was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Shawn Ivey with PPM Consultants. Mr. Ivey spoke regarding the Brownfield Assess-

ment Grant and stated that the grant will be through the Environmental Protection Agency and will be used for assessment of properties that have been abandoned or idle. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve PPM Consultants to submit an application for the Brownfield Assessment Grant. Motion passed without opposition.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Change Order No. 21 for Finks Hideaway Road and stated that the change order will reconcile quantities. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve Change Order No. 21. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the Stage 0 Reports for the 2018/2019 funding cycle for the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Crosby recommended approving the Stage 0 Reports for Well Road and Hadley Street. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the Stage 0 Reports. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the emergency repair to Comanche Trail and stated that the contractor should begin work by Thursday.

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

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the FEMA public assistance and hazard mitigation projects and stated he is still working with FEMA on the projects.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding East Town & Country and Raccoon Bayou drainage projects and stated that he will be attending a meeting in Baton Rouge on Tuesday regarding the projects.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Jack Crowell Road and stated that the bid opening will be held on September 26.

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Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to recess the regular meeting in favor of the finance committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Caldwell, called the finance committee meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of August 17, 2017 through September 14, 2017 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve payment of the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented budget versus actual statements to the Jury. No action was needed.

Mr. Cammack requested approval to transfer a John Deere tractor (asset 14759) from Public Works to the building maintenance department. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the transfer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack requested approval to transfer a storage building (asset 7242) from the Fire Department to Animal Control. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the transfer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack requested approval of the LWDA 81 contract Amendment #3. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve Amendment #3. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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A motion to enter into the East Ouachita Economic Development District meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit.

EAST OUACHITA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The president called the East Ouachita Economic Development District meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17- 63

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION NO. 17-54 WHICH ORDERED AND CALLED A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE EAST OUACHITA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE DISTRICT; MADE APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDED FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, State of Louisiana (the “Police Jury”), acting as the governing authority (the “Governing Authority”), of the East Ouachita Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the, “District”), did on August 7, 2017 adopt Resolution No. 17-54 (the “Original Resolution”) calling an election (the “Election”) to have the electorate consider the approval of the levy and collection of a sales and use tax of one and thirty-nine hundredths percent (1.39%) on all sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales and services within the District, as defined by law, each for a period of twenty-five (25) years (the “Tax”) and to take all necessary actions ancillary thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority desires to amend and restate the Original Resolution in its entirety pursuant to the terms herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury in its capacity as the Governing Authority of the District, that:

SECTION 1. Election Call.

Subject to the approval of the Louisiana State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 29, 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held by the District on Saturday, November 18, 2017 between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the East Ouachita Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the “District”), under the provisions of Article VI, Sections 30 & 32 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and other authority, be authorized, and to adopt an ordinance, to levy and collect, a sales and use tax of one and thirty-nine hundredths percent (1.39%) on sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales and services within the District, as defined by law, inclusive (the “Tax”) (an estimated \$2,650,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of twenty-five (25) years, commencing effective April 1, 2018 and shall the proceeds of said Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses associated therewith) be dedicated and used for the purpose of undertaking economic development projects consisting of, but not limited to, road, drainage, related infrastructure projects and improvements, and securing and paying bonded indebtedness for the aforementioned purposes, all for benefit of the District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the

“Ouachita Citizen”, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in Monroe, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Governing Authority, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the respective forms attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full, with such changes as may be necessary to be made at the discretion of the Chairman, Secretary or such other representative of the District as shall have the apparent authority to make said changes (the “Authorized Representative”). As of the adoption of this resolution, the registrar of voters was unable to provide a list of polling places for the District. Once that information is received, the Authorized Representatives are hereby directed to complete the Notice by including said information, prior to publication.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, at Police Jury Meeting Room (2nd Floor—Ouachita Parish Courthouse), 301 South Grand, Monroe, LA, on MONDAY DECEMBER 4, 2017, at 5:30 P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election, as published pursuant to Section 2 hereof, are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on December 4, 2017, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Authorized Representative is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Authorized Representative is further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodians of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Employment of Bond Counsel. It is recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of bond counsel in connection with the election; accordingly, Boles, Shafto & Leonard, LLC, located in Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby employed as Bond Counsel to perform comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the election. Bond counsel shall (i) prepare and submit to the District for adoption all the proceedings incidental to the election; and (ii) counsel and advise the District with respect to the election. The fee to be paid Bond Counsel for work on this election shall be an amount equal to the Attorney General’s then current Fee Schedule for hourly rate work only and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the election, said fee to be payable by the Commission subject to the Attorney General’s written approval of said employment and fee.

SECTION 9. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to the adoption of the Original Resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on Thursday, July 6, 2017.

SECTION 10. Amendment and Restatement. The Original Resolution is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety by this Resolution, effective as of August 7, 2017.

SECTION 11. Application to State Bond Commission and Secretary of State. Application is made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission and the Secretary of State for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event that election carries for further consent and authority to dedicate the proceeds of the Tax, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana State Bond Commission and Secretary of State on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (5) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Jack Clampit, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 18th day of September, 2017.

/s/ Karen Cupit	/s/ Scotty Robinson
Recording Secretary	President

Motion offered Mr. Smiley, seconded Mr. Clampit to adjourn the East Ouachita Economic Development District meeting and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion passed without opposition. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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 introduced the following ordinance.
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 accor-



Richwood 1977 Classmates pictured forty years later with special guests Terez Dunnings, Amanda Porter, Annie Booker, Mr. Abe Pierce, Legendary, Richwood Coach Mackie Freeze, Clara Chatmon, Denise Blunt, Vanessa Gordon, Chris Hughes, William Potter, Gary Hicks, Billy Varner, Ernest Potter, Steve Goins, Pieta Cooper, Gwen Guillory, Patricia Ellis, Rose Byrd, Janet Mayberry, Florence Green, Raymond Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, James Ellis, John Webb, Willie Davis, Lionel Crawford, Charles Willis, Wilbert Smith and Steve Goins. Photos Dispatch



The prom was jumping as DJ Big Show had'em Richwood 1977 up!



Pieta Cooper sang



Lionel Crawford's inspiring welcome.



Richwood 1977 Terez Dunnings introduced special guests

Richwood 1977 - 40th Reunion

The Richwood High School Class Of 1977 celebrated their 40th class reunion with a Red White and You- An Evening of Elegance Prom at the Carolyn Strauss Ouachita Council on aging in Monroe LA on Saturday October 7. It was an evening

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Councilman Clark said that it was through the tireless efforts of former State Senator Charles Jones, who was instrumental in the creation of the South Side Economic Development District. "Without him (Jones), we would not be here", said Clark. "The time is now", added Clark saying, "We need this tax to pass like a hog needs slop", to the laughter of audience members. "We may never

shared with forty years of memories as classmates present reminiscent of past and present. Many reflected on being blessed and looked forward to seeing each other. The evening was magnificent with a great dinner, fellowship and dancing. The

get this opportunity for 15 to 20 years. It is that important". Mayor Mayo said that there should be "equal growth" in the city that must include districts 3, 4 and 5. The mayor is on record as in full supportive of the tax. Shoppers that like to go to Wal-Mart later at night on Louisville Ave. may see an increased presence of the Monroe Police Dept. Councilman Wilson said that management

Richwood Class of 1977 were elated to have Legendary Richwood Coach Mackie Freeze and Mr. Abe Pierce as their special guest. This was an awesome weekend that was enjoyed and will be remembered by everyone who attended.

contacted him after many shoppers complained of "unwanted presence" around the store, which made them feel uncomfortable after dark. Wilson was told that those individuals' presence had "an impact on sales" because shoppers were afraid. Wilson asked interim police Chief Ellis to look into the matter, to which the Chief said that his department would.



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dance 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 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 at-

tempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Ouachita Parish Police 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.

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Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

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.

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The president recognized Mr. Clampit, District B.

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 stated that Dr. Reddix was absent.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore stated that she did not have any items.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack requested approval to terminate Anna Arnold. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the termination. Motion passed without opposition.

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 spoke regarding the contract with Lazenby & Associates for the FY 2017 LCDBG Pink Street area and Violet/Iris Street area project and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the contracts with Lazenby & Associates. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding resubdivision for Chauvin Place, Unit 2, Lots 31 & 32 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to grant resubdivision approval for Chauvin Place, Unit 2, Lot 31 & 32 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Fairbanks Development, Unit 3 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to grant preliminary subdivision approval for Fairbanks Development, Unit 3 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to hire Kevin Traylor as Survey Aide I. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Clampit to hire Kevin Traylor. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray presented the excavator bid results and stated that the lowest conforming bid was from Scott Equipment for \$146,500. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to accept the bid from Scott Equipment. Motion passed without opposition.

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. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President
Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary



Richwood Royalty: Miss Ram Spirit-Courtney Rice, Miss Softball-Ja'Garriona Zeigler, Miss Band-Anaya Osborne, Miss Track & Field-Kyere Williams, escorts Jacorius Lenard, Shone Franklin, Alamar Blanks, Shenderyk Johnson, Miss Sophomore Maid Endyah Lewis, escort Michael Robinson and Chaucey Mason.

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Richwood Homecoming Miss Cheerleader Makayla Flewellen escorted by Rev. Barry Gipson, Miss Band Anya Osborne escorted by Jabori Washington and Miss Softball escorted by Garry Zeigler. Photos dispatch

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