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## Something for Nothing? Never!

In the world we live, a person working on a job can always make more money than they can steal. To have a job is a blessing. Many would live longer if they had a job paying decent money. There are so many young folks walking around idle and can't get a job due to circumstances like drug screens, criminal records, etc. In West Monroe, LA, police were alerted of missing money from a business on October 13. According to police reports documentation and video evidence were provided in



Arriel Cameron

reference to employee/arrestee Arriel Cameron placing money in her pockets while working on two different dates. The suspect was advised of Miranda Rights

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## Shootings In Community Continue

Probably one of the most difficult challenges in this community is to deter violence.

As parents, many are not aware of the extent their children are involved in violent acts. They certainly do not know where and how their children can get their hands on dangerous weapons.

Community leaders are quite vocal with different pleas to stop the senseless killings and violence. Is there

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## Ex's Terrible Understanding

Ever wondered why people are apprehensive about getting involved with others? Many won't lookup, acknowledge or give strangers the time of day! According to police reports, a deputy was summoned to a residence for a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, law enforcement contacted the victim, who stated her ex-boy-

friend/arrestee Christopher Johnson arrived at her residence without permission. The victim told the deputy that the arrestee banged on the door screaming, "Let me the -uck in." After asking yje arrestee to leave the arrestee tried to turn the door knob and walk inside, when arrestee yelled, -uck

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Christopher Johnson

## Lack Of Respect For Black Soldier's Death

By Eddie D. Gillis

President Donald Trump must have thought that he came up with "a winner" when he invoked professional football players kneeling during the playing of the National Anthem, as a sign of disrespect to the flag. Colin Kaepernick started his one-man protest long before Trump became president. The facts should show that President Trump didn't say anything about Kaepernick's kneeling until just a few weeks ago. Where was the president's outrage over kneeling before then? Where was his passion for the flag when it was just one individual? It was only after

See Soldier, P.9



Sgt. La David Johnson



Wossman 1987 State Football Champs Tyrone "K-9" Dickens, Wossman Legendary Coach Ray Gambino, Jessie Dugan and Jerome Blankenship. Photo dispatch

## Wossman Alumni Dismayed by Fieldhouse Name

It was a shock that many had not a clue and others already knew at Wossman High School. At Monroe City School Board's latest meeting, board members voted to name the new Wossman fieldhouse which is still under construction for Pat Williams, a former Wossman football player/ NFL pro. Many Wossman Alumni

who knew or may have known of the vote wanted to name the new Wossman fieldhouse for former Wossman football coach Ray Gambino, if not split the name between the two which is a moot issue since School Board member Brandon Johnson made the motion and the vote was 7-0. Many in the community had no idea of the naming, while its alleged that John-

son took upon himself to name the fieldhouse in honor of Williams. Members of the community are outraged that they didn't get the to give any input. The quick secret vote has caused a rife between the alumni. There are three sides to every story. This is one side of this story. The Monroe Dispatch welcomes the other or another side of this story



Customer's unfinished home - while one customer suffers begging the contractor to finish at her house, the alleged contractor has taken on another project upon the dismay of an angry client.

## Homeowner's Unsettled Repairs

By Eddie D. Gillis

A Ouachita Parish homeowner is still very upset with an area contractor who claims to do quality work on houses. The work quality has left the homeowner in strong disagreement with the contractor. However, what makes the homeowner even more infuriated with the person that she hired to work on her house is that individual is working on another house, leaving her home just the way it was when he stopped working on it. Robert McFarland started working/renovating a house near the ULM campus recently, but according to the homeowner, he has made no attempt to complete the work project that he started on, before beginning work on the house on which he is currently working. What makes matters worse is that the homeowner had to find out about it, questioned McFarland, and asked "why is he treating her in this manner". According to the homeowner, all that she has received is silence from McFarland, as he has not made any attempt to come back and finish

the work. The homeowner said that this is one decision that she regrets making, but she

thought that she was doing "something good" for an African-American

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Jennessa Beard

## BEARD STUDENT OF YEAR

Congratulations to Jennessa Beard, 5th grade Student of the year - 2017, at Madison James Foster Elementary School in Monroe, LA, where Jennifer Harris is Principal. Jennessa is the daughter of Gregory Beard.

## Richwood 1978 Donald Ray Kims Passes

Donald Ray Kims went home to be with the Lord on October 6, 2017. He was a Richwood High School 1978 Graduate and was in the U.S. Army for 19 years. His memorial services are Saturday October 21, 2017, 11am at Central Baptist Church Syracuse New York. His services are entrusted to Hollis Funeral Home in Syracuse, NY.



Donald Ray Kims



Miss Wossman Za'Kiya Simmons. Photo dispatch

## MISS WOSSMAN 2017

Za'Kiya Simmons was crowned Homecoming Queen before students, parents and friends on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Wossman Homecoming Coronation in Monroe, LA. Congratulations Miss Wossman Za'Kiya Simmons!



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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.



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.

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



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.

## 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.

## PRAYING STUDENTS

\*Inspired by God through Mary Rogerson & 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

## FAVORITE CHURCH USHER



Joetta Adams

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 True Vine Baptist Church Usher Joetta Adams who loves God and loves being a favorite church usher.

you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Psalm 33:1

Prayer: Father, my heart is filled with praise and my lips with thanksgiving. Thank You for my redemption through the precious blood of Jesus. You have made me exceedingly glad and I rejoice in You. Hallelujah to my Lord.

Confession: I rejoice in the Lord! For praise is becoming and appropriate for those who are upright.

Wednesday and Thursday

For the word of the Lord is right, And all His work is done in truth. Psalm 33:4

Prayer: Father, You are the Source of my everlasting joy. You are forever faithful and Your Word is forever true. Everything that You do is worthy of my praise because You are holy, trustworthy, and unchangeable. Lord, You deserve all the Glory!

Confession: The Word of the Lord is right, and all His

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## 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



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.

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# HAPPENINGS

## IT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN



### 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 Monday October 25 at the Ouachita Parish Public Library Monroe LA. Prophetess Shereka stated that being named as Urban Solo Artist of the year 2017 by Prayze Factor People's Choice Awards was not what she had imagined, having only being in the industry 19 months. The night was filled with fun, food, and fellowship. ShaBang briefed the audience on upcoming plans for her ministry and sang songs that will be on her future projects. Earline Knox was the mistress of ceremony while, Martisha Calloway conducted interviews. Friends and guests bonded in love, shared memories, laughs, and savored the moment with pictures. Prophetess Shereka announced that her ministry is hosting a Battle Buddy Revival at Sea Cruise planed for February 11-16, 2019 to Cozumel and Progreso Mexico. She stated that she will continue to update the community on her upcoming events. She invites everyone to connect with her ministry via all social media sites @Shereka ShaBang and or email at sherekashabang@gmail.com . Please email her if you would like to participate in her cruise.



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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!

Neustadter or Annie Staton 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 johnwilson@bellsouth.net.

### 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

### 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.

### C.W.U. Human Rights Luncheon Celebration

Consider this your special invitation to attend our Church Women United of

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

In an abusive relationship, need help and don't know where to go or who to call? Domestic abuse crisis line is answered 24/7. The phone number is (318) 323-1505.

### 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

In a hurry and need Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) vehicle title, transfer, tag, registrations. Duplicates & renewals, need to buy or rent a house visit "Super T" 1612 Garrett Rd. Monroe LA down past Sam's Club or call 318.855.3899 or 318.509.8150 see ad display pg 6.

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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

If you can rap, sing or freestyle come show your stuff Thurs. Night at the ONYX Thursday. Open Mic Night begins at 9pm. Onyx Lounge open Tues. -Sat. 9pm-3am @Onyx Lounge- @the\_onyx-lounge See ad display p.3

### 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



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

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of Revelation Bible study begins Sunday October 29, 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

## 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 7A.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 11A.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 stricklandkemp@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 Breakthrough 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

### PRAYING, from page 2

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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Wossman #11 stretches for yardage against Sterlington Friday October 13. This could have been a game-changing play which ended the half with Wossman coming up empty.



Miss Richwood 2017 Sweetheart DeAbhgta Robinson and her father Mr. Robinson

# Mr. Pickem Grissom's Football Predictions

Week 8 - October 20

week 5 record: 13-1 featured games: 3-0 (14-4 overall) overall record: 74-22

The regular season is 3 weeks away from being over and many of our area teams are sitting in prime position for post-season berths, but for several other local teams there's still some work to do. Some teams are making a push for top seeds while others are just trying to conceive home games in round 1. The teams on the outside looking in also aim for strong finishes down the stretch to become playoff spoilers. District 2-4A begins district play this week with all 4 of its teams currently projected to be road-warriors or non-participants the 1st round. Meanwhile, an epic clash of clans is in sights as Richwood and Sterlington try to remain undefeated in district 2-3A with their week 10 date nearing. In 2-5A, West Monroe appears to be in the driver's seat but Ouachita may have other plans in mind when they visit Don Shows Field next week. But before there's week 9 and 10, there's this week and with some evenly matched games don't be surprised to see the ole upset alert as teams start to "look ahead". Sorry for the inconvenience, but to make room for my mid-season awards I'll only preview one game this week but I'll be back next week for your full complement of games. ENJOY!!!

**\*\* Game of the Week \*\***  
**\*\* Upset Special \*\***  
**#3 RICHWOOD RAMS (5-2) vs WOSSMAN WILDCATS (1-6)**

If there's any team that could use a big win in the later weeks of the season, it's the Wossman Wildcats. Sitting at #30 in the latest LHSAA power ratings, the Wildcats can practically control its playoff destiny with a win Friday vs Richwood. Last week's homecoming loss to undefeated Sterlington actually helped the 'Cats P.R. score but the outcome wasn't what Coach Dean Smith would've preferred. With a nucleus of young players scattered throughout the defense and offense, Smith knows that the future is bright but that's not going to stop them from pushing this squad to its limits. Senior do-it-all athletes, Jay West and Ortega have put forth marvelous final seasons in purple and gold and nothing would suit them better than to shock the state with a strong finish to the year. Against Sterlington, Carter, a former defensive lineman, provided the punch for the Cats as he



Wossman Football Player #8 goes up high for a catch during a homecoming football game against Sterlington Friday October 13. Sterlington went on to shellac Wossman 50-14.

would run through Panthers defenders in route to his best game of the year. Like Carter, West platoons on both sides of the ball and came away with several pass breakups while pulling down a couple grabs as well.

Coach Rob Arvie must have bittersweet memories from last Friday's win over Carroll. The good news is that his Rams came away with the road win while allowing less than 40 total yards of offense. The unwelcome news is that his Rams only produced 87 yards of total offense of its own. The roller coaster that we've come to know as Richwood has me still scratching my head as to what type of team they are and will be. Despite the low yardage, the Rams offense missed on a couple of big play opportunities with a dropped touchdown in the end zone and an apparent slight overthrow to a wide-open receiver on another pass that could've surely been another score. Defensively, twin brothers Devione and Deione Reed stuffed the Bulldogs rushing attack while DB Benny Davis played his best Deion Sanders impersonation coming away with an interception and big punt returns. The hero of the night could've easily gone to special team's stud kicker Basheen Hutcherson as he booted several punts inside

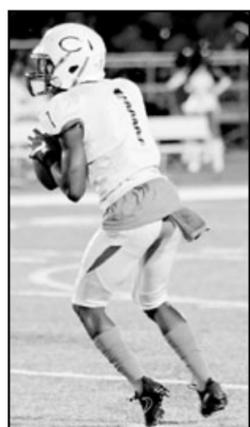
the Bulldogs 10 yard line to keep the field position in the Rams favor.

Less than 5 miles separate these rivals and the bad blood is still brewing from past history. Most of the kids on the field Friday night have known each other for years with some even being best buddies. But throw all of that out the window come Friday. The records won't matter much in this game and although the talent favors Richwood, their ups and downs on offense kind of scares me. Wossman hasn't been pretty on either side of the ball but Smith's defense can make a game like this one messy and if he can get his bunch to buy into a do or die bunker-style mentality then the fans at Richwood may get an early Halloween trick. Coach Smith told me once, "You gotta win the one's you're supposed to win" and no matter how good or bad his team maybe I'm sure he always feels that he's supposed to beat Richwood. And he's done exactly that in his 3 previous meetings with the Rams. I know how good Richwood is and I know how bad Wossman has been, but something about this game has me intrigued. Last week vs Richwood, Carroll put extra attention on stud CJ Ceasar and the Rams offense suffered because of it.

**#14 Richwood 13**  
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DL	Gerrico Goldman	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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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,

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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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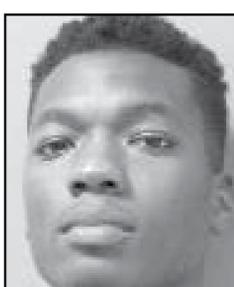


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# The Mayor's Corner

## Monroe Police Chief Exam Process Update

On Sunday, October 15, the Monroe Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board ended the application period for those interested in participating in the competitive civil service examination for Monroe Police Chief. Applications to take the exam were accepted between September 16 and October 15, 2017. A total of 13 candidates have officially signed up to take the exam. The Civil Service Board approved the list of qualified candidates at a meeting held Tuesday, October 17, at the City of Monroe's Public Safety Center.

The Examination: A written examination

will be given at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm on Thursday, November 16, 2017, on a competitive basis to approved applicants for the purpose of placing names on the competitive employment list in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law and the rules of the Monroe Civil Service Board.

As I previously stated, I am pleased to see the level of interest in our Police Chief's position. After we receive the test results, I will select the most qualified candidates to interview for the position. Once the interview process has been completed, I will make my selection for Police Chief. Given



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the date for the exam, I expect that my selection will be made just after the first of the new year. I will then present my selection to the Monroe City Council for confirmation.

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# "Show Us A Sign" (Ezekiel 33)

By: The Po Folks' Poet Mr. Marion Obafemi Copyright 2015

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My pants are sagging, because I carry, a load that's heavy as stone.

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Schooled in the streets, so I can peep, the game you trying to play.

I'm getting drunk, smoking blunts, to take away all the pain

I step outside, so I can cry, and mix my tears with the rain.

My veins, are full of cocaine, and I still ain't high

I'm full of pills, trying to steal, a little peace



Marion Obafemi

for my mind.

They said that Jesus, was gone meet us, in the time of our need

I don't trust 'em, because while we suffer, they fill their pockets with greed.

The politicians, never listen, until they want us to vote

During the election, you can catch 'em, tell-

ing lies about hope.

I'm smoking reefer, where's the preacher, when I need to get high

I think I need, a trampoline, so I can touch the sky.

They never seek us, like King Jesus, said they should in His book

While they be waiting, we turn to Satan, getting caught by his hook.

If Jesus left, you as His rep, then where the hell have you been?

A heartless wolf, who knows the book, leave sheep to die in their sins.

While we are drowning, instead of frowning, you need to throw us a line

If God is real, we need to feel, His love so SHOW US A SIGN.

# New Road Economic Growth

By Eddie D. Gillis

I think that there is an old saying that goes, "if you build it, they will come", or something like that. That is precisely what Dr. Ollibeth Reddix must have had in mind after her colleagues on the Ouachita Parish Police Jury passed a resolution that she sponsored to stimulate economic growth in eastern Ouachita Parish. During Monday night regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Jury, Dr. Reddix's resolution would "support the submission" of a \$250,000 grant application to the Delta Regional Authority to assist with the construction of a parish road

in east Ouachita. The road would be a secondary one that will help alleviate the traffic on Millhaven Road and will come with a cost of at least \$1,000,000. However, Reddix believes that the road would spur economic development in the area, because if there were a road that offers easy access for businesses that want to relocate, or start up, the infrastructure would already be in place. A grant of \$250,000 is a long way from completion of a new road, but the possibilities are there for the area to grow. Reddix said, "That the \$250,000 grant is better than nothing", while noting that she

has the support of her constituents in the area.

The subject of roads had come up earlier in the meeting when Jurors learned that there would be a \$128,000 savings on the Caples Road project in west Ouachita. That road project is near completion, as Juror Jack Clampit was elated to hear that the Jury didn't have to spend more money on change orders, on projects where the contractor makes a request for either more time or money to complete a certain project. According to Clampit, the Caples Road project was the fourth road project that was started/done through the west side tax measure that

was passed last year by west Ouachita voters.

East Ouachita Police Jury members are hoping that voters on the east side will have a change of heart by passing the tax measure in November, ensuring new road projects on the east side of Ouachita.

In other business, the Police Jury agreed to enter into an agreement with Caddo Juvenile Detention with that of Green Oaks Detention Center, where each facility will "house" the other detainees if there is an emergency at either facility where space is needed. The agreement will also cover all area of detainment, including medical care.

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# The Soul of Black and White America

by Perry Thomas

There is a stark comparative difference of daylight and darkness between black and white races in America, which is reflected and manifested through the actions beliefs and history attributed to both races in the world. Of course the differences between blacks and whites are

not solely exclusive to each race, as both to slight degrees exhibit some of the same attributes, but as a matter of balance on the scale of truth, reality and justice, both are unique in the path they have displayed in life. As a preference in obedience to God's commandment, blacks exercise love toward its neighbors of all races. Whites demonstrate contempt and hatred towards blacks and other races. Blacks believe in integration

of the races (segregated schools, communities, churches, etc.). Blacks believe in liberty, justice for all. Whites practice injustice towards blacks systematically. Blacks believe in peace on earth and good will toward all mankind Whites partake of war and strife, destruction and death on a global scale (toward man, animals, fish, fowl, environment, etc.). Blacks as a whole, put no emphasis on material things. Whites have sought to own the whole world, and everything in it. Blacks believe in freedom. Whites practice all levels of enslavement (spiritual and physical).



Perry Thomas

Blacks believe in, "thou shall not steal." Whites have stolen America from the American Indians, blacks from Africa, black property, inventions, heritage, and identity. Blacks believe in equality. Whites believe in white superiority. Blacks love and seek God's light. Whites have retreated to and embraced the darkness in the world. The souls of black and white America are truly like night and day. Vote!!

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**Soldier- From P.1**

more black NFL players starting kneeling, when President Trump must have decided that "he had seen" enough. When the president made his comments about football players kneeling, it was not at

a press conference in reference to a question from a reporter. It was in front of a crowd of his most loyal supporters at a rally (why does he keep doing this?), where he went off script and without gathering his thoughts, the comment about football players kneeling, just came out. Once he got some posi-

tive feedback from his audience, he insulted black professional players and mothers all over the nation by referencing them as sons of b---. What made things more troubling was that his audience was wildly cheering. This is in a state in the Bible Belt of America where patriotism is defined as

having a bible in one hand, and a gun in the other, wrapped in the flag. Trump professes his "love" for the military, but he has gone against military policy without conferring with "his generals" (he said it), when he arbitrarily announced through an executive order that members of the LGBTQ community could no longer serve in the military. How much more respect can a person have for the flag, when that person volunteers to fight for it, knowing that his/her life may be required to keep the flag flying? It is a personal decision. That is where President Trump finds himself in the latest controversy.

The president is in hot water politically over comments that he allegedly made to the widow of a soldier recently killed in the African nation of Niger. Sgt. La David Johnson, along

with three of his comrades were killed in an ambush October 4, but President Trump didn't mention the soldiers' deaths until a few days ago. It has now been revealed that when Mr. Trump talked to Sgt. Johnson's widow, he allegedly said to her of the 25 year old, "I guess he knew what he was getting into when he signed", that left Johnson's wife in tears, and a Florida congresswoman incensed. Unknown to Trump, Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, the soldier's representative from Florida, was in the car when the conversation took place. Wilson said that she heard Trump's words that brought Johnson's wife to tears. Wilson was quoted as saying, that Johnson's wife said that Trump never even mentioned the dead soldier's name. Does the president try

to "make things right" by straightening things out? No. He blames former presidents as not calling/visiting the families of dead soldiers. After much backlash from former presidents' staff members, Mr. Trump backed away from that allegation. Nevertheless, he saved a parting shot for President Obama, saying that when Chief of Staff John Kelly's son was killed in combat, Mr. Obama did not call Kelly. However, President and First Lady Michelle Obama had Kelly and his wife, with other Gold Star family members attend a private breakfast with them.

The president has a lot to learn about protocol under different conditions. He also needs to know the right words to say when needed. You shouldn't need a scripted speech, or be told how to convey words of condolence to the family of a fallen soldier. Words like those are supposed to come from the heart, not as someone who won't admit to not knowing what to say, or how to say those needed words. President Obama and other presidents were good at offering words of comfort because as leaders, they understood. Instead of criticizing others as President Trump often does. Perhaps he should take a look in the mirror and ask himself what he can do differently. If he looks in the mirror long enough, he may find the answer. Remember, the world is watching. So is God.

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which she stated and understood and waived. One of the documents provided revealed was a written statement by suspect written by her without duress of her own free will. The suspect admitted verbally and in writing taking over \$600. The store confirmed the amount of the theft to be \$640 while the suspect was arrested and charged with theft. 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. You make the news, we only print it!

**Ex's - From P.1**

you let me in." The victim told the arrestee no when the arrestee kicked the front door trying to get inside. The victim informed deputies the reason why she didn't let the arrestee inside was unwarranted text messages threatening to do harm. The victim dialed 911 which prompted arrestee to run behind residence where suspect was located attempting

to flee. Arrestee refused officer's commands and was later apprehended after a brief chase. Arrestee ran because of parole charges and did not want to go back to jail. Arrestee was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace, unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and improper language harassment. There are three sides to every story. This was one side of this story. The Monroe Dispatch welcomes the other or another side of

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**Jesus Cares Missionary Baptist Church**  
Marbles Community Center  
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1st-4th Sunday Worship - 11 am  
Bible Study - Thursday 6:45

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Pastor William & Wanda Carr

**Antioch Baptist Church**  
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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**  
**318-325-2858**

**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—8:00a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45  
2nd, 4th, 5th 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  
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Bro Verbon Muhammad, NOI Student Coordinator  
Theme "Accept Your Own and Be Yourself"



Bro Verbon Muhammad

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**Mt. Nebo 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 Abnison 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

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



Minister Kappy Newton

**Little Flower of Jesus Catholic Church**  
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Pastor: Fr. Adrian Fischer, OFM  
Parish Council: Mrs. Earnestine Green  
Day Care Director: Mrs Deborah S. Marshall

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

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Bob and Brenda Dziadaszek, Pastors

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

"Casting our net, winning souls for Christ"



Pastor Richard Wilson III

**Mt. Sinai Baptist Church**  
"Where Jesus is Preeminent"  
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Church School - 9:15 a.m. Each Sunday  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Each Sunday  
Church Prayer Hour & Bible Study - Wed. 6 p.m.

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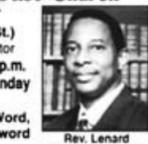
"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15 KJV).

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Bro. James Goods, Jr.

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



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Rev. J. E. Jackson

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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.

Sunday Transportation is available  
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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

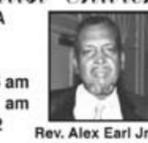
Sunday School: 9:00am  
Worship Service: 10:00am  
Bible Study: Wednesday @ 7:00pm



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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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.  
"Reaching the Unreached"



Pastor and Mrs. Wesley Daniel

**Shootings - From P.1**

documentation that any elected official has placed himself or herself in the mainstream of neighborhoods where such problems exist? This is not a complaint. Certainly, this is an observation that problems need to be addressed with a strategy to seek out young people who are knowledgeable of the violent actions. Once young people who are willing to help are identified, some valuable lesson may be learned for all...including parents and community leaders.

Certainly, we do not need to continue losing lives. Some may say there is no help because there will always be shootings. That may be a fact, but something needs to be done to address the current underlying problem and reasons, here and now that young people believe that, they need to engage in violence to solve differences and disputes.

The violence is so very close to home when it occurs in reputed quiet neighborhoods, at corner stores and at the local community centers. There is just so much the presence of law enforcement officers can do.

Everyone needs to stop and pay attention, especially if you are parents, grandparents, teachers, church leaders and community center employees. Make an effort to get together with other parents and devise an attainable plan. Church leaders should do the same, as should community center employees. The community persons who are in touch with our youth should become involved in addressing the problem with peers. Once a group comes together to address the problem, hopefully, some effective solutions will result.

Most of all "It is praying time, Community for all!"

# LEGALS

## Council Minutes

September 26, 2017

There was a legal and regular session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Louisiana held this date at the Council's regular meeting place, the Council Chamber, City Hall Building 1st Floor, 400 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway, Monroe, Louisiana.

Council members present: Ms. Woods, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Ezernack, Mr. Echols.

Council member (s) absent: Mr. Clark.

Chairwoman Ezernack stated the Invocation and Pledge would be led by her designee, Mr. Tom Janway.

Chairwoman Ezernack proceeded by acknowledging the time for special announcements and/or communications.

Mr. Echols wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for being present; he thanked Ms. Lisa Patrick and her team of street captains, for organizing and hosting the Neighborhood Watch meeting at Jesus Good Shepherd last week where dozens of people signed up to be a part of the ongoing effort; he thanked the Administration for being available to answer questions in addition to talk about other City projects and some crime watch issues; he announced this Thursday night in the Garden District, will be holding their quarterly neighborhood watch meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Church in the auditorium and anyone is invited to attend and part of the meeting is for them to ramp up their neighborhood watch program; he asked Chief Ellis as a follow up to their neighborhood watch meetings that a constituent asked about this morning in reference to the heat map, heat team that was going in an working in certain neighborhoods that had elevated levels of crime; he asked if Chief Ellis could work with them and follow up as there has been a series of burglaries in the last couple of days and if he could get another crew in there, it would be appreciated to try to work some of the issues that they are seeing in Little Cuba and River Oaks.

Ms. Woods welcomed and thanked each one for their presence; she thanked Mayor Mayo and his Administration for the community meeting held on last Monday in her District, it was well attended and a lot of valuable information and they are looking at getting on board with some of the neighborhood watches; she commended Ms. Roshonda Gospel for doing a lot in her District and do understand it has been an unusually wet summer and there are a lot of things that need to be taken care of in the area and the calls do come daily and they do need a little more attention in her District; she congratulated Monroe on getting Uber on last Wednesday and told them to download the app, as the drivers are waiting to be contacted.

Mr. Wilson welcomed each one present; he thanked the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for taking care of Jackson Street and other areas as they picked up the paper to keep the community clean; he thanked other organizations for their help as well in keeping the community clean; he has received a lot of calls regarding trees over hanging towards the streets and is concerned that when the weather gets cold and if ice gets on the trees, the limbs will break and can fall on cars and in the streets; he said it would be good to start cutting the limbs back in preparation for the fall and winter weather, that would be appreciated; he received a call from Louis Locke, Alabama areas about the tree limbs hanging and to get those cut back; he received a number of calls and in that call a grandfather who is present tonight regarding the shooting at Benoit Recreation Center and his grandson getting shot at the center; the grandfather is present to talk about the shooting a little later in the meeting; Mr. Wilson directed his question to the Mayor regarding having police officers at the centers and if not there 24/7, at least passing through there, walking through there, the grandson was an innocent by stander as the gunshot hit him and do understand that he did get out of the hospital on last night from St. Francis; he said we need to look a little harder at the recreation centers, including Emily P Robinson, as he and Councilman Clark do share the two centers; there are a lot of young people that hang out in those recreation centers; Emily P Robinson is a pretty harsh location and a lot of young people hang out there with guns and going into the centers; spoke to Ms. Nanci a year ago, a lady employee's car was shot up by some young people and we may need some officers that are in the center, itself and then also riding through and walking through; he said in going back to what he said to Chief Holmes, thinks they need to park and talk and need to go back to that and have been saying that and once you get out of the vehicle and start talking to our community and getting to know our community; it would be just like a neighborhood watch and thinks the officers need to know our constituents to build a better relationship; there could have been a life lost and am thankful to God that the young man is doing a little better and we don't want that to happen because it is something that we can avoid, the guy walks into the center and starts shooting; he asked the Mayor to look into it to see what can be done to deter that type crime.

Mayor Mayo welcomed each one present; he stated Uber started on last week and that Assistant City Attorney Angie Baldwin informed him that Lyft paid their money and it was announced yesterday in his press briefing on yesterday and they will officially be operating; the meetings held on last week and as he stated to his staff that they were going to have a series of meetings again, which they have done during his tenure as Mayor; there were three meetings in Districts 1,2,3 and will continue to have the meetings and talk about some of the challenges that we have and we know there have been concerns about crime; he gets the word about some of the crime that goes out throughout the entire City, but in addition we talk about some of the positive things that are going on because there are a lot of positive things going on where we are all working hard each and every day; the Chief of Police as well as members of his department, trying to address that; also working hard in continuing to develop our City as it relates to community development, as well as economic development; his good friend who is present tonight mentioned that his grandson was wounded the other day and thank God it wasn't any worse and was sad to hear it, any time something like that occurs, but it just goes to show you what we are dealing with as it relates to not only, the City of Monroe, but throughout this whole country; when people walk into community centers, churches, prayer meetings and think we need to take a look at ourselves and what we are doing and what we are not doing, because it's more than just one person who is responsible for this, we all have a stake in this; he said it was his grandson, but it could have been anyone's grandson, but it doesn't matter whose grandson it was, it was bad all the way around; he said, I assure the public that we will continue to be strong in our efforts to try to do everything that we can and the Mayor's name is always going to be mentioned and that's okay, I accept the challenge, I accept the criticism, especially when they are genuine and not politically motivated, as I see some of them are; we are going to continue to work together to do our very best.

Mrs. Ezernack thanked the Administration and the Mayor, the whole team and the citizens that came out for the District 2 meeting; it was a great meeting, there were questions asked and concerns brought forth, a lot of dialogue and some meetings set after to resolve some of the issues; it was an eventful meeting and do look forward to the next time and just hope that more of the citizens in the community will attend all of the meetings wherever the districts are and find out what is going on to have that opportunity to talk with the Administration and the people that are out there providing the services and get the answers that they need; as well as asking us questions about things that are happening with the Council wide; it is a great opportunity for all of us to come together to communicate and that is what we know, it is all about; she thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

Upon a motion of Mr. Echols and seconded by Ms. Woods, the minutes of the Legal and Regular session of September 12, 2017 were unanimously approved. (There were no public comments).

PRESENTATION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS: Public Comment: None.

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS: (Public Comment)

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Smith Machine Works of Monroe LA for repairs to the Tricking Filter#2 at the Water Pollution Control Center (WPCC) Ref#2018-00000113 as recommended by the Director of Administration for being the low bidder and meets the specifications for this bid. This vendor has been cleared by the Tax & Revenue Division. The estimated cost of this project is \$30,000.00 and funds will come from the WPCC Repairs and Maintenance Account. (There were no public comments).

RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

Council: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7047, granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Monroe Masur Museum Twin City Art Foundation ("pARTY 318") pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D. (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(b) Add-On: Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to add to the agenda to Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the open container Ordinance to Toria Adams (Networking Party) pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12,231 D. (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(b) Add-On: Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7048, granting an exception to the open container Ordinance to Toria Adams (Networking Party) pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12,231 D. (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Department of Administration: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7049, authorizing the donation of one police vehicle to the Haynesville Police Department and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments:

Mr. Echols asked the age and mileage of the donated police car; Chief Ellis said it was a 2009, Crown Victoria with 115,000 miles on it; he also asked for the estimated market value of the car.

Department of Planning & Urban Development: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7050, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Monroe and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) South Point, Inc. in the amount of \$170,000 from the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) M-15-MC-22-0206 and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Legal Department: Public Comment: None.

Mayor's Office: Public Comment: None.

Department of Public Works: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Consider request from the Water Pollution Control Center (WPCC) Division of the Public Works Department to advertise for repairs to intermediate Clarifier #1. Funds for this repair will be derived from the Water Pollution Center Repairs and Maintenance Account. (There were no public comments).

(b) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7051, authorizing the renewal of AIG Insurance for the Monroe Transit System and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments:

Mrs. Rowell stated she had information that came in late, right before the meeting; it is good news, that the premium amount is going to be \$315,000 instead of \$389,000 and this is due to a mileage adjustment for the anticipated route changes; Mrs. Rowell stated that Richard Moore worked hard with the Reeves, Coon and Funderburg group to get the premium down this year and thank him for his hard work; Mrs. Ezernack thanked him for his hard work.

Department of Community Affairs: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7052, authorizing an amendment to Resolution No. 6197, authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Twin City Disc Golf Association and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments:

Mr. Greg Smith, Beautification Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the Twin City Disc Golf Association explaining the disc golf sport and he thanked the Council for the cooperative endeavor agreement done back in March which created the green course at Chennault Park, an eighteen hole, where they donated the baskets to the City and the City installed them; a brief video clip of how the sport is played was shown on the video screen; he announced a major tournament that will be held on Memorial Day weekend that will attract 144 golfers and as many as 200 to the Southern National Pro Championship.

Police Department: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7053, authorizing James E. Mayo to sign and accept a Louisiana Highway Safety Enforcement Commission Grant for the 2018 fiscal year grant and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Fire Department: Public Comment: None.

Engineering Services: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7054, accepting as substantially complete work done by and between the City of Monroe and Wye Electric, Inc., for the Monroe Civic Center West End Electrical Upgrades Project, and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(b) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7055, accepting as substantially complete work done by and between the City of Monroe and Lathan Construction, for 5410 Bon Aire Drive, 5603 Bon Aire Drive, & 5601 Bon Aire on the Demolition of Houses Project, and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(c) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7056, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to execute Change Order No. Twelve (12) to the Wastewater System Improvements Program Basin MR-04/05/07 (A) 2 Rehabilitation Contract, between the City of Monroe and Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc., for an increase in the contract time of 126 days and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments:

Ms. Woods stated she gets concerned every time it appears that when there are projects, there are change orders after change orders and we are up to number twelve on this project and wanted to know what was going on; Mr. Holland said this change order involves days only, it is a \$4 million dollar project and they have added lots of items to the project, some have been increases and some have not; they are trying to finish the project up and the project is three years old and are trying to wrap it up by the middle of October; he said in dealing with sewer projects you have a lot of unknown things to occur and if a lift station, then you can't work on the system, when it is raining, can't work on it and would create more problems with working on the street because cave ins are increased and there are a host of things that cause the delays; Ms. Woods asked with all of the delays, it is also an increase in cost; he said not always and this one involves some particular work they had, that was added to the contract and this change order is for additional work time, days only, and all contracts are usually calendar jobs.

Ms. Golden said this was the sewer rehab project in South Monroe and because they had this contractor under contract, they were able to take care of some additional problems that came up, the issue on South 1st, was able to add the lateral and this was three of the change orders; she said the repairs that were made on Jackson Street, so that it could be overlaid and managed to do that through this project; the problem they had on Camp Street, they were able to fix it through this project and wants Council to understand that it is not a matter of something was wrong and got done right, but because they had it in place, they were able to take care of some of the emergency things and didn't have the contract and it didn't qualify for DEQ money, and the sewer department would have been out there trying to do it out of the sewer fund; she said it is fortunate that we have this in place and was able to use those monies to take care of these problems that you guys can cost back and have been able to do similar things on the Northside with that project; Ms. Woods said that was very good information.

Mr. Echols stated, to this same contract, there are pretty extensive issues along South Grand and the cross streets, Apple, Pear and up and down the streets from work that has been happening; work pertaining to that contract, sewer repairs and that's going back into South Grand again, and again; he asked if this is something that they have mapped out in the future to come back in and holistically repair South Grand and cross streets; Mr. Holland said they have not finalized the contract yet, and may have to come back and do an overlay on South Grand because of all the repairs they have done on it and that is normal; Mr. Echols asked if the overlay would fix the sub-siding that is happening; Mr. Holland said what you would need is overlay and patch; some of the problems are from existing storm drainage and you never know until you start digging, but there are other issues as well; Mr. Echols asked if they had mapped out the storm drain under South Grand to ensure there is none, and not going to be back here two to three years from here, re-repairing; Mr. Holland said they have encountered some storm drain problems, that the contractor repaired because could not get to the sewer, but there are other areas that are not a part of the contract that would have to make some repairs at that time frame when they do the street work.

(d) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7057, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to execute Change Order No. Six (6) to the North Area Sewer System Improvements Basin MR-27(A) 30/31 Rehabilitation Contract, between the City of Monroe and Jabar Corporation, for an increase in the contract amount of \$10,737.40 and an increase in the contract time of 30 days and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments:

Mr. Wilson said in talking about change order after change order, he asked what about CDBG, do they get increases once the cost is increased; Mr. Holland asked if he meant DBE participation and Mr. Wilson said yes, DBE; Mr. Holland said yes, most of the contractors try to use suppliers for the jobs, Jabar has most of their projects meet or exceed the DBE goals; Mr. Wilson said going forward and once do two or three change orders, do you go back and reward them more money because the price has changed; Mr. Holland said what they do is use them for products such as RE Bentz, which they buy crushed stone from, they just keep using the guys on the contract until they are done, regardless if it is an increase or not and in this case, there is not much material involved in this increase, because they are doing some investigation on some sewer problems, that was outside of our contract; for instance seeing a lot of filtration into the system and realize where it is coming from, but is outside of the present contract; this change order adds that work to the contract to get it complete; Mr. Wilson asked going forward with the contractors and the change orders like the one that had 12 change orders; he asked if they were getting the increases; Mr. Holland said yes, the DBE participation is real good with all the guys; Mr. Wilson asked how the Plum Street project was coming along; Mr. Holland said right now the project, the cross drains have been replaced on yesterday, subcontractor is in process of replacing the fence and hope to have it opened by the end of next week.

(e) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to remove from the agenda to Adopt a Resolution authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to execute Change Order No. One (1) to the City Street Striping Phase II Contract, between the City of Monroe and Highway Graphics, LLC, for an increase in the contract

amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and in increase in the contract time of \_\_\_\_\_ days and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(f) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7058, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute a contract with Denmon Engineering, to provide professional engineering services for the Venable Lane & Century Village Entrance Road EDA Grant No. 08-79-5161 Project and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(g) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7059, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to a contract with Richard K. Moore, Inc., to provide appraisal services for the Water Infrastructure Improvements – Hwy 165 North Project and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments:

Mr. Echols asked why was the value of water infrastructure improvements being appraised and if it was being done to allocate towards expenses going forward toward the revenue side; Mr. Holland said it was a proposed site for a new tank; Mr. Echols asked if they were buying a proposed site; Ms. Golden said they are buying the site for the new water tank and it has to be done in accordance to the Federal Regulations even though they are using their own money, because the DRAGrant will be used to build the tank and have to be in compliance of Federal Regulations; she said the appraisal and it has to be done with all the bells and whistles; Mr. Echols asked how much land is typically used, a quarter acre; Ms. Golden said she thinks it is a couple of acres; Ms. Golden said they are working for whatever Sean says they need and they are trying to get it for him

(h) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7060, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to a contract with Smith R/W Specialist, LLC, to provide acquisition services for the Water Infrastructure Improvements – Hwy 165 North Project and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments:

Mr. Echols said, I can only assume that once you get an appraisal of the property, this is the person that is going to come in and offer somebody that amount of money to buy it; He asked does this individual go in and offer the amount of money that the appraisal tells you to buy it or how does it work; Ms. Golden said more importantly, he fills out all the forms and he keeps that file, this thick so that when the auditors come in, like they did last week or when the Feds come in and monitor, then everything is good and you won't have to worry about it; Mr. Echols asked how much are they paid to do it; Ms. Golden said she thinks it is \$3600 and he takes care of all the closings.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Public Comment: None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,800, amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7-48 of the Monroe Code of Ordinances Entitled Monroe Regional Airport by adding Section 7-48(c) to provide for Free Parking for Veterans and further providing with respect thereto. (Airport)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing:

Mr. Wayne Williamson said he thought this Ordinance was for disabled Veterans; he is a Veteran, but thought it was for disabled Veterans; Ms. Summersgill said she didn't know, that it was directly out of the State law that was just passed; Mrs. Rowell said it did reference disabled Veterans.

Mr. Phillips said it was for disabled veterans.

Mrs. Ezernack asked if the motion needed to be amended; Mrs. Summersgill said it was in the body of the Ordinance and could do it for clarification, if wanted to.

Mr. Echols said it does reflect the State Law and it references it, and as long as we are in compliance with the State Law.

Mrs. Ezernack said she made note of it and is sure her motion was intended, to follow the State Law.

Seeing no one else come forward, the hearing was closed.

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,801, Extending and Enlarging the boundaries of the City of Monroe, Louisiana, providing for the recordation of the entire boundary as amended: establishing the effective date thereof, and providing further with respect thereto – Applicant – Bayou Bend Estates LLC – (P&Z)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was closed.

(c) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,802, Extending and Enlarging the boundaries of the City of Monroe, Louisiana, providing for the recordation of the entire boundary as amended: establishing the effective date thereof, and providing further with respect thereto – Applicant – Monroe Investment Properties – (P&Z)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was closed.

(d) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,803, adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana to zone a ±.03 acre tract of land, more or less, presently located in Ouachita Parish to R-1, Single Family Residential District. This property presently does not have a zoning classification as it is being annexed into the City. This will be an extension of the existing Egret Landing Right-of-Way and will have no physical address – APPLICANT: Bayou Bend Estates, LLC (P&Z)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was closed.

(e) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,804, adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana to zone a ±4.0 acre tract of land, more or less, presently located in Ouachita Parish to I-1, Commercial/Industrial Business Park District. This property presently does not have a zoning classification as it is being annexed into the City. Tracts 1&2 otherwise known as 7560 Frontage Rd. and Tract 3 otherwise known as 105 Smelser Rd. – APPLICANT: Monroe Investment Properties (P&Z)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was closed.

(f) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,805, an Amendment to Chapter 37, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Monroe, Article III, Use Districts, Section 37-37 Commercial Use Districts, Table 3.3 Commercial Districts Permitted and Conditional Uses, mini-warehouses. (P&Z)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was closed.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Foster Wilhite (Mr. PPW), citizen, spoke regarding his grandson being the innocent bystander that was shot last Saturday at Benoit Recreation Center; the gunman and another man were arguing inside the recreation center and the gunman went outside and got a gun and came back into the recreation center and started shooting; one of the bullets hit his grandson in the leg; he said it is dangerous, all the kids were running and someone could have gotten killed, and his grandson could have gotten seriously hurt; he said the City need to work on something and get something where you can take weapons when you enter into the recreation center, or get an officer, or a security guard or something; he said anyone could have gotten killed and said the recreation centers are the only place where kids can go and it is considered one of the safest places to go inside; he said something need to be done before something like this happen and we shouldn't wait too late and someone gets killed and then we say we could have done something about it earlier; he said don't just wait until it happens, get on it; he said hopefully something will get done for it and not only for his, but for everybody else.

Mrs. Ezernack thanked him and said we were all sorry that it happened and is glad he is better and on the mend.

2. Mr. Donald Johnson, citizen, spoke encouraging everyone to get out and vote on October 14th, including having the opportunity to vote for State Treasurer and he encouraged all to vote for Neil Riser and gave background information on Mr. Riser.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m., upon a motion of Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Woods.

Mrs. Gretchen Ezernack, Council Chairwoman

Ms. Carolus S. Riley, Council Clerk

Ms. Jacqueline Benjamin, Council Secretary

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## Richwood 2017 Homecoming

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Jennifer Crane Elliott. Photo dispatch

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### DAZZLE DANCE SHINES

Dazzle Dancers were invited to Richwood High School to perform at the school's homecoming coronation, Thursday, October 4, 2017. The dancers put on a spectacular performance for the queen and her royal court.

### Little Flower 1968 Reunion

Little Flower 7th-9th 1968 Classes Reunion October 27-29, Monroe LA. Weekend Itinerary Friday: "Appetizers & Spirits" October 27, Jerome Joshua 110 Charlotte (Huntington Park Area Monroe LA) 6 p.m. Casual....Poolside Attire BYOB, and a food item for 4. Saturday: October 28, GRAMBLING HOMECOM-

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Flower banner!) Sunday: October 29, please join us as we present our classes at the Little Flower of Jesus Catholic Church Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. (600 South 16th Street) fellowship at Copeland's Restaurant 3851 Pecanland Mall Dr. Monroe LA 11 am and bid each other farewell whilst we promise to keep in touch.

### Repairs - From P.1

businessman. None of her many phone calls have been answered. One other thing that made matters even worse, was that she gave McFarland "up front money" just to begin working on her house.

When this reporter made a site visit to the house near ULM and at the homeowner's house, one could see that it appears a more concerted effort from outward appearances is being done to satisfy the homeowner of the house near ULM. The homeowner's whose house McFarland appeared to have abandoned, showed shoddy work done on the fence, which included space/gaps between the boards, loose hanging wires, incomplete overhang and decorative yard work. It is not something that someone who makes a living of working on houses, would want others to look at, or be proud of their work. It has been months since McFarland stopped working on the woman's house, but according to the homeowner, "it is wrong" for McFarland to do what he did to her, once saying that he being an African-American businessman, would not have done to her if she were white. When she sees the work being done on another house by the same individual that left her home without coming back to finish the job, is like "pouring salt" in an open wound. Nevertheless, the homeowner says that "this is not the last" of what she has to say. She also said that she hopes that her experience will serve as a warning for other homeowners to not be so trusting of some African-American businessmen who make promises, that they can't deliver. She says that she knows that not all of them are like McFarland, but she wants her story to be a warning to others, especially women, that bad ones are out there.

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