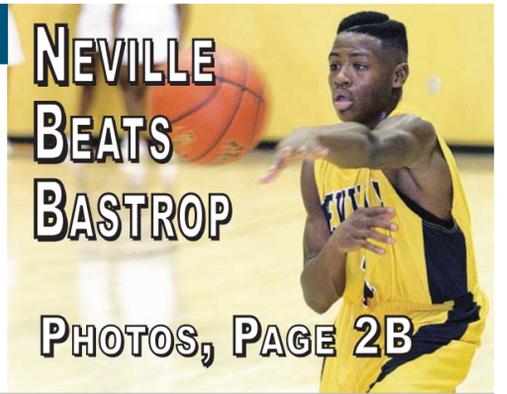


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## City set to axe rate hike

The Monroe City Council will consider a measure to repeal a sewer rate increase enacted in the last days of 2012.

City Councilman Ray Armstrong introduced an ordinance to repeal the 55 percent rate hike at the first regular City Council meeting of the new year Tuesday night.

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## LDCC gets new chancellor

Delta Community College will have new leadership Jan. 28.

Dr. Barbara Hanson will take over as Chancellor of Delta and its numerous campuses after state officials appointed her to lead the college.

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## GOP Women donate

The Republican Women's Club of Ouachita Parish has continued a long-standing tradition of supporting ULM. Monday, the Republican Women presented the ULM Foundation with a check for \$2,000.

During the last 30 years, the Republican Women's Club has contributed more than \$32,000 to a scholarship fund at ULM.

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# Security concerns at parish schools

By Sunny Meriwether  
The Citizen

The Ouachita Parish school system is looking at ways to tighten and improve security at its 36 schools.

Superintendent Bob Webber said recent events across the country promoted a re-examination of how the school system keeps kids safe.

"It's human nature that when you have a tragedy like we saw in [Sandy Hook school,] Connecticut, it makes you bring issues like safety to the top," Webber said. "We always say that safety's our number one concern and instruction's second on the list because parents expect their children to come back home safely each day from school."

Webber was referring to the Dec. 14 shooting deaths of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook school in Newtown, Conn. The shooter, Adam Lanza, shot and killed his mother before embarking on the shooting spree at the elementary school. He died at the scene from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Major Mike Moore of the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office said school safety also was a priority for law enforcement.

"We have a close relationship with school faculty and administrators to help their security needs," Moore said. "We have definitely stepped up our presence in the wake of the happenings in Connecticut."

Webber and Purchasing Agent Bobby Jones plan to

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**UNIVERSITY WEEK** at the University of Louisiana-Monroe kicked off with workshops, luncheons and meetings for more than 500 faculty and staffers. The week-long series of events takes place each semester and allows faculty and staff time to prepare for busy schedules ahead of the arrival of students next week. ULM President Nick Bruno said he was optimistic about the Spring semester, in spite of several potential challenges.  
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Photos Courtesy ULM



# Downtown cultural districts meet

By Zach Parker  
The Citizen

As an intercity gesture, the West Monroe Board of Aldermen approved an ordinance Tuesday night to extend the boundaries of the city's cultural district halfway across Endom Bridge.

The city of Monroe will match West Monroe's move to meet in the middle, simulating one cultural district that stretches across the Ouachita River.

The combined cultural district removes any perceived division between both cities' participation in events like the Downtown Gallery Crawl.

"We're making a symbolic ges-

ture of peace for the new year," said Eric Hale, West Monroe's Economic Development Coordinator. "People who attend the downtown art crawls or other cultural events will be in the cultural district the whole time even if they're standing in the middle of the bridge."

The new boundary for West Monroe's cultural district will go into effect after the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development approves the city's application. The genesis of the gesture came from merchants in the downtown areas of both cities who hoped for a more unified appreciation of culture in the Twin Cities.

"It's a neat thing," said Mayor Dave Norris. "The idea came

from the downtown merchants and became a joint move by the city of Monroe and West Monroe."

Norris pointed out that people from both cities came together on the Endom Bridge to watch the fireworks show following the Christmas parade early December, bringing more foot traffic to both cities' downtown areas.

"It's more than a symbolic gesture in terms of increasing cultural appreciation, historical appreciation, too," Norris said.

With public attention directed toward one district instead of two, Dr. Jerry Edmondson be-

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# Parish drainage canal projects gain steam

By Michael DeVault  
The Citizen

A long-planned series of improvements to several drainage canals throughout Ouachita Parish took a step forward Monday night when the Ouachita Parish Police Jury accepted a bid to begin construction.

The work approved Monday during the first

regular Police Jury meeting of 2013 will be performed on the H-1 Canal, which runs through northeastern Ouachita Parish and drains areas around Love Estates, Presidential Estates and Stubbs Vinson Road.

The Police Jury awarded West Monroe-based Camo Construction a \$183,000 contract to complete the job.

The Police Jury had budgeted some \$204,000 for work on the H-1 Canal.

"We reviewed everything and they had everything in order," said Parish Engineer Kevin Crosby.

The Police Jury unanimously approved awarding the bid to Camo Construction.

Money for the project and two other canal proj-

ects comes by way of federal and state money designated for storm recovery following hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008.

Project planning and design continues on several other canals.

Crosby said his staff was working to obtain necessary rights-of-way for the J1-D and T1-A canals.

"Both of those are basi-

cally in the same mode right now," said Crosby. "We lack a couple of things getting the rights-of-way and legal descriptions done."

Crosby said he was coordinating with state officials to set up community meetings in the affected areas so that residents

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# Gun season ends with deer rut coming

We here, in area two, are looking at a second rut this weekend, starting Jan. 13.

That's also when gun season ends and primitive season picks back up until Jan. 20. Archery ends Jan. 31.

Most hunters reported seeing deer back on the corn and, in some cases, still eating rice brand.

The windy-rainy weather can be a factor in your hunt if you were planning a drive hunt but if you have a covered box stand, then this is the weekend for you.

I don't mean to imply that windy weather makes deer blind, deaf and un-

able to smell...it doesn't.

But it does bring their greatly superior senses down to a level where they are more evenly matched with our own.

Bill McRae said deer act with greater confidence on still days when their senses give them a clear picture of what going on around.

During a drive, they either move out, well ahead of the drivers because they can hear every footstep, the deer easily circle back

around the drivers.

On quiet day, the action usually goes to the stander, provided they have taken their positions without being detected.

On windy days, with whitetails must rely heavily on their weak-

est sense; sight. It makes it impossible to give clear meaning to every sound, the woods are full of noise...the swishing, hollowing, and

moaning of the wind; trees creaking, groaning, cracking and popping... all this must be deafening to a deer.

If the deer can see the hunter, the hunter can see the deer. Because the wind deprives them of sound, scent knowledge, deer tend to hold tight when it's windy.

On windy days, therefore, drivers are more likely to get shots than standers.



Citizen photo by Rene Hatten

**RENE HATTEN** and her husband, Sam, harvested this 8-point buck in Jackson Parish.



**RENE HATTEN**  
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THE OUTDOORS

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# Slew of Tigers make an early exit from LSU ranks

## LSU underclassmen declaring for the NFL Draft

### Projected Top 10 pick

DE, Barkevious Mingo (Jr.)

### Projected 1st round

DE, Sam Montgomery(Jr.)  
S, Eric Reid (Jr.)  
DT, Bennie Logan (Jr.)

### Projected 2nd round

LB, Kevin Minter (Jr.)

### Projected 3rd-4th round

RB, Spencer Ware (Jr.)

### Projected 4th-6th round

RB, Michael Ford (RS Jr.)  
P, Brad Wing (RS Soph.)  
CB, Tharold Simon (Jr.)

### Unconfirmed: Projected 2nd-3rd round

OL, Chris Faulk (Jr.)

\*Updated as of Tuesday, Jan. 8.  
\*Projections by NFLDraftTracker.com

LSU defensive linemen Barkevious Mingo, Sam Montgomery and Bennie Logan along with running back Michael Ford have decided to give up their final year of college eligibility and enter the 2013 NFL Draft, head coach Les Miles confirmed on Monday.

Just over a week after suffering a one-point loss to Clemson in the Chick-fil-A Bowl, the LSU Tigers now must also face the music that a herd of talented juniors won't be back in Baton Rouge next season.

Starting with Kevin Minter announcing his intention of leaving last Thursday, the count of

LSU players headed to the NFL is up to nine as of Wednesday.

"We recruit very talented players with the understanding that there's a choice that they may have to make following their junior year," Miles said. "It's an individual decision and one that has to do with them and their family. I met with each player and provided them with as much information as I have so that they can make a quality decision in regards to their future. We wish these guys great fortune as they pursue this next step."

With the Jan. 15 deadline approaching, it appears another player could join the exodus from Tiger Town.

A report on Monday quoted New Orleans-based NFL analyst Mike Detillier saying junior left tackle Chris Faulk is also considering an early exit. The Slidell native missed most of the 2012 season with a major knee injury.

Before that he was projected by several outlets as a potential first-round pick.

Regardless of any additional departures, the transformation of the LSU defense will enter a new phase in 2013 with at least six starting jobs open.

LSU brings back a pair of experienced cornerbacks in Jalen Millil and Jalen Collins and four players who started at one of the two outside linebacker spots in 2012, anchored by Lamin Barrow - the Tigers' second leading tackler with 104 stops.

While three starters are gone on the defensive line, Anthony Johnson, Ego Ferguson and Jermauria Rasco are all back and each has played extensively over the last two seasons.

CBSSports.com and ProDraftTracker.com has Montgomery as a first-round pick in the April draft, labeling him as the third best defensive end,

with declared teammate Barkevious Mingo as the No.6 end prospect. Mingo is also listed as the second-best outside linebacker in the class behind only Jarvis Jones from Georgia.

Mingo, Montgomery, and Logan all started on the defensive line for LSU in 2012, helping the Tigers to a 10-3 overall mark and an appearance in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

In their three years on the field, this defensive group guided the Tigers to a 34-7 mark overall mark, the 2011 Southeastern Conference title and three bowl games, including the 2012 BCS National Championship Game.

CBSSports.com draft analyst Rob Rang recently gave high praise for Montgomery, as well as former West Monroe High School standout, Mingo.

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**ACROSS**

- Alfred Hitchcock in his movie, e.g.
- \*Banned insecticide
- \*Infamous weapon in Persian Gulf War
- \*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" author
- Two halves
- Chummy
- Site of Flintcraft trials
- Fred Flintstone to Barney Rubble, e.g.
- Stupid or silly
- \*Code name for detonation of first nuclear device
- \*1945-1990 antagonism
- Batman and Robin, e.g.
- \*Rock and \_\_\_\_\_
- Unit of absorbed radiation
- Manufactured
- Stubbornly unyielding
- Prima donna problems
- Clever
- Used to indicate compliance over radio
- It hovers
- Red Cross supply
- Like something that can't fit anymore
- Stay clear
- \*Ernest Hemingway's nickname
- Blue-green
- \*Split by a wall
- Like Dr. Evil's tiny self
- Hog heaven?
- Openmouthed astonishment
- Recipe amount
- \*Salk's discovery
- Sea dog
- \*\_\_\_\_\_ Last Night," movie
- \*Shock and \_\_\_\_\_
- Wide open
- One who \_\_\_\_\_ it like it is"
- 100 lbs.
- Attach to, as in a journalist
- Editor's mark
- Lamb's mother
- Plural of lysis

**DOWN**

- Those in a play
- Purim's month
- \*French Sudan after 1960
- Correct
- Heaviest known metal
- Showing stupidity
- \*Its discovery had a huge impact on crime investigation
- \*Ma Bell, e.g.
- Equivalent to hands on clock?
- Eagle's talons, e.g.
- Long forearm bone
- Textile worker
- \_\_\_\_\_ talk
- A despicable person, pl.
- \*Hemingway's "The \_\_\_\_\_ Man and the Sea"
- Sometimes done to an argument
- Betty Ford Center, e.g.
- Type of nectar
- Sorrow
- Like a billionaire's pockets
- Received on special occasions
- They can be Super or Crazy
- Enthusiastic approval
- \*First cloned mammal
- Potting need
- South American Indian people
- Kind of ray
- 20 on a human body
- \*A Bobbsey twin
- \*Newly-founded state, 1948
- \*Gerald Holtom's sign
- Unusually small individual
- Giant kettles
- Lend a hand
- \*First African-American to host a TV show
- \*Branch Davidians or Heaven's Gate, e.g.
- \*"Out" usually follows it
- Captures
- D'Artagnan's weapon of choice
- \*Bolsheviks
- \*A huge web

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# OCS hosts Chevron Classic basketball tournament

Ouachita Christian High School hosts the 2013 OCS Chevron Classic basketball tournament with games running from Thursday afternoon through Saturday night.

Tournament include boys and girls teams from Claiborne Christian, St. Frederick, Summerfield, Epps and Kilbourne.

The OCS Eagles and Lady Eagles will be playing as well with the OCS

boys closing out each night at 8 p.m.

The first game between the CCS Lady Crusaders and the St. Fred Lady Warriors begins at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Friday matches start at 3:30 p.m. with a contest between the Summerfield Lady Rebels and the Kilbourne Lady Hawks.

**Saturday's schedule..**

9:00 Summerfield(1) vs. Epps Girls(2)  
10:15 Summerfield(4) vs. Epps Boys(3)  
11:30 OCS(1) vs. Claiborne Christian Girls(2)  
12:45 OCS(4) vs. Claiborne Christian Boys(3)  
2:00 Kilbourne(1) vs. St. Frederick Girls(2)  
3:15 Kilbourne(4) vs. St. Frederick Boys(3)  
4:30 Claiborne Christian(1) vs. Summerfield Girls(2)  
5:45 Claiborne Christian(4) vs. Summerfield Boys(3)  
7:00 OCS(1) vs. Kilbourne Girls(2)  
8:15 OCS(4) vs. Kilbourne Boys(3)

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