



Panthers take their sound to Town Hall

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Sounding of the Sirens

Local fire departments honor fallen first responders



Photo courtesy of the WBR Fire District 1

Fire departments across West Baton Rouge held a "Sounding of the Sirens" and minute of silence in honor of the firefighters, other first responders and civilians who perished during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Each fire station in the parish performed the dedication at 7:46 a.m., the time the first airplane crashed into the World Trade Center 17 years ago.

State Police, PAPD meet on Queen's cold case

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State Police praised the work of the Port Allen Police Department and West Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office in the investigation of Fattrell Queen's homicide, Port Allen Police Chief Esdron Brown told the Port Allen Public Safety Committee Wednesday, Sept. 5. State Police will continue assisting, but will not take over the investigation, Brown said.

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Oldies But Goodies



Photo by Jaci Pinell

Dancing and hula-hoop contests were just some of the festivities at the 2018 Oldies But Goodies Fest. Check out more photos online at www.thewestsidejournal.com or visit our Facebook page.

No action from Addis on RR project

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The Addis Town Council took no action on an opportunity to "cooperate" with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the railroad on the closing of the Foret Street railroad crossing.

Addis has risen to the top of the list for safety projects and improvements, which are scored using a risk placement index. The index uses factors like train speed, school

bus use of crossings and car accidents to determine the eligibility of towns and cities for the installation of lights and gates as well as crossing closures.

Town officials, DOTD and railroad officials have discussed the safety project for more than a decade, railroad officials said.

The proposed project would add lights and gates to Peter Messina Road, Main Street and Myhand Street, and either lights and gates or closure at Foret

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Patrols planned



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The West Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office will conduct Louisiana Highway Safety Commission sponsored campaigns to ensure safe driving conditions for motorists this weekend. Expect increased patrols as part of the "Click It or Ticket It" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaigns. These campaigns will be in West Baton Rouge on Sunday, September 16, 2018.

Another year, another success

The 9th annual Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Benefit

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The ninth annual Jacob and Ava Saucier Memorial Benefit raised more than \$33,000 on Sunday, Sept. 9. The yearly jambalaya sale, silent auction, and raffle raise money to provide tuition assistance for students at Holy Family School in Port Allen.

While spending the night with their grandparents on Belle River, a structure fire killed Ava Dawn, 3, and Jacob Michael, 2, and their grandparents. On August 6, 2010, Kristen and Blake Saucier's world changed in an instant.

Just a couple of months after the fire, the Saucier's held a small benefit at Holy Family to gather funding for a scholarship.

Since then, the Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship Benefit has



Photo by Breanna Smith

Director of Parks and Recreation Anatole Vincent, Parish President Riley "PeeWee" Berthelot and District VIII School Board Member Jason Manola are among many of the volunteers who help cook and serve jambalaya for the Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Benefit each year.

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When to expand, when to improve

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The Addis Town Council approved the expansion of Myhand Mobile Home Park, and will not require the owners to bring the original portion of the park up to current code. The decision did not come without dissection of the mobile and manufactured home ordinance passed in 2009. The wording of the exemption clause of the mobile home parks ordinance sparked debate and confusion amongst members of the Addis Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council.

"I don't think anybody on [Planning and] Zoning wanted to stop what was happening here," Addis

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