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Wossmann's Keith Marshall (82) tackles Carroll quarterback William Smith (5) on Friday in Monroe.
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SEPTEMBER 11

State Sen. Mike Walsworth, Luke Robins, Louisiana Delta Community College chancellor, Monroe Mayor Jamie Mayo and state Rep. Sam Little plant a tree Friday memorializing the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
MARGARET CROFT/THE NEWS-STAR



INSIDE
Greater Ouachita Parish has several events planned Sunday to honor those who died in the 9/11 terror attacks on America, as well as those who serve our community. Turn to 8A to plan your day.

Mills close, 700 people losing jobs

Georgia-Pacific shutters plywood, stud plants

By Greg Hilburn
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Georgia-Pacific will close its Crossett, Ark., plywood and stud mills indefinitely in November, eliminating 700 jobs, the company announced Friday.

Though located in southern Arkansas, many northeastern Louisiana residents work at the company's operations in Crossett, which is just more than an hour's drive from Monroe.

The facilities will close on Nov. 7.

Georgia-Pacific officials said the company will continue operations as usual at the company's paper mill and resin facility in Crossett, where 1,400 are employed.

"This difficult action was taken because of the continuing depression in the residential and commercial construction markets, which has resulted in these plants not operating profitably for some time now," said Mark Luetters, Georgia-Pacific's president of

"Many of the people who live in Crossett also come to Monroe for medical and other services and to shop."

MIKE WALSWORTH
Republican senator from West Monroe

wood products. "Georgia-Pacific continued to operate these plants with the hope plywood demand would improve, and this has not happened."

Georgia-Pacific is also indefinitely closing its plywood mill in Hawthorne, Fla., eliminating 400 jobs.

State Sen. Mike Walsworth, R-West Monroe, said the closure is a blow to the entire region.

"I can tell you that many of

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America adjusts to threat

Anniversary brings tighter security amid report

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Security worker Eric Martinez wore a pin depicting the Twin Towers on his lapel as he headed to work in lower Manhattan on Friday, unfazed by a report of a credible but unconfirmed terror threat before

the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

He worked downtown then and lived through it. He still works there — and didn't hesitate to take the subway.

"It's the only way you can get to work. If something's going to happen it's going to happen. You

just have to deal with it," he said. "This is the time we live in. If you're going to be afraid, you're just going to stay home."

Once again, New Yorkers dealt with an ominous-sounding report of a possible threat

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Candidates defend residency

Voters challenge Brown, Hunter

By Greg Hilburn
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State Senate candidate Harris Brown's and state representative candidate Marcus Hunter's qualifications to run for the Legislature have been challenged by

Monroe voters who claim neither man meets residency requirements.

Brown, R-Monroe, is running for the Senate District 35 seat, while Hunter, R-Monroe, is running for the House District 17 seat.

Both men said the challenges, which were made in 4th District Attorney Jerry Jones' office Friday, are unfounded.

Brown is trying to unseat two-

term incumbent Sen. Bob Kostelka, R-Monroe. Monroe attorney Jeff Guerriero, R-Monroe, also qualified for the race.

Brown said he suspects Kostelka put Hodges up to the challenge "in what appears to be a desperate attempt to keep his job."

"It's a frivolous attempt by the incumbent to discourage my

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COMING SUNDAY

» Readers, young and old, share memories of Sept. 11, 2001.

» In Names and Faces: Lyndsey Breard Sikes visits with Chantelle Maxey, who recalls watching the Twin Towers fall while awaiting the birth of her daughter.

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