Evacuations top day's events in Caddo

Thursday, March 10, 2016

A Red Cross shelter in Caddo Parish has opened at Southern University's campus at 3050 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Shreveport.

Caddo sheriff's deputies and Fire District personnel evacuated residents last night and throughout the day from neighborhoods around Colt Trail, Bella Vista, South Lakeshore, Barron Road, and Barron Ridge in south Caddo and Lakeview, North Fork, and Mallard Bay subdivisions in north Caddo. Over 100 people have left their homes in Caddo Parish since the weather event began yesterday.

In briefing Caddo officials this morning, Bill Parker with the National Weather Service said earlier today Caddo Lake was at 175.5 feet and is expected to rise to 178 by Sunday. Cross Lake was at 176.5 and should rise to 177.5 tonight before dropping off. Wallace Lake was at 159, but water was going over the spillway and should start slowly falling. Red River was at 25.86 feet and is expected to rise to 30 feet by Sunday. No more than three additional inches of rain total were expected through Sunday.

Sixty-two inmate workers from the Caddo Correctional Center have been helping fill sandbags for residents to help protect local property. Bags are still available 24-hours at 1701 Monty Street and 3825 Old Mansfield Road or a self-serve location at 7300 Mansfield Road.

Residents are encouraged to report damage inside their homes to the Caddo Sheriff's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness at 675-2255 or reportdamages@caddosheriff.org.

Roads still closed are:

Keithville-Kingston @ Hilltop

Linwood @ Barron

Leonard Road

Linwood at Tyre

Dawson Road

White Springs Road

Barron Road @ Bella Vista

I-49 @ Bert Kouns to the Desoto Parish line

LA 175 to Desoto

7400 block of South Lakeshore

Harts Island Road

Norris Ferry @ DeBrock

Ellerbe Road between White Springs and Wallace Lake Dam

North Lakeshore between West Lakeshore and Roy Road

Lakeview Road

Haygood Road