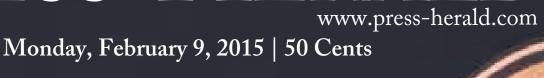
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With the help of Miss Minden Teen Princess Jordan Lary, left, former Miss Minden Paige McCoy crowns Baylee Howell as her successor. Bonnie Culverhouse/Press-Herald





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# Baylee Howell crowned 2015 Miss Minden

#### **BONNIE CULVERHOUSE**

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Baylee Howell, an 18year-old Lakeside High School senior, is the newest ambassador for the City of Minden.

The daughter of Jason Howell and Tawnya Smith was crowned 2015 Miss Minden before a capacity crowd at the Minden Civic Center Saturday night.

With the title, Minden's newest beauty queen takes on a serious platform, "Hope for the Homeless."

"My first priority in promoting my platform is to make my community aware of the different statistics and the negative effect that homelessness can have on an individual," she said.

Howell's poise seemed prevalent in the questionanswer phase of the Miss Minden Pageant, when she was asked if being a good talker or listener was more important.

"I personally believe a good listener is more important because the majority of people just need someone they can talk to," she said. "A good listener is something that

you can really use in life."

Howell also won the Hannah McFarland Evening Gown Competition. For her talent, she clogged to "Great Balls O' Fire!"

First runner-up to Miss Minden is Madison Lemoine, the 17-year-old daughter of Brian and Lela Lemoine. The Glenbrook School senior sang "On My Own" from Les Miserables.

Sharity Brent was named second runner-up and winner of the talent contest. The 18-year-old Louisiana Tech student and daughter of James and Leslie Brent, performed a jazz dance routine to "Glow."

Morgan Phillips won the swimsuit contest. The 18-year-old Lakeside High School student and daughter of Larry and Kelli Phillips, danced to "Blue Eyes Blind."

Hannah Parker, a 20year-old Louisiana Tech student and daughter of Robert Parker and Patricia Caldwell, was named Miss Congeniality.

Next stop for Howell on the pageant circuit is the Miss Louisiana Pageant, held at the Monroe Civic Center in June.



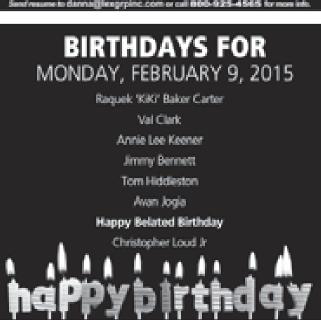
Former Miss Minden Paige McCoy, right, ties the sash around new Miss Minden Baylee Howell, while Miss Minden Teen Princess Jordan Lary waits to hand her roses. Bonnie Culverhouse/Press-Herald



Morgan Phillips, left, won the swimsuit competition, Hannah Parker was named Miss Congeniality, Madison Lemoine was awarded first runner-up, Baylee Howell was crowned new Miss Minden winner of the evening gown competition, Sharity Brent won the talent competition and second runner-up and Justyce Robinson rounded out the contestants. Bonnie Culverhouse/Press-Herald









# Webster school board to test paperless payroll

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Webster Parish students may be going through reams of paper as they do class assignments and homework, but school system employees, including school board members, will be going paperless in a matter of weeks.

A test run of email addresses will be conducted, and the paperless payroll process of direct deposit will officially kick off March 1, school system director Crevonne Odom reported.

"We're going to do a test run of email for the February payroll to see if we've got everyone's correct

email address," Odom told board members.

Board members have established the paperless payroll system as policy, president Charles Strong reminded the panel.

Odom said every system employee will be required to provide either a personal or school board email address so payroll and related information can promptly be provided.

"Employees will have to provide one or the other (email addresses)," she said. "They will enter pass codes when it comes on their email and will open through their password.'

Those employees who opt not to participate in paperless direct deposit will still be allowed to receive their "on paper" paycheck, Odom said. There will, however, be a fee for doing so.

"When they want their paycheck, there will be a processing fee of \$3. We will deduct it from their monthly paycheck. Only those employees will be allowed to pick up their paycheck at the front door between the hours of 3 and 4 p.m. on payday," Odom

A photo identification will be required to pick up the checks "...so we won't have the problem of releasing a check to people who are not supposed to get it,' she said.

Checks, which are not picked up on payday, will be placed in the mail. If, though, the check isn't delivered in a timely manner, employees must wait five business days before paychecks can be voided and reissued.

Odom said quite a few employees ask for paper items like old pay stubs. Any payroll-related documentation in paper form will cost \$3 to obtain and can be picked up, with a identification, between the hours of 3 and 4 p.m. the next day.

Also at the meeting, school board members:

Approved a request to hire an additional special education teacher at Lakeside High School to stay in compliance with regulations governing the number of students per teacher.

■ Agreed to hire Springhill Construction to clean. repair and/or replace damaged portions of the baseball fence at North Webster High School at a cost of \$5,612. Springhill Maintenance Fund money will be used.

Said yes to replacing light poles, electrical wiring and electrical controls at the North Webster High School softball field. B&S Electrical will be paid \$41,611.12 for the job from the Springhill Maintenance Fund.

■ Agreed to employ Insight, Inc. to deliver and install bleachers at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School. Cost of \$27,540 will be paid from Consolidated District No. 3 school maintenance fund, and Insight, Inc. to construct a deck on the rear of the bleachers at a cost of \$2,150. Funds for the project will come from the

same source. ■ Approved BMS Office Supplies for 10 LCD projectors for Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School at a cost of \$4,250. Funds will come from Consolidated District No. 3 school maintenance

■ Adopted a resolution requesting the Webster Parish Police Jury provide road and pavement services to the Doyline High School baseball/softball complexes.

## Two Webster districts remain without Justice of the Peace

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Webster Parish taxpayers narrowly escaped paying for a March 28 election, but it means two local districts will have to operate without a justice of the peace until the next elec-

By end of day Friday, no one qualified for Justice of the Peace District 1 or Justice of the Peace District 5, Webster Parish Registrar of Voters Melanie Smith said.

"If no one qualifies, an election will not take place," she said Thursday.

Brandy Patrick, spokesperson for Secretary of State Tom Schedler, agrees.

"The law now states that qualifying does reopen," Patrick said. "It will just remain a vacancy. It will have to go through the process again for the next available election."

Had an election taken place, parish taxpayers would've been indirectly

responsible through the Webster Parish Police Jury.

"That is your parish's governing body, so that is who we would bill for the election," Patrick said.

Cost of elections is determined by the number of precincts involved. This one would have cost around \$13,200, which is more than was budgeted by the police jury for 2015.

"We have an election expense built into the budget, and we thought 2015 would not be a year where we need much," jury secretary-treasurer Ronda Carnahan said. "We only have \$10,000 set aside for

And while the jury funding is built into its budget, in the long run the taxpayers foot the bill, she said.

"It's the taxpayers money," Carnahan said. "That's what the police jury works with. That's what we

District 1 has three precincts involved - 9, 10 and a portion of 14. It runs

from the Arkansas state line on the east side of Bayou Dorcheat to Flat

District 5 is much larger with all of 36 and 38 and part of 31, 32, 33, 34 and 39. It includes all of Heflin, Dubberly and some rural

State Attorney General James "Buddy" Caldwell, lists the duties of justices of the peace, as well as things over which they have no jurisdiction.

Justices of the Peace:

are elected to serve six-year terms as the judicial authority of a ward or

■ have jurisdiction in civil matters when the amount in dispute does not exceed \$5,000.

■ do not have jurisdiction when a title to real estate is involved, when the state or any political subdivision is a defendant, or in successions or probate matters.

■ can perform marriage ceremonies.

# **J**BITUARY

#### Mable Tuggle Wren

Funeral services for Mable Tuggle Wren will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden. Interment will follow at Pine Grove Cemetery in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in

Mable was born March 6, 1924, in Homer and entered into rest Feb. 7, 2015, in Minden. Mom worked at Minden Medical and Home Health for more than 20 years. She was a talented artist, writer and wonderful storyteller. She was an avid reader and loved reading her Bible. Her greatest pleasure was spending time with her children

Her husband, Glen R. Wren; son, William Glen Wren; one sister; six brothers; and great-granddaughter, Angel Langley preceded her in death.

She is survived by her sons, Richard T. Wren and wife, Sandra of Haughton and Tommy R. Wren of Minden; daughters, Linda Melton of Minden, Deanie Dorrell of Homer and Kay Cleaver of Minden; sister, Della Kramer of Auburn, Alabama; 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchil-

Pallbearers will be grandsons.

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PERSPECTIVE

encouraging

lishment of a formal Dialogue Committee that will include leadership from all parties impacted by the 16 million pounds of explosives stockpiled at Camp

cials, and local and outside scientists have been invited to sit at the table with representation from the State and Federal agencies

involved to decide upon alternative remedies for disposal.

happened a year ago but was avoided through legal loopholes.

While I strongly advise every-



under the direction of externally contracted subject matter experts and facilitators, and it will unfold in a transparent way before the entire public and media. Because of this, at the end of the 30-day process which begins next Thursday, when an alternative to open burning is selected by the Committee for proposal, it will make it extremely difficult for the decision makers at the Federal and State levels to deny consent to it. That is how we win this

created an environment of pressure, we were grant-

Additionally, I am encouraged by the timeline for this Dialogue Committee process, as it will result in a proposed alternative well within the time-frame of the 90-day delay that has already been implemented by the EPA. The committee process, therefore, is not adding any delay to remedy this explo-

It is my hope and expectation that while we proceed in the Dialogue Committee process, the EPA and our federal congressional delegation will also be working diligently with the State of Louisiana, US Army, and Department of Justice to prepare for an expedited contract amendment and procurement process. We must avoid unnecessary addi-

Please continue to stay engaged, heard, and informed. The information and daily situation changes rapidly; and this Dialogue Committee,

Gene Reynolds is state representative for District 10, which covers all of Webster Parish and a portion of Bossier Parish.



This is a process established

within the law that should have

one to recognize that this Dialogue Committee is not the final decision maker in any remedy selected for disposal, it is important to understand the influence that this committee has on the

process. This formally facilitated process takes place

I want to encourage the public and local leadership to embrace this process. While it is no doubt another federally-guided process that could feel like intrusion, I believe it to be a powerful tool for discussion and disclosure which ultimately lends us and local authorities more control in this situation. We didn't ask for this situation. Our communities did not have a say in this. And now, because we ed the establishment of this vehicle for input and

sives emergency situation we are facing.

which is open to the public, will regularly summarize its progress to the media.





PERSPECTIVE

# A fine romance: online daters hire private eyes

She was a lawyer, noisy but nice. He was a Marine, quiet and even nicer. They seemed an attractive, comfortable couple, so I was greatly surprised when — after he left to use the men's room — she leaned over to me at the next table and asked, "What do you think of him?"

They had connected through Tinder, the hot dating site known for emphasizing pictures. This was their first meeting.

"I think he's a prince," I responded, not knowing what else to say.

Internet dating wastes little time on what used to be known as courtship. These quick matchups often lead to a clean break ("not interested"). Or the two move in together the following week, which is not a be-my-valentine sort of thing but cohabitation.

That said, I know some very nappy couples who met through dating sites. A few are even married, to each

Online dating is efficient, to be sure. For one thing, it vastly expands the number of potential mates. For another, it requires two people to exchange some words before meeting in the flesh, so to speak. This premeeting conversation can add some depth to the encounter not found in the typical bar pickup (though that, too, can lead to bigger things).

The downside is it encourages corner cutting in the getting-to-knowyou phase. Sadly, many cads and adventuresses find sport creating fictional online versions of themselves.

As a result, private eyes are enjoying a surge in assignments to verify the claims of strangers their clients have found online, according to The Wall Street Journal. Millennium Investigations



from a handful a few years ago. In one case, an Ohio widow in her 40s asked a Cincinnati detective to report back on an ex-boyfriend she

had re-encountered. After a highly charged weekend in upstate New York, the two talked marriage. He told her he was a widower and had to return home to San Francisco to tie up personal loose

She had AAA Detective Agency find someone to follow the man in San Francisco. It was learned that the man was residing happily with a living wife. Obviously, the widow had not been entirely comfortable with the ex-boyfriend's story. Otherwise, she wouldn't have hired an investiga-

The odd part is that she would even entertain the idea of marriage without having seen the guy's home, met his friends, connected with his family and petted his dogs. Calling in a detective so early in a relationship would seem an outsourcing of the courtship process.

Of course, romantic partners with secret second lives well predate the Internet, though largely in fiction. In "Downton Abbey," Anna learns that her beloved Mr. Bates is still married and spent time in prison (for a crime his wife committed) — not from Bates but from his mother.

Victorian novels are famous for such intrigue. In "Jane Eyre," we learn that Jane's amorous employer, Mr. Rochester, has a wife. Furthermore, said wife is living on an upper floor of the grand house, insane and chained.

Suffice it to say, these heroines weren't living in the information age. It's really hard these days to hide a shady past or a living spouse.

On the other hand, detectives say, the ease of finding some information may lead to the demand for more information. Google searches can act as a "gateway drug" to asking a professional to investigate further.

Discussing marriage with someone just met in cyberspace represents more than a skipping of courtship. It shows that someone — to be utterly unromantic about it — is not doing his or her homework.

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#### EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

#### **Anniston Star** on measles:

A full month into 2015, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 102 cases of measles, a pace surpassing the typical year.

Disneyland in California is believed to be Ground Zero for this outbreak, which may have exposed 1,000 people to measles. In 2014, 644 cases of measles were reported in 27 states, the CDC reports.

These new infections are a shock to most medical

professionals, who could rightly point to a steady decline in cases that culminated with a record low of 86 reported U.S. cases 15 years ago. The hero in this was widespread acceptance of vaccinations among U.S. parents.

The villain blamed for today's alarming rise in measles cases is a small group of parents who are foregoing having their children immunized. Trustworthy health organizations the CDC, the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, for example —

promote the measlesmumps-rubella vaccine, which is 97 percent effec-

tive in preventing measles. Yet the dissenting parents cite unproven medical quackery in justifying their decision to reject vaccinations for children, a practice that endangers both their children as well as many others.

What's playing out is the consequence of a serious national problem — the lack of trust. For some Americans, healthy skepticism has turned into widespread paranoia. The president's ideological oppo-

nents tell us he is more than wrong; he is a secret Muslim and a non-U.S. citizen. A basic outline of public school coursework promoted by the states — Common Core — is believed by some to be a conspiracy to indoctrinate children. And dangerous vaccines are foisted on an unsuspecting public, according to some parents who withdraw their children from immunization shots.

The dangers of these illogical beliefs are clear. Until this mistrust is bridged, the nation will suffer the consequences.



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# COMMUNITY



Winners of the Little Miss Minden pageants held earlier Saturday were present at the Miss Minden Pageant Saturday night. They are Baby Miss Minden Holland-Kate Edwards, Toddler Miss Minden Gracey Skye Reynolds, Petite Miss Minden Kaelynn Williams, Miss Minden Teen Princess Jordan Lary, Junior Miss Minden Kerrigan Sanders, Pre-Teen Miss Minden Rayne West and Little Miss Minden Mallory Pesnell. Bonnie Culverhouse/Press-Herald

# FUTURE MISS MINDENS CROWNED

From left, Miss Minden
Teen Princess First Runner-Up Kathryn Moore,
Miss Minden Teen
Princess Jordan Lary
and Miss Minden Teen
Princess Second Runner-Up Cassidy Jones,
who was also selected
Miss Congeniality. Lary
also won People's
Choice.

Courtesy photo/Sara Chreene



#### **Around Town**

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 12, 17

CASA training classes for Webster, Bienville, Jackson and Claiborne parishes are 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Arcadia CASA office, 1978 N. Railroad, Arcadia. Contact Victoria Ricord at 318-425-4413 or at Vickie.ricord@vyjla.org.

#### Friday, Feb. 13

Enrollment specialists from Martin Luther King Health Center of Shreveport will be at the United Way office in Minden on select Fridays to assist persons in signing up for a health insurance plan on healthcare.gov at 202 Miller Street, Minden. Call Christina Copeland at 318-470-2111.

#### Sunday, Feb. 15

Black History Celebration to be held at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Musical guests will be St. Rest Baptist Church Youth Choir of Minden and guest speaker will be Minister Nathan Richardson, Associate Minister of St. Rest Baptist Church. Everyone is invited.

#### Friday, Feb. 20

Black History Month essays are due at 5 p.m. The essay contest, sponsored by the Minden Press-Herald, is

open to school children in grades 4-8 and 9-12. Essays and poems are accepted and should be no more than 150 words. They should reflect what someone or an event in their history reflects what the celebration of Black History means to them. Send submissions to b o n n i e @ p r e s sherald.com. Name, age and contact information must be provided.

#### Saturday, Feb. 21

Longspring Church of God in Christ, 518 Constable Street, will be hosting an "Old Ship of Zion" program at 5 p.m. Everyone is Invited.

#### Sunday, Feb. 22

Black History Observance at 3 p.m. at New Home Baptist Church, 118 Church Street, Taylor. The Rev. James Smith of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Dubberly will be the guest speaker.

44th Church Anniversary at 2:30 p.m. at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, 510 High Street. Guest speaker and church will be the

Rev. Asby K. Glosson, Pastor of New Light Baptist Church in Minden. Everyone is invited. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

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#### **HIGH SCHOOL BB** Doyline tops Saline, 57-55

The Doyline Panthers, fresh off one huge district win, picked up another Friday by topping Saline 57-55 at home.

The Panthers have started to gel together as the season hits the home

"I'm very proud of this team," Doyline head coach Michael Normand said. "This is two district wins in a row. These young guys are starting to come together as a team and have been playing pretty good lately." Tyreck Wilson had a

monster game for the Panthers, scoring 25 points. Jatavion Jackson played well, finishing with 14 and Desmond Jackson pitched in 12 big points.

The Panthers will be on the road versus Dodson Tuesday.

#### **COLLEGE BB** Dean Smith

passes away at 83

Dean Smith, the legendary former coach at North Carolina and one of the greatest coaches of all time in college basketball, has died at the age of 83.

The death of Smith, whose health had failed in recent years, announced by the university Sunday morning. He passed quietly, his family said in a statement, Saturday evening just three weeks shy of his 84th birthday. "Coach Dean Smith passed away peacefully the evening of February 7 at his home in Chapel Hill, and surrounded by his wife and five children," the family said. "We are grateful for all the thoughts and prayers, and appreciate the continued respect for our privacy as arrangements are made available to the public. Thank you.'

A courtly man who commanded the respect and admiration of his player long after they left Chapel Hill, Smith was a Hall of Famer who, during his 36 seasons as coach of the Tar Heels, won two national championships. His teams advanced to the Final Four 11 times and won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament 13 times. He is the fourth alltime winningest coach with 879 victories, behind Mike Krzyzewski, Jim Boeheim and Bob Knight.

It wasn't just the winning that set Smith apart, although that was significant. It was what Larry Brown, a Hall of Fame coach who played for Smith, told ESPN was "grace" and "class." He noted simply: "He cared about the game and made it better." Born in Kansas, Smith's lineage traced a direct line from from the game's inventor, James Naismith, through Phog Allen in his career at the University of Kansas as a player, where he played on a national title team, and assistant. At Carolina, his "Four Corners" offense led to the creation of the shot clock to counter it.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# TIDE CLIPS FALCONS



**BLAKE BRANCH** 

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The Minden Crimson traveled Northwood High School for a pair of crucial games in district 1-4A.

In the boys game, the Crimson Tide played like a team and was rewarded with a 64-58 win.

"I'm pretty proud of the guys for how they played Friday night," Minden head coach Alan Shaw said. "The guys banded together after a pretty tough week for us and we were able to make some things happen as a team that I haven't seen in our last few ballgames.'

The Tide came into the game knowing a loss would end their playoff hopes, and behind big games from seniors Kevin Hamilton and Anfernee Red, they are still alive.

"We played with tenacity," Shaw said. "We were able to make things happen as a team and hopefully that bond we found Friday night will carry us through the next couple

Hamilton led Minden with 22 points, including four 3-pointers. Red finished with 17 tough points and Kadarius Walker added 11.

The Tide will be back on the court at home



Tuesday against Benton for senior night.

Lady Tiders

In the girls game, the Minden Lady Tiders improved their record to 16-10 (6-2) with a 57-31 win over the Northwood Lady Falcons.

"This was an important game for us to get on the road," Lady Tider head coach Jacob Brown said. "I thought throughout most of the night we played great defense and

that defense got us out in transition for some easy buckets. "I also thought we did a

good job of being patient and moving the ball in our half-court sets to get some high percentage shots.'

Minden was in control from the opening tip, holding a 14-point lead by halftime.

In the third quarter, they put the game away, extending that lead to 45-

The win keeps the Lady Tiders in a second place tie in the district 1-4A standings with two games left on the schedule.

"Each night we become more and more balanced,' Brown said. "Each game we're having different people step up. It's nice to see the overall growth of this team."

Marlena Hill led the Lady Tiders with 16 points to go with 19 rebounds, continuing a

phenomenal season. Tiaga Pugh had another big night, adding 14 points and rebounds. Freshman Sha'terra Batton contributed with 12 points and 8 rebounds and Sha Whiting played an excellent game, finishing with 7 points and 6 rebounds.

Tuesday night marks senior night at The Palace for the Lady Tiders when they will face off with

#### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

### Warriors win, Lady Warriors fall





**BLAKE BRANCH** blake@press-herald.com

The Lakeside Warriors and Lady Warriors hosted the Homer Pelicans Friday as Lakeside celebrated its seniors

In the boys game, the Warriors and Pelicans met in a must-win for both teams.

The game featured plenty of intensity as both teams battled for their postseason lives, with the Warriors prevailing, 63-

It was a big win for Lakeside boys head coach Jason Gould and his team.

"We sent our seniors out with a big home win tonight," Gould said. "We started out fast and outscored them 14-7 in the first quarter. Then we hit a funk and started going away from what was working, allowing them to get back in it by halftime.'

Whatever the message was at halftime, it worked, as Lakeside came out in the third quarter on fire.

The Warriors hit five 3-pointers in the quarter, including three from sophomore Jalen Gould. The Warriors would

cruise from there.

Jamarion Teal had a fantastic senior night, finishing with 14 points rebounds. Frankie Miles added 12 and Jalen Gould and Quatarus Solomon both

**Lady Warriors** 

In the girls game, the Lady Warriors fell just short versus the Lady Pelicans

"It was a very close game," Lakeside head coach Tavasha Anderson said. "The girls kept fighting. I was proud of them for that."

The Lady Warriors head coach also shared some thoughts on her two seniors.

"We celebrated our two seniors, Cayla McKinsey and Destine Joiner," Anderson said.
"We're definitely going to miss these two girls next year and everything they did for our team. It will leave a lot of room for the younger girls to grow up fast because the point guard position will be wide open next year."

The Warriors and Lady Warriors will take Calvary Shreveport Tuesday.

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# Three top Grammys now staying with Sam Smith

Somewhere in England sits a man who was the unwitting inspiration for the biggest winner at the Grammy Awards.

He's the man who loved, and dumped, 22-year-old British soul singer Sam Smith. Smith's yearning hit, "Stay With Me," won Grammys for song and record of the year and he was named best new artist — three of the four biggest awards the Grammys present each year. His album, "In the Lonely Hour," won best pop vocal album but lost to Beck for album of the year.

Still, not a bad haul.

While accepting his record of the year award, Smith said he wanted to thank the man he's been in love with for the past year "for breaking my heart, 'cause you got me four Grammys."

Backstage later, Smith said that "I'll be seeing him soon, so I can let him touch the Grammys Asked what could top his

would be nice." Other memorable moments at Sunday's 57th annual Grammy

night, Smith said, "A boyfriend

KANYE TIME He didn't win any Grammys,

but Kanye West predictably made his presence felt — and not just for bringing wife Kim Kardashian along to entertain the red carpet crew. West performed a new song

about his late mother, "Only One," on a nearly dark stage, illuminated by a light glowing from under his feet. He joined collaborators Rihanna and, yes, Paul McCartney for a performance of new song, "FourFiveSeconds." And he made a joking reference to one of his most infamous moments, at an MTV Video Music Awards when he hijacked the stage from

When Beck won album of the year, beating out Beyonce among others, Kanye climbed the stairs to the stage and stopped just

Taylor Swift to protest a prize he

thought should have gone to

short of the microphone, smiling and wagging his finger before swiftly exiting. Knowing music insiders roared with laughter.

"Come back. I need some help," Beck said with a smile. BECK's BIGGIE

Beck's award for album of the year was Sunday's biggest surprise. His date mouthed, "Oh, my god," in hugging him after his name was announced and he looked a little shell-shocked walking up to the stage.

Beck's "Morning Phase" was a critical favorite, and it won best rock album. But it sold modestly and, at a time rock has receded in pop music's firmament, he'd been overshadowed by fellow nominees Sam Smith, Pharrell and Beyonce. But Beck won the influential Grammy, and later was joined by Chris Martin for a performance.

HAPPY TIME Pharrell went home happy

The producer-performer won three Grammys, including best pop solo performance for a live version of his omnipresent hit, "Happy." He won best music video and best urban contemporary album.

"This is super awkward and I'm going to moonwalk my way off this stage right now," he said after picking up one trophy.

Known for his headgear, Pharrell donned a bellboys' cap to play "Happy" in a collaboration with Lang Lang and Hans

COUNTRY TIME

She wasn't offered a spotlight on the prime-time broadcast, but veteran singer Rosanne Cash went home with three Grammy Awards for American roots performance, American roots song and Americana album.

"Reagan was president last

Cash, a country star in the 1980s who now lives in New York and keeps away from boisterous mainstream country. "I just showed up for work for 35 years and this is what happened."

Country queen Miranda Lambert's stage show shot off fireworks and she was briefly bleeped during her raucous performance of "Little Red Wagon." She won best country album for "Platinum."

**SOCIAL ISSUES** 

The state of the world found a place on the Grammy stage. President Obama Barack appeared in a taped message, urging help for women who are abused, and a woman involved in a violent relationship talked about getting help. Katy Perry followed her to the stage and sang the ballad, "By the Grace of God."

time I won a Grammy," said a handful of times, once by

Prince when he came onstage to present the Grammy for album of the year.

"Albums, remember those?" he said. "Like books and black lives, albums still matter."

In a moving closing segment, Beyonce sang the spiritual "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Common collaborated with John Legend on "Glory," Common's song in the movie Selma, which referenced last summer's racial unrest in Ferguson, Missouri.

**PERFORMANCE** 

Veteran Australian rockers AC/DC made for a somewhat odd choice to open the Grammys, performing a new song and the classic "Highway to Hell." Katy Perry and other audience members wore red horns in the audience to show support.

The night had several memorable performances. Usher did a spot-on Stevie Wonder imitation for "If It's Magic," briefly joined by the master with his signature harmonica. A well-toned Madonna cavorted with men wearing bull masks and antlers on her new "Living for Love." Smith was joined by Mary J. Blige on "Stay With Me" and Annie Lennox dueted with Hozier on "Take Me to Church."

None could top Australia's Sia for comic effect, some of it probably planned. She avoids being photographed, so she sang "Chandelier" in a bushy wig with a back to the audience with dancers replicating her music video, including surprise guest Kristen Wiig.

**RIVERS WIN** 

Veteran comic Joan Rivers won her first Grammy, in the spoken word category for "Diary of a Mad Diva." Sadly, it was a posthumous award. Daughter Melissa Rivers collected the tro-

"If my mother was here tonight, she would not only be honored and thrilled to be holding her first Grammy," Rivers said. "She would most likely have Racial turmoil was referenced it copied and on the air on QVC by 11."

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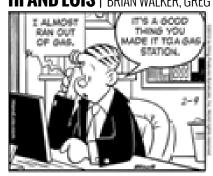


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MEMBERS:

Charles

Vera Davison, Vice President: Charles Walker, Jerri Lee, Daniel Thomas, Blanton, Steve Lemmons, Steve Ramsev. Randy Thomas. Perry Kirkland. and Allen Gilbert MEMBER ABSENT:

Mr. Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked COL Carl Thompson to open ending 12/31/2016. Motion Email contact in- the meeting with formation and pre- prayer. Mr. Morris Assessor Guin, led in the Pledge Allegiance.

asked for additions term the to agenda. Charles moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to add the following agenda: to the HEALTH SIBLEY is 6-d - Cullen Fire District #5 QARN, & physical Recreational unding 10. - Resolution concerning day-Friday 8a-5p. the disposal of Propellant M-6 Motion carried unanimously.

> There concerning agenda. the

Mrs. Jerri Lee Mr. Perry Kirkland to adopt by Mr. Steve Mr. Steve Ramsey Library – the minutes from the January 6, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

by Mrs. Jerri M. Lee Motion payment pending review of the committee. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is the presentation of "Compliance Guide Tax". Property Mr. Morris Guin, Assessor and COL Carl Thompson made will presentation to the Fire District Board the purchase Members that are warning present today. All Fire District Boards were represented to the

The tax guide will Humble help the boards Motion comply to the ever changing laws concerning Ad The last item on the the Valorem Property agenda concerns efforts of the Fire tax in Parish. Mr. R. O. M-6 Propellant at Webster Machen spoke on Camp

the

thank Mr.

Appointments will support the presented Louisiana Military were approval: Fire District approve Odom appointment. term the year

Fire District #2, to approve the reappointment of Kenneth Chandler and Mark Clements two year to a 2/18/2015 2/17/2017.

С Webster Convention Visitor's Bureau: To Thompson, reappoint Mr. Jerry Madden - Police Jury appointment term. d- Cullen Fire #6, to approve COMMENTS: recommendation No to re-appoint Mr. Micheal

were by Vera Davison to Allen audience approve the board reported that the comments appointments Black presented. as Motion carried in unanimously. Louisiana will be moved, seconded Mr. Perry Kirkland 21, moved, seconded

Police Jury Convention Mr. Allen Gilbert January 29, 2015 seconded by Mr. to approve invoices unanimously. unanimously.

Mr. bv Thomas to approve M-6 funding expense: Webster District # Police to LA Ad Valorem to WP Head Start and wanted the to purchase tablets community for the District all #3 the to the Town of Sarepta toward Mr. Bruce Blanton #5

of Town at the meeting with Cotton Valley for the

only one exception. ditch cleaning at will carried with unanimously.

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behalf of the Fire Mr. Charles was District Boards to Walker moved, to Guin seconded by Ms. provided. Resolution stating that the Webster

a- Sarepta and timely method #5, of disposal of the the M-6 propellant at reappointment of Camp Minden and Mack Garrett and request the EPA the other legislators Copies Sam Sandlin for the to do a better job that are involved in CONTRACT Town of Sarepta of informing the public concerning disposal. carried b- Sibley unanimously.

> COMMENTS: Whitaker, Mary WPPJ OCS Wanda Finley. Head Start Joan Almond, WP LSU Ag Morris Guin, Parish Assessor and COL Carl WP

- for a three year Homeland Security

John

12/31/2017. Preparedness SYSTEM,

comments Lawler. J U R O R Mr. Daniel Thomas COMMENTS:

moved. seconded Gilbert History Celebration February held

2015.

Ramsey to approve reported on the Police Jury and Road Committee staff expense for Meeting and made a motion to approve in the action taken New Orleans on at this meeting, - February 1, 2015. Steve Lemmons. carried Motion

Mr. Perry Kirkland Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded spoke concerning Randy the disposal of the propellant. the following items She stated that the recreational time is right for the Parish \$570.00 make a statement Center know that we are concerned \$2,500,00 about this issue.

> reported sirens. the Police Jury District Convention in New \$400.00 Orleans and he of then stated that Convention

in MARCH Street. Shreveport in 2016. 2015, Mr.

Thomas Webster the disposal of Departments parish.

assistance approve drafting a also commented on may be examined the M-6 Disposal. at the following His District is the location(s): The following Board Parish Police Jury Doyline area and C o t h r e n therefore is very Graff interested and concerned about Inc. this disposal. The parish is lucky to have the leadership of Mr. Bonsall and

> There being no further business to COTHREN bring to the Jury, the GRAFF, SMOAK meeting adjourned. ENGINEERING.

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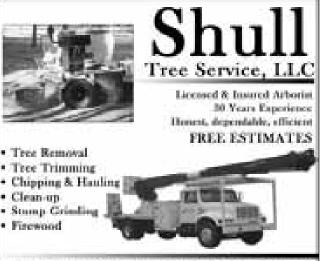
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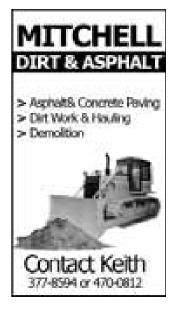
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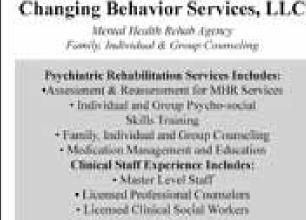
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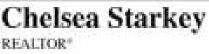


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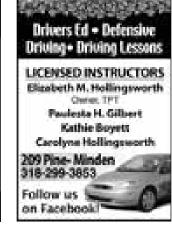
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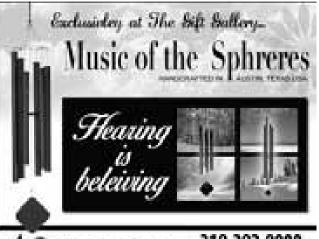


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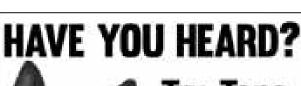


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