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MISS MINDEN TO PASS ON CROWN SATURDAY

Miss Minden 2015 Baylee Howell tried to sum up her year in one word and came up short; however, she says every girl needs to experience Miss Minden and Miss Louisiana. "My year as Miss Minden was absolutely incredible," she said. "I'm really saddened that it's coming to an end now, and it hasn't been anything short of amazing. I have grown so much as a person, and I've gotten to experience so much. My journey to Miss Louisiana was absolutely incredible."

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She says she met so many people and has made so many friends, adding that six of the Miss Louisiana contestants she competed with go to the University of Louisiana at Monroe with her.

"I met so many young ladies that have made such a huge impact on my life, and I wouldn't change a thing," she said. "I'm still in touch with many of my Miss

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TO GO
THE 2016 MISS MINDEN PAGEANT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 P.M., SATURDAY AT THE MINDEN CIVIC CENTER.

Wrap It Up Downtown, Christmas parade today



Downtown will be full of holiday cheer Friday night during the annual Wrap It Up Downtown. Becky White, Minden Main Street director, says the downtown shops will be open later with specials and sales. To finish off their sales, residents can enjoy The Minden Evening Lions Club's annual Christmas parade, which is set to roll at 6 p.m. Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

QUEST FOR THE CROWN

Murphy eyeing Miss Minden crown

Kat Murphy is the 18-year-old daughter of David and Lisa Murphy.

She is currently a freshman at Louisiana Tech University, majoring in biology.

In high school, Kat was a member of the MHS Louisiana, Student Council, National Honors' Society,

Nature Club and Quiz Bowl.

She is a member of the Louisiana Tech BCM and Alpha Epsilon Delta.

In the future, she plans to go to medical school and become a geneticist or biological researcher.

The Miss Minden Pageant will be at 7 p.m., Saturday,

Dec. 5 at the Minden Civic Center.

Tickets are \$10 and on sale at Al-N-Way Cleaners, located at 410 Homer Road. Children two years of age and under get in free. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the pageant.



Kat Murphy. Courtesy Photo

MINDEN CRIME

Burglary suspect arrested

Accused of stealing money out of car

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Minden police arrested a Sarepta man after he was reported to have stolen cash from a vehicle.

Cameron Alfred, 18, of the 300 block of Harper Street in Sarepta, was charged with simple burglary Tuesday.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says the incident occurred around 3 a.m., when a man appeared to be sleeping in the driver's seat of a vehicle at an apartment complex on Lewisville Road. "The victim indicated that he and his wife were coming out of the apartment complex getting ready to go to work," he said, "and



ALFRED

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AT THE CAPITOL

Edwards says he will govern from center

MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Gov.-elect John Bel Edwards sought to reassure business and political leaders that he was sincere when he campaigned as a centrist, saying Wednesday he would bring that approach to his administration.

The Democrat who takes office Jan. 11 told the annual luncheon of the nonpartisan Council For a Better Louisiana that he doesn't intend to govern "on the far left," saying he believed some in the luncheon room were



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AROUND THE STATE

Fugitive wanted in Waco shooting arrested at Bossier City casino

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BOSSIER CITY — Authorities say a man wanted in the deadly shootout involving rival motorcycle gangs earlier this year in Texas has been arrested in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Bossier City police spokesman Mark Natale says local, state and

federal agents arrested 38-year-old Phillip Ray White, of Eddy, Texas, Wednesday evening.

Natale says officers were able to locate and identify White at the Diamond Jacks Casino, where he was taken into custody without incident

White was wanted on a warrant charging him with engaging in

organized criminal activity specific to murder.

White, a member of the Cossack Motorcycle Club, was indicted by a grand jury for his role in the May 17 shootout at the Twin Peaks Restaurant in Waco that left nine dead and 20 wounded.

White is awaiting extradition back to Texas.



WHITE

EDWARDS

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fearful of that.

"I believe that the real solutions to our problems, the ones that will work and the ones that people will accept and stick with over time, happen to be in the center of the political spectrum," Edwards said. "If you get too far left or too far right, the people are fickle enough that they're going to reject that after some period of time."

He'll also be working with a majority Republican state House and Senate.

But despite the constraints that could put on Edwards, the governor-elect said he intends to push for the decidedly Democratic causes he championed as a candidate: a minimum wage increase, equal pay for women and expansion of Louisiana's Medicaid program.

"You're not going to see me hanging out on the far left, but we are going to do the things that I said we're going to do," Edwards said.

Edwards reached out to the audience of state officials, lawmakers, lobbyists and business officials, urging collaboration. He said if he proposes something they don't like, they should offer suggestions for a different approach.

"What we can't do is all go to our corner and start lobbing grenades at one another, because then we're going to stay in the same rut that we're in, nothing's going to



Gov.-elect John Bel Edwards sought to reassure business and political leaders that he was sincere when he campaigned as a centrist, saying Wednesday he would bring that approach to his administration. Courtesy Photo

get fixed, and the state cannot afford that," he said.

His speech largely recapped plans he outlined during his campaign.

He again said he'll hold a special legislative session in February aimed at raising revenue to help stabilize the state's budget, by making tax changes. He provided no further details on what he'd include.

On Wednesday, Edwards announced a 34-person Fiscal Matters Committee charged with proposing ways to close the budget gap. Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell and former state Inspector General Sharon Robinson are co-chairing the effort.

Edwards said his aversion

to the continued slashing of state financing for public colleges was the largest reason he decided to run for governor two years ago.

"Our kids are paying more, getting less in return, starting off — if they can go to college at all — with more debt than they should have," he said. "We have to do things differently."

One target for repeal early in the Edwards administration, the governor-elect said, is a tax credit that lawmakers created on paper to protect term-limited Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal's anti-tax record as he readied a now-ended bid for the GOP presidential nomination.

The tax credit — called SAVE — didn't raise new

money or cut anyone's taxes, but allowed Jindal to claim an offset against other tax hikes used to balance the budget.

Edwards, a state representative, heavily criticized the tax credit maneuver in the last legislative session as a sham, designed to adhere to a no-tax pledge Jindal signed with an organization led by national anti-tax activist Grover Norquist.

Also Wednesday, Edwards announced he has hired Richard Carbo as communications director for his new administration. Carbo, an Alexandria native, previously worked for former U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu and former Gov. Kathleen Blanco, both Democrats.

ARREST

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when they walked outside, they observed a person sitting in the driver's seat of their vehicle. The victim confronted the person inside his

vehicle, and the suspect indicated he may have been sleepwalking and was not sure why he was in the car."

Officer Brandon Curry was dispatched to the apartment complex, and Cropper says the victim explained the reason for calling to Curry.

The suspect - identified as Alfred - was asked to exit the vehicle, at which time, the officer noted as Alfred was wearing a hoodie as he exited the vehicle.

"In the pocket of the hoodie, he had cash that he'd removed from the console of

the victim's vehicle," he said. "Mr. Alfred was advised of his rights and transported to the Minden Police Department for booking on the charge of simple burglary."

He was later transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

FUNDRAISER

There will be a Vendor Show Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 1503 Eames St. in Minden. Items include Tupperware, Norwex, Scentsy, Stella & Dot, essential oils, Pink Zebra, homemade jelly. Clyde Stanley's Karate will also be in attendance. All proceeds will go to help support Slade Holloway. Slade is a 4-year-old Cotton Valley native that was recently diagnosed with Noonan's Disease.



HOLLOWAY

AROUND THE STATE

Credit agency says La. deficit plan was only 'stop-gap' fix

BATON ROUGE — A national credit rating agency says the maneuvers used by Gov. Bobby Jindal and lawmakers to close a \$487 million midyear budget gap were only temporary fixes.

Fitch Ratings released its analysis Thursday of the work recently done to rebalance this year's \$25 billion budget. The assessment was that Louisiana's leaders used "stop-gap measures" that "will not address the state's persistent budget challenges."

The credit agency said

some deficit-closing actions worsen next year's budget gap pegged at more than \$1 billion, and the shortfall in this year's Medicaid program.

Fitch said it is looking for Gov.-elect John Bel Edwards and lawmakers to stabilize the state's finances.

Treasurer John Kennedy called Fitch's statement a "warning shot" that Louisiana risks a credit rating downgrade if it doesn't devise a long-term budget solution.

AROUND THE STATE

Edwards plans to issue anti-discrimination order as governor

BATON ROUGE — Gov.-elect John Bel Edwards says he'll issue an executive order when he takes office in January that bans discrimination in state government based on sexual orientation.

Edwards, a Democrat, said Wednesday the edict will be similar to anti-discrimination orders enacted by Democratic former Govs. Edwin Edwards and Kathleen Blanco.

Blanco's order prohibited state agencies and contractors from various sorts of harassment and discrim-

ination based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation or disabilities.

Edwards described issuing such an order as "the right thing to do."

The order by Blanco stirred up complaints when it was put in place. Conservative groups derided the executive order while gay rights groups applauded it.


Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal and GOP former Gov. Mike Foster didn't enact similar executive orders in office.



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CRIME WATCH

DWI checkpoint in Webster Parish Friday

Louisiana State Police will be looking for impaired drivers Friday night. Troop G plans to conduct a DWI checkpoint on Friday, Dec. 4, from about 10:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. at an undisclosed location in Webster Parish.

They will be looking to get impaired drivers off the roads before they can cause injury or death to themselves or others. Each year, on Louisiana's highways, numerous people are killed or seriously injured in automobile crash-

es that involve impaired drivers. In 2014, 47 percent of the fatal crashes in Troop G involved impaired drivers. Motorists are asked to designate a sober driver before traveling to any place where alcohol will be consumed. Drive sober or get

pulled over. To report impaired drivers, motorists are encouraged to dial *LSP (*577) from their cell phone or to contact their local law enforcement agency.

HEALTH NEWS

Louisianans slow to enroll under AAC in 2016

BATON ROUGE — More than 43,400 Louisiana residents have signed up for health care coverage next year under the Affordable Care Act, which is nearly a quarter of last year's total so far.

The enrollment figure in federal Health Insurance Marketplace plans is as of Nov. 28, The Advocate reported. Experts said many people are waiting closer to the date to enroll, confused by changes or shopping around to avoid increased costs. "They are waiting until

the last minute. They're being worked, it's just not happening (enrollment) as quick as people think it's going to," said B. Ronnell Nolan, president and chief executive officer of Baton Rouge-based Health Agents for America. "Or people just can't afford it."

Open enrollment ends Jan. 31, but consumers have until Dec. 15 to enroll if they want their coverage to begin on Jan. 1, rather than March 1. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, consumers who had a plan in 2015 and

don't pick another by Dec. 15 will be automatically re-enrolled.

A year ago, 186,277 Louisiana residents either picked plans or were automatically re-enrolled in health plans under the Affordable Care Act.

Nolan said the low first-month enrollment numbers appear to be the result of a combination of factors. The premiums for individual coverage are expected to increase an average of 6.4 percent to 29.5 percent in Louisiana. Brian Burton, state direc-

tor of Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center, said it's difficult to compare current enrollment figures to last year's.

In 2014, open enrollment began Nov. 15 and ended Feb. 15, Burton said. The enrollment period also was extended for people who began the enrollment process but didn't complete it.

Burton expects the 2016 enrollment total will equal the 2015 numbers by Jan. 31.

OBITUARIES

Leon Brooks

Funeral services for Leon Brooks will be at 1 p.m., Dec. 8 at Growing Valley Baptist Church. Leon Brooks was born on Nov. 2, 1949 in Shreveport to the proud parents John and Madgaline Weston-Brooks.

He confessed and accepted Christ at an early age, uniting with the Growing Valley Baptist Church where he was baptized by the Rev. J. H. Dixon.

Leon attended elementary school at Union Elementary. After completing his secondary education in 1969 from Webster High School, Leon earned a bachelor of science degree from Grambling State University in history in 1973. He served for over 30 years as a teacher in the elementary education system where he was dedicated to teaching. He was serious about teaching his students.

Leon moved to California in November 2009, where he spent his last days.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents John and Madgaline Brooks. He leaves to cherish his memory four sisters; Nina Brooks, Polly Brooks-Britton and Bennie Brooks of Minden, as well as Winter Brooks-Varnier of Oakland, California, his brother Jerry V. Brooks of Grambling, 11 nieces and nephews, nine great-nieces and nephews and one great-great-niece and a host of relatives and friends.



BROOKS

Michael D. Jefferson

Michael D. Jefferson was born to the late Charles J. Jefferson and Margaret Y. Jefferson on Oct. 18, 1963. Michael was the first child born to this parentage.

Michael accepted Christ at an early age and was an active member of Mt. Calm Missionary Baptist Church prior to his military years. Michael was a proud graduate of Minden High School Class of 1982.

Michael's life journey included many facets: devoted husband, father, grandfather and caring friend. During Michael's marriage to Rhonda, he was in the United States Army and Air Force. A decorated combat veteran, he served in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. His tours of duty entailed two years and seven months in the Air Force, (1982-1985) as a Security Policeman and nine years and three months in the Army, (1987-1996) as a Military Policeman with the responsibility of making sure the Air Field was secure for plane landings.

Michael united in holy matrimony to Sharon Rene Key on March 8, 2003. No biological children were born to this union, but Mike and Nae were acting parents to many family members.

Michael made his peaceful transition on Dec. 1, 2015. His memory and legacy will be cherished and always remembered. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles J. Jefferson and Margaret Y. Jefferson; his father and mother-in-law, Harrison Key, Jr. and Mattie Mae Key.

Mike will fondly and forever be missed by his wife, Sharon of Minden; his sister, Colonel Charlene D. Jefferson, USAF Retired of Virginia; three children, Dantaveyia Jefferson (Meshia), Michael Jefferson, Jr. (Jessica), and LaGwenia Jefferson (Armond); aunt, Juanita J. Robinson of Minden; uncle, Rodney C. Nelson, Sr. (Gracie), of Minden; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Michael D. Jefferson will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 at Mt. Calm B.C., with the Rev. T. A. Knapp officiating. Interment will follow at the Sheppard Street Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4 with family hour from 6 p.m. until 7 in Kennon's Mortuary Chapel. Email condolences may be sent to kennonsmortuary@suddenlink.net.



JEFFERSON

CRIME TRACKER

Recents arrests made around Webster Parish

MINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Malando Kemp, 32, of the 500 block of Constable Street, was charged with DWI 1st with child endangerment.

Kenneth D. Davis, 32, of the 1500 block of Atkins Street in Arcadia, was charged with disturbing the peace by language, simple assault and as a fugitive from the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office.

Shakita Parker, 22, of the 800 block of Fincher Road, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear on the charge of theft of utilities.

Julie Cassels, 41, of the 400 block of Lake Road in Sibley, was charged with resisting an officer.

Salante Robinson, 29, of the 100 block of Loop Road was charged with theft of goods and as a fugitive from the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

Demarcus Miller, 26, of the 400 block of Woodard Street, was charged with domestic abuse battery and simple possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana).

Domonick Reed, 24, of the 500 block of Myers Road was charged with resisting an officer.

John Sterling, 45, of the 1700 block of 1st Avenue in Lake Charles, was charged on a blue sheet for disturbing the peace.

Jonathan Bazile, 23, of the 700 block of Pershing Street, was charged with DWI (second), hit and run, attempted disarming of a peace officer, driving under suspension, resisting by flight and reckless operation.

Cameron Alfred, 18, of the 300 block of Harper Street, was charged with simple burglary.

Kristen Cooper, 21, of the 400 block of Hillside, was charged with theft.

Jacorius Allen, 19, of the 100 block of Lorex Road was charged with possession of Schedule I CDS marijuana (first offense) and improper lane usage.

Vernecia Bender, 45, of the 1400 block of Lawhorne Street in Homer, was arrested on a warrant for unauthorized use of an access card (misdemeanor).

Joseph Sebastien, 52, of the 9000 block of Highway 80, was charged with theft of goods and disturbing the peace by profanity.

Shartrella West, of the 200 block of Barbara Drive, was arrested on a bench warrant for criminal damage to property and a court warrant for obstruction of a court order.

SPRINGHILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Travellus Kendell Young, 23, of the 600 block of Douglas Street, was charged with distribution of marijuana and distribution of crack cocaine.

Shiterra Coyjae Jones, 22, of the 10 block of Camelot Drive, was charged with distribution of Schedule I CDS (marijuana), possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana in the presence of a juvenile.

Bobby Randle Frazier, 37, of the 10 block of Camelot Drive, was charged with two counts of distribution of crack cocaine, possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana) and possession of marijuana in the presence of a juvenile.

Rickey D. Mendenhall, 33, of the 100 block of Curtis Street, was charged with distribution of Schedule I CDS (synthetic marijuana).

Devin M. White, 17, of the 400 block of Bill Lockey Road, was charged with misdemeanor carnal knowledge of a juvenile.

Temaska Reynolds, 33, of 5th Street SW, was charged with distribution of methamphetamine and a probation hold.

Keontra Devon Gipson, 18, of the 200 block of Morgan Street, was charged with misdemeanor carnal knowledge of a juvenile.

Bernard J. Hillebrant, 56, of the 400 block of 6th Street NW, was charged with dog at large.

Joann Barkins, 51, of the 400 block of Centerpark, was charged with simple criminal damage to property.

Britney P. Wynne, 25, of the 700 block of S. Ark, was charged with no driver's license on person, no license plate and no proof of liability insur-

WEBSTER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Justin Howard McCaleb, 21, of the 100 block of Katie Lane, was charged with possession of Schedule I CDS (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lillian E. Garland, 18, of the 100 block of Katie Lane, was charged with theft of animals.

Nicholas Tyler Barbo, 26, of the 100 block of Smithfield Lane in Heflin, was charged with improper lane usage, possession of Schedule I CDS with intent to distribute and drug paraphernalia.

John Mark Ross, 51, of the 800 block of Henry Williams Road in Shongaloo, was charged with possession of synthetic Schedule I CDS.

Chaquarius U. Williams, 27, of the 700 block of Cherry Street, was charged with DWI (first) and improper lane usage.

Gregorio Quevedo Rufino, 47, was charged with disturbing the peace by intoxication, simple criminal damage to property and open container.

Matthew Justin Jeters, 25, of 400 block of Watson Street in Doynline, was charged with disturbing the peace.

Joshua Lewis St. Jaques, 20, of 100 block of N. Arkansas Street in Springhill, was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Phillip Smith, 34, 1800 block of Kinder, was charged with introduction of contraband into a penal facility.

Ricardo Ivory White, 30, of 2100 block of Riverwood Drive, Mimosa Street in Bossier City, was charged on a warrant for distribution.

Arthur Raymond Taylor, 26, of 3000 block of Kitty Lane in Shreveport, was charged with improper lane usage, possession of marijuana and as a fugitive from the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office.

Cherrelle Tellis, 28, of 200 block of SE Claiborne Street in Sibley, was charged on a warrant for simple criminal damage to property.

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ROUND UP

The American Press of Lake Charles on highway safety

Statistics show that Louisiana highways are becoming safer — good news for everybody that travels by car or truck.

The Baton Rouge Advocate reported recently that deaths on Louisiana roads have plunged 20 percent in recent years and fatal accidents are down by 28 percent.

According to the Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana experienced 651 fatal collisions in 2013, reduced from 900 in 2007. Injury vehicle mishaps fell 10 percent during the same time period.

DOTD Secretary Sherri LeBas said road deaths were reduced from 916 in 2008 to 737 last year. More work needs to be done. Crashes in Louisiana are still above the national average, but the downward trend is in line with the national trends.

Louisiana State University compiled most of the figures from state vehicle accident reports.

The figures are included in the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan, which is a list of desired road and bridge projects the state plans if money for them becomes available.

However, not as promising in the report are the statistics which show less improvement in preventing crashes caused by distracted drivers than drunk or aggressive drivers. Louisiana has already banned the use of cell phones and text messaging by drivers.

Officials at the DOTD noted that the state needs \$178 million to tackle safety issues, including \$127 million around railroad crossings. In at least 27 percent of the fatal accidents, speeding was a factor, according to a July study from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Kevin Trull, the deputy director of the Louisiana High Safety Commission, recently said that increased safety belt usage is one of the reasons why traffic fatalities have been reduced in recent years.

Trull also said there needs to be more reduction in the 42 percent of fatalities which involved alcohol.

Improving highway safety is a never-ending endeavor. Let's keep it up.

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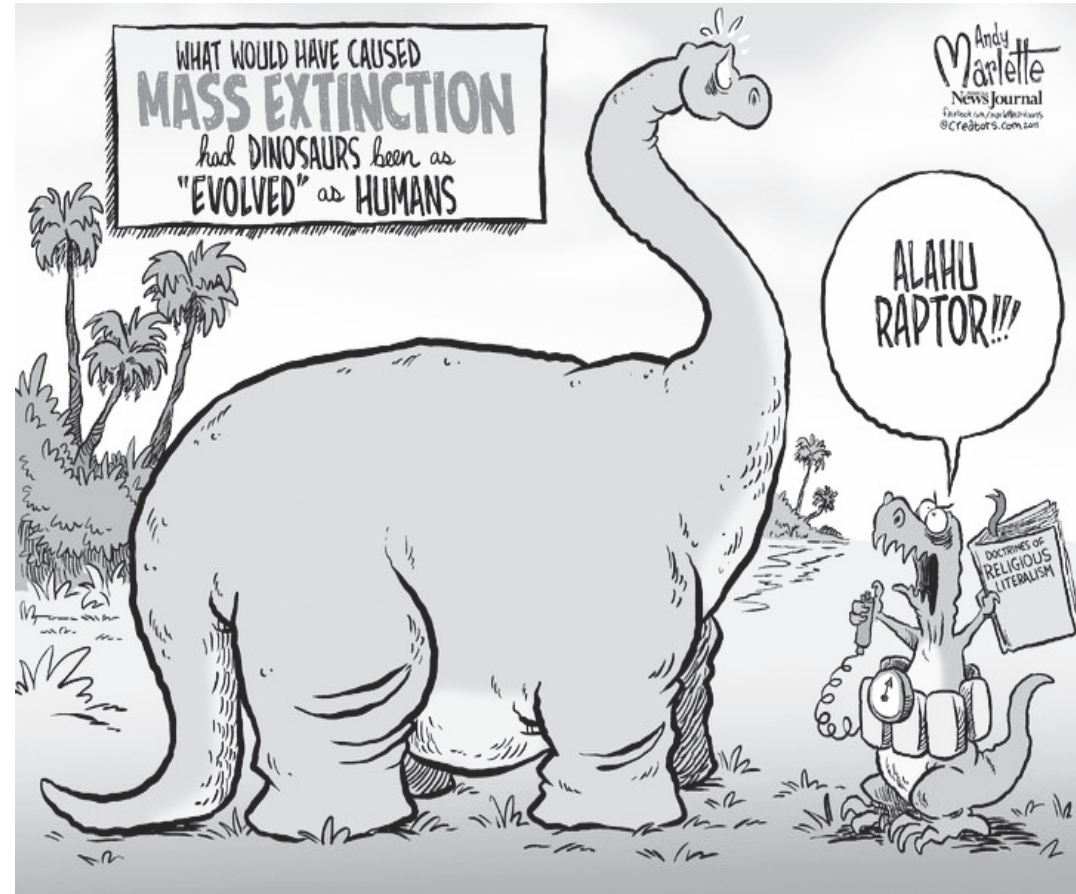
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CHAMBER CHATTER

Chamber of Commerce wrapping up 2015, ready to roar into 2016

I can hardly believe it's time to say it but, "Merry Christmas" from the Minden South-Webster Chamber of Commerce. We are wrapping up (pardon the pun) 2015 Chamber activities and preparing for great things coming in 2016.

Our Leadership Webster class of 2016 has met three times with a local History Session, SIM-SOC Session, and Education Session. Sincere thanks go out to Terry Gardner, Sue Gruber and Dr. Naomi Coyle, respectively, for facilitating these three sessions. Next week our December meeting will focus on Economic Development. We will tour the BioMed Center, the Port of Shreveport/Bossier, Camp Minden and will end with discussion by Sue on local Economic Development with reports on the Minden Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the South Webster Industrial District (SWID). I would like to acknowledge those individuals and their employers who are taking part in Leadership Webster this year.

Joe Adams - Minden Medical Center
David Bailey - Town & Country Health & Rehab

Stephanie Barnette - Minden South-Webster Chamber of Commerce
Logan Cammack - Jamieson, Wise & Martin
Jake Chapman - GBT
James Graham - City of Minden, Economic Development Director
Raymond Hampton - Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church
Micah Hanson - Richland State Bank
Jason Harris - First United Methodist Church
Mandi Hart - Minden Medical Center
Bobby Igo, III - Webster Parish Sheriff's Office
Jeff Lee - MBL Bank
Twyla Mims - Webster Parish Assessor's Office
Jason Veitch - Anti-Pest & Veitch
Denise Webb - Webb Family Medicine
Becky White - City of Minden, Mainstreet Director
Melissa White - Minden Medical Center
Jim Williams - Minden Medical Center

As you can see, this is a great group of professionals representing a cross-section of our business community. We sincerely appreciate their employers' allowing them to take part.

I would like to officially welcome our new Board of Directors members who will begin serving three-year terms in January. They are:
David Bailey - Town & Country Health & Rehab
Nancy Hines - Savannah Court of Minden

Ben Storrs - Walgreens
Kagney Veitch - United Way of Northwest Louisiana
Denise Webb - Webb Family Medicine

We look forward to working with these individuals as we continue to move our Chamber forward.

Please join me in welcoming two new Chamber members, Hugh Wood Catering, LLC and Sanders Machine and Supply. Thank you for investing in the Chamber and our South Webster business community.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Annual Membership Banquet which will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Minden Civic Center. Our theme will be "A Salute to the Armed Forces," with Four-star General Robin Rand, Barksdale Air Force Global Strike Commander as our invited speaker. We are planning a wonderful evening of awards, good food, a great speaker and a few surprises. You don't want to miss this event as we pay tribute to our U.S. Armed Forces.

All Chamber activities and news can be found on our website, www.mindenchamber.com; on Instagram, Minden Chamber; and on Facebook. Stay informed and plugged in as we ROAR into 2016!!!

Jerri dePingre is president of the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce.



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PERSPECTIVE

Progressive fascists & the name game

As you may know, some students at Princeton University are requesting - demanding! - that Woodrow Wilson's name be obliterated from campus buildings. Not only did Wilson graduate from Princeton, he was president of the school, governor of New Jersey and an impeccably 'progressive' president of the United States. So what's the beef?

Well, our 28th president was a dyed-in-the-wool racist who re-segregated the federal bureaucracy. His retrograde racial views have long been known to anyone who has taken the time to read about Wilson, and this latest campus dustup raises a question: Why stop with Woodrow Wilson?

The town of Princeton and the university itself are named after William III, Prince of Orange, whose family was deeply involved in the slave trade. Princeton has streets and buildings honoring native son Paul Robeson, the singer, athlete, actor, and unapologetic Stalinist. Robeson, undeniably a remarkable and talented man, clung to his affection for communism and the USSR even after being told that the Soviets were persecuting Jews. Perhaps his name should be vanished, Soviet-style, from the town square.

To the north in Connecticut, Wesleyan University got its name from John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church. A couple of centuries before San Bernardino, Paris, ISIS, and all the other Islamic-related mayhem, Wesley described Muslims as 'destroyers of human kind.' So shouldn't the trustees consider re-naming their ultra-liberal university?

Not to be outdone, Winston Churchill, whose name adorns numerous American schools, wrote that 'no stronger retrograde force exists in the world' than Islam. And let's not overlook President John Quincy Adams, who warned that the Koran advises 'perpetual war' against infidels. Yes, JQA was an Islamo-phobe, but don't mention it to the good folks of Quincy, Massachusetts.



**BILL
O'REILLY**

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a saint in the church of liberalism, had some serious issues with homosexuality. As secretary of the navy, FDR went on a crusade to find and weed out 'sexual perversion' in the Navy. The Great Emancipator Abraham Lincoln opined that the white race must always retain 'the superior position.' Think of all those 'Lincoln Elementary Schools' and 'Roosevelt High Schools' across the USA and the big payday in store for stone masons.

In West Virginia, pretty much everything not nailed down is named after long-serving Democratic Senator Robert Byrd, whose career included a stint as Exalted Cyclops in the local Ku Klux Klan chapter. If there are calls to have his name sandblasted from all those edifices, we have not heard them.

Most towns, probably yours included, have streets named after slaveholders Washington, Jefferson, and Madison. Yes, a stroll on Madison Avenue in New York City may require a 'trigger warning' for some of today's more delicate college students.

The point of all this is not to say that everything should be renamed, but rather that nothing should be renamed. Unless, that is, some horrible new disclosure comes to light. Anyone with a pulse and curiosity could have known that Woodrow Wilson was a stone-cold racist, that Honest Abe honestly felt blacks were lesser beings, and that Churchill loathed Islam.

These were men of their times expressing views that were common then, but which we now consider repugnant. They should be judged by the standards of the eras in which they lived, not by our notions of what is acceptable. Demonizing FDR for his views of homosexuality makes as much sense as criticizing his fondness for cigarettes.

However, if we suddenly discover that Wilson was, say, a pedophile, or that Lincoln was a serial killer in his spare time, a re-examination will be in order. Short of that, how about we just leave things the way they are? Sorry to all you brick layers out there.

As an aside, back in 1964 Shirley Ellis had a runaway hit with 'The Name Game.' If you're of a certain age, you can still recite her unique lyrics - 'Lincoln, Lincoln, bo Binoque, Bonanana fanna fo Fincoln.' It was a light song infused with fun and joy.

But today's Name Game is one of bitterness, usually played by left-wingers who revel in feeling 'oppressed.' And if they really want to start down the slippery slope of erasing past leaders from public streets and buildings, why not go all the way? Out with Washington and Lincoln and Roosevelt, down with Churchill and Wilson and Madison. Let the re-naming begin!

Bill O'Reilly is a talk show host on Fox News. His column runs on Friday in the Minden Press-Herald.

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Around Town

Dec. 5

A Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser for Ross Aldridge will be from 9 until 5 p.m. at the CAC building in Springhill. For more information contact Lisa Balentine at 318-564-0978 or Nan Stephens at 318-578- 4800.

Tickets for the Miss Minden Pageant are on sale. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale at Al-N-Way Cleaners, located at 410 Homer Road. Children two years of age and under get in free. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the pageant. The Miss Minden Scholarship Pageant will be Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Minden Civic Center. The pageant is sponsored by the Young Women's Service Club.

Lakeview United Methodist Church will be serving children a free breakfast of pancakes and juice and offering a free picture with Santa from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Old Ship of Zion to be held at Union Grove Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

Dec. 6

Terry Combs will be preaching his first sermon at Mt. Comfort Baptist Church at 2:15 p.m.

Galilee Baptist Church's 151st anniversary will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. Serving as guest speaker will be pastor Terrance Hicks.

Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 7

Taco, cinnamon roll, corn, green salad, fresh fruit

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic bread, green salad, fruit cocktail

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Beef steak fingers, WG cornbread, turnip greens, great northern beans, green salad, fresh fruit

Thursday, Dec. 10

BBQ pulled chicken sandwich, fries, green salad, sliced peaches

Friday, Dec. 11

Chicken/turkey tetrazzini, green beans, popeye salad, orange wedges, roll

NANCY'S KITCHEN

White chocolate cherry pie

Last month, my hairdresser and friend, Dorothy Parks, proprietress of the "Hair Teasers Beauty Shop" celebrated her birthday. When she and the other three hairdressers have a birthday, they always observe it in the shop on the Friday of the week of the birthday. They and some customers provide the food and everyone joins in the fun and festivities.



NANCY MCWHORTER

Even on regular business days, Dorothy furnishes some sort of homemade treat for customers to nibble on. Like me, she enjoys reading cookbooks and trying new recipes. For her birthday this year I gave her a Taste of Home Cookbook and this pie. The pie was such a hit that several

requested the KEEPER recipe. It would be an incredible addition to your Christmas dinner.

WHITE CHOCOLATE CHERRY PIE

- 1 (9 inch) frozen pie shell, thawed
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. almond extract
- ½ cup white chocolate chips
- 1 (8 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (7.25 oz.) jar "Smuckers Magic Chocolate Shell"
- 1 (21 oz.) can Regular or Premium Cherry Pie Filling & Topping

Bake pie crust as instructed on package directions.
Cool and place in freezer to chill before filling.
In a large bowl beat cream

cheese, sugar and almond extract until smooth.

Melt white chocolate in microwave following package directions.

When melted, pour into cream cheese mixture.

Beat with electric mixture until smooth.

Fold whipped topping into mixture.

Remove pie crust from freezer; be sure to SHAKE the Magic Chocolate well before spreading enough to cover bottom of crust, allow chocolate shell to harden.

Pour cream cheese mixture evenly over chocolate covered crust.

Cover and chill for at least 2 (two) hours.

Spoon and spread cherry pie filling on top of pie before serving.

Garnish with white chocolate chips if desired.

Girl Scout Troop shows support for law enforcement



Girl Scout Troop 508 from Central Elementary recently made goodie bags for local law enforcement agencies for their community project. Pictured girls are LaJayda Chipps, Asia Huey, Kayleigh Haughton, Kyleigh Haughton, Kaitlin James, Kimber James, Serenity Lee, Destani McCoy, Sara Osborne, Trinity Phillips, Paige Simpson, Hannah Smith and Brandie Washington. Not pictured is Kazanee Willis. Courtesy Photo

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Miss Minden Pageant is Saturday

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Miss Minden 2016 will be crowned during the Miss Minden scholarship pageant set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Minden Civic Center.

For those who have not purchased their tickets, Young Women's Service Club President Jennifer Spurlock says they can be purchased at the door. Miss Minden 2015 Baylee Howell will crown one of five contestants vying for the opportunity to represent Minden and Webster Parish.

"This year has been challenging but exciting," Spurlock said. "Because we are doing two (pageants) this year, we've run into some challenges, but it's all worked out. The five contestants that are competing Saturday are all amazing."

Contestants will compete in five categories, including interview, swimsuit, talent, eveningwear and on-stage question.

Spurlock says the percentages of each category will determine who is crowned the next Miss Minden. The interview portion of the pageant is worth 25 percent, swimsuit is 15 percent, talent is 35 percent,

eveningwear is 15 percent and the on-stage question is worth five percent.

She says judges will be looking for eye contact, their knowledge of their platforms, poise and posture, outfit selections and confidence.

Spurlock feels that the people of Minden would be proud to have any one of the five representing Minden and Webster Parish.

"I helped them with the mock interviews, and they were all fantastic," she said. "I wanted to talk to each one of them more because they were so personable, just fascinating. Each one of them would represent Minden very well. Saturday is

going to be an exciting night, because it's so hard to choose from these five."

She applauded the Young Women's Service Club for their hard work and pulling it all together to make for a great pageant.

"It's going to be a great pageant to attend," she said.

The winner chosen as the 2016 Miss Minden will receive a \$2,200 scholarship to the college of her choice. First runner-up will receive a \$1,250 scholarship to the college of her choice, and second runner-up will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice. The winner of the Teen Princess and

Miss Minden pageants will receive a gift basket, she said.

The Miss Minden Teen Princess pageant will take place at noon. Three contestants between the age of 15 and 17 will vie for the crown. They are: Cassidy Jones, Ally Doyle and Kenzie Ellington.

The Junior Miss Minden pageant, "Little Miss" will be at 9:30 a.m. for age groups 0-14.

Spurlock says a total of 31 contestants have signed up for the pageants.

Tickets are \$5 for the Little Miss and Teen Princess pageants, \$10 for Miss Minden and can be purchased at the door.

HOWELL

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Louisiana sisters. Going into the Miss Louisiana pageant, I never thought for a second that I would find so many young ladies that I would connect with and have such a strong bond with."

She spent much of her year promoting her platform Hope for the Homeless. She has spent countless volunteer hours at the Providence House in Shreveport as well as working with the Ronald McDonald House in Monroe. She, along with other volunteers, hosted a children's craft day at the Providence House where they enjoyed making crafts and spending the day being children.

When she was a junior at Lakeside High School, she began looking into volunteering at the Providence House after reading a newspaper article about it.

"It completely changed my entire outlook on life," she said. "I want to continue to volunteer and create awareness for this organization, because many people don't know all the things Providence House does for individuals. It's not just a homeless shelter; it also has an educational center that allows individuals to go to college and get an education. They also help individuals get a job outside of the Providence House."

After she passes on her crown Saturday, she says she fully intends to continue to volunteer her time there as well as the Ronald McDonald House. As for competing again, she wants to but not this year. She says she needs to focus on school.

"It's been a big change for me, moving away from my family and living on my own," she said. "As of right now, I don't plan on competing in any preliminary pageants this year, but in the future absolutely. I hope to represent my school, and I absolutely want to go back to Miss Louisiana. I believe every girl should have the opportunity to experience that, because it's so much more than a pageant."

While she was a pre-pharmaceutical major when she got to ULM, she has since changed to risk management and insurance.

Howell is a 2015 graduate of Lakeside and is the daughter of Jason Howell and Tawnya Smith.

As she moves to the next phase of her life, her advice to Miss Minden 2016 is to cherish every moment of her reigning year.

"I try to cherish every moment, and I truly believe I did so," she said. "That's what I want her to do. It is easy to become stressed while preparing for Miss Louisiana, but I just hope that she steps back and realizes she's already come so far. She's representing such a magnanimous city. I hope she realizes that she has an entire city behind her supporting her in Miss Louisiana. No matter the outcome, she is still going to be truly loved by so many people."



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MEET THE CONTESTANTS



Abby Baker

Abby Baker is a 20-year-old sophomore at Louisiana Tech University majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Abby wants to follow in the footsteps of her grandmother and mother and become a schoolteacher.

At Tech, Abby is a member of the Sigma Kappa - Beta Epsilon Chapter. She is also a member of Bulldog Belles and Beaux.



Magan Billups

Magan Billups is the daughter of Kristal Bolyer and Dennis Billups.

She is a senior at Minden High School and plans to attend the University of Louisiana Monroe and major in nursing.

During her freshman year, she placed in both district and in state in a choir competition.

Magan is the oldest of five, having two brothers and two sisters.

She is a two-year member of the MHS Louisi-Annes, a two-year member of the MHS Grig Staff, a member of Junior Ring Staff and a member of Prom Committee.



Macey Colvin

Macey Annalina Colvin is the 20-year-old daughter of Debbie and Brandy Colvin.

She is a sophomore at Bossier Parish Community College where she is obtaining a degree in Mass Communication.

Macey is the youngest of five and the fourth generation in her family to rodeo. She is a member of the United Professional Rodeo Association where she recently passed down her title as Miss UPRA.

Macey is currently a cheerleader at BPCC and is proud to be a part of the first team from the college to compete at nationals in Daytona this April.

Her plans after graduation are to become a sales representative for Cinch Western Wear while starting her career in public relations.



Sharity Brent

Sharity Ann Brent is the 19-year-old daughter of James and Leslie Brent.

She is a 2014 graduate of Minden High School where she was a leader and 4-year member of the Louisi-Annes dance line.

Sharity is now a sophomore at Louisiana Tech University majoring in nutrition and dietetics.

She is a 2-year member of the Regal Blues dance team, a student recruiter and very active in her Baptist Collegiate Ministry.



Kat Murphy

Kat Murphy is the 18-year-old daughter of David and Lisa Murphy.

She is currently a freshman at Louisiana Tech University, majoring in biology.

In high school, Kat was a member of the MHS Louisi-Annes, Student Council, National Honors' Society, Nature Club and Quizbowl.

She is a member of the Louisiana Tech BCM and Alpha Epsilon Delta.

In the future, she plans to go to medical school and become a geneticist or biological researcher.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Apaches, Lady Tiders get big wins

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The biggest game of a busy Thursday on the hard-court was in Haughton at the Jack Clayton Invitational, where Minden and Lakeside met in a thrilling game won by Minden, 66-62.

It would be Minden coming out on top once again, this time in convincing fashion, 52-36.

Thomas Brown led the Crimson Tide with 11 points, followed by Davian Moore with five points.

In the first matchup, offense ruled the night, but on Thursday it was all about defense.

"It was not a very high-scoring game," Minden head coach Alan Shaw said. "We did a really good job defensively on Lakeside's best two players. I thought JJ Sneed and Ventavious Williams did a

tremendous job guarding No. 22 tonight and guarding Jalen (Gould) as well."

Gould finished with 15 points, Chris Brantley scored eight points and Djimon Lard had seven.

Minden will face Byrd tonight at 5:30 in Haughton for the second round of the tournament.

Lady Tiders

The Minden Lady Tiders defeated a good Neville team, 75-59.

Minden jumped out to a 26-11 first quarter lead, but from there the two teams traded big runs with Neville cutting the lead to single digits and Minden always having the answer.

"I thought we did a good job of moving the basketball and stepping up to the free throw line and knocking down some big shots," Lady Tider head coach Jacob Brown said. "The way we played tonight shows the growth that's taking place. Our group has

potential, this was a pretty complete performance."

Tiaga Pugh had a big night to lead the Lady Tiders with 28 points and nine rebounds. Sha'Terra Batton had 17 points and six rebounds, Sha Whiting had 11 points, five rebounds and four steals and Bre Rogers added nine points and four rebounds.

The Lady Tiders will take on Captain Shreve tonight at BPCC in round two. Tip-off for that game is 5:30.

Glenbrook Apaches

The Glenbrook Apaches defeated Central School, 50-36.

"We won with our defense tonight," Glenbrook head coach Jeff Dalton said. "We had an off night offensively, but Da'maza Robinson and Cade Conterez got us going in the second half."

Robinson finished with 18 points to lead all scorers, followed by Conterez

with 16 points.

Freshman Johnny Law Flournoy added seven points off the bench and senior forward Garrett Sanders pulled down 18 rebounds for the Apaches.

"Johnny Law Flournoy gave us great minutes off the bench," Dalton said. "I thought Garrett Sanders owned the boards as well."

Lady Apaches

The Glenbrook Lady Apaches made quick work of the Central School Lady Pioneers, 45-28.

"We're getting better each game," Lady Apache head coach Rendi Dillard said. "We jumped out to the early lead and never looked back. Central tried to make a couple runs, but we kept our heads down and finished."

Carsin Spurlock led the Lady Apaches with 19 points, followed by Megan Sims and Amelia Christy with six points.



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Glenbrook hunter's super raffle

Congratulations to last week's big winners in the Glenbrook Hunter's Weekly Super Raffle. Left, Kirsten Smith poses with the Heritage Rough Rider Revolver Pistol won by Matt McCoy of Castor in the Wednesday, Nov. 25 drawing, with winning numbers 056. Right, Joe Ellis Michael poses with the Ruger LCP 380 Auto Pistol won by John Tucker of Minden in the Saturday, Nov. 28 drawing. His winning numbers were 757. The Glenbrook Super Raffle is sponsored by Rockin' Rooster in Minden and Michael's Men's Store and Sporting Goods in Homer. Submitted photos

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| Clemson vs. N. Carolina |
| Iowa vs. Mich. St. |
| USC vs. Stanford |
| Temple vs. Houston |
| Baylor vs. Texas |
| Bills vs. Texans |
| Bears vs. 49ers |
| Browns vs. Bengals |
| Dolphins vs. Ravens |
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Friday and Saturday 8-12. 613 Elm. House full of stuff. front load washer and dryer, micro-waves, baby bed. queen trim and headboards, tables and chairs, bedding, kitchenware, and Christmas items.

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2925 TANGLEWOOD - Nice 3/2 updated french style home w/ 1289 sqft +/- on large lot with 36x24 workshop & fenced backyard. Open floor plan. Den w/f.p. open to kitchen w/ lots of cabinets and granite counter tops. Large playroom could be 4th bedroom. \$286,500

FOR LEASE! 200 BERRY - For lease, \$1,200 per month.

105 WOODHAVEN - Beautiful home w/ approx. 3780 sq.ft., two story entry & den w/ F.P., D/R, large kitchen w/ lots of cabinets, game room, large master bedroom & bath, inground saltwater pool w/ landscaped yard. \$435,500

151 PEPPERIDGE DR - New Construction w/ lots of extras, high ceilings, granite counter tops, S.S. appliances, 4BR/3.5BA, 2615 sq.ft +/- \$379,999 REDUCED \$359,000

240 HARTWELL - New Construction w/ lots of extras, high ceilings, ceramic flooring that looks like wood, granite, S.S. appliances, freezer/Ref. that looks like a commercial grade, 4 BR/3.5BA, 2615 sq.ft. +/- \$379,999 REDUCED \$359,000

608 LONGLEAF DRIVE - Fabulous custom built home, granite countertops, wood flooring, stainless steel appliances, bonus room that could be fourth bedroom. \$335,000

12095 HWY 80/MINDEN - 3BR/2BA, also includes a 2BR/1BA garage apartment, pool and screen porch. Owner would consider financing with \$25,000 down. REDUCED \$300,000

220 NORTHWOOD - Remodeled 2 story home w/ 3600 +/- sqft, 4BR/3BA, granite countertops, L/R, den, remote master w/f.p., game room & RV shed. REDUCED \$249,000

160 BRAEBURN GLEN - Beautiful 3BR/2BA custom built home, open floor plan w/ kitchen, dining & den w/ F.P., wonderful molding, master BR/BA, 2150 sq.ft. +/- REDUCED \$245,000

291 CAREY LANE - Cute home w/ great curb appeal, 3BR/2BA, remote master w/ separate tub & shower, den w/ F.P., D/R, wood flooring on two lots. REDUCED \$189,500

2051 DOGWOOD - Adorable country home on beautiful 4 acre lot, 4BR/2BA, bonus room that could be 5th BR, approx 2016 sq.ft., \$199,999 REDUCED \$185,000

285 CHRISLO - Pretty wooded lot, 1.87 acres, L/R, den w/ double F.P. open to kitchen, 4BR/2BA, 2160 +/- sq.ft. \$184,500

618 ELM - Precious updated home, 3BR/3BA, 2509 sq.ft +/-, w/ L/R, D/R, study, large kitchen w/ S.S. appliances. \$184,999 REDUCED \$179,500

1783 Hwy 153 - Nice home on 1.5 acres +/- w/ 2010sqft +/-, Den w/f.p. open to kitchen and breakfast room. 3BR/2BA both baths have had updates. Large game room, inground pool w/ fence. \$177,500

114 BENT TREE LOOP/HAUGHTON - Very nice new home built in 2013. 3BR/2BA, 1408 sq.ft., ceramic flooring and carpet, fenced in backyard and covered patio on 0.9 acres \$175,000

901 NELLA - Move in ready! Large corner lot w/ fenced backyard, 3BR/2BA, 1600 sq.ft. w/ totally updated baths, kitchen open into breakfast & den, remote master. \$162,500

1102 RATHBUN - Updated 4BR/3BA, den open to kitchen, game room, 2800 sq.ft. +/- on large corner lot. \$155,000

323 T. RIGG ROAD/ARCADIA - 2BR/2BA, brick on slab, 2.24 acres. \$150,000

1277 HWY 520/HOMER - 3BR/2BA on 20 acres w/ barn and pasture land. \$149,900

227 CALVIN LINER ROAD - 3.7 acres +/- with a 1961 sq.ft. +/- 3BR/2BA brick home. Nice den w/ F.P., D/R, office, barn & shed \$149,500

101 EMERALD DR - 4BR/3BA, spacious home, large den, & fenced in back yard \$144,900

286 GRIDER ROAD - 3 acres +/- home w/ 1536 sq.ft. +/- 3 BR/2BA home w/ vinyl siding. Large open den w/ fireplace, 2 storage buildings \$139,500

217 1ST STREET/SIBLEY - Nice home on larger corner lot, 3BR/2BA, owners have repainted inside, replaced carpet & ceramic in kitchen and breakfast room, \$137,900

237 W. UNION - Spacious family home w/ 2218 sq.ft., 3BR/2BA, large L/R, extra large master, garage apt. 1BR/1BA w/ kitchen, deep lot. \$134,500

1195 PACH TREE/DUBBERLY - Precious 3BR/2BA on 2 acres w/ 1664 +/- sq.ft., open kitchen, breakfast & den, remote master bath w/ separate tub/shower REDUCED \$129,000

511 WOODMILL RD/HEFLIN - 3BR/2BA Brick home on 1 acre. \$120,000

519 GOODWILL - Cute home with 4BR/2BA, 1879 sq.ft., C/A & C/H, small workshop \$110,000

806 NELLA - Precious home backs up to golf course, 3BR/1.5BA, updated colors, laminate flooring, fenced yard and covered patio. \$109,500

401 FINCHER - 3BR/1.5BA, nice kitchen w/ large breakfast area, shady fenced yard \$104,900

114 RICHARDSON - Very cute home w/ lots of charm. Approx. 1600 sq.ft. 3BR/1.5BA, L/R, D/R, large kitchen open to breakfast area. \$104,999 REDUCED \$99,500

1753 4TH/ARCADIA - Nice 3BR/2BA brick on two lots, large family room \$99,500

2610 BARDOT/BOSSIER - Cute updated home! 3 BR/1BA, 1134 sq.ft. \$95,000

2150 OLD ARCADIA - Pretty property not far out of town. Trailer needs lots of TLC \$85,000

2114 SPRING DR./HAYNESVILLE - 4/2 L/R, Office \$78,900

3014 MILITARY RD (HWY 371 S)/RINGGOLD - Precious home built in 1929, 2BR/1BA w/ approx. 1510 sq.ft. on 1 acre \$75,000

1823 YELLOW PINE RD. - Lake front near Port-O-Bisteau, log cabin w/ large family room, 1 BR/1BA & room for expansion, loft design on hill overlooking lake. REDUCED. \$75,000

207 WELLS UNION - Nice home located close to downtown Minden, 3BR/2BA, 1485sq.ft. \$74,000

101 FULLER STREET - Nice 2BR/1BA, kitchen appliances stay, new deck \$60,000

1368 ANNETTE ST/GISBLAND - Precious 2BR/1BA, Corner lot \$52,000

1144 WEST ST - Cute 3BR/1BA home w/ L/R, D/R, double garage, fenced yard. \$49,900

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY/LAND

WOODHAVEN LOT #14 .71 +/- acres back up to pond & RCD#01 \$34,500

800 LEE STREET - 3 corner lots, 51,25x140, approx. 49 acres. \$35,000

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805 YALE - 2888 +/- sq.ft church w/ sanctuary, auditorium, kitchen, office, nursery, brick on slab, two remolded baths approx. 2 acres \$219,900

TERRAL ROAD - 48.22 Acres, \$3,500 per acre with 1/2 minerals

1113 LOUISIANA - Lot \$10,000

GRIGSBY LOOP - SALE PENDING

PERO CHURCH ROAD/BOSSIER - SALE PENDING

206 MARY - SALE PENDING

635 WATSON - SALE PENDING

2334 COOK ST/RINGGOLD - SALE PENDING

1303 MARK DRIVE - SALE PENDING

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PUBLIC NOTICES CONT.

Parish Courthouse, Minden, LA, consider amendments to the 2015 Operating budget and to adopt the 2016 proposed operating budget for the 26th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Petition forms may be obtained from the Office of Community Services at 208 Gleason Street in Minden.

There is no filing fee, but a filing deadline of 4:30 p.m. December 28, 2015, is established. If necessary, an election will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016.

December 14, 11, 18 & 23, 2015
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J. Schuyler Marvin, District Attorney
26th Judicial District of Louisiana.

December 5, 2015
Minden Press-Herald

Certification for candidates to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services will open December 4, 2015 and continue through December 28, 2015.

SHERIFF S SALE
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC VS. J A S S O N F I T Z G E R A L D AND K I M B E R L Y F I T Z G E R A L D

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SOLD SUBJECT

TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

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January 1, 2015
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wife, the point of beginning of the lot herein described; from said point of beginning continue North 38 degrees East along the Easterly line of said highway a distance of 115 feet; thence run South 37 degrees 10 minutes East 210 feet; thence run South 38 degrees West along a line parallel to said highway right of way a distance of 115 feet; thence run North 37 degrees 10 minutes West 210 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

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2200 Peachtree/Dubberly - Under construction, enjoy 2.26 +/- acres, the country and wildlife in your own backyard, 4BR w/ 2376 sq.ft., F/P, tall ceiling, crown molding. Agent related to seller. Call Laura.

1028 Ridgewood - Must see this new home, just completed. Beautiful crown molding through-out, formal dining, large open kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, 2785 sq.ft., game room, & much more!

1109 GLORIA/MINDEN - Completely remodeled 3BR/3BA, quiet street, darling home with granite countertops. Call Angie. \$487,500 REDUCED \$178,000

507 Goode - Great starter home with lots of charm. Fenced backyard, double carport, has shed, 3 bedroom with 1251 sq.ft. Call Susan. \$96,500

LOTS AND LAND FOR SALE

544 Faulk/Athens - 29.79 Acres \$90,000

COMMERCIAL

11112 Hwy. 371/Sibley - Commercial property, 36x50 pole barn, 70x36 shop, office on 5 acres. Much more, please call for showing. MOTIVATED SELLERS! FOR SALE! REDUCED! \$229,900

12091 Hwy 80 - Sale Pending

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300 S. MIDDLE LANDING - 2 large Bedrooms, brick, Central A/H, large bonus room could be bed room on 1/2 acre lot approx. 1400 sq ft heated, corner lot \$79,900

1166 DORCHEAT RD/MINDEN - 3BR/2BA, M/H, fireplace, large open den & kitchen, approx. 1600 sq.ft., sitting on 2.5 acres, C A/H, 28x60, attached carport, large work shop \$95,000 REDUCED \$79,000

301 EAST UNION - large concrete building on corner lot, 3, 1/2 BA, large parking area, fenced, can be used as a car lot and auto repair shop. New Roof. \$125,000. Owner will consider all offers!

214 MILLER ST. - Commerical Building used as a convention center, 14,221 sqft., lots of parking area, call for more details, owner will consider offers.

609 LONLEAF DRIVE - 3BR/2BA, brick, F.P., large lot, new carpet & paint, great neighborhood, covered patio, large den & dining area. \$191,000

410 ART CAMP ROAD/HEFLIN - 2BR/2BA, M/H, 08, nice lot, covered carport, storage builds, front covered deck across road from lake bistineau approx. 1300 + sq ft \$85,000

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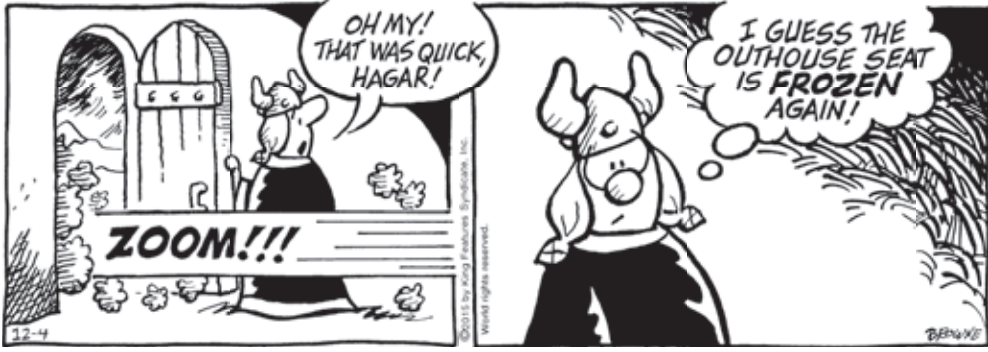
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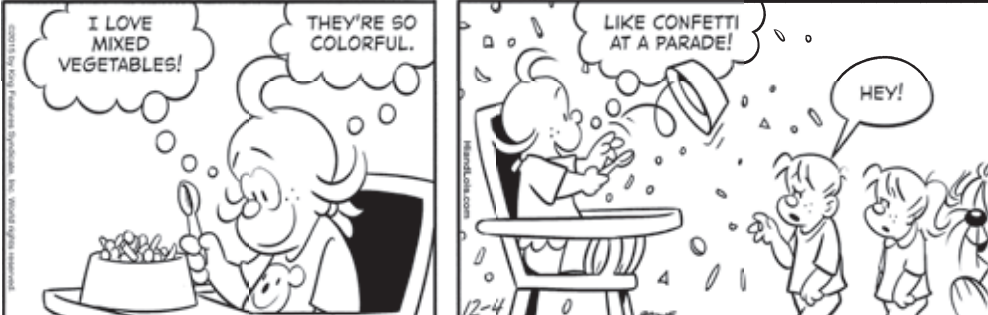
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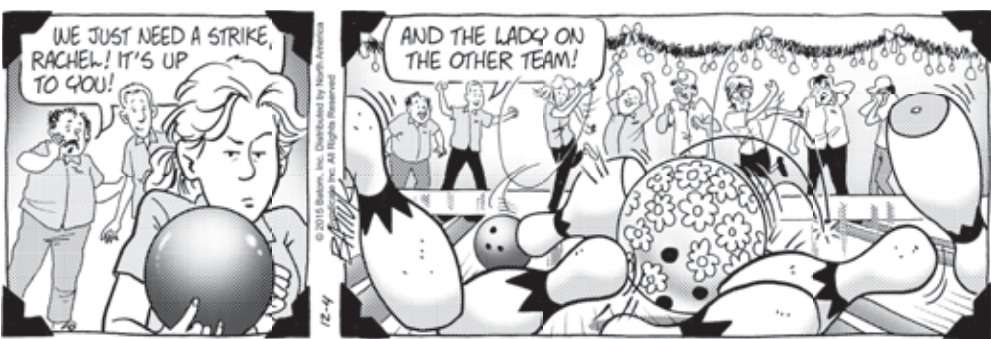
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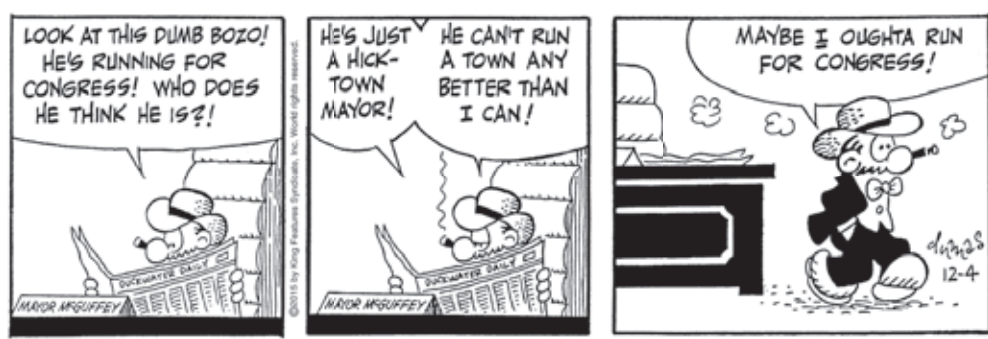
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