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## COMMUNITY

### Minden Lions Club seeks nominations for Man of the Year award

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Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lions Club is currently accepting nominations for the prestigious Minden Man of the Year award. Established in 1946, this esteemed accolade aims to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to the local community.

The award, sponsored by the Minden Lions Club, holds a rich history of honoring well-known community figures. The recipient of the Man of the Year award will be announced at the upcoming Chamber Awards Gala scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Individuals interested in submitting nominations are encouraged to use the official nomination form available

at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ebb7DFsd-T1b\\_v2qwJHwpLJw-pRJ4S5vw821lwBG-0BY/edit?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ebb7DFsd-T1b_v2qwJHwpLJw-pRJ4S5vw821lwBG-0BY/edit?pli=1). Ballots can also be mailed to Minden Lions Club, P.O. Box 874, Minden, LA 71058. The deadline for nominations is set for January 31, 2024, at 11:59 PM.

Nomination details should include biographical aspects such as family and work history,

civic and professional activities, contributions to the community's well-being, and exemplary leadership attributes.

This initiative by the Minden Lions Club underscores their commitment to acknowledging and celebrating individuals who have made significant contributions to the betterment of the local community.



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### Minden gears up for annual Mardi Gras parade on January 27, 2024

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The vibrant and colorful spirit of Mardi Gras is set to take center stage in Minden as the community prepares for its annual Mardi Gras Parade on January 27, 2024. The festivities are scheduled to commence at 5:00 PM in downtown Minden.

The parade, a lively celebration deeply rooted in local culture, will kick off at E.S. Richardson Elementary School and traverse the streets, following a carefully planned route. Starting at Elm Street, it will wind its way through East and West, turning on McDonald Street, traveling to Main Street, up to Pine Street, and returning on Broadway Street back to Elm Street.

Attendees can anticipate a procession featuring vibrant floats, festive music, and participants adorned in creative costumes. The traditional act of tossing beads will be accompanied by a showcase of the rich cultural traditions associated with Mardi Gras.

Taylor Wren, Minden Main Street director, expressed enthusiasm, stating, "This year's Mardi Gras Parade is set to be a highlight of our community calendar. We encourage everyone to join us for an evening of joy, laughter, and community spirit. The parade is a fantastic way to celebrate our unique culture and create lasting memories with family and friends."

Local businesses, community organizations, and schools are welcomed to partake in the festivities by entering a float or joining the procession. Interested participants can register online at Minden Main Street's webpage.

For spectators, the event offers an opportunity to experience the magic of Mardi Gras firsthand. Whether a local resident or visitor, mark your calendars for January 27, 2024, and immerse yourself in the festivities unfolding in downtown Minden.



As we fully embrace 2024, the Minden Press-Herald shares some of the top stories of the past year. While far from a comprehensive list, these are some of the best, as chosen by our news team. This edition will feature stories from July through December.

#### CITY WIDE POWER OUTAGE IMMINENT AFTER SUBSTATION FIRE

Early Sunday morning around 6 AM a fire broke out at Entergy's Gilark substation. While this caused a brief city wide power outage, significant damage was sustained that will cause the City of Minden to undergo a city wide power outage in the near future. The exact time of this outage has not been determined, as city officials and Entergy officials are still coordinating and trying to figure out the best solution.

In a public notice, Nick Cox stated that the substation where the fire broke out "is our only tie to the power grid. It is 115,000 volts and our sole power entry location. The City of Minden is actively coordinating efforts with Entergy and AEP to address the situation."

#### MINDEN HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES DEDICATED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS: ENSURING SAFETY AND TRUST IN EDUCATION

Minden High School is now benefiting from the presence of two seasoned School Resource Officers (SROs): Officers LaDarius Joseph and Jemela Freeman. Both officers bring years of law enforcement experience to their roles, fostering a secure and supportive environment for the students.

Officer Joseph's journey began with the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, followed by his transition to the Minden Police Department. Now in his fourth year as an SRO, Joseph's commitment to safeguarding the school community remains unwavering. Officer Freeman, with prior law enforcement experience in Shreveport and as a former SRO at ALC, brings a wealth of insight to her position.

"I love doing this. I didn't anticipate doing this but, now that I'm in it, I wouldn't do anything else," shared Officer Joseph. "This is where I'm supposed to be; this is where I belong."

Officer Freeman echoes the sentiment: "I feel like the kids

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can talk to us about anything. We gain their trust, and they can look at us without being like, 'oh, there's the po-po.' Some people have bad judgment about law enforcement and just see us as bad, but being here with us every day lets them learn more about us and we learn about them. They learn to trust us; we build trust."

The officers' day begins with the closure of a section of College Street, redirecting traffic to accommodate the school buses. A brief meeting facilitates situational awareness, paving the way for their patrols. Notably, Minden High School boasts a sprawling campus, necessitating vigilant monitoring.

#### MAISON WILBANKS CROWNED MISS MINDEN 2024

Saturday night the Miss Minden & Miss Spirit of Fasching Scholarship Competition, hosted by the Young Women's Service Club, took place where eight young women competed in a variety of different categories in order to determine who would be the best fit to represent our town with the titles of Miss Minden, Miss Spirit of Fasching, and Outstanding Teen. The Mistress of Ceremonies for this year's event was none other than Miss Louisiana 2023, Makenzie Scroggs.

After three rounds of competition in talent, fitness, and evening gowns, the judges selected Maison Wilbanks to be crowned as the 71st Miss Minden. Shortly

after being granted the title of Miss Minden, Wilbanks had this to say.

"I'm feeling so proud, honored, and blessed, and just want to say thank you so much to God for giving me this opportunity. Always keep in mind Peter 3:3-4: That it's not about the gold you wear and the clothing that you wear, but it's what's within your heart, and I just empower every young girl out there that that's all that matters," said Wilbanks.

#### 30 GUNS IN 30 DAYS FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Minden Police Association (MPA) is holding a 30 Guns in 30 Days fundraiser during the month of August to help pay for equipment and additional training for the Minden Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT).

The Special Response Team is headed by Lt. Cheatham and Lt. Curry, and is essentially a SWAT team which takes on some of the most dangerous duties police officers face.

"We want our guys to be safe," said Sgt. Shane Griffith. "They run all the high-risk search warrants and narcotics warrants. If we have a major crime, they'll run all of that."

The raffle will run August 1 through August 30, with a gun being given away each day. Plus, on the first four Wednesdays of the month, a 35-quart Yeti cooler will also be given to that day's lucky gun winner.

It will cost \$100 to enter the

raffle, but that entry makes you eligible to win every day, even if you've already won one.

"In a lot of raffles like this, once you're picked, your name comes out. But that's not the case with this one," said Griffith. "Your name goes back in the hopper."

There will be a wide variety of guns raffled off: AR style, pistols, deer rifles, shotguns, .22s, and others. The Minden Police Association purchased the guns from Jaxon Rowell, the owner of a local gun shop called Hope Creek Munitions. Some of the Yeti coolers were provided compliments of Ace Hardware and Mel Smith's Marine.

"It's going to a good cause," Griffith said. "Our SRT team will still be training in our schools to keep our kids safe. They'll be training in every school in the parish. They'll be available to other agencies — smaller agencies — that don't have an SRT team for high-risk warrants or if a school situation were to happen."

#### SARA MCDANIEL TRANSFORMS HISTORIC YELLOW VICTORIAN HOME; SHOWCASED ON MAGNOLIA NETWORK

Sara McDaniel, a prominent figure in home renovation within Minden, has once again left an indelible mark on the local landscape with her recent completion of the restoration of a yellow Victorian-style home on West Union, adjacent to the Villas at Spanish Court. Her work

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## REVIEW

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will be highlighted on the Magnolia Network's show "In with the Old," scheduled to air on Wednesday, November 8 at 9 PM.

The program, known for featuring designers, builders, and enthusiasts dedicated to rejuvenating abandoned structures while preserving their historical essence, is set to spotlight McDaniel's remarkable endeavor in Minden.

"I think this is the biggest secret I've ever held in my life," McDaniel expressed. "And how in the world it didn't leak in our little, small town I'll never know!"

Inviting locals to witness the grand reveal, McDaniel encouraged viewers to tune in and partake in the unveiling of the renovated Victorian home. "Grab your popcorn, sweet tea, and 1920s attire as I work with some incredible companies including Hector Sanchez Photo, Chair Whimsy, Hayden Paints, Bolin Construction, Bumgardner Electrical, Webster Door & Millwork, Parish Design Co, and many more to bring this historic home back to life!" she shared.

### WITCHES RIDE ENCHANTS MINDEN WITH FESTIVE FUNDRAISER

The inaugural Witches Ride of Minden, organized by Pearls of Purpose, weaved its spell over downtown Minden on October 19, captivating spectators with a bewitching display of spooky, festive attire and charitable spirit.

The enchanting parade featured a coven of ladies decked out in their finest witchy garb, taking to the streets aboard golf carts, UTVs, and bicycles. As they cruised through the heart of Minden, these modern "witches" delighted onlookers by showering them with sweet treats.

Following the magical procession, a celebratory gathering unfolded at Miller Quarters, where attendees continued to revel in the Halloween spirit.

The Witches Ride tradition, which originated in Seaside, Florida, over 30 years ago, has been embraced with open arms in the southeast region, drawing crowds and participants alike. Pearls of Purpose harnessed the event's popularity to raise funds for local causes. Those joining the parade and party contributed to the charitable initiative, with proceeds slated to benefit the nonprofit or-

ganization WeCare and to support enhancements at Miller Quarters.

### DIXIE DARLINGS CELEBRATE 8U WORLD SERIES VICTORY WITH DRIVE-BY PARADE AND FESTIVE GATHERING

The triumphant Dixie Darlings, champions of the 8U World Series in Tennessee, were showered with adoration during a spirited drive-by parade held at Academy Park on the evening of August 10. A convoy of vehicles, carrying exuberant fans, proud relatives, esteemed community leaders including Mayor Nick Cox, and accompanied by resounding police cars and fire engines, paraded past the park with an outpouring of support for these young Minden athletes. Cheers resounded as participants honked, waved, proudly displayed signs, and generously bestowed tokens of encouragement.

### HEROIC ACT AMIDST CHAOS: LA TECH STUDENT SAVES LIVES IN CAMPUS ATTACK

In a harrowing incident at Louisiana Tech University's Lambright Sports and Wellness Center on Monday, local resident and LA Tech student Colin Campbell demonstrated quick thinking and courage by swiftly transporting two injured women to the hospital.

His father, Tracy Campbell of Minden, reported getting a message from Colin saying, "Dad, there's been an attack on campus. I'm at the hospital, and I need y'all to come quick."

The event unfolded shortly after 9 AM when reports of a stabbing incident surfaced at the campus facility. Colin, en route to his dorm, witnessed people fleeing the Lambright Center in distress. Sensing the urgency, he halted his vehicle and discovered two women with stab wounds, one in the throat. Without hesitation, Colin assisted them into his vehicle and drove them to the hospital, maintaining communication with emergency services throughout the transit.

Colin's rapid response drew praise from Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), who noted that he surpassed the speed of an ambulance. Another student transported a third victim, contributing to the swift medical attention required.

### OMV RESPONDS TO



### LOUISIANA DRIVERS REGARDING DATA SECURITY INCIDENT

The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, Office of Motor Vehicle (OMV) responded to a data security incident that involved personal information of individuals who were issued a Louisiana driver's license, identification card and/or vehicle registrations.

On May 31, 2023, Progress Software Corporation, which developed and supports the MOVEIt managed file transfer platform, notified all customers across the globe, including OMV, of a zero-day vulnerability that an unauthorized party leveraged to access and acquire data without authorization. Upon learning of the incident, immediate measures were taken to secure the MOVEIt environment utilized to transfer files. A thorough investigation was conducted, and it was determined that there was unauthorized acquisition of and access to OMV files in the MOVEIt environment.

OMV determined that files involved in the incident contained the personal information of individuals who applied for and/or were issued a Louisiana driver's license, identification card and/or vehicle registration. The information varied by individual but included name and one or more of the following: address, date of birth, Social Security number, driver's license, learner's permit, or identification card number, height, eye color, vehicle registration information, and handicap

placard information.

The OMV established a dedicated, toll-free call center to answer questions that individuals may have. If you believe your information was involved and have any questions about this incident, call (866) 861-8717. The call center will be open 24 hours per day and seven days a week. Additionally, OMV is offering 12 months of free credit monitoring and identity theft protection from LifeLock. OMV has retained LifeLock to provide impacted Louisiana residents one year of complimentary LifeLock Standard identity theft protection.

### GRINCH STILL ON THE LOOSE; POLICE HOPE TO MAKE ARREST SOON

The Grinch was spotted today at Richardson Elementary School trying to steal ornaments, gifts, and, of course, the Christmas Spirit. The students worked to prevent his nefarious plans, and he was thwarted once again.

The Grinch was later spotted again at the offices of the Minden Press-Herald. Employees there apparently made no effort to stop the Grinch, but did report the sighting to the police.

Police Chief McIver requests that the public report any sighting of this character to (318)

510-4701. They are hot on his trail and are hoping to make an arrest before Christmas.

UPDATE:

In a swift response to a festive felony, the Minden Police Department successfully apprehended the notorious Grinch on December 21. The green miscreant was caught red-handed pilfering a City of Minden lawn mower, sparking a pursuit that concluded at Harris' Corner on East Union Street.

Law enforcement promptly detained the Grinch in the city jail. The arrest is expected to put an end to the Grinch's spree of mischief in Minden.



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John J. Wallace

Graveside service for John J. Wallace was held Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana, with

Jonathan Sagona officiating.

John was born November 4, in Metairie, Louisiana and entered into rest December 27, 2023, in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his wife Judith Wallace and his grandson Gabriel Lownds.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Wallace Sagona of Minden, sister, Frances Reugger of Tampa, Florida, and grandson, J.C. Sagona of Blachard.



Addam Mitchell “Mitch” Wiley

Addam Mitchell “Mitch” Wiley, beloved son of Steve and Rita Wiley, went to sleep in the arms of Jesus on 17 December, 2023, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mitchell was born 6 August, 1997, in Aurora, Colorado. He spent his first two years in Castle Rock, Colorado, where he welcomed a baby sister and childhood partner, Micaela. He and his family (a military family) transferred to Andrews AFB, Maryland, in 2000. It was there that Mitchell and Micaela enjoyed picking blackberries and strawberries, watching AF1 takeoff, airshows, teas with mom, Smithsonian visits, jumping off the couch on dad and a normal pre-school life. After military retirement, Mitchell and his family returned to Firestone, Colorado, after a brief one-year transition through the family farm in Marsland, Nebraska. In Nebraska, Mitchell got to experience a rare one-room schoolhouse on the Niobrara River in Nebraska’s sand hills. It was also there that his love for the outdoors began to take root and flourish.

In Firestone, Mitchell attended Christian schools and graduated from Longmont Christian School in 2016. Upon graduation, he attended Longmont Community College and University of Colorado in Colorado Springs (UCCS). At UCCS, he received his Bachelor’s degree in Economics in 2022. After graduation, Mitchell dabbled in economics but aspired to be a firefighter. He had completed EMT training and was in the appli-

cation process at the time of his passing.

Mitchell loved the outdoors. He had hiked the majority of the Colorado trail and climbed eight of Colorado’s “14ers” - some more than once. He once texted us from the top of Longs Peak (10 to 18 hour round trip usually begun at 3am). He had begun at 7, accomplished in tennis shoes and was back in town for lunch. Whether he was hiking, camping, playing soccer, kayaking in the San Juan Islands, boogie boarding in the Hawaiian Islands, exploring on the farm or skiing down a quiet Colorado mountain slope, he was most at home and at peace in the outdoors. Mitchell’s passing will leave a hole in the lives of all he touched that will, with the passage of time, become bearable but will never be filled. We all look forward to a joyful reunification heaven.

Mitchell was preceded into the loving care of our Lord by his grandparents, Carolyn and Jerry Wiley of Minden, Louisiana. He is survived by his mother and father, Rita L. and Bryan S. Wiley of Firestone, Colorado; sister, Micaela L. Wiley of Denver, Colorado; brother, Stephan M. Wiley of Aurora, Colorado; grandmother, Merilyn Rainbolt of Scottsbluff, Nebraska; uncle and aunt, Dale and Trisha Schwerer of Mesa, Arizona; aunt and uncle, Kelly and Robert Simmons of Minden, Louisiana and special cousins, Halie Cross of Jacksonville, North Carolina and Hannah Cross of Minden, Louisiana.

A visitation for Addam will be held Wednesday, January 3, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Olinger Highland Mortuary & Cemetery, 10201 Grant St, Thornton, CO 80229. A funeral service will occur Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 1:00 PM, also at Olinger Highland Mortuary. Mitchell will be interred at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana.



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MINDEN PRESS-HERALD covering local.. Obituaries

**John F. Kennedy**

John F. Kennedy of Brookline, Massachusetts. Services were held at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington DC on November 25, 1963 at 11:00 a.m. Interment was at Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

**Richard Belzer**

Richard Belzer, the longtime stand-up comedian who became one of TV's most indelible detectives as John Munch in "Homicide: Life on the Street" and "Law & Order: SVU," has died. He was 78. Belzer died Sunday at his home in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, in southern France. There was no known cause of death, but Belzer had been dealing with circulatory and respiratory issues. The actor Henry Winkler, Belzer's cousin, tweeted, "Rest in peace Richard." Belzer is survived by his third wife, the actress Harlee McBride, whom he married in 1985. For the past 20 years, they lived mostly in France.

**Marilyn Monroe**

Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jean Mortenson on June 1, 1926, in Los Angeles General Hospital. She died on August 5, 1962, at the age of 36. She made only 30 films in her lifetime, but her legendary status will remain with film history forever. In 1942, at the age of 16, Norma Jean married 21-year-old aircraft plant worker James Dougherty. The marriage only lasted four years, and they divorced in 1946. By this time Marilyn began to model swimsuits. Big parts in the movies followed. In 1951, Marilyn got a fairly sizable role in "Love Nest." In 1952, she made "Monkey Business", where she was seen for the first time as a platinum blonde, a look that became her trademark. Over the next decade she made a several classic movies, including "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and "The Seven Year Itch." In 1953, Marilyn unmatched sex symbol and superstar Joe DiMaggio. The union lasted only eight months. In "Bus Stop" in 1956, Marilyn finally showed critics that she could play a straight dramatic role. It was also the next year for married playwright, Arthur Miller. After a year off in 1958, Marilyn returned to the screen the next year for the delightful comedy, "Some Like It Hot." This was to be Marilyn's only film for the year. Her last film, "The Misfits," (1961) was popular with critics and the public alike.

**Abraham Lincoln**

Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Lincoln. Abraham grew up with his brother Thomas Lincoln, Jr. and his sister Sarah Lincoln Grigsby. Abraham spent his early years on a family farm in southern Indiana. Lincoln worked as a boatman, a store clerk, a surveyor, militia soldier, and eventually became a lawyer in Illinois. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834. He married his lovely wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, in 1842. They had four sons together: Robert Todd Lincoln, Tad Lincoln, William Wallace Lincoln, and Edward Baker Lincoln. Abraham was a very loving father and husband, he always thought of his family before himself. Lincoln continued his political career and became the United States House of Representatives from Illinois in 1846. In 1860, Abraham was elected president of the United States. During his presidency, Lincoln is best known for abolishing slavery. As he sat in a play on April 15, 1865, at the end of the Civil War, Lincoln was shot and killed by an assassin. Abraham Lincoln will always be remembered - gone but never forgotten.

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**Minden man arrested on drug charges**

By Minden Press-Herald - Feb 20, 2023

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A Minden man was arrested on drug charges after a Minden police officer spotted the man's erratic driving.

Jakoren Jones, 28, of the 600 block of Goodwill Street was initially seen running the stop sign at Pershing and East Street.

"I observed a silver Ford Fusion run the stop sign at Pershing and East Street," the officer reported. "The car struggled to maintain its lane and

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OPINION

A bright future  
Many reasons to be hopeful about 2024

I think it is always important to assess where we are and where it seems we are going. To that end, I review here some of the numerous things about which we can be thankful and for which we can be hopeful as we head into 2024.

In Shreveport-Bossier, we continue to be blessed by God to live next to the Red River—a tremendous economic asset I've outlined in a previous article about the Port of Caddo-Bossier (whose businesses are virtually always hiring)—which has a direct economic impact on all of N. Louisiana. We also continue to be blessed to be at the intersection of two federal interstates, I-20, and I-49, which continue to attract regional and national businesses to this area for that very reason.

In fact, it's rare to go a week without some new or current business, industry or educational institution announcing either a groundbreaking or an expansion in Caddo, Bossier or the surrounding parishes. Here is just a sampling:

BRF announced LSU Health Shreveport School of Allied Health Professions will soon be offering a new program, a Bachelor of Science in Cardiovascular Technology (BS-CVT); This is to say nothing of the recently completed LSU Health Shreveport \$79 million Center for Medical Education. The building, which was funded through a public-private partnership, includes a new home

for the Center of Excellence for Emerging Viral Threats, twenty-seven teaching classrooms, two 250-seat lecture halls, a 500-seat auditorium, along with a dining hall and wellness center.

Amazon is again hiring for its Shreveport Robotics facility; that national beverage manufacturer, Multipack Services, announced a \$10.4 million investment in establishing a new production facility in Shreveport, creating approximately 141 jobs; the new Teal Jones Plain Dealing, LLC Sawmill Site; further, it can only be characterized as a bright spot to drive by 500 Fannin Street in Shreveport, the old federal building, that is being re-envisioned as the Northwest Louisiana State Office and is already looking radically different; speaking of downtown



ROYAL ALEXANDER

Shreveport, the Shreveport City Council has agreed to a lease between G-Unit Film & Television Louisiana and Millennium Studios. Mayor Tom Arceneaux stated at the groundbreaking on Nov. 20, the agreement will save the city nearly \$180,000 a year.

As also recently announced by BRF, Northwest Louisiana

is close to offering the state's most technologically advanced PET/CT scanner to the Center for Molecular Imaging and Therapy (CMIT), with artificial intelligence capabilities. The scanner will be purchased using BRF funds and \$2 million in federal funding sponsored by U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy. All of this is to say nothing of the continued growth and enormous impact of Barksdale Air Force Base, Ft. Polk, and other military-related entities in our region. Finally, the mere fact of Speaker Mike Johnson.

And on and on. At the local level, we have elected new, energetic individuals to help direct our city and parish government. At some point we will have a new Caddo Sheriff. Mayor Arceneaux is working hard to redirect parts of city government that are desperately in need of it. I am confident we will get the crime issue under control with targeted community policing as well as the vigilant assistance of our residents.

At the state level, we have elected a new governor and other statewide elected officials who bring both experience and judgment to those positions. Governor-elect Jeff Landry is likely to lead our state legislature in a markedly probusiness direction while removing numerous regulations and other obstacles to economic growth in Louisiana. He will also have a differently con-

stituted Legislature with whom to partner.

At the national level, notwithstanding some of the breath-takingly poor policy choices of our federal government—and the resulting difficult economic conditions—the American economy remains the most creative and adaptable in the world, our entrepreneurs unrivaled. We will eventually come out of this inflation, high gas, groceries prices and similar burdens because the free market—when free of government meddling—always finds equilibrium.

There are many reasons to be hopeful about the coming new year. With prayers, gratitude, and hard work we can truly accomplish anything!

As Pres. Reagan stated: "I've always thought New Year's Day was an especially American tradition, full of the optimism and hope we're famous for in our daily lives--an energy and confidence we call the American spirit. Perhaps because we know we control our own destiny, we believe deep down inside that working together we can make each new year better than the old."

SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY, ROYAL ALEXANDER, WORKED IN D.C. IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR NEARLY 8 YEARS FOR TWO DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM LOUISIANA.

INSPIRATION

Today was a beautiful day

Today was a beautiful day! I am still feeling the aura of today surrounding me in such a way that I must record it as a memory lest it slip away!!

Have you ever had a day when the sun continued to shine way past dark?

I have. Today was such a day.

Though I have been through the depths of depression, having suffered a nervous breakdown back in 1981, I bounced back far better than before. Most of my days are far more up than down but today sheds an aura around me making me warm deep inside.

Why was it so great? Why do I feel so high this late at night?

For one thing I have had enough alone time for me to play catch up on a few of my journalistic endeavors that I consider most important in my life as a writer. Almost everyone who has a creative streak would most likely me with me that it takes alone time to center down, to get in touch with one's inner self and regroup enough to accomplish my writing endeavors.

For some reason I most often write my pieces in long

hand and then go back and type and prepare them for publication.

But anyway it is most frustrating to be in an environment where all of my space is taken and I have little time to hear myself think.

Hearing one's self think is essential to nurturing one's creative streak unless writing is only a temporary pasttime.

I can't seem to thrive unless I have time alone to give birth to the pieces ready to be born.

It's like I always say "write it down when it comes to you or it will be forever gone."

Writers must write or go off the deep end -- or so it seems to me.

When I have spent enough time alone then I am ready to temporarily rejoin the herd -- temporarily I said. Writers can't shut it down forever and maintain their sanity -- not if writing is in their blood.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

I have written most of my life from the time I was in the orphanage until now at the age of seventy-five. Writing has gotten me through some turbulent waters and has kept me from becoming totally shipwrecked, though some might question the truthfulness of that statement.

Having had a faith in God most of my life I find deep peace in expressing the joy I feel today both in person and on paper.

Today began a beautiful day as I prepared three dozen homemade yeast rolls to be delivered to whosoever should come across my path.

I get so much pleasure out of working the dough and smelling the bread rise while I outline my day. There is just something about making hot rolls that helps make any day a good day!

I took off on foot to a local grocery store and who would cross my path but a long time friend from Shreveport. She was so delightful because she is an aunt to a good friend who lives close to me. After we chatted in the store I told myself "I will hurry home and bring back a dozen or so rolls for her if she is still in the store!" If she wasn't I would

take that as my message that the rolls should go to someone else but she was and she was so delighted to receive them and she promised to deliver some to my good friend on her way home.

What joy to meet a new friend in such a spontaneous childlike way and to be so appreciated because I could easily see we are on the same wave length, both expressing our faith in God openly.

Anyway today was beautiful because I also accomplished enough of my writing endeavors to at least keep me a step ahead of where I could have been without the time to

hear myself think and to record those thoughts on the page to be sent out for publication.

Where this will all lead only time will tell but it is amazing what can happen when we put our hand into the hand of God knowing Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and

He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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KEEP THIS IN MIND

Embracing a bright future: A call to action for 2024

As we stand on the cusp of a new year, the promise of a bright future beckons for Minden and Webster Parish. It's a time to reflect on the challenges we've overcome, the progress we've made, and the opportunities that lie ahead. In 2024, our community has the chance to shape its destiny, and it begins with active participation from each and every one of us.

One of the most powerful tools we possess is the right to vote. In the coming year, let's commit to being informed, engaged citizens who exercise this fundamental right. Local elections matter just as much as national ones, and the decisions made in our

own backyard have a direct impact on our daily lives. By participating in the democratic process, we contribute



DAVID SPECHT

to the vibrancy and strength of our community. Staying aware of the news is equally crucial. In an era where information is at our fingertips, it's our responsibility to be well-informed. The Minden Press-Herald is committed to bringing you news that matters, keeping you in

the loop about local events, developments, and stories that shape our community. As readers, staying connected with local news not only keeps us informed but also empowers us to make educated decisions about the future we want for Minden.

Volunteering in the community is a hands-on way to make a positive impact. Whether it's participating in local clean-up efforts, supporting local charities, or contributing your time and skills to community projects, every effort counts. Our collective involvement creates a stronger, more resilient community that thrives on the spirit of collaboration.

Additionally, let your voice be heard in local, state, and national government. Engage with your elected officials, attend town hall meetings, and advocate for the issues that matter to you. Our democracy thrives when citizens actively participate and contribute to the decision-making process.

As we embark on this journey into 2024, the Minden Press-Herald is excited to be a part of the community's growth. We are committed to bringing you news that resonates with you, news that reflects the heartbeat of Minden. In the upcoming year, we will be rolling out some exciting initiatives, and we

can't wait to share them with you.

Remember, we are in this together. The future of Minden and Webster Parish is a collective responsibility, and by actively participating in the opportunities that 2024 presents, we can shape a future that we can all be proud of. Let's make this year a testament to our unity, resilience, and commitment to building a brighter tomorrow.

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COLUMN/YEAR IN REVIEW

Sneed’s Super Bowl win among top stories of 2023

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Minden Press-Herald

Before we move forward into 2024, let’s take a look back at some of the biggest sports stories in Webster Parish in 2023.

I would put L’Jarius Sneed helping the Kansas City Chiefs win the Super Bowl at the top of the list.

The former Minden High and Louisiana Tech star had three solo tackles and seven total in a 38-35 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl LVII in Glendale, Calif.

He was also credited with two passes defended.

During the buildup to the game, there was some question if the cornerback would even play after being reportedly limited in practice a few days before with a knee injury.

He also went through concussion protocol after the Chiefs’ 23-20 victory over Cincinnati in the AFC Championship Game.

A parade honoring Sneed was held in Minden in March.

He participated in the 318 Takeover Youth Football Camp in June at Independence Stadium and hosted the inaugural L’Jarius Sneed Community Football Camp in July at Minden High.

As of the deadline for this edition (Dec. 27), Sneed had 55 solo tackles and 17 assists along with two interceptions. The Chiefs were 9-6 and led the AFC West.

Another big story in Webster Parish was the success of Doyline star basketball player Jamaria “Juicy” Clark.

He averaged 37.2 points, 7.2 assists, 6.7 rebounds and 4.3 steals for the district champion Panthers, who went 27-5 and reached the quarterfinals of the playoffs.

Clark signed with Lee



Former Minden High and Louisiana Tech star L’Jarius Sneed participated in the 318 Takeover Youth Camp at Independence Stadium in June after helping the Kansas City Chiefs win Super Bowl LVII

College during the summer. As of this writing, he had played in 10 games and was averaging 8.5 points despite averaging just 4.7 minutes of playing time.

Another Doyline athlete, Izayla Harris, was a big story during the track season. She successfully defended her titles in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes in the Class B state meet in May, setting class records in all three events.

In the Region I-B meet, Harris ran an 11.66 in the 100, the fastest time in the state last season regardless of class.

In December, she signed with Alcorn State.

Another big story last spring was the success of Glenbrook’s baseball team. The Apaches reached the state tournament in May, falling to Ascension Catholic 4-1 in the select Division IV playoffs. Glenbrook finished 24-9.

In June, there was a

change at the top of the Minden High basketball programs. After former Minden star Rennie Bailey resigned, Jacob Brown took over the boys program after 14 years as the girls head coach. Cindee Wright-Clark replaced Brown.

The biggest story during the football season was North Webster’s turnaround. The Knights went from 2-8 in 2022 to 7-5 and reached the second round of the playoffs.

Also, Glenbrook hired a new head coach, Reagan Smith, and he led the Apaches to an 8-3 record.

There were some big stories involving college programs followed by many local fans.

LSU won the national championships in women’s basketball for the first time. The Tigers also won the national title in baseball.

And Jayden Daniels became the second LSU quarterback in the last five years

to win the Heisman Trophy.

Also, Louisiana Tech suffered through a 3-9 football season. Grambling State went 5-6 and parted ways with Head Coach Hue Jackson. Louisiana native Mickey Joseph was hired as his replacement in December.

In early November, Northwestern State canceled the rest of its season in the wake of the death of player Ronnie Caldwell in a shooting at an off-campus apartment on Oct. 12.

NSU played its sixth and final game a week after his death.

But NSU Athletic Director Kevin Bostian announced the cancellation of the season on Nov. 2 and Head Coach Brad Laird resigned. His replacement, Blake McCorkle, was introduced in late November.

ULM fired Head Coach Terry Bowden after a 2-10 season. Bryant Vincent was announced as his replacement in early December.



Doyline’s Izayla Harris won three events in the Class B state meet, setting class records in all three, and finished second in another in May.



Quarterback Easton Sanders helped the Glenbrook Apaches go 8-3 in Reagan Smith’s first season as head coach.

Adjustments needed as deer season winds down

GLYNN HARRIS

It is often necessary to adjust the game plan at halftime when a football team is engaged in an important game. If the defensive backs are locked in on the receivers every play, consideration is given to a few quick-hitters into the line by the running backs. Conversely, if the defensive linemen are clogging up the middle expecting a run, it’s time to air it out to receivers.

By the same token, as deer season reaches its final weeks, it’s often necessary for hunters to adjust their game plans. Why? Because the bucks are making adjustments and if hunters don’t figure out what’s going on, they’re left wondering what the heck happened.

What happens during the latter days of hunting season after the rut is over? Bucks aren’t chasing does, unless the few does not bred during the first estrous cycle are still available for breeding. Basically, it becomes a rather difficult game to play as the bucks, exhausted and worn down from breeding and fighting other bucks, become rather difficult to pattern. For many hunters, if they don’t get their deer early, they hang it up after the rut and head for the lake where the bunched-up crappie are more predictable.

David Moreland, who retired from the Deer Study Leader position with LDWF several years ago, offers suggestions as to the best way to hunt bucks late in the season.

“In Area 2, northwest Louisiana, December generally marks the end of the rut. However, bucks may be looking for a few does that have not bred, but generally by mid-January, it’s over,”



GLYNN HARRIS

Bucks will often change their pattern during late season meaning hunters should plan accordingly.

Moreland said.

This time of year in this part of the state, a game plan change is necessary to improve your chances at a good buck, according to Moreland.

“This is the time of year where hunting between the feeders may pay off as bucks move around looking for does. In late December, the trails through the woods leading to food plots and feeders are generally quite distinct and visible and this should be areas hunters ought to check out, determining where the deer are coming from and then locate a stand to catch the deer as they come to feed late in the evening,” Moreland added.

Another tactic that can work on tagging a late season buck, according to Moreland is to move the feeder.

“I like to change a feeder location or hang a bucket feeder in an area where you have seen deer but not hunted. Keep in mind that prevailing winds this time of year are generally from the north-northwest so your stand location should be in the south-southeast corner of the area. Again, hunters should stay on their stands until last light,” he added.

Moreland also suggested that hunters might want to freshen up their food plots toward season’s end.

“With bucks going back to the feeding mode after the rut, you might want to consider adding some nitate to the grass patches and keep them attractive. Also if the weather is good; clear and cold with high pressure, plan to stay on the stand longer than normal.”

What about native brows plants? Hunters should plan to utilize what Mother Nature has already put there.

“Since many of the woody shrubs and trees lose their leaves, the focus will be on those that still have them. Blackberry, privet and honeysuckle would be three to look for since these will tolerate the cold temperatures and put out new growth on warm days. I have especially seen heavy use of honeysuckle in northwest Louisiana during late winter,” said Moreland.

Want to be on the winning team when it comes to getting a late season deer in your sight picture? Be adaptable. Change your game plan to correspond to what the deer are doing.

Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** – No report. Water is low. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**BUSSEY BRAKE** – The crappie have moved to deep water with some good fish caught on shiners and jigs. Bass are fair flipping jigs around the trees. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**OUACHITA RIVER** – Crappie have been best fishing jigs or shiners around submerged tops in the river and in river lakes. Bass are best in the cuts fishing shad imitation lures. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D’ARBONNE** – The crappie bite is on fishing the channels and channel edges in 14-18 foot water on shiners or jigs. Bass are moving to the secondary points and soft plastics are picking up some nice fish. Catfish continue to be caught fishing cold worms and night crawlers off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** – The lake is down some seven feet as the result of the draw-down. Crappie are along the tree lines and in the deep water out from the dam with shiners or jigs picking up some

nice slabs. Bass fishing has fair this week as they too are starting to move deep. Boats can still be launched at the State Park launch and at Pleasure Point. For latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** – Bass are moving to deeper water with best catches made on jigs, spoons and soft plastics as well as on the secondary points with deep diving crank baits. Yellow bass are hitting jiggling spoons near the bottom in deep water. Crappie have been best around the deeper tops on shiners or jigs and they will also be headed for deeper water out from the dam as temperatures drop. For information contact Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE POVERTY POINT** – Crappie fishing is best on the south end of the lake with some big fish caught on shiners or jigs. No report on other species this week. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

**LAKE YUCATAN** – The water is low and fishing is quite slow this week. However, a few big slab crappie are being caught on shiners or jigs. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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January 3, 2024  
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Ward Marshal's Sale

B1 Bank Vs. J&S LLC Express Trucking (Civil Docket: 28360) City Court of Minden Ward 1 Webster Parish, La. By Virtue of a Writ of Seizure and sale issued out of the City Court of Minden, in the above styled and numbered suit, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession, and will offer for sale at public auction on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 beginning at 10:00 AM, to the last and highest bidder, with benefit of appraisal, the following described property, to wit: 2013 Mack Pinnacle CXU613 VIN# 1M1AW07Y2DM034681 Said sale will be conducted according to Law at the principal front door at the Minden Civic Center, 520 Broadway Minden, La. The above property was seized as that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court. If anyone has questions or is interested in looking at the property before the sale date, Please contact the Marshal's Office at (318) 371-4210.

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BIDS

The Village of Doyleline will be accepting bids for a 2021 Davison Utility Trailer, DT 18 X 77 PT BRK-RMPS XL. Like new with minimal usage. Bids will begin at \$2500.00, you may submit a bid in person (624 College St. Doyleline, La or by mail (P. O. Box 626, 71023). Bids will close on February 5, 2024.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ) BENSON ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OF LA, INC. DRAFT SOLID WASTE PERMIT RENEWAL AND PERMIT APPLICATION The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services,

PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2022. The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 8:05 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Todd Leake council members Matt Austin, Ralph James, Police Chief Paul Migue, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent council member Hallie DeMoss. The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Ralph James and Matt Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Todd Leake welcomed everyone to the meeting. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Ralph James, the council adopted the Minutes from November 10, 2022 at Council Regular Meeting held on December 8, 2022 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Ralph James moved to accept the November 2022 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Ralph James, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for November, 2022. Ralph James moved to accept the November, 2022 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Ralph James, the council unanimously approved the A.R.P. Report for November, 2022. Ralph James moved to accept the 2023 Operating Budget for the Village of Heflin as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously. Said Operating 2023 Budget is attached to and made a part of these minutes. The Village of Heflin would like to Thank Mayor Todd Leake for 24 years of dedicated and outstanding service to our Village as Alderman and Mayor. Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Matt Austin. Attest by: Sherry Limosnero LCMC, Village Clerk Respectfully posted: 12/13/2022 Adopted: 12/8/2022 Publish: 12/21/2022 Minden Press Herald

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# Good News

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## THIS PROMISED MESSIAH HAS BECOME OUR GREAT REDEEMER

I heard this statement recently: “I am feeling a little less Christmasy this year.” That may mean several things like: didn’t have enough money to buy all the things they wanted, or I spent too much money already and now am thinking of the bills that will come due in January, etc.

Christmas is not about feelings but about experiencing the fulfillment of the promises of God, our Heavenly Father to the prophets about the ‘forthcoming Messiah, who would bring salvation to His people and set them free from the bondage of sin.’ The Gospels declare that Jesus did come as the Christ-child, born in a manger, lived a sinless life, and paved the way for eternal salvation for those who place their faith and trust in Him. (John 3: 16). That promise can be traced from deep in the pages of the Old Testament down the hour-glass of time to Jesus’ actual birth.

Yes, the Babe in the manger has now become our Great Redeemer and Savior. Let us bow down and worship this Great Mystery. He silently slipped into this sinful world in the form of a tiny baby that night in Bethlehem. Only Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, who responded to the angel’s call to ‘come and see,’ were able to begin absorbing this Divine Revelation.

How does one begin to conceptualize such a history-splitting event into a finite mind? No one can – without the power of the Holy Spirit at work. Through the ages, this message is still the same to all who seek Him. “Oh, come, let us adore Him; Jesus Christ, the King.” This promised Messiah has become the Son of Man, our Redeemer – Kinsman, the Perfect Sacrifice for mankind. Let us sing now, today and throughout the New Year: “Joy to the World, the Lord has come!”

**BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER**

### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Significant Places: Bethlehem

*“for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11 NASB*

The angel announced the birth of the royal Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Savior, to the shepherds in the region of Bethlehem. This region was known for raising lambs. Some of these lambs could become sacrifices in the Temple or could be the Passover lambs. Later John the Baptist referred to Jesus as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

**Max Hutto**

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG](http://WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG).

(John 1:29). This region was also known for raising wheat. The name Bethlehem means “the house of bread.” Jesus would later declare, “I am the bread of life.” (John 6:48).

Lord Jesus, You are my King, the Lord of my life. You are the Lamb, sacrificed to save me. You are the bread, the source and sustainer of my life.

### INSPIRATION

#### Armor Up


Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV says be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. I started this writing with this scripture to make one statement: God is the only way. We can’t fight the war being waged on our hearts, souls, and lives without God’s guidance and protection. Guidance and protection are provided by the armor of God which is composed of 6 characteristics: truth, righteousness, readiness from the gospel, faith, salvation, and the word of God. lately, life for many has been hard and, in some ways, it feels like a losing battle but I’m here to tell everyone God has a plan all we need to do is make sure we are wearing our armor. I would like to conclude by asking everyone to pray for our world and all of its people that God may bring them peace and hope.

**Bernard Harris**

BERNARD HARRIS III IS A HAUGHTON FIREMAN AND A LOCAL RESIDENT OF MINDEN

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FIRST  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
MINDEN

How can we  
pray for you?

If you’re in need of prayer,  
we can help you. Contact the  
FBC 24-Hour Prayer Ministry  
at 371-PRAY.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Thanksgiving.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 26 = H)

A. 6 20 11 1 24 25

Clue: Gobble gobble

B. 12 3 6 26 24 11 19 17 12

Clue: Coming together

C. 26 5 23 19 4 3 25

Clue: Special event

D. 6 26 3 17 1 2 20 23

Clue: Showing gratitude

Answers: A. turkey B. gathering C. holiday D. thankful

SUDOKU

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		4	1	2	7	5		
								3
	7	1	2					
	6	5			3		7	
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			8		9			6
9				6	2			8
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Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

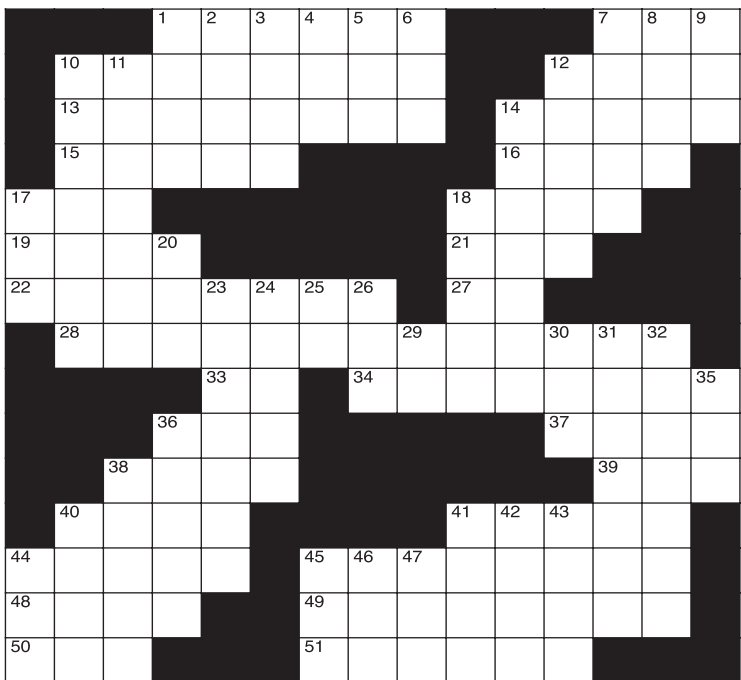
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	1	3	9	2	5	8	6	4
1	8	7	2	5	6	3	4	9
6	5	4	9	3	8	2	7	1
3	1	4	6	7	5	8	9	2
8	2	7	3	9	1	5	6	4
5	4	9	6	8	2	7	1	3
7	5	2	6	9	8	1	3	4
8	3	4	1	2	7	5	6	9
6	1	9	3	4	5	8	2	7

ANSWER:

# FUN & GAMES



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Respiratory disorder

7. Bulgarian mountain peak

10. Group of important people

12. South American nation

13. Amazes

14. \_\_\_-Castell, makers of pens

15. Perlman and Seehorn are two

16. Early medieval alphabet

17. Legislator (slang)

18. Tasty crustacean

19. Course of action

21. Airborne (abbr.)

22. Permanent church appointment

27. Larry and Curly's pal
28. Famed American journalist

33. 12th letter of Greek alphabet

34. In a way, vanished

36. Afflict in mind or body

37. Egyptian Sun god

38. Source of the Blue Nile

39. Egyptian unit of weight

40. Be the source of pain

41. Esteemed award \_\_\_ d'Or

44. Partner to pains

45. Deep blue

48. No longer living

49. Country in the UK

50. Not even

51. Arizona city

### CLUES DOWN

1. Wager

2. Classical portico

3. As a result

4. Bird

5. A type of "Squad"

6. Autonomic nervous system

7. Dish with food on a stick

8. City northwest of Provo

9. C. European river

10. One out of jail

11. Henry Clay estate

12. Heathen

14. Refrained

17. Parts per billion (abbr.)

18. "The Stranger" author

20. Not old

23. Periods of starvation

24. Language of tribe in India
25. Savings account

26. Pitching stat

29. Megabyte

30. Ribonucleic acid

31. A place to put your feet

32. The fun part of a week

35. We all have our own

36. Partner to "oohed"

38. African nation

40. Breezed through

41. Sets out

42. Other

43. Not fattening

44. "Much \_\_\_ about nothing"

45. Central Time

46. Former EU monetary unit

47. Charles S. Dutton sitcom

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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