

# LIFESTYLE

CELEBRATING THE UNIQUENESS OF NATCHITOCHESES

SOCIAL • CHURCH • LOCAL EVENTS  
CLUBS • LOCAL MAKERS & ARTISANS

*Submit Your Lifestyle Stories*

(318) 352-3618 | LifestyleEditor@NatchitochesTimes.com



Butte Tribe's parade show-stopper was Apache. Widely beloved, Apache receives a sign of affection from Butte Tribe member, Shannon Mitchell Powell.

## Butte Tribe celebrates Christmas

**By: Belinda Brooks**

The joy of the 2022 Christmas season revealed itself on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the "City of Lights." Butte Tribe members met on the grounds of Northwestern State University to bring in the holiday season. Members from the Collum, Desadier, Lebrun/Banes, Lonadier, Thompson, Hernandez, Tolbert/Antee and Trichell clans gathered on the campus of NSU to decorate floats, prepare beads and hookup the Christmas music to walk through the streets of Butte Tribe's hometown in Natchitoches.

Leading the Butte Tribe ensemble were the banner carriers,

Terry "Tad" Desadier and Joseph "Keith" Hernandez, followed by flag bearers, Council Chief Shannon Collum and his son, Lannon.

Tribe members in full regalia walked the parade route. They were Gabe Johnson, Council Chief Estella Almond, Norma Jean Barnett Scallion, Shannon Mitchell Powell, Crystal Desadier, Ginger Tolbert Mitchem, Megan Simone Lonadier, Lilly Grace Lonadier and Jude Dye. Chief Collum followed this group riding Apache.

The tribal covered wagon driven by Council Chief Brad Desadier carried Butte Tribe's first lady, Charlia Presley Collum, and Vice Chief Belinda Brooks.

Two trucks carrying bead throwers trailed behind the wagon.

Richard Banes drove the first trailer with his family: Linda Banes, Joshalin Banes Pardue, Shyann Pardue, Noah Pardue, and Bethaney Banes Weisskope.

Descendants of Jake Desadier ended the Butte Tribe caravan with James Algore driving. Riders included Bobby Desadier along with Tonya and Rebecca Lonadier. Butte Tribe would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas!

If you want to learn more about Butte Tribe, its history, and its projects, go to [Buttetribe.org](http://Buttetribe.org). Read our oral history, past articles, and Butte Tribe's activities with the Louisiana Governor's Office tribal initiatives.

For those who would like to make an end-of-



Lannon Collum, grandson of Chief Rodger Collum, joined his tribe for his first parade as flag bearer.

the-year donation to support the building of Butte Tribe's cultural center, you can do so by PAYPAL or VENMO. Type in the tribe's email as the designee's username: [buttetribe@gmail.com](mailto:buttetribe@gmail.com). Butte Tribe is a non-profit organization. All gifts are tax deductible.



Chief Rodger Collum thrills thousands of parade watchers while riding his show horse, Apache.



Butte Indians marched through the streets of the "City of Lights" to celebrate the beginning of the 2022 Christmas Season in Natchitoches, LA. Leading the tribe were banner carriers Terry "Tad" Desadier (left) and Joseph "Keith" Hernandez (right).

## Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Mu Omega Zeta Chapter's Youth Group Participates in Socks for Seniors Drive



Mu Omega Zeta members, Melisha Calhoun, Mary Calhoun, Sandra Williams, and Arionna Taylor; youth group members Kylie Howard and Madisyn Calhoun; Mu Omega Zeta President, Josephine Winder, and Mu Omega Zeta Youth Advisor, Denise Cornelius

**Carletta Jones**

The Amicettes, the youth group of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Mu Omega Zeta Chapter, participated in the "Socks for Seniors" community service project at the Courtyard of Natchitoches assisted living facility Nov. 3. A fundraiser was held to purchase socks for the seniors, and the Amicettes donated over 300 pairs of socks to the residents. Denise Cornelius is the youth advisor.

Amicettes are girls nine to 13 years of age who are willing to strive toward the high ideals of Zeta Phi Beta

Sorority and who demonstrate potential for leadership in service to the community. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is an international, historically black Greek-lettered sorority founded on January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., by five women affectionately known as "The Five Pearls." The five coeds chose the name Zeta Phi Beta. Phi Beta was taken from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated to "seal and signify the relationship between the two organizations." Our founding principles are Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. Our motto is: A community-conscious, action-oriented organization.

Our mission statement is to foster the ideas of service, charity, scholarship, civil and cultural endeavors, sisterhood and finer womanhood. These ideals are reflected in the sorority's national program for which its members and auxiliary groups provide voluntary service to staff, community outreach programs, fund scholarships, support organized charities and promote legislation for social and civic change.

## ROTC cadets recognized during fall awards program

**Leah Jackson**

Northwestern State University's Department of Military Science hosted the fall 2022 awards ceremony Dec. 1 to recognize ROTC cadets for accomplishments this semester.

Beginning with academic honors, the program began with recognition of Dean's List cadets and scholastic awards. Recognized were Cadets Taylor Dixon, Jimmy Lara, Arianna Astorga, Peyton Bordelon, Loren Higginbotham, Brendan Campbell and Jaylon James.

Military awards were presented to MS IV (senior) cadets instructed by Lt. Col. Joshua Drake. Cadet Cade Davis, a history major, is Battalion Commander and captain of the Ranger Team. He received the

Cadet Scholar and ROTC Honors Award. Cadet Michael Shamblin is majoring in computer information systems and information systems management. He received the Cadet Scholar, ROTC Honors and PMS Scholastic Excellence Awards. Cadet Dylan Trueblood, who is majoring in general studies with a minor in computer and natural science, is the Battalion Administrative Officer. He received ROTC Honors.

Awards were presented to MS III (junior) cadets instructed by Master Sergeant Michael Blakely. Cadet Breanna James, a psychology major, is the Company First Sergeant. She received the Cadet Honors, ROTC Honors and PMS Scholastic Excellence Awards. Cadet Andrew Wesley,

who is majoring in physical science and chemistry, is the Battalion Intelligence Officer. He received the ROTC Honors Award. Cadet Brooklyn Guerra, Battalion Communications Officer, is a communications and sports media major. She received the ROTC Honors Award.

Awards were presented to MS II (sophomore) cadets instructed by Maj. Jeffrey Christensen. Cadet Jan Amu-tan, who is majoring in unified public safety administration and law enforcement administration, received the Cadet Scholar Award. Cadet Makenzie Cain, a criminal justice major, and Cadet Logan Falgout, a communications major, received the ROTC Honors Award. Cadet Christian Holmes, an elementary

See Cadets Page 7A



NSU recognized senior ROTC cadets during the fall awards program. They are, from left, Cadets Jimmy Lara, Taylor Dixon, Cade Davis, Michael Shamblin and Dylan Trueblood.