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# Rod Brady Moving to LA 8 West

### LEDD Donates 10 Acres For New Campus

By Craig Franklin  
Editor

The new home for the Rod Brady Campus of the Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) will be 10 acres near the Jena Airport on LA 8.

At a meeting of the LaSalle Economic Development District (LEDD) last Thursday night, members voted unanimously to donate 10 acres in the organization's Industrial Park Complex, adjacent and west of Uni-

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From left: Laurel Comeaux, Cynthia Cockerham, Blake Phillips, Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle, June Fowler, Walter Dorroh, Jr., Jake Long and Michelle Morea.

## Kevin Bates Seeks Dist. 20 Rep. Seat

Submitted Article

Kevin Bates of Winnsboro, officially announces his candidacy for the District 20 House of Representatives seat in the election set for October 14, 2023.

The district comprises all of Caldwell and portions of LaSalle, Franklin, Catahoula



Kevin Bates

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## Early Voting Begins Saturday

By Craig Franklin  
Editor

Early voting for the Saturday, October 14th election will take place for seven days starting this Saturday, September 30th.

Beginning Saturday and continuing for exactly one week, excluding Sun-

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## School Tax Forum Held

Staff Report

Around 20 people attended a forum at LaSalle High School Thursday night, September 21, as LaSalle Parish School Superintendent Jon Garrett provided an overview of the benefits of the school system's one-cent sales tax proposition that will be on the October 14th election ballot.

The proposition that LaSalle Parish voters will vote "yes" or "no" for includes provisions about the distribution of the money, noting that 50% will be for construction and maintenance of school buildings, 25% for school safety and security and 25% for employee supplemental pay. It is a one-cent sales tax for 15 years.

At the forum last week, Garrett high-

lighted the many achievements the school system has accomplished and noted that for the system to continue its progress, the money generated from the tax is needed.

"Our school system has seen many accomplishments over the last several years," the Superintendent said. "We are a B-rated school district, we're ranked the 17th highest performing district in the state, we are Top 10 in the state for kindergarten-8th grade academic performance, have extremely high graduation rates and we also excel with our many extracurricular programs, including championships."

He then proceeded to outline the various ways the money generated from

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## Unemployment Rate Decreases For LaSalle

By Craig Franklin  
Editor

LaSalle Parish's jobless rate for August fell to 2.9%, however, so did many other parishes leaving LaSalle tied for seventh place for the state's lowest unemployment numbers released last week by the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

In July, LaSalle's unemployment rate was 3.7%, so the 2.9% August data reveals residents continue to become employed and stay

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Rev. A. B. Masters, Jr.  
Bobby Thompson, Jr.

## Ministerial Serve Day Successful

Staff Report

Over six LaSalle Parish churches joined together Saturday, September 16, to perform a major service project at Good Pine Middle School.

Entitled "LaSalle School Serve Day" by the LaSalle Ministerial Alliance (LMA), in partnership with Serve Saturday Ministry, a group of volunteers worked from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. performing various projects to improve the school in different ways.

"We just want to thank all of our volunteers who made School Serve Day a success," stated LMA President Heath Harris. "Dozens of volunteers were able to mow, weedeat, spray

weeds, paint benches, install gravel in the playground, install new basketball nets, clean restrooms, install ceiling tiles, and our favorite, install positive messages in every restroom and in other parts of the campus."

A dozen custom designed decals were installed with messages such as, "Be kind," "Never give up," "Do what is right, not what is easy," "Believe the best in someone else," "Have courage and be kind," and "Don't give up tomorrow is a new day."

Harris noted that with suicide rates increasing, the LMA goal was to reduce bullying and "inspire a positive and safe school environment

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Jennifer McClure and Lori Andrews prepare to install positive messages in a restroom at Good Pine Middle School.

\$1.00



### Midway Baptist's 100th Celebration

This Sunday, Midway Baptist Church will have a special service celebrating their centennial.

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### The Times-Signal Spotlight

### Special Hunting Season Section

From opening day of squirrel season to duck and deer, we have the information all hunters need.

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# Wacker Pritchard Seeks Dist. 8 Seat

Submitted Article

Travis "Wacker" Pritchard has announced that he is a candidate for Police Juror to represent Ward 8, subject to the action of voters at the October 14 election.

In making his announcement, Pritchard issued the following statement to the voters of Ward 8:



Wacker Pritchard

"This is Travis "Wacker" Pritchard asking for your support in my bid to be the next Police Juror for District 8.

Most know that I already take interest in the needs of our community and am glad to help whenever I can.

For those who don't know me yet, I am a lifelong LaSalle Parish resident. I have not been around to talk with everybody door-to-door, in part, respecting that work often keeps people away from their homes leaving precious little time home with family.

If elected to our Police Jury, my honest regard for Ward 8 citizens, as well as my broad range of hands-on work experience, will benefit our community.

I sincerely ask for and appreciate your consideration in casting your vote for me in the upcoming October 14th election for Police Juror Ward 8."

## Early Voting...

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day, until Saturday, October 7, voters may vote early without any excuse from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day.

Early voting takes place at the LaSalle Parish Registrar of Voters Office across from the LaSalle Parish Courthouse in Jena at 1009 Courthouse Street Suite B. In Louisiana, a photo identification or signature on a voter affidavit is required to vote during Early Voting.

The October 14th ballot is large featuring many state, district and local elections along with one parish-wide sales tax proposition and four constitutional amendments.

Among the statewide elections are Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and Treasurer.

LaSalle Parish voters will join other surrounding parishes to decide the District 5

BESE member and District 20 State Representative.

In LaSalle only, voters will cast ballots for the position of LaSalle Parish Sheriff.

There are also several positions on the LaSalle Parish Police Jury that voters in individual districts will decide. Those include Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The parish will also vote on the LaSalle Parish School System's one-cent sales tax proposition, which divides the one-cent in the following distribution percentages: 50% construction/maintenance; 25% school safety/security; and 25% supplemental pay.

A detailed report of the four constitutional amendments may be found in a separate article in this issue.

Also on the ballot, for the Town of Urania, two names will be listed for the open position of Alderman. However, LaSalle Par-

# Brandon Streetman For Ward 7 Juror

Submitted Article

Brandon Streetman has announced that he is a candidate for Police Juror to represent Ward 7, subject to the action of voters at the October 14 election.

In making his announcement, Streetman issued the following statement to the voters of Ward 7:

"I'm here for the voters of Ward 7.

After much prayer, consideration, and encouragement, I announced my candidacy for Police Jury in Ward 7. I am a lifelong resident of Belah, the past 12 years on Gulde Rd.

Together with my wife Samantha and our two kids, Braylen and Sadie, we own Triple S Beef selling home-raised beef to the public and Triple S Cattle & Services providing cattle, tractor, and equipment services.

We are faithful members of Fellowship Baptist Church where I serve as a deacon.

I feel that my experience running a business and equipment, as well as common sense and logical thinking, will help us work more efficiently with our parish budget and facilities.

My main goal will be road improvements. Though I'm aware that the Police Jury has many duties beyond those, I do feel that the roads are the bar by which the Police Jury is measured.

Living in Ward 7 as long as I have, I am no stranger to our needs and want to serve to improve our Ward.

I thank you all for your consideration and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (318) 312-1092."



Brandon Streetman

ish Registrar of Voters Angie Sandifer noted that Bobby Brown has since withdrawn which means Teresa Sanders Corley is automatically elected. Although voters in Urania will still see two names on their ballots for Alderman (since he withdrew after the ballots were constructed) and technically may still cast a vote in that race, any votes for Brown will not be counted.

"Technically, there is no race for Alderman for the Town of Urania due to his withdrawal," Sandifer said.

As of late last week, LaSalle Parish has 8,728 registered voters with 476 inactive voters listed. Inactive voters may still vote but will have to fill out an address confirmation when they go to the polls. Sandifer noted that if anyone is listed as "inactive" it would be best come in her office prior to voting to help speed up the process.

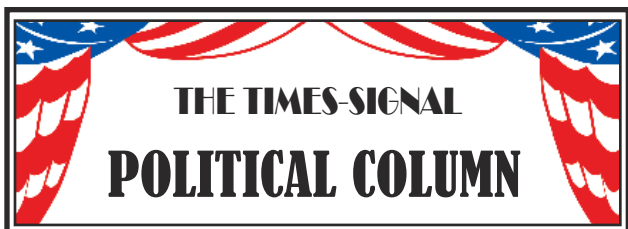
According to the U.S. Census, the parish has an estimated pop-

ulation of 14,729 as of July 1, 2022, which means that 59% of the parish is registered to vote.

"Voting is the fundamental right of all legal United States citizens and is a bedrock of our government and society," Sandifer said. "We are all thankful for our freedoms here in the United States and the freedom to vote and elect our leaders is paramount to the success of our nation. I ask that all LaSalle Parish residents register to vote and then exercise that right on election day."

The Registrar also noted that due to the October 14th ballot being considerably lengthy, voters should know the ballot and how they are going to vote prior to entering into the ballot booth.

"I would like to urge voters to study their ballot before voting since they are only allowed three minutes in the voting booth," she said. "The ballot is pretty long and voter turnout is expected to be heavy."



The Jena Times Olla-Tullos-Urania Signal is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following:

### REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 20

KEVIN BATES

### SHERIFF - LASALLE PARISH

- BRIAN ANDREWS
- JIMMY ARBOGAST
- DEON JONES
- BRANT KING
- SCOTT MCLENDON
- LANE WINDHAM

### POLICE JURY - LASALLE PARISH

#### WARD 2:

JORDY POOLE

#### WARD 4:

TIM "TATERCHIP" KIRL

BUDDY POWELL

#### WARD 5:

JUNE FOWLER

WILLIE TWINER

#### WARD 7:

BRANDON STREETMAN

#### WARD 8:

LEONARD GURGANUS

RAYMOND HUMPHRIES

LONDON LEMAY

TRAVIS "WACKER" PRITCHARD

VINCE STAPLETON

#### WARD 9:

CURT AINSWORTH

BRENT FARLEY

JAMIE HALL

#### WARD 10:

CASEY JONES

subject to the action of voters at the fall election.

*(The candidates listed paid for their official announcement to be published in this newspaper)*

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*(We prefer to receive the announcements and advertisements earlier to give our staff more time to prepare it for publication.)*



**Primary Election - Saturday, October 14, 2023**  
**General Election - Saturday, November 18, 2023**

## Kevin Bates...

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and Ouachita parishes.

In LaSalle Parish, the following Wards and Precincts are in District 20: 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 4-2, 5-1, 6-1, 6-2, 7-1, 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4 and 10-1. The rest of LaSalle is in District 22, represented by Gabe Firment.

"I am Kevin Bates, and it is an honor to introduce myself as a candidate for State Representative.

As a Pastor and lifelong resident of District 20, I have been on the ground working hand and hand in the community to understand the needs of the people and what really impacts our community.

Pro-life advocacy, Second Amendment protection, healthcare, education, insurance reform, and economic development are not campaign topics but issues I have dealt with in real time with real people. These experiences have ingrained in me a deep sense of duty to advocate for the needs of our community at a higher level.

For years, we have been represented by

the same familiar faces, but it's time for a change. I am not someone who has been in the political arena, making promises and exchanging favors.

Instead, I come to you as a concerned citizen, a family man, and a community leader. It's time for a representative who truly understands the challenges faced by ordinary citizens and who will fight tirelessly to address those challenges.

I pledge to you that I will be a representative who is accessible, accountable, and transparent. I will listen to your concerns and fight for the issues that matter most to you.

My family-oriented Christian values will guide every decision, ensuring that District 20 is represented with integrity and compassion.

My wife, Kayla, and I, along with our children Bliss and Boston, have built our life in this area and we are convicted and determined to ensure that District 20 is a place our children will want to raise their families."

# Jena Junior High Lists Honor Roll

Submitted Article

Honor roll students for the first six weeks grading period at Jena Junior High School have been announced by Principal Jeremy Cassels, as follows:

### Sixth Grade

**All A's** - Elijah Breithaupt, Lonnie Richmond and Kristin West.

**A's and B's** - Lisa Adams, Colton Baker, Kharis Bowen, Pip-

er Campbell, Braxton Cross, Emilee Elliott, Aiden Foreman, Judah Glenn, Baily Hudnall, Chelsi Kimball, Levi Leavins, Camden Moffett, Halle Riggs, Adryan Smith, Micah Thomas and Ariana Wishum.

### Seventh Grade

**All A's** - Gabriella Courtney and Dentyn Edwards.

**A's and B's** - Cari Bacon, Bryce Chapman, Harley DeLasalle, Cooper Evans, Bentley

Feeheley, Jacoby Johnson, Scarlett Johnson, Sandra LaCour, Aaron Nugent, Wyatt Oxley, Hunter Poole and William Spears.

### Eighth Grade

**All A's** - Eli Adams, Dru Douglas, Owen Girlinghouse, Carson Hughart, Clara Kemp, Mallory King, Jesilyn Poole, Lyla Poole, Miley Posey, Silas Powell, Josie Robison, Britney Smith and Timothy Spence.

**A's and B's** - Carol Bacon, Preslee Carr, Jonah Chapman, Cole Griffith, Jonas Jenkins, Canaan Jones, Landry Knight, James McCarthy, Kaeleigh Nunery, Hunni Poole, Sophia Reaves, Cassidy Spears, Lucas Vickers and Lilah Weaver.





**Rod Brady...**  
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versal Plant Services west of the Jena Airport.

Back in July, state elected officials announced that appropriations were made by the Louisiana Legislature in HB 2 to provide \$10-million for the construction of a new Rod Brady Campus. The bill provided \$1-million in cash for the design and architectural aspects of the new construction and another \$9-million for the actual construction.

"We are very grateful and indebted to LEDD for their strong support and we simply would not be here without them," CLTCC Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle said. "The size of their investment is tremendous. Right now, we are on just a

little less than three acres (at the current E. Bradford location in Jena) and it is landlocked. The place for the footprint of the new building or buildings and the room to grow is more than we could ask for."

While the official motion during the meeting of LEDD was to donate 10 acres, which has an approximate value of \$100,000, Sawtelle said he considers it an "investment" instead of a donation.

"It is an investment that's going to yield a return for generations to come," the Chancellor noted. "And everyone at CLTCC, from our board members to Louisiana Community and Technical College System President, Dr. Monty Sullivan, we are indebted to the generosity of LEDD."

Sawtelle said the

new facility to be constructed for the Rod Brady Campus will be the fourth major project the system has had in 12 years.

"We've had a new construction at our Winnfield campus, a major overhaul of our Ferriday campus and new construction in Alexandria which yielded two new buildings downtown," he said. "Everyone, from Jena to Baton Rouge, is very excited about the prospect of this investment because we know there's going to be a great return on that investment."

The Chancellor noted that the initial phase of building the new Rod Brady Campus is a very slow progression, but emphasized that taking time to evaluate the needs to be incorporated into the new facility is very important.

"It's a slow process and so the first money that we have is devoted to the design/architectural process," he said. "Our research continues and it will be 2024 when we actually bring our program managing team and architectural team to start doing an assessment of the land, what the options are there and then begin what would be the design itself."

He noted that several members from CLTCC, including Rod Brady staff and LEDD officials, have conducted several "fact-finding missions" during the past few months, touring other newly built state facilities and putting plans together as to what works best for LaSalle Parish.

Now that land has been secured, reviewing the plot and organizing the layout and incorporating the

landscape into the design can be achieved.

But before all of that takes place, Sawtelle did not want to overlook what the donation of the property means to CLTCC.

"This is yet another wonderful example of their (LEDD) commitment to LaSalle Parish through career and technical education," he said. "This is the first major event that will help us save tremendously on resources and stretch our dollars even further so we can have a world-class facility right here in Jena, Louisiana."

LEDD President Walter Dorroh, Jr. was proud that his fellow LEDD members realized the importance of investing in the new Rod Brady Campus project.

"LEDD is pleased and honored to be able to assist in getting a

modernized and updated CLTCC here in Jena," Dorroh stated. "The Rod Brady campus has been an absolutely terrific partner in economic development by providing well-trained employees for companies and investors in our community. It is fitting and appropriate that the new campus is going to be located in our industrial park."

"The Rod Brady school is an integral part of the investment, industrial, and business community in our parish and surrounding area," he concluded. "The facility needs to be where the action is, so to speak. We congratulate our friends and partners in economic development there and look forward to continuing to work with them for the betterment of LaSalle Parish."

**Unemployment...**  
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employed.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2023 is 3.4%. This is the lowest rate for the month of August in series history, and is the third lowest rate all-time. The rate shows an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the July 2023 rate of 3.3 percent but a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from August 2022.

In LaSalle, August data revealed it was tied for the seventh lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.9%, tied with Plaquemines, Lafourche, Ter-

rebonne, St. Tammany, Calcasieu, St. Martin and Jackson. LaSalle and Jackson parishes had the lowest unemployment rate in all of Central and North Louisiana.

The state's lowest unemployment rate was West Feliciana Parish at 2.2%, followed by Cameron Parish at 2.3%, Livingston and Ascension parishes at 2.6% and Bossier and St. Charles parishes at 2.8%.

During and following the coronavirus pandemic from 2020 to early 2023, LaSalle led the entire state with the lowest unemployment figures.

Neighboring par-

ishes had the following rates recorded for July: Rapides 3.0%; Grant 3.4%; Caldwell 3.5%; Winn 3.7%; and Catahoula 4.3%.

"The Louisiana unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in series history" said the Louisiana Workforce Commission Secretary Robert Wooley. "We have had many job fairs over the month throughout the state, where jobseekers have been able to speak with employers, fill out job applications, interview and receive conditional job offers on site, and visit our Mobile Workforce Unit for assistance in their career journey. This is a true

testament to how we are working to continuously put our Louisiana citizens back to work."

Since July 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has increased by 1,782 to 71,468 in August 2023. This is the lowest number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals for the month of August in series history and the 10th lowest of all-time. Compared to August 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals decreased by 10,638.

Since July 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted em-

ployed individuals has decreased by 17,033 to 2,006,019 in August 2023. This is the fourth highest number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals for the month of August in series history. Compared to August 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals decreased by 43.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for August 2023 is 1,955,400, an increase of 8,500 jobs from the revised July 2023 estimate of 1,946,900 jobs. Compared to August 2022, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased

by 34,100 jobs. This shows over-the-month employment gains in 11 of the last 14 months and 29 consecutive months with an over-the-year gain.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted total private employment for August 2023 is 1,645,500, an increase of 2,100 jobs from the July 2023 revised estimate of 1,643,400. Compared to August 2022, not seasonally adjusted private sector employment increased by 29,000 jobs. This shows over-the-month employment gains in 15 of the last 20 months and 29 consecutive months with an over-the-year gain.

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**EARLY VOTING**  
**Sept. 30th - Oct. 7th**  
(Excluding Sunday, October 1, 2023)  
**at LaSalle Registrar of Voters Office in Jena**

# DOTD Reminds Candidates About Political Road Signs

Submitted Article

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development would like to advise candidates and their supporters, as they conduct campaigns for public office, to please keep the following in mind:

It is against Louisiana Law (see RS 48:347) to place signs within the right-of-way of a state highway.

Campaign signs placed in the state right-of-way will be removed and stored at the nearest DOTD parish maintenance unit for 30 days. Contact information for the DOTD districts can be found below.

DOTD personnel are required to remove po-

litical signs and other obstructions from state right-of-way in a timely fashion when they become aware of the obstruction.

A good rule of thumb is to place your sign behind existing utility poles on property where you have received permission from the private property owner. Most utilities are within the DOTD right-of-way. For directions about where and how to reclaim any of your signs that have been removed by DOTD personnel in LaSalle Parish, please contact DOTD DISTRICT 58, 6217 LA 15 South, Chase, LA, or call (318) 412-3100. LA DOTD thanks all candidates and their supporters for cooperation and help in keeping Louisiana roadways safe for the citizens of the state.

# LaSalle Arrests



The following people were arrested last week and booked into the LaSalle Parish Jail:

Cameron D. Brown, 34, of Jena, arrested September 13 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for resisting an officer by force or violence, flight from an officer, resisting an officer and simple burglary.

Robert Green, 46, of Olla, arrested September 15 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for possession of CDS II, possession of CDS I and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brian Rush, Jr., 41, of Clayton, arrested September 15 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for two counts of sexual battery.

Charles Jones, 51, of Harrisonburg, was arrested September 16 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for failure to pay child support.

James L. Smith, 61, of Olla, was arrested September 16 by the Olla Police Department for aggravated battery.

Kenny Smith, 55, of Olla, was arrested September 17 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for domestic abuse battery.

Nathan Nobles, 30, of Jena, was arrested September 17 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for resisting an officer, possession of CDS II and possession of CDS I.

Stephen Doughty, 50, of Jena, was arrested September 17 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for possession of CDS II and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Landon Vault, 19, of Urania, was arrested September 17 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for possession of CDS II and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Alius Morace, 63, of Trout, was arrested September 18 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for contempt of court, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of CDS II.

Samuel Fisher, 45, of Deville, was arrested September 18 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for two counts of aggravated assault with a firearm.

Michael Gee, 24, of Tullos, was arrested September 18 by the Tullos Police Department for shoplifting/theft.

Billy Cotton, 59, of Jena, was arrested September 18 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for three counts of contempt of court.

Michael McDaniel, 70, address not listed, was arrested September 18 by the Urania Police Department for aggravated assault with a firearm and contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile.

Ravonna Wallace, 42, of Jena, was arrested September 18 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for simple burglary.

Steven Germany, 54, of Jena, was arrested September 19 by the Jena Police Department for 10 counts of sexual battery.

Ryan Hohorst, 35, of Lafayette, was arrested September 19 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for simple burglary and criminal trespass.

Carwin Jones, 34, of Jena, was arrested September 20 by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office for domestic abuse battery.



Gravel was installed at the playground of Good Pine Middle School as part of LaSalle School Serve Day held September 16.



Several improvement projects were completed at Good Pine Middle School as part of the LaSalle School Serve Day September 16, including the installation of ceiling tile in several classrooms.

## School Serve...

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where students are reminded of the hope we have in Christ."

The local pastor said that the ministerial alliance looks to make LaSalle School Serve Day an annual event, either at late summer before school begins or during August or September of each year.

"But individuals and churches don't have to wait for this to occur once a year to get involved in helping others," he said. "Serve Saturday Ministry is a great ministry in our

area that does act of kindness once a month that anyone can become involved with."

Serve Saturday Ministry performs work every third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m., doing everything from small construction projects to painting to plumbing and much more.

To become involved in Serve Saturday Ministry, contact Team Leader Danny Spicer or the LaSalle Ministerial Alliance.

"These types of ministries and events allow the church to minister to people outside the walls of a building and allow the love of Christ to shine for all to see," Harris concluded.



Positive messages were placed throughout Good Pine Middle School in an effort prevent bullying and suicide as part of LaSalle School Serve Day September 16.

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**EARLY VOTING**  
September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 7<sup>th</sup>  
**ELECTION DAY**  
October 14, 2023

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## We Should All Take the Time to Vote

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial appeared in the September 25, 2019 issue of this newspaper, written by Sammy J. Franklin, Publisher/Editor of The Jena Times for 54 years until his death in January 2022. His words on the importance of voting are still true today.)*

Early voting for the October 12th primary election gets underway this Saturday, Sept. 28, and will continue through the following Saturday, Oct. 5. During the last several elections cycles, up to 20-percent of LaSalle voters cast early ballots at the Registrar of Voters office.

Voting early is a good idea for a lot of us that like to keep our Saturdays free. And you never know what may come up or what the weather will be like on Election Day. Thus, voting early preserves your vote.

Since I have been old enough to cast my ballot, back then it was 21, I have missed very few elections that I did not vote. Not only have I felt it a duty; I feel it is one of the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans.

I get upset when I hear people say they are disillusioned with governments and they don't think one person's vote makes any difference.

Another complaint is that politicians promise anything to get elected, but once in office they fill the bills they vote for with pork and vote only when self-interest is involved. Then, too, for some eligible voters it seems a waste of time to vote on propositions when that is all that is one the ballot.

Even if all of these were true, there would still be a very good reason for voting. In fact, if all of these were true, the only way to turn it around would be for a majority of voters to demonstrate the demand for change. So complaints like the aforementioned are really just excuses for having something else to do instead of making the effort to cast a vote.

The stereotyping of politicians of one or both sides of the fence as idiots or tricksters just encourages that kind of behavior.

Some voters don't really have the courage of their convictions and so can be swayed by hearing the opposition ridiculing their candidates. In this way, snide remarks and name-calling can skew the results.

Fortunately, we have a secret ballot to counteract this phenomenon.

There is no real purpose served by mudslinging. Everybody comes out looking dirty, and many voters lose their taste for politics, not to mention the possible candidates who decide against having their good name dragged through the slime.

Some voters are just too lazy to study the issues and are mostly interested in coming out on the winning side, whatever it is. "Might makes right" is not much different from "the majority rules" in some cases.

Yet, whatever an American citizen's stand is on politics, we all have a common history. Some of this history relates to a time when not only did we not have social security, but we didn't have the money to pay the troops.

After the Revolution, when a good many of our soldiers were still on duty because a host of British redcoats were still hanging around New York, some of our men began agitating for their pay in Philadelphia. Congress thought it best to transfer its business to New Jersey.

This arrangement caused George Washington to end up near Princeton at a rented house named Rockingham (also called Berrien Mansion). In the Blue Room of this two-story house at Rocky Hill, Washington drafted his Farewell to the Armies.

Famous for sticking by his troops in all their hardships, epitomized by the winter at Valley Forge, Washington, in his words to his soldiers, communicated gratitude for their service even when they were patiently suffering and when they were demonstrating their "invincible fortitude in action."

His greatest wish for them was that "ample justice be done them here," and that "the choicest of heaven's favours both here and hereafter, attend those who, under the divine auspices, have secured innumerable blessings for others."

Folks, we are living in the "hereafter" that Washington had reference to, and we are those "others" for whom those early veterans "secured innumerable blessings." Wouldn't they all turn over in their graves if they could hear some of our excuses for not exercising one of the greatest blessings they provided.

At the Oct. 12th election, voters in LaSalle Parish will be helping to decide on all statewide elected officials, from Governor on down. Also, races are on the ballot for BESE member, Senate and Representative seats, LaSalle Sheriff, police jury seats in nine wards, as well as four constitutional

There should be no excuse for anyone failing to take a few minutes of their time and cast an early ballot, or go to their polling place on Election Day and casting their ballot. It matters not who they are voting for, or on which side of an issue they stand, everyone should take time to vote on Election Day.



### Southern Banana Pudding

**Ingredients:**

- 4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- Pinch kosher salt
- 3 large eggs, separated (you'll need whites later for meringue)
- 3 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 11-ounce package vanilla wafers, approximately 45 wafers
- 5 to 6 bananas
- 3 egg whites, reserved from above
- 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

**Directions:**

1. Preheat oven to 325 F. Chill the bowl and beaters for making the meringue (if making).
  2. Combine flour, sugar and salt in a large, heavy saucepan.
  3. Lightly beat egg yolks and combine with milk in a large bowl or measuring cup. Pour the egg and milk mixture into dry ingredients in heavy saucepan. Cook over low to medium heat, stirring constantly, until ingredients are thickened and smooth. Remove saucepan from heat and stir in vanilla.
  4. To layer your banana pudding, begin by placing 1/3 of the vanilla wafers on the bottom of a 2-quart oven-safe glass bowl or baking dish.
  5. Slice bananas and place 1/3 on top of wafers.
  6. Pour one-third of custard over wafers and bananas.
  7. Repeat layering process two more times until all wafers, bananas, and custard have been used, ending with a final layer of the wafers.
- For the meringue:
1. Whip the egg whites with an electric mixer set at high speed.
  2. Allow egg whites to foam, add cream of tartar and then gradually add sugar one tablespoon at a time. Continue whipping until sugar is well-dissolved. Add vanilla once stiff peaks have formed and whip until well-combined.
  3. Spread the meringue over banana pudding, making sure to spread to the edges of the dish.
  4. Bake for about 25 minutes until the meringue is lightly browned.



The new pastor at McVay Nazarene Church in Belah is Bro. Gary Dupuy, shown above with his wife, Bobbie.

## New Pastor at McVay Nazarene

Submitted Article

McVay Nazarene Church would like to welcome and introduce our new pastor, Bro. Gary Dupuy.

Bro. Gary grew up in Avoyelles Parish in the small community of Dupont. He has been married to his wife, Bobbie, for 55 years. They have two children, a son and a daughter, and they are blessed with three grandchildren and four great grandchildren, who they cherish dearly.

They had a grandson who was called home by the Lord at a young age and way too soon but they take comfort in knowing they will be reunited with him one day. Bro. Gary and Mrs. Bobbie are blessed to have their family live near them in Sabine Parish.

Bro. Gary has been a pastor for 59 years and has pastored churches in Louisiana and Mississippi. He began his work for the Lord when he was 15 years old! He loves the Lord and loves to see churches grow. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bro. Gary, along with McVay Church, would love for you to come meet us, fellowship, worship and grow with us. Our doors are always open!

The church is located on Valentine Road off of Hwy 773 in the Belah community. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m., with worship service at 11:00 a.m.

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**TAX PROPOSITION**

SCHOOL DISTRICT - PARISH WIDE 1¢      YES      NO

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1      YES      NO  
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2      YES      NO  
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3      YES      NO  
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4      YES      NO

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## Craig Franklin: Lessons on Making Mistakes



As hard as we try to not make mistakes in this newspaper, they happen. The difference between making a mistake on a text and making mistake in the newspaper, is in the thousands of views.

Sometimes, mistakes in your local newspaper are not our fault. For instance, a few weeks ago, we had beautiful yellow balloons on our front page as part of our news story about Sales Along 84. However, when we got our printed papers back to our office that Tuesday morning, before they went out to newsstands Wednesday, we discovered the printer hadn't properly adjusted the color and the balloons turned out green.

A similar event took place at the beginning of football season when we published our annual football preview section. The LaSalle Tigers' uniforms turned out purple instead of blue in the printed paper. This too, was an adjustment from the printer who mistakenly thought the Tigers' colors were in fact the colors of LSU.

The color differences were unnoticed if you only viewed the e-edition versions of our paper, but were definitely noticed in the printed version.

But let me say this before I move on, the company we use to print our newspapers in Eunice does a fantastic job. We are more than pleased with the quality of work they perform each week and would put their work up against any printing press in the country.

I'm old enough to remember the days when printing a picture in the paper did not resemble anything like what we sent to the press. I remember those dark, fuzzy or often too light photos that would appear and the fact that we could only print black and white photographs. Thankfully, our printer in Eunice, led by a fantastic manager, Kathy Duncan, goes above and beyond all that we ask each and every week.

We purposely place as many color photographs in the paper each week as space will allow. We understand the importance of photographs to help tell the stories and since taking over The Jena Times in March, we have stretched

the limits of photographs in the paper.

If you think we are going for the "wow" factor each week then you have thought correctly. We are doing everything we can to design our pages with photos that grab your attention and leave you amazed at what you're looking at.

Even with all of the time we spend each week working on photos, trying to get them just right, mistakes still happen. Often times, on our end, either with detail adjustments or sizing.

But a blurry photo is no match for what the two mistakes we made during two issues, September 13 and 20.

The first mistake was in a headline on Sept. 13. At the bottom of the front page, we had a story about the statewide burn ban still being in effect. However, the headline read: "Statewide Burn Barn Remains in Effect."

It wasn't until late in the morning Wednesday that we caught the error. Despite four different sets of eyes proofing the page, the mistake was still made.

The second mistake was last week, when the date line on the front page read "August 20, 2023" instead of "September 20, 2023." Again, four sets of eyes missed it.

While some could have used the two errors to

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## Faith Lifts

I was recently privileged to watch and share a video on Facebook of a baptismal service that involved a pastor friend and a new convert who has been legally blind for the last eight years. It was amazing, faith lifting and awe inspiring to watch!

The video began with the new church convert going down in the baptismal tank and coming out of the water seconds later worshipping with his hands up and his eyes closed then opened, all the time praising God. Suddenly, he stopped with a confused, shocked expression on his face, then turned his head back and forth then whispered something to the pastor. He appeared conflicted and almost disbelieving staring back toward what I assumed was the onlooking congregation and mouthing the words, "I can see." He was visibly shaking in the video and repeated the phrase again. He then threw his head back and gave an uncontained shout of praise to God! Watching the genuine changing expressions on his face go from pure undisguised amazement to understanding and then to unconcealed joy sent God shivers down my body and my own phrases of praise to the One who restored his sight! I've watched the clip repeatedly and it hasn't failed to inspire worship from my mouth to God's ear. I plan to watch it many more times.

It is a modern-day miracle that happened just weeks ago and is a genuine faith lift for this follower of Jesus Christ and thousands of others who have watched the video clip. It was and is a reminder that God is still on the throne and has not and will never surrender His authority or power- not to this age, not to the present darkness which would love to reign and rule, and not to the doubters or disbelievers of this dispensation of time. He still shows up and shows out!

A friend, Tammy, from the north end of our Parish, was recently sharing how God healed her foot of planter's fasciitis, after I told her I was suffering from that very condition. She was watching a program and one of the participants on the program spoke about healing, specifical-

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## Const. Amendments Recommendations

By Royal Alexander  
Attorney / Contributing Writer

There will be four constitutional amendments on the ballot this Oct. 14th election and four more constitutional amendments on the Nov. 18th ballot.\* Please know that there are often credible, principled reasons to view such measures differently. Below are my respectful recommendations:

### Constitutional Amendments on October 14th Ballot

#### AMENDMENT #1: Prohibiting Donations to Conduct Elections

"Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of funds, goods or services from a foreign government or a nongovernmental source to conduct elections and election functions and duties unless the use is authorized by the secretary of state through policies established in accordance with law?"

This Amendment, otherwise known as the "Zuckerbucks" bill in light of the hundreds of millions of dollars Meta Facebook founder, Mark Zuckerberg, spent trying to influence elections in 2020, is an important one. It is designed

to prohibit the use of financial or other donations from outside sources such as a non-governmental source (i.e., Zuckerberg) or a foreign government to administer (i.e., influence) elections in Louisiana.

#### Recommendation: Yes.

#### AMENDMENT #2: Protection for Worship in Churches.

"Do you support an amendment to provide that the freedom of worship in a church or other place of worship is a fundamental right that is worthy of the highest order of protection?"

This reinforces what the U.S. Supreme Court has already provided for free exercise of religion. Namely, providing the highest level of constitutional protection for the freedom to worship—specifically in a church or another place of worship—requiring courts to apply the strictest level of judicial review (Strict Scrutiny) to challenges when government bodies restrict access to places of worship. The current constitutional protections don't specifically single out houses



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rip this newspaper, instead we were shown grace (getting what you don't deserve) by our readers. Now, that's not to say that some of our friends didn't give us a little

grief over the mistakes in fun, but overwhelmingly everyone understood that they were just mistakes.

One reader gave us a great compliment when she said that she has so much confidence in The Jena Times that when she saw the wrong date

she just knew it was August 20 for she trusted the newspaper more than her own memory.

As humans, we are all prone to mistakes. Mistakes are a part of life. A mistake on purposes is not a mistake...it's a deliberate decision. However,

most times they are just as the definition describes: "An error or fault resulting from defective judgment, deficient knowledge or carelessness."

I love what John Wooten says about mistakes. He said a mistake is valuable if you do four things

with it: recognize it, admit it, learn from it, forget it.

So, this week, we recognize our errors, we admitted them to you, we are certainly set on learning from them and not repeating them and finally, we will move on and forget about them.

With so many news sources not trustworthy these days, we value our readers' trust immensely. Nothing is more valuable to us that your trust so we commit to work even harder at providing a newspaper that maintains that standard.

**My Perspective**

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ly for planters' fasciitis and how God could do such a miracle for anyone. Tammy claimed it, believed it, and received it all within a matter of minutes. She expressed in our conversation how many people would have difficulty accepting her account of the miracle. We sadly concluded that doubt would prevent God from working in places and for needs that He otherwise

would work.

Another minister friend from this area was telling me about preaching somewhere in the state within the last few months. There was such a move of God in the service that people filled the altars and cried and called on God for over three consecutive hours. He said the power of God was so strong in the gathering that people just couldn't leave. God, my friends, is moving across all denominations and Christian faiths, wherever and

whenever people will let Him!

There's a song called "Way Maker" which I love, and which farther expresses my sentiments about God and His power. The lyrics go like this, "Even when I don't see it, He's working. Even when I don't feel it, He's working. He's never stopped, He's never stopped working." What an apt description of Jesus Christ! His ability isn't dependent on your

sight or my sight or our emotions and He isn't contained or stifled by human conditions. He just works anyway!

Sometimes your faith and my faith are in search of a faith lift. We simply need to hear a praise report or a good testimony from someone we know who had an issue and God stepped in with the answer. We require a friend or two to tear off the roof of doubt and help us get into the presence of God so He can meet our needs and lift our heads.

We're looking for another set of hands to lift our weary arms upward so God will look down and see us. We need insight into other church congregations so our own congregation can experience God in all His power. Our faith just needs a boost to get us looking in a God direction.

It's amazing to hear stories from decades ago of how God moved and worked in lives and needs of people; it's empowering to hear testimonies from last month and last

week of what God can do and is still doing! These recent accounts of the mighty works of heaven's hands I offer as faith lifts for you and your needs and the needs of those you love. Don't quit praying. Don't quit believing. Don't let your worship cease. Don't quit trusting in God and His promises. Lift your hands, lift your eyes, lift your voice, and lift your faith! Even if you don't feel it or see it, God's working for you. Trust Him.



**No Time in Heaven**

Last night, I stood by the bedside of a man that was dying. Disease had taken its toil on his body and he only had a little time left. His family was there with him. They had known for months that this time would come and they had done all they knew to do to prepare for this moment. But the truth is, we never are totally prepared for this moment.

We all gathered around the bed and I began to talk to him about that it was alright to relax and let go and that the Lord was there to help him make that transition from this life to the next. I read the 23rd Psalms and prayed.

When I finished, I looked at every member of the family that was present and I could see that they were grieved, and their hearts were broken. They loved this man dearly, but they did not want to see him continue to labor for breath and remain in this state.

Having been in this situation many times, we begin to ask, "How much longer can he linger on?" or "Why doesn't God take him on?" These are question that we as mortal man don't have the answer to.

Last night as we stood around his bed watching him breath for what seemed like an eternity, one of this gentleman's nieces said, "I have come to believe that there is no time in heaven."

No time in heaven. What a profound statement, but a true one.

As I stood there and pondered this statement, I did a quick evaluation of my life and thought, what a great place to not have to worry about time.

I am setting here at this moment frantically typing this article trying to meet a timed deadline. I am angry with myself because I have waited to the last day to submit it, and frustrated because I have committed to more than I can do today.

If you are honest with yourself today, you would agree with me that today we work longer hours, attempt to develop the skill of multi-tasking, purchase every kind of techno device, and sleep less all for the purpose of cramming more into the allotted time that God has given us in a day.

The truth is our fast paced and demanding society has set for us a lifestyle that is unhealthy for us physically, emotionally, and spiritually, a society that demands more from us than we can possibly meet.

As I drove home in the wee hours of the morning, pondering the many things that I have to do today, I thought of a place that had no time. I must admit I was a little envious of my friend. But, until then, life continues on, and we must keep trusting the Lord!

**Alexander...**

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of worship for this protection, but this does.

**Recommendation: Yes.**

**AMENDMENT #3:** Surplus Spending on Retirement Debt

*"Do you support an amendment to require that a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of any money designated as non-recurring state revenue be applied toward the balance of the unfunded accrued liability of the state retirement systems?"*

This Amendment would require lawmakers to use 25% of any state surplus to pay retirement debt for the four state retirement systems. Currently, the requirement is for lawmakers to spend 10% of any state surplus to pay retirement debt for two state retirement systems through 2029.

**Recommendation: No recommendation.** Louisiana has a \$17 billion-dollar

unfunded accrued liability in pension benefits, but it also has a multi-billion-dollar backlog of deficient roads, bridges, coastal restoration projects and water systems to which state dollars could flow. Voters should decide what state spending they prioritize regarding this surplus revenue.

**AMENDMENT #4:** Property Tax Exemptions for Nonprofit Organizations

*"Do you support an amendment to deny a property tax exemption to a non-profit corporation or association that owns residential property in such a state of disrepair that it endangers public health or safety?"*

This would allow local government officials to remove a property tax exemption from nonprofit organizations that lease housing (apartments, etc.) and have repeated public health or safety violations. Otherwise, the current system of property tax

exemptions for non-profit organizations—including for those that have repeated public health and safety violations—would be maintained.

**Recommendation: Yes.**

**Constitutional Amendments on November 18th Ballot**

[Note: I will more fully address these amendments before the Nov. 18th election]

**AMENDMENT #1:** Deadlines to Veto Bills and Rules for Veto Sessions

This would allow lawmakers to try to override a governor's veto without calling a separate veto session if they are already in a legislative session. It also adds further details about the deadlines for a governor to veto bills. Otherwise, lawmakers' attempts to override a governor's vetoes would occur in a separate session.

**AMENDMENT #2:** Repeal of Inactive Special Funds in the Constitution

This Amendment would remove six inactive funds with zero or near-zero balances from the Louisiana Constitution. Otherwise, these six inactive funds would remain.

**AMENDMENT #3:** Property Tax Exemptions for First Responders

This would allow a parish governing authority to give an extra property tax exemption to police, firefighters and certain other first responders who own homes and live in the given parish.

**AMENDMENT #4:** Rule Changes for the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund

This would tighten the rules on the allowed use of a seven-year-old state trust fund that collects dollars from corporate tax collections and oil and gas production in Louisiana making it more difficult for elected officials to spend this trust fund money.

Thank you for your consideration.

(\*PAR Louisiana)



Our minds want to wander. What they settle on in their journey from one destination to another is intriguing and telling. The Bible says, "Old men dream dreams and young men see visions." But it does not tell what the dreams or visions are. It depends on the individual.

One day a psalmist unveiled both his dream and his vision: "Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."

We often hear phrases about "spending quality time with loved ones" or "living a quality life." But unless we define quality in scriptural

terms, "quality" may not be what "quality" is.

Our psalmist wants us to know that even standing at the edge of the temple is better than being inside the tent of a wicked person. Why is this so? It is because of God Himself! Simply being in His presence is a reward.

For the psalmist it is not the beauty of the place but the beauty of a Person. "God is a sun and a shield," he declares, referring to the absolute glory of God as a person and protector of those who serve Him. With His love upon us and His glory around us, we can be assured that He will not withhold any good things from us if we walk with Him and live lives that are blameless - or lives of integrity.

But along our way in this walk with Him, He will give us "grace and glory." Glory refers to His "grace" that He gives to those who are His own. It is His grace that saves us with the faith He gives us because of His love for us.

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# Constitutional Amendments Guide for Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Election

By Craig Franklin  
Editor

While voters in LaSalle Parish may be focused on local elections for October 14, there are four Louisiana Constitutional Amendments on the ballot where voters will vote “yes” or “no” to determine whether or not they will be included in our state constitution.

For many years, former publisher/editor Sammy Franklin provided his guidance to LaSalle Parish voters to provide recommendations regarding any constitutional amendments that have appeared on the ballot. It is in this same spirit of sincerity that we continue this tradition and offer our opinion and recommendations for these important issues.

Please remember that we encourage everyone to perform due diligence in researching the amendments individually and please perform your civic duty in exercising your right to vote.

After researching the amendments, the Times-Signal offers this guide and explanation to help voters make their decision.

### Proposed Amendment No. 1

The proposition reads: “Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of funds, goods, or services from a foreign government or a non-governmental source to conduct elections and election functions and duties unless the use is authorized by the secretary of state through policies established in accordance with law?”

Our View: With so much attention on election interference and possible fraud during the last few national election cycles, this proposed constitutional amendment seems to reinforce the state’s efforts to ensure Louisiana elections remain fair and free from any outside influence, specifically any foreign influencer.

It should be noted that Louisiana does not have a history of election fraud in recent years and our system of balloting appears to function flawlessly with complete, non-official results known within a couple of hours after polls are closed.

This proposed amendment makes it clear that the state will not engage with any foreign entity to keep our elections free from outside interference.

We endorse this amendment and will vote “yes” on Oct. 14.

### Proposed Amendment No. 2

The proposition reads: “Do you support an amendment to provide that the freedom of worship in a church or other place of worship is a fundamental right that is worthy of the highest order of protection?”

Our View: There is little doubt that this proposed amendment is a result of the extreme Covid-19 executive mandates and restrictions enacted by Gov. John Bel Edwards during the 2020-2021 coronavirus years. Although the Courts ruled in favor of a Baton Rouge pastor who chose not to abide by the Gov.’s mandate which forbade any assembling of people including churches, our legislature wanted to make it clear and make it part of our Louisiana Consti-

tution so that this type of government overreach would never happen again.

It’s a real shame that we are at the point in our state where we have to adopt a constitutional amendment to affirm our right to worship freely, but given the power our constitution allows for governors, especially during “emergencies,” this amendment is necessary.

We endorse this amendment and will vote “yes” on Oct. 14.

### Proposed Amendment No. 3

The proposition reads: “Do you support an amendment to require that a minimum of twenty-five percent of any money designated as non-recurring state revenue be applied toward the balance of the unfunded accrued liability of the state retirement system?”

Our View: The proposed amendment is aimed at trying to get a handle on the state retirement system. Currently, our local school board pays 28.7% to the retirement system and should this amendment pass, it would decrease the amount local school districts pay into the system.

Basically, this amendment will free up more money for local districts and some other government bodies that use the state retirement system. This should translate to additional money that can be used for other needed areas in those systems.

Any effort to give our local school system more money without taxation is always a win for residents.

We endorse this amendment and will vote “yes” on Oct. 14.

### Proposed Amendment No. 4.

The proposition reads: “Do you support an amendment to deny a property tax exemption to a nonprofit corporation or association that owns residential property in such a state of disrepair that it endangers public health or safety?”

Our View: From our research, we believe this amendment affects New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas more than smaller parishes in the state. Basically, in those larger cities, you have non-profit organizations owning residential property that don’t necessarily use the property and eventually allow that property to become rundown and useless, often, at worse, becoming

## RECOMMENDATIONS ON AMENDMENTS

Provided by The Jena Times

Yes No

### Amendment #1

Forbidding foreign governments/sources to conduct election functions

### Amendment #2

Freedom of worship highest order of protection

### Amendment #3

25% of nonrecurring state revenue to unfunded accrued liability

### Amendment #4

Deny tax exempt status for nonprofits with deplorable residential property

a safety issue and at best, an eye-soar for the neighborhood.

According to LaSalle Assessor Tom Kendrick, LaSalle Parish does not have any large non-profits that own residential property and thus the amendment does not really affect us. This really should have been a local issue voted upon by the parishes/cities where it is a problem.

As a staunch believer in non-profits and their ability to remain tax exempt it may seem ironic that we will suggest voting “yes” to this amendment.

We feel as though should we ever have any non-profits that purchase residential property in LaSalle Parish, we want them to be good neighbors or face the consequences of having their state tax exemption status removed.

We endorse this amendment and will vote “yes” on Oct. 14.

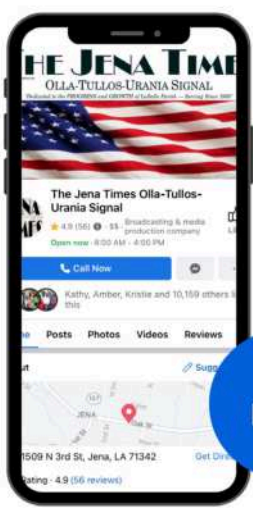
All four constitutional amendments will be on the October 14 ballot and a month later, on the November 18 ballot, four more amendments will be voted upon as well.

We’ll preview those four when that election draws nearer.


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## Rev. A.B. Masters, Jr.

Rev. Allen Benjamin "A.B." Masters, Jr., 89, passed from this life on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at his home following an extended illness.

He was born September 16, 1934 in Jonesville to the union of his parents, Rev. A.B. and Susie Morris Masters.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Holum Baptist Church outside of Grayson, with Rev. Tommy Prince, Rev. Bobby McGuire and Rev. Jeff Masters officiating.

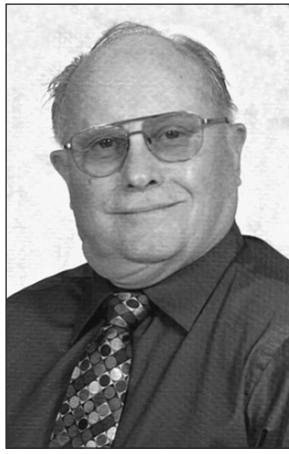
Interment followed in the Welcome Home Cemetery, Grayson, LA.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Johnny Masters, James S. Masters and W.L. Masters; one sister, Flora Bell McCarthy; one grandson, Benjy Masters; and one great-granddaughter, Tristan Guerrero.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 72 years, Geneva Stump Masters of Columbia; three sons, David Masters (Ronna), Terry Masters (Pam Cruse) and Donald Masters (Pam Hamm) all of Columbia; one daughter, Janice Guerrero (Danny); and one brother, Odis F. Masters; 12 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and a multitude of friends and other family members.

Pallbearers were the grandsons, Keith Guerrero, Kendall Guerrero, Alan Masters, Joe Sutherland, Toby Sutherland, Jason Vallery, Jeb Baker, Ryan Wallace, Reed Anderson, Nick Page, Cason Pyles, Parker Carlino, Bryson Page, Peter Page and Hunter Rowland.

Honorary pallbearers were the men of Holum Baptist Church and the men of "The Pickin' Shed."



## Bobby Thompson, Jr.

Robert C. "Bobby" Thompson, Jr., 67, of Columbia, LA, passed away on Thursday, September 21, 2023.

He was born March 13, 1956.

He was a member of the AMVETS and served his country in the United States Army.

Services will be Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at Christ Church, with Rev. Tom Lowe, Rev. Ryan Lowe and Mr. Thomas "Block" Aiken officiating.

Interment will follow in the Liberty Grove Church Cemetery under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home, West Monroe.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Edggette; son, Tucker Wayne Thompson; and sister, Barbara Jean Dorhrer.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter, Morgan Thompson; father, Robert "Cleveland" Thompson, Sr.; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends.

Pallbearers will be Thomas "Block" Aiken, Steven Turner, Mark Terrell, Bobby Avery, Matt Fleming and Jimmy Tyson.

Honorary Pallbearer will be Tom Shepherd.



*Social Security Matters*  
by National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation  
**- Ask Rusty -**

## About Income Tax on Social Security Benefits

Dear Rusty: I just started receiving my Social Security in February of 2023. I am also working part time at a company 24 hours a week. My question is... I feel like I missed something when I signed up for Social Security because they are not taking any taxes out. What did I miss? How do I go about fixing it so I don't get hit at the end of the year? They are taking taxes out of my paycheck now, do they still take it out of my Social Security because I am working? Please help if I am not doing something right. Signed: Conscientious Senior

Dear Conscientious: Unfortunately, when the Social Security Administration processes your application for benefits, they don't usually inform you that your Social Security benefits may become part of your taxable income. I expect that's because your benefits only "may" become taxable - they do not definitely become taxable, because Social Security benefits are taxed only if you exceed a certain income threshold.

The thresholds at which Social Security benefits become part of your taxable income are different depending on your income tax filing status - those who file as an individual have a different threshold from those who file as "married - filing jointly." And to further complicate

matters there is more than one threshold for both individuals and joint filers. Here's how it works:

- If you file your income tax as an individual and your "combined income" from all sources is more than \$25,000, then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your particular IRS tax rate. But if your combined income as an individual tax filer is more than \$34,000 then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax becomes part of your overall taxable income.
- If your income tax filing status is "married - filing jointly" the thresh-

olds are higher - if your combined income from all sources as a married couple exceeds \$32,000 then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But if your combined income as a married couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your SS benefits received during the tax year are taxable.

"Combined income" is also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" or "MAGI." Your MAGI is your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest or untaxed foreign income you had (note that withdrawals from a Roth IRA are not included). If your "MAGI" exceeds the above thresholds, some of your Social Security benefits are taxable; if you are under the first threshold for your IRS filing status they are not.

Social Security doesn't automatically withhold taxes from your monthly benefits, and the FICA tax being withheld from your earnings are not used for that purpose. Everyone who works and earns must pay SS tax on their earnings, which are mandatory contributions supporting the federal Social Security program. But that FICA payroll tax has nothing to do with income tax on your Social Security benefits. If you are working 24 hours per week and also collecting Social

Security benefits, you will likely exceed the threshold for your tax filing status, which means that at least some of your 2023 benefits will become taxable. That could, as you suspect, result in a surprise "hit" when you file next year's income tax return. Nevertheless, fixing this is quite easy:

Download IRS form W-4V from the IRS website here: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf). You will be able to choose the percentage of your Social Security benefits you wish to have withheld for income tax purposes. Complete the form and mail it to your local Social Security office (get the mailing address here: [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator)). Social Security will then start withholding income tax from your monthly Social Security benefit payment, which will mitigate any additional tax due when you file your 2023 tax return next year.

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# LEDD Hears From Legislative Delegation

By Craig Franklin  
Editor

The LaSalle Economic Development District (LEDD) heard from the LaSalle Parish Legislative Delegation during their meeting Thursday night, September 21, at Olla First Baptist Church.

Although the 2023 Regular Louisiana Legislative Session and Veto Override Session concluded earlier this summer, the LaSalle Delegation presented their annual report to LEDD members and reported a great year for Louisiana and LaSalle Parish.

Senator Glen Womack and Representatives Gabe Firmont and Neil Riser noted that with the financial windfall the state budget has been privileged to have recently, it was great to have the dilemma trying to determine what does get funded rather than all that can't be funded as in years' past.

"We tried to put as much money in infrastructure as possible," Senator Womack said. "We were excited to be able to bring a lot of money back to LaSalle Parish, with the Rod Brady construction,

the Town of Jena's water line project, rural broadband and other projects."

"It was a rather chaotic ending to the regular session but thankfully we got much done," he continued. "I'm honored to serve in the Senate and represent LaSalle Parish."

Representative Neil Riser noted that the LaSalle Delegation has a great working relationship and each has supported one another during the past four years of service.

As the state prepares to elect a new governor this fall, since two-term Governor John Bel Edwards will have term-limited out, Riser is hopefully confident that the new Governor will be a Republican who will be more conservative than Edwards.

"A new governor means a new agenda and all of us should have more leadership roles in the legislature due to experience," Riser said. "The more leadership positions we hold translates to us being able to help LaSalle Parish even more."

Riser pointed out

that his fellow representative Gabe Firmont was clearly the star of the recent sessions.

"The All-Star award goes to Gabe with the passage and veto override of the transgender bill," he said. "He handled himself professionally in the regular session and the override session. Of all the stuff we did, the transgender bill was the biggest."

Firmont noted that he must give credit where credit is due, noting that the transgender bill was the direct result of LaSalle Parish Assessor Tom Kendrick.

"Tom came to me about three years ago, bringing this issue to my attention, and we discovered that every state in the south had passed laws against it except Louisiana," he said. "We found out that they were all coming to Louisiana to have these medical procedures performed and getting medicines to 'transition' because they couldn't get them anywhere else in the south."

As a result, Firmont wrote and then helped pass the bill to protect



Senator Glen Womack speaks as Representatives Neil Riser, left, and Gabe Firmont listen during the Legislative update at last week's LEDD meeting in Olla.

children from mutilation procedures. He noted that the bill was all but dead in the Senate until Womack took up the mantle in that chamber and brought it back to life.

The Legislature was overrun by transgender activists during the debates of the bill in committees and other forums but ultimately, it passed. The bill was later vetoed by Gov. Edwards but the Legislature stepped up and overrode the veto during the special override session.

"I just want to

thank Tom Kendrick for bringing this to my attention," Firmont said. "Lives will be saved as a result of that bill."

All of the delegation noted that the future for LaSalle Parish looks bright, in part due to the efforts of LEDD, who continues to be a strong voice leading the parish in all aspects of development.

LEDD President

Walter Dorroh, Jr. expressed his thanks to the delegation for taking time to provide them with the updates and noted that he too is excited about the future of the parish.

"So many (parishes) are having difficulties and we are having a good run," Dorroh said. "Much of that has to do with you (legislators) and for that we are much appreciative."

# Drought - Heat May Lead To Economic Crop/Cattle Losses

BY Kyle Peveto  
LSU AgCenter

Extreme heat and periods of drought this summer will likely lead to losses in several of Louisiana's agricultural sectors.

Economists from the LSU AgCenter expect the worst losses in the beef cattle sector as reduced hay production, the forced downsizing of cattle herds and other factors could lead to estimated losses of \$135 million to \$290 million.

"Certainly, the entire agricultural industry is going to have some impacts from excessive heat and drought, but with beef cattle, they're getting hit on several fronts," said AgCenter economist Kurt Guidry.

Guidry, the assistant director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, developed these estimates by consulting with AgCenter agriculture and natural resource agents who work in communities across the state.

While some cattle have died in the heat, Guidry expects the greatest losses to come from producers weaning their calves from their mothers earlier than normal and from ranchers selling their herds.

"A forced liquidation and early weaning are basically management strategies that producers are having to do to manage the amount of forage they have because grass is not growing," Guidry said. "To limit the number of mouths they have to feed, they're either selling cows, or they've weaned calves early, and then then have to turn around and sell them."

Most Louisiana cattle raisers use a cow-calf model. They keep a permanent herd of cows that produce calves, which are then raised and sold.

Because of the drought, producers have faced a reduction in available forage to feed cat-

tle. Fewer cattle can graze on a plot of land, and less hay is being produced to feed them later in the year. Reduced hay production caused by lack of rainfall is expected to cost cattle raisers \$62 million to \$108 million, Guidry found.

Guidry found that many cattle raisers weaned 10% to 20% of their calves from their mothers earlier than normal to reduce stress on the mothers and help the mothers maintain better body conditions and reproductive health. Early weaning leads to lower weight cattle at sale and less revenue, Guidry said.

Many producers have been forced to sell between 10% and 30 % of their permanent herds, Guidry said. This leads to future losses as ranchers will have fewer calves reared in coming years, and feeder steer prices are expected to rise 13% next year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service.

"If you sell cows this year, you don't have those cows next year, and you don't have a calf next year to sell," Guidry said. "Reducing those numbers is really the big impact."

Heat and drought also are affecting field crops grown in Louisiana, said Michael Deliberto, an AgCenter economist. The high price of fuel, especially diesel, leads to higher irrigation costs for farmers who use diesel-powered pumps to pull water from bayous, canals and ponds to water their fields.

"Especially cotton and soybeans, with the amount of acres that we have in the state under irrigation, every time they turn their pumps on, it's more of a cost they're having to incur," Deliberto said. "They're needing to irrigate because they don't want to sacrifice the yield potential or the quality of their crop."

While diesel prices had dropped earlier this year, as the heat and drought linger, diesel is also rising to almost \$4 per gallon. Each 25-cent rise in diesel costs increases the price of irrigation via flexible field pipe by \$2.14 per acre. A farmer using the center pivot irrigation method will see a \$2.80 increase.

Producers have already picked much of the rice and corn crops, and heat helps the rice dry faster once harvested and placed in bins, one of the few "silver linings" to the heat, Deliberto said.

The full effect of the drought on cotton, soybeans and sugarcane will not be known until after harvest, Deliberto said.

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# Reflections

## Highlights from The Jena Times Archives

### 70 Years Ago September 24, 1953

Five Jena High School seniors will speak before the local Chamber of Commerce at its November meeting discussing the things they did and learned at Girls State and Boys State held in Baton Rouge in August. They were as follows: Johnette Moses, Louise Walker and Cordialea Hester, Allen Simmons and Tommy Collins.

The second largest herd of performing elephants in America came with A.I.G. Kelly-Miller Bros. Circus to Jena on Saturday, October 17, 1953.

Playing at The Strand Theater in Jena was "Valley of Headhunters," "Nighttime in Nevada," "Calling Dr. Death," "Salome," "Time of their Lives," "Column South" and "5,000 Fingers of Dr. T."

Specials at Ellis Lawrence Grocery and Market in Jena included a 25 lb. sack of Gold Medal Flour for \$1.79, a 12 oz. bottle of Delmonte Catsup for 17 cents, a "giant size" Tide detergent for 69 cents, 1 lb. of graham crackers for 29 cents and 2 cans of Hunt's tomato sauce for 15 cents.

### 60 Years Ago September 26, 1963

A water truck operated by the LaSalle Parish Police Jury went out of control Tuesday around 1:30 p.m. and crashed into the side of the C. C. Wright home, south of Olla. E. W. Nugent of Olla, driver of the truck, said the steering section failed and he had no control. Huey Cockerham, also of Olla, was a passenger in the truck. No one was injured, but the truck did considerable damage as it left Highway 127 while headed north and traveled over 200 ft off the pavement before knocking down a tree, swiping the rear end of the Wright's car, knocking down one wall of the garage and then plowing into the kitchen of the home. The entire house was jarred from its foundation and one room dropped about 3 in. The kitchen was demolished as the front end of the truck stopped inside the kitchen. Mrs. Wright, the only person at home, had just left the kitchen and was at the rear of the house ironing. She was not injured, but was put to bed from shock. She is expecting a child in 5 months.

Two students from LaSalle Parish were among the 602 coeds pledged to sororities at the close of annual rush week activities on the Lou-

isiana State University campus in Baton Rouge. Among those receiving bids were Delta Zeta: Sharon E. Shaw of Tullos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Shaw of Tullos; Kappa Delta: Margaret L. Aldridge of Jena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Aldridge of Jena.

### 50 Years Ago September 27, 1973

The Jena Wire and Cable Company team completed their most successful softball season placing in three tournaments and winning second in league play. Members included: Ed Winnebeck, Rob Defeei, Johnny Coon, Walter Earl, Herman Cotton, Chuck Harvey, Gordon Paul, Mike Thompson, Clyde Jackson, Charles Newton, Daryl Clark, Dennis Tarver, Ben Scroggs, Ronnie Kendrick, and Donnie Kendrick.

The Piggly Wiggly in Jena had a sale which included one dozen eggs for 59 cents, a 24 oz bottle of Log Cabin syrup for \$75, 12 oz of elbow macaroni for 31 cents, five cans of whole kernel or cream style corn for \$1 and a 1-lb bag of Community Coffee for 89 cents.

Dave Hudspeth, local truck driver for Andrews L-P Gas Company, was shown in a photo holding a large rattlesnake that he killed near Jena. The giant rattler measured about 6 ft in length and should serve as a warning to hunters in the wake of opening of hunting season next week.

### 40 Years Ago September 28, 1983

George Allen, Jena Choctaw Tribal Assistant Chairman, recently presented a "bull-nosed" basket which he hand-crafted, to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. The exhibit will now become a part of the Smithsonian's exhibit of Contemporary Indian Art.

James Lester Barron of Jena, who faces arson charges in LaSalle Parish, testified the previous Friday that he burned an Alexandria building belonging to Howard Joffrion. He faced eight counts of arson in several parishes, including Rapides, where he had confessed to setting fire to Joffrion's Economy Auto Salvage Inc.

Several Jena dancers, with Amelie Studios, provided entertainment for the Alexandria Kiwanis Club's banquet. Members included Amelie

Lynn French II, Rana Randall, Rejina Hester, Lori Scales, Tamara Crooks, Becky Hester and Lori Cruse.

### 25 Years Ago September 30, 1998

A community effort provided the LaSalle Parish D.A.R.E. Program with a new vehicle which will be used in the D.A.R.E. Program, according to Sheriff Dennis Warwick. Show in a photo with the newly designed car included: Johnny Long, Kevin Long, Keith Peppers, Jim Nichols, Jerry Moss, Deputy Jeff Wyles, Sheriff Dennis Warwick and Deputy Glen Humphries.

The Jena High School rodeo team had 21 members compete in high school rodeos around the state during the school year. The team members included: Katie Lloyd, Ashley Scroggs, Danny McDowell, Libby Morphis, Dan Ganey, Jenni Sandifer, Lacy Cockerham, Dusty Taylor, Sherman Cockerham, Matt Hudnall, Chad Stapleton, Will Stapleton, Bridget Davis, Bridget Walpole, Kayla Jo Cooper, Kayla Cooper, Jaime McMillin, Jada Morphis, Bart Attaway, Kevin Allen and Rebekah Yule.

The 1998 LaSalle High School Homecoming Queen Lindsey Smotherman was crowned by the 1997 Queen Kristal Powers during halftime ceremonies at Tiger Stadium during the Friday night game.

### 10 Years Ago September 25, 2013

The LaSalle High School Chess Club announced that Josh Boyett is the Grand Champion of the 2013 LHS Homecoming Havoc Chess Tournament. Senior Boyett defeated Junior Tyler Beck in the single elimination championship match on September 23rd. Both players were individual bracket champions and met in the grand championship match to decide who would reign as LHS Grand Champion.

Steven Smith, 22, son of Reverend Scott and Jennifer Smith of Tullos, served a semester as a missionary to Wales in the United Kingdom. Smith departed on August 21, 2013 and spent a week training in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. On August 27th, he arrived in Caernarfon Wales, where he served until December 13th. Smith served through Hands-On Missions Program of the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board.

As a part of the "My 5 Senses" unit Olla Elementary Pre-K students in Mrs. Doris Barnhill's class participated in several activities. Some students included Cooper Stowe, Mason Cox, Bella Butler, Laynie Thacker, Tahje Varner, Charlie Seaward and Harmony Thompson.

## LaSalle High School Lists Honor Roll

Submitted Article

Honor roll students for the first six weeks grading period at LaSalle High School have been announced by Principal Heath Denison as follows:

### Ninth Grade

**All A's** - Sadye Beaubouef, Kylee Kennon, Alayna Nowlin, Bayleigh Rogers and Cooper Stowe.

**A's and B's** - Drew Adams, Hadley Boyd, Huey Callender, Hailey Dickey, Avery Kang, Wyatt King, Ginny Mitchell, Natalie Taylor, Harmony Thompson and Lexi Womack.

### Tenth Grade

**All A's** - Macie Arthurs, Carlie Aycock, Jason Brooks, Thomas Brooks, Heavenly Callender, Cammie Estis, Gabby Jordan, Lexi Lasiter, Alyssa Madsen, Kale Murphrey, Harlee Nowlin and Baylie Turner.

**A's and B's** - Aidan Billingsley, Braedan Cummings, Kolman Cummings, Oktober Finch, Caiden Finley, Mercedes McIlwain, Kaylie Powell, Bradley Rogers, Ella Rosenberg, Ashlyn Savell, Rayleigh Spruell, Jessey Stowe, James Sumrall, Tabitha Terrell and Alexis Wiggins.

### Eleventh Grade

**All A's** - Klaire Fenoli, Jaden Masoner, Allie Murphrey, Cohen Nino, Alayna Randall, Brady Tatum, Jasmyn Taylor, Matthew Thompson, Anna Volentine, Zach Williams and Leanna Womack.

**A's and B's** - Shyla Banes, Reese Edwards, Korbyn Forrest, Stephen Fowler, Rheese Martin, Hunter McNemar, Ashley Mitchell, Genesis Rosenberg, Canaan Stowe and Mollie Taylor.

### Twelfth Grade

**All A's** - Kyndal Borden, Hayleigh Boyd, Becca Brown, Sean Derr, Kade Esters, Kenzie Nino, Hallie Peppers, Kaylin Peppers, Addie Prince, Kylee Shelton, Zoey Smith, Atticus Strawn, Bella Thompson and Kryslin Woodruff.

**A's and B's** - Fabiola Arteaga, Javier Arteaga, Brody Barton, Logan DeMoss, Mason Dulaney, Lucas Foy, Tanner Gagne, Ethan Jefferson, Kayley McCarty, Kendryk Morrow, Noah Parham, Gabe Rosenberg, Jamo Turner, Justin Valentine, Tristan Veillion, Dannon Williams and Lily Wilson.

## Fellowship Elementary Lists Honor Roll

Submitted Article

Honor roll students for the first six weeks grading period at Fellowship Elementary School have been announced by Principal Melissa Loe, as follows:

### First Grade

**All A's** - Willa Deason, Olivia Froust, Maddox McDowell, Bradley Nolan, Jensen Norris, Taylor Parker, Dex Poole, Braxen Randall, Julia Roark, Thomas Rutledge and Adalee Vercher.

**A's and B's** - Cohen Barber, Denver Behnk, Tinsley McDaniel, Jaxson Parker, Nathaniel Ray and Alli Schneider.

### Second Grade

**All A's** - Clara Andrews, Tenley Maxwell, Ezra Mayo and Daisy Wright.

**A's and B's** - Allie Bordelon, Colton Froust, Bradford Whatley and Rachel White.

### Third Grade

**All A's** - Ava Cotton, Hadley Hanner and Doc Howard.

**A's and B's** - Brynlee Andrews, Paxton Bladel, Raylin Browning, Brandt Deville, Brady Ellis, Jessi La-

nier, Abigail Richard, Corbin Robertson and Wyatt Wiley.

### Fourth Grade

**All A's** - Andry Anderson, Annabelle Andrews, Maverick McDowell, Leslie Norris, Ayla Smith, Aubrey Stapleton and Caroline Tant.

**A's and B's** - Cylas Mayo and Bryson Moates.

### Fifth Grade

**All A's** - Ryleigh Bryant, McKenzie Loe, Cayleigh Parker and Emma Stringer.

**A's and B's** - Glynn Alex Corley, Alex Jones, Zayne Reeves, Jaycee Roark and Aria Smith.

### Sixth Grade

**All A's** - Ceanna Benandi and Presley Norris.

**A's and B's** - Adalyn Bailey, Ainslee Cooksey and Richard Enterkin.

### Seventh Grade

**All A's** - Alyssa Bird, Laurel Pugh and Tristan Stringer.

**A's and B's** - Cutler Hayes and Harper Robertson.

### Eighth Grade

**All A's** - Gracie Marks and Allison Wiley.

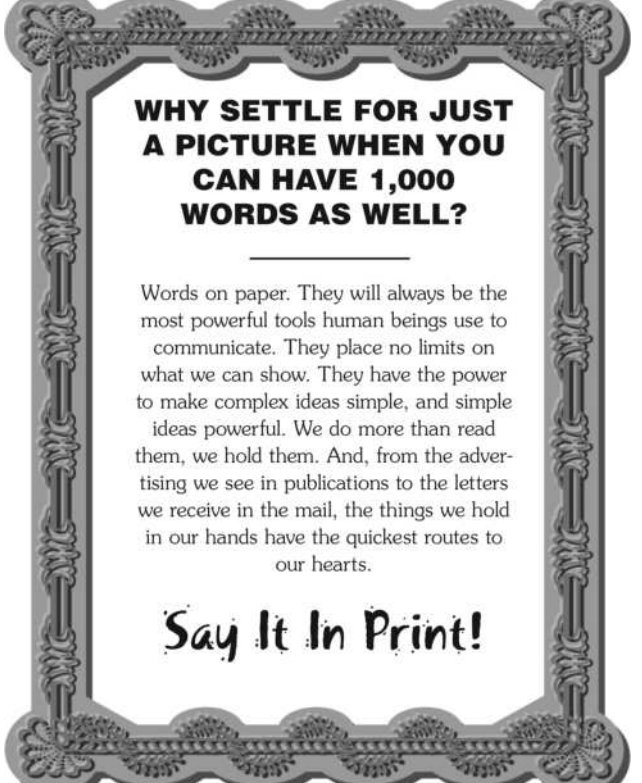
**A's and B's** - Emerlee Gagne, Delontae Kelly and Shelby Norris.



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# LA Removes Barriers for Military Families to Teach

Submitted Article

Louisiana is making it easier for military families to continue serving their nation as classroom teachers. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) developed a new policy that provides a Louisiana teaching certificate to active military personnel or their spouse who holds a valid teaching certificate from another state. As authorized by House Bill 472 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, the policy was approved Wednesday by the Louisiana

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

"This is a practical approach to provide additional teachers for students across Louisiana," said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Cade Brumley. "With a strong military presence in our state, it's an honor to help make lives a little easier for families serving our country."

House Bill 472 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session allows BESE to grant a valid, five-year Louisiana teaching certificate to military personnel or their spouse who have

a valid certificate from another state and are serving in Louisiana. The applicant must also meet all other requirements for background checks and criminal history reviews required by law and board policy.

This is the latest action taken by the Louisiana legislature, LDOE, and BESE to improve teacher recruitment and retention by enhancing pathways to the profession. Some of these proactive measures include:

Consistently raising teacher pay: Along with consistently improving cross-the-

board increases for teachers and support staff, for the first time Louisiana has provided school systems state funds dedicated to direct additional pay towards areas of greatest need. Based on a plan developed by Dr. Brumley, the legislature appropriated \$25 million during the 2023 Regular Session to be used for differentiated compensation. School systems can use these funds to address the recruitment and retention of teachers in critical shortage areas, highly effective teachers, teachers working in high need schools, and teachers in leadership positions.

Supporting new ladders into the pro-

fession: Louisiana has developed a number of new policies that give more professionals a pathway into a career as a teacher, whether they are on the traditional route, alternative route, or seeking to share their industry expertise in career and technical education courses. Most recently, school systems now have the option to hire teachers holding an associate degree who are enrolled in a teacher education preparation program, are provided a mentor teacher, and are assigned weekly job-embedded professional learning. Act 99 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session created the Associate Teacher Program.

Expanding the pre-educator pathway in high schools: Over

\$1 million was allocated to school systems to expand pre-educators pathways, which offer education courses to high school students interested in the profession. The pre-educator pathway was offered in over 70 schools across 35 school systems in 2022-23.

Elevating teacher voice: Dr. Brumley hosted the inaugural Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council. Preparing to enter its second year, this cohort of educators meets with Dr. Brumley quarterly to share feedback on current education initiatives and offer insight on how Louisiana can continue to improve student outcomes and the teaching profession.

## Photo of the Week...



When I was a student at La Tech in 1960, we had a concert by Julie London and her husband Bobby Troup. It was standing room. The applause after each song was explosive. The woman knew how to ignite a crowd! After each song the "master of ceremonies" had to calm the audience down so the show could continue. Two of the songs so moved the audience that Julie had to sing another round of the previous song. Man, oh man did she know how to move a crowd. From that moment on I became a Julie London fan.

She had many songs that were national hits. My favorite two songs were "Cry Me a River" and "Never the Less, I'm in Love with You." She sang in some of the best places such as Vegas, New York, and Chicago Clubs. She was in such demand that she turned down a lot more invitations than she accepted.

Julie was also an actress appearing in:

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2. Diamond Horseshoe
3. On Stage Everybody
4. Night In Paradise
5. The red house
6. Tap Roots
7. Task Force
8. Return of the Frontiersman
9. The Fat Man
10. The Fighting Chance
11. Crime Against Joe
12. The Girl Can't Help It
13. Checkmate
14. Follow The Sun
15. The Eleventh Hour
16. The Dick Powell Theatre
17. The Alfred Hitchcock Hour
18. The Tonight Show
19. I Spy
20. The Man From U.N.C.L.E
21. The Hollywood Squares
22. The Big Valley
23. Adam-12
24. Emergency

Julie won several Golden Globe Awards and won more fans than any woman singer in movies and dramas.

Her career began in the early 1940's and continued until the 1980's.

She died on October 19, 2000. She was 74 years old.

(Narrative and photo provided by Jena native Gale Trussell)

My name is Tim Kirl. Most people know me as Taterchip. I am officially announcing my candidacy for Ward 4 Police Juror of LaSalle Parish.

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I feel I have an amicable relationship with the present jurors (and those seeking election). I feel I will be able to work with them and other leaders of our parish to accomplish great things.

As previously pointed out by my competitor, in order to accomplish the identified needs/goals, we must search out alternate means of funding. I am prepared to work with other parish leaders and have spoken to ones that will assist in applying for any needed grants. I am serious about serving Ward 4 as your next Police Juror.



**I would greatly appreciate your support!**



A crowd of around 20 people gathered at LaSalle High School last Thursday night for a public forum regarding the LaSalle Parish School Board's proposed one-cent sales tax on the ballot Oct. 14th.

**Forum...**

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the proposed sales tax would be used, highlighting the need for improved employee salaries first.

"The projected supplemental pay for degreed personnel (positions requiring a degree) is \$1,715 and non-degreed personnel is \$1,200," he said. "This is based on the sales tax bringing in \$2,500,000 annually."

Garrett noted that currently, LaSalle Parish has the lowest average teacher salary among neighboring parishes and in the state, LaSalle is ranked

66th out of 71 school districts.

School Board Member for Ward 3 Fred Book noted that paying teachers good salaries is very important to maintain the valuable educators the parish currently employs.

"I just want to say just how very important this tax is," Book said. "This will affect all of our children."

Garrett also informed those present that the 25% for school safety and security would be to provide school resource officers at all nine parish schools, construct perimeter security including fences at all

campuses and provide single-entry access points for all buildings.

Book noted that being able to provide the additional security for staff and students in this day and age is very important.

"Just one child's life is worth every nickel we spend to try to make it safer because you can't replace that," he said. "Years ago, we didn't have to worry about safety for our children but now you never know. Living here in the country we never think about that but it could happen here like it happened in Texas and everywhere else."

Finally, Garrett outlined what the school system is planning on doing with the money generated from the final 25% for construction and maintenance. He went through a list of the top three items at all nine schools that will he said will be a priority for the system to construct when the tax is passed.

Everything from campus maintenance and beautification, to infrastructure upgrades, to capital improvement projects were listed.

He also noted that the list is not comprehensive and the list would be expanded as

needs are identified.

"We need to keep our schools up as best we can to give them (students) the opportunity that they're getting in other places," Book added. "But we can't do that without a tax."

The Superintendent thanked everyone for coming to the forum and encouraged everyone to support the tax proposition October 14th.

"If you are a supporter, please get out there and let all the people know what we're trying to do and what this will mean for the kids in our district if we get this thing



LaSalle Superintendent Jon Garrett outlines the benefits passage of the one-cent sales tax would mean to the school system.

passed," he concluded.

Although opportunities were provided for those in attendance to ask questions about the sales tax, no one asked any questions.

## When elected Sheriff of LaSalle Parish, giving back to the communities of our parish will be a top priority with my administration.



Lane Windham with donated books to the Jena Library in remembrance of Clea Foshee, represented by Foshee's daughter, Sharla King.



Lane Windham with donated books to the Olla Library in remembrance of Camille Holloway, represented by Holloway's daughter, Cammie Farrar.

This past winter, before I had decided to run for Sheriff, I read an article in The Jena Times that the Cenla Community Advisory and Action Team (CAAT) was asking for book donations for children ranging from pre-school to young adults. These books were to be distributed to children throughout LaSalle and other parishes that normally do not have access to books.

As a kid, I loved to read. I started with Bible stories and comic books and later, when older, I started reading novels. "The Lonely Men" by Louis L'Amour, was the first novel I ever read and after that I was hooked.

Throughout the years, I have seen the importance of children being able to have books and being encouraged to read. We know that reading helps build children's vocabulary, enhances their writing skills and spark their imagination.

So, after reading the article, I began to gather as many books as I could from various people who were happy to donate to such a worthy cause. After collecting over 300 books, I gave them to CAAT and they distributed several of them in our parish this past summer.

While gathering these books, I noticed a few of them were The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mystery novels, and this gave me an idea. I began to search for and acquire more of these mystery novels to perhaps spur an interest in being a detective when they get older and perhaps even pursue a career in law enforcement.

Two people who have really encouraged me to read at an early age and gave me books to read, were two of my aunts: Mrs. Clea Foshee, who taught at Jena Elementary and Mrs. Camille Holloway, who taught at LaSalle High School. Both were inspirations growing up. To honor these special women, who taught so many children throughout the years, I donated over 60 Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mystery novels to the Jena and Olla Libraries in remembrance of Aunt Clea and Aunt Camille.

As Sheriff of LaSalle Parish, this is the type of community service and outreach that our department will be involved in. Whether it is a book drive for our children, or helping our elderly and senior adults in various ways, the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office will always be there for everyone in our parish.

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## STEM Making Strides in LaSalle Schools

By Deborah Mayo  
Contributing Writer

The Louisiana STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Initiative has begun making great strides in LaSalle Schools. Superintendent Jonathan Garrett has advocated the increase in extracurricular and club opportunities within the school system for the 2023-24 year, and STEM is one of those clubs and focal areas being used.

Students who engage in STEM experiences have been shown to increase problem-solving abilities and the ability to integrate learning by connecting and correlating subjects to each other while actively engaging in learning. STEM also allows students to practice problem-solving with simple science and engineering projects. Creativity and innovation are both at the forefront in a STEM classroom.

The recent summer school served as the stage for introducing the innovative methods of STEM to LaSalle students. Summer school stu-

dents exhibited great enthusiasm and deep thinking “just working with their hands and figuring things out” according to Elementary Supervisor Brandy Brunson. From summer school, the STEM approach has been transitioned into every grade from kindergarten to twelfth grade.

The grade level determines the number of minutes and days per week students engage. Students are engaging in activities that require them to build the simplest robot to more complex robotics. Reported projects from schools also include building towers out of spaghetti noodles and marshmallows and toothpicks, creating control boards from a variety of tech and robotic materials, cutting and making paper structures the human body can walk through and creating “Quests for Success’.

“The kids are so excited,” said Richie Fowler, who teaches junior high grades at Nebo Elementary. “We are currently doing projects called ‘Quests

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OES students Eli Taylor, Nate Cummings, Avery Ormand, Amelia Clark and Jacob Womack work to construct bridges during their STEM project.



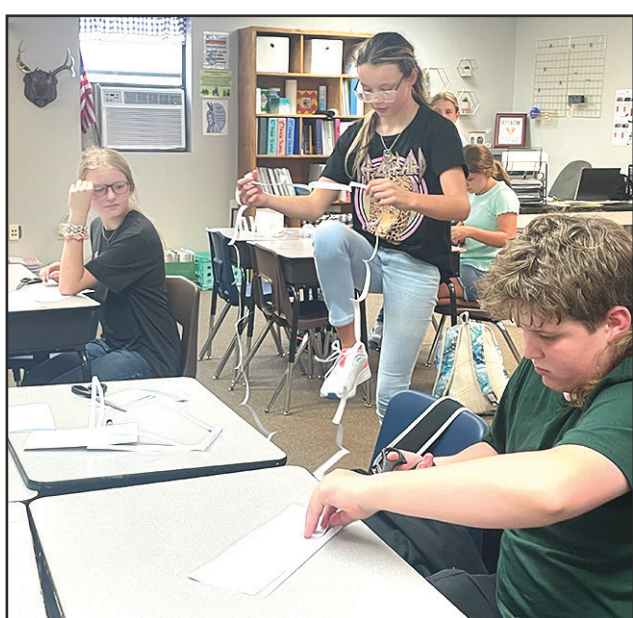
Sixth grade Fellowship Elementary students, Carson Doughty (left) and Joshua Temple brainstorm to construct a ski ramp that maneuvers up and down during their STEM lesson.



Liam Villanueva (left) and Maverick Carney, students in Lauren Brown’s second grade room at NES, explore architecture through collaborating and building model towers with toothpicks and marshmallows.



FES students, Emmarie Lurry and Ceanna Benandj (front, center) use LEGOs to build a working catapult. The LPSB purchased and provided grade-level STEM kits for students across the parish.



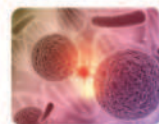
Sixth grade students (left to right) Nancy Brown, Adisyn Thompson and Bradly Breland in Mrs. Mistin McGuffee’s class at NES, work with nothing more than paper and scissors to create a paper structure the human body can walk through without tearing it.



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Nebo Elementary 8th grade students from Mr. Richie Fowler's classroom display their "Quest for Success" STEM projects. STEM has been shown to increase problem-solving abilities in students as young as kindergarten through twelfth grades. Pictured are (back row) left to right, Spencer Migues, Konner Green, Ben Brown, Kaylee Hardie, Hayden Deville, Jacquelyn Brooks, Trinity Carney and Kaidence Joy; (middle row) Cannon Joy; and (front row) Sabrina Boothe, Payton, Ryan, Isis Capps, Jillian Miles, Jolee Stephens, Chesney McLendon and Bailey Frazier.

**STEM...**

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for Success"

"They love it!" said second grade teacher Lauren Brown. "It's their two favorite days of the week. I love it too. Creating things is fun!"

Kindergarten

through fourth grade is elbow deep in LEGO education. They are allowed to visit the lab or access materials used to build and create LEGO structures based on themes. For example, first graders are currently involved in projects centered around amusement

parks. "We purchased competition kits for each grade level," Brunson explained. "All are aligned with current standards, and everything is provided in the kits - materials, lesson plans and even on demand TV that enhances the lessons."

The goal of STEM is for students to become deep thinkers while manipulating materials with their hands and to have the opportunity to use their brains to build and learn. Feedback from parish teachers is positive, with teachers requesting to teach in the STEM areas. Students voice strong approval and are busy engaging and interacting with the LEGOs and robotic kits, building and creating new ideas.

"We are using classroom bundles of materials called VEX," Brunson said. "The bundles are created to become more difficult as students move

through the grade levels. The changing materials and progressive lessons will build from one to the next as well as maintain student interest."

A parish-wide STEM competition is being planned for the spring of 2024 where-

in all students in all K-12th grade levels will have the opportunity to participate. Students will choose a LEGO project or robotic or other project from the school year to enter the competition.

With STEM, brain cells are stimulated,

students are motivated and teachers are energized! LaSalle Parish Schools are preparing students today for tomorrow's jobs and careers in a competitive world through a hands-on, problem-based learning environment.



Jena Elementary students focus on completing a STEM project using only cheerios, paint and glue.

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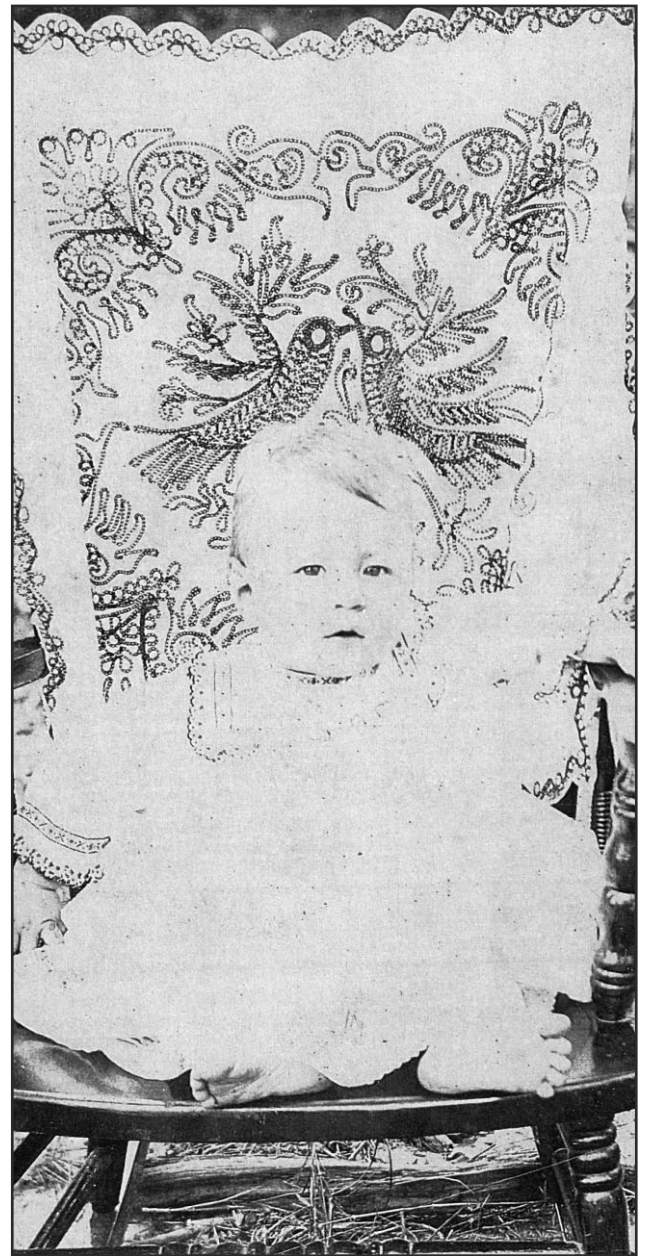
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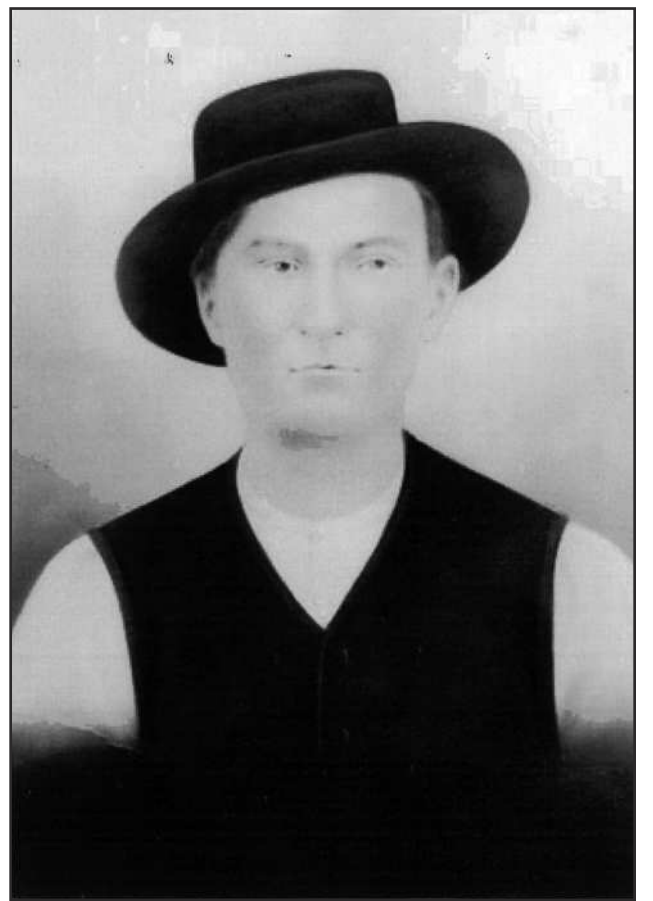
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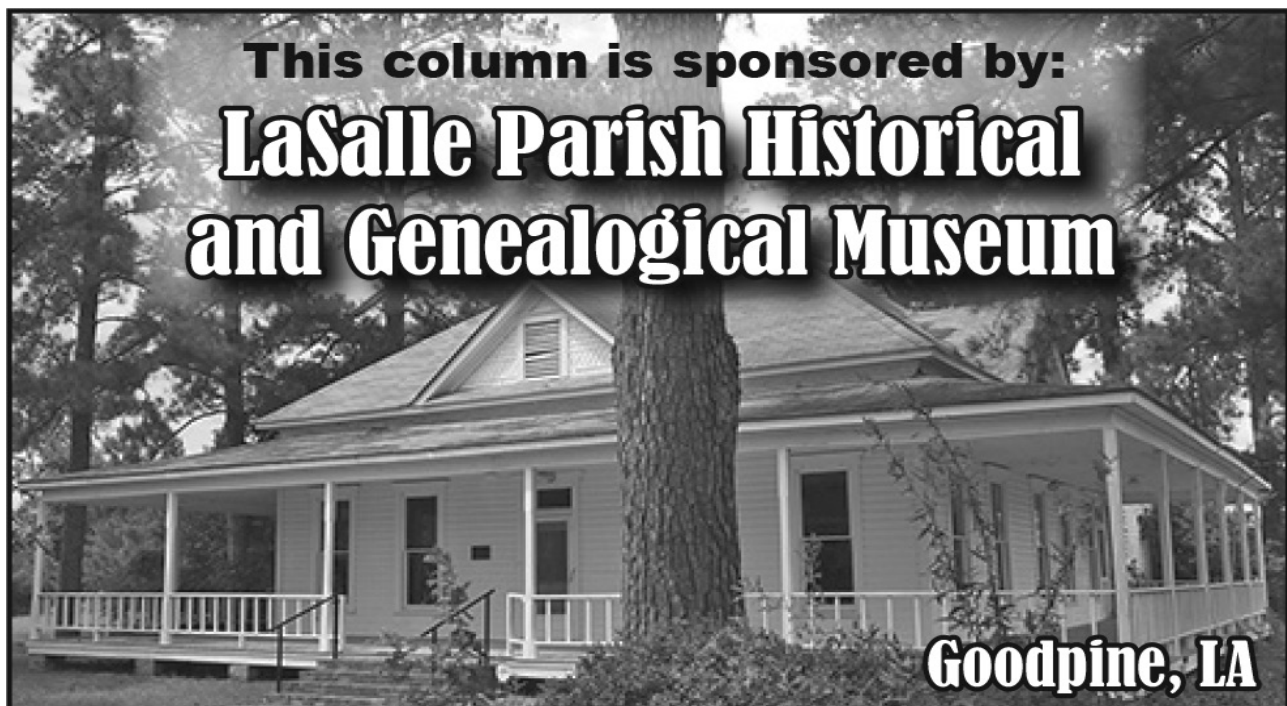
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# Community Events

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## 5th Annual 3-Day Walk of Faith

L.I.F.E. is hosting the 5th Annual 3-Day Walk of Faith event on Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Antioch Community Church in Olla.

Friday and Saturday services begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. The guest speaker for the event will be Rev. Craig James. Nightly music will be provided by Kent Hatfield on Friday, Ivan Parker on Saturday and the group HIS on Sunday.

Antioch Community Church is located at 165 Antioch Lane Olla, LA. Donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of those providing music. For questions or more information, please contact Willie Beaubouef at (318) 209-9697.

## Homecoming at Prosperity BC

Prosperity Baptist Church will have their homecoming service on Sunday, October 1, 2023. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow the service.

Bro. Terry Doughty will be the guest speaker.

Prosperity Baptist Church is located in the Walters community off of Hwy 28 East.

Pastor Tommy Sanson invites all to attend.

## ATTN: '08 - '16 JHS Graduates

Your student records are ready for collection.

If you graduated between 2008 and 2016, come by Jena High School to pick up your records before October 1, 2023.

Pickup details:

- Location: Jena High School Main Office
- Time: During school hours
- Requirements: Bring a valid photo ID.

Our staff will assist you in obtaining your records. Preserve your high school memories and achievements.

After October 1, unclaimed records will be securely disposed of. Questions? Contact us at (318) 992-5195.

## Concordia Board Meeting

Concordia Electric's next board meeting is schedule for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 5 p.m.

## Class of 1958 65th Reunion

Grab your cane or walker! The class of 1958 (65 years) will have a class reunion.

10 a.m. Decorate Float

12 p.m. Pep Rally

1 p.m. Parade

2 p.m. Meet at Temple Baptist Church for lunch and to talk about old times.

Call Buddy Willis (318) 992-2703, Joann Corley (318) 992-6731 or Paul Jones (318) 715-3205 for any questions..

## LHS 1973 Class Reunion

The 1973 LaSalle High School graduates will be celebrating 50 years, Thursday, October 12 - Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Thurs., Oct. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Meet at the Olla Monument Shop to decorate the float.

Fri., Oct. 13

10 a.m. Morning homecoming program in the LHS Gym.

1 p.m. To ride on the float in the parade, meet at the Olla Rec Hall.

7 p.m. Football game; the LHS Tigers will Montgomery.

Sat., Oct. 14 Food and vendors will be set up in downtown Olla.

4 p.m. Class members and their guests will meet at the Woodman of the World Hall in Urania for food, photos and fun.

## Graham Family Reunion

The annual Samuel Franklin Graham family reunion will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Nebo Baptist Church.

Please bring a covered dish for lunch and any pictures, etc. you have about Graham family history.

Descendants that would like to help with the maintenance of the family cemetery may send donations to: Graham Cemetery Fund c/o Marcia Killingsworth PO Box 684 Jena, LA 71342.

## Homecoming at Pleasant Hill BC

Join us Sunday, October 1, 2023 for homecoming services at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (located at 297 Pleasant Hill Road in Jena).

We will have regular morning services, with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and the worship service at 11 a.m. A covered dish lunch will follow the service.

Join us for good food (spiritually and physically), as well as wonderful fellowship! Evening services will be dismissed on this date.

## Meeting for the Class of 1962

The class of 1962 will have a meeting at the Woodmen Lodge on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6 p.m. This will be to plan the supper for October 5, 2023. All classmates are encouraged to come or call at (318) 992-7351 or (318) 992-5696 to help plan.

## Class of 1968 55th Reunion

The 1968 Jena High School graduates will be celebrating 55 years, October 6, 2023.

10 a.m. Float Decorating

12 p.m. Pep Rally

1 p.m. Parade

End of parade until 6 p.m. Food and visit at 179 Edwards Street (Bring finger foods, chips, dip, drinks, desserts and sandwiches.) Donations will be received there to cover expenses.

## JHS 1960 Class Reunion

The JHS class of 1960 will have their reunion on Saturday, October 7, 2023 beginning at 9 a.m. at the home of Ken & Barbara Jones, located at 1101 Hwy. 460 Jena, LA 71342.

Please RSVP by September 25, 2023, (318) 992-6649. The cost is \$25 for singles and \$35 for couples. Please make checks payable to Barbara.

## Mt. Zion Cemetery Working

The Mt. Zion Cemetery Working day will be in Aimwell on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 11 a.m. Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for fellowship.

If you are unable to attend and would like to assist with maintenance, please mail your donation to Mt. Zion Cemetery P.O. Box 1107 Jena, LA 71342.

## Common Ground Service

The LaSalle Ministerial Alliance will host the Common Ground Community Worship Service on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Wild Horse Ministries Pavilion, Appleby Road, Trout, LA.

Since 2018, LaSalle churches have met annually for united worship and prayer. The goal of these services is to unite our churches across denominations in the love of Christ, as an example to the next generation.

The event is led by multiple pastors and church leaders, each meeting consists of worship and prayer with no main speaker. All are invited to attend.

For more information about the alliance, please visit lasallealliance.org.

## JHS 1963 Class Reunion

The 1963 Jena High School graduates will be celebrating 60 years, October 6, 2023.

Many of us are looking forward to it and would like to get the word out to as many of our classmates as possible. If you know of someone that graduated in 1963 or even began school with us in 1951, please pass the word on to them.

Friday, Oct. 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. Alumni Tea in the Home Economics Cottage. Following the Pep Rally at 11:30, meet at the float - it leaves JHS at 12:30.

After the parade, meet at the Family Life Center at FBC Jena. The room will be reserved until 11 p.m. that day. If you cannot attend the game, feel free to meet there.

Call or text the following for more information: Elaine Enterkin Ward: (318) 355-8591; Laverne Moseley Paul: (318) 316-9045; Bonnie Floyd Hernandez: (318) 794-3415.

## JHS Class of 1956

The class of 1956 will meet at the Brisket House in Jena for lunch on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11 a.m. following the parade.

Please contact Velma Boyd at 992-3357 for more information.

## James Family Reunion

The annual reunion of the descendants of Alma Nelson and Flora Tackett James will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Clarks Community Center in Clarks, LA.

Plan to come and catch up on all the family happenings and enjoy the amazing food.

For information, call Betty Wilson (318) 331-0081 or Georgia Harris (318) 537-2977.

## Homecoming at Pinehill BC

Pinehill Baptist Church in Olla will be having their Homecoming Service on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Bro. George Ferrington from Winnsboro. The guest singers will be the gospel group "Made by Mercy" from Homer, LA.

We will be having a covered dish lunch following the morning service. Pastor Cory Fowler and congregation invite everyone to attend.

## Fall Fifth Quarter Events

The final Fifth Quarter event will be following the JHS home game on October 27. All students, grades 6-12, are invited!

High school students will be at Temple Baptist Church and junior high students will be at First Baptist Church, Jena. There will be snacks, games and giveaways at each event

## Fall Canning Class by LSU Ag

The LSU AgCenter will host a Fall Canning Class on Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12, noon in the Extension Meeting Room at the LaSalle Parish Courthouse. Cost to attend \$15.

This will be a hands-on interactive workshop with everyone working in groups. Participants will enjoy a lesson about proper canning methods, which foods are good to can in the fall time- such as pepper jelly and learn the boiling water canning method.

Class is limited to 20 adult participants. Everyone will take home a jar of pepper jelly made in the class.

The deadline to register is October 20. For more information, call the LaSalle LSU AgCenter Office at 992-2205.

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH: Biscuit & jelly, cheese grits, fruit, juice

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THURSDAY, 28TH: Cowboy stew, garden salad, orange wedges, sugar cookie, cornbread

FRIDAY, 29TH: Chicken tenders, baked beans, fresh baby carrots w/dip, jeweled pear halves, yeast rolls

TUESDAY, 3RD: Fiesta spaghetti, seasoned green beans, garden salad, apple wedges, yeast rolls

WEDNESDAY, 4TH: Cheeseburger, seasoned potato wedges, garden salad, mixed fruit, confetti cake

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## LaSalle Tigers Fall During Slugfest

By Greg Jones  
Sports Writer

The LaSalle Tigers fell at home last Friday night 36-34 to the Lakeview Gators, however, the slugfest that took place at Tiger Stadium is what I consider to be one of the best high school football games that I have seen in a long time. This game wasn't about flashy offense or long passes, this game was a war in the trenches.

The LaSalle Tigers used a huge offensive line and the running power of Tanner Gagne and Kendryk Morrow to take a 14-point lead at the halftime break. Lakeview never quit. The Gators defense was smashing the Tiger's running game at the line and the war of attrition began.

The Tiger defense came into this game looking to continue the great play they have demonstrated this season. The Lakeview Gators featured a running attack that is just a grind all the way to the endzone. La-

Salle's defense would bend but not break in the first half.

LaSalle would hit the Gators as hard as the Gators were hitting the Tigers. It was just an intense battle between both teams.

LaSalle would get the first score of the second half to increase the lead. Lakeview began to push the length of the field for another score. Going into the fourth quarter the Tiger lead was cut to six points. This battle would stay around midfield for the most part of the last quarter, as both defenses were stepping up to the task of getting the stop of the opposing offense.

A Tiger fumble late in the fourth quarter would give the Gators the ball in Tiger territory with less than two minutes remaining in the game. The Gators would push the ball into the endzone with 42 seconds remaining to tie the game. On the upcoming two-point conversion the Gators were flagged for unsportsmanlike penalty, so the two-point

try would be from the 18-yard line. The Gators ran a reverse and went in untouched for the go-ahead conversion.

The Tigers would recover the on-side kick at midfield, but a strip sack on the third play of the series would end the game.

Neither team would quit and both teams showed that they were ready to give everything to win this game. It was by far the best game I've seen this year.

The Tigers will fall to 3-1 on the season but can't linger long on this tough loss because Delhi Charter will be coming to town this coming Friday. Delhi Charter will bring in another tough running attack that the Tigers will be ready to stop.

Let's fill the stands to cheer on these guys that have worked so hard to make this community and school proud.

If you can't make it to the game, be sure to catch all the play-by-play on Sandlot Sports Network as Jason Peppers will bring all the hard-hitting action.

Hope to see you at the games.



Seniors Noah Parham (5) and Jamorian Turner (52) stand in front of their team during the National Anthem as they get ready to take on the Lakeview Warriors. Despite a great effort by the Tigers, they lost a heartbreaker in the final minutes 36-34.



Above, Quarterback Kendryk Morrow (12) strides into the endzone for another Tiger touchdown during the game against Lakeview.

Hayden White (14), at right, finishes taking down a Lakeview running back during the Tigers' game last Friday night in Olla.



Tiger defenders Matthew Thompson (72), Canaan Stowe (60), Jamorian Turner (52) and Cutler Ganey (20) get ready to stop the Lakeview offense.



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Tanner Gagne (30) secures the ball and looks for an opening during the Tigers' game against Lakeview.




Justin Valentine (44) takes the handoff and looks for yards during the game last Friday night.




Sean Derr (7) makes a catch and runs the sideline for a big gain last week against Lakeview last Friday night in Olla.

**We Salute the LaSalle Tiger Player of the Week**




**TANNER GAGNE**  
*Senior*  
17 Carries for 135 yards;  
3 TDs  
12 Tackles



**KENDRYK MORROW**  
*Senior*  
14 Carries for 124 yards;  
2 TDs  
5/17 passing for 73 yards

*Congratulations, Tanner and Kendryk!*

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Hunter Bradford (10) turns upfield after making a catch for a big gain during last Friday's game.

### LaSalle 34 vs Lakeview 36

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
<b>LaSalle</b>	14	14	6	0	34
<b>Lakeview</b>	8	6	8	14	36

### Scoring Summary

LaSalle: Tanner Gagne 6-yard TD run. PAT failed.  
Lakeview - TD run. 2-point conversion good.  
LaSalle - Kendryk Morrow 3-yard TD run. 2-point conversion good.  
LaSalle - Tanner Gagne 12-yd TD run. 2-point conversion good.  
Lakeview - TD run. 2-point conversion failed.  
LaSalle - Tanner Gagne 1-yard TD run. 2-point conversion failed.  
LaSalle - Kendryk Morrow 1-yard TD run. 2-point conversion failed.  
Lakeview - TD run. 2-point conversion failed.  
Lakeview - TD run. 2-point conversion good.

GAME STATS	LaSalle
<b>First Downs</b>	13
<b>Rushing Att./Yards</b>	34/259
<b>Yards Passing</b>	73
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	(5-17-0)
<b>Fumbles/Lost</b>	2/2
<b>Total Yards</b>	332

### Individual Stats:

**Rushing:**  
Tanner Gagne - 17 carries for 135 yards, 3 TDs  
Kendryk Morrow - 14 carries for 73 yards, 2 TDs

**Passing:**  
Kendryk Morrow - 5 for 17 for 73 yards

**Receiving:**  
Sean Derr - 2 catches for 18 yards  
Hunter Bradford - 2 catches for 40 yards  
Tanner Gagne - 1 catch for 15 yards.



LaSalle High 2023 Honor Graduate Nick Fryar competed this summer at the FBLA National Convention in Atlanta, GA. He earned the chance to compete nationally after placing first in the state convention earlier this year. During the national convention, he placed eighth in Supply Chain Management. Nick, the son of Jonny and Tammy Fryar of Olla, is a student at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston where he is studying Mechanical Engineering. He expressed his thanks to all that supported his fundraisers that allowed him to attend the national conference and a special thanks to his advisor, Tim Wesson.

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## Giants Grind Out Win at Winnfield

By Austin Whatley  
Sports Writer

The Jena Giants traveled to Winnfield to take on the Tigers in another matchup of The 84 War this past Friday night. Winnfield for years dominated this rivalry but recently it has been dominated by Jena.

Winnfield won the matchup in Jena last season and the loss a year ago saw the Giants start the season 0-4. This season the Giants had a chance with a win to start the season 4-0. Winnfield came into the game trying to pick up their second win of the season.

The captains for the Giants were seniors Boots Green, Zach Barker, Zerrick Jones, and Dylon Davis. Winnfield would win the toss and would defer to the second half.

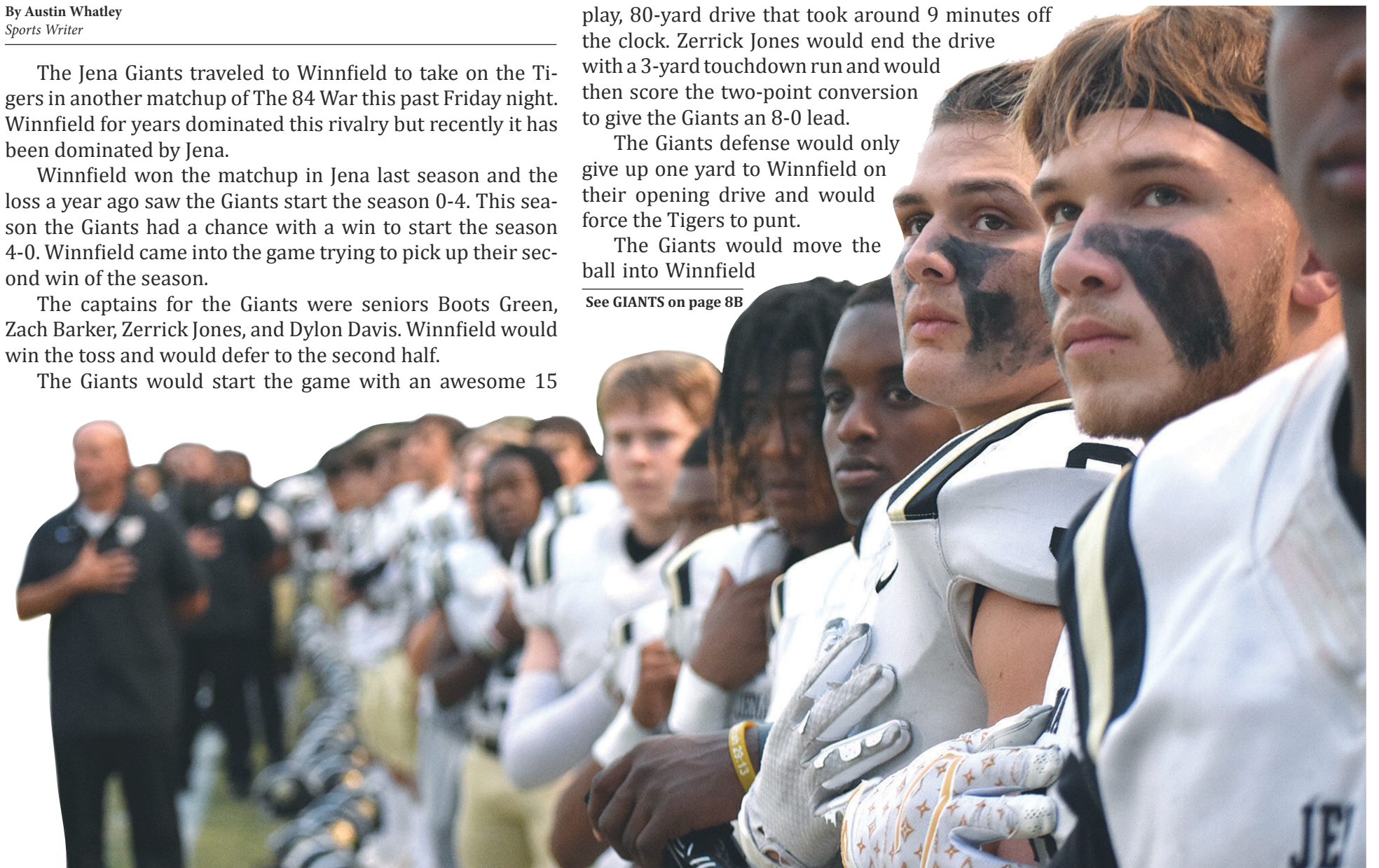
The Giants would start the game with an awesome 15

play, 80-yard drive that took around 9 minutes off the clock. Zerrick Jones would end the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run and would then score the two-point conversion to give the Giants an 8-0 lead.

The Giants defense would only give up one yard to Winnfield on their opening drive and would force the Tigers to punt.

The Giants would move the ball into Winnfield

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Known as "Mac-n-Cheese" to the Giant Nation, linebackers Triston McLendon (right) and Jacob Belcher stand at attention during the National Anthem as they prepare to go to war against Winnfield last Friday night. Jena won the game 32-20 to remain undefeated at 4-0.



# GIANTS

Zerrick Jones (7) stretches out with the ball to score another touchdown as a Winnfield defender tries to stop him.



Case Addison (43) hits the Winnfield back low to bring him down during the game last Friday.



Cameron Koch (22) blast for yards behind the blocking of Hunter Jackson (56) and Tommy DeLaSalle (57) during the Giants' win over Winnfield last Friday night.



Zadrion Cooper (85) runs for a first down during the Giant's 32-20 win over Winnfield.

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Jaquarius "Boots" Green (79) wraps up a Winnfield player as Dylan Davis (8) and Jacob Belcher (3) help bring him down.



Jacob Pentecost (41) delivered a massive hit on a Winnfield receiver to stop him in his tracks during last Friday's game.

## Giants...

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territory but would turn the ball over on downs on their next drive. The Giants defense would force Winnfield to punt on their next two possessions.

On their third possession of the game, Jena would put together

a 13 play, 88-yard scoring drive ending with a Zerrick Jones 2-yard touchdown run and 2-point conversion to increase the lead to 16-0. The Giants would dominate the first half as they would run 37 offensive plays compared to 11 for Winnfield. The Giants had 14 first downs in the first

half compared to 1 for Winnfield.

In the second half, Winnfield would make a comeback as they would get a long touchdown run from running back Jaylon Jackson to make it 16-6. Winnfield would then get a long

punt return that would give their offense a first and goal at the Jena one yard line. Winnfield would score to make it 16-14.

The Giants would answer with two long touchdown runs from Zerrick Jones as he would have scoring runs of 33 yards and 30 yards to increase the Jena lead to 32-14.

Winnfield would score a late touchdown to make the final score 32-20. With the win the Giants improve to 4-0 on the season.

Zerrick Jones finished the game with 34 carries for 248 rushing yards and 4 rushing touchdowns. Jones also had three two-point conversions in the game. Cameron Koch had his first 100-yard game as he finished with 23 carries for 104 yards.

Jacob Belcher led the Giants with 6 tackles in the game. Dylan Davis had 2 tackles and an interception in the game.

This week's game will surely be the game of the week as the Giants will travel to the

## Jena 32 vs Winnfield 20

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Jena	8	8	0	16	32
Winnfield	0	0	14	6	20

### Scoring Summary

#### 1st Quarter:

Jena: Zerrick Jones 3-yard TD run. 2 point conversion good.

#### 2nd Quarter:

Jena: Zerrick Jones 2-yard TD run. 2 point conversion good.

#### 3rd Quarter:

Winnfield: 32-yard TD run. 2-point conversion failed.

Winnfield: 1-yard TD run. 2-point conversion good.

#### 4th Quarter:

Jena: Zerrick Jones 33-yard TD run. 2 point conversion good.

Jena: Zerrick Jones 30-yard TD run. 2 point conversion good.

Winnfield: 5-yard TD pass. 2-point conversion failed.

STATS	WSHS	JENA
First Downs	7	24
Rushing Att./Yards	16/98	64/376
Yards Passing	30	0
Passes (C-A-I)	(4-12-1)	(0-4-0)
Punts/Avg.	4/33.5	1/29
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/35	6/81
Total Yards	128	376

### Individual Stats:

#### Rushing:

Zerrick Jones - 34 carries for 248 yards, 4 TDs  
Cameron Koch - 23 carries for 104 yards  
Braydon Oakes - 1 carry for 17 yards  
Sedrick Wilson - 1 carry for 8 yards  
Zadrien Cooper - 1 carry for 6 yards  
Zach Barker - 2 carries for -7 yards

#### Passing:

Zach Barker - 0 for 4 for 0 yards

Reservation to take on the Tioga Indians in a matchup of 4-0 teams. The Giants defeated Tioga 22-6 last season. These two teams have met many times over the last ten years and every time they meet it seems to be a close game that comes down to the wire. So, everyone plan on making the short trip south to Tioga to cheer on the Gi-

ants this Friday night. Kickoff will be at 7 pm.

If you can't make it to the game then you can tune in to 102.7 to hear all the live action starting at 6:00 with the pre-game show. If you are not in the listening area then you can tune in on the MIX-LR app by searching for KJNAFM or go online at www.kjnafmjena.mixlr.com.




Quarterback Zach Barker (14) looks downfield to pass during the Winnfield game.



Braydon Oakes (17) catches a two-point conversion during the Giants' win over Winnfield.

We Salute the Jena  
Giant Player of the Week



ZERRICK  
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34 Carries 248 Yards  
4 Rushing TDs  
3 Two-Point Conversions

Congratulations Zerrick!

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Eden Fellowship Volunteer Fire District of the Parish of LaSalle, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Eden Fellowship Volunteer Fire District of the Parish of LaSalle, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on August 8, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

### PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Eden Fellowship Volunteer Fire District of the Parish of LaSalle, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 15 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$95,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment in and for the District, including the payment of the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, provided that a portion of the tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

### PRECINCTS

- 06-02 (PART)
- 07-01 (PART)
- 07-02 (PART)
- 08-02 (PART)
- 08-03 (PART)
- 08-05 (PART)
- 08-07 (PART)
- 10-01 (PART)

The polling places at the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$4,800.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Eden Fellowship Fire Station, Trout, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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## TOWN OF OLLA MINUTES

Proceedings of the Olla Town Council meeting were held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Olla Town Hall – 2628 Central Avenue. Mayor Elliott called the regular monthly meeting to order, and Joel Sims opened with

prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Sonya Kennon called roll. Present: Mayor Elliott, Jessica Dunn, Joel Sims, Keith Reichardt, and Madge Bailey. Various members of the public were present.

Reichardt made a motion, second by Dunn, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Elliott presented the family of Mr. Joseph Thompson with a plaque of appreciation for his service throughout the years with the Olla Volunteer Fire Department.

Reichardt made a motion, second by Duke, to approve the August 2023 regular meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Sims made a motion, second by Duke, to approve the August 2023 bills as presented. Motion carried.

Bailey made a motion, second by Reichardt, to approve the August 2023 financial statement as presented. Motion carried.

- **Fire Department** – Acting Chief Ray Atwell gave the written fire report for August 2023. Acting Chief Atwell stated there had been no changes in membership and all equipment is in operational condition. The department responded to 5 alarms in August. Acting Chief Atwell asked the council to consider the purchase of a used brush truck to replace the current one that is no longer in use. Sims made a motion, second by Dunn, to approve the purchase of a 03 Chevrolet brush truck.
- **Police Report** – The August 2023 police report was given by Chief Jody O'Bier. 151 citations were issued for August 2023, \$28553.50 was collected in fines and court cost, the department responded to 16 incidents, 2 arrests, and 3 dog complaints.
- **Public Works Department** – Mayor Elliott delivered the August 2023 Superintendent's report. Mayor Elliott stated that we have acquired a new Gravely mower and a new Ford F150 pick-up for the Public Works Department. Mayor Elliott stated that two of the Public Works crew will be attending a school next month, one in water and the other in wastewater. Mayor Elliott stated that the water treatment plant is approximately 80% complete, and now that the leaks have finally slowed down, we will be catching up on mowing and getting the town ready for homecoming.

Sims made a motion, second by Duke, to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Elliott stated that the fencing for the back of the Dixie Center will be installed before homecoming.

Mayor Elliott stated that work is still continuing at the Holloway Building.

Mayor Elliott announced that there will be a LEDD meeting Thursday, September 21st at the First Baptist Church in Olla. Senator Womack, Representative Gabe Firment, and Representative Neil Riser will be present with a legislative update forum. Mayor Elliott asked the council to please let her know if they are planning to attend so that she can RSVP.

Mayor Elliott stated that plans are being made for Olla Downtown Homecoming on October 14, 2023, and asked that anyone wishing to help please contact the Olla Town Hall at 318-495-5151.

Dunn made a motion, second by Duke, to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Rhonda Elliott  
Mayor

Sonya Kennon  
Town Clerk  
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## EDEN FELLOWSHIP VFD BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2023, Allen Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Malcolm Strozier said the opening prayer. Present were: Allen Jones, Etage Manuel, Malcolm Strozier, Samuel Gulde, Mark Manuel and Justin Barker.

Minutes from the August meeting were read by Etage Manuel. Malcolm Strozier made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Samuel Gulde.

Old Business: Tax ballot for November is scheduled. #12 truck is out of service to be repaired. Ice machine has been repaired. Truck #3 and #6 have been repaired and serviced. Spray foam has been ordered.

Chief Report: 35 fire calls and assists to Grant parish over the last month.

New Business: none

Motion to pay the bills was made by Samuel Gulde second by Malcomb Strozier.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Malcolm Strozier, second by Etage Manuel 6:14 PM Etage Manuel

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## LASALLE WATERWORKS DISTRICT #1

P.O. BOX 1  
TROUT, LA. 71371  
September 18, 2023

The LaSalle Waterworks District #1, Parish of LaSalle, Board of Directors, met on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 11:00 A.M., for their regular monthly meeting.

Present: Josh Corley, John Jenkins, Johnny Beard, Derick Lee, Danny Brown, Jr., and John Smith, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Josh Corley, Chairman of the Water Board.

The minutes from the previous meeting was dispensed on a motion made by Johnny Beard, seconded by Derick Lee, and passed by the Board.

The Finance report for the month of August was accepted as given on a motion made by John Jenkins, seconded by Danny Brown, Jr., and passed by the Board.

Derick Lee made a motion, seconded by John Jenkins, and passed by the Board to approve the payment of bills for the month of August.

Danny Brown, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Johnny Beard, and passed by the Board to approve the adjustment of four billing errors.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Johnny Beard, and seconded by Danny Brown, Jr.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday, October 16th at 11:00 a.m.

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## LASALLE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1

PO BOX 1  
TROUT, LOUISIANA 71371  
September 18, 2023

The LaSalle Sewer District No.1, Parish of LaSalle, Board of Directors, met on Monday, September 18, 2023, at Eleven O'Clock A.M. regular session.

Present: Johnny Beard, John Jenkins, Danny Brown Jr., Derick Lee and John Smith, Superintendent.  
Absent: Cliff Smith

The meeting was called to order on a motion by Derick Lee, seconded by Danny Brown Jr.

The minutes from the previous meeting were dispensed on motion by Danny Brown Jr., seconded Johnny Beard and passed by the Board.

The Finance Report was accepted on motion by Johnny Beard, seconded by Derick Lee and passed by the Board for the month of August.

Danny Brown Jr., made a motion, seconded by Derick Lee and passed by the Board to approve payment of bills for the month of August.

On a motion made by Derick Lee, seconded by Danny Brown Jr., and passed by the Board to approve the billing adjustments of 2 leaks, 4 billing errors and 1 pool fill for the month of August.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Johnny Beard and seconded by Danny Brown Jr.

The next Board meeting will be October 16, 2023 at 11 A. M.

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The LaSalle Parish Police Jury will be accepting applications for Mechanic.

Applications may be picked up at the Police Jury Office, 1050 Courthouse Street, Room 13, Jena, Louisiana 71342, or at the Jena Barn.

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## URANIA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

The Town of Urania met on September 11, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. at the Urania Town Hall. Present were Mayor Jay Ivy, council members Pat McDougald, Teresa Corley, Donna Lindsey and Mike Russell, along with town attorney Lloyd Hennigan. Absent was council member Tom Douglas.

Ivy called the meeting to order with McDougald opening with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Russell made a motion to approve the September agenda with Corley seconding the motion. McDougald made a motion to approve paying August bills with Lindsey seconding the motion.

In the department report for water, Ivy stated that the town had part of the water lines from Pentecostal Church Road to LaSalle Lumber replaced. In the sewer report, he stated that maintenance is still on going and that he still hasn't heard anything about the meeting with DEQ or any kind of grants, but said from what he understands they are running behind on things. The police department reported 93 citations written with \$17,449.20 collected for August 2023. The Town has been approved for 2022-2023 LGAP Grant for \$35,000. These funds will be used to purchase equipment for the police department. In the fire department report, Ivy stated the state wide fire ban went into effect August 25th. The department responded to 3 fires, 1 being a house fire and 2 being brush fires before the ban went into place. Ivy stated that the town would like to open a checking account at Sabine State Bank for the fire department and put the \$3/month from water bills and put in that account. He said it would help better to keep up with the money being spent on the fire department. He said Stacie Strain, secretary for the fire department would be added to the account along with himself, Pat McDougald and Jerrica Johnson. McDougald approved opening the account with Russell seconding the motion. In the police jury report, Ivy said they trimmed limbs on North Pine. Russell made a motion to approve the department reports with Corley seconding the motion.

In the mayor's comments, Ivy said there would be a LEDD board meeting in Olla at the Olla First Baptist Church on September 21st. McDougald made a motion made a motion with Russell seconding the motion.

Jay Ivy  
Mayor

Jerrica Johnson  
Clerk  
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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Sealed bids will be received by the LaSalle Parish Police Jury until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 4, 2023 for the sale of 2 used 7x22x5 Roll Off Boxes located at the Jena Barn.

Bid Committee will open bids, Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

All bids should be marked as such on envelope.

Upon notification of accepted bid, bidder will have 2 weeks to remove Boxes from Jena Barn.

The Police Jury reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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## BID ADVERTISEMENT

Jena Housing Authority will receive sealed bids until Wednesday, October 11, 2023, for the sale of the following surplus property: White Frigidaire Electric Stove

Model Number FEF312ASA

Minimum Bid of \$100

Can be seen at Jena Housing Authority, 1032 Tarver Avenue, Jena, LA 71342 Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 p.m.

Bids can be mailed to Jena Housing Authority, P.O. Box 36, Jena, LA 71342.

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# Volunteers Needed to Help With Drought Data

By Olivia McClure  
LSU AgCenter

Everyone in Louisiana already knows rain has been hard to come by this summer. But exactly how bad and widespread is the drought? Without enough data points, it can be hard to say — and that can prevent local farmers, ranchers and others from qualifying for assistance programs.

That's where a group of volunteers, many of them youth, led by the LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation are stepping in to help.

Called the Water Rangers and armed with rain gauges provided by Farm Bureau,

the volunteers are logging rainfall — or lack thereof — through a weather-reporting network called the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, or CoCoRaHS.

"The CoCoRaHS reporting system is one of the four weather data reporting systems that plays a major role in drought detection to qualify for federal funding programs," said Hannah Devall, animal science and agricultural literacy and awareness specialist with Louisiana 4-H.

Besides 4-H clubs, FFA groups, schools and Master Gardeners have joined the initiative.

"Those volunteers went through the official CoCoRaHS training, and we're excited to have more than 100 additional weather reporters submitting their observations as of the beginning of July 2023," said Jessica Lange, the Farm Bureau's commodity, public policy and promotions boards coordinator.

The idea for the Water Rangers came about last summer, when Louisiana experienced a drought that was milder than this year's but nevertheless caused problems in agriculture.

"During the summer of 2022, parts of Louisiana were far drier than the Drought

reflected," Lange said, referring to the U.S. government's weekly map of drought location and intensity. "This concern was fielded through Louisiana Farm Bureau's Livestock Advisory Committee, which then began researching the various data collections that are included in the Drought Monitor, and found the number of weather reports throughout the state was woefully small."

"With the dry weather that we have experienced in the past couple of years, Louisiana producers were lacking the data necessary to aid them in qualifying for monetary relief programs," Devall added.

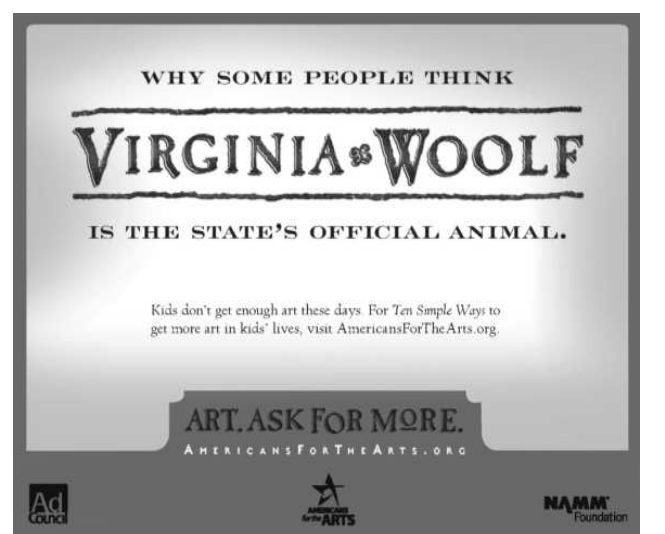
At www.cocorahs.org, visitors can see a map displaying data collected by the Water Rangers in Louisiana and their fellow citizen weather reporters across the country.

As Louisiana continues to deal with hot, dry weather, Devall said she is proud to see young people taking

part in an important effort.

"We hope that more thorough data collection will aid our farmers and ranchers across the state," she said.

For information on joining the Water Rangers, contact Devall at HDevall@agcenter.lsu.edu.



# Jena Elementary Lists Honor Roll

Submitted Article

Honor roll students for the first six weeks grading period at Jena Elementary School have been announced by Principal Deedra Zeagler, as follows:

### First Grade

**All A's** – Luke Adams, Jathan Andrews, Mayleigh Aymond, Eliza Barber, Asher Blasingame, Maddox Book, Michael Couch, Marli Crooks, Huey Curry, Tristan Davis, Livvy Dorton, Rylee Edwards, Emerie Elliott, Emma Evans, Landry Foreman, Andrew Ganey, Atalee Harris, Madeline Higgerson, Mareha Hill, Elizabeth Hixon, Canaan Holland, David Ingle, Adriel Jolly, Charles Keene, Delilah McFarlen, Samuel McGuffee, Cooper Morphis, Kiri Norris, Clyde Osteen, Price Parker, Carter Phippen, Rush Rogers, Pardo Rosales, Owen Skye, Bradley Smith, McKinley Spence, Addison Stafford, Lilah Steen, Grayson Stringer, Nolan Taylor, Nolan Townsend, Gabriel West, Ava White and Genesis Wright.

**A's and B's** – Trevor Alwell, Rhett Barham, Mattie Benfield, Dade Breaud, Bentley Brown, Raelynn Brown, Cullen Brunet, Auden Carriere, Brayden Evans, Rylan Goodman, Adley Hamilton, Liam Johnson, Laikyn Jones, Layla Jones, Andrew Kelly, Nellie Kendrick, Milla LaCroix, Amariah Lee, Silas Lee, Dakota Lemay, Cooper Mannon, Alaska McCall, Lucas McKeithen, Adalinn Montpelier, Haylee Orr, Lennox Patton, Kenneth Robbins, Jeremiah Rollins, Gabriel Ryan, Adalyn Smith, Hadley Smith, Adalee Thornton, Kenley Tiner, Ava Walker, Tybrielle Walker, Brayson Wesberry and Benjamin Williams.

### Second Grade

**All A's** – Kelton Allen, Caleb Bradford, Piper Breithaupt, Chanel Brown, Samuel Childress, Chesney Clark, Cash Cooksey, John Daves, Milly Dorton, Dalton Elliott, Isabella Evans, Andie Francis, Shanyra Gibbs, Jacob Goude-lock, Charlotte Grant, Harper Hailey,

Lannon Huff, Finley Hughes, Arcy Humphries, Madalynn Hutzler, Wyatt Kent, Evelyn LaCour, Deacon Lambeth, Dane Lindsey, Johnson Little, Levon Manning, Rose Mason, Johnathan McCartney, Easton Moffett, Livi Munson, Qiansong Ni, Bayleigh Nichols, Adalynn Norris, Josi Norris, Samuel Phippen, Ashtyn Pitts, Caroline Posey, Christian Pritchard, Elliott Skye, Julianne Smith, Maggie Smith, Willow Smith, Cason Spence, Rodgers Suy, Lajaycen Taylor, Kaleb Tradewell, Halle Ward, Harper Ward, Zoey Whatley, Jolie Wilson and Sawyer Yule.

**A's and B's** – Aniston Adcock, Wyatt Ashley, Rowan Butts, Markalyn Byrd, William Deville, Aurora Fisher, Beaux Floyd, Kingston Griffin, Ridleigh Henry, Olivia Johnson, Kobe Jones, Turner Jones, Serenity Kennedy, Landon Long, Lily Mannon, Rueben Richmond, Eli Roark, Tyler Sharp, Emma Smith, Madilyn Smith, Marlee Stapleton, Roman Steen, Lyons Taylor, Billie Vercher and Easton Walston.

# Town of Jena Gas Department

## Public Awareness and Damage Prevention Program

It is important for anyone who lives or works near natural gas pipelines to know the basic safety information provided in this article:

The information that follows will help you to know: (1) Who we are. (2) How to identify our pipelines. (3) How to recognize a gas leak. (4) Procedures to follow for a pipeline leak or outside your home leak. (5) Procedures to follow if you smell or suspect a leak inside your home. (6) Procedures to follow if you need to dig or demolish.

1. The Town of Jena Gas Department operates a natural gas distribution system in and around the Town of Jena. The purpose of the gas system is to provide a safe and economical source of energy for heating and cooking etc. in our homes and businesses, adjacent to the underground gas pipelines. Underground natural gas pipelines are the safest mode of energy transportation. We need your help to keep it that way. By working together, we can keep our natural gas pipelines operating safely, without any disturbance or inconvenience to our neighbors.

2. The Town of Jena Gas system is "marked" with signs throughout the system and on gas valves.

### REMEMBER:

- a. Markers indicate the general area of the pipeline, not the exact location
- b. Markers do not indicate how deep the pipeline is
- c. Pipelines do not necessarily follow a straight line between two markers
- d. Never rely solely on the presence or absence of markers someone may have altered or moved the marker!
- e. Do not plant trees on the pipeline right of way or build permanent structures
- f. Do not dig on the right of way unless you have called the "One Call Center!"

### STATE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO CALL 48 HOURS BEFORE YOU DIG! Call La. 1 Call @ 1 (800) 372-3020

3. How to recognize a pipeline leak: (NOTE: In its natural form, natural gas is odorless and tasteless ..... Odorant has been added to help detect leaks)

- a. The smell of odorant resembles a "rotten egg smell".
- b. A hissing or roaring sound caused by escaping gas.
- c. A patch of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green setting.
- d. Blowing dirt, grass, or leaves near a known gas line.
- e. Flames originating from the ground or from valves along the pipeline route.

### (Caution: Never try to extinguish a natural gas fire)

- f. Continuous bubbling in a wet area, or at a creek crossing, or anywhere a gas line is submerged in water.

4. If you notice a gas leak on a pipeline or outside your home, you should:

- a. Avoid open flame and other sources of ignition.
- b. Turn off and abandon any nearby vehicles or equipment.
- c. Leave the vicinity immediately by foot.
- d. Stay upwind if possible.
- e. Warn any onlookers to stay clear.
- f. Call the Town of Jena (when you are a safe distance away from the leak) @ 992-2148, if no answer, 992-6931, or 911. (A Gas Department employee will be dispatched, at no cost to you).

5. If you smell gas or suspect you have a gas leak inside your home you should:

- a. Do not strike any matches or other forms of ignition.
- b. Do not operate any light switches.
- c. Do not use the telephone, get out immediately.
- d. If possible stay up wind, go to a neighbor's home, call the Town of Jena 992-2148, if no answer call 992-6931, or 911. (A Gas Department employee will be dispatched, at no cost to you)
- e. Never turn gas valves On or Off.
- f. Do not go back in your home or allow anyone else to enter, until you are told it is safe.

6. If you need to dig, demolish a structure, or any type of activity that could endanger a pipeline or its components:

- a. State law requires that you call the La. One Call Center @ 1 (800) 272-3020, 48 hours in advance to report any activities.
- b. When you call the La. 1 Call Center you will need an address or street (road), etc., name with nearest intersection, distance, direction, etc.
- c. The La. 1 Call Center will give you a ticket #, it is important that you keep a record of your call and ticket # etc.
- d. Upon receipt of your request for a line locate .... as soon as possible a Town of Jena Gas Department employee will be dispatched to "mark" your "dig/demolish area". (THIS IS A FREE SERVICE AT NO COST TO YOU)
- e. After the lines are "marked", the safest way to be sure the "marks" are correct is to uncover the line by "hand digging".

### NOTE: Color Code: Red (Electricity), Orange (Telephone or other communication) Blue (Water), Green (Sewer), GAS (YELLOW)

If there are no "marks" in your "dig area" after the 48 hr. notice has expired, do not assume there are no lines present. Call the 1 Call Center back (have your ticket # ready for them).

IMPORTANT: If you see any suspicious activity, such as digging, demolishing, logging, or any other such activities near a natural gas pipeline, please call the Town of Jena 992-2148, if no answer call 992-6931, or 911.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY!!

## LaSalle Parish Assessor's Office

P.O. Box 400  
Jena, LA 71342

Tom Kendrick, CLA - Assessor  
E-mail: lasalleassessor@centurytel.net

Phone: 318-992-8256  
Fax: 318-992-8257



# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the LaSalle Parish Police Jury will sit as a Board of Review beginning **September 26, 2023 through October 10, 2023** to hear any and all protests from taxpayers on the 2022 property tax assessments. The Board of Review hearing will be held on **October 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** in the LaSalle Parish Police Jury Meeting Room located at 1050 Courthouse Street, Room 12; Jena, Louisiana.

The Board of Review shall consider the written and oral protests of any taxpayer who has filed a written appeal (with all supporting documents) by **Monday, October 2, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.** seven (7) days prior to the actual Board Review hearing date.

Any person must submit all information concerning the value of your property to the Assessor before the deadline for filing an appeal with the Board of Review. The failure to submit such information may prevent you from relying on that information should you protest your value.

*Tom Kendrick*

TOM KENDRICK, CLA  
Assessor of LaSalle Parish

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When You Shop Local Merchants...Everybody Wins!

# Jena High School Cross Country Competes



Andrew Richard

Staff Report

Jena High School's Cross Country Team may only have one member, but he is excelling in the sport that few dare to attempt.

Freshman Andrew Richard has been training for several weeks with Coach Bert Bowens as he continues to improve and prepare to represent Jena High in future competitions.

Richard recently competed in two events as part of a training regimen.

He ran in the Run for the Reigns event held in Harrisonburg September 16 and also the Cedar Creek Wallace Martin Invitational in Ruston last weekend. His first race he ran a time of 29:32, an improvement of 5:30 from his base time.

Richard will represent Jena High in three more races during the LHSAA Cross Country season this fall.



JHS Cross Country member Andrew Richard, far left, competed recently in Ruston.

## Drought-Stressed Trees Need Watering

BY Kyle Peveto  
LSU AgCenter

After weeks of extreme heat and little rain, the landscape is looking parched.

While gardens and lawns are the first to show evidence of a water shortage, trees are also in need of care.

"Everything in the ground right now is water stressed," said Hallie Dozier, an urban forestry specialist with the LSU AgCenter.

Most of the state has been rated abnormally dry or in moderate drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, a service of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Some areas of central and south Louisiana are experiencing moderate to severe levels of drought.

Experts at the AgCenter have received reports of bark cracking and parts of tree canopies dying back. Periods of dryness cause many typical strains to become "enhanced," Dozier said, as trees become more vulnerable to disease and insects, but also to limb

breakage and wind damage.

When trees have not received significant rainfall in two weeks, Dozier recommends the following steps:

- Place a soaker hose in the root zone of the tree — the area starting from about 2 feet from the base of the tree to the canopy line.
- Set the hose to a slow drip and allow it to run for 24 to 72 hours.
- If water begins to run off the surface, turn down the volume.
- If water continues to run off the surface, check for saturation.

To check if the soil is saturated to the proper depth of 6 to 8 inches, stick a screwdriver into the ground up to the handle. If the screwdriver shaft is wet and dirty, the soil is saturated deeply enough to benefit the tree.

If you do not own a soaker hose, a regular water hose can work, but it needs more attention. Leave a regular water hose on a slow drip and move it to different areas of the root system every six to eight hours.

"The big trees are the ones that are valuable to us as homeowners," she said. "All they do for us in terms of

cycling water, cleaning the air, holding the soil and providing wildlife food and nesting sites and shade is important. That's a big one for us — shade. Big trees are the ones that really give us a lot of bang for the buck. So, they really do need to be protected."

Some deciduous trees — those that lose their leaves all at once at the end of the growing season — may lose their leaves early this year because of prolonged dry conditions. Some homeowners may worry that their trees are dying, but this early dormancy is an action of last resort by a water-stressed tree, Dozier said.

"They're just kind of in a resting state," Dozier said. "That is a strategy that plants will take when water becomes very difficult to get because they need water to support a canopy."

Extremely taxed trees may begin to look dead. Dozier encourages landowners to wait before cutting or trimming them.

"Take up a watering regime to ensure the tree is going to rehydrate then see what happens in the spring," she said. "In the spring, if you don't get

leaf-out or you only get partial leaf-out, then you can make decisions about either removing the tree as a whole or doing selective pruning to remove dead tissue."

Occasionally, less scrupulous tree services may tell homeowners these dormant trees are dying and dangerous and must be cut soon, Dozier said. She advises Louisianians to only use arborists licensed by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. A list of licensed arborists can be found at the LDAF website.

Watering trees during times of drought and abnormally dry conditions will not bring them back to ideal health, Dozier said.

"What we're going to do is reduce that drought stress on the trees and maybe give them just enough that they can get through until the rain starts again," she said. "You can't afford to put out hundreds and hundreds of gallons of water every day to replenish the soil. But, hopefully, you can help supplement it enough that the tree can get by."

# LANE WINDHAM

# SHERIFF

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*No one is dearer to my heart than our elderly and senior citizens.*

As Sheriff, I believe it will be my **greatest responsibility** to protect all of our citizens, especially those in our parish who are more vulnerable - like children, those with special needs and senior adults.

During the past few months of campaigning, I have had the privilege of meeting some of our finest citizens as I sat and talked for great lengths with our "seasoned" residents throughout this parish.

**They helped build this parish to what it is today and they are a wealth of knowledge that we all need to stop and appreciate more.**

I've had the opportunity to call out Bingo at the LaSalle Council on Aging each Thursday and had the great pleasure of distributing water to every senior citizen on the COA's membership, both in the Jena area and Olla, Tullos and Urania areas. In fact, I am so impressed with the work the LaSalle Council on Aging performs each week, that I'm doing my best to encourage all seniors to join the organization to receive the benefits they offer. With a wonderful, caring and professional staff, this organization is one of LaSalle's greatest treasures as they meet the needs of our seniors.

When elected Sheriff, helping take care of and checking on our elderly and senior adults will be one of the top priorities of my administration. Whether checking on them in person, utilizing a phone call system or using other methods to ensure their safety and peace of mind, the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office will always be there for everyone in our parish.

And just as a side note, when elected Sheriff, I still plan on showing up to call out those Bingo numbers!

*By working together, we can make a difference for ALL of LaSalle Parish!*

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Pd.Pol. Adv.

# October Means Angola Prison Rodeo

Submitted Article

The fall Angola Prison Rodeo is back each Sunday in October offering the best in prison rodeo excitement.

Warden Tim Hooper invites the public to view the wildest rodeo in the south and watch as Angola inmate cowboys compete in heart-stopping events like – Convict Poker, Wile Cow Milking, Bull Riding and the world-famous Guts-n-Glory.

The gates open at 8 a.m. each Sunday in October for fans to enjoy hobby crafts and festivities with the “Wildest Show. In the South” beginning at 1 p.m.

This year’s rodeo events are October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Tickets are \$20 per person and all seats are reserved.

Rodeo fans are encouraged to come early and hear outstanding inmate bands, feast on a wide array of the South’s best food and shop the unique and affordable prisoner-made arts and crafts, including jewelry, leathercrafts, paintings, woodworking, lawn and garden furniture and toys.



Guts-n-Glory is one of the world-famous events at the Angola Prison Rodeo which will be held every Sunday in October.



## A Salute to My Dentists

Every morning when my mirror smiles back, I am grateful to two dentists who have helped me for decades.

They must be darn good, because thanks to regular visits I’ve retained excellent cuspids, bicuspids, plus a host of workable molars.

I am not the best patient. I nearly always brush my teeth at least once a day, and sometimes use toothpaste.

But I am an excellent flosser. I know this, because the hygienist complimented me the last visit when she dug junk food from my molars.

Over the years, dentists have worked miracles on two upper front incisors. I call these my “smile teeth.” Those are the first things people see when I greet them with a semi-sincere grin.

Problem is, in high school I was in a car wreck. Back then, there were no shoulder seat belts, so my front teeth slammed into the dashboard.

This left me with half an incisor...very noticeable when sipping a milkshake. But my amazing dentist quickly made me a crown, so I looked presentable enough to pose for senior pictures.

That crown held up for over 35 years, but it came off a few years ago when I bit into a sturdy dinner roll. My dentist got me scheduled late that day, and crafted a new crown that looks terrific.

Since then, I have taken much better care of my mouth. I bought a new toothbrush, and I have spent more time polishing my ivories.

And - some mornings after brushing - I’m so impressed I think that if I was single... I would ask myself for a date.

Little rodeo fans will also enjoy special attractions just for them, including pony rides, carnival games, an antique carousel and lots more.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$20 at the only official rodeo ticket outlet, [www.angolarodeo.com](http://www.angolarodeo.com), or by calling (225) 655-20230 or (225) 655-2607, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday

through Friday.

Authenticity of tickets purchased anywhere else cannot be guaranteed.

Rodeo proceeds assist with the funding of cutting-edge reentry programs which work to create fewer crime victims upon release of inmates.

**Howdy Neighbor Day Festival**  
**October 7, 2023**  
 PRESENTED BY JENA COLONIAL TRAILS  
 AT THE JENA CITY PARK

**Lots Of Fun, Food And Crafts,  
 All-Day Music & Entertainment,  
 Kid Games & Much, Much More!**

**Gates Open At  
 9:00 A.M.**

**FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT WILL INCLUDE:**

- Avery Michaels & Exit 209
- Kendell Shaffer
- Mike McKenzie

**FEATURED ENTERTAINERS:**

**JOHNNY EARTHQUAKE & THE MOONDOGS**

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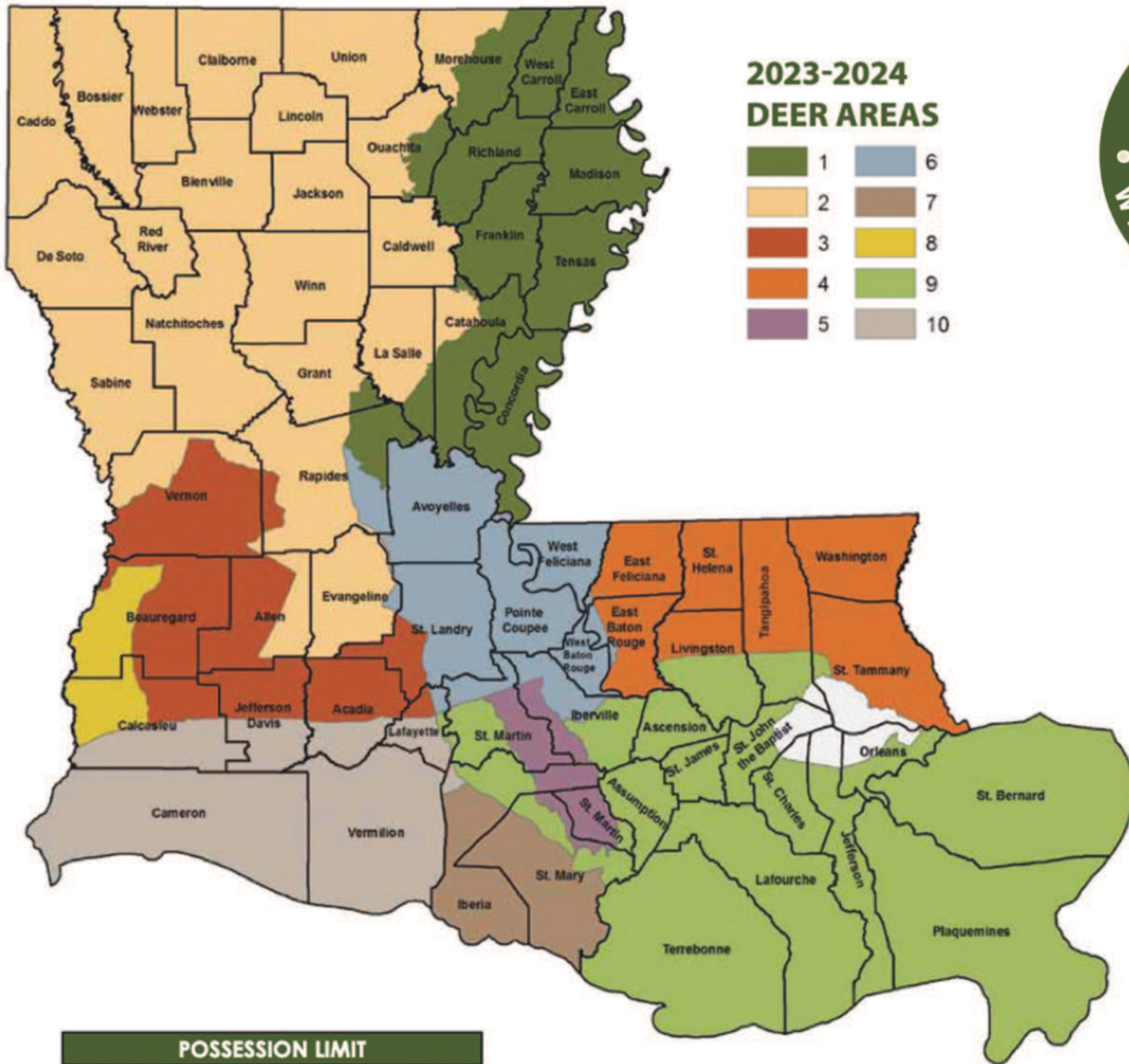
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1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 11 - 17 Jan. 22 - 31	Nov. 18 - Dec. 8 Jan. 8 - 21	Dec. 9 - Jan. 7	Oct. 28 - Nov. 3
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Oct. 21 - 27 Jan. 15 - 21	Oct. 28 - Dec. 5	Dec. 6 - Jan. 14	Oct. 14 - 20
3	Sept. 16 - Jan. 15	Oct. 14 - 20 Jan. 1 - 7	Oct. 21 - Nov. 26	Nov. 27 - Dec. 31	Sept. 23 - 29
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## QUADRUPEDS & RESIDENT GAME BIRDS SCHEDULES

Shooting Hours: One-Half Hour Before Sunrise To One-Half Hour After Sunset, EXCEPT For Raccoon and Opossum Which Are Legal For Day And Nighttime Take.

Consult Wildlife Management Area and Federal Land schedules for specific regulations and dates on those areas.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 18 - Feb. 29	10	30
Rabbit	Oct. 7 - Feb. 29	8	24
Squirrel	Oct. 7 - Feb. 29;	8	24
	May 4 - 26*	3	9
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6 Per Season, Not to Exceed 3 Antlered OR 4 Antlerless Per Season EXCEPT DEER AREA 4 LIMIT 3/SEASON (Not To Exceed 2 Antlered Or 2 Antlerless Deer) And Deer Area 10 Limit 3/season (Not to Exceed 2 Antlered or 2 Antlerless Deer)

\*Spring Squirrel Season is CLOSED on the Kisatchie National Forest, some national wildlife refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and some state WMA's (Check WMA season schedule)

### LICENSE, PERMIT & STAMP REQUIREMENTS

All persons hunting migratory birds must have a valid basic hunting license or equivalent combination license. In addition:

- Persons required to be licensed to hunt migratory birds must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification and must possess proof of HIP certification while hunting. Migratory birds include mourning and white-winged doves, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, ducks, geese and coots. If you are 17 and under you do not need a HIP certification. Your must get HIP certified in every state you hunt migratory birds. The HIP certification can be obtained online at [www.wlf.la.gov/page/hunting-licenses-permits-tags](http://www.wlf.la.gov/page/hunting-licenses-permits-tags) or at LDWF Baton Rouge headquarters.
- Persons 16 years of age and older who hunt ducks and geese must have a Migratory Bird Hunting Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) that is signed in ink across the face, on their person while hunting.
- Persons 18 years and older hunting ducks, geese and coots, must have a basic and state waterfowl license or an equivalent combination licenses that grants those privileges and must have the license(s) in their possession when hunting.
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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

**SPECIES:**  
Mourning And White Winged Doves, And Fully Dressed Eurasian Collared And Ringed Turtle Doves

**SEASON DATES:**  
NORTH ZONE: Sept. 2-24;  
Oct. 7 - Nov. 12; Dec. 23 - Jan. 21  
SOUTH ZONE: Sept. 2-17;  
Oct. 14 - Nov. 26; Dec. 16 - Jan. 14  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 15 in the aggregate  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 45 in the aggregate

**SPECIES:**  
Woodcock

**SEASON DATES:**  
December 18 thru January 31  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 **POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9

**SPECIES: Teal**  
(Blue-Winged, Green-Winged, and Cinnamon)

**SEASON DATES:**  
September 15 thru September 30  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 6 **POSSESSION LIMIT:** 18

**SPECIES:**  
King And Clapper Rails

**SEASON DATES:**  
September 15 thru September 30  
November 11 thru January 3  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 15 in the aggregate  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 45 in the aggregate

**SPECIES:**  
Sora And Virginia Rails

**SEASON DATES:**  
September 15 thru September 30  
November 11 thru January 3  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 25 in the aggregate  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 75 in the aggregate

**SPECIES:**  
Gallinules

**SEASON DATES:**  
September 15 thru September 30  
November 11 thru January 3  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 15 **POSSESSION LIMIT:** 45

**SPECIES:**  
Snipe

**SEASON DATES:**  
November 2 thru December 3  
December 16 thru February 28  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 8 **POSSESSION LIMIT:** 24

### Shooting & Hawking Hours


1. Ducks, Geese, Teal, Rail, Gallinule, Snipe and Woodcock: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, EXCEPT
  - Shooting hours for Snipe at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish, including the Conservation Order, shall end at 2 p.m.
2. Mourning Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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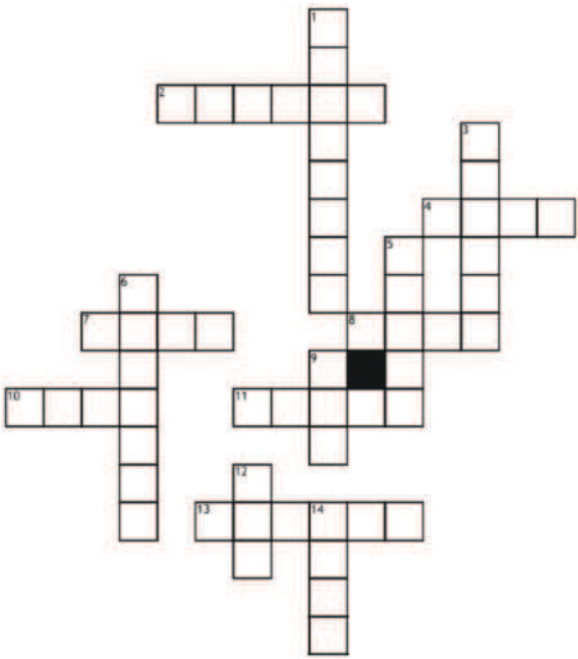
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# Kids' Korner

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## Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS:**
- 2. Thanksgiving bird
  - 4. Quacker
  - 7. "The Great Prince" deer
  - 8. Uncivilized pig
  - 10. Red Ridinghood's enemy.
  - 11. Bullwinkle
  - 13. Thumper
- DOWN:**
- 1. Ring-necked bird
  - 3. Cat of many names
  - 5. Duck, Duck, \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6. Bison
  - 9. Retriever
  - 12. Dodge truck
  - 14. Panda, Teddy, Brown

## Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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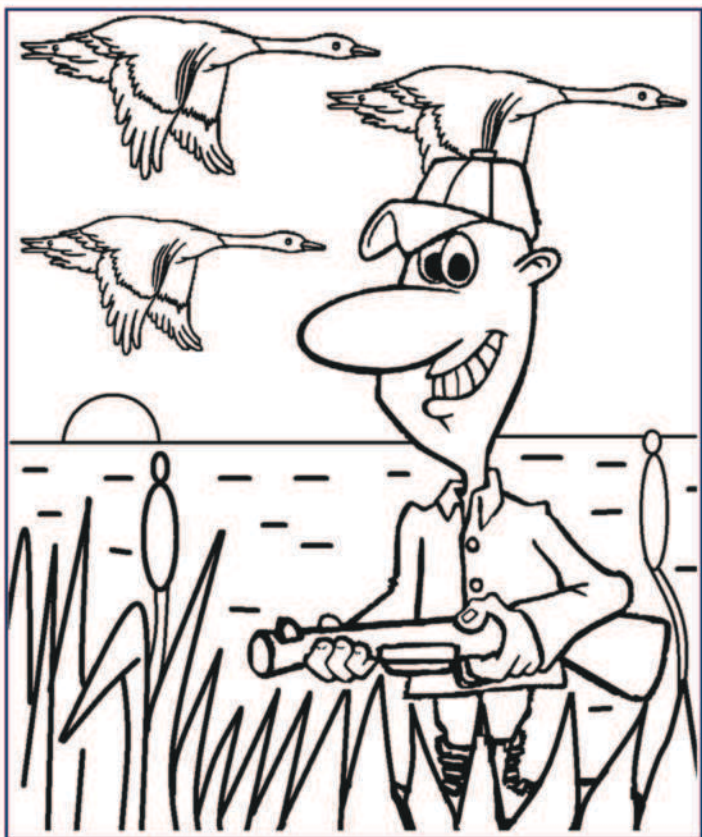


ANIMAL FACT:



TRUE OR FALSE?  
DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS  
USE THEIR WHISKERS TO "SEE"  
IN THE DARK.

## Creative Coloring



## Did You Know?

EACH MALE TURKEY HAS HIS OWN GOBBLING TECHNIQUE THAT DIFFERS FROM OTHER TURKEYS. FEMALES, CALLED HENS, DO NOT GOBBLE.



## What's the difference?

Find the 10 differences in the pictures below.



## Jokes of the Week

1. What do you call a bear with no teeth?
2. What do you call a bear with no ear?



## Word Find

P	U	R	G	V	H	T	Z	C	B	T	G	P	Y	O	Y	Z
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| ANT       | WOLF   | SNAIL    |
| BUTTERFLY | BEAR   | BIRD     |
| MOUSE     | RABBIT | HEDGEHOG |
| SQUIRREL  | WORM   | SNAKE    |
| BADGER    | BEAVER | OWL      |
| DEER      | FROG   |          |

Answers to this week's puzzles found on page 6C.

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# Outdoors



Bow hunters will have spent hours practicing with their equipment before archery season for deer kicks off on October 1. (Glynn Harris photo)



## Gearing Up for Archery Season

Some of the year's hottest weather in Louisiana occurs during the oppressive days of August and September. Sure, fall is just around the corner but you wouldn't know it by glancing at the thermometer with temperatures typically bumping the century mark.

Even though the weather will be hot and miserable, you can bet there will be one group of folks with an eye on the calendar. You'll see them out in their back yards, sitting on make-do elevated platforms, slinging arrows at targets. They're Louisiana's bow hunters and they're doing what they have to do to get ready for the upcoming bow season which begins, if you can believe it, in just a matter of days.

They'll be getting in condition for what one bowhunter told me is the "short" game. In golf, it's the accuracy of the putter that usually separates the hackers from the experts. In bow hunting, the archer's bow is his putter. He can't expect to score a "birdie" (or would that be a "buckie"?) if he's not proficient at shooting accurately from within the range of a bow, which is usually 35 yards or closer. Any deer outside that range is a deer to be watched, not shot at. Thus, becoming proficient with his archery equipment within ethical ranges is a must, and like in golf, there is no substitute for practice, practice and more practice, even if sweat is

dripping off your nose and you're flirting with heat stroke.

Bowhunters know that the deer he'll be after in a few weeks is quite an adaptable creature. You can cut their woods and they simply move over to an adjoining tract, returning to the clear cut when they're hungry to feast on succulent new growth that explodes when the forest canopy is opened.

One factor of nature that takes deer longer to adapt to is weather changes. During years of drought, especially in growing season, fewer fawns are born, which impacts the deer situation years down the road. Fewer fawns born this year translate to fewer adult animals to hunt the next couple of seasons.

Another problem not just bowhunters but all deer hunters have faced over the past few years has been milder than normal winters. This situation means that in general, deer have more to eat because succulent plant growth lasts on into winter when in normal years, deer are moving about looking for something to eat. During warm weather when the rut is going on, bucks still chase and breed does, but most of the activity is at night when temperatures are more comfortable. Frustrated hunters hunker down over scrape lines and food plots only to be disappointed.

However, Mother Nature is an equalizer.

Granted, the past few winters have been milder and frankly, we're due for a change. We may not get it, but darn it, we're due.

It will be interesting to see just how the conditions of last deer season that favored deer and negatively impacted deer hunters will have a bearing on the upcoming deer season. Weather that was too warm and a bumper crop of wildlife foods throughout season meant that deer didn't have to move about to find succulent forage. Thus, fewer were harvested. I'm no wildlife biologist but if I had to wager a guess, I'd think that we should have a better season this year.

Why do I think that? Over most of the state, the deer harvest was down last season, which means that more than a few wise old bucks lived to get another year older. With another year of age, this translates out to another year of growing antler mass, the exception being a deer that is past his prime and is basically going downhill.

With the odds hopefully being more in the hunter's favor this season than last, those hunters who begin their seasons early have a better chance to collect their venison. No group of hunters in the state begins their season earlier than bow hunters. The first Saturday in October is opening day for the majority of the state although some areas will be open as early as mid-September. (Check current regulations for exact dates and areas.)

If you're a serious bow hunter, you've already been out there, slinging arrows at paper targets and tweaking your bow so that when the deer you're looking for steps out, you'll be ready.

### FISHING REPORT

**CANEY LAKE** – Bass have been best fishing at night on dark spinners and soft plastics. They are fair to good early mornings on topwater lures with square bill crank baits, spinners and soft plastics working best later. Some bass are schooling and hitting shad imitations. Crappie have been best around the deeper tops on shiners or jigs. Bream are slow. 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.



Before early voting starts on September 30<sup>th</sup>, I wanted to share the true reason I decided to seek the office of Sheriff of LaSalle Parish.

I've looked at my son over the last 3 years and worry how this world is changing and what he will have to deal with in the future. While my faith is in Jesus Christ and I know that He is in complete control of everything in this world, I can't help but to think I must take action to protect the people of LaSalle Parish, while attempting to change the mindset of people choosing drugs to cope with whatever battle they are dealing with.

I have the education, experience and training to accomplish this. I have laid out a detailed plan to combat narcotic distributors, child predators, elderly checks, utilizing inmate work crews, working with our schools and proactively patrolling rural areas.

The implications of this election are huge. I humbly ask for your vote and encourage you to early vote between September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>.

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# Court News

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## 28th Judicial District Court Conducts August Dockets

Staff Report

The month of August was a busy time in 28th Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of LaSalle, with arraignments held, prison terms being meted out, others fined, numerous pleas taken, and other proceedings taking place.

The Honorable J. Christopher Peters, District Judge, presided at the sessions. Also at their regular duties were District Attorney J. Reed Walters and assistants, Deputy Sheriff Joe Phillips, Deputy Clerk of Court Reba McClure and Court Reporter/Administrator Amy Stapleton.

### August 7

Zachary Thomas Baker pled guilty to a charge of underage operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The Court sentenced him to pay a fine of \$250.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 25 days in the parish jail.

Isaiah Wade Baxter pled not guilty to felony charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine and obstruction of justice and a misdemeanor charge of criminal trespassing. On the misdemeanor charge, trial was set for December 6, 2023 and on the felony charges, a final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024. He was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Cody Allan Beard pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of take or sell commercial fish without a license and guilty to a charge of contempt of court failure to appear at arraignment. On the take or sell commercial fish without a license charge, trial was set for December 6, 2023 and the defendant waived his right to counsel and will represent himself. On the contempt of court charge, the Court ordered him to pay a fine of \$150.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 15 days in the parish jail.

Barkley Blaylock pled not guilty to misdemeanor charges of possession of CDS I marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

Daniel S. Bohanon pled not guilty to misdemeanor charges of driving under suspension and improper equipment (no license plate). Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

Anna Marie Book pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

Kaleb Brooks pled not guilty to a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. A final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024.

Cameron D. Brown pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of resisting an officer. The Court ordered him to pay a fine of \$250.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 25 days in the parish jail.

Jason K. Brown pled not guilty to misdemeanor charges of reckless operation and simple battery. Trial was set for December 6, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Lisa Marie W. Brown failed to appear on felony charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine with intent to distribute, possession of CDS III buprenorphine and possession of CDS IV alprazolam. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$700,000.00.

James Q. Clark pled not guilty to a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. A final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Dakota James Davis pled not guilty to misdemeanor charges of driving under suspension, careless operation and operating vehicle in an unsafe condition. Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

Hunter L. Davis pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of contempt of court failure to appear at pre-trial hearing and guilty to two felony charges of simple burglary. On the contempt of court charge, the Court ordered him to pay a fine

of \$150.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 15 days in the parish jail. He was given credit for any time served on this charge. On the felony charges, a final pre-trial hearing was set for August 25, 2023.

Joni Lee Delaughter pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated by CDS. Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

David E. Foster pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace by intoxication and a felony charge of obscenity. Trial on the misdemeanor charge was set for December 6, 2023 and a final pre-trial hearing on the felony charge was set for January 19, 2024.

Richard Scott Gandy pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of domestic abuse battery. Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

Joe T. Hamilton, Jr. pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. Trial on the misdemeanor charge was set for December 6, 2023 and a final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024 on the felony charge.

Destiny Imani Harbor failed to appear for arraignment on a misdemeanor charge of driving under suspension. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond

on the bench warrant was set at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$1,000.00.

Delvin D. Hatcher, Sr. pled not guilty to misdemeanor charges of simple battery, criminal damage to property less than \$1,000.00 and driving under suspension. Trial was set for December 6, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Corey L. Haviland pled not guilty to misdemeanor charges of disturbing the peace by intoxication, resisting an officer and contempt of court failure to appear at arraignment. Trial was set for December 6, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

James Hogg pled guilty to misdemeanor charges of driving under suspension, no proof of insurance and failure to display license plate. On the driving under suspension charge, the Court ordered him to pay a fine \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 50 days in the parish jail. On the no proof of insurance charge, the Court ordered him to pay a fine of \$350.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 35 days in the parish jail. This sentence is to run consecutive to the first sentence. On the failure to display license plate charge, the Court ordered him to pay a fine of \$245.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 25 days in the parish jail.

Jim A. Howard, Jr. pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of domestic abuse battery. Trial was set for

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### Answer's to this week's Kids' Korner

#### What's the difference?



#### Word Find

P U R G V H T Z C B T G P Y O Y Z  
X T A J Q O H H E D G E H O G M E  
K E F J F M O F F S X A N T Z G S  
G O K F X Z L M U R A B B I T O Q  
J Y O A Y F Z H X M I C C D E H N  
B G P M S Q U I R R E L M W O R M  
U Y Z F R O G I A M O U S E Q C G  
T D W B S J P E B A D F E E D C C  
T B O A P B A D S V W Q D A D Z  
E E L D P H F P R T M J M A Q C X  
R A F G R T O P D I P Q W V F V A  
F V X E K W X H Y F G Y S N A I L  
L E A R B C N I B C B C Q F N O T  
Y R G O R D F M L O E B X T N W P  
O V I L B E E R I L A O U O J L R  
X I L P K I J V N J R B O H W D K  
B E X I M T S N A K E A Q G Z Y Z

#### Crossword:

- ACROSS:**  
2. TURKEY  
4. DUCK  
7. BUCK  
8. BOAR  
10. WOLF  
11. MOOSE  
13. RABBIT

- DOWN:**  
1. PHEASANT  
3. COUGAR  
5. GOOSE  
6. BUFFALO  
9. DOG  
12. RAM  
14. BEAR

**Get Scrambled:**  
DEER TRACKS

#### Jokes:

- "Gummy" bear
- "B"

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December 6, 2023.

Ashley D. James pled not guilty to felony charges of three counts of simple burglary and three counts of conspiracy to commit simple burglary and misdemeanor charges of criminal trespassing and theft having a value less than \$1,000.00. Trial on the misdemeanor charges was set for December 6, 2023 and a final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024 on the felony charges. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Charles Boone Ketchens pled not guilty to six felony counts of theft greater than \$1,000.00 but less than \$5,000.00. A final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Todd Leighton Lucas pled guilty to misdemeanor charges of speeding 67/55 and driving under suspension. On the charge of speeding, the Court ordered him to pay a fine of \$215.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 22 days in the parish jail. On the driving under suspension charge, the Court ordered him to pay a fine of \$300.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 30 days in the parish jail.

Coy G. McPherson, Jr. failed to appear for arraignment on misdemeanor charges of disturbing the peace by intoxication and contempt of court. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$100,000.00.

Ricky Glen Meeks failed to appear for arraignment on a misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace by intoxication. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$1,000.00.

Leroy S. Metcalfe pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of driving under suspension. Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

Mark Miller pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. The Court ordered him to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 50 days in the parish jail.

Penny Lou Miller pled not guilty to misdemeanor charges of open container and no seat belt. Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

Cecelia Alexandra Moore failed to appear for arraignment on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$1,000.00.

Oneisha S. Nelson pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of driving under suspension. Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

Nathan Lee Nobles pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest. Trial was set for December 6, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Erick Onishea pled not guilty to felony charges of two counts of sexual battery and indecent behavior with a juvenile. A final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024.

Justin D. Peppers pled not guilty to a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. A final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024.

Joshua Paul Purvis failed to appear for arraignment on a misdemeanor charge of possession of

drug paraphernalia. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$1,000.00.

Willie C. Purvis, III pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of simple battery. Trial was set for December 6, 2023. He waived his right to counsel and stated he will represent himself.

Rowdy Austin Randall pled not guilty to a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. A final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024.

Vincent Cole Stapleton pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Trial was set for December 6, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Jeromy N. Thompson pled not guilty to misdemeanor charges of driving under suspension, simple flight from an officer, reckless operation and failure to display license plate. Trial was set for December 6, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Kevin E. Trisler failed to appear for arraignment on a charge of driving under suspension. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$1,000.00.

Ricky W. Westbrook pled not guilty to a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. A final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024.

Mason Spencer Zurfluh pled guilty to misdemeanor charges of underage driving under the influence and possession of drug paraphernalia. On the charge of underage driving under the influence, the Court ordered him to pay a fine of \$250.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 25 days in the parish jail. On the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, the Court ordered him to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 50 days in the parish jail. This sentence is to run consecutive to the other sentence.

The following individuals failed to appear for arraignment on the listed charges and the Court ordered the Department of Public Safety in each of the respective states to be notified of their non-appearance:

Phylis Y. Andrews, speeding 71/55.

Angela Barnes, careless operation.

Elisa Rene Bethley, speeding 74/55.

Christian Tyler Book, no proof of insurance and no driver's license.

Shannon C. Butler, speeding 74/55.

Christopher H. Calhoun, no license plate, no proof of insurance and improper equipment.

Marcus Devell Davis, speeding 70/55.

Rufus Dixie Davis, speeding 81/55.

Tabrian T. Jefferson, speeding 75/55.

Alicia Joy, improper child restraint.

Mona Lipsey, speeding 68/55.

Bryan K. Mayo, speeding 68/55.

Megan Minich, speeding 74/55 and improper child restraint.

Deondre Gene Pinkson, speeding 85/55.

Robert Glenn Roup, speeding 78/55, failure to secure registration and no proper driver's license.

Dontrelle D. Sanford, speeding 80/55.

Benjamin W. Sharp, improper

equipment, no proof of insurance and expired driver's license.

Leonard J. Warkentin, failure to secure insurance.

Russell Williams, speeding 76/55.

Gordon Aubrey Young, speeding 75/55.

Tyra Chante Brown pled not guilty to speeding 68/55. Trial was set for December 6, 2023.

Devonte D. Wallace failed to appear for arraignment on misdemeanor charges of speeding 84/55 and operating a vehicle without a driver's license. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued in the amount of \$1,000.00 and bond on the underlying charge was set at \$500.00.

## August 8

James Barker was present in court for a revocation hearing on a charge of home improvement fraud. After admitting to the allegations, the Court ordered his probation revoked and he was ordered to serve the previously sentence imposed by the Court. He was given credit for time served since his arrest on this charge.

Erica L. Cooper was present in court for a sanity hearing on felony charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine and terrorizing and misdemeanor charges of battery of a police officer and resisting an officer. After reports were filed from both doctors, the Court ruled that based upon the review of the record, the defendant is incompetent to stand trial.

Steven Cox was present in court for a bond reduction hearing regarding three counts of simple burglary, three counts of criminal conspiracy to simple burglary and three counts of criminal damage to property. On a motion between the State and the defense, the bond was reduced to \$50,000.00.

Steven Cox was then arraigned on felony charges of three counts of simple burglary, three counts of conspiracy to simple burglary and possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor charges of theft less than \$1,000.00 and criminal trespassing. Trial on the misdemeanor charges was set for December 6, 2023 and a final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024 on the felony charges.

Kendrick O. Curry was present in court on a motion to quash on charges of false imprisonment with a dangerous weapon, domestic abuse aggravated assault and domestic abuse battery by strangulation. After testimonies, the Court ruled the motion to quash was denied.

Edgar Hernandez-Palacios was present in court for a waiver of extradition hearing. He was advised he was being held for the State of Mississippi. A written waiver of extradition proceedings was read, signed and filed.

Derek L. Hord was present in court for sentencing on a charge of attempted second-degree battery. The defense filed a motion to recuse and the Court referred to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Judge to hear the motion.

Eddie N. Walker was present in court for a preliminary examination and arraignment on a felony charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. On a motion by the State and the defense, the preliminary examination was passed and he pled not guilty to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024.

## August 9

Wesley Michael Atwell failed to appear in court for trial on charges of flight from an officer, general speed law and no proof of insur-

ance. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$5,000.00. Bond on the underlying charges was set at \$2,000.00, \$2,000.00 and \$500.00, respectively.

Frederick D. Bowens withdrew his former plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated first offense. The Court sentenced the defendant to serve 10 days in the parish jail and pay a fine of \$1,000.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 100 days in the parish jail. Further, as condition of sentence, the defendant was ordered to complete a driver improvement/substance abuse program. All fines and fees were to be paid by 3 p.m. of August 9, unless otherwise stated. It was noted the defendant pled guilty under the auspices of Article 894. He was given credit for time served on this charge.

Harmon Todd Clark, II failed to appear for trial on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the warrant was set at \$10,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$1,000.00.

Helen Lee was present in court for trial on misdemeanor charges of driving under suspension and contempt of court failure to appear at trial. The defendant entered a plea of guilty to the charge of driving under suspension. The Court ordered the defendant to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 50 days in the parish jail. On a motion by the State, the contempt of court charge was dismissed.

James Mayeux failed to appear in court for trial on a misdemeanor charge of speeding 70/55. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$500.00.

Ricky Glen Meeks failed to appear in court for trial on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His non-appearance was noted for the record.

Douglas K. Norris failed to appear in court for trial on a misdemeanor charge of driving under suspension. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$150,000.00.

Josh L. Rhone pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of driving under suspension. The Court sentenced him to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve 50 days in the parish jail.

Damon Sean Rollins failed to appear in court for trial on charges of fail to abide by rules and regulations of wildlife and fisheries commission and contempt of court failure to appear at arraignment. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the warrant was set at \$10,000.00.

Jeromy N. Thompson was present in court for trial on charges of domestic abuse battery and violation of protective order. On a motion by the State, trial was continued without date.

Kenneth Woods, Jr. failed to appear in court for trial on charges of driving while intoxicated by CDS and contempt of court failure to appear at arraignment. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$50,000.00.

## August 17

Malcolm X. Foreman was present in court for a waiver of extradition hearing. He was advised he was being held for the State of Alabama.

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A written waiver of extradition proceedings was read, signed and filed.

Arturo Guzman was present in court for a waiver of extradition hearing. He was advised he was being held for the State of Indiana. A written waiver of extradition proceedings was read, signed and filed.

Israel Munoz was present in court for a waiver of extradition hearing. He was advised he was being held for the State of Tennessee. A written waiver of extradition proceedings was read, signed and filed.

Carlos Antonio Rosales-Flores was present in court for a waiver of extradition hearing. He was advised he was being held for the State of Alabama. A written waiver of extradition proceedings was read, signed and filed.

Addendum to the official minutes of July 10, 2023 - After being brought to the attention of the Clerk of Court, it was noted that David Paul Smith and his proceedings in court on July 10, 2023, were inadvertently omitted from the minutes and the following addendum was made to the minutes of that date: David Paul Smith pled not guilty to misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated first offense, careless operation and expired driver's license. Trial was set for October 31, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

The following entered a written plea of guilty to the listed charges and fined as noted:

Phyllis Andrews, speeding 71/55, \$210.00.

Tamea R. Banks, speeding 75/55, \$210.00.

Donavon Benson, careless operation, \$250.00.

Michael Bowens, no driver's license in possession, \$195.00; no seat belt, \$27.00.

Holly Campbell, expired MVI, \$210.00.

Fianace Harris, no driver's license in possession, \$250.00.

Sladen Humphries, obstructed view, \$205.00.

Joseph R. Hyde, expired MVI, \$245.00.

Janae James, speeding 70/55, \$210.00.

Carnell Johnson, unlawful operation of off-road vehicle, \$210.00; no safety helmet, \$50.00.

Lorrain Johnson, speeding 70/55, \$210.00.

Sean McFall, no driver's license in possession, \$195.00.

Megan Minich, speeding 74/55, \$210.00; improper child restraint, \$52.00.

Nhanah Nguyen, no driver's license in possession, \$210.00.

Deondre Pinkson, speeding 85/55, \$250.00.

Sarah Randall, speeding 74/55, \$210.00.

Jose Samano, speeding 73/55, \$210.00.

Chad Smart, speeding 89/55, \$250.00.

## August 24

Valerie L. Parker withdrew her former plea of not guilty to a felony charge of driving while intoxicated fifth offense and entered a blind plea of guilty to an amended felony charge of driving while intoxicated fourth offense as part of a plea bargain agreement with the State. Sentencing was set for October 10, 2023 with the pre-sentence investigation to be performed by September 22, 2023. A post-conviction bond was set in the amount of \$300,000.00, with the condition that she is not to operate a vehicle.

## August 25

Carl S. Ainsworth was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing

on a felony charge of aggravated assault with a firearm. On a motion by the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for September 22, 2023 with trial set for September 25, 2023.

Jennifer L. Arnold was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on felony charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine and possession of CDS IV alprazolam. She withdrew her former plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty to an amended charge from felony possession of CDS II methamphetamine to misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The Court sentenced her to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court. The charge of possession of CDS IV alprazolam was dismissed by the State.

Stacy D. Bird was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. He withdrew his former plea of not guilty and entered a blind plea of guilty to the charge. The Court ordered a pre-sentence investigation be performed by September 15, 2023 and sentencing was set for October 10, 2023.

Steven Paul Eubanks was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. He withdrew his former plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. The Court ordered him to serve two years at hard labor in the custody of the Department of Corrections. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00, plus all costs of court.

Domonic Fitch was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He withdrew his former plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. The Court sentenced him to serve two years at hard labor in the custody of the Department of Corrections, which was suspended. Upon release from incarceration, he was placed on two years active supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00, plus all costs of court. As a special condition of probation, he may pay his fines and costs in equal monthly installments over the first year of his probation.

Jeffery Jade Bodiford was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of illegal use of weapons. He withdrew his former plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. The Court sentenced him to serve two years at hard labor in the custody of the Department of Corrections, which was suspended. He was placed on two years active supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00, plus all costs of court, and restitution in the amount of \$500.00. As a special condition of probation, he may pay his fines, costs and restitution in equal installments over the first year of his probation.

Demarlo Enre Clark was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of illegal carry of weapon with possession of CDS. He withdrew his former plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty to an amended charge of attempted illegal carry of a weapon with possession of CDS. The Court ordered him to serve five years at hard labor in the custody of the Department of Corrections, of which three and a half years were suspended. Upon release from incarceration, he was placed on two years active supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$2,500.00, plus all costs of court. He must pay

his fines and costs by September 15, 2023 or his sentence is vacated.

Erica L. Cooper was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on felony charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine and terrorizing and misdemeanor charges of battery of a police officer and resisting an officer. On a motion by the State, the pre-trial hearing was continued without date.

Kaylie Shanel Cooper was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of methamphetamine and introduction of contraband. The defendant showed symptoms of being under the influence of something that was impairing her decision-making abilities. The Court ordered the defendant be drug screened.

Kendrick O. Curry was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of false imprisonment with a dangerous weapon, domestic abuse aggravated assault and domestic abuse battery by strangulation. On a joint motion of the State and defendant, the pre-trial hearing was continued without date.

Hunter L. Davis was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on felony charges of two counts of simple burglary. On a motion by the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for September 22, 2023. Trial was set for September 25, 2023.

Lauren L. Falletti was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on felony charges of attempted manslaughter and domestic abuse battery with force or violence. On a joint motion of the State and the defense, this matter was continued without date.

Robert D. Greene was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of possession of CDS II. He entered a plea of guilty to an amended misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. The Court sentenced him to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court.

Ken M. Hatten was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. On a motion by the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for September 22, 2023 with trial set for September 25, 2023.

Stephen G. LaCroix failed to appear in court for arraignment on a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$85,000.00.

Nolan Trent McCartney appeared in court for arraignment on a felony charge of unauthorized entry of dwelling. The victim also appeared before the court and requested the charge be dropped. On a motion by the State, the case was dismissed.

Roderius Malik McCoy was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of aggravated battery. He withdrew his former plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty to an amended misdemeanor charge of simple battery. The Court sentenced him to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus costs of court.

Moses Stanley Montgomery, Jr. was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of forgery. On a motion by the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for September 22, 2023 and trial was set for September 25, 2023.

Robert Rucks, Jr. was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of second-degree battery. On a motion by the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for January 19, 2024 and trial was set

for January 22, 2024.

Stevie Scales was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of possession of MDMA. On a motion by the State, this case was dismissed.

Christi M. Simmons was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on a felony charge of possession of CDS II methamphetamine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. On a motion by the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for September 22, 2023 and trial was set for September 25, 2023.

Calvin D. Thomas, Jr. was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on felony charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine and obstruction of justice and misdemeanor charges of two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under suspension. Trial was set for August 28, 2023.

Taylor R. Thompson was present in court for a final pre-trial hearing on felony charges of possession of CDS IV alprazolam, possession of CDS II oxycodone, possession of CDS II methamphetamine and introduction of contraband. Trial was set for August 28, 2023.

Jacob Tilly failed to appear in court for a final pre-trial hearing on felony charges of domestic abuse by strangulation and domestic abuse battery with child endangerment. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$90,000.00.

Charmane Waters failed to appear in court for a final pre-trial hearing on felony charges of possession of CDS II cocaine and illegal carry weapon while in possession of CDS and a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated first offense with child endangerment. Her non-appearance was noted for the record.

## August 28

A six-member criminal petit jury was chosen from potential jurors, however, their services were not needed for the cases that appeared in court this day.

Calvin D. Thomas, Jr. was present for trial on a felony charge of obstruction of justice. He withdrew his former plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. The Court sentenced him to serve two years at hard labor in the custody of the Department of Corrections, of which one year was suspended. Upon release from incarceration, he was placed on two years active supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00, plus all costs of court. As special condition of probation, he may pay his fines and costs in equal monthly installments over the first year of his probation. The charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving under suspension were dismissed by the State.

Taylor Thompson failed to appear for trial on felony charges of possession of CDS IV alprazolam, possession of CDS II oxycodone, possession of CDS II methamphetamine and introduction of contraband. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$500,000.00.

Charmane Waters failed to appear for trial on felony charges of possession of CDS II cocaine and illegal carry weapon while in possession of CDS and a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated first offense with child endangerment. The Court ordered a bench warrant be issued and bond on the bench warrant was set at \$150,000.00.

# KALB TV Meteorologist Barrett Phillips visits GPMS Third Graders



KALB TV Meteorologist Barrett Phillips visited Good Pine Middle School and spoke to third graders about all things weather related and answered questions on how to make a forecast to tornadoes. The visit was part of the third grade science curriculum that they are currently studying. One exciting part was when the students viewed the KALB First Alert Storm Tracker pickup truck that is used when covering severe weather in Central Louisiana. The visit was also featured during the September 13th weather segment of the local newscast.

the condition of our facilities. Every building, like your home or business, requires regular upkeep. Our schools are no different. The funds generated from this tax will be used for renovations to buildings, new construction on some parts of school campuses, and upgrades to heating, electrical, and plumbing systems. We want to improve the spaces used by our students and convert

some of our standard classrooms into STEM and Science Labs so kids can build things, experiment, and use their hands in addition to their minds.

I know that strong communities and strong schools go hand in hand. Thank you for all of the support you have given our school system, and I look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come. See you out there!

## From the Superintendent's Desk

JON GARRETT, LaSALLE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT



I want to begin this month's column by thanking you for being a part of our school system. Whether you are a student, a parent, an employee, or a member of our community, you have all played a part in the successful start to our school year.

This year our focus is building upon the successes we have had as a school system and increasing the opportunities we give our students. In addition to academic improvements, we have increased the number of clubs, activities, and organizations our students can enjoy. Just in the last two weeks our students have been able to enjoy garden-

ing, cooking, art, choir, music, science, foreign language, jewelry making, reading, band, drama, computer, and life skills to name a few.

You can expect even more of that moving forward. Our employees have embraced our goal of doing even more for our kids, and for that I am grateful. They continue to put their heart and soul into what they do, but also even more time and effort. Because of them, our students enjoy being able to be a part of more opportunities when they come to school each day, and it is evident in our attendance. Our daily attendance is up from this time last year,

climbing to 94%.

I appreciate the investment you have already made in the education of our students. I know we could not do it without you. The upcoming October election brings an opportunity to continue to do so.

The 1% sales tax proposal on the ballot is important to our school system for several reasons. The safety and security of our students and employees is at the forefront of this proposal. We need school resource officers on each campus, and the passage of this tax would provide the funding necessary to cover the salaries and benefits for nine SROs. We need to add perimeter fencing at each campus, along with a single-entry point for each building. Our schools are unique and most were built during a different

time in our history; but, we must face the realities of our present day: our schools need to be safer.

Funds generated from the proposal would also go towards improving employee pay and improving



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**So here's the bottom line: a vote to re-elect Neil Riser is a vote for life. Period.**  
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The Good Pine Middle School Journalism Club had Craig Franklin, Editor of The Jena Times newspaper, attend their meeting Friday, September 15, to speak about journalism, writing stories and the operations of newspapers in general. The Journalism Club is one of many new clubs and extra programs being offered by all schools in LaSalle Parish as part of Superintendent Jon Garrett's initiative to expand student learning.

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I firmly believe that my greatest asset in this election is my unwavering passion for public service and my desire to give back. Many have asked me, "Why are you running for sheriff?" The answer is clear: our society is in constant change, and as a parent of three young children growing up in this ever-evolving world, I am committed to securing a well-defined future for them. Our children are the future itself, and my ultimate objective is to guarantee their safety. From day one, I stand ready to champion this cause, tirelessly striving to provide the highest level of protection for you and your family. I am wholeheartedly dedicated to the future of LaSalle Parish, with a well-defined vision for its enduring prosperity and safety.

My vision extends beyond law enforcement to encompass programs for our youth and senior adults. I firmly believe that a thriving community invests in the well-being and opportunities for all its members, from our youngest to our oldest.

The core message of my campaign revolves around the commitment to deliver professional, accountable, and transparent public safety services to every resident. Your safety will always be my top priority, and I am prepared from day one to provide you and your family with the highest level of protection.

Over the course of the past several months, my team and I have visited homes across LaSalle Parish to talk with our community members. This has provided me with invaluable insights into your concerns and ideas as well as providing me an opportunity to share my vision for the future of the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office. My vision and dedication offer a promising path forward with a focus on proactive law enforcement, community partnerships, and a brighter future for all residents. My candidacy represents an opportunity for positive change in our parish. Together we can build a safe and prosperous LaSalle Parish for generations to come.



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## Singing the Power Down... Church Music and Its Many Venues

By Deborah Mayo  
Contributing Writer

Some sermons are preached; but others are sung in the lyrics and melodies of soothing hymns, powerful gospel music and praise and worship songs. While churches across the parish sing a variety of styles of songs from traditional hymns to contemporary worship music, all do so with the intent to glorify God and minister to those in the pews.

Choirs, praise teams, soloists, trios and other groups of singers and musicians are front and center when it comes to church music and worship. There is a difference in the origins, history, styles and types of music and songs across parish congregations, but all serve to lift the soul and glorify God and are an established fiber of the Christian community and experience.

Traditional hymns, which are said to be rooted in the Old Testament, have been a part of church and worship services as long as people have been congregating in Christian meetings. Inspirational, faith-building and comforting with lyrics familiar to all, hymns have a deep and rich history in this country and are inseparable

from that which constituted church services. Gospel hymns were brought into the United States by Europeans during early settlement. Historically, hymns have served as the banner of praise and celebration of God.

Hymns, described as mellow and reflective, allow congregations of people to join into one voice of worship and praise, therefore establishing a unified effort to glorify and exalt God. Writer Michael Cooper noted that hymns allow everyone an opportunity to participate in worship whether they "can or can't sing." Traditional hymns instill a feeling of worth and expressions of affection to God that are unique and satisfying. While boasting many writers, one of the renowned is Fanny J. Crosby who was born blind but who wrote over 8,000 hymns.

From "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Power in the Blood" to one of the most renowned hymns, "Amazing Grace," which was written in 1772 by John Newton, a slave trader who ultimately sought and found God and then supported abolition. It is said the words of this renowned song

were penned to express how he was redeemed and converted from his works in the slave trade by God's sweet grace. He recognized that his life had been saved repeatedly by God and that God's hand had rescued him from his own human failings and spiritual shortcomings. The words to this beloved song have lifted weary hearts and given comfort and sanctuary to the mind and soul and continue to serve as a constant reminder of how far reaching and redemptive God's grace is.

Gospel music, on the other hand, is described as songs written during the last two centuries that focus on getting and staying saved. Most gospel songs, including southern gospel, originated out of old camp meetings and mass revivals of yesteryear and captured the lyrics to people's conversations, dedication and determination to serve God. Gospel music ushered in a lively and upbeat tempo that carry a clear message of praise and faith in God with dominant voices and the consistent use of harmony.

Thomas Andrew Dorsey, American songwriter, singer and pianist is known as the Father of Gospel Mu-

sic and Mahalia Jackson, of New Orleans, as the Queen of Gospel. Gospel trios and quartets led the way with powerful voices that sang out loud and clear. Gospel lyrics and music captured the expressions of newfound freedom in Jesus Christ and His salvation. It is

deep-rooted in American Protestant music in both white and black congregations and communities.

Contemporary praise and worship music is an uplifting genre that now dominates many church services worldwide and even in the local

area. The popularity of the songs and musical style has been reported as "ushering Christian music further into the mainstream music industry" and its artists and writers are benefiting from the growth-building ca-

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Members of the Trout Creek Baptist Church gather to join in worship through song and sermon during a recent church service. Gospel music carries a clear message with a lively and upbeat tempo.



The Nolley Memorial choir prepares to lift their voices in song during a special church service. Church choirs allow mass participation and are historically significant in the progression of church music.

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Singers and musicians of the Pentecostal Church of Aimwell lead the congregation in songs of praise and worship during regular Sunday church services. Church musical venues have changed throughout time but continue to minister and connect worshippers to God.

Singer Jamie Gulde Munson uses her voice and talent to lead worship in her local church congregation, Shady Grove Pentecostal Church.

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reers that are reaching far and wide.

Christian worship music initially began in the early 1970's when evangelical churches underwent a transformation called "The Jesus Movement." The movement generated new songs and music targeting baby

boomers. With its rising popularity, worship and praise songs and choruses are replacing the more traditional music including hymns and gospel music bringing about the greatest alteration of church music in modern church history. The goal of praise and worship is to "create an intimate space" between the worshipper

and God, allowing God to speak to the heart and soul on a new and more personal level.

Singing hymns, gospel, contemporary and other forms of Christian music connects people emotionally to God and church. While music genre is a personalized preference, all styles serve to draw individuals closer to God and His pres-

ence as well as reflecting changing church society and trends. Whichever the choice, the voices and the lyrics serve to connect worshippers to God, His glory, and His pur-

pose for the church.

Each generation of people finds a meaningful way to lift their voices and talents to God in authentic, heartfelt worship and praise. While those

caught in transition may struggle to adapt and cultivate an affection for the impending changes, all should come together to worship and exalt the One who is at the center.

# Central LA AHEC Kicks Off First Program in LaSalle

Submitted Article

Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center (Central LA AHEC) is kicking off its 1st MedStart program this fall at five area junior high schools in LaSalle Parish to include: Jena Junior High and LaSalle Junior High. This fall program for incoming eighth grade students will provide opportunities for health career exploration.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), promoting early interest in healthcare careers among youth from underserved areas is a promising strategy for addressing the health professional shortage in those communities. Central LA AHEC aims to increase awareness and exposure to healthcare occupations for students in middle school. The MedStart program is the second component of the "A-HEC of a Career in HealthC.A.R.E. project" along with our summer program, Camp Fast Forward. MedStart involves a team of health care professionals visiting a school once a month within the academic school year to showcase their profession, discuss education and training, jobs and complete a hands-on activity with the students.

This year's MedStart program professional team includes a nurse, mental health professional, medical lab technologist, EMT/Paramedic, physician, nurse practitioner, dietician, and a pharmacist. More than seventy-five students will be participating in the following schools in LaSalle Parish: Jena Junior High and LaSalle Junior High. In addition, 275 students from Avoyelles and Rapides parishes are also participating; with more parishes to be included each year. Additional schools participating include Avoyelles Public Charter School, LaSAS, Marksville High School, Alexandria Middle Magnet (AMMS), Scott M. Brame Middle School, Glenmora Junior High, Northwood High School, and Poland Junior High.

Central Louisiana AHEC would like to thank the local healthcare professionals who are giving their time to showcase their love of their profession to students in an effort to create awareness of health careers, grow their profession, and showcase opportunities here at home.

"As the healthcare workforce shortages continue to grow, it is important to expose our students in central Louisiana to career options in healthcare and this program is designed to do just that. We hope that our programs will help students find a career they fall in love with, and in the future, come back to work in their community," stated Gabrielle Juneau, Central LA AHEC CEO.

This project is funded by a Future of HealthC.A.R.E. Program Grant from The Rapides Foundation. Through its Future of HealthC.A.R.E. (Career, Academic Readiness and Exploration for Students) Program Grant, the Foundation seeks to increase the number of qualified Cen-

tral Louisiana students enrolling in healthcare training programs or entering into the healthcare workforce.

Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center is a non-profit, community-based agency that serves as a training and information resource for health and educational professionals throughout a 17-parish region. One of AHEC's primary goals is to identify local needs and develop programs that encourage health professionals to practice in rural and underserved communities where the services are most needed.



Students at Jena Junior High School participated in the first presentation given by LaSalle Parish Ambulance Services. Students learned about a career in EMT/paramedic services.

## LASALLE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM 1% SALES TAX PROPOSAL

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**Sept. 28**

**Jena High School**

**6 p.m.**

On October 14th, a 1% sales tax proposal will be on the ballot for consideration by the voters of LaSalle Parish. Each forum will include a discussion of the components of the tax proposal as well as time for our community members to ask any questions they may have.

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Unlike much of the world around us, we still know our neighbors and don't hesitate to offer a helping hand. Growing up in this parish I have seen significant change, but the foundation that makes this place home still remains intact.

As a candidate for sheriff, I consider one of my greatest strengths to be my knowledge of the people in this parish. As a career law enforcement officer who, for nearly the past decade, served as the Chief of Police in Jena, I have had the pleasure to remain in contact with many of the citizens in this parish by being a visible public figure. I learned early in my career that the only way to stay informed is to keep boots on the ground. While the Sheriff's office controls a much larger jurisdiction, I seek to approach the position of Sheriff with the same

**HONESTY, INTEGRITY, LOYALTY,**

and work ethic that I have exhibited as the police chief. I have entered this race fully prepared to face the challenge of being the same proven leader parish wide that I have sought to be for the Town of Jena. This includes being a familiar face on a larger scale no matter how long it takes. If elected, I promise to remain a visible asset to the public as I promote a department of public servants with the same values that make this parish the greatest place to live. I am a firm believer that a public servant can best earn the trust and confidence of the public by being a present and active leader.

**THEREFORE, I HUMBLY ASK FOR YOU TO VOTE  
#58, SCOTT MCLENDON.**



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**LASALLE PARISH**

# Midway Baptist Church to Celebrate 100 Years

By Reagan Franklin  
Assistant Editor

“Let me introduce you to Midway Baptist Church. A church that has weathered the storms of time and has been referred to as a warm, loving church. Midway reaches out to all people. There is a genuine concern for the well-being of all.”

These were the words Bro. Nay Vickers, pastor of Midway Baptist Church from 1984-1987, penned in the 1984 church directory.

This Sunday, Midway Baptist Church will host their annual homecoming service – but this year’s homecoming is extra special. Members past and current will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Midway Baptist Church, and praise God for His faithfulness from generation to generation.

Though much of its history has been lost or destroyed over the years, a short history has been pieced together from the memories of those who have passed on and what few records are left.

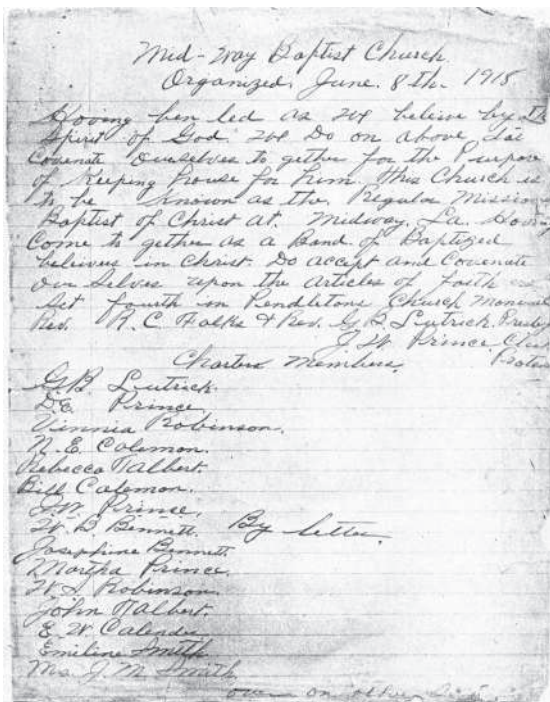
Midway Baptist Church became an organized Baptist church in 1923, but this is not where the story of this congregation begins.

There are two possible beginnings to Midway’s history, one recording the church’s start in 1918 and the other, officially accepted into the church’s history, records its beginning in 1921.

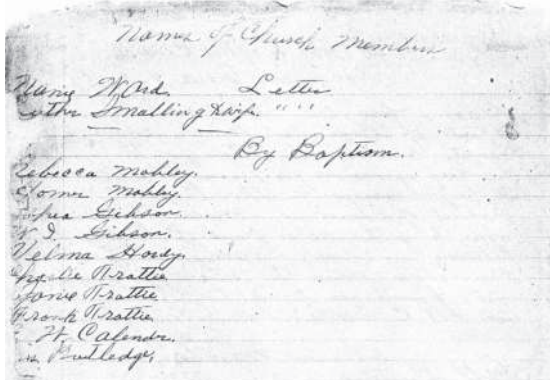
According to the 1918 account, a group of believers decided to set themselves apart as a church body and commit to meeting for worship in Midway, LA.

“Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God, we do on above date (June 8th 1918) consecrate ourselves to gather for the purpose of keeping house for him, this church is to be known as the Regular Missions Baptist of Christ at Midway, La.”

As shown in the handwritten document below, a name for the new church was chosen and the charter members’ names recorded.



Front



Back

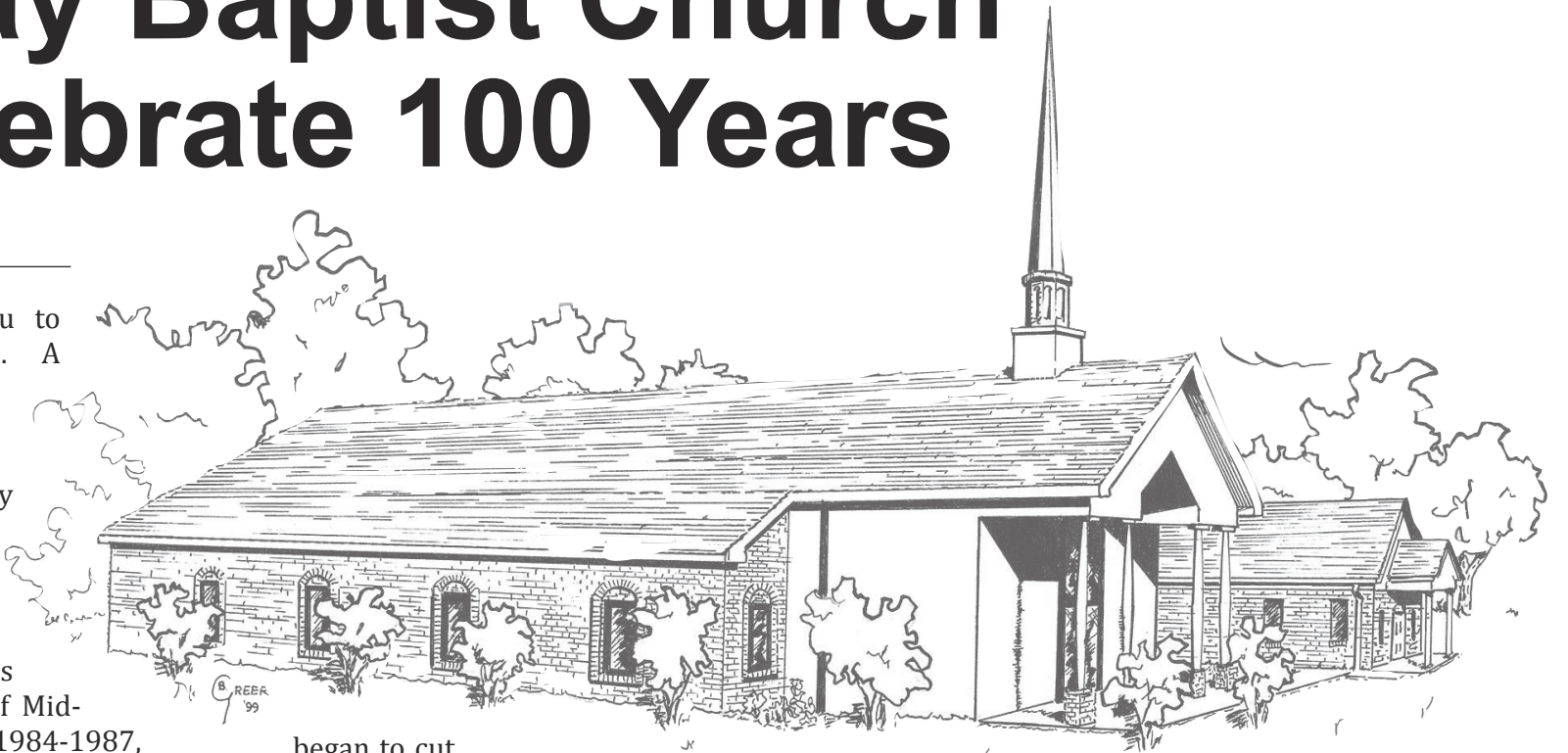
However, as stated in the church history, Midway Baptist is said to begin in 1921. Three friends and their families started meeting together to sing songs of worship, when discussions of a new community church began.

The Coleman, Stanley and Floyd families met at Mr. Coleman’s store. They believed that many in the Midway community did not go to the Baptist churches in Jena or Goodpine, so they decided to start a church in Midway.

Though these two origin stories do not completely align, it is interesting to see that the Coleman family can be found in each account.

As the church history continues, the men of these families began building and the women banded together to provide food and refreshments for their “menfolk.”

“The men took their saws and axes and went together out into the neighboring woods and



began to cut and collect timbers... The men gave freely of their time and labor.”

Two outside carpenters were hired to assist with the construction of the building. They were Uncle Paul Trichell and Mr. Buck Walker.

The land was donated by Judge F. E. Jones and Mr. J. B. Wright, and the old Good Pine Lumber Company made generous donations of lumber to the project.

Curtains were used to divide up the 40’ by 60’ church building for Sunday School classes, heat in the winter was provided by an old, wood heater and in the summer, the congregation flapped fans donated by various firms for advertising.



Original Building 1923

By 1923, Midway became an organized Baptist church with some twenty members. The original charter members were:

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stanley, Miss Gladys Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Coleman, Mr. Alex Hayes, Mrs. Callie Smith, Mr. Homer Floyd, Mrs. Luvenia Floyd, Mrs. Ethel Floyd, Mr. W.C. Floyd, Mr. W.B. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hines, Mrs. Nancy Coleman, Mrs. Noba Coleman, Mr. Billie Coleman, Mr. Roscoe Stanley, Miss Irene Stanley and Mr. Floyd Smith.

The first pastor was Rev. Ben Garrett. During the 1920’s, LaSalle, Catahoula and Caldwell parishes were a part of the Ouachita Association and Midway Baptist was a member of that association. Midway was privileged to be a member of the association and attended meetings, some lasting two to three days. Pastors during this time included Rev. Garrett, Rev. R.M. Doughty, Rev. J.J. Albritton and Rev. C.A. McDaniels.

In the early 1930’s, the Baptist Brotherhood, groups of men who were active in moral reform efforts and service to the community, kept the doors of many churches open during the Great Depression. Midway’s own Brotherhood helped those in the community, and with the start of the Junior Brotherhood, men and boys traveled to churches to offer programs for the members.

From 1931 to 1940, pastors included Rev. T.J. Ratcliff, Rev. J.J. Albritton, Rev. Luther B. Hall and Rev. L.C. Coates.

From its start in 1923 to the late 30’s, members of Midway Baptist Church only met once a month, then bi-weekly, and by the early 40’s, started meeting weekly, employing a full-time pastor.

During the 1940’s, additional rooms were added to the building for Sunday School classes and the B.Y.P.U. (Baptist Young People’s Union) meetings. Pastors during this time included Rev. John Gates, Rev. John Gale, Rev. R.M. Doughty, Rev. J.W. Goss and Rev. B.W. Hudson.

In 1950, work on a new and larger church building began, funded by the generosity of the members. The new building would include more Sunday School rooms and a baptistry. The W.M.U. provided the pulpit furniture and pews were purchased by individual members.

With the old building torn down and the new

building a work in progress, a brush arbor, like the one pictured below, was erected and services continued there.



The building was complete by the end of that year, with more additions made as time went on. Between 1950 and 1967, several updates and projects were completed. An Educational Building was built next door, seven more Sunday School rooms were added, each divided by sliding doors so that they could all be opened to create a larger Fellowship Hall, and in 1964, air conditioning was added to the auditorium.



1950-1967

The following year, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Floyd donated an adjoining plot of land to the church.

In 1966, the parsonage was repaired and in 1967 work began on the church again, with central air and heat was installed in the Educational Building and the church’s exterior bricked, as shown in the photo below.



A new parsonage was built and paid for by May of 1973 and a piano and organ were purchased that same year.

Pastors during this time of progress included Rev. Jerry F. Poston, Rev. Charles E. Woods, Rev. J.D. Thompson, Rev. E.D. Smith, Rev. Willard Bell and Rev. G.R. Nolan.

Over the years, the congregation was active in benevolence and in the now LaSalle Association. Members gave to the Cooperative Program and state, home and foreign missions. As part of their membership in the association, Midway’s church body was active in efforts such as fighting the sale of liquor, mission conferences, supporting the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home

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and hosting and attending revival services.

From 1976 to 1987, pastors, both full-time and interim, included Rev. Robert Wilbanks, Jr., Rev. Gary Norris, Rev. David Hudnall, Rev. Nay Vickers and Rev. S.B. Spinks.

In 1988, members of Midway Baptist would vote in Dr. Rick Feazell, who would have the longest tenure as pastor, as he would serve the congregation for 19 years.

In the mid-1990's a new sanctuary was needed and more than \$350,000 was raised for the new building before construction even began.

In 1999, members moved into the new sanctuary. By 2003, the \$750,000 building was officially paid off. To celebrate, a note burning ceremony was held at the 2003 Homecoming Service.

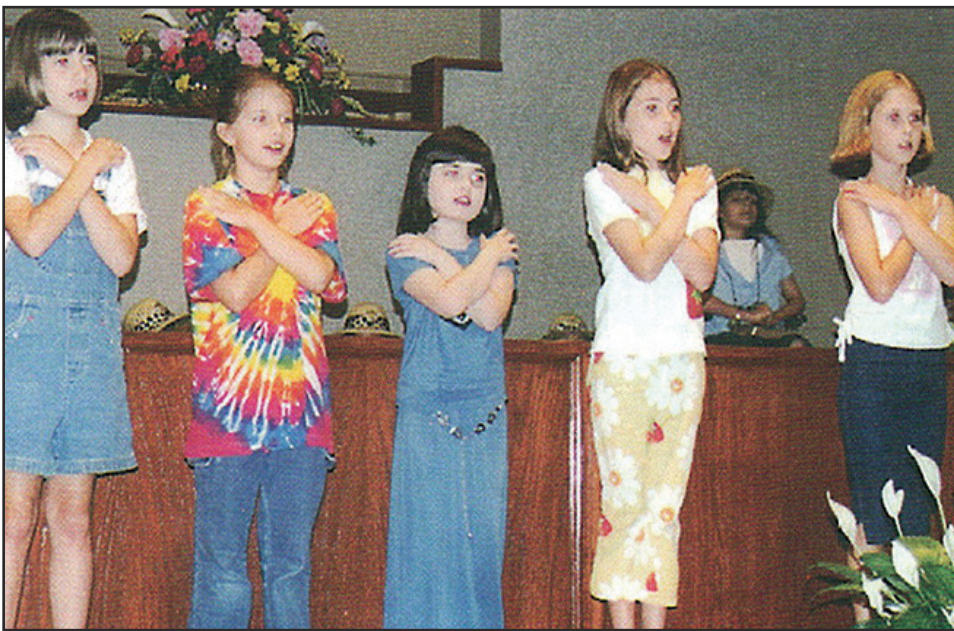
From 2007 to present day, pastors and interims included Dr. Bill Robertson, Rev. Brad Bunting and Midway's current pastor since 2017, Bro. Daniel Breithaupt.

Midway Baptist Church has a 100-year history as a staple in the community. As the church celebrates its centennial, may its story be a testimony of God's faithfulness to a faithful people in the past, present and future.



1999 - Present Day

# Members Through the Years



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**Homecoming Service**

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- Message By -  
Former Pastor Dr. Rick Feazell



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# Three-Day Walk of Faith Event Set

Submitted Article

The Fifth Annual 3-Day Walk of Faith event at Antioch Community Church, located at 165 Antioch Lane, Olla, will be held September 29 - October 1.

During the exciting three-day event, special music will be performed by various gospel music artists, including nationally-known recording artist for former Gold City Quartet star Ivan Parker.

The event will also feature the preaching of Rev. Craig James during each service.

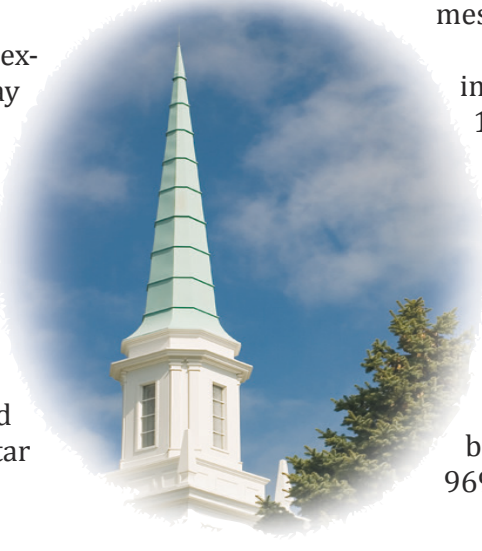
Everything starts on Friday night, September 29, at 7 p.m., with local gospel music

singer Kent Hatfield sharing in song and James preaching.

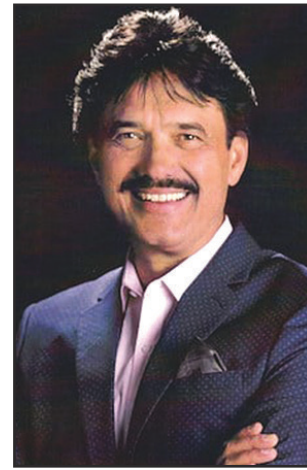
On Saturday night, September 30, also at 7 p.m., Ivan Parker will be singing with James again bringing the message.

On Sunday morning, October 1, at 10 a.m., the gospel music trio HIS will be singing with James finishing out the event sharing the Word.

For more information, contact Pastor Willie Beaubouef at (318) 209-9697.



Rev. Craig James



Ivan Parker



Kent Hatfield



Gospel Music Trio HIS

# National 4-H Week, October 1-7

By Tobie Blanchard  
LSU AgCenter

Every year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni celebrate the first week of October as National 4-H Week. The week recognizes the many positive youth development opportunities 4-H offers.

The focus for this year's campaign is to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America.

"With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country," said Toby Lepley, LSU AgCenter associate vice president and 4-H program

leader. "In 4-H, we believe every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed and have the skills they need to make a difference in the world."

The 4-H Program is a nationwide youth development program that reaches nearly six million youth annually. Administered in Louisiana by the LSU AgCenter Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H serves youth in all 64 parish offices. 4-H is managed jointly by both professional and volunteer staff.

Youth members can participate in a variety of projects in the areas of healthy living, science, engineering, technology and citizenship. Young people also can participate in camps, leadership conferences and become involved in their community through service opportunities while meeting new friends.

"Experiences in 4-H make a difference for a

lifetime by allowing them to grow and appreciate the importance of being a good citizen, strong leader and person of character," Lepley said.

Throughout National 4-H Week, 4-H clubs across the state will participate in service activities, family functions and events that promote the organization.

Louisiana's 4-H roots date back to 1908 in Avoyelles Parish. To learn more about 4-H or join, contact your local LSU AgCenter Extension office or visit the website at [https://www.lsuagcenter.com/topics/kids\\_teens](https://www.lsuagcenter.com/topics/kids_teens).



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- Unwavering support for Second Amendment rights.
- Promoting job creation and economic growth to improve the lives of working-class families.
- Commitment to open and transparent government, where the voices of the people are heard.

# LA Tech President Set to Retire

Submitted Article

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Many may not know, but La Tech President Dr. Les Guice has Jena, LA ties, as his father, Rev. Pat Guice, once served as Pastor of East Jena Baptist Church. He fondly remembers his time in Jena when he attended Jena Elementary and continues to have friendships with many of its residents.)*

Louisiana Tech University President Dr. Les Guice announced today his intention to retire at the end of 2023 after serving the institution for 45 years, the last 10 as president.

Guice's leadership as president has significantly contributed to the growth and strength of the Tech Family. Groundbreaking faculty and student research, numerous national and global rankings, record-breaking enrollments and graduations, historic philanthropic campaigns, and innovative expansion and enhancement of the campus are some of the many milestones from his presidency. "I have been blessed to be a part of an incredibly dedicated faculty, staff, and administration at Louisiana Tech for the past 45 years," President Guice said. "I have been most gratified to be a part of this team that puts the success of our students as the top priority. It becomes more evident each day that our students are seeing great value in their education at Tech, and they are spreading that word back home."

Guice assumed office on July 1, 2013, succeeding Dr. Daniel D. Reneau's presidency. He entered office with a rich personal and familial history with Louisiana Tech; his wife Kathy ('76 and '77) and sons Chad ('01), Kyle ('04), and Bret ('11) are all Tech graduates.

His journey to the President's Office began as a Tech student, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in architecture in 1976. His passion for engi-



Dr. Les Guice

neering led him to complete a master's degree in civil engineering in 1978. Subsequently, he served as an assistant professor of civil engineering, earning promotion to associate professor in 1981. After obtaining his Ph.D. in civil engineering from Texas A&M University, Guice assumed the role of interim department head of civil engineering in 1988, attaining a full professorship and becoming the permanent department head the following year.

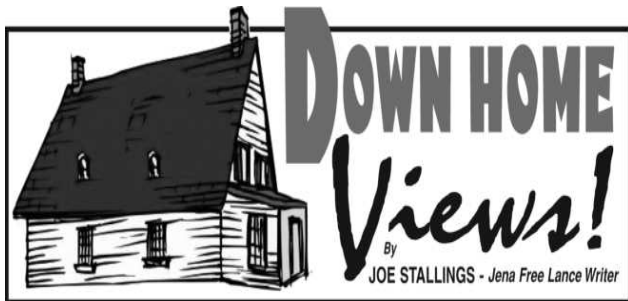
Guice's dedication to the University was unwavering over the next decade. He served as academic director, executive associate dean, and

dean, all within the College of Engineering and Science (COES). It was his time in these administrative roles that paved the way to his appointment as Tech's vice president for research and development in 2004. In 2012, he was named executive vice president.

"President Guice leaves an indelible mark on his alma mater," Dr. Jim Henderson, University of Louisiana System President and CEO, said. "His exemplary leadership and grand vision will benefit generations to come. We are grateful for his service to Louisiana Tech and to Louisiana higher education."

Guice has affirmed his commitment to fulfilling his duties through the end of 2023, with intent to see through ongoing campus initiatives and strategic plans. He will also undoubtedly continue to enjoy one of his favorite activities: walking through campus and speaking to students.

As President Guice closes this chapter of his career, the Louisiana Tech community looks forward to celebrating his legacy over the coming months.



## The Good Ole Days

Have you ever wondered why people were never smiling for pictures in the "good ole days"? If you cannot think of a reason you need to watch the mini-series 1883 on TV. We watched all ten episodes to the bitter end on Paramount Plus.

The mini-series 1883 was about settlers traveling to Montana from Texas. Right off the bat people on the wagon train were getting killed. Bit by snake, dead. Run over by a wagon, dead. A tornado got a few and then the Indians got a few. Am I missing anything? Oh yeah, several drowned crossing the river. Bandits killed a few, two suicides and two died from smallpox. I told my wife there is going to be no one left if they keep dying like this. Life was hard in 1883, and you will see what life could actually be like back then.

On the trip to Montana, water had to be boiled before you could drink it and every night firewood needed to be gathered for a fire. Fire kept bugs, snakes and animals away. There was no law and order out on the plains. You were on your own. You not only had to be smart, being lucky could also save your life.

This show is so much different than my life today. Most of my problems are solved with the push of a button or making a phone call. At night, I never have to gather wood to build a fire and river crossings are not a problem. We do not have to worry about Indians or bandits robbing and killing us. Small pox is not a problem and river crossing is as simple as driving over a steel bridge. The good ole days were not as good as you may think. If you ever complain about life in 2023, you need to watch 1883. After watching this ten-part series you will understand what life was like back then.

For me, watching the mini-series made me very thankful for the life that we live today. The writers and directors went out of their way to show how difficult life could be traveling cross country on a wagon train.

In the late 1800's, tragic situations were common place with people dying from problems easily treated today. Most of the country was unclaimed and settlers were moving to these areas in an effort to improve their lives.

If you enjoy mini-series with lots of laughter and happy situations this show might shock you. (They warn you at the beginning.) If you are my age, you may consider yourself shockproof or at least semi shockproof from everything we have seen through the years. This is a sad depressing show that might just make you very thankful of the life that you are now living. It also might make you thankful that you did not live in "the good ole days".

# LASALLE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

## 1% SALES TAX PROPOSAL

Every Student Matters ...  
Every Moment Counts!

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Fellowship Elementary    | Goodpine Middle |
| Jena Elementary          | Jena Jr. High   |
| LaSalle Jr. High         | Jena High       |
| LaSalle High             | Nebo Elementary |
| Olla-Standard Elementary |                 |

On October 14, a 1% Sales tax proposal will be on the ballot for consideration by the voters of LaSalle Parish. This 1% tax will be levied for a period of 15 years, commencing on January 1, 2024. The funds from this proposition will be dedicated to the following:

- 25% employee pay;
- 25% School Safety and Security; and,
- 50% Capital Improvement Projects and Maintenance

## 9 Schools 2,500 Students 400 Employees

- PRIORITIES:

  - EMPLOYEE PAY SUPPLEMENT
  - SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS
  - SINGLE-ENTRY ACCESS POINTS
  - PERIMETER SECURITY
  - CAMPUS MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION
  - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
  - INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES
  - STEM, ROBOTICS AND CTE SPACES

SAVE THE DATE

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VOTE DATE

OCTOBER 14, 2023

PUBLIC FORUMS

SEPT. 21 LASALLE HIGH 6PM

SEPT. 28 JENA HIGH 6PM

For more detailed information about the Tax Proposal plan, please scan the QR code or visit our website at <https://www.lasallepsb.com/>



# Thank You...

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your support in re-electing me to an unopposed fourth term as your Assessor.

I am profoundly honored and humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me once again. As we move forward, it's important to acknowledge the challenges that lie ahead. Our real estate market faces a constantly changing landscape, with evolving needs and expectations. Rest assured that I am fully prepared to meet these challenges head-on, with the same dedication and commitment that I have brought to this role throughout the years.

I would also like to take a moment to extend my sincere appreciation to my incredible staff. They are the backbone of our office, tirelessly working behind the scenes to ensure that our community's needs are met. Their dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed, and I am immensely grateful for their support.

Furthermore, I would like to express my deepest thanks to my loving and supportive family. Their unwavering encouragement and understanding have been instrumental in allowing me to serve our community to the best of my abilities.

With your continued support and collaboration, I am confident that we can overcome any obstacles that may come our way and continue to serve our community to the best of our abilities.

Together, we will work tirelessly to make fair and equitable assessments for all.

Once again, thank you for your trust, your confidence, and your continued support. I am deeply honored to serve as your Assessor, and I look forward to the work we will accomplish together in the coming years.

Sincerely,

*Tom Kendrick*