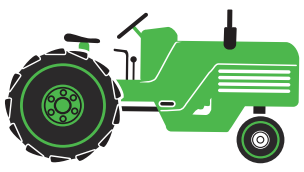
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Antique Tractor show this Saturday

The Church Point United Methodist Church will host its annual Antique Tractor Show from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 24 on the church grounds.

Gospel music will be sung by Southern Lights and Lottie Collier. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided while supplies last.

Chamber hosts Legislative Breakfast

By: Steve Bandy
Crowley Post-Signal

CROWLEY - If there was a central theme at the Friday, April 9 Legislative Breakfast, it's that Louisiana needs a centralized sales tax collection system.

Sen. Mark Abraham, Rep. John Stefanski and Rep. Phillip DeVillier addressed a gathering of local and parish business leaders at the Crowley Town Club Friday morning during the annual event hosted by the Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Acadia Parish Farm Bureau Insurance.

All three agreed that a central collection agency would benefit Louisiana businesses as well as state coffers, a sentiment that was echoed by at least one member of the audience.

Scott Soileau, a local CPA, explained that a firm he represents does business in all 64 Louisiana parishes and across Texas. "We have to file tax returns for each of the 64 parishes and one for the state of Louisiana — that's 65 tax returns," he said. "Texas has 200 counties and we file one tax return for the entire state."

DeVillier, as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, is leading the charge for a centralized system.

"If we could just simplify things for businesses and for individuals I think that you would have a Louisiana that is taking the initiative to change our tax landscape and hopefully attract more businesses to want to be here," he said.

"What we are trying to do is to put the state

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Bulk waste pickup again issue for police jurors

By: Steve Bandy
Crowley Post-Signal

CROWLEY - Demolition debris in a trailer park in Iota will be picked up. Meanwhile, the Acadia Parish Police Jury will revisit its "bulk waste" ordinance so that everyone is on the same page.

During recent committee meetings, jurors learned of a situation in Iota where the owner of a trailer park had demolished a number of trailers and had simply pushed the debris to the roadside awaiting pickup by the parish "grapple trucks."

Jurors were told by the parish bulk waste supervisor that this is an issue drivers face throughout the parish.

And, according to legal counsel, it's an issue jurors brought upon themselves.

"It appears that, over the years, things have been done to mollify jurors and citizens that are, frankly, against ordinance," said Glen Howie.

Not only does the parish ordinance say that contractor-generated waste will not be collected by the parish, but it also spells out how such waste should be placed at the roadside — "bound, neatly stacked, not more than 6 feet in length, not more than 75 pounds in weight."

To address the "contractor" issue, Howie offered verbiage that would amend the parish ordinance to define a contractor as "any person who operates a business enterprise, including but not limited to residential rental properties or properties used as places of business."

But some jurors felt that definition was unfair to business owners "who pay the bulk of the taxes in the parish."

Besides, according to A.J. "Jay" Credeur, precedent has been set.

"We've been picking up trash like this for years and by doing that, we've set precedent," he said. "The ordinance means nothing if precedent has been

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Richard, state's last living Pearl Harbor survivor, to visit museum

Caravan to leave for Fredericksburg, Texas on April 29

By: Claudette Olivier
Editor

Good loving, good whiskey and good food — that's been the secret to long life for Church Point native Joe Richard, Louisiana's last living Pearl Harbor survivor.

"And some Coors Light — don't forget that," Richard said, laughing, as he enjoyed a cold one during social hour at an April 13 American Legion Post 225 event.

The U.S. Navy veteran, 97, will make history again later this month, on April 30, when he becomes the first Pearl Harbor survivor to visit the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Richard will be driven to the museum by American Legion Post 225 Commander Dennis Hart and his wife, Carolyn, as well as Richard's daughter, Connie Figureon. American Legion Post 225 Vice Commander Lee Daigle Jr. who's father, Leander Daigle Sr., the post's oldest Legion Rider, will also make the trip to Fredericksburg.

"It's a good way to



Joe Richard

honor one of these guys," Hart said. "For 97 years old, he is doing mighty well. It's (the trip) going to be fun."

Richard will be escorted by others from Post 225, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9903, the American Legion Riders, Patriot Riders from Louisiana and Texas and the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office.

Prior to leaving Church Point on April 29, the caravan will drive by Church Point's elementary, middle and high school and Our Mother of Peace Elementary for the students to wish the group a safe trip. Hart

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Church Point native, U.S. Navy Veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor Joe Richard enjoys a cold beverage during social hour at an April 13 American Legion Post 225 event. On April 30, Richard, Louisiana's last living Pearl Harbor survivor, will be the first Pearl Harbor survivor to visit The National Museum of the Pacific War, located in Fredericksburg, Texas. (Photo by Claudette Oliver/Church Point News)

Feral pig baits showing promise

By: Kenneth Gautreaux
LSU AgCenter
Special to The Church Point News

BATON ROUGE — Feral pigs are a nuisance in many areas of the country, causing billions of dollars in damage. Scientists with the LSU AgCenter and the LSU Department of Chemistry are working on a bait and delivery system to help reduce the population of feral hogs.

Glen Gentry, LSU AgCenter feral hog specialist, and John Pojman, a chemistry professor, have been working for more than two years on perfecting a bait and delivery system that minimizes the risk to off-target animals.

The researchers had to look at several factors when developing the bait. One involved choosing a formula that was more attractive to hogs based on features such as smell and texture than other animals such as deer or raccoons.

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Rain puts the brakes on rice planting

By: Bruce Schultz
LSU AgCenter
Special to The Church Point News

Rice planting is wrapping up in south Louisiana, but wet weather has kept farmers out of the fields in the north.

"It's moving along pretty fast," said Todd Fontenot, LSU AgCenter agent in Evangeline Parish. "A lot of rice has been planted in a short period of time."

He estimated 80 to 85% of the crop is planted in Evangeline.

Ronnie Levy, LSU AgCenter rice specialist, estimated that 90% of the south Louisiana crop has been planted compared to 20% of the north Louisiana crop.

"Rice acreage is expected to be reduced primarily in north Louisiana due to higher demand and prices for corn and soybeans," Levy said.

Last year's Louisiana rice crop totaled 476,000 acres.

Michael Deliberto, LSU AgCenter economist, said it is anticipated that Louisiana farmers will reduce their rice

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OBITUARIES



GUY HIGGINBOTHAM

A Mass of Christian Burial for Guy Wendal Higginbotham, 56, was held Monday, April 12, 2021 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Church Point.

Mr. Higginbotham, a native and long-time resident of Church Point, passed away Wednesday morning, April 7, at his residence.

Reverend Father Pére Rozas, parochial vicar of the church, was the celebrant of the Mass and conducted the committal services in the Monsignor Bienvenu Cemetery on Hwy. 35 north of Church Point.

He is survived by the mother of his children, Cindy Higginbotham-Kresta, of New Braunfels, Texas; his sons: Tanner Higginbotham and companion, Mia Higginbotham, of Church Point, Trent Higginbotham, of Church Point and companion, Aubre Berzas, of Opelousas, and Trace Higginbotham, of New Braunfels; a daughter, Heather "Hal" LeJeune, of Richard; a brother, Kevin Higginbotham, a sister, Kyla Dawn Higginbotham and fiancé, Audie Boutte; a grandson, Braxson Higginbotham, his stepfather, "Uncle" Gerald Dies, all of Church Point, and his stepmother, Lydia Gonzalez, of Mire.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Linton and Loretta Thibodeaux Higginbotham.

Pallbearers were Tanner, Trent, Trace and Brian Higginbotham; Charlie Noyola, John Berzas, Blake Thibodeaux and Doug Myers.

Guy was a hard worker who felt that no job was too hard for him. He loved his fleet of Mack trucks and cranes and loved to be "the Boss." The owner and operator of Guy Hick Trucking and a partner in Hick's Heavy Haulers and Hick's Construction, he was a generous and kind man with a "heart of gold" who would "give you the shirt off his back." He loved hunting and spending time with his grandson. Guy was clean and sober for three years, which was a huge milestone in his journey to sobriety. He will be sadly missed by his extended family and friends who were so proud of his victory over his personal demons and addiction.

Personal condolences may be sent to the family at www.guidryfuneralhome.com. Guidry Funeral Home, 219 N. Broadway St., Church Point, LA was in charge of final arrangements.



RONALD JOHNSON

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ronald Johnson, 77, was held Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Church Point.

Johnson passed away Monday morning, April 12, at Acadia-St. Landry Guest Home in Church Point.

Rev. Patrick S. Broussard, Pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, was the Celebrant of the Mass and conducted cemetery committal services at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Mausoleum on Hwy. 35 north of Church Point.

Ronald, a kind-hearted man who loved laughing, dancing and having a "good time," worked many hours to provide for his family. A member of the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Columbus and the Saddle Tramp Riding Club for a number of years, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. A life-long resident of Church Point, Ronald was the son of the late Lawrence Johnson and the former Adaze D'Augereaux.

He is survived by his wife, Mercedes Bellard Johnson, of Church Point; three daughters, Jill Daigle and husband, Earl, of Eunice, Allison Johnson, of Church Point, and Ann Lavergne, and husband, Shannon, of Church Point; one son, Ronnie Johnson and wife, Dayna, of Church Point; nine grandchildren: Lauren Smith, Olivia and Grant Daigle, Alyssa Fontenot, Luke and Major Lavergne and Claiton, Landyn and Madaline Johnson; five great-grandchildren: Colton Hargrave, Boston and Oaklee Fontenot and Easton and Demi Smith; and one brother, Pat Johnson and wife, Patsy, of Houston.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Elsie Wimberly, Madeline Bergeron and Bernida Bergeron; and two brothers, Kelly and J.D. Johnson.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Johnson family at www.guidryfuneralhome.com. Guidry Funeral Home, 219 N. Broadway St., Church Point, LA was in charge of final arrangements.



DONALD R. MILLER

Funeral Services for Donald R. Miller, 62, were held on Friday, April 16, 2021 in the Duhon Funeral Home Chapel in Church Point.

Miller passed away on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 9:10 p.m. at The Carpenter House of St. Joseph in Lafayette.

Br. Randy Bowman officiated for the services. Burial was held at St. Edmund Catholic Church Cemetery in Branch.

Survivors include one daughter, Alania Miller, of Church Point; his mother, Norma T. Miller, of Church Point; two brothers, Demmitte and wife, Charlene Miller, of Church Point, David and wife, Trish Miller, of Cottonport; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his wife, Pamela Comeaux Miller; his father, Gervin Miller; and two nephews, Joshua and Jeremiah Miller.

The family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to The Carpenter House of St. Joseph in Lafayette.

You may view the obituary, sign the guest registry and express condolences online to Mr. Miller's family at www.duhonfuneralhome.com.

Duhon Funeral Home, LLC, (337) 684-5552, 701 S. Broadway Street, Church Point, LA 70525 was in charge of the arrangements.

Library announces return of Summer Reading Program

News Release

The Acadia Pariah Library is pleased to announce the return of its summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading T -Shirts will be on sale May 24 at all branches of The Acadia Parish Library. Registration for the Summer Reading Program will begin on May 28. Summer Reading Story Hours will look a bit different this year and will require preregistration for each story hour.

Here's how it works:

• Each branch of The Acadia Parish Library will have their own story hour.

• These story hours will have limited capacity due to COVID restrictions, so parents will be asked to sign up their child for story hour the week before.

• To register your child for your branch's story hour, either call (337) 788-1880 the week before or visit the website or Face book Page for online sign-up links.

• We ask that only children in the appropriate grade level (elementary age) sign up for our Summer Reading story hours as there will be special toddler and middle schooler/ teen events in addition to the regular story hour.

• All children over the age of 8 must weer a mask to attend story hour as per the statewide mask mandate.

The Summer Reading program will still be presented virtually on the library's Facebook page.

There will also be many other programs for children of all ages as well as programs for adults, so visit the Facebook Page for more information.

For more information, all Bernie Sarver or Claire Dore at (337) 788-1880 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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CPPD to host event May 16

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There will be a variety of games to be played with children and young adults, including sack races, tug-o-war, a raw egg toss and many other games. Hot dogs, soft drinks and bottled water will be provided. There will also be a DJ. A softball game between the Church Point Volunteer Fire Department and the CPPD is also planned

Those looking to contribute to the event or assist can contact either Curtrese Minix or Crystal Hazel at the Church Point Police Department at (337) 684-2074

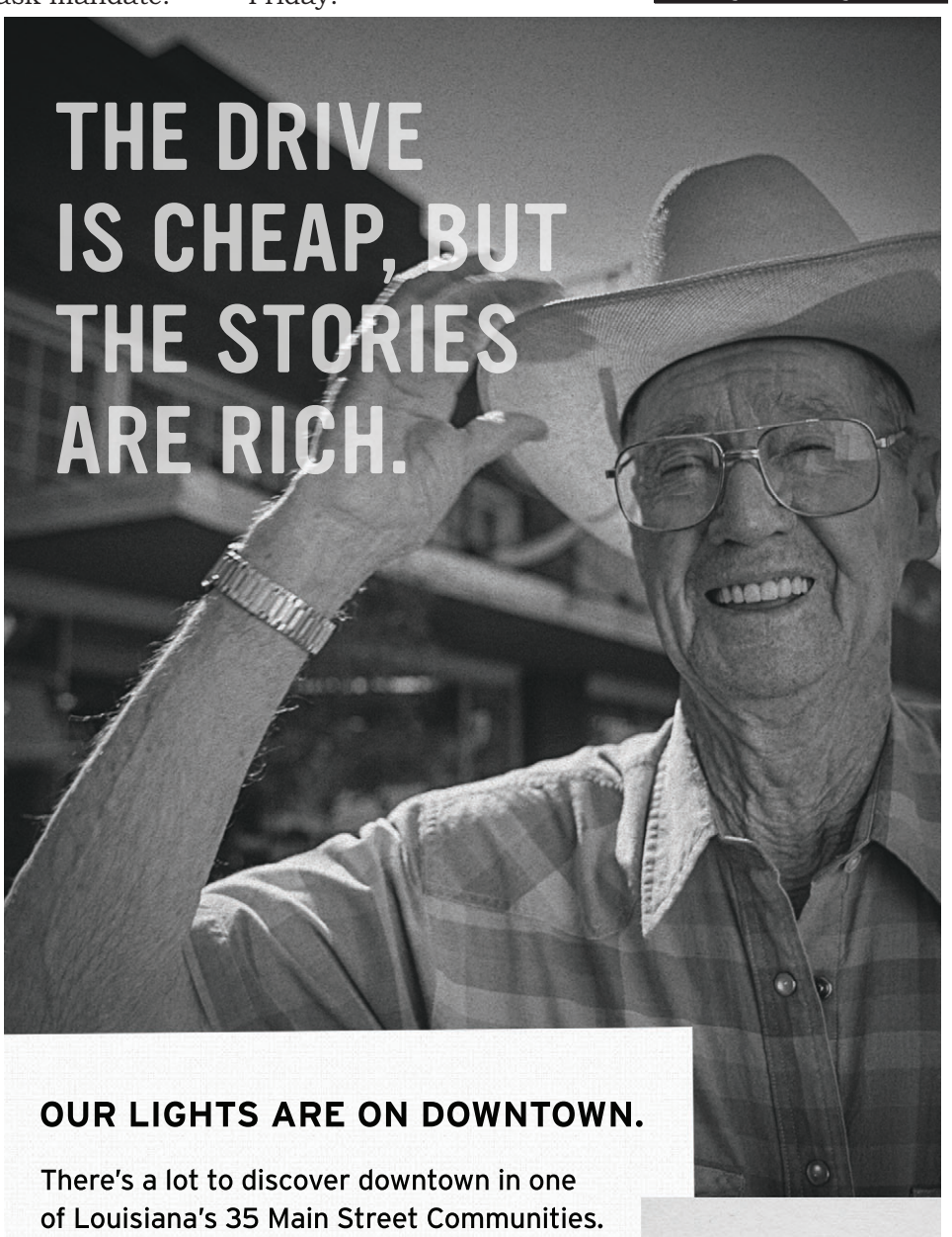
Nutrition Educator 1 - Paraprofessional (EFNEP)

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) is a federally funded program to help limited-resource families and youth to develop skills and behaviors to eat healthfully.

This position will be responsible for conducting nutrition education programs with diverse, limited-resource families and youth in a group setting within the community. Educational outreach will include presentations, exhibits, and food demonstrations based on provided curricula through virtual and in-person delivery methods. Regular duties include recruiting and enrolling adult and youth participants and volunteers into EFNEP; program planning and organizing the education delivery; collecting and maintaining data for evaluation; submitting required reports into the computer; and attending all trainings and conferences. The ability to communicate (written & orally) is an important aspect to the position. The nutrition educator will be supervised by an LSU AgCenter nutrition agent.

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VIEWPOINTS

Dosette to Poppa Cairo to Hank?



Jim Bradshaw

Our comments several weeks ago about Hank Williams and his Cajun anthem Jambalaya, brought a note from Keith Simon about his great grandfather Dosette Guidry, who may have played the first version long before Hank and his imitators knew what a jambalaya was.

You'll remember that Jambalaya's tune closely tracks the Louisiana French song Grand Texas that was recorded both in French and English by Poppa Cairo. There are several stories about how Jambalaya's lyrics came to be, several of them attributing the words to Moon Mullican, who performed with Hank on the Grand Ole Opry show and elsewhere.

Keith sends along a web posting by Dosette's descendant, Martin Guidry, who suggests that the Guidry family "heavily influenced the best-known country hit of all time."

Dosette and his brothers Arthur and Isidore, sons of Alcide Guidry and Marie Louise Hebert, were mostly tenant farmers, but for a brief time they performed as the Guidry Brothers, and were among the first groups to record Cajun music. Their tie to Jambalaya comes from one of their recordings, Le Garcon Negligent.

According to a 2019 Teche News feature story on the Guidrys by Wade Falcon, the melody to Le Garcon "contains early familiar elements, similar to … Papa Cairo's Grand Texas and even later, Hank Williams' Jambalaya. It may be the earliest appearance of this melody ever."

According to Martin Guidry, "In 1952, Hank Williams became aware of the song Big Texas and decided to record it; however, he spiced up the text with Cajun French words and used … a version Moon Mullican had written, but not copyrighted. Some disagreement exists about how Hank Williams got the words to Jambalaya (On the Bayou) despite the general belief that it was Moon Mullican's version. … The origin of the words … may be unclear; however, the source of the melody is very clear. It descends from the 1929 Guidry Brothers' recording of Le Garcon Negligent.

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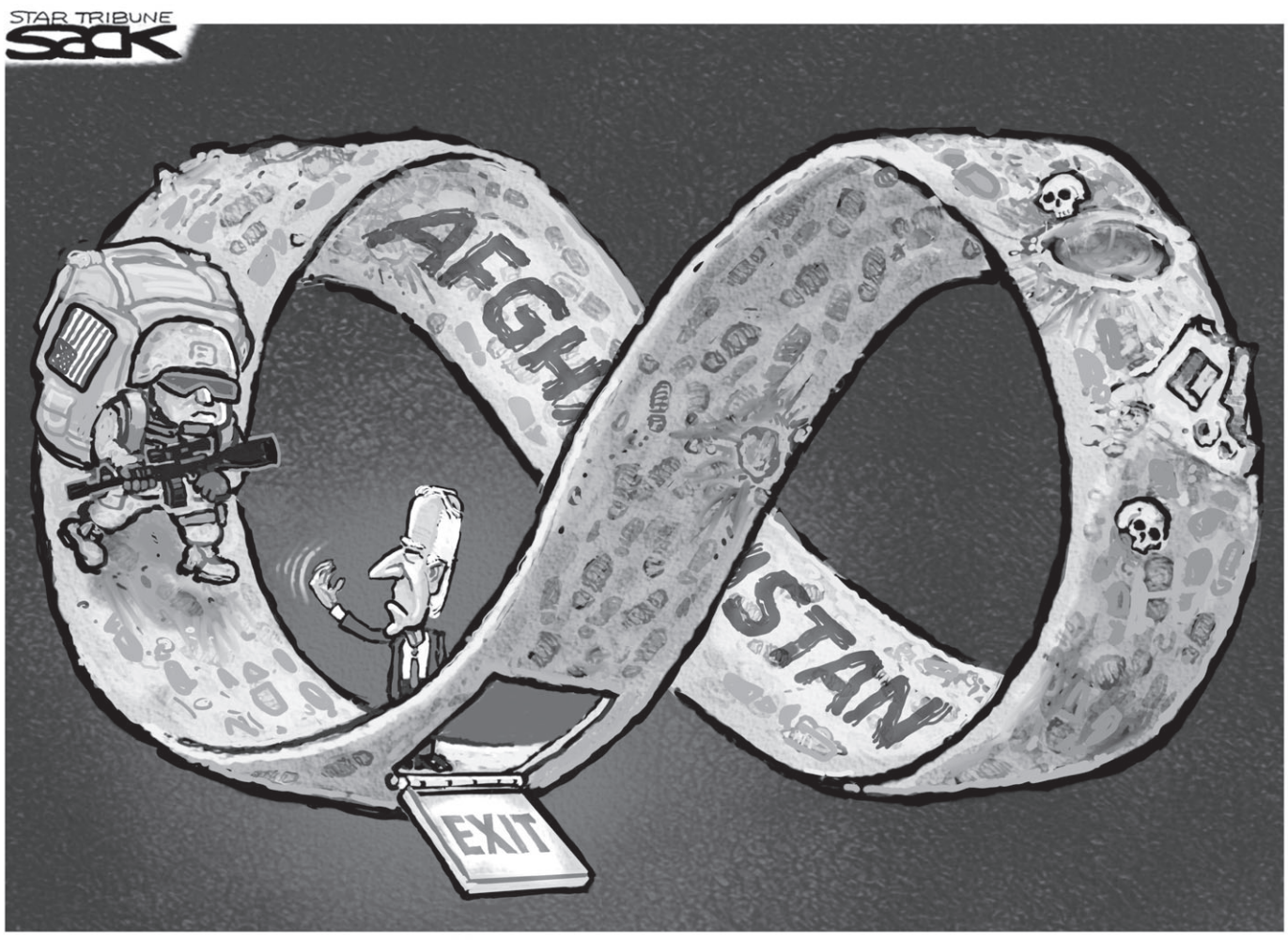
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Lindsey Graham: 'H.R. 1 is biggest power grab in modern American history'



Catherine Mortensen

"This is the biggest power grab in modern American history being pushed by the most radical people in modern American history to change the way we vote to destroy the integrity of the ballot box."

South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham and Gov. Henry McMaster are warning the House-passed H.R. 1 would sanction widespread voter fraud and destroy state sovereignty. In a joint news conference this week, the Republican lawmakers urged the Senate to oppose the bill.

Gov. McMasters said, "This is not an exaggeration. This is breathtaking in its destruction to the integrity of our election system. We want to have a robust fire, easy, convenient voting, but it must have integrity."

According to Sen. Graham, "H.R. 1 is an attempt by the radical left to take over every election system in the country. H.R. 1 would be the federalization of elections for Congress. It would be in violation of the Constitution, in my view. The contents of this bill should scare everybody in South Carolina and throughout the nation who believe in robust voting but integrity at the ballot box."

Gov. McMasters is concerned about the threat to state sovereignty. "This bill, H.R. 1, threatens the constitutional sovereignty of the state of South Carolina," McMaster said. "Those are not just words – that's very important. This country, our state, is built on the sovereignty of the states. This bill takes that away."

Both men expressed concern this bill would destroy ballot integrity and make it impossible for voters to trust the outcome of any future elections.

"This will institutionalize techniques used by the left to expand the vote in a fashion where there will be no integrity in the vote," Graham said. "This is the biggest power grab in modern American history being pushed by the most radical people in modern American history to change the way we vote to destroy the integrity of the ballot box, and we will not stand for it in South Carolina."

Graham ended the news conference by decrying the personal attacks by Democrats are anyone who is defending election integrity. "They're calling all of us, racist, because we won't give in to this power grab. They play the race card, morning, noon and night. I am tired of it."

The bill has passed the House and is now under consideration in the Senate. President Joe Biden said he supports the measure and will sign it into law if it reaches his desk.

Here are just a few of the provisions of this outrageous bill:

H.R. 1 would give control of the Federal Election Commission to Democrats. The FEC, which regulates federal elections, is run by six commissioners. Under current law, no more than three of the six commissioners can be from the same party. That reduces the likelihood that the FEC will be used to punish political opponents. Removing this protection would allow Democrats to wield the agency's powers against Republicans. For those who doubt that Democrats would ever do such a thing, just look at what happened to conservative nonprofits during Lois Lerner's tenure at the IRS.

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Around the world of woke in 80 days



Jeff Crouere

The first 80 days of the Biden administration have been a nightmare for Americans who love our constitution and appreciate limited government. On Thursday, President Joe Biden announced another batch of executive orders, in this case, dealing with expanding gun control. It follows a blizzard of executive orders he has issued since his inauguration.

Biden is proving his "woke" credentials by pursuing a full-fledged progressive agenda. Although all leftist dreams have not been realized, dramatic action on their agenda has occurred in the first 80 days of the Biden administration.

This has happened despite a disputed election in which Biden did not achieve anything close to a mandate. Even accepting the official election results show that Biden lost 25 states and his party barely maintained control of the U.S. House of Representatives, while achieving 50 seats in the U.S. Senate. With Vice President Kamala Harris voting, Democrats can control both houses of Congress; however, it is the slimmest of margins.

Instead of showing moderation and trying to work with Republicans, President Biden is dealing with Democrats only and acting like he achieved a 50-state landslide. In the process, he is working overtime to overthrow as many actions of President Donald Trump as possible.

The overwhelming flood of illegal immigrants at our southern border is the biggest crisis facing the country. Prior to Biden's invitation for illegal immigrants to surge into the country, President Trump had the border under control. Unfortunately, Biden stopped construction of the border wall, reinstituted the failed "catch and release" program and wanted to enact a 100-day moratorium on all deportations, until his actions were challenged in court by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

To say Biden has been a disaster is an understatement and an insult to disasters. In actuality, he has been a total catastrophe. His major legislative achievement, the so-called "COVID Relief bill" was a $1.9 trillion giveaway to failed Democrat Mayors and Governors. Despite his call for unity and bipartisanship, the bill passed with no support from GOP members of Congress.

His next monstrosity will be a $2.5 trillion "Infrastructure" bill that will be another budget buster, including only 6% for true infrastructure projects. He also supports H.R.1, the hilariously named "For the People Act." This bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives with no Republican support. It will destroy election integrity, end voter identification, expand mail-in voting and create a pathway for illegal immigrants to become voters. In essence it will give Democrats a lock on the presidency and Congress for generations to come.

On Friday, Biden moved on to his plan to pack the Supreme Court with liberal justices. He announced the creation of a "commission" to study the issue.

While Biden is pushing a socialism on steroids agenda, this is a center-right country ideologically. The reality is that these policies are being proposed and implemented against the will of the American people. Unfortunately, Joe Biden is governing like United States Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) would have acted as President.

It is no wonder that former Vice President Al Gore said that Biden has made the "strongest start…since Franklin Delano Roosevelt." In one sense Gore is correct. Biden has expanded the government in a way not seen since the New Deal era of the Roosevelt administration.

Sadly, the actions have been destructive, and not positive in any fashion. For example, in typical Democrat "tax and spend" fashion Biden is advocating an increase in corporate taxes and wants to boost the top

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Church Point hosts peace rally

Organizers of the Church Point Stop the Violence Peace Rally, Greg Bellard, left, Cristine Semien, second from left, and Lindsey Duplechain Halley, right, are pictured with Church Point Mayor Ryan "Spanky" Meche. The peace rally was hosted April 7 at the Gertrude Wimberley Community Center. (Photo by Claudette Olivier/ Church Point News)

Crowley Main Street seeks artists, sponsors for Art & Wine Stroll

Crowley Main Street is calling for artists to participate in its upcoming Spring 2021 Art & Wine Stroll.

Artists of all types are invited to showcase their art during the event, which is set for 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 8.

Early registration is $20 and will be available through April 16. After that date, registration will be $30. The registration deadline is May 1.

To register, email CrowleyMainStreet@gmail.com or CrowleyAptAssociation at gam

Crowley Main Street is also looking for businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring the Spring 2021 Art & Wine Stroll.



The event is one of the most popular Main Street events and is designed to showcase what downtown Crowley has to offer. It is a fundraiser for the Crowley MÅain Street program, with proceeds also benefiting the Crowley Art Association.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, email CrowleyMainStreet@gmail.com

Butter making class to be taught online

News Release

The LSU AgCenter Food Incubator will be sponsoring an online homemade butter making class on May 5.

The class is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and the link to register is https://bit.ly/3reWpzx.

Gaye Sandoz, director of the incubator, said dairy professor Chuck Boeneke will explain the science behind making butter and will demonstrate how to make it.

"I will show you how to infuse butter with delicious flavors for sweet and savory spreading delights," she said. "We will send you a grocery list, the agenda and the link to join the cooking class after you register."

The registration fee is $15 person, and for more information, you can contact Marta Panceri at MPanceri@agcenter.lsu.edu.

What is happening with your fire protection?

By: Berl Adams
CPVFD Public
Information Officer
Special to The Church Point News

A recent call for the fire station reminded us of a few important points related to the fire service, which we have mentioned before, but they are important enough to point out again.

The first is simply this — the Church Point Volunteer Fire Department is indeed, "volunteer." This means at any given time, many of the firefighters are on their regular job and cannot respond to fire calls. It is important that we have a wide range of fire personnel available to answer the calls. Early in the morning and daytime are particularly important because many people work out of town. We encourage you to consider becoming a volunteer in the fire department. The knowledge you gain will amaze you, and the feeling you get when you are able to help your fellow man just can't be beat. It is our town — we should be proud to protect it in the best way possible.

The other point that needs to be made can be summed up in the four words "get out and call." These words are for the unfortunate event of a fire at your house. Your first response is to get everyone up and out to make sure you are safe. Use your cell phone or use a neighbors phone to call 911 and give the operator good directions, including the address, close intersections and landmarks. Remember, the temptation is great to re-enter the house and try to save personal items. This is a natural response, but statistics show that many of the fatalities attributed to fire are those who re-enter and are overcome by the smoke. A fire is a very traumatic event. It is never easy to overcome, but loss of life is much worse.

In light of this, I also want to remind everyone to have a home fire preplan, even some form of walk through fire drill defining your exits and a meeting place outside would be an excellent idea. Smoke alarms should be a part of your fire preplan as well.

Be aware, be informed, be prepared, and be safe. Non-emergency phone number 684-5429 askcpvfd@yahoo.com Also check out the CPVFD and Church Point Fire Protection District 10 website. churchpointvfd.com Check back next week.

Acadia Parish Chamber's Golf Classic postponed

The Acadia Parish Chamber Golf Classic was postponed until Friday, May 14 at Bayou Bend Country Club in Crowley.

For more information on the tournament, to sign up for sponsorship or entry, or to donate a door prize, call (337)788-0177 or visit AcadiaParishChamber.org.

The Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce and sponsors, Southwind Healthcare & Rehabilitation, Southwind Senior Living Suites, and Encore Healthcare & Rehabilitation are the event's sponsors.

Keep Louisiana Beautiful Beautiful launches Anti-Litter Campaign

News Release

As the warmer weather ushers in outdoor events and gatherings, Keep Louisiana Beautiful wants to send a powerful reminder to all Louisianans: show your love for your home state by taking active and intentional steps to eliminate litter in your local community's public spaces. Aiming to reach Louisianans with its direct messaging, KLB builds on their "Love the Boot" collaboration with local talent Marc Broussard to increase anti-litter awareness. Launching a statewide public awareness campaign across multiple platforms to bring much-needed attention to the growing litter problem and encourage citizens to be a part of the solution by loving and caring for their community.

Broussard's lyrics are a rallying cry and a much-needed reminder to us all. "When you rollin' wit' your crew, or floatin' down the bayou, you can do something great to help our beautiful state. Love the Boot. Don't Pollute. Let's keep our Louisiana beautiful, y'all!"

Utilizing a multi-faceted approach through digital and conventional platforms, KLB will reach Louisianians on social media, Spotify, television and radio PSAs, and billboards with anti-litter messages in the Monroe, Shreveport, Alexandria, Lake Charles, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans' markets. With a robust mix of video, banner, and audio content, KLB aims to create interactive and memorable moments that drive the anti-litter message home. Running from April 1 to June 13 across all platforms, the "Love Doesn't Litter" goal is to decrease litter through a direct call to love, care, and respect your community and your state by putting trash in its proper place, not in our public space.

Keep Louisiana Beautiful's Executive Director Susan Russell explains, "This year, as Louisianans start making their way back to normalcy, we want them to be aware of the huge increase in the litter we've seen over the past year and to appeal to them to be a part of the solution by not littering. We live in a vibrant and unique state with much to offer. Litter should not be a part of that. Our bodies of water, our seafood, our homes and property, our beautiful wetlands, marine life and wildlife, our health, and even our industries and economy, are all impacted negatively by litter and pollution."

To learn more about how you can help keep Louisiana beautiful go to www.keeplouisianabeautiful.org.







The Church Point News

News Briefs

Foundation to host rummage sale May 1

The Charlene Richard Foundation will host a rummage sale from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 1 at the St. Edward's Catholic Church Hall in Richard.

For more information, call (337) 581-6431.

Truck Show announced

The 4th Annual Church Point Volunteer Fire Department Truck and Car Show will be hosted from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at Church Point City Park.

Public viewing is free. T-shirts, barbecue hamburgers, drinks, alcoholic beverages and jambalaya will be for sale during the event. Da Dancin DJ's will provide entertainment. No ice chests or pets allowed.

To register a vehicle for the show, contact (337) 684-5429 or email cpvfd99@yahoo.com. Registration is $25 per vehicle and motorcycles and tractors are also welcome. Awards will be given for the Top 30 and Fireman's Choice.

CP Housing Authority to host public meeting

The Church Point Housing Authority will host a public meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 26 at the Church Point Housing Authority Office, to receive comments on the 2021 Annual PHA Plan and the 2021-2025 Capital Fund 5–Year Action Plan Budgets.

All documents are on display and available for viewing at the office of the Housing Authority located at 700 S. Wimberly St., Church Point, LA 70525 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Food pantry opens at New Horizon Church

The food pantry at New Horizons Church is open at 11 a.m. the last Tuesday of each month.

A free lunch is also served at that time.

For more information, call (337) 308-0336.

The Church Point News Brief Policy told

Due to the limited space in *The Church Point News*, all news briefs will run as space permits. All news briefs will be guaranteed one run, and after that, as space permits. All news briefs must be turned in by noon on Thursday for consideration in the following Wednesday's edition.



Administrative Professionals & Secretary's Day

April 21

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From Cindy Walters, CEO and the Board of Commissioners
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•MORTENSEN

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H.R. 1 would require state officials to automatically register residents to vote, which would open the door to all sorts of errors and potential fraud. For starters, the crafters of this legislation seem to forget that some people do not wish to vote for religious reasons, others are incapable of voting, and still others do not register because they do not want to be called for jury duty. Registering those who will not or cannot vote makes no sense; all it does is enable voter fraud by relatives, neighbors, or caregivers. Furthermore, how will states know which residents are citizens, which are legal aliens, and which are illegal aliens?

H.R. 1 would make it more difficult to scrub the voter rolls of those who have moved or died. Voter rolls should be constantly updated; otherwise, the number of names that could be used to vote fraudulently continues to grow. As it is, voter rolls in many places across the country have not been properly scrubbed, and this legislation would simply make the tedious process harder.

H.R. 1 would require states to set up drop boxes for absentee ballots. Unattended ballot drop boxes – which may be opened without any election observers present – create more opportunities for fraud as well as for theft or destruction of ballots.

H.R. 1 would eliminate all state restrictions on voting by mail. In other words, states would have to accept mail-in ballots from every voter – even if a voter had no particularly compelling reason why they could not show up in person on Election Day.

H.R. 1 would gut all voter ID laws. Going forward, even in states that have voter ID laws on the books, people would be able to vote even if they do not have a valid ID. All that would be required of them would be to sign a statement asserting that they are who they say they are. Obviously, if someone is determined to commit voter fraud, lying on a form will not stop them.

H.R. 1 would allow jail inmates to vote. If a person cannot be trusted with their freedom, how can they be trusted with their vote?

H.R. 1 would require same-day registration. Same-day registration adds to the cost of running elections, creates more work for poll workers, can cause lines and delays at polling places, and makes it easier for people to vote multiple times in the same election.

Catherine Mortensen is Vice President of Communications at Americans for Limited Government.

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This goes out to two SUPER secretaries, Joy Daigle & Josie Gallow. I don't know what we'd do without the two of you! Enjoy your week. You deserve it!
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CAMPUS

Church Point's Olivia Bundy earns top honors at Pirate Relays

LSN Staff Report

ABBEVILLE — Olivia Bundy has been stellar on the track all season long and she continued her dominance on April 7 at the Pirate Relays, hosted by Kaplan High School at Abbeville's J.H. Williams Middle School.

Bundy scored 34 points for the Lady Bears, who finished second in the team standings with 84 total points. North Vermilion won the girls team title with 140.5 points.

Bundy, a senior, claimed a pair of victories, winning the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 15.46 and the 300-hurdles with a time of 45.62. She added a runnerup finish in the 200-meter dash (27.62) and a third-place showing in the 100-meter dash (12.81).

Her performance was more than enough to earn her the Outstanding Track Performer award as well as the overall Outstanding Performer honor.

Macy Dailey also logged a first-place in the javelin with a throw of 105-2.

The Lady Bears also fared well in the relay events.

Dailey teamed with Shaine Parker, A'Kirra Haggler and Kiley Nero to place second in the 4x100 with a time of 55.06. Alexa Gobert joined Parker, Hagger and Nero to run a third-place time of 1:53.71 in the 4x200 and Gobert, Parker, Sierra Wimberly and Madison Melancon placed third in the 4x400 with a time of 4:37.55.

Gobert added a fourth-place finish in the 800-meter run (2:54.21) and Sondrea Woods was fourth in the shot put (29-1).

Earning fifth-place honors were Melancon in the 400-meter dash (1:08.34) and Amelia Dailey in the discus (87-7 1/2).

Peyton Sievers was the lone scorer for the Midland Lady Rebels with a victory in the 3200-meter run (12:57) and a runnerup showing in the 800-meter run (2:33.27).

In boys action, the Bears tallied 56 points to finish fourth in the team standings.

Erath won the team title with 98 points. Abbeville finished second with 94 points and Kaplan was third (61).

The Bears scored 10 points in the 4x200-meter relay as Armstead Mouton, Jeremiah Roy, Khalid Babineaux and Tylon Citizen teamed up to run a winning time of 1:33.12.

Mouton, Roy, Citizen and Francis placed second in the 4x100 with a time of 45.53. Francis, Mouton, Citizen and Roy teamed up to place third in the 4x400 (3:54.31) and Bryce LeJeune, Trey Scanlan, Kainen LeJeune and Eli Noel placed third in the 4x800 (9:28).

Tylon Citizien added a runnerup showing in the triple jump (39-0) and Jamarrion Citizen was second in the shot put (38-1).

In addition, Roy finished third in the 400 (54.43) and Francis was fifth in the 100 (11.56).

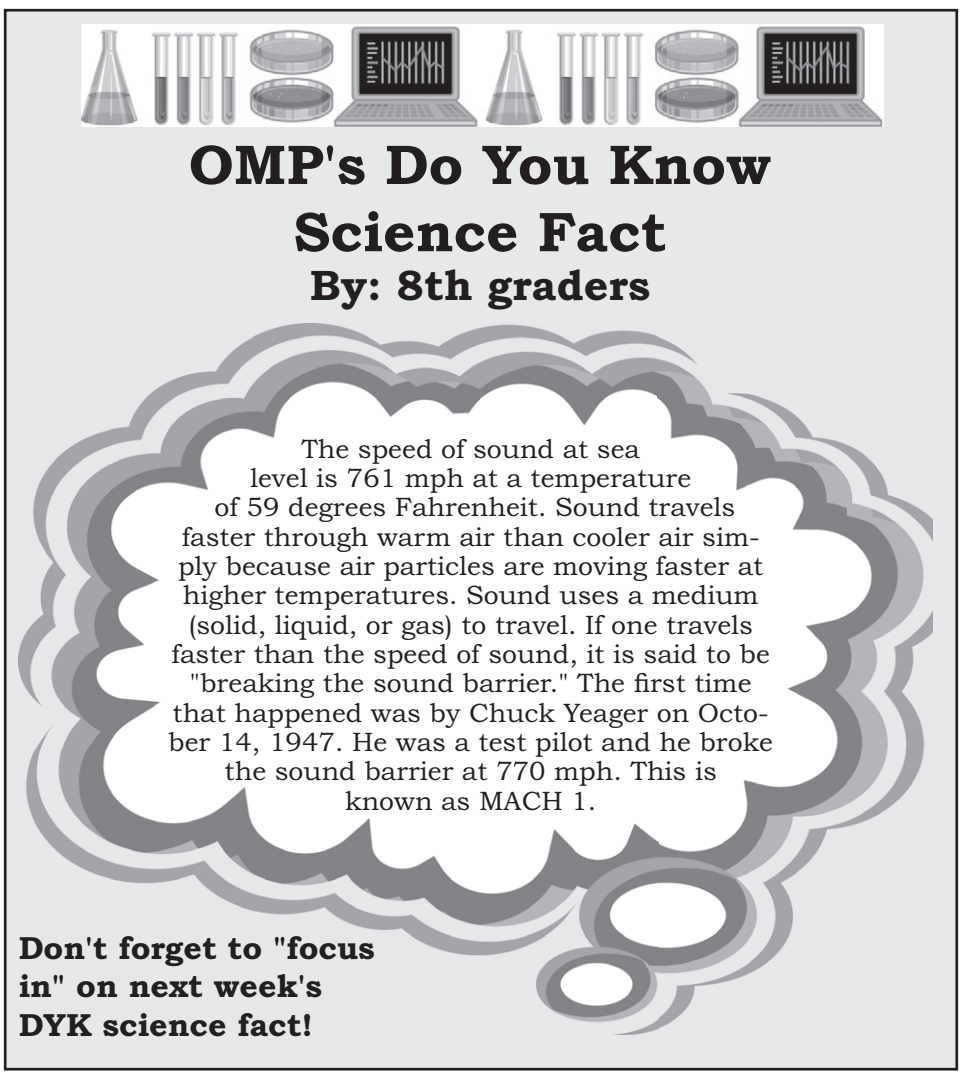
Adding sixth-place finishes for the Bears were Bryce LeJeune in the 1600 (5:24.90) and Taj Richard in the 110-meter hurdles (21.20.

The Midland Rebels were led by Copeland Schwinn with a third-place finish in the 3200 (11:44.34) and a fifth-place showing in the 1600 (5:21.02).

Cole Shamsie placed third in the 800 (2:13.72) and Tanner Sonnier was fifth in the 110-hurdles (20.90) and sixth in the 300-hurdles (51.37. Lance Hoffpauir also placed sixth in the 800 (2:18.75.



Church Point's Olivia Bundy (right) clears a hurdle during a recent meet. Bundy was named the Outstanding Track and overall Outstanding Performer at the Kaplan Pirate Relays after winning both hurdle events and placing second in the 200-meter dash and third in the 100-meter dash. (Photo by Chris Quebedeaux/Crowley Post-Signal)



Councilwoman, Acadiana Workforce Solutions to host youth program

Church Point Councilwoman Christine Semien has partnered with Acadiana Workforce Solutions for a Summer Youth Enrichment Work Program.

High school students between the ages of 16-20 who are interested in summer work and they would like to work this summer can stop by the enrollment event from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Home Bank Annex Building.

•BRADSHAW

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The Guidry Brothers recorded six songs at that 1929 session, but apparently never set foot in a record studio again.

According to Falcon's account, "Cajun music was getting a foothold in the recording industry; getting discovered outside of south Louisiana for the very first time."

The Guidry brothers were among several Cajun musicians who went to New Orleans in October 1929 to record their music for the major recording label Vocalion Records and, Falcon says, "some of their melodies, the first to be found on commercial recordings, can be recognized as familiar tunes we hear today."

"But as quickly as they were discovered, they faded away," he writes. "The group headed home … and were not discovered for almost 90 years … for most people, their music and identities were almost lost to time."

A collection of Jim Bradshaw's columns, Cajuns and Other Characters, is now available from Pelican Publishing. You can contact him at jimbradshaw4321@gmail.com or P.O. Box 1121, Washington LA 70589.

Saint Michael SM Catholic School

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR PRINCIPAL

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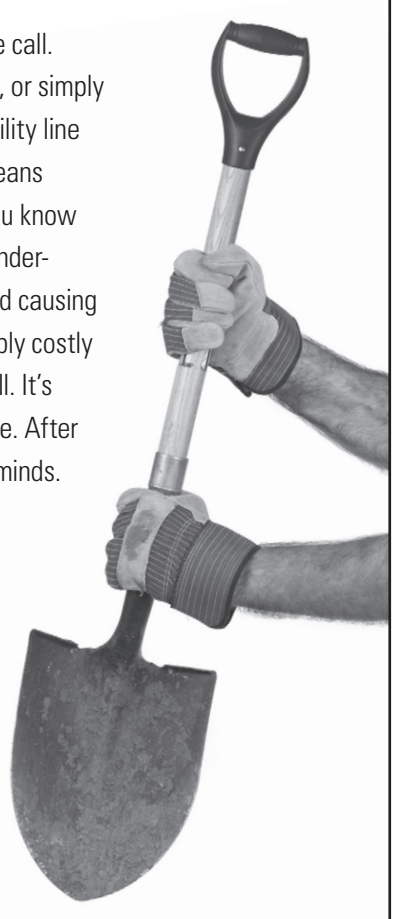
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What does the Bible say?

By: Pastor Berl Adams
First Baptist Church
Special to The Church Point News

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I would like to use this very familiar verse to remind us that it is false religion and not God that tries to make salvation difficult. The Word of God teaches us that we are saved by grace through faith in His finished work on Calvary. We are kept, "sealed," by His power. We are given a new nature and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, being "quickened" made alive. This the Word of God calls literally "born again." Because we are born again and given this new life we serve Him because we love Him as a child loves his father.

Being born again, we become part of the family of God, joint heirs with Christ — our inheritance is secure. Fellowship may be hindered by our actions and chastisement may be needed to direct us to the correct path, but we never become disowned by God once we have been born again.

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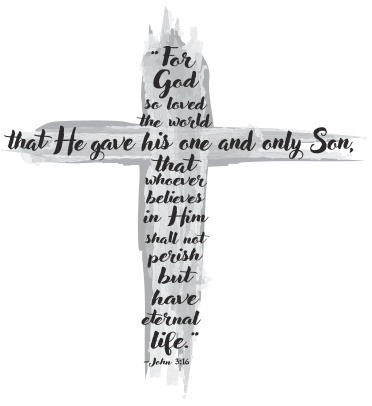
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USDA to gather data about farm labor

LSN Staff Report

BATON ROUGE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its biannual Agricultural Labor Survey during the second half of April. The survey will collect information about hired labor from more than 750 Louisiana farmers and ranchers.

"The beginning of the year is the time when agricultural producers plan out the rest of their growing seasons and it is a great time to assess on-farm labor needs," said Kathy Broussard, State Statistician of the Louisiana Field Office. "The data that farm operators provide through NASS's Agricultural Labor Survey allow federal policymakers to base farm labor policies on accurate information."

USDA and the U.S. Department of Labor use statistics gathered in the Agricultural Labor Survey to establish minimum wage rates for agricultural workers, administer farm labor recruitment and placement service programs, and assist legislators in determining labor policies.

In the survey, NASS asks participants to answer a variety of questions about hired farm labor on their operations, including total number of hired farm workers, the total hours worked, and total base and gross wages paid for the weeks of January 10-16 and April 11-17. For their convenience, survey participants have the option to respond online.

"By asking about two separate time periods each time we collect data during the year, we are able to publish quarterly data and capture seasonal variation," said Broussard. "This approach reduces the number of times we survey farm businesses while ensuring that accurate and timely data are available."

NASS will compile, analyze, and publish survey results in the May 26 Farm Labor report. All previous Farm Labor publications are available online at:

https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x920fw89s(link is external).

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Delta Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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acreage by 7% this year to approximately 445,000 acres.

Levy said some of this year's crop has already faced challenges. Strong winds have caused some water-planted seed to drift, and heavy rains and cold conditions have slowed rice development, he said.

Vince Deshotel, LSU AgCenter agent in St. Landry Parish, said rains have interfered with planting there.

Deshotel estimated that 70% of the crop has been planted.

He also said cool weather has slowed early plant growth. Warm spells have been followed by cool weather. "Crops are not progressing with those kinds of temperatures."

Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish agent, said planting got off to a good start in early March. "The majority of the crop in Acadia Parish and the surrounding parishes is planted."

He said some farmers were finished by mid-March.

Agent Andrew Granger said planting has gone well in his parish of Vermilion. "I'd say it's 80% planted."

He said farmers have had good chances for planting, followed by needed rain. But more acreage is being water seeded this year, he said.

Bruce Garner, LSU AgCenter agent in northeast Louisiana, said regular rains have kept farmers out of the fields.

"For the past three weeks, we started catching the weekly 2-inch rains," he said. "There's not a lot of rice planting going on."

Garner said rice acreage could decrease in north Louisiana.

"Some are telling me they're going to back away from rice," he said. "A price of $14 for soybeans is hard for some of these guys to pass up."

He said some farmers are starting to water seed their rice.

And farmers who have used row rice have changed their strategy to planting on flat ground, then using a roller to cut grooves in the soil about 38 inches apart for better water control.

Garner said the situation is the same in Arkansas where rain has caused problems also. "The guys in Arkansas are getting the same rains as we are, and they've gotten some that we missed."

Deliberto said Arkansas farmers are expected to reduce their rice acreage by 15%, choosing to plant corn or soybeans, and that could help boost rice prices.

Arkansas' rice acreage affects rice prices because it is the nation's largest rice-producing state with last year's total at 1.3 million, more than a third of the U.S. total.



A field near Gueydan in Vermilion Parish is planted with a seed drill the first week of April. Rice planting in south Louisiana was almost completed before last week's heavy rains, but north Louisiana planting has been delayed by wet weather that has kept farmers out of the fields. (Photo courtesy of Bruce Schultz/LSU AgCenter)

Many Arkansas farmers will be shifting rice acreage to corn and soybeans to take advantage of higher prices, Deliberto said.

An expected demand increase for rice overseas could also boost prices, he said. "A lot of attention will be focused on tenders floated by the Iraqis."

He said the current estimate by the U.S. Department of Agriculture is for a long-grain price of $12.50 per hundredweight or $20 per barrel, and $12.90 for medium-grain per hundredweight or $20.64 a barrel.

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rate to 28%.

While increasing taxes, Biden is also seriously increasing federal spending, which will only add to our already gargantuan national debt of $28 trillion. His new budget calls for $1.52 trillion in spending, an increase of 8.4% from the previous year.

Under President Trump, the United States reached energy independence for the first time in decades. However, President Biden immediately reversed course. He placed a moratorium on new drilling leases on federal territory and ended construction on the Keystone XL pipeline. Not surprisingly, Americans are paying more for gasoline as oil prices have skyrocketed since January.

The President's globalist friends are also happy that he wants to revive a nuclear deal with Iran, has returned to the Paris Agreement and vowed to act aggressively on climate change issues. Biden will also be keeping our military in Afghanistan for a longer period, refusing to end a war that has lasted twenty years.

In addition, President Biden is changing the military by welcoming transgender service members once again, reversing the policy of the last administration. His Defense Secretary is purging "extremists" from the ranks of the military, but many Republicans suspect it is strictly an effort to target and remove Trump supporters and conservatives.

As a "woke" President, Biden is focusing on racial issues. His CDC Director, Rochelle Walensky, announced that her agency will "further investigate the impact of racism on health and efforts to achieve health equity for all."

This follows the President's criticism of the new Georgia election law as "Jim Crow in the 21st Century." Never mind that election hours were expanded, and that Georgia will offer 17 days of early voting, a longer period than many other states provide. Biden offered support for Major League Baseball moving the All-Star game from Atlanta and other businesses condemning the law and even boycotting the state of Georgia.

Of course, while Biden supports a boycott of Georgia, he refuses to advocate a boycott of the upcoming Olympic Games in China, a country that offers no free elections or voting and engages in actual genocide.

The President is pursuing these initiatives while claiming mask wearing is "patriotic" and virtue signaling by adorning two of his own. As Biden goes "woke," Americans must realize this is no joke, but the greatest attempt to expand government and limit freedom in our country's history.

Biden's "woke" agenda is dangerous and destructive and must be opposed for the actual survival of our country is at stake.

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•RICHARD

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said plans are in the works for an escort from the Texas State Police and a reception when Richard and the tour group arrive at the museum on April 30.

Also along for the trip will be Ted Stout, of Sunset, who organized the excursion. Stout is also a member of American Legion Post 225 and VFW Post 9903.

"We were talking one day — I've been to the Nimitz Museum a couple of times — and Mr. Joe here served under Admiral (Chester) Nimitz in the Pacific. I was telling him about the museum I went to, and that's when he had the desire to go to the Nimitz Museum. We've been talking about it (going to the museum) for a couple of years."

Stout will be part of the caravan's motorcycle escort.

"We've got four motorcycles and three vehicles, about 12 people so far," Stout said. "We have motorcycle groups of combat veterans from different organizations that are supposed to join and drop out along the route."

Those interested in being part of the motorcycle or vehicle escort can contact Ted Stout at (337) 662-5529, Lee Daigle at (318) 453-4121 or Dennis Hart at (337) 326-1945.

Richard was a shipfitter first class, serving as a ship tender on the USS Rigel, based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He had only been stationed there for a handful of months before the Dec. 7, 1941, attack would become a memory he would never forget.

"We were at the old coal docks, that's where the ships were," Richard recalled. "We had no power, nothing — the ship was there for repairs. In November, the tugboat brought us in to Pier 13. That's where we were at when the bombing started. Where we were at, the planes had to fly over us to get to where they were going (to bomb). The pilots were flying so low, they would wave at me, and I could see their eyes."

Immediately following the attack, Richard helped rescue comrades from the USS Arizona, and he would still be rescuing people a few days later.

"Three days later, we happened to pass by the USS Oklahoma, which was also damaged in the bombing, and I thought I heard some knocking," Richard said. "I made the boatswain cut the motor off, and we paddled around and we knocked.

"We went back and got our gear and cut out three of them (survivors) that had been in there for three days. They had just their heads sticking out of the water."

That was the last he saw of the three men he helped rescue that day, but that would change almost six decades later.

"They went to the sick bay, and we went on our way," Richard said. "Fifty-seven years later, at a (survivor's) reunion in Las Vegas, we were sitting at a table and a fellow that we cut out said, 'You know, I'd like to meet the ones that cut me out. I'd like to thank them. So my buddy who was sitting there with me told him, 'You want to meet him, well just go on the other side (of the table) — that's one of them.' So he did."

Richard said he and the man kept in touch after the reunion, and Richard said that the man went on to have nine children — all daughters.

"He passed away about two years ago," Richard added.

As Richard continued his service in the U.S. Navy, he was eventually sent to Japan and was in Hiroshima and Nagasaki following the bombings there.

"I went to both places," he said. "There was nothing there for miles."

When his service ended, Richard returned to Louisiana.

"I had a girlfriend who was working for the VA in Baton Rouge," he said. "A company there was looking for someone to work at a culvert plant. She said, 'I've got just the guy.' She called me up, and I went to work that same day. They put me in charge of the whole thing."

Richard said he later opened a service station on Airline Highway until his property was needed to expand the roadway.

"I said, 'Well, I'm going home,'" Richard said. "I built a welding shop, and I stayed in there 54 years."

Richard, who has visited the WW II Museum in New Orleans and was interviewed for one of the displays there, said he looks forward to seeing everything at the National Museum of the Pacific War.

"It'll be something new for me," he said. "They say it's beautiful (the museum), and he (Nimitz) was my big boss, so I'd like to see his museum."

He continued, "He's (Nimitz) the one who won the war in the Pacific. He was sharp."

When asked how he felt about being Louisiana's last living Pearl Harbor survivor, Richard's reply was simple.

"Makes me feel old — old but young." he said, laughing. "I'm 97."

SLCC announces some face-to-face class options for fall 2021 semester

LSN Staff Report

LAFAYETTE — South Louisiana Community College has confirmed that it will offer some face-to-face instruction in the fall, with department heads reserving at least 20 percent of their class offerings for such in-person instruction.

Darcee Bex, interim vice chancellor of academic and student affairs, said summer and fall registration is continuing at SLCC and will continue until the first week of classes.

Priority registration for current students was offered at mid-month, and she said that while many students prefer face-to-face instruction, others have become adept with other ways of accessing courses.

"In the beginning, online and hybrid were traumatic," she said. "In the past year, it has become more comfortable for students and teachers. They've just gotten more comfortable with themselves. They know how to upload assignments and can do more that is required in remote learning."

She said the definition of face-to-face instruction, which was generally accepted as involving students and teachers in the classroom, has broadened for many students to include classes on Webex, in which they can watch their teachers lecturing or lecturing in a classroom.

"That's what they mean by face-to-face."

She said department heads have allocated about 20 percent of their classes for face-to-face instruction. For example, she said if there are 20 sections of a math class, four will be held face to face.

She said while some students favor remote instruction, it's not necessarily because of caution about COVID-19. They can make higher education better suit their needs. For example, if they have children at home, remote instruction can be less burdensome.

"They still have structure, but more options to balance things at home," she said.

Classes in these programs will offer some face-to-face sections this fall: business, criminal justice, general studies, digital media and Louisiana transfer.

These class format definitions have been created for the fall semester. Students should reference these definitions when selecting a class section.

Face-to-Face courses (LEC, LAB, LEC/LAB) — Students come to campus and sit in the room with an instructor and classmates. Students should register for the lecture and lab course type.

Hybrid (HYB or HYD) — Students come to campus on some days, then meet with their instructor the other days on Webex. Students should register for the HYB or HYD course type.

HySync (Has "S" next to the course title) — This option is for students who don't want to come to campus, but would like to meet with their instructor each class period on Webex. Students should register for the HySync course type.

Online (Web) — This option is for students who don't want to come to campus. They want to complete class work online without having to login at a specific class time. Students should register for the online/Web course type.

Bex said faculty members are on board with the offerings. Certain disciplines, she said, lend themselves to different modes of delivery. Fox example, math is more easily taught and learned in person, she suggested, while English and psychology might be better offered remotely.

She said the new ways to offer classes represent a trend, that higher education will probably not go back to simply offering most courses face to face but will continue to offer other options.

She said SLCC will provide additional training for the faculty to offer their courses by a variety of methods.

LDWF announces Louisiana Duck Stamp Contest

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has announced the rules and timeframe for the 2022 Louisiana Waterfowl Conservation Stamp, or Louisiana Duck Stamp, competition. The fulvous whistling duck will be this year's featured species.

"The fulvous whistling duck is one of Louisiana's most unique waterfowl species," said Larry Reynolds, LDWF Waterfowl Program Manager.

With their long legs, necks and standing posture, whistling ducks more resemble geese than ducks. Plumages of male and female fulvous whistling ducks are the same and both sexes incubate eggs and share in the rearing of young.

Adults are a striking orange-brown color on the head, neck and chest, thus the name fulvous, with blue-gray bill and feet, a black-barred back, white stripes on the flank and distinctive white V above the tail.

"Although Louisiana is most often thought of as important wintering habitat for waterfowl in the Mississippi Flyway, we provide breeding habitat for fulvous whistling ducks," Reynolds said. "They arrive from wintering areas in Mexico, or further south, from mid-April through early May, taking up residence primarily in the rice-growing region of southwest Louisiana."

Unlike closely-related black-bellied whistling ducks, which primarily nest in tree cavities and will use wood duck nest boxes, fulvous whistling ducks nest on the ground, preferring rice-field levees or nearby upland fields. Relatively few are taken by Louisiana hunters because they tend to migrate south of the border in late-September through October. Consequently, less is known about the ecology and population status of these intriguing birds than other ducks.

The 2021 contest was restricted to designs featuring mottled ducks. John Nelson Harris' remarkable depiction of a lone bird on a quiet southern wetland added an outstanding contribution to a long tradition of excellent stamp designs. The Louisiana Waterfowl Conservation Stamp bearing that design will go on sale June 1.

The 2022 contest will be restricted to designs with fulvous whistling duck as the focal species. Artists are also reminded of the requirement for associated habitat.

"The primary objective of this program is to provide revenue to create, enhance and maintain habitat for waterfowl and associated wetland wildlife," said Reynolds, "so a habitat component is required in each entry and is one of the five judging criteria."

To enter, an artist must submit an original, unpublished work of art, along with a signed and notarized artist's agreement and a $50 entry fee. Entries should be addressed to:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Attn: Louisiana Waterfowl Conservation Stamp Program

2000 Quail Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Entries will be accepted from Oct. 18-Oct. 26, 2021. The contest will be held at LDWF Headquarters building starting at 10 a.m. on Oct. 27. The public is invited to attend.

Please visit these links to fill out the 2022 Louisiana Waterfowl Conservation Stamp competition artist agreement and see the full list of rules.

https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/assets/Hunting/Waterfowl/Files/2022-duck-stamp-agreement.pdf

https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/assets/Hunting/Waterfowl/Files/2022-duck-stamp-contest-rules.pdf

Please note the guidelines in the rules regarding shipping of paintings implemented in 2020. LDWF wants to minimize risk of damage during shipping of contest entries.

The Louisiana Legislature authorized the Louisiana Waterfowl Conservation Stamp program in 1988. The program was created to generate revenues for conservation and enhancement of waterfowl populations and habitats in Louisiana.

Since 1989, more than $15 million has been generated for wetland conservation with approximately $6 million spent on land acquisition. In addition, revenues have supported wetland development projects on Wildlife Management Areas and the Louisiana Waterfowl Project, a cooperative endeavor between LDWF, Ducks Unlimited, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide habitat for waterfowl and other wetland birds on private lands.

Judging for the art competition will be based on the following criteria:

1. Accuracy of form, size, proportion, color and posture.

2. Level and accuracy of detail in all aspects of the waterfowl.

3. Appropriateness, accuracy and detail in depiction of the habitat.

4. Attractiveness and creativity in composition, subject, background and lighting.

5. Suitability for reproduction as stamps and prints.

A panel of judges with experience in waterfowl biology and/or artistic method will select the winning design. The competition is open to all artists 18 years of age and older. Employees of LDWF and members of their immediate families are ineligible.

For more information, go to https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/louisiana-duck-stamp or contact Larry Reynolds at 225-765-0456 or lreynolds@wlf.la.gov.

Registration is open for Aquatic Volunteer Instructor Workshops

This May, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is hosting free* Aquatic Volunteer Instructor workshops in Baton Rouge. Workshops will be led by LDWF biologists and attendees will have the opportunity to learn about fishing activities and other fishery-related topics. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

Through LDWF's Aquatic Volunteer Instructor Program (Aquatic VIP), volunteers will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to teach today's youth about fishing and fisheries management subjects. The workshop offered through this program is perfect for teachers, Scout leaders, homeschoolers, and anyone who enjoys fishing and the outdoors!

The workshop is open to all and attendees will receive the training necessary to become a volunteer instructor, a vital ally in LDWF's efforts to increase fishing participation and wise utilization of Louisiana's natural resources. Topics and activities include knot tying, casting skills, fish identification, fisheries management and more. All attendees will be provided with lesson plans and activity guides for grades K-12, as well as additional educational materials.

After completing the workshop and passing a background check, volunteers can borrow equipment to help teach these topics to others. For example, if you've always wanted to host your own fishing clinic for youth, but didn't have the materials and resources to run one, then this is your solution! We can provide fishing rods with basic tackle, a knot tying kit, arts and crafts activities and more.

Aquatic VIP 2021 Workshops:

When:

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Additional dates and locations to be determined.

A volunteer instructor sharing information with families about sharks and other fish species at an outdoor event.

To find out more information and to sign up, please visit: lwff.galaxydigital.com/ or www.wlf.louisiana.gov/ldwf-volunteer-programs. For any questions about the Aquatic Volunteer Instructor Program, contact Heather David at (225) 763-5415 or at hdavid@wlf.la.gov.

If you cannot make this particular workshop but have a group of people interested in taking this training workshop together, please contact Heather David at hdavid@wlf.la.gov. We can come to your area and set up a private workshop for you and your group!

LDWF's Aquatic Volunteer Instructor Program is hosted in conjunction with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation (LWFF).? The LWFF was formed to provide a means for individuals and corporations to become partners with the Department and Commission in the responsibility of conserving Louisiana's wildlife and fisheries resources.

The Fisheries Extension Outreach Program fosters responsible, licensed anglers by organizing community fishing events and developing opportunities for anglers to participate in the conservation of Louisiana's aquatic resources. The program promotes awareness of the Sport Fish Restoration Program, which utilizes angler support to help ensure the future of recreational fishing in Louisiana for generations to come.

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American Legion Post 225 presents awards



Church Point Volunteer Fireman Errol "Slu" Comeaux, left, is presented with the 2019 American Legion Post 225 Fireman of the Year Award by Post 225 Commander Dennis Hart, center, and CPVFD Public Information Officer Berl Adams, right. (All photos by Claudette Olivier/Church Point News)



Tammy David-Watt with the CPVFD, left, is presented with the 2019 American Legion Post 225 First Responder of the Year Award by Post 225 Commander Dennis Hart, center, and CPVFD Public Information Officer Berl Adams, right.



American Legion District 7 Commander and Post 225 member Frank Richard, left, Post 225 Commander Dennis Hart, second from right, and Church Point Police Department Sgt. Terrance Garrick, far right, present CPPD Officer Crystal Hazel, second from left, with the 2019 American Legion Post 225 Police Officer of the Year Award.



Acadia Parish Sheriff K.P. Gibson, left, and Post 225 Commander Dennis Hart, right, present the 2019 American Legion Post 225 Deputy of the Year Award to Sgt. Seth Cormier, center.



American Legion Post 225 Education Committee Head Nolan Monroe, left, and American Legion District 7 Commander and Post 225 member Frank Richard, second from right, and Church Point Elementary School Principal Christy Higginbotham, right, present CPE's virtual teacher Krisinda Broussard, second from left, with the 2019 American Legion Post 225 Educator of the Year Award.



Post 225 Commander Dennis Hart, right, presents Le Vieux Presbytère Curator Harold Fonte, left, with the 2019 American Legion Post 225 Citizen of the Year Award.

•BAIT

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"It took us two years to determine what we were going to use in our matrix," Gentry said. "We landed on dehydrated fish. But that's not before we went through things such as maple syrup or marshmallows."

The researchers knew that sodium nitrite, a common food additive in products such as bacon is lethal to pigs at fairly low levels. The problem with sodium nitrite is it breaks down when it comes into contact with moisture, giving off a chlorine-like odor that pigs find unappealing.

At first, encapsulating the sodium nitrite, similar to a gel cap, was looked at. But Pojman and his doctoral students came up with a simpler solution.

"All we had to do was raise the pH," Pojman said. "Using some basic general chemistry and putting some additives to keep the pH high enough, we can make it so it is stable."

Pojman's doctoral students, Anthony Mai and Anowar Khan, helped develop the bait, which is round and a soft texture. When dropped from a height of approximately 4 feet, it will bounce nearly a foot. Because it is soft, the pigs can swallow it whole, leaving no crumbs for any scavengers that might come along.

Because of the unique metabolism of feral hogs, the sodium nitrite is more effective on the hogs and poses a low risk to humans.

"If the hogs eat a sublethal dose, and a hunter were to kill it and eat it," Pojman said, "there's no danger to them. And also, if a hog does die somewhere and predators or scavengers find it, they would not be contaminated with it."

Even with these measures, Gentry doesn't expect feral pigs to disappear from the landscape.

"People are concerned when some kind of new control method that's going to come on, the pigs are going to disappear," Gentry said. "We've been poisoning rats for 50 to 60 years. We still have rats."

Another part of the solution involves delivering the baits when hogs are actively feeding. Gentry has a prototype that can deliver up to 20 baits when it is activated.

The system has a live feed camera installed, and a person can monitor from their home or their phone. If the camera sends an alert and shows pigs are present and feeding, baits can be released remotely. This feature would also help eliminate other species from being fed the baits.

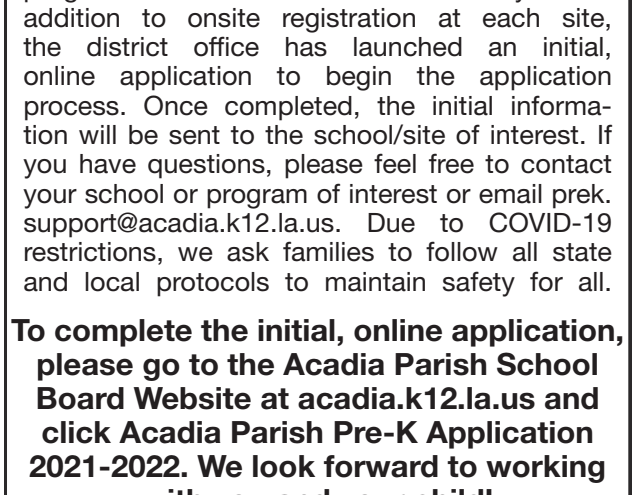
Gentry said that the Bob R. Jones-Idlewild Research Station does have three different types of traps available to be rented by the general public for traditional trapping methods.

The traps are the Yeager Pro Trap, the Boar Buster and a wireless trapping system. The availability and reliability of cellular service will determine what trapping system will be the best fit.

The traps rent for $150 a month and come with all the necessary components, including the batteries needed to operate them.

To transport the traps, a 16-foot trailer is recommended. It takes two people approximately one hour to assemble the traps.

To rent the traps, contact Ariel Bourgoyne at abourgoyne@agcenter.lsu.edu or 225-683-5848.



Feral pig baits have been developed by the LSU AgCenter and the LSU Department of Chemistry. The baits are soft and can be swallowed whole by the pigs, which reduces the chances of crumbs being consumed by other animals. (Photo courtesy of Glen Gentry)

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on the right path to have a commission set up. That would make Louisiana businesses more competitive with out-of-state businesses."

Abraham pointed out that it will take a two-thirds vote of congress to pass a proposal and send it to a vote. "But if you don't have the sheriffs and the parishes behind you, it's dead," he said.

Stefanski agreed. "Change is extremely difficult in Louisiana."

Each of the lawmakers spoke about his personal goals for the upcoming Legislative Session.

Stefanski, a Crowley Republican, was recently moved from the House Ways and Means Committee to the chairmanship of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee.

"Since then I've spent about 75 percent of my time in Baton Rouge," he said. "I've met with 96 of the 104 members of the House to start the redistricting process."

He said that process "will probably dominate my time for the next year or so."

But he promised he would continue to work for Crowley and Acadia Parish.

"I'm passionate about capital outlay," he said. "I believe that if we don't fight to make sure we get our dollars back here we won't get any. That's my No. 1 or No. 2 priority ... to get our fair share for Acadia Parish and Crowley."

He said he and DeVillier are currently working on securing funding for rehabilitation of Louisiana Highway 35 from Rayne to Branch and for Louisiana Highway 13 from Crowley to Vermilion Parish.

"I'm optimistic about these project with the federal (stimulus) money coming in," he added.

Abraham spoke extensively about Louisiana's $5 billion share of the $1.9 trillion federal COVID relief package.

The Lake Charles Republican said the funding will go a long way toward balancing this year's state budget. "But we have to be very careful not to use any of that money on recurring expenses," he added.

Abraham said he would like to see the money used to replenish the state's unemployment trust fund and pay back some of the federal money used for coastal infrastructure.

"After that, it's a free-for-all for anything else," he said.

DeVillier who has been touring the state meeting with other legislators, said he is "going to be focused on business and trying to do good tax reform policy that takes Louisiana in a different direction.

"That's nothing new for the legislature. We talk about it all the time but it never happens."

The Eunice Republican pointed out that, while the state will be "flush with money" this year, the 2025 roll-off of the 0.45 percent sales tax is going cost the state about $450 million.

He added that he expects the federal income tax cut implemented during the Trump administration will likely be reversed and, since federal income tax is tied directly to state income tax in Louisiana, that will cost the state between $500 million and $600 million.

DeVillier also has a plan focusing on personal income tax. He is looking at a 4 percent flat tax instead of the three brackets of 2 percent, 4 percent and 6 percent.

The path to do that, he said, is to remove the federal income tax credit, excess itemized deductions and increase the standard deduction, he stated in an email.

DeVillier said he also has a bill to create a 5 percent corporate income tax rate instead of the system now with five rates topping out at 8 percent.

Eliminating the franchise tax, then cutting corporate credits and exemptions by 50 percent would help create the 5 percent flat rate, he stated.

Each of the legislators urged those present to "stay in touch" during the upcoming session.



State Rep. Phillip DeVillier, R-Eunice, speaks during the April 9 Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Acadia Parish Farm Bureau. Looking on are Sen. Mark Abraham, R-Lake Charles, center, and Rep. John Stefanski, R-Crowley. (Photo by Steve Bandy/Crowley Post-Signal)

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set."

Charles Benoit, owner of the Iota mobile home park at the center of the debate, acknowledged that this was not the first time he had torn down an abandoned or blighted trailer and had the parish pick it up.

"Trucks have been coming in (to the park) for about 11 years, no problem," he said, adding that the roads inside the park are wide enough to accommodate the trucks and "there's no danger of them hitting anything."

"We are trying to get rid of blighted property," said Credeur. "I move we pick it up."

The motion passed.

Credeur went on to explain that the size and weight limits included in the parish ordinance are outdated.

"This ordinance was written before we had the mechanical pick-up," he said. "When this ordinance was written, we had two guys riding on the back of a truck. They had to manually pick up the debris."

Credeur contended that, since waste pick-up is funded by a parish-wide tax, "any waste not generated by a contractor" should be picked up by the parish.

District 8 Juror Steve Comeaux, who's company generates tons of waste that is regularly transported by the company to the landfill, warned, "Be careful what you ask for."

Ultimately, jurors voted to authorize Howie and Secretary-Treasurer Bryan Borill to "clean up" the parish ordinance and present it to the full jury next month.

A public hearing is necessary before the ordinance can be formally amended.



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