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VOL. 118 NO. 44 - 38 PAGES IN 3 SECTIONS JENA (LaSALLE PARISH), LOUISIANA WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022



The Jena Band of Choctaw Chief Cheryl Smith signed the Warranty Deeds during her retirement celebration on October 20 at the tribal center in Trout. The deed transfers ownership of four parcels of land in the parishes of LaSalle and Grant from the Tribe to the United States to be held in trust for the Tribe and to become part of the Tribe's Reservation. Those surrounding Smith as she signed were (left to right) Tribal Council Member Lacy McGuffee; Attorney Don Wilson who worked with the Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on the required title work; Kimberly Bouchard, the Director of BIA's Eastern Region Office based in Nashville and Tribal Attorney Julie Wilkerson.

Homecoming at LHS Friday

Kara Masling, Principal of LaSalle High School, has announced that LHS Homecoming 2022 will take place at LaSalle this Friday, November 4, 2022.



The 2022 Queen and her court will be presented during the morning program, which will be held in the LaSalle High School football stadium at 10 a.m. The Alumni of LaSalle High School classes of 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002, 2012 and 2022 will be honored.

The LaSalle Tigers will host Beekman Charter in the homecoming football game at 7 p.m. in Fighting Tiger Stadium. The Queen and her court will be presented during the halftime show.

The 2022 LHS Homecoming Court includes Queen Belle Guin. Belle is the daughter of Tim and Mia Poole of Olla. Belle will be attended by Emberlyn Hudnall, the daughter of Hailee and Corbin Baum and Austin and Maddie Hudnall, and Jak Hayes, the son of Dakota and Sierra Roark.

The court consists of eight young ladies honored by the 2022-2023 senior football players as

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Tribe adds land to reservation

The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians have granted ownership of four more parcels of land in the parishes of LaSalle and Grant to the United States to be held in trust for the Tribe and to become part of the Tribe's Reservation.

In 2003, the Tribe granted over 60 acres of land to the United States to be held in trust. The new parcels of land to be added to the trust encompass nearly 300 acres. Therefore, the Tribe will now have over 350 acres of land in trust including the tribal cen-

ter, neighboring buildings and surrounding land in Trout, Choctaw Village where Miko's Steak and Spirits and Twisted Feather are located, the Choctaw Cemetery in Trout and the Choctaw Pines Casino and surrounding area in Grant Parish.

"Having land in trust enables you to do things you couldn't do for an Indian Tribe," Chief Smith said at her retirement celebration where she signed the Warranty Deeds. "This is very, very important and I am so thankful this is being done. It's been a long time

coming and a lot of hurdles to get this accomplished."

Kimberly Bouchard, the Director of the Eastern Region Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs based in Nashville, was in attendance at Chief Smith's retirement celebration on October 20 at the tribal center in Trout to support Chief Smith's legacy in Indian Country and to witness the signing of the Warranty Deeds.

Smith explained at her retirement celebration that earlier this year at a meeting, she

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The Mike McKenzie Band

Olla Downtown Homecoming '22

Olla's Downtown 2022 Homecoming is to be held this Saturday, November 5, and an outstanding lineup of entertainment is planned for the day ending with The Mike McKenzie Band of Monroe, according to Olla Mayor Rhonda El-

liott.

"We are excited to finally be able to hold our downtown homecoming event again after not having it for several years," Mayor Elliott said. "It's going to be a great day in downtown Olla with

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Election Tuesday

LaSalle Parish voters will make their way to their polling places this coming Tuesday, November 8th, to decide several offices and tax issues, according to Clerk of Court Steve Andrews, chief election officer for the parish.

Andrews notes that polling places will open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. due to being a federal election.

Early voting for the November 8 election was held for a week, from October 25 through yesterday, November 1. According to Registrar of Voters Angie Sandifer, a total of 809 people voted in person during early voting

Sample Ballots on Page 4C

and as of press time on Monday, a total of 179 absentee ballots have been returned to the Registrar's office, with another 201 ballots still out. If they are received by election day, they will be counted.

In addition to the thirteen offices and/or items that voters face parish wide, there are three different School Board seats, as well as municipal offices in three of the four parish towns to be filled.

Parish wide

Every voter in the parish will decide on

the following next Tuesday:

U.S. Senator: Beryl Billiot, Gary Chambers Jr., Devin Graham, Xan John, John Kennedy, W. Thomas Olson, Bradley McMorris, MV Vinny Mendoza, Luke Mixon, Salvador Rodriguez, Aaron Sigler, Syrita Steib and Thomas Wenn.

U.S. Representative, Fifth Congressional District: Oscar "Omar" Dantzer, Allen Guillory, Walter Huff, Julia Letlow, and Hunter Pullen.

Public Service Commissioner, District 4: Keith Bodin, Mike Francis and Shalon Latour.

Proposed constitutional amendments:

- No. 1 - Do you support an amendment to increase to 65% the cap on the amount of monies in certain state funds that may be invested in stocks?
- No. 2 - Do you support an amendment to expand certain

property tax exemptions for property on which the homestead exemption is claimed for certain veterans with disabilities?

- No. 3 - Do you support an amend-

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Guardian Hospice Care offered a Golden Throne game to the attendees of their booth on Friday during the Annual Hardtner Health Fair in the Hardtner Medical Center's front parking lot. Hundreds were in attendance at the event, which featured a large variety of health information booths as well as music, games and door prizes. Visitors enjoyed hot dogs, popcorn, food trucks and more. (See more photos inside this edition.)

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Candidates On Tuesday's Ballot

When voters go to the polls on Tuesday, they will decide which of the following they want to serve for the next term.

U.S. SENATOR

- Beryl A. Billiot
- Gary Chambers, Jr.
- Devin Lance Graham
- Xan John
- John Kennedy (i)
- W. Thomas La Fontaine Olson
- Bradley McMorris
- MV "Vinny" Mendoza
- Luke Mixon
- Salvador P. Rodriguez
- Aaron C. Sigler
- Syrita Steib
- Thomas Wren

TOWN OF JENA

- Council Member(s)**
- Wayne Chapman (i)
- Lester Francis (i)
- David P. Jones, Jr. (i)
- Buckie Overstreet
- Joe Phillips
- Donny Richardson (i)
- Tommy Sandifer (i)

TOWN OF OLLA

- Chief of Police**
- Jody O'Bier II (i)
- John Stott

Council Member(s)

- Madge Jones Bailey (i)
- Michael Lynn Duke (i)
- Jessica Dunn
- Lena Thornton Henry
- Stephanie McGuffee
- Keith Reichardt
- Joel Sims (i)

TOWN OF TULLOS

- Mayor**
- Karla Cockerham (i)
- Jim Oliveaux

Chief of Police

- Scott Cockerham (i)
- Gary McDaniel

Council Member(s)

- Heather N. Berryman (i)
- Charlie Brown
- Carmon Cook
- Mary Catherine Lasiter (i)
- Shelby Loe
- Marli Harris Oehler
- Sonya Oliveaux (i)
- Floyd Temple Jr.
- Tina Murphrey Tullos (i)
- Amanda Welch

(i) Incumbent

Also... **EIGHT AMENDMENTS**
TWO PARISHWIDE PROPOSALS

CONGRESS

5th DISTRICT

- Oscar "Omar" Dantzier
- Allen Guillory
- Walter Earl Huff
- Julia Letlow (i)
- Hunter Pullen

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER

DISTRICT 4

- Keith C. Bodin
- Mike Francis (i)
- Shalon Latour

SCHOOL BOARD

District 3

- Fred Book (i)
- Beau Cook

District 7

- Josh Corley
- Deborah Mayo

District 10

- Deon Jones
- Melvin Worthington (i)



Our take on amendments

Voters in LaSalle Parish along with voters statewide will be deciding the fate of eight proposed constitutional amendments at the Nov. 8th election.

We have already been asked about our recommendations on the proposed amendments and as always, we have studied each amendment and are making our recommendation on each for those who have requested it.

We certainly recommend each voter to study each of the eight amendments and make their choices. But here is how we will be voting:

No. 1 - "Do you support an amendment to increase to 65% the cap on the amount of monies in certain state funds that may be invested in stocks?"

A vote for would let the state increase to 65% the maximum amount of money in seven different trust funds that can be invested in equities on the stock market.

A vote against would keep tighter limits in place on the percentage of the trust funds' money that can be invested in the stock market, with some unable to be invested in equities at all.

We will vote NO on this one.

No. 2 - "Do you support an amendment to expand certain property tax exemptions for property on which the homestead exemption is claimed for certain veterans with disabilities?"

A vote for would increase the property tax exemption available to veterans with service-related disabilities and to their surviving spouses after the veteran's death.

A vote against would maintain the current level of property tax exemption available to veterans with service-related disabilities and to their surviving spouses.

We feel this is a good law and a way to support our veterans, so we will vote YES.

No. 3 - "Do you support an amendment to allow classified civil service employees to support the election to public office of members of their own families?"

A vote for would allow most of Louisiana's civil service employees to support certain campaign activities of a candidate for public office when that candidate is an immediate family member.

A vote against would continue the current prohibition on Louisiana's civil service employees participating in campaign activities or supporting candidates for public office.

We think a person should be able to support their family in this way and will vote YES.

No. 4 - "Do you support an amendment to allow local governments to waive water charges that are the result of damage to the water system not caused by the customer?"

A vote for would let local water districts, municipalities or other political subdivisions reduce customer bills for water use if the charges stem from water lost due to damage outside a customer's control.

A vote against would keep local water districts, municipalities and other political subdivisions from lowering bills or waiving customer charges for water use in almost all circumstances.

We will vote YES.

No. 5 - "Do you support an amendment to allow the levying of a lower millage rate by a local taxing authority while maintaining the authority's ability to adjust to the current authorized millage rate?"

A vote for would give local taxing bodies more time to decide if they want to "roll forward" millages that increase property taxes paid by businesses and homeowners.

A vote against would keep the rules governing millage "roll forwards" the same, giving local taxing bodies until the next property reappraisals to make the decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON AMENDMENTS

after studying each of the eight proposed constitutional amendments, we are making the following recommendations:

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amendment #1 State Funds invested
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment #2 Property Tax Treatment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment #3 Civil Service Political Support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment #4 Water System Damage Fees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment #5 Levying millage rates
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amendment #6 Provisions on Assessed Value
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amendment #7 Prohibit involuntary servitude
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment #8 Recertify Income Requirement

We will vote YES on this amendment.

No. 6 - "Do you support an amendment to limit the amount of an increase in the assessed value of residential property subject to the homestead exemption in Orleans Parish following reappraisal at ten percent of the property's assessed value in the previous year?"

A vote for would limit increases in the property tax liability of homes subject to homestead exemption in Orleans Parish, capping the re-assessment increase to 10% of the residential property's assessed value in the previous year.

A vote against would continue the current system, which requires a four-year phase-in of tax liability for homes subject to the homestead exemption when a reappraisal increases assessments by more than 50%.

We strongly oppose this amendment and will vote NO.

No. 7 - "Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of involuntary servitude except as it applies to the otherwise lawful administration of criminal justice?"

A vote for would rework the state constitutional ban on slavery and involuntary servitude, allowing their use only for the "lawful administration of criminal justice."

A vote against would keep the state's current constitutional language banning slavery and involuntary servitude, but allowing involuntary servitude as a "punishment for crime."

We will vote NO, as the present law seems almost identical.

No. 8 - "Do you support an amendment to remove the requirement that homeowners who are permanently totally disabled must annually re-certify their income to keep their special assessment level on their residences for property tax purposes?"

A vote for would remove the requirement that certain property owners with disabilities annually certify their income to receive a property tax rate freeze.

A vote against would continue the annual income certification required for certain property owners with disabilities to receive a property tax rate freeze.

We will vote YES.
(Summaries derived from the PAR Louisiana website and more information about each amendment can be found there by going to <https://parlouisiana.org/publications-by-date/guide-to-the-constitutional-amendments/>)

Election...

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Parish wide Propositions

Parish wide Proposition No. 1 of 2 - Renewal of a 5.10 mills tax for construction, improvements to existing schools, including additions, major repairs and renovations, or other capital improvements of the LaSalle Parish School

Board

Parish wide Proposition No. 2 of 2 - Renewal of a 5.10 mills tax for operation, maintenance, and improvements to the public schools of the LaSalle Parish School Board

Local Races

Local races to be decided in November include:

School Board

District 3, candidates are Fred Book and Beau Cook.
District 7, candidates are Josh Corley and Deborah Mayo.
District 10, candidates are Melvin Worthington and Deon Jones.

Voters in three towns in the parish will decide on the following municipal officials:

In Jena, voters will be voting for members of the Jena Town Council. Candidates for the five seats on the council include:

Wayne Chapman, Lester Francis, David Paul Jones, Jr., Buckie Overstreet, Joe Phillips, Donny Richardson and Tommy D. Sandifer.

In Olla, voters will cast ballots for:

Chief of Police - candidates are Jody O'Bier II and John Stott.

Town Council - candidates are Madge Jones Bailey, Michael Duke, Jessica Dunn, Lena Thornton Henry, Stephanie McGuffee, Keith Reichardt and Joel Sims.

In Tullos, voters will cast ballots for:

Mayor - candidates are Karla Cockerham and Jim Oliveaux.

Chief of Police - candidates are Scott Cockerham and Gary McDaniel.

Town Council - candidates are Heather Berryman, Charlie Brown, Carmon Cook, Mary Catherine Las-

iter, Shelby Loe, Marli Harris Oehler, Sonya Tullos and Amanda Oliveaux, Floyd Temple Jr., Tina Murphrey and Amanda Welch.

School out on Tuesday

There will be no classes for the LaSalle Parish public school students on next Tuesday, November 8, which is Election Day. Two schools in the parish are used as voting precincts.

Students will attend classes the remainder of next week and the following week before being dismissed at 11:30 a.m. that Friday, Nov. 18 and the following week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Veterans Day events planned

Several events have been planned to honor veterans of LaSalle Parish in recognition of Veterans Day, which will be Friday, November 11, 2022.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5002 of Jena will host the annual parade and Veterans Day program in Jena.

The parade will line up behind the LaSalle Parish Courthouse and depart promptly at 10 a.m., making its way through downtown Jena, and ending up at the Jena Town Park.

Entries for the parade are welcome, and a float will be provided for veterans. Floats, antique cars, etc. will be welcome in the parade, and all entries should be at the Courthouse by 9:45 a.m. to line up.

At 11 a.m., the annual Veterans Day program will get underway from the amphitheater in the town park. Johnny Joubert, who served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the 1086th Transportation Company out of Jena as an E5 Sargent, will be the guest speaker. He is a native of Jena, a Jena High School

graduate, and now resides in Baton Rouge, where he owns the Joubert Law Firm. Veteran Ralph McCrory will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

The annual Veterans Day luncheon usually held at the Dixie Center in downtown Olla has been canceled again this year because construction work at the center makes it unavailable for use at this time.

Olla Mayor Rhonda Elliott said it was unfortunate that the event had to be canceled this year, but "we appreciate our veterans and hopefully we'll be able to resume the luncheon next year."

A quilt of valor will be presented to an area veteran at 2 p.m. on Veterans Day at the Centennial Cultural Center in Olla during a brief ceremony. Recipient of the quilt will be Urania resident Thomas Alvin Spence, who retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving over 23 years.

A brief program will include the quilt presentation and recognition of the honored veteran

as well as a speech from Eagle Scout Nathan Lincecum of Georgetown along with songs, readings and more. Refreshments will be served.

The annual Veterans Day breakfast held at the Rec Center in Urania in years past has been canceled again this year due to extenuating circumstances, said Urania Acting Mayor Pat McDougald.

He said he, the mayor and Council regret not being able to hold the annual breakfast since they all greatly appreciate the town's veterans, but that each Urania veteran will be furnished a free meal voucher to show appreciation for their service.

In the town of Tullos, town officials have provided each veteran with a flag or gift certificate in the past, and plan to give each veteran a gift certificate again this year.

Mayor Karla Cockerham said, "town officials and citizens appreciate the service our veterans have provided to protect our freedoms and we always want to show that appreciation."

LaSalle arrests

The following were booked into the LaSalle Parish Jail in Jena during the past week.

Christy Simmons, 46, of Jena was arrested October 24 by sheriff officers and charged with contempt of court (3 counts) and possession of CDS I.

Calvin Thomas, Jr., 37, of Jena was arrested October 24 by sheriff officers and charged with obstruction of justice, manufacture/distribution of CDS II, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, DUS, and improper lighting.

Leslie Aycock, 30, of Jena, was arrested October 24 by sheriff officers and charged with obstruction of justice, manufacture/distribution of CDS II, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

James Baum, 50, of Tullos, was arrested October 25 by Tullos police and charged with contempt of court.

Douglas K. Norris, 53, of Jena was arrested October 25 by sheriff officers and charged with contempt of court.

Tribe...

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approached Director Bouchard about the trust.

"I said (to Director Bouchard) you know what would be awesome and make my retirement is if we could get our lands put into trust before then," Smith said. "And she has done it! I want to thank her, the DIA and her whole team. A lot of people worked on this. And of course here we had Don and Julie and everyone working on this."

Regarding the Warranty Deeds, Tribal Attorney Julie Wilkerson and Attorney Don Wilson worked with the Tribe and the BIA on the required title work

that is part of the fee to trust process along with local officials LaSalle Parish Assessor Tom Kendrick and Sheriff Scott Franklin.

Chief Smith was elected the JBOC's first woman chief in 1998 and served in that capacity until 2002 and was re-elected in 2010. She served on the Tribal Council from 1975 to 1998 and 2004 to 2010. Prior to her election as chief, she worked for nearly 20 years for the Tribe to become federally recognized in 1995. Overall, she worked for the Tribe for over 40 years. She and her husband of 42 years, Rusty Smith, reside in Trout and have five children and 14 grandchildren.



A VOICE FOR SURVIVORS
By Clare Wilson
Victim Advocate
LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office

2022 Regular Legislative Session Domestic Violence-Related Bills (Continued) Effective August 1, 2022

HB 585 (ACT 484)

Freeman: Provides that the sheriff of each parish shall report on an annual basis to the LA Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice provides for the transfer or storage of transferred firearms. Reports shall be submitted regardless of whether the sheriff is able to complete a firearm transfer. The commission shall create and distribute a standardized form for reporting purposes and shall not contain any identifying information of the person who possesses the firearm. The commission shall provide a single point of contact or web portal to which each sheriff shall submit.



SB 66 (ACT 75) Connick: The prior law provides penalties for violation of protective orders depending upon recidivist status, whether the offender battered the victim and whether the offender committed a crime against the victim. It further provides that a violation of a protective order is a crime of violence if it involves a battery or any act of violence against the protected person. The new law retains the prior law and provides enhanced penalties when the offender goes to the residence or household, school, or place of employment of the protected person while in possession of a firearm.

SB 255 (ACT 416) Barrow: The new law retains the existing law that provides that all court costs and fees incurred in maintain or defending any proceeding concerning domestic abuse assistance in juvenile, family and civil courts are to be paid by the perpetrator of the domestic violence, including all costs to medical and psychological care of the abused adult or children necessitated by the violence. The prior law provided that if the court determines that a peti-

tion in a domestic abuse case was frivolous, the court may order the non-prevailing party to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney fees of the other party. ACT 416 retains the prior law and provides that failure to appear at a hearing on the petition for a protective order shall not on its own constitute grounds for assessing court costs and fees against the petitioner.

HB 260 (HB 453) Magee: Provides definitions for "federal firearms licensee", "firearm", and "firearm hold agreement". No person shall have a cause of action against a federal firearms licensee operating lawfully in this state for any act or omission arising from or subsequent to a firearm hold agreement, including the return of any firearms to the individual firearm owner by the licensee, and resulting in personal injury or death of any natural person. This law provides that immunity from civil liability provided shall NOT apply to any action arising from a firearm hold agreement if such action was the result of otherwise unlawful conduct on the part of the licensee and shall not apply to firearm transfers pursuant to the Domestic Violence Prevention Firearm Transfer.

HB 648 (ACT 487) Hilferty: Provides for the Crime Victims Reparations Act. This new law adds costs of relocation for claimants who must relocate as a result of a crime as a pecuniary loss for personal injury, adds costs of relocation due to the death of the victim as a pecuniary loss as a consequence of death. This new law provides for the amount of reparation awards, emergency awards and for the reimbursement of healthcare providers for forensic medical exams.

HB 313 (ACT 207) Pressly: The existing law requires that a victim must report a crime within seventy-two hours of its occurrence. The new law provides that a victim has rights and is eligible for victim services regardless of when the victim reports to law enforcement and removes the requirement that the victim be registered with the clerk of court. Other provisions repeal prior laws that may be accessed on the legislative website.

The full texts of these ACTS by be found at www.legis.state.la.us.




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The Country Editor

By Sammy J. Franklin

We should take the time to vote

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following Country Editor article appeared in the October 9, 2019 issue of this newspaper by the late Publisher/Editor Sammy J. Franklin.)

Since I have been old enough to cast my ballot, back then it was 21, I have missed very few elections where 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.

Saturday is Election Day in Louisiana and LaSalle Parish, with voters having a lot of important decisions to make on who they want to serve them for the next four years. Races on the ballot range from governor and all statewide officers, to legislative races, sheriff, police jury races in nine wards, and four constitutional amendments.

The ballot is long and voters should go to the polling booth prepared. In this issue (on the front page) voters will find a listing of everything that will be on Saturday's ballot. Also elsewhere in this issue, voters can also find sample ballots as they will appear on the voting machine.

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 on 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

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Vote for your children's future; it's patriotic

Rob Okun:

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves. The only way they could do this is by not voting. — Franklin D. Roosevelt

Since midterm elections rarely have the pizzazz of a presidential contest, a lot of eligible citizens don't bother to vote in them. To a growing number of those citizens who do vote, failing to cast a ballot this year would be comparable to crewmembers of the Titanic abandoning their posts as the ship approached the iceberg. I'm not being hyperbolic.

Choose your own definition: we're in a crisis, we're at an in-

flexion point, the shift has hit the fan. However you characterize this moment in the United States of Disruption, people across the political spectrum agree: staying on the sidelines this election is a cop out.

For the Children

To a growing number of citizens, it's hard to fathom that anyone would feel apathetic about voting this fall. If you're thinking about sitting out, take a minute to consider the world your children and grandchildren will inherit. If you don't want to vote for yourself, then vote for them.

In the US—like in so many other countries on every continent—the natural environ-

ment is being battered by one catastrophe after another: from unprecedented wildfires to super hurricanes. Our interconnectedness among the family of nations means that these emergencies—as well as the floods in Pakistan, the blistering heat waves from India to Europe, and the droughts from Africa to China and, of course, the war in Ukraine—are impacting life from the gas pump to the grocery store. Will connecting these dots—as well as the others that reveal the fragile state of democracy—contribute to more citizens voting? I hope so.

There's a growing movement of people who believe that

not voting should be against the law. Think that's farfetched? Consider Australia. It's compulsory for every eligible Australian to vote in all elections and referendums. That's a worthy model for Congress to look into adopting down the road. Right now though, whether by mail, early, or on the day of, vote.

Compared to most high-income countries, turnout in the US is below average, the Council of Foreign Relations reported in August. In the 2020 national elections, for example, just 62 percent voted. Contrast that with high-turnout countries, including Belgium, Sweden, and the Netherlands, at 75 percent or higher.

In 2020 only 70 percent of eligible voters were registered, the Census Bureau reported. Since in many states citizens can still register, reach out now to those you know among the apathetic 30 percent.

It's Patriotic

If voting to ensure that future generations have a livable planet to inhabit isn't reason enough, how about voting as a patriotic act? Despite the term being variously interpreted by different constituencies, perhaps we can all agree on one core

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Crime is on the ballot on November 8th

By Rick Manning

Murders are up 50 percent since mid-2019 in major cities and Democrat catch and release policies are squarely in the voters crosshairs.

The same Democrats who embraced the Black Lives Matter defund the police mantra now find themselves having to defend the results of emasculated police forces unable to recruit new officers to enforce new laws which have turned many local jails into turnstiles. In many major cities and counties like New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Chicago and the Washington D.C. suburban counties of Fairfax and Loudoun prosecutors have been elected promising to end mass incarceration are changing local laws by refusing to enforce them. In doing so, they are creating havoc on the streets.

At the same time many of these Democrat controlled jurisdictions have implemented an experiment known as cashless bail, where bail is not required to release a person arrested for a variety of misdemeanors and non-violent felonies. This effectively puts the person arrested back on the streets before the police officer who arrested has finished the paperwork associated with the arrest.

The results have been disastrous.

In California, a 2014 state voter initiative that made theft of up to \$950 a misdemeanor combined with prosecutors who refuse to seek jail for "petty" offenses has been adding even more fuel to the fire.

Businesses like Walgreens are shutting down stores in San Francisco as mobs of looters work together to strip stores bare in brazen mass thefts knowing that the District Attorney won't prosecute even if the police find and arrest them.

And the public has had enough. The radical, Chesa Boudin, narrowly elected as San Francisco DA under a controversial ranked choice voting system in 2019 was recalled in June of this year. A response by one of the most liberal electorates in the nation to a crime wave and violence that has beset the once beautiful jewel on the Pacific Ocean.

In Loudoun County, Virginia, commonwealth attorney (county prosecutor) Buta Bitaraj has faced a barrage of criticism over decisions ranging from failure to prosecute domestic violence cases to lying to the Court to secure a six month plea deal for a nineteen year old criminal who

had burglarized twelve homes over ten days in northern Virginia and seeking to jail the father of a high school girl who was raped by a male student who claimed to be transgender in a case that made national headlines, and mishandling domestic violence cases. Voters are currently seeking to recall Bitaraj who's razor-thin election victory in 2019 was credited to an \$650,000 infusion of campaign cash from a George Soros funded superpac.

And New York City which had enjoyed a run of twenty years with very few homicides due to then Mayor Rudy Giuliani's criminal interdiction policies has found itself back in the sewer of despair as murders have skyrocketed. The City's subway system is becoming known as the murder express with more homicides on the system in the past three years than in the previous eleven years combined. Major crime in the Big Apple has jumped by 37% this year alone as the poison fruit of the left's war on police wrecks

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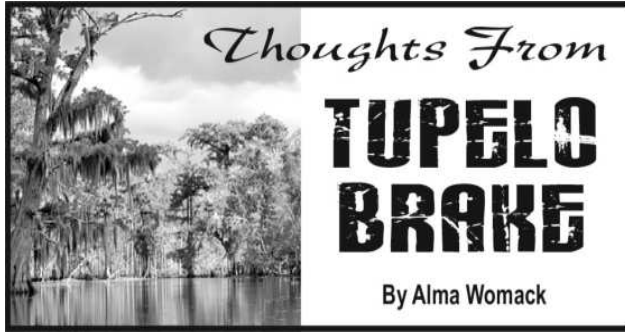
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Get out and vote

Check out this phone call I got last week. I'm busy in the kitchen, the phone rings, unknown number, so I ignore it and let the machine pick it up. Some guy is talking, but I cannot understand the message. Not to worry; the phone rings five more times from this same number, and every time a message is left. Well, I think, perhaps I should answer this persistent varmint.

Call number 6 rings through and I answer it. Some foreign sounding dude says "this is Amazon, and we have a \$999 charge to your account from Dayton, Ohio. Do you know anyone there?" "No," says I, "this is an illegal charge". He asks



the same thing again; I tell him NO again. Then he wants my email address or my cell phone to verify my account. I tell him I don't have a computer or a cell phone.

He is incredulous...you don't have a smart phone? "No, I don't," says I, "but I do have a brain and you don't sound like anyone from Amazon, and I don't have an Amazon account anyway, so you just quit pestering me."

I suppose this was against his orders, for the phone rang three more times, with the same for-eigner, reading the same message. After that last call, I just left the phone off the hook for the rest of the morning.

It's bad enough that we are suffering the inflation miseries of the Brandon administration; then we have to put up with some scamming foreigners trying to empty our already depleted bank accounts. So, if anyone calls you from Amazon, don't play the game. Amazon never calls people about charges; they send an email if they have a question. Just beware that the thieves are sophisticated scammers, much like the communists who call themselves democrats so that people will vote for them because "my daddy was a democrat."

In less than a week, the November election will be held, and we will either see our country saved or we will see it slid farther into oblivion. I am hopefully optimistic, but ever aware that elections can be stolen, as in 2020, when Trump got 10 million more votes than in 2016,

but through outright and blatant cheating, was denied the election.

And look what that thievery has done to this country. Ripping inflation, higher prices than ever on groceries, energy, fuel, clothing, services, shipping, everything that touches our lives. People are having to choose between food for their families, or fuel to go to work, or energy to keep their homes heated or cooled.

The economists tell us that it is going to get worse next year, inflation will increase and so will prices on all goods and services. How much higher can most people stand? Many are living on credit cards with outrageous interest rates that they will not be able to pay off; savings have been depleted for many others, and we are all just miserable with the conditions brought about by those communists pulling the strings of the most incompetent person ever to be called president.

His whole cabinet is composed of people who fill a slot because of their color, gender, anything but competence and ability and experience in governing. I would go through the list, but they make me so sick that I'll have to pass. Not one decent business person in the group, nothing but ivory tower losers.

It is so important that we all go vote, to do our part to help get America back on track. Even if there is a Red Wave, I do have reservations about republican leadership, and would like nothing more than to see Mitch McConnell replaced as the head senator and Kevin McCarthy replaced by Jim Jordan in the House. Probably a pipe dream, knowing how Washington works, but still, there will be hope with more conservative, patriotic Americans swearing to uphold the Constitution as they take their seats in the House and the Senate.

Let us have faith in our comrades in other states, to get out, stand in line, and vote for people who truly love our country and want to see us return to a safe, proud, prosperous and free country again. Let us pray that cheaters will be caught on the spot, and we will never have to suffer another insanity like the 2020 election.

MAGA, y'all!



Jesus is coming again

The other day I was reading a post on Facebook by a friend of mine dealing with the prophecies that have been and are being fulfilled leading up to the return of the Lord. In this post he mentioned the prophecies dealing with Israel. The United States moving its embassy to Jerusalem and then the recognition of Jerusalem being the Capital City.

In this post he talks about the COVID 19 pandemic and how it plays into prophecy. His opinion is this could be the first of many. And what about natural disasters. In the year 2022 there seems to be on the news many stories about natural disasters. The hurricane season, tornados, floods, and the wildfires out West.

And what about earthquakes? The Bible in Mark 13:8 (NASV) "For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places..." I just now (8:44 PM, 11/19/2020) Googled recent earthquakes. Today there have already been 21 earthquake M2.5 or better. For the month of October there has already been numerous earthquake of magnitude 5.0 or higher.

We look around us and there is corruption and debauchery everywhere. There seems to be no moral compass giving our country and the world, any true direction. It seems as if sin and evil ways are running wide with no one to hold it in check.

Back to the post. It is a quite lengthy post. But as I was reading that post in my mind, I began to hum the tune with the phrase, "...I can almost hear the trumpet as Gabriel sounds the call..." Those of you who are Gospel Music fans will recognize that as one of the leading lines of the song, Midnight Cry. A song that I believe is one of the most powerful and is very much a song for today.

My original intent of this article was to write about the fact that the trumpet is not a trumpet as we know made from brass, but it is the Shofar which is made out of a ram's horn and the Biblical significance of the Shofar. But that will be for another day.

Why? Because I got captivated about how the song came to be. Midnight Cry was written in 1986 by two brothers, Charles, and Greg Day. Greg tells the story of when he was 7 years old that a visiting preacher called him up before the church and said "Son, this may not mean anything to you, now, but one day when you are older, God will give you songs that will change lives." History has proven that to be true, for not only did he write Midnight Cry, but also, Serve The Lord, Angels In The Room, Jesus Jesus, and He Who Was And Is To Come.

Both became hooked on drugs and in their early twenties and later became Christians. In 1986 the two were in Adel, Georgia visiting their parents and on Sunday morning they attended church with them.

The Church was beginning a series of evangelistic meeting with Rev. Billy Swain as the guest evangelist. Rev. Swain announced that his sermon was entitled "The Midnight Cry." Charles pulled out a business card and wrote on it 'midnight cry' and then he said to Greg, "There is something there." That afternoon the two brothers sat down at the piano and in thirty minutes had written this great song.

Charles Day was correct when he said there was something to The Midnight Cry. Read these lyrics and let the Holy Spirit speak to you:

I hear the sound of a mighty rushing wind and its closer now than it's ever been,

I CAN ALMOST HEAR THE TRUMPET as Gabriel sounds the call, and

At the Midnight Cry we'll be going home.

When Jesus steps out on a cloud to call His children,

The dead in Christ shall rise to meet Him in the air,

and then those who remain shall be quickly changed,

AT THE MIDNIGHT CRY WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN!!

"And at midnight there was a cry.... Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh." Matthew 25:6 & 13 (KJV).

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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.

There should be no excuse for anyone failing to take a few minutes of their time and going to their polling place 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.

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belief: patriotism places the wellbeing of the nation ahead of our own.

In this fraught moment, patriotism certainly means more than "public service" or "volunteering" or "being a good citizen." Being a patriot today is akin to a firefighter rushing into a burning house, except it's not to save the inhabitants. It's rushing into a house divided in order to save democracy from being scorched beyond recognition.

In considering sharing these ideas with those you know—

or suspect—are planning to vote, remind them of these basic truths:

Voting is important because it's the best way to ensure our voice is heard in how government is run.

Voting is important because the people we choose to represent us have real impact on our lives.

Voting is important because the freedom to vote is among our most cherished rights.

Voting is important because it expresses our commitment to each other, our country, the world and ourselves.

The actor-activist Jesse Williams has an answer for those who don't vote. "If someone says, 'I was making a statement by not voting,' then you say, 'Well, I can't hear it.'"

Plato, more than 2000 years ago, went even further. "One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

To quote nearly every US president, "Vote."

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On a national level, the Biden open border policies have allowed Mexican cartels to flood our streets with fentanyl laced drugs resulting in a 50 percent rise in drug overdose deaths since 2019. Drug death increases were jump started due to the isolation resulting from isolation resulting from the Covid lockdowns combined with China's dumping of deadly Fentanyl into our country in partnership with the cartels.

And Americans know that the criminal justice system is being broken at their expense.

While polling doesn't list crime as the number one issue with inflation holding that spot, the right track/wrong track questions which measures how people feel about the direction of the country shows a whopping 40.5 percent more people saying America is on the wrong track than the right one.

If you need any other proof that Americans are voting on the crime issue, just try

to find national Democrats pushing their anti-police, pro-criminal agenda. What was once a cacophony of noise demanding 'criminal justice reform' and 'defunding police' has become a whisper as criminals run amok and more people die as a result.

As Democratic politicians are about to find out, catch and release is great for fisheries management, but it is dangerous criminal justice policy.

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The waiting passenger became furious with the gate attendant when the time of departure for his flight had been delayed. "What good are those numbers if you have to change them and tell us that the flight is being delayed?" he demanded.

"Well, sir," said the attendant, "no one would be prepared for the departure of the flight unless we keep our passengers informed."

There is a strong statement about the character of God in this Psalm. The people were suffering and felt separated from God because of the sin in their lives. We often forget that suffering and sin are in-

separable. And instead of crying to be delivered from sin, they wanted to be delivered from their suffering. But that's not the way God works!

"You will arise and have compassion," he wrote, "for it is time to show favor to your chosen." There was no doubt in his mind that God would show compassion - but it would be in His time and on His terms. Our God is a righteous God and we cannot expect Him to show us His favor if we are disobedient to His Word.

"You will arise," said the Psalmist in confidence. He knew that God was not inattentive to their needs. He knew that "the appointed time had come."

What determines the "appointed time" for God to respond to our prayers? Our attitude: repenting and asking for forgiveness. Then He will open our eyes and we will see Him in all of His glory at work in our lives.

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Pamela Brown

Pamela Kay Brown, 69, of Jonesville, passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans.

She was born on Sunday, August 30, 1953, in Larto to the union of her parents Mike and Ester LaPrairie.

Mrs. Pamela spent her life as a homemaker helping raise and care for those she loved most. She loved her family with everything she had and will be missed by all who knew her.

Services were held at Utility Baptist Church on Saturday, October 29, at 10 a.m. with Bro. Chad Franklin officiating.

Interment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery, in Manifest, under the direction of Young's Funeral Home - Jonesville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Rolon Brown; two brothers Howard LaPrairie and Michael LaPrairie; two sisters Linda LaPrairie and Bertha Louise LaPrairie.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Kimberly Heimbach and husband Robert of Pineville; son, Brent Brown and wife Erin of Jonesville; daughter, Kylie Brock and husband Bobby of Paragould, AR; seven grandchildren, Dustin Paris, Austin Paris, Alecia Aguilar, Aiden Brock, Tyler Brown, Maggie Brown, Chase Brown, and D.J. McBryer.

Those honoring Pamela as pallbearers were Dustin Paris, Austin Paris, D.J. McBryer, Robert Heimbach, Bobby Brock, Aiden Brock, Tyler Brown, and Chase Brown.



Robert "Bobby" Erwin

Robert "Bobby" Erwin 66, of Urania, passed from this life on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at his home.

He was born June 6, 1956 to the union of his parents Winston A. and Constance Slaydon Erwin.

He was in contract sales and the Warehouse Manager at Lowe's. Bobby never met a stranger and was a great storyteller of "Boogers" of Bellwood. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with family and friends. Bobby especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 29, at Urania Pentecostal Church with Reverend Zack Wiley, Reverend Clay Hutto, and Reverend Dennis Snoddy officiating.

Interment was at Urania Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Larry Erwin, John Lynn Erwin and Winston "Wimp" Erwin, Jr.; and sister, Judy Erwin.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Sharon Erwin; son, Larry Erwin (Sandy); daughter, Anglette Sparks (Jason); step-son, Dustin Willis; brothers, Ricky Erwin (Debbie), Michael Charles Erwin, and Jerry Erwin (Sandy); sister, Debbie Jeane; brother-in-law, Paul Bordelon; sister-in-law, Delores Perkins (Tim); grandchildren, Sean Erwin (Breanna), Rylea Erwin, Memarie Cuske, Jewel Cuske, Tyler Teddlie, Desirce Teddlie, Brandon Crafts (Sarah), and Jace "Monkey Boy" Carraway; and numerous other family and friends.

Pallbearers were Josh Brown, Thad Ivy, Will Wisdom, Zack Lindsey, Brandon Crafts and James Bordelon with Tyler Teddlie serving as honorary pallbearer.



Marjorie Hinton

Marjorie L. Hinton, 84, of Winnfield, passed from this life on October 22, 2022, at Autumn Leaves Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Winnfield.

She was born October 11, 1938, in Hearne, Texas to the union of Henry A. and Lena Johnston McKay.

In 1956, she met and married Bennie M. "Bud" Hinton and moved to the state of Louisiana. Her life was spent in service of others. She served God, her family, and countless others along the way. Marjorie never met a stranger and spent her later years dealing in antiques and flea markets and loved her "horse trading" with her public. She was steadfast in her faith and definite in her opinions.

Services were held Wednesday, October 26, at 2:00 p.m., in the Olla chapel of Riser Funeral Home in Olla with Rev. Joel Hines and Mike Russell officiating.

Interment followed in the Beech Creek Cemetery in Winn Parish under the direction of Riser Funeral Home, Olla.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 45 years; son David M. Hinton, son, Dennis D. Hinton; and sister Jane M. Goodwin.

She is survived by her daughters, Dewana L. Hubbard (Byron) and Dena H. Young, all of Winnfield; her grandsons, Logan D. Hinton of Kelly, D. Tyrel Hinton of Kelly, and Terry W. Young (Jennifer) of Jonesboro; one granddaughter, Melinda L. Hubbard of Winnfield; and one great-grandson, Michael A. Young; one sister, Corrie George of Alvin, TX; and one brother, Raymond A. McKay (Andrea) of Buenos Aires, Argentina; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Terry W. Young, Logan D. Hinton, D. Tyrel Hinton, Lathon K. Hubbard, Michael Green, Jr., and Aaron Rodriguez.

Honorary pallbearers were J. Byron Hubbard, Ronnie G. Coates, James Coates, and Albert R. "Spanky" Goodwin.



Michelle Marie Iles

Michelle Marie Iles, 50, of Alexandria, entered eternal rest on October 28, 2022, at Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, Alexandria.

She was born September 4, 1972 to the union of her parents Alan and Corrine Mitchell.

Michelle was a loving daughter, mother, and sister. She worked as a Registered Nurse. She enjoyed gardening and loved rescuing stray animals in her spare time. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 31, at Sanctuary Family Worship Center in Jena, with Reverend Heath Harris officiating, under the direction of Rush Funeral Home, Pineville.

She is preceded in death by her father, Alan Mitchell.

Those left to mourn her loss and cherish her memory include her daughter, Gabriella Iles of Alexandria; her mother, Corrine Mitchell of Jena; two brothers, Greg Mitchell of Clinton, Arkansas, and David Mitchell and wife Shannon, of Pineville; and five sisters, Denise James, and husband Dan of Jena, Barbara Mitchell of Alexandria, Deborah Windham of Jena, Felicia Mitchell of Alexandria, and Patricia Nealy, and husband Joel, of Jena.



Clyde T. Deville Jr.

Clyde T. Deville, Jr. passed away on October 25, 2022.

Clyde was born in Jena on April 20, 1955.

A graveside service to celebrate his life was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Rose-Neath Cemetery in Haughton with Pastor Daryle Wayne Collins officiating.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Deville; father, Clyde Deville, Sr.; and brother, Raymond Deville.

He is survived by his mother, Irma Lea Deville; brother, Thomas Deville and wife Susan; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Rob Parker, Clayton Fite, Sam Thornton, David Bradford, Roger Deville and Shane Dulany.



Kevin Wendell Howell

Kevin Wendell "Kebo" Howell passed away July 27, 2022.

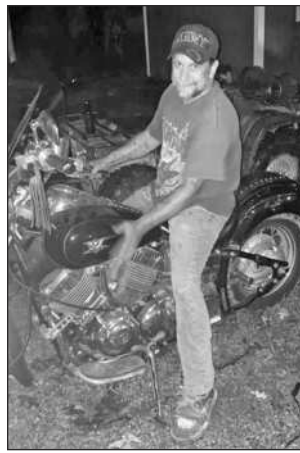
He was born July 23, 1974 to the union of his parents Archie and Mavis (Young) Howell.

Kevin loved his family and friends, riding motorcycles and spending time with his family. He worked in the log woods and loved music.

A celebration of life memorial was held at 8 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2022 from The Pentecostal Church of Aimwell with Pastors Cody Mayo and Kirk Mayo officiating.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, mother-in-law, brother-in-law and sister-in-law.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Mindee Howell (Nathan); his son, Elijah Howell; his granddaughter, Chlova; his brother, Robbie Howell; special cousins, Angel Young and Patricia Smith; special friends, Bryon and Kristy Ford and Melanie Howell as well as a host of family and friends.



Patsy Evans Dickerson

Patsy Evans Dickerson, 82, of Jonesville, passed away October 27, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born Wednesday, December 20, 1939.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m., November 5, 2022 at First Baptist Church, Harrisonburg under direction of Magnolia Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by Pete and Snooks Evans; brothers, Tommy Joe and Lanual Evans; sisters, Helen Bradford and Viola; and daughter Sonja Deville.

Those left to cherish her memory are her spouse, Roy Dickerson; daughter, Pamela Casaus; sons, Tommy Joe and Richard Jacks; step siblings, Lori and Marty Dickerson; sisters, Linda Evans and Sandy Ramsey; brothers, Marcus and George Evans; ten grandkids, fourteen great grandkids and one great great grandkid.

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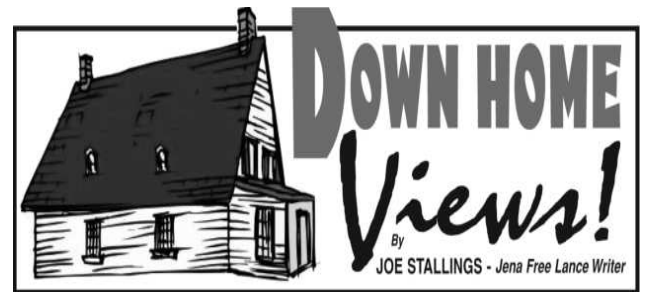
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Take one for the team

If you are not married, you are a man on an island. Everything good that happens to you is a feather in your cap. By the same token, all of the mistakes are your fault. Period. If you are married, on that day you formed a team, a small two-person team but nevertheless a team. It's not always 50/50 but it sure is nice to have a right-hand man (or woman) who has a slightly different skill set on your team. You can do this; I'll take care of that and everything will work out fine.

This is how my life is and yours may be similar. Thoughts are passed, sometimes telepathically, and everyone is on the same page for the same reason just like on a baseball team. Taking one for the team originated in baseball and refers to not moving to let a wild pitch strike you. A difficult thing to do but it will help the team. Everyone wants to help their own team, no exceptions. As long as the team is winning everything is fine with the team.

From time to time a problem will arise and sometimes I will blame this on my team mate (wife). When she asks why she's getting

blamed I explain this is your job. Take one for the team and move on. Many mistakes are minor in nature, easily fixed and hey, nobody is perfect.

Mistakes can never be fixed unless you first realize a mistake has been made. Sometimes my team mate will point out my mistake to me so it won't happen again. We have through the years tried to train ourselves to not only acknowledge our mistakes but also fix them for the future.

My ideology came from sports, business and life where I learned that mistakes must be addressed. If Billy hadn't dropped that ball, we would have won that game. Well, if you wouldn't have struck out with the bases loaded, we would have won. This is a very destructive way of thinking. Instead, pat Billy on the back and tell him everything is alright.

So, the next time a mistake is made on your team, don't argue about it. Take one for the team, move on and I promise your life will be less stressful.



Rev. Charles Curry

Rev. Charles Roy Curry, 73 years of age, was called home by Jesus, our Savior, on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

He was born October 4, 1949 to Rev. Mayo E. and Laura M. Cotton Curry of Delhi.

Rev. Curry was known to most as "Charlie", but he had many beloved titles: of these Daddy, Pop, PawPaw, Uncle Charlie, Bishop, and Pastor. All of these titles were given out of love and respect, but his true heartbeat was telling and showing people he came in contact with every day the love and gospel of Jesus Christ. He loved to share the word of God with everyone he met. Because of this true calling, he came to a "foreign field", a land without family, to found and Pastor Christian Revival Center in Reisterstown, Maryland for the last 40 years.

Rev. Curry was a licensed minister with United Pentecostal Church International for 48 years. In these 48 years he held many offices such as, Home Missions Director, Presbyterian, Men's Ministry Director, Pastor, and Bishop.

The many lives that were changed because he came and shared his heartbeat only time will tell. Rev. Curry was a "builder of men". He would take those no one wanted and invest time into building their character through God's word. He always led by example. He was the kindest, most long-suffering man of God to so many. Oh, the stories he could tell, and though God gave us a beautiful life of 73 years, it's never quite long enough. He leaves many cherished memories and stories.

Services for Rev. Curry will be held at the Pentecostals of the Miss-Lou (7280 Hwy 84 Ferri-day,) on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. under direction of Youngs Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m.

Interment will follow at Harrisonburg Cemetery in Harrisonburg.

Rev. Curry was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Earl Curry, Sherman Curry, Solon (a.k.a. "Peanut") Curry, Jerry Curry and Mack Curry; and one sister, Katherine Curry Mills.

Our beloved "Charlie" leaves behind him a clear path for us to follow. Those which remain to follow, a devoted wife of 52 years, Alfreida Boothe Curry; three children, Laura Dionne Curry of Reisterstown, MD, "mine only son", as Charlie would say, Rev. Chad Anthony Curry, wife Melissa of Reisterstown, MD, and Amy Denise Curry of York, PA.; four spoiled grandchildren, Jack Riley Hudspeth, Tara Grace Hudspeth, Kyla Roxanne Curry and Bristol Rose Curry, all of Reisterstown, MD; a sister, Clara M. Curry Elliott, husband James, of Jena; a brother, Bill Cotton, wife Maudella of Sicily Island; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that monetary offerings be directed to Christian Revival Center Building Fund. <https://Crc.churchtrac.com/give>



Bruce L. Lingenfelter

Bruce Lee Lingenfelter, 63, of Shreveport, passed from this life on Monday, October 17, 2022 at his home.

A native of Tioga, he was a long service employee of Exxon Mobil both home and abroad.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, November 4, at Kingsville Baptist Church with the Revs. Bryan South and Bart Walker.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Todd and Maggie Vance Hollingsworth, Marvin R. "Happy" Lingenfelter and Violet L. Simmons.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Elizabeth B. Lingenfelter; parents, Clyde D. and Ruth M. Hollingsworth Lingenfelter; siblings, Debra L. Carline (Bobby) and Dale D. Lingenfelter (Jill); daughters, Ashley Edwards (Justin) and Taylor Dautz; grandchildren, Bailey Moss (Hunter), Kendal, Rylee, Emma Kate, Gracie, Falyn and Andie; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A long, non-stop flight

Being a flight attendant doesn't get any more glamorous than the job Bette Nash has. After all she's been at it -- non-stop, as they say -- since 1957, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

The 86-year-old stewardess started her career flying for Eastern Airlines and now works for American Airlines and the Guinness Book of World Record recent-



ly declared her to be the world's oldest airline steward still on the job.

Back in the day, 65 years ago when she got started, "You had to be a certain height, you had to be a certain weight," she said.

"It used to be horrible. You put on a few pounds and you had to keep weighing yourself, and then if you stayed that way, they would take you off the payroll."



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Retirement reception honoring Chief Cheryl Smith held



The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians Tribal Council honored Chief B. Cheryl Smith with a special plaque in honor of her service to the Tribe during her retirement party at the tribal center on October 20: Christy Murphy, Libby Rogers, Christine Norris, Smith and Lacy McGuffee.



Dozens were in attendance to honor Chief Smith's retirement and her nearly 40 years of service to the Tribe. She was elected the JBOC's first woman chief in 1998 and served in that capacity until 2002 and was re-elected in 2010. She served on the Tribal Council from 1975 to 1998 and 2004 to 2010. She has worked in some capacity for nearly 40 years for the Tribe.



Chief B. Cheryl Smith and her husband, Rusty, listen teary-eyed to the many tributes given by those in attendance for Chief Smith's retirement party on October 20.



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The Colonial Trails Committee would like to thank everyone for such a great response to our Howdy Neighbor Day event.

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House of Beauty is officially open for business with a recent ribbon cutting ceremony in Olla. The business, located at 2532 Central Avenue in Olla, offers haircuts for women, men and children as well as color services and spa services such as facials, skin treatments, waxing, lash extensions and more. On hand for the ribbon cutting were (left to right) Olla Police Chief Jody O'Bier, Ronnie Darden, Keith Reichardt, Trina Henry, Debbie Hatten, Owner Preslee Dunn, Darrin Pardon, Mayor Rhonda Elliott, Holden Pardon, Kyle Pardon, Owner Jessica Dunn, Karla Salter, Ian Williams, Susie Dunn and Mike Dunn. The days of operation are Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome. To book an appointment, stop by the shop or call or text 318-312-0195 (Jessica) or 318-312-8390 (Preslee). For more information, check out their Facebook page, House of Beauty, or their Instagram and TikTok accounts.

LOSLO releases funding information for scholarship

Baton Rouge, La. - This week, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance provided important information regarding the Geaux Teach Scholarship Program to colleges and alternative teacher certification providers. This scholarship program was established in Act 463 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature to provide additional funding to qualified students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) at postsecondary education institutions within the

state. Funding is also available to students attending certified alternative teacher preparation programs approved by BESE. A complete listing of participating programs and the Geaux Teach Application Form can be found on LOSFA's website. Students who are interested in the Geaux Teach Scholarship Program must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be enrolled full-time in an approved teacher preparation program at an approved institution or be enrolled in an approved, alternative certified teacher

education program through the census date;

- Must have at least a 2.50 cumulative college grade point average;
- Must be a Louisiana resident for at least two years prior to July 1, immediately preceding the academic year of enrollment; and
- Must be a United States citizen and, if required, registered with the Selective Service.

Interested students should complete the Geaux Teach Scholarship Application found on LOSFA's

website at mylosfa.la.gov and provide it to their school. The school will determine each student's eligibility and the amount of the award. LOSFA will distribute funds directly to the school. The maximum annual award is \$5,000 which can be applied to:

- Cost of tuition
- Required fees
- Textbooks, and
- Instructional materials

Funds shall be awarded after all state and institutional financial aid is applied, and summer term awards are allowed. The Geaux Teach Scholarship Program is not affiliated with any "Geaux Teach" degree programs administered by postsecondary institutions.

Does La. Treasury have money that belongs to you?

BATON ROUGE, LA - Beginning October 25th, the Louisiana Department of Treasury will publish over 62,000 names of people in newspapers in the state who are owed more than \$44 million. State Treasurer John M. Schroder encourages citizens to check the printed list for their names.

"It is our job to return this money to its rightful owners, and we are constantly getting new money in," said Treasurer Schroder. "Between financial woes and the rising cost of everyday needs like groceries and gas, finding your name on the list could be a welcome surprise at a crucial time. That's why I hope every Louisianan pauses to check for their name and the name of their friends and loved ones."

The list of names published this year includes unclaimed property items received from September 2021 through August 2022 and does not include anything from past years.

The Louisiana Department of Treasury is responsible for returning this money to citizens where it belongs. Schroder added that whether it was ten days or ten years ago, this is your money, and we will hold on to it for you until you claim it.

Common examples of unclaimed property include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts, uncashed payroll checks, stock dividends, and utility deposit refunds. When checks are not cashed, accounts go dormant, or the company cannot locate the owner, the funds are sent to the Treasury for safekeeping until the money can be returned to the appropriate owners.

Louisiana law requires businesses to report unclaimed funds to the Treasury when they can't locate the owners of the money. The law also requires the Treasury to publish annually the names of individuals for whom we received new unclaimed property during the preceding year.

Our website at LaCashClaim.org holds our entire database of unclaimed property records going back to 1972.



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11:00-11:15 p.m. LJHS Cheerleaders	Front Of Stage
11:30-12:30 p.m. Straight Road Gospel	Main Stage
1:30-3:30 p.m. Thurman Beavers	Main Stage
3:30-4:45 p.m. David Smith	Front Of Stage
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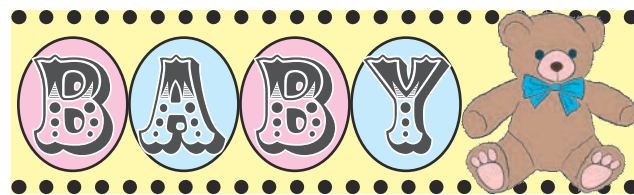


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KP Trading Boutique is officially open for business with a recent ribbon cutting ceremony in Olla. The business, located at 2568 Central Avenue in Olla, offers clothing for women, men and children along with shoes and home décor. On hand for the ribbon cutting were: front row (left to right) Janis Steen, Angela Ketten, Rhonda Elliot, Owner Darrien Pardon, Jessica Dunn, Danielle McCarty, Katie Jo McCarty and Police Chief Jody O'Bier II and back row (l to r) Gene Steen, Tina Murphrey Tullos, Cheryl Allbritton, Amy Murphrey, Holden Pardon, Kyle Pardon, Keith Reichardt, Preslee Dunn, Hannah Davis, Susie Dunn and Mike Dunn. Their hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 12 a.m. (noon) to 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.shopkptrading.com and follow Shop KP Trading on Facebook, Instagram or TikTok.



Emma Kate Adams

Proud big brother Charlie Adams is pleased to announce the birth of his baby sister, Emma Kate Adams.

Emma was born at 2:43 p.m., on June 23, 2022, at Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and measured 20-inches in length.

Parents are Cody and Brooke (Mock) Adams of Dry Prong.

Maternal great-grandparents are Eleen Williams of Jena and the late Charlie Herman Williams. Paternal grandparents are Deborah Adams of Tioga and the late Tommy Adams.

Paternal great-grandparents are the late L.J. Bergeron and Dorothy Bergeron of Alexandria and the late Tom and Ruth Adams of Alexandria.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive in two weeks

For nearly thirty years, Samaritan's Purse has been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world through Operation

Christmas Child. LaSalle Parish alone sent out 1,300 shoeboxes last year.

Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangi-

ble way and hear the gospel. Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also participate in the follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

"This teaches the children how to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with others," states Frances McDonald, Relay Coordinator for LaSalle Parish. "Will you prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting ministry?"

To get started, collect a standard size box, plastic shoebox or a pre-printed shoebox from Samaritan's Purse (offered in multiples for orders). Jena First Baptist Church has a few hundred of these boxes (go boxes) that will be available on a first come, first serve basis, by calling the church office at (318) 992-4184 to reserve boxes and be added to the list to be notified when the boxes are ready for pick up.

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump or a small stuffed animal and pack the box full of other fun toys, hygiene items (no toothpaste) and school supplies. Pray for the child who will receive the gift and including a personal note and photo is an option.

Include \$9 in an envelope taped to the outside of the top of the box to cover shipping costs or donations for shipping can be given online through "Follow Your Box" and discover the destination of the shoebox.

Jena FBC serves as the collection site during the week of November 14-21. Shoeboxes may be dropped off at the old fellowship hall (across the street from LaSalle Printing) Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday from 8 to 9 a.m.

Do not include candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable

items or glass containers or aerosol cans.

For more information, visit samaritanpurse.org/occ or call Jena First Baptist Church at (318) 992-4184 or (318) 623-4132 for local information. To book a speaker for a group, call and give the request at the office as well.

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70 Years Ago
October 30, 1952

Marilyn Harper has been crowned to reign as 1952 Homecoming Queen at Jena High School on Friday, October 31. Maids of Honor include Marinelle Coon, Shirley Childs, Billy Powe, Ann Anders, Sue Bowen, Janis Smith, Maxine Russell, Peggy Jo Hawthorne, Merlene Taylor, and Glenda Herring.

Selected as the 1952 Jena High School Boosters were Doris Smith, Christine Cole, Peggy Jo Hawthorne, Ann Corley, Melba Herring, Johnnie Berryman, Mattie Lea Bradford, Barbera Valentour, Mary Lou Crews, Virginia Rose Teddlie, Patsy Oglesby, Ruth Caldwell, Barbera Cornwell, Sue Bowen, Virginia Karriker, Edith Berry, Lucille McPherson, Jackie Ann Greer, Evelyn Turnley, Ann Caraway, Kathleen Wilson, Orvalynn Willis, Clarice Coon, Marilyn Harper, Betty Lou Clark, Peggy Smith, Barbera Hargrove, Jerry Kelly, Marlene Taylor, Betty Newman, Eva Lois Morace, Sue Whatley, and Patsy McDougald.

Sale prices at save-way Supermarket: Tide washing powder, 27c; Red Grapes, 2lbs., 25c;

Veal Roast, 45c lb. Showing at The Strand: "To Have and Have Not"; "The Story of Will Rogers"; "Red Planet Mars."

60 Years Ago
November 1, 1962

Bill Gaddis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Gaddis, received the Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor held recently traveling the Eagle trail, Bill began his work in scouting as a Cub Scout. After becoming a Scout at the age of 10, he advanced through the several ranks of scouting, thorough study of the Scout handbook and earning 21 merit badges qualifying him for the Eagle rank.

Winners of the annual Ford Motor Company Punt, Pass, and kick Contest held last Saturday at Jena High School have been announced. They are Dennis Tarver, Bruce Henry, Rush Morphis, Ken Williams, Ray Smith, Glenn Hailey, George Mears, Jan Tullos, Gary White, Bill Sharbano, Mike Bradford, and Jimmy Morphis.

A white Bible ceremony was given in honor of Miss Hazel Clark on Wednesday, October 24, at the East Jena Baptist Church. The Y.W.A.

members that participated were Jean Ezell, Evelyn McEntyre, Johnnie McEntyre, Juneivie Ezell, Ella Culp, Yvonne Smith, Barbera Davis, Eileen Peppers.

Senior Boys wear Ties on Friday... The Jena High Senior boys have chosen Friday as "dress-up" day at school, since this is the day, we usually have visitors on our campus.

The standard Baptist Church near Olla recently dedicated its new sanctuary valued at \$25,000. The modern addition brings the church to a total church plant value to \$40,000.

New features are being added to programming on radio Station KCKW. The latest addition will be broadcast of the Baptist Hour each Sunday Morning at 8 a.m. the 30-minute program features Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, President of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Community Bulletin Board is fast becoming a listener favorite at noon 4:35 p.m. each day.

50 Years Ago
November 2, 1972

Blonde, Hazel-eyed Melissa Ann Doshier, 5, captured the title of Little Miss Winn Parish Tuesday night at a contest sponsored by the pilot Club of Winnfield. She is the daughter of Winnfield Senior High coach and Mrs. Joe Doshier of Winnfield. Melissa is a kindergarten student at westside school. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ansley O. Willis and Mrs. Gladys Doshier, all of Jena.

Voncille Tarpley, principal of Fellowship Elementary School has announced honor roll students for the first six weeks. Some of the names listed are: First Grade: Steven Barker, Randy Ganey, Jeff Gray, Leon Gulde, Donna Hill, Mary Winchew. Second Grade: Anita Barker, Eleanor Bell, Connie Neal, Julian Ratcliff, Rachel Twiner, and Cheryl Woods.

Sharing the stage at LaSalle High School during Veterans Day Program last Monday were: Jay Pucket, Reverend Aubrey Veuleman, Gene Steen, Kip Wall, Ishmael Ingram, Eric Brown, Karla Salter, Doug Winnberry, Congressman Speedy O. Long, Leonard Rankin, Joe Cruse, Reverend A.B.

Conner, Walter Powell, and Jolene Ford

Dave Crawford, outstanding Giant back, accounted for 124 rushing yards in the Giant's victory last Friday night against Coushatta. Crawford also accounted for one of Jena's two touchdowns and ran over a two-point conversion.

40 Years Ago
November 3, 1982

An apparent twister swept through North Jena Tuesday morning knocking down a large pecan tree which fell onto a mobile home located in Patricia's Trailer Park.

The Jena library was filled with tiny ghosts and goblins for a Halloween party given last Friday morning. Debra Poole, assistant librarian, presented the costume glad children a holiday film, and later treated each to special refreshments and party favors.

The Jena Jr. High seventh grade 4-H club meeting was held on October 12, 1982 in the library. Officers were elected at this meeting. They are as follows: President- Chris Morgan, Vice President- Cheryl Peavy, Secretary- Molly Smith, Treasurer- Richard Wilson.

Miss Susan Havard, 15-year-old daughter of Henry and Teen Harvard of Jonesville was crowned the winner of the 1982 Louisiana Teen USA Pageant in Monroe on Saturday, October 23, 1982.

Taking a much-needed break from the action are Jena full-back Neil Thompson and running back Roger Mosely. The two are the backbone of the giants ground offense.

25 Years Ago
November 5, 1997

The Town of Jena and LaSalle Parish Police Jury were among 70 communities statewide to receive Community Development Block Grant awards during a ceremony in Baton Rouge last week. The Town of Jena was awarded \$996,390 in the form of an economic development grant to provide sewer, water, and gas service to facilitate operation of a

Medicare Ed classes set

LaSalle General Hospital will once again be host to the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) on Thursday, November 3, 2022.

Three classes will be held in the classroom of the LaSalle Family Medicine Clinic at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Each class will be approximately 1½-hours long and will address the A, B, C and Ds of Medicare including Medicare Part D (Drug) plans, Medicare Advantage (Health) plans, programs to help lower drug costs, what happens when you call the number on your TV and more.

LA SHIIP Director Vicki Dufrene at the Louisiana Department of Insurance will teach the classes and there will be time for questions at each meeting. These sessions are open to Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers, advocates and professionals to help individuals better understand Medicare and the coverage options available.

The classes are free to the public and the invitation is extended to those who would like to know more about Medicare coverage or what plans are available for you or a loved one. The LaSalle Family Medicine Clinic is located at 180 Ninth Street (across the street from LGH) in Jena.

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The nursing Assistant class of Rod Brady Technical College graduated November 4 in a ceremony held in the school. Kristi Blackwell, Angela Roberts, and Brenda Skipper were given awards for perfect attendance. Excellence Award was presented to Kristi Blackwell. Others graduating were Dayna Brown, Toni Franklin, Amanda Hudnall, Misty Hudnall, Sandra Lofton, Stacey Morace, Alesha Rankins, Angela Smith, Carla Wyant.

Construction is underway on a twenty-room addition to Townsman Inn in Jena. Harlon Nobles, Owner, said the addition would bring the total number of rooms at the motel to 57. During the past year, the original 37 rooms were renovated and a new swimming pool was added to the complex.

10 Years Ago
November 7, 2012

Fellowship Elementary Pre-K Braden Hood (left) receives candy from his mother Shasta LeGrande, during the Pre-K trick o' treat visit to Mac's supermarket in Jena last week. The students also visited the

LaSalle parish courthouse, School Board Office, Library, Pam Price Insurance, LaSalle Printing, Caboose Café and Girlfriends.

The terrific kids at Jena Elementary school for September 2012, have been announced by school officials and the Jena Kiwanis club, sponsor the program. Terrific for September include: Carsey Wilbanks, Nicholas Johnston, Malory Courtney, Steely Terral, Alec Hodges, Bella Andrews, Violette Brandin, Kylie Smith, Preston Overstreet, Brielle Smith, DeWayne Jenkins, Garrett Dotson, Chloe Harville, Ryan McIlwan, Braxton Bradford, Ashlyn Alexander, Molly Gallaspy, Kendall Hennigan, and Graci Reeder.

The Jena Junior High Giants kicked off the basketball season with dominating win of Harrisonburg on Monday, October 29. The Giants 8th grade boys team won 59-35. Jaray Jenkins (24) is triple teamed by Harrisonburg defenders, as Coravious Wallace (25) and Lamar Farris (23) move into position. Both teams were in action this past Monday against Winnfield.

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10 a.m. Bro. Malcom Ellis with Worship Leader Mike McCartney
11 a.m. LUNCH
3 p.m. Bro. Carl Gulde with Worship Leader Glenn Price
4 p.m. Bro. Eddie Brunson
5 p.m. SUPPER
6:30 p.m. Bro. Scott McDowell with Worship Leader Harrigill Family


Sunday, Nov. 6
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

• Elderly Care Relief

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• V.F.W. Meeting/Supper

If you are a spouse of or have had a family member that served in a foreign war the V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 5002 members invite you to join them at their monthly meeting and supper.

The meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post in Jena. Standing members are encouraged to attend as well. If interested in joining, call Dina Liles at 623-3637 or Kim Randall at 318.201.0426.

• LaSalle Celebrate Recovery

LaSalle Celebrate Recovery is a free 52-week Christ-centered 12-step program for any life controlling issue. The meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the old Jena Elementary School cafeteria. For more information, visit lasallecr.org and/or contact the Ministerial Alliance at lasalle.alliance@gmail.com

• Help For Dom. Violence Victims

The Wellspring Alliance for Families serves victims of domestic violence throughout LaSalle Parish. Our mission is to reduce the devastating impact of domestic violence on individuals, children, families, and communities.

Free, confidential services are now available in the new Jena office located at 1043 Courthouse Street. Services include safety planning, referrals to community resources, case management, transitional housing, protective orders, life skills classes, and more. For an appointment, call 348-3005.

• Little Free Food Pantry in Jena

The Little Free Food Pantry in Jena is located beside The Jena Times on Third Street in front of the town pavilion. The pantry is open to anyone in need and also for citizens to add items to keep the pantry stocked.

• Victim Advocate Program

Victims of crime can receive help with safety planning, guidance through the criminal justice system and access to certain resources to gain strength after victimization.

Services include emotional support, lethality assessment, prevention of abuse, and referrals to services. Assistance in filing Civil Temporary Restraining Orders or Crime Victim's Reparations notification of court dates and accompanying the victim to interviews and court proceedings are also available.

For help or more information, call 318-992-2067 or come by 2009 Courthouse Street, Ste. A, in Jena.

Veteran Appreciation Lunch

New Evergreen Baptist Church is hosting their annual Veteran Appreciation Lunch.

It is an honor to serve you Saturday, November 19th at 12 noon in the church fellowship hall.

Rev. Christopher Davison, Pastor and Brother Charles Dorsey, Sponsor and the congregation invite all veterans to enjoy a delicious home cooked meal and fellowship with other veterans and friends.

The church is located at 1190 Church Street, Jena, LA 71342. Should you have any questions please call 318.992.2594 or 318.312.0403.

• Honor Guard needs members

The LaSalle Parish Honor Guard is seeking new members. The Honor Guard provides military honor funerals and burials for all veterans, along with presenting programs in schools, churches and other venues as well as programs during Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The only requirements to join the Honor Guard is that one must be a veteran and received an honorable discharge. For more information, contact Daniel Hulsey at (318) 312-1049.

Medicare Education Classes

LaSalle General Hospital will once again be host to the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) on Thursday, November 3, 2022.

Three classes will be held in the classroom of the LaSalle Family Medicine Clinic (180 Ninth Street, across the street from LGH, in Jena) at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Each class is free, will be approximately 1 1/2 hours long, and will address the A, B, C and Ds of medicare including Medicare Part D (Drug) plans, Medicare Advantage (Health) plans, programs to help lower drug costs, what happens when you call the number on your TV and more.

For more information, contact Daphne Keene at 318.992.9192 or dkeene@lgh-jena.org.

• Jena Giant Booster Club

The Jena Giants Booster Club will hold their meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the LaSalle Golf & Country Club, located at 260 Country Club Rd, in Trout.

Town of Jena Christmas Parade

The Town of Jena Christmas Parade Committee would like to invite you to join us in this years Jena Christmas Parade to be held Friday, December 9, 2022 at 6 p.m. It would be an honor to have you participate in our towns celebration of Christmas.

Our theme for this year is "Hometown Christmas" and the Jena's Louisiana Dixie Darlings ball team will serve as our Grand Marshal.

If you have any questions please call 318.992.3461.

Author Meet and Greet at CCC

The Centennial Cultural Center in Olla will host three local authors for a meet and greet and book signing at the center on Saturday, November 5 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Local author and LaSalle Parish native, M. L. Tarpley, along with authors, Rickey Pittman of Monroe, and Carole Lehr Johnson of Calhoun, will be at the center selling and signing copies of their books, which range from children's books to historical fiction.

Coffee and tea will be served. Please stop by to meet these authors and also view the quilt show and other displays at the center.

Christmas Banquet at L&A BC

The L&A Baptist Church will host an inaugural Christmas Banquet Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 at 6 p.m.

This event is Formal/Semi Formal for ages 25 years old and over and will be held in the L&A Mays-Young Fellowship Hall (12590 Hwy. 84 West, Jena)

Tickets are \$25 each. To purchase your ticket or for more information contact Sandra Webster at 318.758.0609 or Ricky Parker at 318.992.8801.

"A Rose Upon the Alter" Play

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Veterans Day Program at CCC

The Centennial Cultural Center in Olla will host a Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Concordia Electric Meeting

Concordia Electric's next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 10th beginning at 5 p.m.

Angel Tree Christmas Program

The LaSalle Ministerial Alliance is partnering with APPLS for the annual Angel Tree Christmas Program. Each year dozens of local churches and businesses partner together to help hundreds of LaSalle children in need receive Christmas gifts.

Each qualifying child receives \$125 in clothes and wished for items packaged by their sponsor. Register before November 18th by calling 318-992-0793.

Centennial Cultural Quilt Show

There will be a quilt show until November 5, 2022 at the Centennial Cultural Center in Olla. The center is open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child

It is time once again for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be packed for children around the world.

Jena First Baptist Church will serve as the collection site during the week of November 14-21. Shoeboxes may be dropped off at the old fellowship hall (across the street from LaSalle Printing) Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday from 8 to 9 a.m.

For more information and materials, contact Samaritan's Purse at www.samaritanspurse.org or call 1-800-353-5949. You may also call Frances McDonald at 318-992-5985 or 318-623-4132 for help locally.

Woodmen Life Meeting

Woodmen Life Chapter 1145 will have their monthly meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

This will be our Thanksgiving supper. The meat will be provided by the lodge. Members are asked to provide the trimmings and etc., dressing, vegetables, salads, dessert or casseroles.

All members are encouraged to come and enjoy some good fellowship.

Pine Grove Cemetery Working

There will be a cemetery working at Pine Grove Cemetery located on Blade Loop Road in Jena on Saturday, November 12, 2022 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Bro. Roger Whittington will be bringing the message at 11 a.m. followed by a fellowship luncheon. Please bring your work tools and lunch and come join us.

Donations can be mailed to the cemetery in care of Cecil Clark, P.O. Box 34, Rhinehart, LA 71363.

Special Service at Magnolia CC

A special service will be held at Magnolia Community Church near Rogers, Saturday, November 5th at 7 p.m.

Bro. Donald Butler, formerly of the Belah Community, will be speaking one night only.

Everyone is invited to attend, for more information call Bro. Larry Chapman 318.316.1759.

Wild Horse Ministries

While observing these lessons, you can watch during the first steps of training a horse that has never been saddled while he relates the horse training with God based on trust, faith, obedience and love.

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Treasurer Schroder announces record-breaking unclaimed property returns

BATON ROUGE, LA - Louisiana Treasurer John M. Schroder reports record high unclaimed property search and claim rates for the state, with over 128,000 searches conducted and 5,500 claims filed within 24 hours. The LaCashClaim.org and national MissingMoney.org websites are witnessing never-before-seen activity levels for Louisiana.

"Louisiana is outpacing other states across the nation in efforts to return unclaimed property to its rightful owners," Schroder said. "With interest rates sky high and budgets tight for so many across the state, it is great to help people find surprise pockets of money."

Over \$1 billion worth of unclaimed property is currently waiting to be claimed. In addition, one out of six Louisiana residents has property to be

returned, with the average claim equaling \$900.

"This money doesn't belong to the state. When we return it to the proper individuals, they can spend it in their hometowns across the state," Schroder added. "Imagine what a boost it would be if we could put the entire \$1 billion back into the Louisiana economy."

Since his election in 2017, Schroder has overseen Treasury's implementation of technology on multiple fronts to expedite returns to citizens. Over the past four years, over 400,000 checks have been cut, and over \$62 million worth of claims processed without needing to file a claim. A data cross-checking partnership with the Department of Revenue made it possible for checks to automatically be sent to residents.

Evidence that the changes are working can be seen with 649,000 checks returned to claimants in the past three years compared to 122,000 in the three years prior.

"The Unclaimed Property team always works extremely really hard to man the phones and get the checks in the mail as soon as possible," said Kathleen Lobell, Director of Louisiana Unclaimed Property and President of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA). "Treasury averages 175 checks printed per day, but we were able to print 1,800 checks in one day alone to respond to the recent spike in claims."

There are nearly 33 million people in the United States who have what the industry calls unclaimed property: financial accounts or items of value in which the owner has not initiated any activity for several years. When a company cannot locate the owner, the money or properties are submitted to the state. Common examples include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts, and unused gift or rebate cards.

Homecoming at LHS Friday

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follows:

Eli Barbo, son of Tommy and Sarah Barbo of Olla, will escort Mistohn Cruse, daughter of John Cruse of Olla and Misty Hudnall of Olla.

Clay Clark, son of Waymon and Stephanie Clark of Tullos, will escort Zoey Smith, daughter of Cory and Stephanie Finley of Tullos.

Nick Fryar, son of Jonny and Tammy Fryar of Olla, will escort Hannah Jones, daughter of Greg and Brenda Jones of Olla.

Bryson Ganey, son of Curt and Krista Ganey of Olla, will escort Jacee Williams, daughter of Jason and Brandi Williams of Urania.

Josh Jones, son of Greg and Brenda Jones of Olla, will escort Kenzie Nino, daughter of Matthew and Amanda Champagne of Olla.

Wiston McCarty, son of Pete and Sharla McCarty of Olla, will escort Gracie Woodward, daughter of Eric and Kim Woodward of Olla.

Landyn Savell, son of Teresa and Leroy Carroll of Olla, will escort his sister, Ashlynn Savell.

Thaniel Young, grandson of the late Dewanna Young of Urania and the son of Tommy and Sarah Barbo of Olla, will escort Emily Ponds, granddaughter of Barbette Woodruff and Michael Crafts of Urania.

The annual homecoming parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. Participants are asked to report to the front of the LaSalle Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. to line up. Please note: All floats, ATVs and motorcycles must be operated by licensed, insured adults (21 years of age or older).

Homecoming game tickets may be purchased in advance in the LHS Main Office or at the ceremony on Friday. Tickets are \$10 per person.

Olla Downtown Homecoming '22

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food, entertainment and vendors booths and we invite everyone to attend."

The opening ceremony will be at 10 a.m. at the main stage in downtown. There is no admission fee to attend the day's events.

The LaSalle High School Band, Cheerleaders and Top Kats Danceline will entertain from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and the LaSalle Junior High Cheerleaders will perform from 11 to 11:15 a.m.

The Straight Road Gospel will be on the

main stage from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by Thurman Beavers from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

David Smith will entertain at the front of the stage from 3:30 until 4:45 p.m. followed by the Deep Water Rehab Band on the main stage from 4:45 to 7:45 p.m.

The Mike McKenzie Band based in Monroe will take the main stage at 8 p.m. and entertain until 11 p.m.

Meet the Band

The Mike McKenzie Band is one of the most well-known bands in northeast Louisiana. A consistent crowd favorite, they are recipients of multiple awards, including Best Cover Band by the NELA Music Awards for 2015 and 2016 and an amazing five time 'Best of The Delta' award winner for Best Cover Band from Delta Style Magazine. Covering a broad range of music and styles, the band is always ready to cater to the audience and keep the party going

McKenzie has had the pleasure of opening for acts like T Graham Brown, John Conlee, Con Hunlee, Bryan White, Tim McGraw at Swampstock and several others. The band has backed up artists like Percy Sledge and John Wesley Ryles.

He grew up in a musical family. His mom sang in church and his dad sang everywhere. He took up guitar at the age of twelve, listening to all styles of music. That's what he likes to play because he said "one style really limits you." Learning from his dad and all his friends, their style was mostly country. Although, nowadays Mike realized his dad was a rocker for his era while he is partial to upbeat music. He started playing in his dad's band when he was sixteen.

"I began singing in the band when I was around twenty two mainly so I could play the songs I thought people wanted to hear," McKenzie said. "I want to thank everyone who has supported me through the years and look forward to many more."

Other Event Information

The Centennial Cultural Center in Olla will be open that day with several offers to the public. The center will hold a gumbo fundraiser for the center to raise funds for the many events and activities held at the center throughout the year including summer camps for area youth and other programs.

Three local authors will be in attendance for a book signing and meet and greet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local author and LaSalle Parish native M.L. Tarpley along with authors Rickey Pittman of Monroe and Carole Lehr Johnson of Calhoun will be at the center selling and signing copies of their books which range from children's books to historical fiction. Coffee and tea will be served. The

La. has the nation's highest violent crime rate, according to the FBI

By Samuel Stebbins, 24/7 Wall St. via The Center Square

The FBI recently released its annual Uniform Crime Report, offering a statistical documentation of crime in the United States in 2021. Historically, the UCR has provided a comprehensive snapshot of crime in each of the 50

states, but this year, the picture is incomplete.

Due to a change in reporting systems - from the legacy Summary Reporting System to the new National Incident-Based Reporting System - many police departments across the country did not submit crime data to the FBI. As a result, nine states were excluded from this year's UCR: Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Whether or not 2021 crime estimates for these places will eventually be released remains to be seen - but for the states with available data, the latest UCR offers some useful insight into 2021 violent crime trends.

Violent crime is a broad category that consists of four types of the most serious offenses: robbery, rape, aggravated assault, and homicide. In Lou-

isiana, there were 26,078 violent crimes reported in 2021, or 564 for every 100,000 people, the highest violent crime rate among the 41 states with available data. Meanwhile, the national violent crime rate (based on the incomplete data) stands at 334 incidents per 100,000 people.

While it is not always the case, violent crime is often more common in economically disadvantaged areas with high poverty rates and lower levels of social integration. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey, the poverty rate across Louisiana stands at 19.6%, compared to the 12.8% national poverty rate.

Top five states with violent crimes per 100,000 people in 2021 and poverty rate: Louisiana, 564, 19.6% Arkansas, 556, 16.3% Alabama, 518, 16.1% Tennessee, 498, 13.6% Alaska, 451, 10.5%

center's annual quilt show will also be on display for public view along with the center's year-round cultural displays.

The Olla Elementary PTO will host a blow-up jumper during the day and the LaSalle A.P.P.L.E.S. Program will sell raffle tickets to assist the needy children of the parish.

The Olla Fire Department will sell boiled shrimp plates with corn and potatoes as well as brisket sandwiches and baked potatoes with brisket. The Olla Pentecostal Church will sell nachos and Frito pies and the Straight Road Gospel will sell chicken tenders, fries, cakes and cookies.

Mayor Elliott said booth spaces are still available and that anyone interested should contact town hall at (318) 495-5151. The booth spaces for 10x10 cost \$20 without electricity and \$35 with electricity.



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GARAGE SALE - Friday November 4th 8am - 12noon at the farmers market/Nona's plants - midway cutoff 3709 Hwy 3104 Jena. Too much to list so come check us out!

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The LaSalle Soil and Water Conservation District is a legal subdivision of the State of Louisiana and includes all of LaSalle Parish. A board of supervisors who are land owners within the District governs it. Three are elected and two are appointed for a term of three years. They are charged with the responsibility of conserving LaSalle's soil and water resources. This authority is based on the State Soil and Water Conservation Act No. 370 of 1938.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation (NRCS) provides technical assistance to assist through the district to plan and apply conservation practices for the parish landowners and farmers. In addition, working agreements have been signed in Louisiana Office of Forestry, Farm Service Agency, and the LSU Extension Service. Some programs offered to establish and maintain conservation practices needed to conserve land and water resources are:

- Conservation Reserve Program
- Wetland Reserve Program
- Forestry Incentive Program
- Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program
- Water Quality Program
- Rural Clean Water Program
- Floodplain Easement Program
- Environmental Quality Program
- Soil and Water Conservation Assistance Program
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ANNUAL REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2021

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The district obtains its operating funds from state and parish appropriations and grants. These funds are used for operating expenses and salaries of employees to assist landowners and operators plan and apply conservation practices

on the land. These funds are also used for outreach efforts throughout LaSalle Parish on conservation issues. The District staff is listed on the left of this page.

Through a memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical assistance through the district to plan and apply conservation practices. The NRCS and LDAF personnel available for this assistance are listed on the left of this page.

A Long-Range Program that provides history, soils information, district priorities, and outlines problems and objectives relating to land use is in effect by the district. These programs are available to the public from the district office at 1050 Courthouse Street, Suite 24E, Jena, Louisiana.

ACTIVITIES

The district continues to urge the public to practice wise use of all our natural resources. Soil and Water Poster Contest was promoted by the district on multiple conservation topics, such as the 2021 theme, "Healthy Forest; Healthy Communities."

Mrs. Tonda Masters and Planner, Adam Foster visited multiple schools around the parish to educate approximately

1200 students on conservation. We talked to students about what a healthy forest looks like and why we need healthy forest. Students across the parish were excited to be given the opportunity to compete in a poster contest. Many teachers supported the contest and were great help in encouraging students to participate



Poster Contest Winners pictured above. Left to right: Maci Bradford 1st place in Grades 9-12, Tristan Robinson 1st place in Grades 6-8, Kaylee Walker 2nd place in Grades 6-8, Rylee McDowell 1st place in Grades 3-5, Dalton Barnes 2nd place in Grades 3-5, Wyatt Wiley 1st place in Grades K-2, and Ruthie Murrell 2nd place in Grades K-2.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NRCS and District technicians furnished technical assistance to design, install, and certify practices. Practices that are included but not limited through EQIP that were planned for this year were Prescribed Grazing, Forage and Biomass Planting, High Tunnel Systems, Heavy Use Area Protection, Tree/Shrub Site Preparation, Tree/Shrub Establishment, Watering Facilities, Fence, Water Wells, Pumping Plants for Water Control, Integrated Pest Management, and Pipeline.

Also, in this fiscal year, the district completed the implementation of the Hemphill Creek 319 Project Area. The goal of the Hemphill Creek 319 Watershed Project is to improve water quality, reduce pollutants into the Hemp Creek watershed and to delist the water body. By reducing the pollutants from agricultural activities, it is our hope that the water quality will be much improved and will once again be suitable for reproduction of fish and wildlife.

LaSalle SWCD also accepted a MPG Grant to extend the clean water act on the Hemphill Creek Watershed and will implement that in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

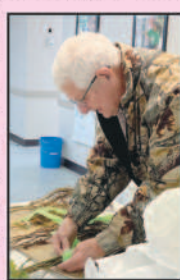
Because of our legislator's assistance and landowners/operators, conservation work in LaSalle Parish is actively being applied to conserve all our natural resources - soil, water, air, plants, people, and animals.

Accomplishment Activity Chart

Programs & Dollars:	EQIP	CSP	NWQI	MBHI	RCPP
Applicants receiving assistance	10	5	0	0	0
Money for Implementation of Conservation Practices	\$269,055	\$149,561	\$0	\$0	\$0

ANNUAL SEEDLING SALE

LaSalle SWCD hosts an annual seedling sale in the month of January. Each year the sale gets bigger and bigger. This is something we can do for everyone to practice conservation and the community loves the seedling sale. Pictured to the right is Mr. Dean Cannaday from Manifest, Louisiana. Mr. Cannaday is one of the first customers to the sale every year. He has even learned the tagging and bagging process. He jumps right in to help out.



AREA III MEETING

LaSalle SWCD was the host district for 2022 Area III Meeting. Area III is nine districts; LaSalle, Catahoula, Grant, Rapides, Avoyelles, Allen, Calcasieu, Dugdemona and Natchitoches. We had three guest speakers; Gary Norris (Local Producer), Walter Cotton (APHIS), and Jessica Pucket (Louisiana Workforce). Mr. Gary Norris spoke highly of the conservation districts and their contributions to NRCS and the producers. He appreciates the partnership and relationship created between NRCS, SWCD and the land owners. Mr. Walter Cotton spoke on Feral Hogs and the issues we are having with them. He also spoke of ways to help with eradication of Feral Hogs. Mrs. Jessica Pucket addressed the districts and made them aware of the opportunities at hand with different programs the Louisiana Workforce has to offer. Pictured below is LaSalle SWCD Secretary/Treasurer, Mike McCartney, opening the meeting in prayer. Also pictured is the LaSalle SWCD Board, LaSalle SWCD Secretary, Tonda Masters and the Franklin Family. LaSalle SWCD honored Mr. Sammy J. Franklin for his 40 years of service as Chairman of the LaSalle SWCD Board.



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Sports

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Jena Giant Zykerrik Hunter (1) rushes for a big gain during the game against Caldwell on Thursday night in Columbia. (All JHS photos by Chris Taylor.)

Giants defeat Caldwell to win 3rd straight District Championship

By Austin Whatley
The Jena Giants traveled north to Columbia this past Thursday night as they took on the Caldwell Spartans in another district contest. Just as it always is with these two teams there was a lot at stake in this game. Both teams came in with 3-0 district records and the winner would be the district

champion. These two teams have played some great games over the recent history. The Giants came into the game winning six out of the last seven matchups. Last year the Giants won 34-12 at Caldwell. The last five winners of this matchup were the district champions and the average margin of victory in these five matchups has been

6.4 points. There was a lot of excitement in the air as there was a great crowd on hand and the game ball was parachuted in from the sky. The captains for the Giants would be seniors Noah Parker, Trace Franklin, Brandon Williams, and Adarian Richardson. The Giants would win the toss and would defer to the second half.

Caldwell would take the ball on their opening drive and would go 62-yards in seven plays ending with a Jon Paul Shaw to Ben David 31-yard touchdown pass to put Caldwell up 7-0. Shaw would complete all six of his passes on the drive.

The Giants would answer with a long 17 play 90-yard drive ending with a Brandon Williams three-yard touchdown run. Zerrick Jones would score on the two-point conversion and the Giants would lead 8-7. The Giants would get the ball on their next kickoff as Caldwell would drop it and Dylon Davis would recover. The Giants would be unable to capitalize though as they would turn the ball over on downs on their drive.

On Caldwell's next drive Shaw would throw an interception over the middle as Jena safety Demarion Hammock would make an excellent leaping interception. Once again, the Giants could not get points off of the turnover as they would turn it over on downs. Caldwell would then go on a five play 68-yard scoring drive ending with a Jon Paul Shaw one yard touchdown run to give Caldwell a 14-8 lead.

The Giants would quickly drive the ball deep into Caldwell territory near the end of the first half. The Giants would appear to score on a Zerrick Jones run but there would be a holding penalty called that would take the points off the board. A couple of plays later the Giants would turn the ball over on an interception and Caldwell would take a knee and a 14-8 lead into halftime.

The Giants would go into the locker room

at halftime and make some adjustments and would come out on fire. The Giants would take their opening drive 71 yards in seven plays ending with a Brandon Williams five-yard touchdown run. Zerrick Jones would once again score on the two-point conversion to give the Giants a 16-14 lead.

The Giants defense would figure out the Caldwell offense in the second half as they would only give up 59

yards to the Spartans in the second half. Amare Jackson would get an interception for the Giants that would set up a 5 play 38-yard scoring drive ending with a Zach Barker one yard touchdown run to make it 22-14.

The Giants would get a couple of more touchdowns including a 30-yard touchdown run from Brandon Williams and an incredible 19-yard touchdown pass from Barker to

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Jena Giant Quarterback Zach Barker (14) pushes forward to score a touchdown during the game against Caldwell on Thursday night in Columbia.



Jena Giant Zerrick Jones (7) sprints for yards while guarded by fellow Giant Senior Brandon Williams (22) during the game against Caldwell on Thursday night in Columbia.



Jena Giant Senior Adarian Richardson (4) makes an interception during the game against Caldwell on Thursday night in Columbia.

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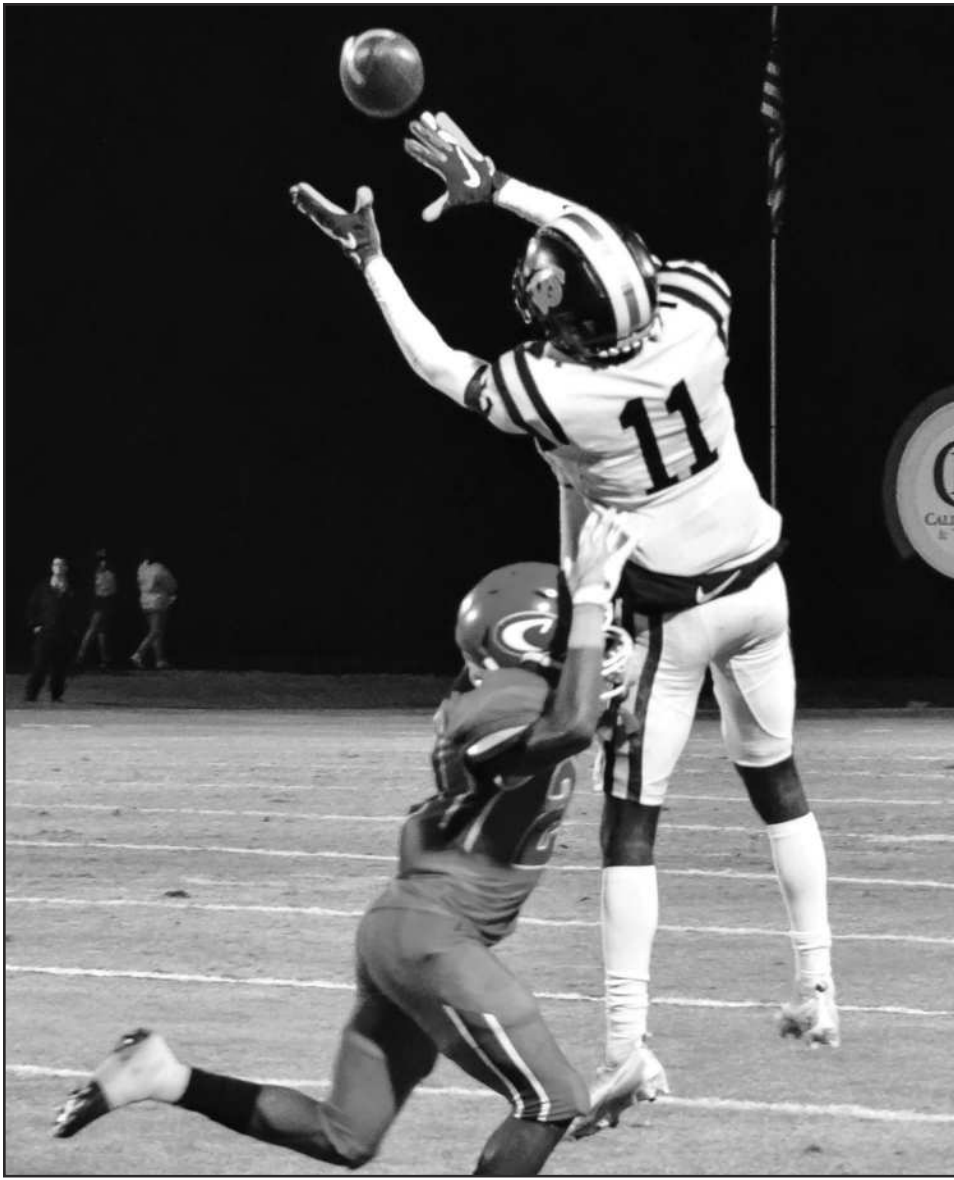
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Jena Giant Demariyon Hammock (11) makes a leaping reception during the game against Caldwell on Thursday night in Columbia.



Jena Giant Case Addison (43) takes down a Northwood Gator during the game against Caldwell on Thursday night in Columbia.

Hunters For The Hungry Louisiana kicks off 2022-23

Hunters For The Hungry Louisiana is once again accepting deer donations at partner processors that are signed up with the organization throughout the state, for the 2022-2023 deer hunting season.

Hunters are encouraged to visit the Hunters For The Hungry Louisiana (H4H) website to find a convenient partner processor where they can deliver their bounty and donate the deer. There is no cost to the hunter as H4H will pay the processing fee. Hunters are even allowed to keep the backstrap. The meat is then processed and picked up by a local food bank or agency within that community. H4H collected over 800 deer for this program last hunting season, yielding over 30,000 pounds of meat that was distributed to the needy of our state. The goal for this season is to exceed 1,000 deer donations.

“So many of our hunters want to fill their own freezers but then continue to partake in the remainder of the hunting season. This program is the perfect way to continue to hunt throughout the season but also give back to your community” says Julie Grunewald, executive director of H4H. “Additionally, hunters and landowners are advised by LDWF to monitor the number of deer that are on their property. Our program provides an avenue to keeping a healthy herd of deer on your property and donating what needs to be harvested.”

Sportsmen who find themselves fishing in Venice, LA, can also participate in the act of giving by donating a portion of their catch at Venice Marina. The marina will clean and process the fish for H4H, again at no cost to the fishermen. With the help of Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries enforcement agents bringing in confiscated fish, as well as generous fishermen wanting to support our program, Venice Marina processed over 5,000 pounds of fish for H4H over the past two years.

With the support of local food banks, churches, and community betterment organizations,

Giants...

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Zy Hunter who did a great job maintaining his balance and staying on his feet to make it 38-14.

Amare Jackson would score on a 30-yard touchdown run to give the Giants a 44-14 lead. Caldwell would score a late touchdown to make the final score 44-22.

With the win the Giants improve to 5-4 overall and 4-0 in dis-

trict play. Brandon Williams would finish the game with 20 carries for 122 yards and three touchdowns. This would be the third game in a row that Williams would have over 100 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

Zerrick Jones would finish with 27 carries for 110 rushing yards. Jones now has 1,192 rushing yards on the season while Williams has 805 for the year. Zy Hunter had four receptions for 68 yards and a touchdown. He also had two carries for 33 rushing yards. Triston McCleendon had a big game on defense as he finished with six tackles, one tackle for loss, and one sack.

With the win the Giants have now won their third district championship in a row and sixth in the last eight years. This week the Giants will finish up the regular season at home against the Buckeye Panthers. The Giants will look to get a win and improve their power ranking for the playoffs.

Everyone come out and cheer on the Giants as kickoff will be at 7:00 pm. If you can't make it to the game then you can tune in on 102.7 KJNA to hear all the live action starting at 6:00 with the pregame show. If you are not in the listening area then you can tune in on the MIXLR app by searching for KJNAFM or go online at www.mixlr.com/kjnafm

Attorney sues Biden admin over student loan forgiveness plan

By Steve Wilson

(The Center Square) — A Louisiana attorney, assisted by a local policy group, is suing President Joe Biden over his student loan forgiveness plan.

The lawsuit, filed by Tommy Badeaux in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans with the Pelican Center for Justice and the Pelican Institute for Public Policy, accuses the administration of forgoing the separation of powers required by the U.S. Constitution by forgiving billions in outstanding student loan debt without action from Congress.

The lawsuit says that the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003, which was intended to provide student loan relief connected with military members involved in

the Global War on Terror, was not intended to provide wholesale debt relief. It also says that there was no public comment period, which is required after any preliminary regulatory action is posted in the Federal Register under the U.S. Administrative Procedures Act.

The attorneys in the case say that even though there have been several lawsuits filed against the Biden administration's action on student loans on different grounds, their argument has an important legal combination on both the constitutional question and the Administrative Procedures Act.

“We believe very strongly in the legal argument for making both on the Administrative Procedure Act grounds and the constitutional grounds,”

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About Hunters For The Hungry

Started in 1994, by a group of local hunters, Hunters For The Hungry mission is to encourage hunters and fishermen to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors by sharing their bounty of wild game and fish in order to combat hunger. They provide food throughout the state by partnering with all 5 major food banks in Louisiana and conducting multiple programs such as the Clean Out Your Freezer Day and Freshly Harvested Game and Fish Programs.

Jena 44 vs. Caldwell 22

Jena	8	0	14	22	44
Caldwell	7	7	0	8	22

	Jena	Caldwell
First Downs	23	13
Rushing Att./Yards	(57-298)	(19-97)
Yards Passing	92	80
Passes (C-A-I)	(6-11-1)	(11-20-2)
Punts/Avg.	(1-33)	(3-15.3)
Fumbles/Lost	(0-0)	(2-1)
Penalties/Yards	(7-67)	(8-59)
Total Yards	390	177

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter: Caldwell - Jon Paul Shaw to Ben David, 31 yard TD pass (PAT good). Ben David kick. Jena - Brandon Williams, 3 yard TD run (two-point good). Zerrick Jones run.

2nd Quarter: Caldwell - Jon Paul Shaw, 1 yard TD run (PAT good). David kick.

3rd Quarter: Jena - Brandon Williams, 5 yard TD run (two-point good). Zerrick Jones run. Jena - Zach Barker, 1 yard TD run (two-point no good). Barker pass.

4th Quarter: Jena - Brandon Williams, 30 yard TD run (two-point good). Zerrick Jones run. Zach Barker to Zy Hunter, 19 yard TD pass (two-point good). Zerrick Jones run. Amare Jackson, 30 yard TD run (two-point no good). Zac Brown run. Caldwell - Jamal McDowell, 9 yard TD run (two-point good). Shaw run.

Jena Individual Stats

Rushing: Brandon Williams - 20 carries for 122 rushing yards, 3 rushing TDs; Zerrick Jones - 27 carries for 110 rushing yards; Amare Jackson - 2 carries for 35 rushing yards, 1 rushing TD; Zy Hunter - 2 carries for 33 rushing yards; Zach Barker - 3 rushing attempts for -2 rushing yards, 1 rushing TD.

Passing: Zach Barker - 6 completions, 11 attempts, 1 interception, 92 passing yards, 1 passing TD.

Receiving: Zy Hunter - 4 receptions, 68 receiving yards, 1 receiving TD; Demariyon Hammock - 2 receptions, 24 receiving yards.

Caldwell Individual Stats

Rushing: Jamal McDowell - 9 carries for 87 rushing yards, 1 rushing TD; Jon Paul Shaw - 8 carries for 8 rushing yards, 1 rushing TD; Chris Roquemore - 1 carry for 5 rushing yards.

Passing: Jon Paul Shaw - 11 completions, 20 attempts, 2 interceptions, 80 passing yards, 1 passing TD.

Receiving: Ben David - 2 receptions for 44 receiving yards, 1 receiving TD; Chris Roquemore - 6 receptions, 26 receiving yards; Zae Brown - 3 receptions, 10 receiving yards.

said James Baehr, the founder and special counsel for the Pelican Center for Justice. “Some of the other cases haven't focused as much on the constitutional grounds or as much on the administrative procedure grounds and I think that ours accomplish- es both.”

Badeaux is seeking a judgment setting aside the Biden loan forgiveness plan, a declaratory judgement that declares the debt cancellation unconstitutional and that his rights under the U.S. Administrative Procedures Act were violated, an injunction prohibiting the Biden administration from enacting its student loan debt cancellation policy and attorneys' fees.

The lawsuit also cites a memo from then-General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Education, Reed Rubenstein, which said in January 2021 that the Secretary of Education didn't have the “statutory authority to provide blanket or mass cancellation, compromise, discharge, or forgiveness of student loan principal balances, and/or to materially modify the repayment amounts or terms thereof, whether due to the COVID-19 pandemic or for any other reason.”

The lawsuit also cites statements by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Ca., and President-Elect Biden that both agreed that action by Congress was required to forgive

or amend student debt obligations.

“The Supreme Court likes to say that we don't hide elephants in mouse holes, meaning that whenever someone, whatever branch of government, is granted with authority to act, we don't hide it there. We want it to be obvious,” Pelican Institute General Counsel Sarah Harbison said. “It's an important part of the separation of powers. And just like with the OSHA vaccine mandate lawsuit and with the Head Start vaccine and masking mandate, the administration pointed to obscure rules in OSHA and in the Head Start program, that has to do with air quality for example.”

Badeaux's lawsuit won't be the first time the Biden administration's student loan debt cancellation plan was challenged in court. The program is on hold after the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals applied a temporary injunction on Oct. 21 after a lower court ruled against six state attorneys general who sued to stop the plan.

“Kudos to Tommy, it's a hard thing to stand up and sue the government,” Pelican Institute CEO Daniel Erspamer said. “But when they do wrong, when they don't follow the rules, when, you know, certainly even as you notice, the president said this should go through Congress. Somebody has to stand up and say, ‘This isn't right.’”

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LaSalle Tiger Tanner Gagne (30) shakes a Northwood Gator to enter the endzone during the game against Northwood on Friday in Lena. (All LHS photos by Sarah Barbo.)

LaSalle wins game on the road at Northwood 44-20

By Greg Jones

The final regular season road trip of the year ended in a 44-20 victory over Northwood.

The Tigers started off strong on defense to force the Gators to give up the football on the first drive of the game. At that point the

Tiger offense took over the game and never looked back.

The Tigers would break out to a 30-8 halftime lead. The rushing attack would be led by Clay Clark with 90 yards and two touchdowns. Kendryk Morrow would follow with 85 yards and

two touchdowns, then Tanner Gagne would have 56 yards and two touchdowns.

The Tigers were led through the air by Bryson Ganey, who would catch 3 balls for 140 yards. The longest catch would come on an 80-yard strike from Kendryk Morrow.

Joshua Jones would also catch three passes for 26 yards. Joshua would also add two 2-point conversions.

The Tigers defense would be led by Tanner Gagne with nine tackles and one of those was for a loss and a sack. Clay Clark added to the tackle total with six solo tackles and nine assists.

Justin Valentine helped the cause by having six solo tackles and five assists. Two of Justin's solo tackles were for a loss. Joshua Jones added to the defensive stoppages with an interception on the night.

The defense dominated the first half, but Northwood would not go away quietly. The Gators totaled two touchdowns because they were able to recover three onside kicks in a row. Things got interesting in Flatwoods.

The defense finally stepped up in the fourth quarter and stopped the Gator offense, forcing a punt. The Tiger offense took the field and went the length of the field burning the clock before Tanner Gagne scored his second touchdown of the night.

On the Gators next

possession Joshua Jones picked off a Gator pass and the Tigers were able to run out

the clock. Tigers win 44-20.

Week 10 will be Continued on next page



LaSalle Tiger Senior Eli Barbo (55) and Justin Valentine (44) tackle a Northwood Gator to the ground during the game against Northwood on Friday in Lena.



LaSalle Tiger Kendryk Morrow (12), Hunter Bradford (10), Senior Thaniel Young (75) and Dannon Williams (11) stop a Northwood Gator during the game against Northwood on Friday in Lena.



LaSalle Tiger Quarterback Kendryk Morrow (12) hands off the ball to fellow Tiger Senior Clay Clark (23) during the game against Northwood on Friday in Lena.



LaSalle Tiger Senior Clay Clark (23), Haden Doughty (71), Justin Valentine (44) and Jamo Turner (52) team up to stop a Northwood play during the game against Northwood on Friday in Lena.

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LaSalle Tiger Quarterback Kendryk Morrow (12) keeps the ball and scores two extra points during the game against Northwood on Friday in Lena.

Tigers...

Continued from last page

different for the Tigers this year. LaSalle will host homecoming 2022 on Friday Night.

The Tigers will also be playing a non-district opponent in Beekman Charter.

Expect a busy week of homecoming fun, football preparations, and lots of alum

visiting throughout the week until kickoff at 7 PM Friday night.

Wishing everybody a safe and happy Homecoming week. Hope to see you at the games.

our government's gifting of \$87 billion in military hardware to the Taliban, the evil accomplices of al-Qaeda in the Sept. 11 attack on America.

Our nation also has not forgotten that while Pres. Biden properly called for the defense of the borders of Ukraine, his Administration has never made an effort to stop the flood of illegals into our country on our southern border and the drugs (fentanyl is killing hundreds of Americans daily), theft, crime, terrorists, and human trafficking that accompany them.

What about public health and public safety concerns? What about the China Virus fears we've been suffocated with for over 2 years that have greatly restricted the personal and economic liberty of millions of Americans? There are still places in the U.S. that American citizens cannot go without a vaccine card and a mask. Yet, we allow unmasked un-vaxed, unknown and unvetted individuals numbering millions to break into our country, violate our laws and become po-

LaSalle 44 vs. Northwood 38

LaSalle	6	24	6	8	44
Northwood	8	0	12	0	20

Scoring Summary

LaSalle - Kendryk Morrow touchdown run. Two-point conversion failed.
 LaSalle - Clay Clark touchdown run. Two-point conversion good.
 LaSalle - Kendryk Morrow touchdown run. Two-point conversion good.
 LaSalle - Tanner Gagne touchdown run. Two-point conversion good.
 Northwood - Touchdown run. Two-point conversion good.
 LaSalle - Touchdown run. Two-point conversion failed.
 Northwood - Touchdown pass. Two-point conversion failed.
 Northwood - Touchdown pass. Two-point conversion failed.
 LaSalle - Tanner Gagne touchdown run. Two-point conversion failed.

	LHS
First Downs	16
Rushes - Yds.	23-231
Passes (C-A-I)	6-11-1
Passing Yards	169
Total Offense	400

Individual Stats

Rushing - Tanner Gagne, 3 carries for 56 yards, 2 TDs; Clay Clark 11 carries for 90 yards, 2 TDs; Kendryk Morrow, 9 carries for 85 yards, 2 TDs.
 Passing - Kendryk Morrow, 5 for 9 for 166 yards, 1 int. Clay Clark 1 for 2, 3 yards.
 Receiving - Bryson Ganey, 3 catches for 140 yards. Joshua Jones, 3 catches for 26 yards.

La. DOTD to issue special permits for transporting hay

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development announced today that it will begin issuing special permits to vehicles transporting hay during the current federally declared drought emergency. § RS 32:387 (6) grants the DOTD Secretary the authority to issue special permits to vehicles transporting hay due to a disaster or emergency.

Permit fees will be \$10 and will be valid for only as long as the declared drought emergency exists, not to exceed one year.

Restrictions that apply are the following:

- Vehicles transporting hay bales loaded side by side shall not exceed 12 feet in width and 14 feet in height. All other weight and dimension restrictions and requirements still apply.
- Travel is limited to daylight hours beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset and is limited by all no-movement requirements on certain holidays.
- Vehicles must travel with the required signs and flags properly placed and indicating that they carry oversized loads.
- Vehicles must be equipped with mirrors that allow drivers to have a clear view of the

highway to least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

- Loads must be securely bound to the transporting vehicles.
- Carriers, owners and drivers of any vehicle being operated are responsible for verifying in advance that the actual dimensions and weights of the vehicles and loads are acceptable for all routes being traveled.
- It is the responsibility of the carriers, owners, and drivers to track the status of the declared emergencies. In the event the emergency expires prior to the one-year period, the owner, carrier, and driver shall be responsible for terminating use of the permit. Information regarding the status of declared emergencies and to obtain a special permit may call the DOTD Permit Office toll free at (800) 654-1433 or (225) 343-2345 for the Baton Rouge area.
- No vehicle shall exceed weight limits posted for bridges and similar structures, or relieve any vehicle or carrier, owner or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified, or from any statute, rule, order or other legal requirement.

Biden closes election debate with call for abortion; transgenderism

By Royal Alexander

I sometimes believe that it would be difficult to be any more surprised about national developments, but I find I continue to be mistaken about that.

Early voting for the November midterm elections is well under way as Nov. 8th, Election Day, approaches. So, what has President Biden touted as his—and, derivatively, his Democrat Party—closing message to the American people before the election? What economic, domestic, or foreign policy achievement does he point to, to assist his party in their election efforts?

Abortion on demand for any reason up to and during the birth

process, and without anesthetic to reduce the pain during the killing of innocent children; Transgenderism, including child genital mutilation without a parent's consent.

These are the two issues he's highlighted in the last two weeks.

Well, needless to say, they are not high on the list of voter priorities, but the President is desperate for any possible method of distracting voters from the reality they live every day.

He really doesn't have anything else.

Our nation is mired in the highest inflation since the Jimmy Carter Administration. Americans feel its crushing impact when they go to

the store for food, fill up their car with gas, try to keep up with their bills, review their depleted savings and the diminished value of their retirement pensions, as well as realizing their paycheck simply doesn't go as far.

While millions of Americans struggle with these rising costs right in front of them such as for food, gas, and child-care, they are also smart enough to know that inflation is the hidden but very real "Biden tax" they pay for every single economic activity, directly hurting them and their families. It is estimated that right now inflation is costing the typical American family \$276 more per month and roughly \$3,300 per year, numbers that will likely only rise.

Americans also haven't forgotten the Afghanistan Debacle and

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Bird feeders filled with feed are void of birds as they are feeding on natural foods in the woods. (Glynn Harris photo)

The POSTSCRIPT

by Carrie Classon



“Rushing the Season”

My husband, Peter, says they are rushing the season.

I'm not sure who “they” are. The Christmas Cartel, perhaps. The vast conspiracy of premature holiday merry-makers. Whoever they are, Peter does not approve.

And he does have a point. There are still life-size skeletons scaling the walls of a huge brick house I walk by every day. The remains of jack-o'-lanterns are still sitting on the stoops—although the squirrels have eaten off most of their faces, making them much scarier than they were to begin with.

“What are you doing?” I ask a gray squirrel, caught in the act.

“What do you care?” she answers, cheeks full of pumpkin. “It's almost Thanksgiving.”

“Thanksgiving is a month away!”

Meanwhile, the first red and green lights have

appeared, Holiday Festival posters are springing up in the lawns, and I have already found myself humming snatches of Christmas tunes that I picked up from an open shop door.

Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas all pile on top of one another in a way that Peter finds annoying. I am more open-minded. It's a confusing time of year, after all.

My mother tells me that, up north, the adult loons have all migrated, leaving their children behind. Apparently, young loons are not old enough to make the flight, and so they are left behind for a few weeks to mature and figure things out on their own. I expect a new parenting style, “Loon Parenting,” to become all the rage sometime in the very near future.

The young loons are left by themselves, looking a little bewildered and forlorn. Although I might be imagining that part. Perhaps they are relieved the older loons have finally left them in peace. “Yes, Mom, I can make it to the Gulf of Mexico without your help!” (eye-roll)

How would I know?

At any rate, they are left behind in this, the most unpredictable time of the year, when it feels like summer one day and requires a puff jacket and mittens the next. I can understand why people might just throw up their hands, let the squirrel finish off the jack-o'-lantern, start making pumpkin pie and play Christmas songs.

I always feel restless this time of year. I see those older loons—and older humans—heading south, leaving the younger loons and younger humans behind, and I understand the need for motion. Fall is a time of change, and a lot of those changes happen fast.

The wind picks up, and it doesn't feel like it's from around here. It feels like it has come from somewhere far away. It offers the suggestion of new surroundings, new emotions, new experiences. Every day, I walk through the piles of leaves and wonder what this fall will bring, what that new wind is carrying with it. I remember myself as a younger human, watching the birds overhead flying south, and wondering where they were going and why I wasn't going with them.

Peter and I, now being older humans, will be heading south in a little while. Peter is working on his packing list. I am, too—but only in my head.

I'm packing up new ideas and things I'd like to do and putting them in my carry-on so I can pull them out in an instant. I'm putting into storage some of the judgments and opinions I've been hanging onto for too long. I'm imagining how it would feel to be as bright and fearless as the maple tree in the autumn of its life.

Peter would probably say I'm rushing the season.

**Till next time,
Carrie**

Photos from the column and other fun stuff can be found at CarrieClasson.com.



OUTDOORS

with
Glynn Harris
An Award Winning Outdoor Writer

Mystery solved in absence of birds

If you've read my columns or heard my radio programs for awhile, you're going to read or hear something about songbirds. My interest in identifying these little fluttery colorful creatures was handed down to me by my mom. She loved the birds and taught her offspring all about them and how to identify them.

I have feeders up around the yard, regular feeders and one that offers suet while this time of year, another that provides thistle seed. Add to this the two bird baths I keep operational and I could almost be considered the male version of Miss Jane Hathaway of Beverly Hillbillies fame.

Thus it is with a troubled heart and furrowed brow that I come to you, my readers and listeners, with a dilemma. My birds have left me.

About the time the first days of fall converged over the landscape, sending colorful leaves fluttering to the ground, I noticed that my feeders, loaded with birdseed, were just sitting there untouched. I even had a few seeds starting to sprout because they were being ignored by birds. The birds just seemed to have vanished.

I wondered if it was just my feeders that were being ignored so I went to my favorite social media site, Face Book, and expressed my concern. The comments came quickly from scores of others who feed birds who have experienced the same dearth of songbirds in their yards.

About the time I was noticing the absence of birds in my yard, I saw something else I don't remember seeing before, at least not of the magnitude as happened this fall. There are several big pines in my yard and there was a constant helicoptering down of pine seeds the volume of which I never saw

before.

A walk through the woods also revealed an unusual amount of acorns and other seeds, fruits and nuts of all kinds, giving validation of a bumper crop of natural foods available to wildlife including, I assume, songbirds. My suspicion is that with so much natural foods to eat, the birds are filling their little bellies with these natural offerings.

I sought out experts to see if I could validate my suspicions. Dr. Kim Marie Tolson is an instructor of wildlife at the University of Louisiana Monroe and she believes that an abundance of food is available in the wild which birds apparently prefer over commercial bird food.

“We had an unusually great spring and summer with sufficient rainfall and weather conditions this year for growing natural foods; my guess is the birds are doing their feeding in the woods,” Dr. Tolson said.

Adding credence to this hypothesis was an on-line site I visited, Stokes Birding Blog, that listed the main reasons no birds are at the feeder.

1. Abundance of rain, producing a bumper crop of wildlife food.
2. Lots of wild seeds on composite flowers.
3. Tons of weed seed.
4. Lots of berries.
5. Fruit trees such as crabapple bearing lots of fruit.
6. Cone seed crop very heavy.
7. Warm weather where birds don't have to eat as much to keep warm.
8. Mild weather means there are more insects still available.

It's good to know it's not just me and my feeders. Other's have contacted me with the

same questions. One thing is for sure; the birds will be back.

FISHING REPORT

BLACK BAYOU – Bass have been fair around the trees and brush. No report on crappie or bream. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER – The water is at pool stage. Crappie fishing has slowed down with fair catches at best being made around tops in the river on shiners and jigs.. Bass are fair fishing the run-outs with spinner baits, topwater lures early and crank baits and soft plastics later. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Crappie fishing is starting to improve along the edges of the channel with some slabs being caught on shiners or jigs. Bass are still along the banks early with topwater lures, buzz baits, plastic frogs working. Later in the day soft plastics are best. The bream have about shut it down but catfish can still be caught fishing cold worm off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Crappie fishing has improved with some nice fish being caught along the Thousand Foot channel on shiners or jigs. Bass have been best skipping jigs under the docks with Bandit crank baits picking up a few as well. Catfishing has been fair. No report on bream. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

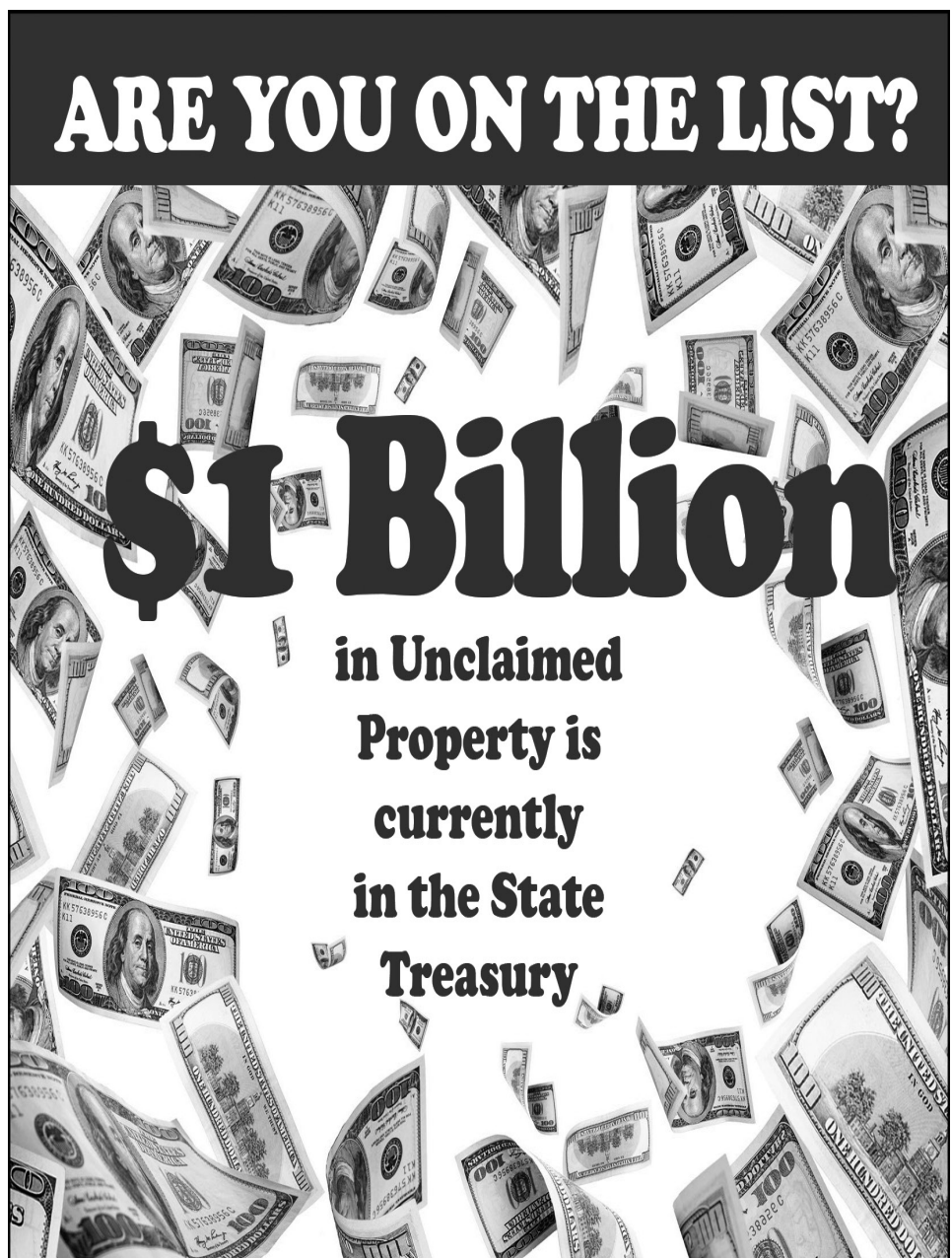
CANEY LAKE – Some bass are still schooling with some nice sized bass to 3-4 pounds caught in the schools on shad imitation lures. Fishing for them after dark is producing some bigger fish on oversized plastic worms fished along underwater humps. Crappie have slowed down with jigs and shiners picking up a few around the deeper tops. No report on bream or catfish.. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at

323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Crappie fishing has been improving with some nice ones caught around the boat slips, around the trees and on the lower end of the lake on shiners or jigs. been off and on with good catches made one day and fair the next on shiners or jigs. No report on bream or bass. Catfishing has been good on a variety of baits. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is the lowest it has been in years. Fishing has been fair with windy conditions keeping most folks off the lake. Some crappie and catfish are being caught and a few buffalo have been caught in nets. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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LaSalle Parish 4-H members competed in the Fall Cookery Contest on October 17 and Jr. Leader members led the tri-fold omelet exercise: front row (left to right) Jacob Harris, Carson Hughart, Maddox Gresham, Elizabeth Gresham, Ainslee Cooksey, Camille Reichardt, Alyssa Bird, Cheslie Joy and Emma'Rie Lurry and back row (l to r) William Harris, Seth Richard, Cassidie Waits, Grace Gresham, Waylon Breithaupt, Ceanna Benandi, Ellie Kate Cassells and Camilyn Willis.

LaSalle 4-H Youth in the Fall Cookery Contest

(Submitted Article)

LaSalle 4-H members turned out with dishes in hand for the Fall Cookery Contest held on October 17 at the 4-H Office in Jena.

Members showcased their favorite dishes in either beef, rice and egg or competed in the peanut butter and jelly sandwich challenge. First place winners in each categories received \$15 and second place received \$10 premiums for their dishes.

All first through third place winners received an invitation to the Outstanding Member's Banquet at the end of the year. Additionally, the first and second place winners in the beef, egg and rice divisions qualified for the 4-H Central Region Cookery contest in the spring.

Overall, 14 youth participated in the fall cookery serving up 23 dishes. Cookery competitions through 4-H provide a means for youth to apply food preparation and safety skills as well as time spent with a caring adult in the kitchen.

In addition to the cookery contest, LaSalle 4-H Jr. Leaders led group activities for the participants. Working in groups, 4-H members followed the recipe instructions to create tri-fold egg omelets.

Results from the 4-H Fall Cookery include:

- Beef Cookery Winners**
1st Place—Ainslee Cooksey, Fellowship Elementary (Taco Soup)
2nd Place—Maddox Gresham, Homeschool (Barbecue Meat Loaf)

3rd Place—Ceanna Benandi, Fellowship Elementary (Tater Tot Casserole)

Honorable Mentions: Emma'Rie Lurry, Fellowship Elementary

Rice Cookery Winners

1st Place—Ainslee Cooksey, Fellowship Elementary (Broccoli Rice Casserole)

2nd Place—Jacob Harris, Homeschool (Savannah Red Rice)

3rd Place—Nathan Richard, Fellowship Elementary (Rice Dressing)

Honorable Mentions: Ceanna Benandi- Fellowship Elementary, Ellie Cassells-Homeschool, Carson Hughart- Jena Junior High

Egg - Dessert Cookery

1st Place—Ainslee Cooksey, Fellowship Elementary (Sweet Louisiana Pecan Bread)

2nd Place—Emma'Rie Lurry, Fellowship Elementary (Mamaw's Egg Custard)

3rd Place—Alyssa Bird, Fellowship Elementary (Carmel Pecan Bundt Cake)

Honorable Mentions: Ceanna Benandi- Fellowship Elementary, Elizabeth Gresham-Homeschool, William Harris- Homeschool

Egg - Other Cookery

1st Place—Seth Richard, Fellowship Elementary (Breakfast Casserole)

2nd Place—Chelsie Joy, Fellowship Elementary (Egg Casserole)

3rd Place—Camille Reichardt, Olla Elementary (Broccoli Cheese Cornbread)

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Challenge

1st Place—Ceanna Benandi, Fellowship Elementary (Honey-Cinnamon

Peanut Butter & Jelly Pie Sandwich)

2nd Place—Alyssa Bird, Fellowship Elementary (Smore's Peanut Butter Sandwich)

3rd Place—Emma'Rie Lurry, Fellowship Elementary (Pillsbury Peanut Butter and Jelly Rollups)

Honorable Mentions: Ellie Kate Cassells, Homeschool

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Regulators allow electric cooperatives to buy power from out-of-state supplier

By Victor Skinner

(The Center Square) — The Louisiana Public Service Commission voted unanimously this week to allow two electrical nonprofit cooperatives to buy power from a Florida-based supplier, overriding objections from power companies Entergy and Cleco that currently control the market.

Commissioners approved two deals on Wednesday allowing the Dixie Electric Membership Cooperative and Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative to buy power from NextEra, which is expected to save customers about \$160 million over the next 10 years.

The joint application was opposed by Entergy and Cleco, which currently monopolize Louisiana's energy market, based on allegations the deal could result in forced blackouts to stabilize the electric grid.

An administrative law judge and PSC staff recommended the deal move ahead with conditions that require the co-ops to report to the commission on price changes and capacity issues.

"You're placing long-term resource adequacy for the state of Louisiana in the hands of the cooperatives and NextEra Energy Marketing, who are not subject to your jurisdiction," Larry Hand, attorney for Entergy told the PSC. "The risk you are undertaking is an increased risk

of more likelihood of controlled load shed events to maintain reliability when we don't have adequate resources to support load."

A separate docket at the PSC aims to look into the capacity issues. The deals run for a decade starting in 2024 and 2025.

Attorneys for DEMCO, JDEC and NextEra countered Entergy's claims, pointing to rules included in the arrangements that require the co-ops to

comply with regulators.

"We understand this commission could change the rules or (the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) could change the rules. We will comply with those rules," NextEra attorney Brian Murphy told commissioners. "The record shows we are in full compliance with every rule and current regulation, and we commit to be in compliance with every future rule and regulation."

DEMCO CEO Randy Pierce highlighted both rates and reliability as major factors for partnering with NextEra.

"There many benefits we believe to the two contracts that we are asking for certification for today. First and foremost, they will result in lower rates for our members. We know that by the calculations within the contract," he said. "We looked at 95 different proposals from 13 different providers across

the country, including all of the incumbent folks in the state ... and with that we chose one we knew would be reliable."

"We've seen their performance in other states and we've very comfortable from the reliability standpoint and we feel very good about the pricing standpoint," Pierce said. "We believe it is by far the best option that we looked at. It's the most dynamic option in terms of bringing benefits to our customers and the state of Louisiana and to the seven parishes we serve."

The deals are expected to lower rates for about 113,000 DEMCO customers and nearly 9,700 JDEC customers.

The PSC vote follows discussions by commissioners on alternatives to the current Louisiana energy monopoly controlled by Entergy and Cleco, which have earned the scorn of the PSC for significantly increasing rates in recent years.

The PSC voted earlier this year to allow five co-ops to buy power from two out-of-state firms, The Advocate reports.



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The Bayou Mountain Rams Football Team based in Jena consists of: front row (left to right) Ben Head, Brayton Deville, Essa Scott, Zade Rutledge, River Thornton, Aiden Scott, Brandt Deville, Brayden Davidson, Tristan Callender, Andrew Powell and Hayden Holloway; middle row (1 to r) Luke Hawkins, J.T. Stuckey, Tucker Hartwell, Bryson Russell, Tanner Durham, Bentley Price, Jackson Farmer, Reed Phillips, Chase Jones, Drake Richerson and Cohen Pritchard and back row (1 to r) Jeramiah Harrison, Demetrius Duncan, Cam Doyle, Ben Lord, Zane Rutledge, Jackson Adcock, Reed Roark, Beaux Beard, Colten Lucas, Eli Jones, Cayden Taylor, Noah Sharp, Jackson Maxwell, Brantley Sanders, Demarion Jones, Cooper Sanders, Tatum Maxwell and Callen McCormick.

Youth football program ends its second year

The Bayou Mountain Rams youth football program for ages seven to eleven is finishing up its second season. The 10u football team was in its first year this season and the 8u team was in its second, and overall both teams have done well, said program founder and Head Coach Blake Davidson.

He said the 10u Rams team is ranked #2 in their division and the 8u Rams is ranked #3 with the 8u team being last year's champions.

"We, coaches, love these kids and want nothing more than for them to be successful," he said. "This season has been a blast and we are already anticipating next season."

Coach Davidson said the program, which began last year, has shifted this year to focus on one sport instead of two.

"This year we are only invested in football," he said. "Last year we also offered baseball training. We have two teams of around 30 kids on each team - a 10u and an 8u. Last year, we only had one team of 20 kids."

The teams' final games of the season will take place on Saturday, November 5 with the 8u team taking on the Monroe Gators at 9 a.m. and the 10u team taking on the Mangham Dragons 10U at 10 a.m. at Ouachita Junior High (5500 Blanks Street) in Monroe. The playoffs will be held on November 12 with the championship the following weekend.

Coach Davidson said more than winning games the football program focuses on life lessons for the youth.

"Yes, we would like to win football games, but we would rather see a difference in the attitude and demeanor of a kid than his championship rings," he said. "We as coaches know the importance of setting strong examples. We show up, we show out and we prepare for tomorrow. Perseverance through adversity, if you will."

He said the town of Jena has always gotten behind youth sports programs and he feels in time the town will see the value of their small but growing program as well.

"We are new and only in our second season, however we were named the North Louisiana State League Champions last season for our 8u team," he said. "There is more talent in this little town than I have ever seen in the 43 states that I have visited. Just imagine how great these kids will be in eight to ten years if they stay with it."

Davidson said one of the challenges the program faces is lack of funding.

"Although we do the best we can, we lack funding," he said. "It's extremely hard to manage 60 kids. It's even harder to supply 60 kids with the proper equipment. Our long term goal is to offer all equipment for free such as helmets, shoulder pads, mouth guards and other items in order to reach more youth."

He said in the future he would also like to expand the program on a national level.

"We have not begun the transition to a national team yet because it will take extreme dedication and lots of funding before it can happen," he said. "We are probably still two seasons away from this, but it's definitely one of our goals for the future."

For more information about the program and/or joining for next season, contact Coach Davidson at (318) 316-3096 or the La Chosen League at (318) 581-8109. To donate or volunteer with the program, call Davidson.



The LaSalle Parish School Board has placed two TAX RENEWAL propositions on the November 8th primary election ballot that are VITAL for the operation of the parish school system.

Each tax is a 5.10 mills renewal and each has been on the tax rolls for many years. They help to provide funds to pay for the costs of operation and maintenance of, and improvements to, public schools in the parish.

These are parishwide taxes and voters throughout the parish will have the opportunity to cast their vote on these tax renewal issues.

Proceeds from these taxes go into the school board's maintenance funds, which are used to pay for energy, repairs, maintenance, and all other costs associated with operating the schools in LaSalle Parish.

Voters are reminded that these are not NEW taxes, but are RENEWALS: and they are VITAL for the operation of the parish school system.

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Hardtner Medical Center Health Fair a success!



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Health Fair

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Fellowship Elementary students enjoyed presentations recently



Rose Greer with the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians demonstrated traditional basket weaving and shared other parts of Choctaw culture with Fellowship Elementary fourth and fifth grade students. The students were also able to ask her questions about Native American life and traditions. The students enjoyed the presentation and would like to thank Mrs. Greer for coming to their school.

The Heart of Louisiana Humane Society recently visited Fellowship Elementary students in Pre-Kindergarten to first grades to talk about how to be responsible pet owners, the work that they do at the humane society and the various states that the dogs are shipped to for their new homes. The students donated items to help with the care of the animals.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Breakfast	ferred Daily
Thursday, 11-3-22: Pancake/Sausage Bites, Fresh Fruit Choice, and Fruit Juice Choice.	Lunch
Friday, 11-4-22: LHS Homecoming – Toast and Jelly, Ham, Home Fries, and Fruit Juice Choice.	Thursday, 11-3-22: Pork Chop, Hop-pin’ John, Seasoned Broccoli, Peach Slices, and Yeast Rolls.
Monday, 11-7-22: Biscuit and Jelly, Sausage, Fresh Fruit Choice, and Fruit Juice Choice.	Friday, 11-4-22: LHS Homecoming – Hot Dogs, Chili Beans, Potato Rounds w/ Ketchup, Garden Salad, and Apple Wedges.
Tuesday, 11-8-22: No School – Federal Election Day.	Monday, 11-7-22: Breaded Baked Chicken Breast, Ranch Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Broccoli, Rosy Applesauce, and Yeast Rolls.
Wednesday, 11-9-22: Biscuit and Jelly, Cheese Grits, Fresh Fruit Choice, and Fruit Juice Choice.	Tuesday, 11-8-22: No School – Federal Election Day.
*Milk Choice Of-	Wednesday, 11-9-22: BBQ Ribette Sand-

wich, Sweet Potato Fries, Garden Salad, Jeweled Pear Halves, and Graham Crackers. *Milk Choice Offered Daily

LaSalle 4-H sweet potato fundraiser


LaSalle Parish 4-H members are selling 40-pound boxes of Louisiana Sweet Potatoes for \$30 a box during the month of October. Help a LaSalle 4-H'er by offsetting their cost of 4-H Camp, 4-H University, other camps, competitions, purchases of 4-H supplies and more! Orders and money

must be turned in to the 4-H office by November 3, 2022. Find a 4-H member to place an order or stop by the 4-H office today. Potatoes will be available for pickup on November 17 between 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. (Room 23- Courthouse downstairs)

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“Bits and Pieces of LaSalle Parish”

(In and around Jena, Louisiana)

By Larry Chapman
LaSalle Parish Historian
Phone 318-316-1759
Box 478, Trout, LA 71371

After many of you have shared your interest and enjoyment of the last several weeks of photos, we are sharing some this week that are some of my own folks as well as yours.

Hope you enjoy our look at the past. Thanks again.



Ruby Franklin Roberts Chapman (1931-1994) and brother, W. C. Franklin. (Miss Ruby owned and operated the Belah Grocery - 1974-1990). Mother of Larry Chapman



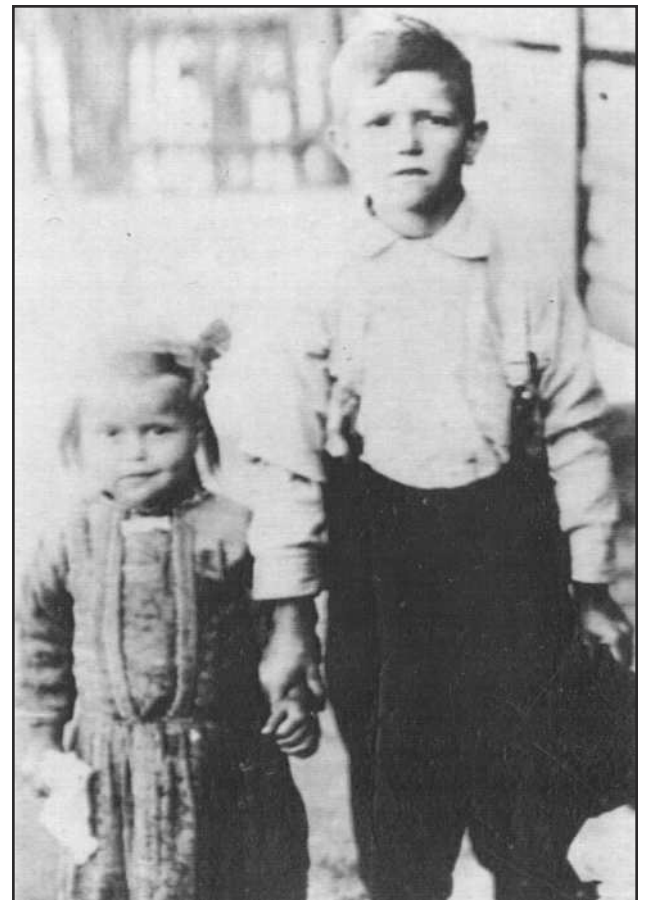
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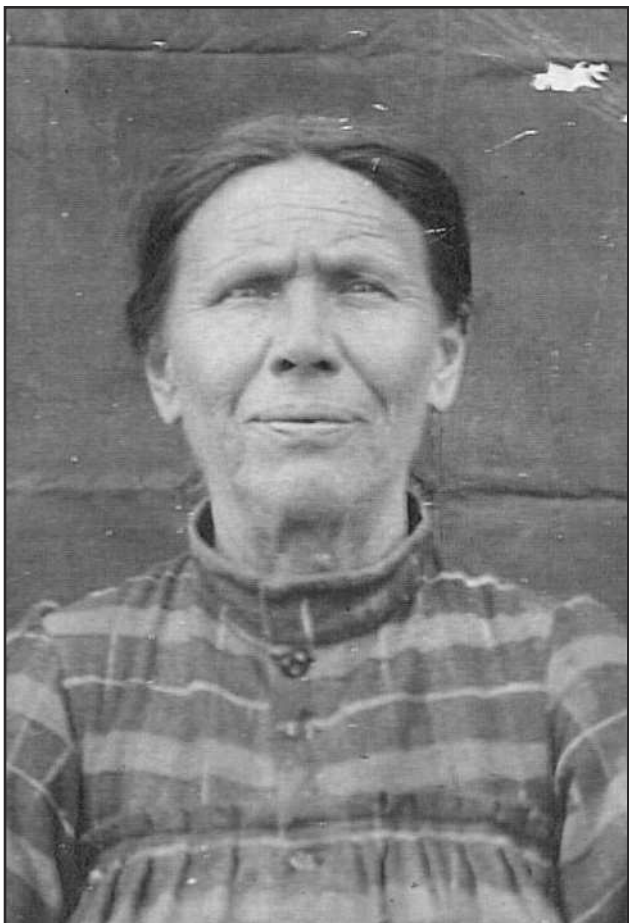
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Cary Curtis Chapman, son of Steve and Cora Cockerham Chapman



Lillian Humphries Mosely and brother, Avery Humphries



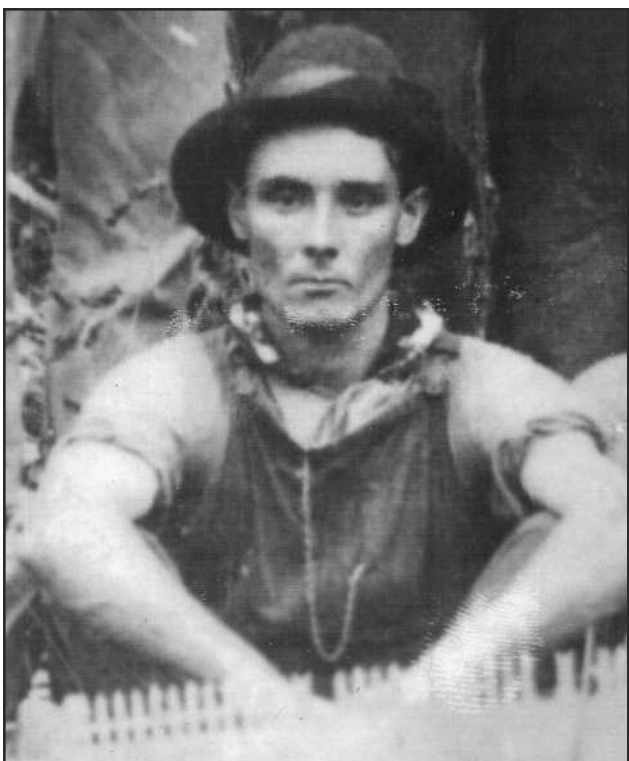
Ann Eliza Smith Chapman (1848-1933); great grandmother of Larry Chapman



Albert Bignar and Dewitt Allien



Lilly Taylor Rosier Allien



William Carey “Big Boy” Franklin grandfather of Larry Chapman



James Franklin Joy and first cousin, Jane Breithaupt Kendrick

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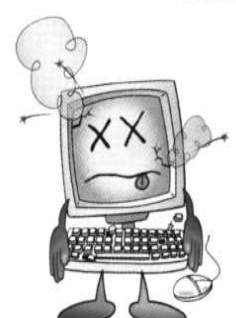
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Gary Chambers, Jr. Democrat	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Devin Lance Graham Republican	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Xan" John Other	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Kennedy Republican	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
W. Thomas La Fontaine Olson No Party	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bradley McMorris Independent	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
MV "Vinny" Mendoza Democrat	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Luke" Mixon Democrat	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salvador P. Rodriguez Democrat	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aaron C. Sigler Libertarian	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Syrita Steib Democrat	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Wenn Other	13	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

<p>Amendment No. 1</p> <p>Do you support an amendment to increase to 65% the cap on the amount of monies in certain state funds that may be invested in stocks? (Amends Article VII, Sections 10.1(B), 10.8(B), 10.11(D), and 14(B))</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Amendment No. 7</p> <p>Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of involuntary servitude except as it applies to the otherwise lawful administration of criminal justice? (Amends Article I, Section 3)</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Amendment No. 2</p> <p>Do you support an amendment to expand certain property tax exemptions for property on which the homestead exemption is claimed for certain veterans with disabilities? (Amends Article VII, Section 21(K))</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Amendment No. 8</p> <p>Do you support an amendment to remove the requirement that homeowners who are permanently totally disabled must annually re-certify their income to keep their special assessment level on their residences for property tax purposes? (Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(iv))</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Amendment No. 3</p> <p>Do you support an amendment to allow classified civil service employees to support the election to public office of members of their own families? (Amends Article X, Sections 9 and 20)</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>PROPOSITION(S)</p> <p>Parishwide School District No. 1-A Proposition No. 1 of 2 (Tax Renewal)</p> <p>Shall School District No. 1-A of LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, levy a special tax of five and ten hundredths (5.10) mills on all property subject to taxation in said School District (an estimated \$458,100 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purposes of construction, improvements to existing schools, including additions, major repairs and renovations, or other capital improvements in said School District?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Amendment No. 4</p> <p>Do you support an amendment to allow local governments to waive water charges that are the result of damage to the water system not caused by the customer? (Amends Article VII, Section 14(B))</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Amendment No. 5</p> <p>Do you support an amendment to allow the levying of a lower millage rate by a local taxing authority while maintaining the authority's ability to adjust to the current authorized millage rate? (Amend Article VII, Section 23(C))</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Amendment No. 6</p> <p>Do you support an amendment to limit the amount of an increase in the assessed value of residential property subject to the homestead exemption in Orleans Parish following reappraisal at ten percent of the property's assessed value in the previous year? (January 1, 2023) (Amends Article VII, Section 18(F)(2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and Adds Article VII, Section 18(F)(3))</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Parishwide School District No. 1-A Proposition No. 2 of 2 (Tax Renewal)</p> <p>Shall School District No. 1-A of LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, levy a special tax of five and ten hundredths (5.10) mills on all property subject to taxation in said School District (an estimated \$458,100 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purposes of operation, maintenance, and improvement to the public schools of said School District?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

United States Representative

5th Congressional District (Vote for ONE)

Oscar "Omar" Dantzer Democrat	27	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allen Guillory Republican	28	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walter Earl Huff Democrat	29	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia Letlow Republican	30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunter Pullen Republican	31	<input type="checkbox"/>

Member of Louisiana Public Service Commission

District 4 (Vote for ONE)

Keith C. Bodin No Party	53	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Mike" Francis Republican	54	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shalon Latour Republican	55	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE:

All LaSalle voters will cast ballots in the United States Senator, United States Representative, and Public Service Commissioner races, as shown on the left and the proposed constitutional amendments and tax renewal propositions as shown above; Voters in District 3, District 7 and District 10 will vote in the school board races. Town of Jena voters will vote in the council member race. Town of Olla voters will vote in the chief of police and aldermen races. Town of Tullos voters will vote in the mayor, chief of police and aldermen races.

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DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL RACES

- SCHOOL BOARD RACES -

Member of School Board

District 3 (Vote for ONE)

"Fred" Book Independent	59	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Beau" Cook Independent	60	<input type="checkbox"/>

Member of School Board

District 7 (Vote for ONE)

"Josh" Corley No Party	61	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deborah Mayo Independent	62	<input type="checkbox"/>

Member of School Board

District 10 (Vote for ONE)

Deon Jones No Party	63	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melvin Worthington Democrat	64	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOWN OF OLLA RACES

Chief of Police

Town of Olla (Vote for ONE)

Jody O'Bier, II Republican	67	<input type="checkbox"/>
John W. Stott Republican	68	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOWN OF TULLOS RACES

Mayor

Town of Tullos (Vote for ONE)

Karla Cockerham Republican	65	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Jim" Oliveaux No Party	66	<input type="checkbox"/>

Aldermen

Town of Tullos (Vote for FIVE)

Heather N. Berryman Republican	79	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Charlie" Brown Republican	80	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carmon Cook Independent	81	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Catherine Lasiter Democrat	82	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shelby Loe Independent	83	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marli Harris Oehler No Party	84	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sonya Oliveaux Republican	85	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floyd Temple, Jr. Republican	86	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tina Murphrey Tullos No Party	87	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Welch Republican	88	<input type="checkbox"/>

Chief of Police

Town of Tullos (Vote for ONE)

Scott Cockerham Republican	70	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary McDaniel Independent	71	<input type="checkbox"/>



TOWN OF JENA RACE

Council Member(s)

Town of Jena (Vote for FIVE)

Wayne Chapman Republican	89	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lester Francis Republican	90	<input type="checkbox"/>
David P. Jones, Jr. Republican	91	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Overstreet Republican	92	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Joe" Phillips Independent	93	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Donny" Richardson Republican	94	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tommy D. Sandifer Republican	95	<input type="checkbox"/>

Aldermen

Town of Olla (Vote for FIVE)

Madge Jones Bailey Republican	72	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Lynn Duke Independent	73	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jessica Dunn Republican	74	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lena Thornton Henry No Party	75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie McGuffee No Party	76	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith Reichardt Republican	77	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joel Sims Republican	78	<input type="checkbox"/>

Good Pine Middle School hosts reading night



Students at Good Pine Middle School attended a Reading Night + Book Fair and Trunk-or-Treat all in one recently.



R.V. Couch takes light into darkness of jails

(Editor's Note: This story appeared in the October 27, 2022 issue of the Baptist Message and is being reprinted with permission from the Baptist Message.)

By Brian Blackwell, Message Staff Writer

TROUT, La. (LBM) – For the last 20 years, Pastor R.V. Couch has devoted his life to sharing how Christ can set men free, especially inside prisons.

“It’s been such a joy,” said Couch, interim pastor at Dunbarton Baptist Church, Ferriday, and a 2021 Louisiana Baptist Convention Exemplary Bi-vocational and Retired Pastor of the Year award winner. “I never thought that I would ever do this as a child. I have enjoyed it thoroughly and everywhere I have gone there is a purpose that God has equipped me to do.”

CALLED AMID DARKNESS

A lifelong resident of Jena, Couch was working as a repairman in 1990 when his wife, Malcolm, was undergoing treatment for cancer. While she was having surgery, Mickey Hudnall, then pastor of Summerville Baptist Church, Olla, and now associational missions strategist for Ouachita Baptist Association, paid a visit to the hospital and prayed with the couple. At that moment, Couch’s eyes were

open to the Gospel, and soon afterward, he accepted Christ.

A year later, Couch felt a call to ministry during a revival service with Aimoch Baptist, Olla.

Then he began accompanying Hudnall to Raymond Laborde Correctional Center, Cottonport, to minister to prisoners.

At first, he rarely shared a Gospel message with the inmates. However, with time he grew bolder and became a visible and vocal witness for Christ within the prison to prisoners and guards, alike.

Since then, Couch has shared Jesus at seven other prisons.

He also has served as pastor with four congregations: Kidron Baptist Church, Harrisonburg (1998-2015) and Calvary Heights Baptist Church, Jena (2015-2018). Since August, Couch has been the interim pastor with Dunbarton Baptist, where he has seen worship attendance increase from 20 when he arrived to 30 in late September.

Hudnall attested to Couch’s steadfast commitment to area churches.

“From the day he accepted Christ, every faction of his life has changed,” Hudnall said. “R.V. is a man with many talents but best of all is a great friend to many people.”

Couch said he does not know how much longer he will serve at



Michael Tradewell, a member of First Baptist Church in Jena, Aimoch Baptist Pastor Bobby McGuire, Dunbarton Baptist Pastor R.V. Couch and East Jena Baptist Pastor Michael Wilkinson were on hand a year ago when Couch was awarded the 2021 Louisiana Baptist Convention Exemplary Bi-vocational and Retired Pastor of the Year Award.

Dunbarton or minister in prisons. But he said he will serve Christ faithfully wherever the Lord may lead.

“God calls us, equips us and commissions us,” Couch said. “The

only way out of being commissioned is through death and I’m hoping that the Lord has more years left for me. I’m excited the Lord has used me and allows me to continue in His work.”

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Lester FRANCIS

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OES students at Hardtner Medical Center Trunk or Treat



Olla Elementary Pre-Kindergarten teacher Courtney Davis leads her students around the tables at Hardtner Medical Center's Trunk or Treat on Friday at the pavilion behind the hospital. OES Pre-K and Kindergarten students trick or treated at the hospital's event.



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Louisiana native and rising country music star CJ Solar performed at The Strand Theater in downtown Jena on Saturday. His performance in Jena was one of only two Louisiana shows on his touring line-up, which put him on stages across the South as well as on the Grand Ole Opry in August. He was named one of the "New Artists You Need To Know" by Rolling Stone Country and the MusicRow Independent Artist of the Year Award in 2019 and has won multiple awards for songwriting as well.



Country music star CJ Solar stands in front of The Strand Theater in downtown Jena before his performance on Saturday night.



Jena Nutrition held a grand re-opening on October 24 with a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new location and their three year anniversary. The business, located at 3147 West Oak Street Suite C in Jena, specializes in loaded teas, beauty and specialty drinks, meal replacement shakes and kids hydration drinks. On hand for the ribbon cutting were (left to right) Employee Emily Hudson, Owner Sabrina Stuckey, Jena Mayor LaDawn Edwards and Employee Audrey Andrews. Hours of operation for the store are Monday to Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 (noon) to 5 p.m. For more information, call 318-316-9929 or visit them on Facebook at Jena Nutrition. Drink orders can be texted, called in or ordered online through the app, Engage - Your Club, and by using the store code, EPJV8T. Also those interested in ordering four or more drinks can call for available delivery options.

The kid with the long ears

A Pakistani goat farmer says the folks at Guinness should award his newborn kid for having the longest ears on record.

Simba, his baby goat, was born recently with a pair of ears measuring 19 inches in length, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

Nubian goats are known to have extra-long earlobes. But the experts tell us that normally their ears extend to about an inch or so below their snouts.

Endorsement for two tax renewals

This newspaper has endorsed and is urging voters to cast a yes vote on the upcoming tax renewals which appear on the November 8 ballot.

The two taxes are parish wide renewals for 5.10 mills each for the operation of the parish school system. The expenses of day-to-day operations of the school system continues to increase and this tax is vital to pay these expenses. It is a renewal and has been on the tax rolls for decades.

Funds generated by renewing this tax are vital to keep our parish school system operating at the same level it is now, and provide the education our children deserve.

We support both of these taxes and urge voters to cast a yes vote on each.

BURN BAN LIFTED!

The President Of The LaSalle Fire Chief's Association Announced That The BURN BAN In LaSalle Parish Was LIFTED As Of Monday, October 31, 2022!!!

The LaSalle Parish ban on outdoor burning has been lifted, but residents in forested areas are cautioned to continue reducing the fire risk around their homes.

Several steps that homeowners can take to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to their property follows:

- Keep wild vegetation near homes trimmed and at least 30 feet away from the house and other structures by using weed eaters, lawnmowers, chainsaws, and other mechanized equipment.
- Make sure that all machinery is equipped with proper spark arrestors.
- Refuel your equipment in areas void of vegetation.
- Practice extra caution when fire danger is high.
- Remove all leaves or pine needles that are within 30 feet of a structure.
- Thin tree stands and brush to eliminate continuous vegetation that can promote wildfire spread.

Use caution when burning outdoors; keep a close watch on fires to prevent them from becoming out-of-control.

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Louisiana Century Farm Program seeking applicants

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is currently accepting applications for the Louisiana Century Farm Program. The Louisiana Century Farm Program recognizes and honors Louisiana's farmers, ranchers, and forestry landowners who have owned family farmland for 100 years or more. There is still time to apply for the 2023 Louisiana Century Farm award class. The application period for the program is July 1

through December 31 each year. The LDAF is looking forward to having Louisiana's farm families join our recognition program to highlight their families' legacy in agriculture production. Throughout the years, the program has had the pleasure of honoring 75 farm families at the annual Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Convention.

"The Century Farm Program is an opportunity to have your family recognized for the many years it has contributed to the rich agricultural heritage of the state of Louisiana," said Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. "The program honors these contributions while encouraging the preservation and commitment to farm families. It's an acknowledgment of where the past meets the future."

To be eligible for the program, the farm must meet the following criteria:

Has the farm been in your family continuously for at least 100 years?

Does the farm have at least 20 acres of the original founder's land?

Is at least one owner a resident of Louisiana?

Does the farm produce at least \$1,000 in farming income annually?

*Timber production income will vary annually but can still qualify.

There is no cost to apply. Applications may be found online at www.lsuagcenter.com/CenturyFarms. For more information, contact the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Lillie Adams Wiley at (318) 949-3225 or email at ladams@ldaf.la.gov.

The Louisiana Cen-

USDA launches loan assistance tool to enhance equity; customer service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) launched a new online tool to help farmers and ranchers better navigate the farm loan application process. This uniform application process will help to ensure all farm loan applicants receive equal support and have a consistent customer experience with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) regardless of their individual circumstances.

"USDA recognizes more must be done to ensure all customers have equal access to our programs and services," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "The Loan Assistance Tool is another example of USDA taking accountability and ensuring we update our existing systems, processes, and policies to make them equitable for all customers. The tool will help loan applicants better understand the application process and gather the needed documents before the process even begins."

USDA experiences a high rate of incomplete or withdrawn applications, particularly among underserved customers, due in part to a challenging and lengthy paper-based application process. The Loan Assistance Tool is available 24/7 and gives customers an online step-by-step guide that supplements the support they receive when working in person with

a USDA employee, providing materials that may help an applicant prepare their loan application in one tool.

Farmers can access the Loan Assistance Tool by visiting farmers.gov/farm-loan-assistance-tool and clicking the 'Get Started' button. From here they can follow the prompts to complete the Eligibility Self-Assessment and start the farm loan journey. The tool is built to run on any modern browser like Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or the Safari browser, and is fully functional on mobile devices. It does not work in Internet Explorer.

The Loan Assistance Tool is the first of multiple farm loan process improvements

that will be available to USDA customers on farmers.gov in the future. Other improvements and tools that are anticipated to launch in 2023 include:

A streamlined and simplified direct loan application, reduced from 29 pages to 13 pages.

An interactive online direct loan application that gives customers a paperless and electronic signature option, along with the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns.

An online direct loan repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local Service Center to pay a loan installment.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AVAILABILITY OF LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUNDS (LIHEAP)

LaSalle Parish Community Development Center is announcing the availability of funds dedicated to assist eligible low-income households with their energy payments. All applications are taken on a first come, first served basis. Telephone appointments will be taken Friday, October 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and every month thereafter on the 3rd Friday OF EACH MONTH from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. until ALL funds are exhausted. To schedule an appointment you may call: 318-389-4810.

An eligible household is one whose total income is at or below the levels listed in the table below and who have not been served in the current benefit season. Applicants must provide, at a minimum, the following documents at the time the application is taken: (1) Social Security cards for all members of the household; (2) Proof of income of all household members; (3) A copy of the most recent utility bills; (4) A photo I.D. of the applicant; (5) Copy of lease agreement; (6) Proof of present address reflecting the service address indicated on the energy bill.

Additional documentation may be required. Households reporting Zero Income must provide additional documentation. All information provided is subject to verification. Intentional misrepresentation of information may result in criminal prosecution of the applicant and anyone assisting in the misrepresentation.

Applicants are available for one Heating benefit (November 15th - March 15th) and one Cooling benefit (April 1st - September 30th).

There are reasonable accommodations for those with disabilities.

Applicants who have received a DISCONNECT NOTICE AND WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FOR A DISCONNECT IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, MAY WALK IN WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT. You must bring the Disconnect notice and the bill that goes with the disconnect notice.

Household Size	Maximum Income Per Household Per Month
1	\$2,126.00
2	\$2,780.00
3	\$3,435.00
4	\$4,089.00
5	\$4,743.00
6	\$5,397.00
7	\$5,520.00
8	\$5,643.00
9	\$5,765.00
10	\$5,888.00

LaSalle Parish Community Development Center is located at:
3108 N. First Street, Jena, LA 71342.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program Auxiliary Aids and Services Are Available Upon Request to Individuals with Disabilities La. Relay Service 1-800846-5277 (TDD)



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**DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
Treasurer John M. Schroder**



The Catahoula Parish Police Jury is seeking applicants for the position of

SECRETARY/TREASURER TRAINEE

The position requires proficiency in computers, bookkeeping, and working with the public.

A more detailed job description and application will be available at the

**Catahoula Parish Police Jury Office,
301 Bushley Street, Room 104,
Harrisonburg, Louisiana 71340**

from the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Applications will be taken until November 18, 2022.

Please include resume' with application.

Salary based on experience and education.

How old is too old

By Dr. James L. Snyder

I have never thought too much about my age. After all, you cannot choose when you will be born. Age is just a matter of thinking, and thinking is not my strong suit.

I never really thought about being old. I'm not exactly sure what the real definition of old is.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage recently asked me, "How old do you think you are?" I'm not quite sure what the incident was about.

I never know if what she is asking is rhetorical or something actually true. To question your wife is a borderline disaster.

On my last birthday, we went out to a restaurant to celebrate. As I was finishing my dessert, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me with one of her mischievous smiles and said, "Well, how old do you feel?"

Without thinking, which is my MO, I reached across the table, took hold of her arm, squeezed it, and said, "I feel old now?"

Unfortunately, she did not think it was funny, even though I was laughing.

Getting old is a natural process. You go from one birthday to the next birthday to the next birthday. I've had so many birthdays that I can't remember most of them. My

question along this line is, if I can't remember how old I am, can I make up my age at my convenience?

Believe it or not, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage responded to that. I'm not allowed to share her response, for obvious reasons.

Most people think that getting old is a very negative thing. I used to think that to a certain degree. But I am beginning to discover some good advantages to getting old.

I was at a certain restaurant, and when I went up front to pay the bill, I, with a big smile on my face, asked if I could get a discount. I was just joking.

To my surprise, the person behind the counter looked at me and said, "How old are you?" I had to think for a moment, and then I told her how old I was. When I said that, she replied, "Well, if you are that old, you qualify for a senior citizen discount."

Up to that point, I had never heard of a senior citizen discount, but I was glad to hear about it and cheerfully accepted that discount. I heartily respond to any discount for me. Any discount is change in my pocket.

Coming home the other day, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage met me and asked if I remembered to pick up something at the store for her. Looking at her, I simply

said, "Oh, my. I guess I'm getting so old I couldn't remember."

She replied with something I shall never forget, "That's okay." I only wished I had my tape recorder running when she said that.

That brought me to another benefit of getting old. All I have to say is that I'm so old I forgot and my mind isn't what it used to be, and my forgetting is forgiven.

Pondering this, I was reminded of my paternal grandfather. He was known for being so very forgetful. Everybody blamed it on his age, which he supported most heartily.

I remember talking to him one time before his passing and asking him, "Grandpa, why is it that you forget so many things?"

He looked at me, winked, and said, "Forgetting is an art. Not too many people can do it sufficiently."

"What do you mean?" I said. "Forgetting is a legitimate way of getting out of doing something you don't want to do." So he stopped and laughed for a moment and continued, "It takes a lot of memory to be able to forget as much as I do, and it has nothing to do with age."

I began learning a little more about my grandpa as he explained it. If he didn't want to do something, he hung it on his old age and forgetting. I don't know anybody who has built on that better than my grandfather. I was beginning to understand him now that I'm at a certain age.

Some people think getting old is a bad thing. Oh yes, there are some things I cannot do today that I could do 50 years ago. But that's not the issue. The issue is to take advantage of your age, especially if it's "old age."

"Old age" has certain advantages that did not come with being young.

When invited to go somewhere I don't want to go, it is easy for me to say, "I'd love to, but at my age I just don't have the energy." I then can flash a smile and get off going to the place I didn't want to go to in the first place.

When I was young, I took advantage of being young. I have the scars to prove that, of course. But now that I'm old, I need to take advantage of old age. And as a country boy, I plan to milk my old age as much as possible.

The Bible says some very positive things about getting old. My favorite verse on this subject is, Proverbs 16:31, "The hoary (grey) head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."

I'm not the only one that is getting old. Everybody gets old, but the "way of righteousness" is the key.

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Public Notices

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS MINUTES OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT #2 of LaSALLE PARISH LaSALLE GENERAL HOSPITAL & LaSALLE NURSING HOME BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners for Hospital Service District #2 held its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at LaSalle General Hospital at 1 p.m.

Commissioners present were: Janice Doshier, Steve Crooks, Sandra Webster, Robert Kendrick, MD, and Tom Watkins. Others present were: Lana Francis, LGH Chief Executive Officer, Phyllis Bryan, LNH Administrator, Carolyn Francis, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing, Allyson Fannin, Director of Human Resources, Brenda Smith, Director of General Services, Jennifer Mason, RN, BSN, Director of Clinical Services, David Melancon, ETech Medical Solutions, and Stephanie McCarroll, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Doshier followed by prayer led by Mr. Watkins and then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Mrs. Doshier opened the Public Comment Period and there were no comments.

On a motion Dr. Kendrick, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting and the meeting agenda for the August 25, 2022 meeting.

LaSalle Nursing Home: The financial and census reports were reviewed with Mrs. Bryan. Mrs. Bryan stated they are working on increasing census. Mrs. Bryan informed the Board that State Surveyors came July 18, 2022 and exited on July 20, 2022. Mrs. Bryan stated that USA Today came and did an interview with the nursing home staff. Mrs. Bryan updated the Board on the legal action resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Dr. Kendrick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Operational Report.

On a motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Dr. Kendrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Safety, Quality Improvement, and Infection Control reports.

LaSalle General Hospital:
This year the Auditor Appointment will be a one year proposal instead of the usual two year proposal due to the reporting requirements changing so often. A single audit engagement will not be required for Fiscal Year 2022. On a motion by Dr. Kendrick, seconded by Mrs. Webster and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Audit Engagement Proposal from Lester, Miller and Wells.

Discussion was held on the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. On a motion made by Dr. Kendrick, seconded by Mrs. Webster, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Legislative Attestation Questionnaire.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that the Open House for the Emergency Room/Admitting Area would be held Tuesday, September 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that she was pleased to have received two grants from the USDA. One grant was for the generators and the other grant was for elevators.

On a motion made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Crooks, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted a resolution giving Mrs. Francis, CEO or her designee, authorization to execute any documents and security instruments necessary to participate in the USDA Rural Development Emergency/Rural Health Care Grant program, and to take all actions needed to comply with regulatory requirements and carry out the responsibilities imposed by the program.

Mrs. Francis informed the Board that the first

meeting with the project engineer for the EDA Grant had been held.

Mrs. Francis asked the Board for permission to hold an auction of some items no longer needed for public purposes.

On a motion made by Dr. Kendrick, seconded by Mrs. Webster, and unanimously carried, permission was given to auction the unused equipment.

The financial report was reviewed. On a motion by Mrs. Webster, seconded by Dr. Kendrick, and unanimously carried, the July 2022 Operational and Financial reports were approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Webster, seconded by Dr. Kendrick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Safety, Quality Improvement (May 2022), and Medical Staff (July 2022) reports.

Mr. Watkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crooks, and carried unanimously, for the Board to go in executive session at 2:16 pm to discuss Marketing Strategies and Strategic Plans.

On a motion by Dr. Kendrick, seconded by Mrs. Webster, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session at 3:07 pm. There was no action taken during executive session.

On a motion by Mrs. Webster, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 pm.

JANICE DOSHER,
Chairman of the Board

LANA FRANCIS,
Secretary
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NOTICE OF SILENT AUCTION

LaSalle Parish Library will have a Silent Auction for the following:

MISCELLANEOUS LIBRARY FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT

Bids will be received by LaSalle Parish Library until 10:00 a.m., on Monday, November 14, 2022, for the sale of office furniture that the LaSalle Parish Library Board of Control has deemed surplus items that are no longer needed. All items will be set up for viewing at the old administration building (tan wooden building) at 3109 N. 1st Street, Jena, LA 71342. Items may be viewed on Fridays from 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please check in at the new library first and someone will assist you.

ANDREA BOOK
LaSalle Parish Library Director

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS SUMMERVILLE-ROSEFIELD FIRE DISTRICT September 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Summerville-Rosefield Fire District was held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at seven o'clock P.M. at the Aimoch Station.

Present: Leon Keel, Shelby Montpelier, and Shonda Price.

Absent: Glen Peppers and David Smith
The meeting was called to order on motion by Shelby Montpelier seconded by Shonda Price with H.O. Berry leading with prayer.

The minutes of the August 2022 meeting were accepted on motion by Shonda Price, seconded by Shelby Montpelier and passed by the Board.

The Finance Report for August 2022 was accepted on motion by Shonda Price seconded by Shelby Montpelier and passed by the Board. Shonda Price made a motion, seconded by

Shelby Montpelier and passed by the Board to authorize Charlie Savell, Fire Chief, to order the items listed on the approved Forestry Grant.

Shelby Montpelier made a motion, seconded by Shonda Price and passed by the Board to approve payment of bills for the month of September 2022.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Shonda Price, seconded by Shelby Montpelier.

David Smith, absent
Leon Keel
Shelby Montpelier
Glen Peppers, absent
Shonda Price

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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, November 9, 2022 for the sale of 189 used garbage dumpsters.

135 are located at the Jena Barn
54 are located at the Olla Barn
Bid Committee will open bids, Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

All bids should be marked as such on envelope.
Upon notification of accepted bid, bidder will have 5 days to have bid paid.

Bidder will then have 10 days to remove dumpsters from said locations or bidder will lose bid and no money refunded.

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

ABBIE WHITTINGTON
Secretary-Treasurer
LaSalle Parish Police Jury

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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, November 9, 2022 for the sale of the following equipment:

- Unit #58 1975 Cat Track Loader
- Unit #131 1997 Mack Front Loader Garbage Truck
- Unit #137 1989 One Ton Chevy Truck
- Unit #151 1996 Ford F-250 Pick Up Truck
- Unit #160 2004 Mack Front Loader Garbage Truck
- Unit #180 2014 Mack Front Loader Garbage Truck

Bid Committee will open bids, Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

All bids should be marked as such on envelope as to which item bid is for.

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

ABBIE WHITTINGTON
Secretary-Treasurer
LaSalle Parish Police Jury

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Architectural/Engineering Services

The Jena Housing Authority of Jena, Louisiana, is requesting from interested Architectural/Engineering Firms to perform basic services for

a HUD Comprehensive improvement Assistance Program (CIAP).

All services will be in accordance with CIAP HUD HANDBOOK 7485.1, Rev. 4 and Moderation Standards HUD Handbook 7485.2, Rev. 1 to Review the scope of services, a copy of the CIAP budget containing the required work items and a copy of the Forms of Agreement between owner and the Architect/Engineer, may be obtained from the Housing Authority. Work to be performed will be bathroom remodeling and some electrical issues. Architect will be required to do a Needs Assessment first. Please respond with a letter of interest, which must include a clear indication of your understanding of the modernization program, evidence of your firm's ability to perform the services, evidence that the Architect/engineer is registered or licensed to perform the required services in the State of Louisiana, evidence of Professional Liability Insurance and a Certified Statement that the Architect/Engineer, or firm is not debarred, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any Federal or State Agency. Also respond to the following:

1. Professional/technical competence and experience;
2. Capability to provide professional services in a timely manner.
3. Past performance in terms of cost control, quality control and Compliance with performance schedules;
4. Knowledge of building codes, and
5. Other evaluation factors.

For additional information, contact the Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

All replies including a cover letter limited of two pages and RFP Response Form shall be received by the Jena Housing Authority office no later than 4 P.M., November 10, 2022, and be addressed to: Donnia Robertson, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the Town of Jena, P.O. Box 36, Jena, Louisiana.

DONNIA ROBERTSON
Executive Director

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SHERIFF'S SALE

28th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF LASALLE

1ST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION
VS 42,683

SUCCESSION OF DEWANNA YOUNG

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Writ of Seizure and Sale in the Honorable Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court directed to the Parish of LaSalle, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, without benefit of appraisal, at the principal front door of the Courthouse in Jena, Parish of LaSalle, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and Noon on December 7, 2022

The following described property, to-wit: Lot 5 and 6 of Block 1 of the Urania Subdivision to the Town of Urania, as shown on official plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 38, et seq, records of LaSalle Parish, Louisiana situated in Section 8 Township 10 North, Range 2 East, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana.

Terms of Sale, Cash, without benefit of appraisal.

SCOTT FRANKLIN,
SHERIFF
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana

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TODAY



The Jena High School Class of 1962 celebrated their 60th high school reunion on October 20 at the WoodmenLife Lodge in Jena. The classmates enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship. On Friday, they participated in the annual homecoming parade by decorating and riding in the 1962 float. Plans were also made to meet again next year. Those in attendance for the reunion were: front row (left to right) Henry Hibbard, Carolyn Fannin, Geraldine Clark, Ralph McCrory, Gloria Gulde and Lovie Sharp and back row (l to r) Martiel Jones, Joe Van Collins, Neva Ingram, David Jones, Marilyn Erwin, Roxie Baker, Sallie LaHaye, Denzil Henderson, Anita Walters, Daryl Valentine and A.B. Phillips. Not pictured is Bubba Sherrill.

Photo of the Week...



It took guts to take your family to settle in Texas in the 1800s. It took guts, or little sense, because the Mexicans and the Comanche Indians thought all of Texas belonged to them and them alone. They were more than willing to attack all Texans. The white people were trespassing and they were going to pay the price with their scalps. The Comanches were hostile to men, women, and children alike. The only good thing that the white man had that the Indians wanted was the settlers horses, mules, and cattle...in that order.

This is the story of Mr. James Goacher of Alabama. He settled on some good acreage in east Texas in 1835. He was an industrious man with a lot of business sense about him. In a short time he had cleared land for farming and the raising of livestock. He also built a large sturdy log house for himself and his family. Soon others settled close by to form a small community. Everything was going his way until one day in 1837. He and his son-in-law were away from the house cutting and hauling firewood when a large party of Indians surrounded his house, approaching the house from two directions. One of the Indian parties saw two of Mr. Goacher's children playing outside the house. One Indian drove his spear through the chest of one little boy, scalped him, and left him for dead. The same Indian grabbed the little girl and held her captive. Mrs. Goacher, her daughter Jane, and two other small children tried to run the Indians away, but had no luck doing that. The Indians, seeing no man in the house, took anything and everything that they considered valuable to themselves. However, Mrs. Goacher, being a brave person, shot every weapon she had at the Indians killing none. That made the Indians furious. They shot Mrs. Goacher so full of arrows that there was scarcely an inch of her body left untouched. Finally an Indian shot her with a rifle and ended her life.

Mr. Goacher heard the shots, shouts, and yelling and proceeded back to the house in great haste. In their haste they forgot to bring their weapons with them. Mr. Goacher fought his way into the house only to find his wife killed and no weapons to use against the large number of Indians. Both Mr. Goacher and his son-in-law were shot and killed. His youngest son tried to hide but was found and shook up. The little boy bit the Indians thumb so hard that the Indian in a rage beat him with a stick until he let go of the thumb. Another one of Mr. Goache's sons was wounded badly but managed to crawl outside and hide himself. There, he breathed his last breath.

Two other little girls in the house were captured and carried away by the Indians. Probably to be seen no more.

The children and Mrs. Crawford (wife of the son-in-law) were given the most horrific treatment that can be explained. One of the girls was only two months old. She kept crying and crying until the Indians became tired of her screams so they tried to kill her by drowning her in a pool of water. But Mrs. Crawford came to the child's rescue and saved her. The Indians saved Mrs. Crawford and her daughters because of her bravery.

After two years in captivity, and treated shamefully, the Indians took her and her daughter to Coffee's Trading House, on the Red River, and bartered them off for four hundred yards of calico, a large number of blankets, a quantity of beads, and a few other articles.

The owner of the Trading House took a liking to Mrs. Crawford and went back with her and her daughters to their original home place. He proposed to Mrs. Crawford and she accepted. The couple had two sons together.

WOW!! WOW!! WOW!!








(Narrative and photo provided by Jena native Gale Trussell)



Thank You for the
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Your Reported Patient Satisfaction
Has Earned the Highest Rank.*

We're pleased to acknowledge that Citizens Medical Center has again received a 5-Star Rating designation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for "patient satisfaction."

Based on the summary of patient experiences, the aspects include:

-  Nurses communicated well
-  Doctors communicated well
-  Received help when wanted
-  Explanation about medications
-  Cleanliness of hospital & room
-  Quietness at night
-  Discharge information for recovery

In addition, 98% of patients gave CMC a 9 or 10 rating out of 10 and reported that they "would definitely recommend the hospital."

Your satisfaction is important to us, and we appreciate your entrusting Citizens Medical Center with your care.

*Source: medicare.gov/care

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"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates."
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