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Retail sales grow in 2022 for the parish

LaSalle Parish's retail sales grew overall in the year 2022, rising an average of 11-percent. Retail sales parish wide last year totaled \$299.3 million, compared to \$268.7 million for 2021.

Retail sales in LaSalle Parish are based on sales tax collections in 2022 as released recently by the Concordia Sales Tax Collection Agency, which collect sales taxes for several bodies in the parish.

The Town of Jena's retail sales were up 7-percent and the Town of Olla retail sales declined by 2-percent while the Town of Tullos had an increase of 26-percent.

The Town of Jena retail sales were \$129.5 million, compared to \$121.4 million. The Town of Olla had \$29.6 million in sales, compared to \$30.2 million. The Town of Tullos had \$7.2 million retail sales, compared to \$5.7 million.

Following is a re-cap of tax collections for year 2022:

School Board

The LaSalle Parish School Board collected a total sales tax revenue of \$8,992,870.58 in 2022, compared to \$868,692.58 during 2021 for increased revenue of \$818,692.98.

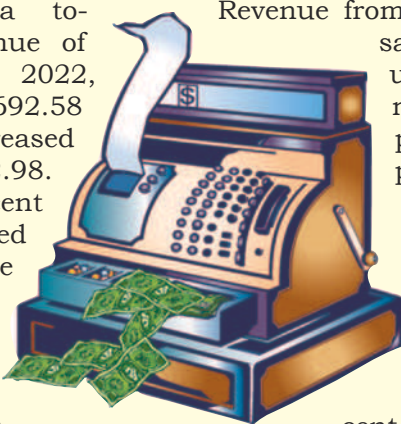
One of its one-cent sales taxes yielded \$2,985,603.54, the second tax yielded \$2,978,633.54, while the third generated \$3,028,633.50. For the year 2021, collections were \$2,708,537.91, \$2,707,820.08 and \$2,707,820.01 respectively, resulting in a 11-percent increase in sales tax revenue.

Two of the School Board's tax-

es are 80-percent dedicated to employee supplemental pay and 20-percent allocated to the general fund for operational expenses. Revenue from the third one-cent sales tax may only be utilized for improvements at the nine public schools in the parish.

Law Enforcement

The LaSalle Parish Law Enforcement District (LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office) realized a 10-percent increase in sales tax revenue from its one-half cent parish wide sales tax. Collections increased by \$135,407.10 in 2022. For the year, \$1,489,316.79 was collected, compared to \$1,353,909.69 in 2021.



The Sheriff's office uses sales tax funds for salaries, equipment and other expenses.

Police Jury

The LaSalle Parish Police Jury's sales tax revenue from its one-half cent parish wide sales increased by 28-percent. Collections in 2022 exceeded 2021 collections by \$326,098.48. The rather large increase is due to 2021 taxes being collected for eleven months versus twelve months in 2022. Total sales tax collected during 2022 was \$1,488,580.01 compared to \$1,162,481.53 for 2021.

Revenue from the sales tax is used to provide door-to-door parish wide garbage pickup through Waste Connections.

Town of Jena

Tax collection reports indicate that The Town of Jena collected

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LaSalle leaders reflect on year 2022 Optimism extremely high for 2023

The year 2022 showed that LaSalle Parish continues on its remarkable path of economic success and area leaders are optimistic that the pattern of growth will continue.

Several business leaders and public officials weighed in on what they expect in the year 2022 as they reflect back on the year that just ended. It appears the bright picture painted by local leaders last year at this time was fairly accurate and all indicators point to a continued time of prosperity for the parish.

The leaders interviewed for this story share not only economic views but also highlight many of the achievements made in LaSalle during the past year.

Walter E. Dorroh, Jr., President of the LaSalle

Economic Development District, had the following to say:

"As for my year in review assessment of 2022 for our parish, I am very pleasantly surprised and pleased at the resilience of our local economy. Despite terrible leadership in Washington on both sides of the aisle, our economy continues to be strong and perform well.

The highlights of achievements from the past year would be the continued growth and prosperity locally. Our parish is atypical in that, while most rural parishes are struggling, LaSalle Parish continues to be strong economy-wise. Our unemployment figures continue to be low. Our sales taxes continued to increase in total, which is an indication of strong consumer

demand and good business spending. My concern is that the profligate spending from the federal government and the associated inflation will cause reverses to those positive local trends.

I attribute the gains and achievements of the past year to successful planning for the future that began 30 years ago and continues to this day. We realized that we need to diversify our economy so that downturns in key areas such as the oil industry or timber industry in our parish, upon which we were overly dependent in the late 1980s, would not have the detrimental effect that we experienced in 1988-1989. Our old friends in the oil and timber businesses continue to be strong pillars of our economy, but with the diversification into

different areas and attracting other businesses to our parish, we have managed to avoid disastrous across-the-board downturns such as we experienced in 1988 and 1989. The excellent planning at the local government level that took place in those earlier years has continued to this date. Additionally, the opening and successful activities of the two new plants in Urania have had a very positive impact on our parish, particularly the northern end.

My economic projections for 2023 for our parish economy are guardedly optimistic. We continue to have very good performance from our local governmental agencies and cooperation on the economic front. Maintaining a business friendly collective policy

bodes well for us, and our job diversification has been a true blessing. However, because other rural parishes in this locale are not having quite the success that LaSalle Parish has enjoyed, one has to be concerned for the region.

Insofar as the national economy is concerned, I am very fearful. Congress is run by a group of economic illiterates, and the leadership we are receiving from the White House is dismal. The Republicans are only marginally better than their socialist Democrat counterparts. The problem lies in the fact that ill advised activity in Washington can have an extremely detrimental impact on our parish and surrounding area despite good leadership and

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Three-year-old twins Colby and John Crew Cooksey enjoy looking at picture books at the LaSalle Parish Library in Jena. They are the children of Clint and Amy Cooksey of Jena. Help bring more books to area children through a book drive hosted by the Cenla Advisory & Action Team. New and gently used books for children ages 0-15 are being collected until mid-March across an eight-parish area with LaSalle Parish's drop-off location as the LaSalle Health Unit (1673 N. Second Street) in Jena. These books will be distributed throughout Cenla to children in families with limited or no access to books.

Book drive donations needed for children

Help bring more books to area children through a book drive hosted by the Cenla Advisory & Action Team (CAAT) now through mid-March.

New and gently used books for children ages 0-15 are being collected across an eight-parish area with LaSalle Parish's drop-off location as the LaSalle Health Unit (1673 N. Second Street) in Jena. These books will be distributed throughout Cenla to children in families with limited or no access to books.

Significant barriers stand in the way for children in low-income communities, including scarcity of books and learning materials and a lack of diversity in the books that do reach them.

The CAAT team has joined with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)-Bureau of Family Health, Partners for Family Health Louisiana, Nurse-Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers Affiliate for

this initiative to remove barriers to learning and support and improve early childhood literacy for the children in our communities. Their goal is for every child in our communities to have a book of their own.

Ten collection sites have been set up to collect donated books including Jena, Jonesville, Alexandria, Ball, Colfax, Marksville, Leesville, Winnfield and Ferriday. To ship books or if someone is unable to donate at the drop-off location and needs assistance, arrangements can be made by contacting Kayla Livingston at 318-308-9023 or at kayla.livingston@la.gov

Upon completion of the book drive collection in March, the CAAT team plans to partner with programs that can distribute the books to families in need as well as assist caregivers in learning more about fostering and supporting early literacy habits with the children in

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Gains expected for LA and TX oil, gas jobs in the next few months

By Victor Skinner
(The Center Square) — Louisiana and Texas are expected to gain thousands of oil and gas jobs in the coming months, though employment numbers likely won't return to pre-pandemic levels any time soon, according to a new report.

The 2023 Gulf Coast Energy Outlook released by Louisiana State University this week shows Louisiana lost roughly 8,700 upstream oil and gas jobs during the pandemic, while Texas lost about 83,000, accounting for 26% and 35%, respectively.

By August 2022, Louisiana had gained back about 2,500 oil and gas jobs, while Texas regained about 44,700. David Dismukes and Gregory Upton, Jr., with the LSU Center for Energy Studies, predict that trend to continue into 2023, before slowly declining for the next couple of years.

“Over the next year, the GCEO anticipates

both states will continue to gain back some of these COVID-induced job losses. By the second quarter of 2023, Louisiana is expected to gain about 3,500 jobs. Texas is forecasted to gain about 12,200 upstream jobs between August 2022 and the second quarter of 2023,” the authors wrote.

“It's important to note that although employment is expected to increase over the forecast horizon, these model results are not anticipating employment in either state to reach pre-COVID levels over the forecast horizon,” the report read.

The GCEO expects upstream oil and gas job numbers to peak in the second quarter next year, then decline steadily in both states through 2025.

“This is driven by a combination of projected increases in oil and gas production alongside futures market prices that are currently in backward-

ation (expected to decline over the forecast horizon),” according to the report. “Although, we note that given the margin of forecasting error, upstream employment post the peak forecasted in 2023 should be considered a random walk, for all intents and purposes.”

It's a similar situation with refining and chemical manufacturing employment, which also declined during the pandemic, though as drastically as upstream oil and gas jobs.

“For Louisiana, the GCEO anticipates employment to first recover from the recession and then modestly increase over the rest of the forecast horizon,” the report reads. “Specifically, the GCEO envisions employment to increase by about 1,450 jobs by the end of 2023, or about a 3.9% increase. Employment growth is expected to slow thereafter, gaining approximately 600 jobs in 2024 and 700 jobs in 2025.”

The GCEO predicts refining and chemical manufacturing jobs in Texas will follow the same pattern, adding 4,500 by the end of 2023, then slow to gain 800 jobs in 2024 and 600 jobs the year after.

Oil and gas prices, meanwhile, are expected to fall next year after significant increases tied to the war in Ukraine.

“Oil prices that are currently trading at over \$90 per barrel (spot market) are anticipated to decline by the end of 2023, when oil price futures fall to about \$80 per barrel,” the report reads. “In the long run, oil futures converge to pre-war levels and even fall below prewar futures prices by 2030.”

Natural gas prices are expected to fall from \$5.50 per million British thermal units in 2023 to \$4.70 per million British thermal units in 2024, then remain about \$1.40 higher than anticipated before the war.

Production of oil and gas is expected to increase by about 30% over the next decade, though the LSU models are based on continued offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico that's currently at the center of legal disputes.

The report notes, however, that the Inflation Reduction Act requires the Department of Interior to follow through with at least two lease sales in the Gulf next year.

“Although some have communicated skepticism of this process, suggesting that the Biden Administration will continue to make attempts at discontinuing offshore activity, the current law of the land is that offshore leasing will continue,” according to the report. “As with past GCEO's, our modeling assumptions are based on current policies, not predictions about future policy actions that could occur.”



Bullock's Oriole spotted locally

Jena resident Jackie Jones spotted a rare juvenile male Bullock's Oriole in her backyard last week. The sighting was confirmed through submitted photos to Badgerland Birding and Jones reported the sighting to the National Audubon Society. Bullock's Orioles are medium-sized songbirds and are related to blackbirds.

They were named after William Bullock, an English amateur naturalist. According to the National Audubon Society's website, in the west, this type of oriole is common in summer in forest edge, farmyards, leafy suburbs, isolated groves and streamside woods. The bird is not commonly sighted in Louisiana but mostly populates the west coast of the United States and spends winters in Mexico.

Book drive...

Continued from page 1A their homes. Access to books and early literacy materials are essential to laying the foundation for helping children develop vocabulary, reading comprehension and self-expression, among many other things.

According to CAAT, sixty-one percent of families with lower incomes have no children's books in their homes and fifty percent of children from communities that are facing barriers to progress enter first grade up to two years behind their peers.

The Department of Justice states, “The link between academic failure and

delinquency, violence and crime is welded to reading failure. Over 70% of inmates in America's prisons cannot read above a fourth grade level.”

Low literacy and lack of reading skills often lead to difficulties in navigating many everyday tasks in adulthood and challenges in maintaining jobs not considered to be low income. The connection of causes of many societal issues, including poverty, violence, crime, mortality and incarceration in most instances correlate to high school completion rates and literacy skills education for primary grade students.

Literacy deeply

and persistently impacts access to education, economic prosperity and opportunity from childhood on. Often, young children from families facing financial instability experience fewer activities and opportunities that foster their emergent literacy skills, causing them to fall and remain behind throughout their school years. Let's work together to provide more opportunities and resources for area families!

Looking for free or low cost books? Check out resources at <https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america/support-your-readers/free-materials>

For more information about the book drive, call Kayla Livingston at 318-308-9023 or email her at kayla.livingston@la.gov

Drop off locations:

- Jena at 1673 N. Second Street (LaSalle Health Unit)
- Jonesville at 200 Third Street (Catahoula Health Unit)
- Alexandria at 400 Murray Street (Kinetix building facing Fourth Street) or 5604 A Coliseum Blvd. (Rapides Health Unit)
- Ball at 4702 Monroe Highway (Paradise Children's Clinic)
- Colfax at 304 A Webb Smith Dr. (Grant Health Unit)
- Marksville at 657 Government Street (Avoyelles Health Unit)
- Leesville at 406 Fertitta Blvd. (Leesville Health Unit)
- Winnfield at 301 W. Main Street (Winn Health Unit)
- Ferriday at 905 Mickey Gilley Ave. (Concordia Health Unit)

Saved by the bell

Mauricio Henao parked his car at the base of a hillside on the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, CA and got out to answer his cell phone; it saved his life. A few moments later a rockslide -- including a giant boulder -- landed on the car, compressing it in a manner of seconds. It happened in the wake of recent torrential rains; the call saved his life, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Henao was succinct when he described it: “I was in the driver's seat, walked out, got a call, ran back inside, came out and the car was just totaled,” he told KTLA-TV.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- Breakfast**
- Thursday, 1-26-23: Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Toast and Jelly, Fresh Fruit Choice, and Fruit Juice Choice.
 - Friday, 1-27-23: Waffles, Sausage Links, Fresh Fruit Choice, and Fruit Juice Choice.
 - Monday, 1-30-23: Biscuit and Jelly, Sausage, Fresh Fruit Choice, and Fruit Juice Choice.
 - Tuesday, 1-31-23: Breakfast Pizza or Toast and Jelly, Fresh Fruit Choice, and Fruit Juice Choice.
 - Wednesday, 2-1-23: Biscuit and Jelly, Popcorn Chicken, Fresh Fruit Choice, and Fruit Juice Choice.
- *Milk Choice offered daily
- Lunch**
- Thursday, 1-26-23: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Seasoned Green Beans, Garden Salad, Fruit Crisp, and Yeast Rolls.
 - Friday, 1-27-23: Pulled BBQ Sandwich, Potato Salad, Garden Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, and Graham Crackers.
 - Monday, 1-30-23: Chicken Turkey Noodles, Seasoned Vegetable Medley, Pear Halves, Chocolate Chip Cookie, and Yeast Rolls.
 - Tuesday, 1-31-23: Taco Salad, Taco Cup, MexiCaliCorn, Apple Wedges, and Cinnamon Roll.
 - Wednesday, 2-1-23: Glazed Meatloaf, Ranch Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Mixed Fruit Salad, and Yeast Rolls.
- *Milk Choice offered daily

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Some morning you'll find me touring that city where the Son of God is the Light. You'll find me there on the streets so pretty made of gold so pure and so bright. With Jesus the One who gave me the victory, who led me across the divide. Some morning you'll find me touring that city, where with Him I will ever abide.

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It's been a year since you've been touring that city and I can only imagine what it's been like for you. Time has flown by and yet, it has stood still. Life goes on at its own pace without you. Memories of you are never forgotten and we think of you daily. You will always be a part of us and remain in our hearts forever.

Love and Miss You So Much,
Bonita and Family

Blue Cross, Healthy Blue and Entergy sponsoring meals for Louisiana families

Events statewide honored MLK Jr. National Day of Service

BATON ROUGE, La. – Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, Healthy Blue and Entergy committed to sponsor 200,000 meals at food banks statewide.

Volunteers from these organizations will pack the meals at a series of events benefitting Louisiana food banks in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is a National Day of Service.

“We know food insecurity is a challenge for many families in our state, and the stresses of the past two years have left many Louisianians struggling to access healthy meals,” said Michael Tipton, head of Community Relations for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana and president of the Blue Cross Foundation. “We are looking forward to bringing our employees together, along with our partners at Entergy and Healthy Blue, to fulfill our mission to improve the health and lives of Louisianians by giving our time to our communities and, in doing so, honoring Dr. King’s legacy of service.”

“Improving health for everyone across Louisiana is possible, and it begins with addressing our residents’ most critical needs to drive improved health outcomes – particularly increasing access to nutritious food,” said Dr. Christy Valentine Theard, president of Healthy Blue Louisiana.

ana. “Healthy Blue’s collaboration with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana and Entergy is just one way we can make a profound impact on improving lives, and we look forward to many more opportunities during this new year to redefine health, reimagine the system and strengthen our Louisiana communities.”

Last year, volunteers from Blue Cross, Healthy Blue and Vantage Health Plan went above and beyond their initial commitment to sponsor 125,000 meals in 2022, donating more than 170,000 meals to food banks statewide. Blue Cross Team Blue volunteers have packed more than half a million meals since 2018.

This year, Entergy is teaming up with Blue Cross and Healthy Blue to increase the statewide meal commitment.

The organizations are joining in honor of their recognition as the two Louisiana businesses included among The Civic 50.

This is an annual designation from the Points of Light Foundation of the 50 most community-minded companies in America. Blue Cross has been recognized for the past four years, and Entergy has been recognized for the past seven years.

“According to the most recent research from the ALICE project, more than 50 percent of Louisiana households are un-

able to afford a basic household survival budget. This means that families who are struggling to pay rent, utilities and other bills find themselves unable to afford healthy, nutritious meals,” said Patty Riddlebarger, vice president of Corporate Social Responsibility for Entergy. “Entergy is committed to addressing food insecurity in our communities, and we are proud to honor Dr. King by joining with our community partners and Blue

Cross for service days statewide.”

“We are so proud to have played a role in this endeavor,” said Phillip May, Entergy Louisiana president and CEO. “Any time we can step up for those who need it most, that’s something Entergy wants to be a part of. We don’t just work in the state of Louisiana, but we live here, too. Helping build stronger communities is what we do, and there is nothing more important than be-

ing there when we’re needed most.”

“Supporting our communities is part of who we are at Entergy,” said Deanna Rodriguez, Entergy New Orleans president and CEO. “No family should ever have to go hungry. That is why it’s vital that we not only contribute funding to support critical community services, but we also volunteer to prepare and deliver meals for families in need.”

Entergy embraces the United Nations

Sustainable Development Goals, and the company has adopted UNSDG goal number 2, “No Hunger,” as one of its major initiatives, committing to provide 2.6 million meals and dedicate 30,000 hours of volunteer service to hunger relief efforts by 2025.

Name Missed...

Hunter Poole, sixth grader at LaSalle Junior High School, was accidentally left off the A-B honor roll for the third six weeks grading period.

Louisiana launches hotline for reporting juvenile sex trafficking

BATON ROUGE - Louisiana has launched a hotline for receiving reports of suspected juvenile sex trafficking, centralizing the calls to ensure closer coordination between state agencies, law enforcement, and service providers tasked with investigating cases, helping victims to safety and advocating on their behalf.

Under Act 662 of the 2022 Legislative Session, authored by Sen. Beth Mizell, all cases of suspected juvenile sex trafficking will now be reported through the Department of Children and Family Services’ child abuse/neglect hotline, as of January 1, 2023. The hotline (1-855-4LA-KIDS or 1-855-452-5437) is toll-free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

All cases reported to DCFS will be forwarded to the Louisiana State Police for investigation and/or distribution to the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. If the report includes allegations of parental or caretaker involvement in the trafficking or in other forms of abuse/neglect, DCFS will also investigate. Working with the state’s Child Advocacy Centers and other service providers, DCFS also will make available care coordination and advocacy services for victims.

“It’s important for the public to know that human trafficking is still the fastest growing and second largest criminal industry in the United States and is a serious problem across Louisiana and across all backgrounds,” said Gov. John Bel Edwards. “We can all agree that the impact of COVID-19 has only exacerbated this epidemic and while there is much more work to be done, I remain hopeful because of the committed and collective efforts of my wife Donna, Louisiana lawmakers, key state and local agencies, survivors and all those working in the trenches every day to serve children and families. Their work is making a

positive difference, and the passage of this new law continues to move Louisiana in the right direction in addressing this heinous crime.”

“The evil of trafficking creates victims of children everywhere - even right here in Louisiana,” said Sen. Beth Mizell. “To fight back we must first be able to recognize it. Fighting back requires the public, law enforcement and our judicial stakeholders to work together. Our Department of Children and Family Services will be the connecting agency on a call that brings protection for the victims and punishment of the trafficker. I am hopeful of the impact we will see with this step.”

“Child exploitation investigations have been a priority for the Louisiana State Police Special Victims Unit,” stated Colonel Lamar Davis, Louisiana State Police Superintendent. “Far too often, children are the victims of sex trafficking and preyed upon by their captors. LSP will continue to seek justice for all victims through investigative partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, and through public education. By adding this hotline, we are creating an even more direct link of communication with citizens that can assist us in rescuing those affected.”

“Having a central point for receiving these

calls is a vital advancement in the State’s work of protecting children,” said DCFS Secretary Terri Ricks. “Combating the crime of human trafficking and ensuring children are brought to safety requires the efforts of multiple agencies and partners across the state. This hotline strengthens that network by allowing us all to work each case from a single entry point.”

The hotline for reporting juvenile sex trafficking is the latest tool in the state’s expanding effort to combat the crime. In 2021, through passage of Senate Bill 170, the state created the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention within the Governor’s Office in an effort to coordinate the state’s human trafficking response. The office provides information about what human trafficking is, how to spot it, and resources available for victims and survivors, on the office’s website at <https://humantrafficking.la.gov>.

How to Report Juvenile Sex Trafficking

To report suspected juvenile sex trafficking, mandated reporters and the general pub-

lic must call the DCFS child abuse/neglect hotline at 1-855-4LA-KIDS (1-855-452-5437) and select option #4. The hotline is toll-free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Callers may choose to identify themselves and leave callback information or to remain anonymous. While confidentiality laws may prevent callers from learning the outcome of a case they reported, identifying and reporting trafficking is everyone’s responsibility and every single call seeking to help a child or youth in need of intervention is truly appreciated.

A list of information that would be helpful to an investigation of potential juvenile sex trafficking is posted on the DCFS website at www.dcf.la.gov/page/juvenile-sex-trafficking. However, even if someone does not have the information listed, they should not hesitate to call the hotline if they suspect a child is being or has been trafficked.

For more information about human trafficking prevention in Louisiana, visit <https://humantrafficking.la.gov>

LaSalle Arrests

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

Alyssa Liska, 28, of Jena was arrested January 14 by Jena police and charged with simple battery and battery of police officer.

Daniel Stevens, 48, of Trout, was arrested January 14 by sheriff officers and charged with criminal trespass.

Jacob Tilley, 27, of Olla was arrested January 14 by Olla police and charged with domestic abuse battery by strangulation, domestic abuse battery child endangerment (3 counts).

Kandon Blewer, 19, of Jonesboro was arrested January 15 by Louisiana State Police and charged with DWI and improper lane use.

Ian Dufrene, 44, of Brookhaven, Ms., was arrested January 16 by sheriff officers and charged with disturbing the peace by intoxication.

Maranda Morris, 31, of Trout, was arrested January 16 by sheriff officers and charged with possession of CDS I, possession of drug paraphernalia and no insurance.

Dustin Robertson, 36, of Jena was arrested January 17 by sheriff officers and charged with domestic abuse battery.

Raymond Gardner, 45, of Jena was arrested January 18 by sheriff officers and charged with contempt of court.

Jernesha S. Duncan, 24, of Jonesville was arrested January 18 by Jena police and charged with identity theft and theft.

Sierra Sharp, 23, of Jena of Jena was arrested January 18 by sheriff officers and charged with contempt of court and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sherry Wray, 58, of Jena was arrested January 18 by sheriff officers and charged with DUS.

Jeffery Bell, Jr., 25, of Jena was arrested January 19 by Jena police and charged with violation of protective order and domestic abuse battery.

Justin B. Parker, 36, of Swartz was arrested January 19 by Olla police and charged with violation of protective order.

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The Country Editor

By Sammy J. Franklin

The small, little town is where...

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following Country Editor article appeared in the April 28, 1993, issue of this newspaper by the late Publisher/Editor Sammy J. Franklin.)

I have always lived in a small town and have never had a desire to live anywhere else.

I used to like to visit in cities such as Baton Rouge and New Orleans...now I'd rather take a beating than ever go to a city larger than Alexandria or Monroe...and I don't go there unless it is absolutely necessary.

The country is the best place for me. It's quiet and peaceful without the rush of city life.

A long time ago the Cushing, Okla., "Daily Citizen" tried to explain the charm of the "little town." I re-wrote what they wrote about theirs... to fit ours.

A little town is where everybody knows what everybody is doing - but they read the weekly newspaper to see who got caught at it.

In a little town, everybody knows every neighbor's car by sight and most by sound - and also knows when it comes and where it goes.

In a little town, there's no use for anybody lyin' about his age or his ailments or exaggerating about his ancestors or his offspring.

A little town is where, if you get the wrong number, you can talk for 15 minutes anyway - if you want to.

A little town is where there's hardly anything to do and never enough time to do it.

In any town, the ratio of good people to bad people is a hundred to one. In a big town, the hundred are uncomfortable - in a little town, the "one" is.

A little town is where businessmen struggle for survival against suburban shopping centers.

Where they dig deep to support anybody's worthy cause, though they know "anybody" shops mostly at city stores.

Small-town gossip tends to cut down anybody who's up, help up anybody who's down.

The small-town policeman has a first name. The small-town schoolteacher has the last word. The small-town preacher is a full-time farmer. And the small-town firemen take turns.

Why would anybody want to live in one of these "blink and you miss it towns?"

I don't know. Maybe because in the class play, there's a part for everybody.

In the town jail, there is rarely anybody.

In the town cemetery, you're still among friends.

Who doesn't like a Girl Scout cookie?

By Dr. James L. Snyder

This week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage made a little slip. To her, it was a little slip, but to me, it was a big mistake.

It is not always that she makes mistakes that I can profit on. I don't make this public, especially within her earshot, but there are times that she makes a mistake, and I'm always on the lookout for those times.

When it comes to me, I'm always making mistakes. I'm not sure that I can make a little slip because mine are much bigger. And the problem with this is, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage always catches them, and sometimes, I don't know how she does it, she catches them be-

fore I actually do them.

She calls it "woman's intuition," but I call it "man's trouble."

This past week, for instance, I had an appointment with my eye doctor. I was to pick up my new glasses, and I was anxious about that. I told my wife that the doctor's appointment was on Wednesday. She countered that and said, "No, I believe it's on Thursday."

"It's my appointment," I said, both hands on my hips, "and I'll go when I want to."

She looked at me, snickered, and then went back to what she was doing. I think I heard her mumbling something like, "He's 13 again."

I got to the eye doctor's office, walked in as I was putting on my mask (I'm not too fond of these masks), walked up to the counter, and signed in. Then I went to sit and wait to be called.

In a few minutes, a nurse came up to me and said, "Mr. Snyder, what are you doing here today?"

"I'm here to pick up my glasses."

"I'm sorry, your appointment isn't until tomorrow."

I looked at her with one of my stunned looks and then said, "Could I camp here until tomorrow?"

I had to go home and tell my wife that I was wrong, and she was right. If I had a nickel for every time

I admitted that I was wrong, I would be a very wealthy person.

But this week, my wife made her mistake, and I was able to cash in on it.

She returned home from shopping at Publix, and I think without even thinking, she said as she was coming into the kitchen, "The Girl Scouts are selling cookies at Publix today."

There are many things she says that I cannot hear. I'm not sure if it's my ears or what. For some reason, I picked up on this phrase about the Girl Scout cookies.

I tried to remain quiet and calm. I knew if I stirred up any excitement, she would catch on to what she said to me. According to her, I am very limited as to the cookies I'm allowed to eat. Her preference would be that I eat no cookies while I've got breath in my nostrils.

I remember when she told me, "You cannot eat no cookies!"

I smiled because she did not know what she said. A double negative equals a positive. Most people don't get that.

The next step was to figure out how to leave the house and go to Publix without somebody in the house finding out.

I did not know

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By Bryan Golden

It's so easy to get into a rut yet difficult to get out. A rut is a regular habit, pattern, or expectation. There is a certain degree of comfort associated with being in a rut. It is consistent, familiar, and safe. We can fall into a rut unintentionally without realizing it.

Although dwelling in a rut can induce feelings of frustration and dissatisfaction, not all people are unhappy being in one. There are those who are happy and satisfied with a regular, dependable pattern. If you are happy with your circumstances -- great. But if you want to break out of a routine, this article is for you.

Any aspect of your life has the potential to fall into a rut. If it does, you have the power to pull yourself out. Ruts are an insidious trap because it's easier to stay in familiar territory than to venture out into the unknown.

How do you know if you're in a rut? An unending routine, a job without any perceivable chance of change, or a situation that appears to have no potential for change are all situations that qualify.

Pay attention to your feelings, they can identify a rut. Are you bored, frustrated, or apathetic? Do you feel a lack of excitement or challenge? Is it tough getting started each day? Do you lack motivation? Some or all of these emotions may be indicative of a rut.

You can get used to being in a rut and accept it as an inevitable part of life. Once this happens, your drive and ambition begin to wane. Getting out of a rut can then seem unattainable. The good news is that a rut doesn't have to be permanent and you possess the ability to get yourself out. The key to extricating yourself is being proactive and taking initiative.

You can't get out of a rut by waiting for things to change. A rut will only become deeper with the passage of time. Only you can change your situation. To do so you need to recognize that you are in a rut, have a desire to get out, and be willing to put in the effort necessary to do so.

Once you have decided to get out you are ready to begin. You can't just jump out of a rut, you have to climb out one step at a time. It took time to get in and it will take time to get out. Unrealistic expectations create frustration and may cause you to abandon your efforts altogether.

Climbing out necessitates changing ingrained habits. You want to take small success-

ful steps that will motivate you to keep going. So, pick something that is relatively easy to alter and not overwhelming. Some ideas: take a different route to work, do something different during lunch, vary your daily schedule, or change your evening routine. No aspect is too insignificant.

The goal is to build confidence in your ability to successfully make changes. With each successful alteration you make, you will be building strength to tackle bigger challenges. It's the same process as getting into shape physically. You start out with easy exercises and make them more challenging as you get stronger.

As your confidence builds you can tackle bigger ruts. Every aspect of your life has the potential for adjustment. If you believe you are stuck in a rut and can't get out, you are right. If you believe you can get out of any rut, you are also right.

The choice is yours, get started today.

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Oilfield Heroes

I grew up in an oilfield family that followed oil rigs around the southern half of the United States until I hit junior high in the seventh grade. When it came time to move to a new drilling location, we would pack our bags, tie down the mobile home (when we finally got one), load the car and head off to our new destination. We were the modern-day Laura Ingalls family but instead of a wagon train we were a caravan of oil field equipment, those 'old rig trucks' and all the machinery that came with it. Maw - Mama, and



Note: Due to having some injections in my back, I was not able to produce a recent article. Here is one from 2/19/2019.

In a recent article I had mentioned the fact that for fourteen weeks this spring I will be teaching a Seminary Extension class on the New Testament book of James. This week was the seventh week, which means we are half way through the class.

I want to state upfront that this has been the most challenging class I have ever taught. Don't let the size, only five chapters, of the book mislead you. James packs so much into these five chapters it can be a little overwhelming.

Trying to be a good steward of my time I am also teaching this material to my church on Sunday and Wednesday night. This past Sunday night after almost two hours of covering the last half of chapter two, one of my ladies said, "Whew, I am glad that's over my head is running over."

The make up of the individuals in this class is a little unusual. First of all I only have six students. This means that none of them can get lost in the crowd. Second, there are five men and one lady. Third, the age range is from early thirties to late seventies. Fourth, the make-up of professions is the whole spectrum.

There is only one pastor, a bi-vocational youth minister whose second job is in the oil field, a mechanic, deacon and third grade boys Sunday School teacher, a retired gas-plant worker who happens to be a Methodist, another youth minister who has his own tile business, and my lady who is retired who has held most every kind of positions a lady can hold in a Baptist Church, who states that her reason for taking this class is just to learn to be a better Christian.

Before the beginning of this class only the pastor knew me. This meant that I was a total stranger to almost the entire class. The first few weeks were tough. They just would not talk. I could ask questions and they all would just look at me like a calf looks at a new gate. I mean it was tough.

Until two weeks ago. Then the door blew open. I was in my wide-open mode. I was on a roll and was lecturing away. By this point we had four weeks of me doing all the talking. I did not anticipate anyone saying anything, when one of the men challenged me on what I said. Not only did he challenge me, he was upset at what I said.

This is what happened. The whole thesis of the Book of James is that James is promoting a consistent faith in the believer's life. He does this by contrasting two different types of faith. The faith that is real and alive by showing evidence of its reality by one's obedience to God. This is where he uses the word "deeds" and "works". The second type is the one with no evidence of "deed" or "works" which is the one James says is dead.

In my lecture I was talking about this dead faith and made a statement this dead faith has been a problem though out the whole history of the church. The fact is that a faith that does not affect the believer's everyday life is useless and dead. To bring this problem up to the present day I said, "This raises the question: Can we/do we have a false faith within our Churches today? And if so, how dangerous is that?"

I followed that with a story of a former Hospice patient of mine who was a member of one the larger churches in Ruston, when asked about his faith and why he thought God would let him into heaven his reply was "I have been a good man all my life. I have never hurt anyone."

This is when he accused me of making a blanket statement blaming all churches. After several minutes of good intense discussion that included every member of the class, we all came to agree on these facts. Only a real trusting faith can save a person, and two there are people within our churches that claim membership in our churches who do not have that kind of faith. Three, this is a false kind of faith in which they put their trust in something other than Jesus Christ. And, lastly, yes this is very dangerous.

Paw - Daddy, were at the helm of our little family and boy, did we explore some territory! Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, and Florida were among the many places we lived.

My daddy, commonly known as 'Garbo', went up through the petroleum hierarchy and basically had oil running through his veins. It was from him that I learned all of my oil field vernacular. I knew that 'hands' were the men that did the real work on the rig and that 'worms' were the new men who had just been hired. 'Weasel' indicated they hadn't yet learned the in-and-outs of the job but were on their way to doing so.

"Working days" meant a twelve - hour working day, and 'morning tire' meant you worked all night and slept all day-my daddy worked that shift for many years when I was a wee girl.

One of the terms I clearly remember is the one the locals, at the time and place, attached to our little crew - 'oil field trash'. We wore it like a hard hat - or a badge of honor. Manual labor was nothing to be ashamed of and our daddy, along with his crew, always worked hard long hours to provide for us.

I could talk about the doghouse, rough necks, derrick hands and such but space prevents me. I just remember sitting around with my siblings, Cindy and Clay, and the kids from the other families listening to the oilfield lingo. It was our lives and unapologetically so.

Oil field workers and their lot were a community unto themselves. We traveled together, lived together and even went to school together from year to year, grade to grade, town to town and state to state. I recall changing schools four times in the first grade and how mean the kids in the school in Waynesboro, MS were during my fourth-grade year. I declare to this day I still

have an affinity for tortillas due to the brief stay in Edna, TX and my Latino friends who lived around the corner. It was the coolest (pardon my language throwback) to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on the homemade tortillas they gave to us! That was also the place I went to my first school dance and my friends cried when we moved on.

Because we constantly lived away, coming home to Jena was the highlight of our young lives. Here, in this little town, was where we hungered to be. Our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins stayed while we went. We drifted in and out of the local school system as life would allow us. Regardless of where we landed, Jena was home.

In those by-gone times, there was no such thing as working off-shore, 'hitches' of seven days on and seven days off or working overseas. There was no technology to make the job easier - it was hard work that lasted 12 straight hours and which created a lifestyle of its own. Those men paid the price with the toll it took on their bodies.

As with all other life adventures, it's the people who make any experience good, bad, or memorable. I will always save a warm place in my memories for those who constituted the life and times of those days: Whit, Mr. Brian, Mr. KC, Mr. Gene, Uncle Clifford, Reece - our hippie neighbor in Buffkin Trailor Park, my young friend George - who saved my sister from drowning, and all the other friends we met and left behind when departure time arrived.

In those days, oilfield families and workers were tough. They got their hands dirty making the best out of life for them and theirs. In my book, they were oilfield heroes.

Women Ain't Afraid of Nothin'

By Faye Harris

Forget the young gal on the flying trapeze...that was child's play compared to Amelia Earhart...the first person (man or woman) to successfully pilot a plane from Hawaii to California. Now, that took a lot of guts...plus an airplane of that early day.

Ever since Eve had to set up housekeeping in a cave...after she and Adam were kicked out of their garden home where clothing was optional... the lady of the manor learned she was on call 24/7/365. Certainly she never had a grocery or clothing store, a baby-sitter or a house-keeper at her beck and call...while hubby brought home the bacon. She was expected to carry the kids along as she foraged for vegetation to go along with any meat Adam could muster up while she kept the home fires burning.

What a difference a day (or several centuries) has made. Momma's work load has increased...as she now carries the baby through her old age...not just for nine months.

Today momma clips coupons; returns bottles for their refund value; checks the ads for any available sales; and wears out-dated clothing so the rest of the family can have the most modern wearing apparel...with some famous person's name stamped everywhere including on its rear end.

Everything from a rip to a broken heart now directs its bearer toward the well-worn path that is

Snyder...

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how I would do this. I thought about it and tried to come up with the perfect plan.

Then, an opportunity opened up that I could never have anticipated.

"I forgot something at Publix," my wife said, "would you have time to run over to Publix and pick this up for me?"

I find it very hard to subdue hilarious laughter under circumstances like this. I worked hard and solemnly said, "Oh, my dear. I can go right now, and there's no problem at all."

Like magic, I disappeared from the house and started the car before I even got in it and headed for Publix. All I could think about was those wonderfully delicious Girl Scout cookies. After all, when I buy Girl Scout cookies, I'm helping to support some young ladies who need it. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

Walking up to the girls at Publix, I almost forgot what I had come to pick up.

I looked at them and said, "I'll be back

after I go do some shopping."

I'm always as good as my word, and I came back, and since I could not make up my mind as to what cookies I wanted to purchase, I did the gentlemanly thing and bought one of each cookie they had for sale. How much it cost has no relativity to my desire for these cookies.

As I put the bag on the kitchen table, my wife happened to look at it and said to me, "Those are not Girl Scout cookies, are they?"

"Isn't that what you wanted me to buy?"

She just stared at me, but all I could think about was eating that first cookie.

As I delighted in eating that first cookie, I was reminded of what David said in one of his Psalms, "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalms 37:4).

As much as I delight in these cookies, my greater delight is in the Lord. As I delight in the Lord, I enjoy all the delicacies of that relationship.

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owned by the lady of the house. In fact, if all the tears shed on her shoulders by the rest of the family were gathered at one time, there would have to be an extra ocean created besides those that now exist with well-known names like the Pacific and the Atlantic.

During the war years, men went to war...AND the women took their places in the factories of the day. Oh, they still went home and did all they had done in earlier years...thus doing their jobs at home AND now actually 'going to work.' Now, also, women were drafted into doing the lawn mowing, the snow removal...and anything else that reared its head and needed to be fixed. It was just taken for granted that mom could fix anything!

Unfortunately, once the men came home from the war, women were so used to doing it all...that this practice has continued until the modern days. The family expects it of her. Just look at the big muscled-sportsmen of today. When the TV camera pans to them...who do they say 'hi' to? Mom.

Ladies...we have to begin thinking ahead. Today we're supposed to be equal to the men in our lives. When boys are born into our families they should be taught to do laundry duty; they need to clean up the rec-room after a night of watching the TV with their friends when all the carousing has led it to look more like a wrecked room; they need to be taught the basics in the kitchen...just as their sister have been taught for centuries. Only then will both sexes learn that jobs are no longer gender based. And, as much as I dislike admitting it, I was a bit deficient in teaching this lesson to my own kids. Yes, the boys were taught to take their turn at washing the dishes...and breaking the beans up so I could can them, but they have continued to mimic their father when he comes home, takes off his dirty clothes in the bathroom and just leaves them on the floor after he has taken his shower and changed into clean ones.

So I guess 'fame' has its price...even if it is just fame on a limited basis. Maybe that's the reason our Creator gave Adam a companion. Maybe He knew someone had to be 'invented' to do a good job at mopping up after the rest of the family...and, if one is really lucky enough to fill this capacity...they were born...as a female. After all even dads need someone to go to to take care of the problems of the world...and only mom seems to be able to do that job in most families.



Centuries ago, there was a legend that mystics would share with their followers. "The Lord, at one time," went the legend, "colored all the flowers green. But one day He dipped His finger in the pot at the bottom of the rainbow and when He took it out it was covered with many different colors. When He saw how beautiful the colors were He decided to paint each of the flowers a different color and give each of them their own name."

"One morning," the legend continues, "a beautiful flower with small blue, pink and white flowers was asked, 'What's your name?'" Hanging its head, the flower sighed and said, "Oh my, I

forgot."

In shame the flower confessed to the Lord, "I'm so sorry, but I have forgotten my name." And the Lord said, "That's all right. Some are likely to forget. But I have not forgotten you." Then He added, "Whatever else you do, For-Get-Me-Not, for I am the God who created you!"

From that day until today, this lovely little flower has been called "For-Get-Me Not." Whenever we see it, we need to remember the words of David, "Praise the Lord, all my soul, and forget not all - or perhaps better stated - forget not any of His benefits."

We seldom think of the extensive range of His benefits: Every beat of our hearts, every breath we inhale, every sight we see or noise we hear, every step we take, every taste we enjoy, every friend we have, every gift we receive, every promise of His that we claim - and mostly our salvation - are only the beginning of His benefits to us.

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Mark John Lindloff

Mark John Lindloff, 62, of Jena, passed from this life and went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 19, 2023.

He was born February 17, 1960 in Endicott, NY.

Mark enjoyed working in the shop in the businesses he and Cheryl built in Jena called Inovapes and Chermark Natural Market. He enjoyed helping customers and meeting new people.

He enjoyed all things "geeky", especially Star Trek and going to see all the Marvel movies with his family. He loved posting and sending funny memes to everyone, especially his daughter Diana. He is affectionately known as "the king of dad jokes". Mark loved his classic rock band, tees, fishing with his son Nathan, campfires and gardening. In his downtime, he could be found playing World of Warcraft with his wife, Cheryl, or reading novels like "The Wheel of Time" series. He was a faithful servant of the Lord, a good husband, father and a loyal friend.

He will be greatly missed by his family and all those who were lucky to have met him. His memory will always be a blessing.

Services were held Monday, January 23 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Kinner and Stevens.

Interment followed at 12 noon in Woodland Cemetery, Jena under direction of Kinner and Stevens Funeral Home.

He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years Cheryl Lindloff; daughter, Diana Lindloff; son, Nathan and wife, Lucie; parents, Richard and Tina Lindloff; brother, Bill and wife, Renee Lindloff; and sister Jenny Lindloff.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers were Nathan Lindloff, John Moody, Ben Rabel, Tony Pruitt, Lavelle Evans, Ken Nolan, Hunter Nolan and Brandon Adams.

Honorary pallbearers were Ron Holcomb, Bill Lindloff and Dennis Harris.



Meddie Breithaupt

Meddie Ainsworth Breithaupt, 90, of Jena, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Cabrini Hospital.

She was born on Tuesday, May 24, 1932 to the union of her parents Lemuel Joseph Ainsworth and Lillie Smith Ainsworth.

Sister Meddie loved being a member of Whitehall United Pentecostal Church for over 51 years and was faithful in attendance. Her hobbies included artwork and painting, gardening and tending to her African Gray Parrott (Stinker). Services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, at Whitehall United Pentecostal Church, Jena, with Rev. Joey Paul officiating.

Interment was at Woodland Cemetery, Jena, under the direction of Magnolia Funeral Home, Alexandria. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Breithaupt; and her parents. Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters, Janice Lard from Alexandria, Arlene Breithaupt from Texas City, TX and Wanda Boyd and husband Jimmy from Pineville; sons, Michael Breithaupt and wife Debbie from Pineville and Richard Breithaupt of Jena; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. Pallbearers were Ted Bradford, Justin Breithaupt, Josh Breithaupt, Matthew Dalme, Jeff Breithaupt and Freddie Wayne Ainsworth.



Doyle Lynn Dickey

Doyle Lynn Dickey, 64, of Columbia, passed from this life on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at Jena Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after a short illness.

He was born November 29, 1958 in Urania to the union of his parents, William Joseph and Vera Bernice Fox Dickey.

He was disabled and he was loved by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Services were held at 12 p.m., Thursday, January 20, at the Olla Pentecostal Church with Reverend Jonathan Crist officiating.

Interment followed in the Chickasaw Cemetery in Olla.

Left to cherish his memory are his sisters, April Benavente Allbritton and Michelle Benavente Scribner; his brothers, Gary Van Dickey, Don Eugene Dickey, and Jackey Ray Dickey; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Pallbearers were Michael Dickey, Dustin Cummings, Kolmon Cummings, Breadon Cummings, Zach Womack, and Aubrey Anding.



Frances Lemeta Dickey

Frances Lemeta Dickey, 62, of Olla, passed from this life on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Hardtner Medical Center in Olla.

She was born on January 21, 1960, in Urania, to the union of her parents Lonnie Jessie and Reta Joyce (Dove) Dickey.

Frances was a caregiver in the medical field for many years. She loved her children and grandchildren and also had a love for music and playing pool.

Services were held at the Olla Pentecostal Church on Saturday, January 21, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jonathan Crist and Rev. Ronnie Temple officiating.

Interment was at the Harris Chapel Cemetery of Olla under the direction of Kinner & Stevens Funeral Home.

She is preceded in death by her father, Lonnie Jessie Dickey.

Those left to love and miss her are her fiancé, H.L. Laffoon; son, Jesse Dickey and wife Andrea of Olla; daughter, Patsy LeBouef and husband Jean of Calhoun; her mother, Reta Dove of Urania; eleven grandchildren, Ronnie Trevillion, Christon Sikes, Carry Sikes, Genesis Clay, Douglas Sikes, Hailey Dickey, June Hayman, Victoria Sikes, Leela LeBouef, Fysher White, and Natalie Hayman; one great grandson, Zaiden; and her grandpuppies, Sassy and Gizzie.

Pallbearers were Jason Crist, Dominion Crist, David Crist, Logan Williamson, Jewel Burr, Braxton Crist and Ethan LaRue.



Pamila Joan Brown

Pamila Joan Brown, 72, of Trout, passed from this life on Saturday, January 21, 2023 in Canton, Mississippi.

Pamila was born on August 6, 1950 in Illinois to the union of her parents, Dorsie and Vaudith Logue.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, at New Life Pentecostal Church Jonesville, with Reverend David Poole and Reverend Tony Ewing officiating.

Interment followed in the Oak Grove Cemetery in the Rhinehart community under the direction of Hixson Brothers Funeral Home of Jena.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Scottie Logue; sister, Judy Horath; and grandson, Michael "M.J." Judd Brown.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Michael W. Brown, Sr; son, Michael W. Brown, Jr; daughter, Carolyn B. Ewing and husband, Tony; brothers, Rodney Logue of Effingham, Illinois, and Pat Logue of Florence, Mississippi; sister, Lulu Belle Morris of Sullivan, Illinois; grandchildren, Jessica Smith, Andrew Ewing, Carlie Ewing, and Morgan Ewing; granddaughter by marriage, Kelly Brown; and great grandchildren, Brantyn Smith, Madilyn Smith, Hadley Smith, and Addison Brown.

Pallbearers were Chuck Stevens, Kenny Davis, Kim Poole, Landon Lemay, Tony McNealy, and Samuel Stevens.

Honorary pallbearers were Marshall Chapman, Frankie Morris, Jr., and Jack Zeagler.



Brenda Cay Kornegay

Brenda Cay Kornegay, 70, of Monterey, passed away Monday, January 16, 2023 in Natchez, MS.

She was born Friday, August 8, 1952 to the union of her parents, Emmitt and Clarice Gerald.

She was a homemaker.

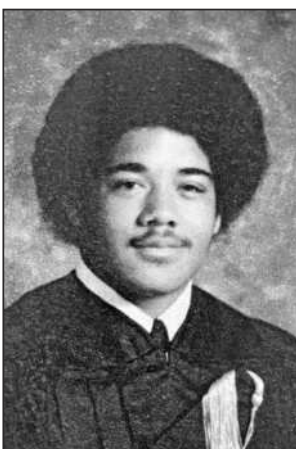
Services were held at 1 p.m., Thursday, January 19 at Eva Church of God, Monterey, with Rev. John Rushing officiating.

Interment followed at Pine Grove Cemetery, Rhinehart, under the direction of Magnolia Funeral Home, Alexandria. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Richard Gerald; and sister, Velda Wisner. Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Shelby Ballard (Danyelle Miller) of Natchez, MS and Brian Ballard (Rachel) of Jayess, MS; daughter, Holly Ballard (James Pecanty) of Monterey; eight grandchildren, Caitlin Ballard, Breanna Paulk, Alexis Ballard, Charlette Williams, Madison Latil, Brooklyn Ballard, Macey Ballard and Hunter Rachal; two great grandchildren, Isabella Williams and Blake Williams; niece and nephews, Sarah Doolittle, Sherwin Wisner, Matt Wisner, Nathan Wisner, Ricky Wisner and Joey Wisner; and special friend, Karen Burt.

Pallbearers were Shelby Ballard, Brian Ballard, Billy Maxie, Clint King, William Paulk and James Pecanty.



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The family of Frederick D. Jenkins are beyond thankful for your prayers, kindness, and thoughtfulness during the illness and death of our loved one. The love that you have shown through, food, visitation, calls and texts have helped make this burden bearable. We will forever be grateful for all that everyone has done for us.

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Claudine Love Risdal

Claudine Love Risdal passed peacefully at her home surrounded by family on January 20, 2023.

Claudine Risdal was born on April 29, 1927, to Sebron and Onie Gregory.

She was the youngest and last remaining of ten children, a survivor of The Great Depression and WWII, hard times that forged her character. She was truly a Steel Magnolia, determined, tenacious, yet full of grace, beautiful inside and out, exemplifying joy, love and a zest for life. She was married to Howard Allen Love, Ross Williamson, and George Risdal, all who are deceased.

Claudine was a graduate of Columbia High School, Louisiana Tech University, with an additional elementary education degree from University of Louisiana at Monroe. Claudine, known by her students as Mrs. Love, touched countless lives as a high school teacher at Olla and Kelly, high school teacher and State Championship basketball coach at Grayson, and first grade teacher at Columbia Elementary. She was very social and active in the church and community. She always gave credit to Lea Joiner for her baptism and influence on her Christian Life. She was a member and Sunday School Teacher at Columbia Heights Baptist Church. When she married George and moved to West Monroe, she was a member at Claiborne United Methodist Church in West Monroe.

She was Worthy Matron in Eastern Star in Columbia, an officer in Columbia Garden Club, and member of Kappa Sorority in Monroe. They had numerous friends that they danced and socialized with at the Monroe VFW and enjoyed Pokeno with a group in West Monroe. She loved beautiful flowers, bird watching, the outdoors, and gardening was a favorite hobby. One of her greatest joys in life was traveling to places around the world with family, creating memories of a lifetime and making lifelong friends. She made this world a better place and she will be forever in our hearts.

Services were held Sunday at 4:00 p.m., January 22, in the Chapel of Riser Funeral Home, Columbia with Pastor Brian Mercer officiating.

Interment followed at Welcome Home Cemetery under the direction of Riser Funeral Home, Columbia.

Family that will greatly miss her presence in their daily lives are her three daughters, Sherry Crick (John) from Monroe, Nancy Love (Clive Mitchard) from Farmerville, Kathy Jackson (Ray) from Trout; step-son, Larry Risdal (Sonya) from West Monroe; five grandchildren: Scott Mars (Leah), Sara Burney (Christian), Curt Nickels (Tara), Kate Pittman (Josh), and Kim Fitzgerald (Jeff); eight step grandchildren, including Lexie Pitre (John), Bob Daily (Denise), and Erik Risdal (Helen), ten great-grandchildren: Luke and Colbie Mars, Jackson and Emma Burney, Addyson and Fallyn Nickels, Alec and Pierce Pittman, Kinley and Kora Fitzgerald; ten step great-grandchildren, and four step great-great-grandchildren.

We will forever be grateful to our extended family member, Debbie White Jones, who lovingly cared for our Mama during the last years of her life. Everyone knew how much Claudine loved spending time with all of her family and they will miss her gracious, fun-loving presence.



Martha Fae Smith

Martha Fae Huffman Smith, 79, of Tullos, passed peacefully from this life on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on September 10, 1943, to the union of Hardtner Huffman and Mildred Roark Huffman.

On July 10, 1965, she was united in marriage to William "Bill" W. Smith, Jr. They enjoyed a long, happy marriage and provided a loving home for their daughters. She retired from LaSalle Parish School Board, after twenty-seven years of teaching and loving her many students. She was a graduate of LaSalle High School and Northeastern State University with a degree in Elementary Education.

In addition to teaching, she loved to draw/paint, play the piano, travel and breed/show champion Wire Fox Terriers. Her greatest love was spending time with her family in Louisiana and New York state.

Some of her civic and community activities were belonging to the Wire Fox Terrier Club of America, Central States Wire Fox Terrier Club, Order of the Eastern Star, and serving on the Tullos Town Council. Wife, Mother, and Nannie were her favorite titles and she took them very seriously. She dedicated her life to her family making sure they were supported in all of their endeavors and loved beyond measure.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 24, at Riser and Son Funeral Home in Olla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, aunt, Fae Roark; in-laws, Gerald B. Weaver and Ruth Rice Weaver; brother-in-law Michael Weaver; grandson, Hart Deville and great grandchildren, Tristan Boyd, Noah Brooks Newsom and Emily Katherine Newsom.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, William "Bill" W. Smith; daughters, Karen Smith Newsom (Keith), Becky Smith Helton (Robert) and Shelly Smith Deville (Brent); brother, Henry Raymond Huffman (Gerri); seven grandchildren Karley Newsom Broussard (Connor), Kramer Newsom (Lauren), Kyra Deville, Eli Deville, Laura Helton and Robert Helton, III.



Phyllis Hillman

Phyllis Ann Hillman w/pic

Phyllis Ann Graham Hillman, 71, of Grayson, passed from this life on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at the Citizens Medical Center in Columbia following an extended illness.

Phyllis was born on December 1, 1951, at New Orleans, to the union of her parents Bobby Bernard Graham and Inez Marie Roan Graham.

Phyllis worked in retail sales and was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 22, from the Columbia chapel of Riser & Son Funeral Home with Bill Baldrige delivering the eulogy and services.

To honor the wishes of Mrs. Hillman, cremation was lovingly chosen by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a son, Josh Hillman.

Left to cherish a lifetime of memories are her husband, David Hillman of Grayson; two sons, Bill Baldrige (Jennifer) West Monroe, and David Hillman, Jr. (Sharon) of Seminary, Mississippi; three daughters: Jennifer Williams (Jeff) of Calhoun, Heather Hillman Durrett (Tommy) of Bernice, and Madison Hatten (Dustin) of Columbia; her brother, Ted Graham of Baton Rouge; two sisters: Denise Cobb (Larry) of Sterlington and Sandra Fife (M.W.) of Tullos; her grandchildren: Graham Humphries (Riley), Mallory Williams, Tommy Durrett (Kelsey), Taylor Durrett (Samantha), Gabe Baldrige, Landry Hatten, Ridge Hatten, Shelby Hester (Chase), Haylee Hillman, and Joshua Hillman; her great-grandchildren: Hadlee, Lincoln Durrett, Jax and Gentry Durrett, John Creed and Aubrey Hester; a host of nieces and nephews, and special friends Crystal, Jared Finley, Brooke and Brandon Babcock.



Cheryl Ann Terry

Cheryl Ann Windham Terry, age 66, of Belah, passed from this life on Friday, January 20, 2023.

She was born April 7, 1956 in Jena to the union of her parents, Roy Lee Windham and Barbara Jean Windham.

Cheryl was a truck driver most of her career. She was Miss LaSalle Parish in 1972.

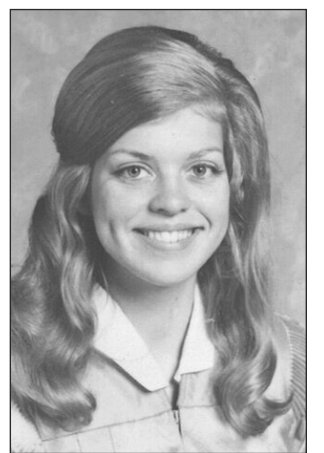
She was a loving mother, sister, and Gammaw.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, at the Chapel of Kinner & Stevens with Rev. Terry Glaspell officiating.

Interment followed in the Windham Cemetery, in the Belah community, under the direction of Kinner & Stevens Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her father. Those left to love and miss her include her daughter, Brandi Woods; sons, Jason Doughty of the Whitehall community and Stephen Doughty of Jena; mother, Barbara Jean Windham of the Belah community; brother, Mark L. Windham of the Belah community; and six grandchildren Lexii Miles, Quincy Doughty, Camdain Doughty, Lianna Woods, Hayden Miller, and Todd Doughty.

Pallbearers were Quincy Doughty, Camdain Doughty, Todd Doughty, Malcom Strozier, Jerry Windham, and Vincent Owens.



Kenneth Emfinger

Kenneth Ray Emfinger, age 84, of Urania, passed peacefully from this life on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at his residence in Urania.

Kenneth was born on July 22, 1938, at Newellton, to the union of his parents William Sidney Emfinger and Ida Virginia Smith Emfinger.

Kenneth grew up on the family farm in Tensas Parish and graduated from Newellton High School in 1956. He then served in the US Navy for four years. Of his time in the Navy, he said "saw the world, loved it". He was a Deacon and active member of Tullos First Baptist Church. He was known for his friendliness and his ability to shake hands, hug and greet people attending church. It was very important to him to make people feel welcome to worship their Lord.

Kenneth was a lifelong outdoorsman. As a young man, he spent many happy hours fishing with his father on the Tensas River and hunting and fishing with friends and family in Tensas Parish. After moving to LaSalle Parish, he continued hunting and fishing and in later years greatly enjoyed spending time with his fishing buddies Paul Jones and the late Doug Winberry. He was also grateful for the friendship and help of his friends, Michael Lee McDaniel, and Larry Powell.

Reflecting back on his life shortly before his passing, he said, referring to his father, "Everyone knew him, everyone loved him, and that's how I tried to be".

Services were held at 12 noon on Monday January 23, from the sanctuary of Tullos First Baptist Church with Pastor Scott Smith officiating.

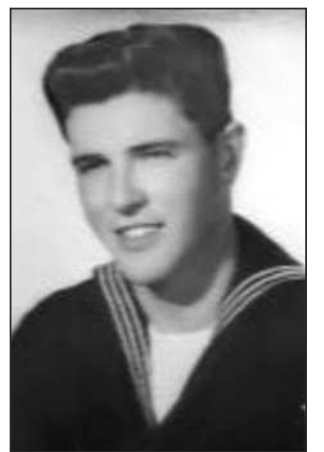
Interment followed in the Pine Hill Cemetery at Urania, under direction of Riser & Son Funeral Home of Olla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his siblings, Sidney Claudis "Red" Emfinger, Loyce Virginia Dixon Mason, Dorothy Edith Dixon Bacle, Maida Lillian Dixon Arnold, Ina Marie Dixon Arnold, William Marion "Sonny" Dixon, Jr., Hilary "Pete" Dixon, and William Sidney Emfinger.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sherylene Jameson Emfinger of Urania; two daughters, Holly Johnston (Henry) of Golden Colorado, and Michelle Emfinger (Clare Rogan) of Detroit, Michigan; four grandchildren, Conner Johnston (Viviane) of San Jose, California, Savannah Johnston of Bozeman, Montana, Max and Stella Rogan, both of Detroit, Michigan; and many loving nieces and nephew.

Serving as pallbearers were Deacons of Tullos First Baptist Church including Larry Powell, Waymon Clark, Jonny Fryar, Tim Lasiter, Bob Lurry and Fred Book.

In lieu of flowers, any planned memorials can be made to the Tullos First Baptist Church Building Fund, Tullos.



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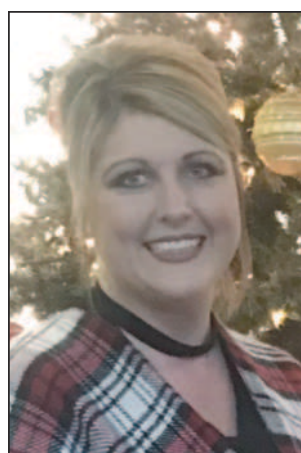
Walter E. Dorroh, Jr.



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good decisions on a local level. However, if we can dodge the bullet, so to speak, that is the poor leadership on a national level, we will continue to do well.

From an economic development standpoint, I am grateful to the local political leaders across the board for working together and trying to make good, common sense decisions that help our parish. We should continue to be successful if our local leaders continue on the path that they have traveled over the last 20 years. To all of our friends and neighbors in LaSalle Parish and surrounding area, best wishes for 2023."

Janet Tullos, LaSalle Parish School Superintendent, noted:

"The Louisiana Department of Education has released the 2021-22 school performance scores for the state's public K-12 schools and systems. LaSalle Parish Schools scored an 83.5 B for the District Performance Score (DPS). DPS is calculated based on the School Performance Scores (SPS). This is an increase of .3 points over 2021 simulated scores. This DPS is also higher than the state score of 77.1, however, not higher than the pre pandemic DPS of 85.5.

LaSalle ranked number 19 in the state out of 69 districts. All schools in LaSalle Parish received School Performance Scores (SPS). The SPS are as follows: Fellowship Elementary School - 76.8 B, Goodpine Middle School - 73.6 C, Jena Elementary School - 74.5 C, Jena High School - 93.3 A, Jena Junior High School - 77.8 B, LaSalle High School - 85.6 B, Nebo Elementary School - 75.1 B, Olla Elementary School - 75.4 B and LaSalle Junior High School - 81 B. Six of the nine schools showed improved performance as compared to the 2021 simulated scores.

LaSalle Parish Schools will continue to provide a quality education for all students. Eight out of nine schools showed significant improvements in student progress. The use of 'real-time data' provided through diagnostic testing and individualized instruction for students is assisting in closing gaps in learning for all students.

Testing in LEAP 2025 grades will continue as normal throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Analysis of scores will continue to assist in shifting educational priorities. Federal grant funds and local funds will also continue to be aligned with educational priorities, adjustments in curriculum, professional development needs, summer program initiatives, before/after-school, Saturday curriculum-based initiatives and additional during school interventions that address student needs.

Once again over the summer, the administration worked diligently to research and identify curriculum needs along with best practices to provide quality materials for all students. Additional professional development opportunities are structured to meet district priorities around improved student achievement.

The implementation of additional diagnostic tests multiple times a year have begun and will be continued throughout the school year. Diagnostic student test results will assist in the identification of students' educational gaps and needs. This specific student data allows in-depth intervention and curriculum planning. Placing an emphasis on these priorities will continue to move LaSalle Parish forward in student achievement.

LaSalle Parish will continue to focus on the following strategic goals in the coming year: students enter

kindergarten ready, students arrive in fourth grade on-time and on-level, students on track to college in 11th grade, students will graduate on time and graduates will enroll in college or join the workforce."

LaDawn Edwards, Mayor of the Town of Jena, said:

"On January 19, the town disbursed the Nancy Lieberman Charities Kids and Cops Grant at the Dream Court in the town park. Chief Scott McLendon and I were able to give away a total of 48 basketballs to the Jena Junior High School boys and girls and Jena High School boys and girls. Each team received 12 basketballs. We also gave each player and their coaches a Jena Giant hoodie, air pumps and nets. Nancy Lieberman Charities sent the town \$4,250 in 2020 as COVID was at a peak and the park was closed. The director called on January 11 and offered another \$4,250.00 if I could spend both grants (a total of \$8,500) in 10 days.

A huge thank you to the coaching staff at both schools and Robert Neal. Robert is the owner of Southern Warehouse and with the help of his staff and many overtime hours they were able to order everything we needed in a timely manner. Also thank you to Jason Hatcher who gave back to his hometown by donating the Dream Court to our park. Jason was a Jena Giant who played for the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins before retiring because of an injury. We enjoyed grilled burgers with the help of the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office. We ended the event with a basketball game between the Jena Police Department and the school teams.

Town of Jena's water was named the best tasting water in the state by the Louisiana Rural Water Association. This was due to the hard work and dedication of the town crew.

We were approved for the 2022 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Public Facilities application for \$786,962.00. These funds will reconstruct residential roadways in two target areas.

This grant award is contingent upon the State's receipt of FY 2022 LCDBG funds from HUD. Target area one includes Evergreen Street from Beech Street to Star Street for 0.27 miles. Target area two includes Cowart Street (from Aimwell Road to Lurry Street) for 0.63 miles, East Jena Drive from Carrollton Street to Ash Street for 0.43 miles, Ash Street for 0.09 miles, Forest Street for 0.14 miles, Hudspeth Street for 0.19 miles, Carrollton Street for 0.09 miles. The total miles will be 1.84 miles.

The year 2022 was a great year for our sales tax. The total amount collected was \$1,294,534.10. This is an increase of \$80,606.06 from 2021. We are positive our town will keep moving forward for 2023."

Rhonda Elliott, Mayor of the Town of Olla, said:

"The 2022 year for the town of Olla was one of growth. Several new businesses were open in the town: The Spa Room & Boutique, Brewed Awakenings, KP Trading, Fox's Piza, Armadillo Mexican Restaurant, Bullard's Pharmacy, the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree and House of Beauty and we acquired a new Town Hall.

Highlights of achievements from the past year include the town receiving a \$1,000,000 Local Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) and a Water Sector Grant for \$256,000 for a new water treatment system. We also received \$30,000 from Act 170 of 2022 Legislative Session for road repairs on Dixie Lane and began mitigation on

the hurricane shelter, Dixie Center, Police Station and Sub-Station due to damages from the hurricanes.

I attribute the gains and achievements over the past year to the hard work and dedication of town employees and elected officials as well as the continued support for our town from our area businesses and our citizens. We truly care about our town and want it to continue to thrive and grow.

My economic projections for 2023 for Olla are to continue to encourage new businesses to come to our area, create more jobs and boost our economy. We also have our industrial park as a prospect to bring another business into our community."

Pat McDougald, Mayor Pro-Tem of the Town of Urania, stated:

"The Town of Urania had a hard year due to sickness. But through it all we had some accomplishments for 2022.

We received the LGAP grant and purchased an All-Terrain Utility Vehicle for reading water meters and trash pickup. We also received the CWF grant to start laying new water lines from the Water Plant into town.

We also had our annual Sr. Citizens Supper and Santa in the Square this year with both being a huge success."

Karla Cockerham, Mayor of the Town of Tullos, said:

"In a recap of 2022, the town of Tullos received five different grants for the elevated water tank to be repaired, painted and placed back into service for Tullos Water customers. We received a grant for the purchase and installation of new cellular water meters to improve the Tullos Water infrastructure.

Tullos has also purchased the property to begin the construction of the new water filtration system for Tullos water customers. We obtained an additional \$1,000,000 dollar grant through DRA to ensure funding is in place for the construction of the new Tullos Water Filtration System.

The town was presented the Louisiana Municipal Association's Community Achievement Award in the community development category for municipalities of 3,000 or under due to the work for the restoration of the Elevated Water Tank for Tullos Water Customers.

Tullos also continued to hold the Tullos Farmers Market, festivals for Mardi Gras, Easter, Fall and Christmas and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner.

The achievements Tullos has reached over the last year were possible with Tullos Town Administration working together with Senator Glen Womack, Representative Gabe Firment and the citizens of Tullos. Town Engineer Jacob Guillory with Pan American has worked diligently with all departments to help improve the infrastructures in Tullos.

The year 2023 is projected to be an exciting period with the beginning of the construction of the new Tullos Water Filtration System. The time, dedication and tough decisions that had to be made by the Tullos Town Council to move our community in a positive direction is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Tullos Police Department and the LaSalle Sheriff's Office for ensuring the protection of the citizens in our community. The churches and businesses in the community, the nonprofit ministries and the citizens who continue to make Tullos their home are also appreciated for ensuring Tullos is a better place for the future generations."

W. Paul Tweedy, Sr. Vice-President and COO of CLB The Com-

munity Bank, said:

"CLB The Community Bank is pleased to report that 2022 was a good year! We ended the year with good solid growth and earnings. While cautious about the current general state of the economy and movement in interest rates and how it affects people and their business, the bank continues offering robust assistance and services to our many customers and the communities that we serve. Everyone should be congratulated and commended for how in working together through the various challenges that we all face, we continue to assist in helping our customers with their needs and dreams.

While interest rates have increased substantially, inflation concerns remain prevalent with market volatility and employment problems persist, we see that most people are adjusting well. Looking forward, we see continuing indications that the Federal Reserve System hasn't stopped increasing rates. Hopefully, future increases will be smaller, while they watch the economy allowing things to stabilize.

Our new Holloway Branch on Highway 28 in Rapides Parish is coming along nicely, and we expect it to be open for operations within the first quarter of 2023. Our full-service branch location at 2701 Johnston Street in Lafayette is growing well; so much so, that new CLB branches are tentatively opening later in the year, one at 4525 Ambassador Caffery Parkway near the corner of Kaliste Saloom Road in Lafayette and one in Scott at 5541 Cameron Street to meet the growing needs of Acadiana. If you are out and about in Lafayette, please stop by and visit with our friendly staff on Johnston Street. We look forward to the growth possibilities in the Lafayette and Northeast Rapides Parish markets.

Whether it be Harrisonburg, Holloway, Jena, Jonesville or Lafayette, the bank continues to offer friendly service with up-to-date technology that affords our customers different channels of accessibility to our many varied services. Great effort is made to give you an up-to-date, reliable and secure experience when you bank with us. We do realize that technology is a must to facilitate the ease of doing business. We have all the latest Internet Banking and Mobile Apps, which can be checked out at www.clbbank.com

We offer all the technology that large banks offer and often people say that it is better than what the 'big boys' have. You can bank with us whenever you want, even from your comfortable chair at home. We also have available Kasasa, an account type that offers different incentives or rewards for you that pays a great rate. We have the most up-to-date products for you including Apple Pay and Google Pay as well as P2P payments, allowing you to send money directly to a friend or family member in real time for your convenience as well as a Bill Payment online system. To stay connected with our many friends, we even have a Facebook page for everyone to follow at CLB The Community Bank.

Our goal has always been simple, to combine hometown banking to our customers, with conveniences and the latest technology available, while providing an experience unmatched in our area. Some 60 employees within the Bank, each day are ready, willing, and committed to offering quality service and care to you. We have three locations in Catahoula Parish, a location in LaSalle Parish, one location in Rapides Parish and one in Lafayette Parish,

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soon to be three. For your convenience, our facilities are in Harrisonburg, Holloway, Jena, Jonesville and Lafayette; with two ATMs in Jena, one in Jonesville, one in Olla, one in Harrisonburg, one on Highway 28 East in Rapides Parish at Holloway and one at our facility in Lafayette and more to come.

The people of our communities that we serve are resilient, even given the anxieties over the COVID-19 Pandemic, the ever-changing concerns of the Oil and Gas industries and the Farming concerns. We have all been worried over the state of our economy and the general affairs of our country, but at CLB, we have continued operating as we have since the early 1900s.

There is no doubt that our region has the strength that it does due to the resourcefulness of those that live and work here. Together, we indeed have a lot to be proud of and thankful for. Our continued success is due to our many great customers, our

loyal employees and our local directorate, who are all committed to the continued growth and wellbeing of this area that we call home! We are your neighbors, friends and family. We know you have a choice when it comes to your financial institution, and we are honored that you chose CLB The Community Bank. If you are in need of anything, please reach out to us by coming into a location, or checking us out on our web site, www.clbbank.com, our app or on Facebook. We appreciate you."

Randall Welch, President and CEO of Southern Heritage Bank, stated:

"The past year has seen some tumultuous times in our economy. Inflation has run rampant, in part by the billions of dollars the federal government has pumped into our economy. Demand for goods has increased while supplies have dwindled. Inflation hit a 40-year high as the Federal Reserve struggles to control it. The Fed waited too late to begin raising short-term rates. The

result was very significant increases at each of the Fed's meetings. Rates increased rapidly. The housing market was stifled by mortgage rates reaching 7%. Sales of homes plummeted, and mortgage loan demand dropped to very low levels.

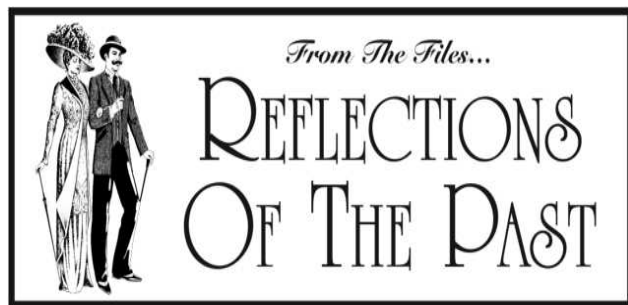
The unprecedented spending by Congress and the administration have brought on this record inflation. In addition, the price of gasoline skyrocketed. While the Russian war on Ukraine has contributed somewhat to higher gasoline prices, the primary problem is the administration's policies toward oil companies. It began by the shutting down of the Keystone pipeline and has progressed to more and more of a war on fossil fuel producers. While the administration believes that electricity is the answer to the future of transportation, they do not want to understand the problems this stance has created.

Luckily, the price of oil helped the job markets in much of Louisiana although the cost of fuel has

hurt some industries such as trucking. As the Federal Reserve Bank continues to raise short-term interest rates in a belated attempt to curb inflation, the price of food, as well as fuel and natural gas, reached record levels which will probably be with us for some time. Unfortunately, this rapid increase in interest rates may bring on a recession. While oil prices did drop for a while, predictions are that they will rise again.

While banks are weathering the economic crisis well, they are seeing the values of the investments go down daily. This phenomenon causes banks to have to hold on to their security investments rather than having the flexibility of selling securities as needed.

The good news is that we are going through another economic cycle, and we will see a recovery. How long that recovery will take is anyone's guess. We hope to avoid a recession and have a quick recovery from inflation."



70 Years Ago
January 22, 1953
Marine PFC Louis T. Sharp, son of Mrs. Lois Sharp, is presented the Purple Heart Medal by his commanding officer, Lt. Col. Anthony Capute, for wounds received in action against Chinese communists in Korea. With the Seventh Marine Regiment of the First Division, Sharp entered the Corps January 29, 1952, and went to Korea August 15, 1952.

Irene Shiel, Jena High 4-H Club member and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Shiel, spent Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16 and 17 in New Orleans, an award for winning first place in the Camp Costume Review at 4-H Short Course.

Painting is the first step in learning to write for polio patient Kaye Hernandez, four, of Ruston, working under the guidance of Eleanor Ring, Occupational Therapist, at Georgia Warm Springs Foundation.

A review of "The Silver Chalice," current best-selling novel by Thomas B. Custain, will be presented in the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church Auditorium Thursday,

January 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

60 Years Ago
January 24, 1963
"Fabrics A La Carte," will be the theme of a fashion show to be held Friday, February 1st at 2 p.m. at JHS. The show, which features styles created from fabrics and popular patterns, will be sponsored by Doughty's Store in Jena.

The Jena Giants improved their district record to two wins and two losses Tuesday night, outlasting Tioga, 60-53. The Giants led all the way. Scoring for Jena were Leslie Windham 20, Tony Tarpley 15, Leroy Joiner 12, Donnie Adams 6, Dickie Holt 5, and Mike Taylor 2.

Former Governor Sam H. Jones will lead the 1963 American Cancer Society Crusade in Louisiana it was announced today by Fred W. Huenefeld, President of the Society's Louisiana division.

Mr. W. R. (Bill) Cockerham has joined the staff of The Jena Times and the Olla-Tullos Signal newspapers as shop foreman.

The speaker for the annual Sweetheart

Banquet of the Jena First Baptist Church will be Jimmy Fields, team quarterback at LSU.

50 Years Ago
January 25, 1973

Lt. James Foster, Company Commander of Company C 769th Engineer Battalion Alexandria, offers his congratulations to Lt. Bennett Landreneau, newly assigned Detachment Commander of Detachment 1, Company C 769th Engineer Bn, in Jena Lt. Landreneau succeeds Lt. Charles Moffett who was reassigned as Project Officer of Company C in Alexandria.

Mike White, President of the United Jaycees of LaSalle Parish, was named "Outstanding Young Man of the Community" and Joe Fussell, State Director of United Jaycees, received the "Outstanding Jaycee of the Year" award.

These are the Jr. 4-H Club officers of LaSalle High. They are Trudy Jones, Secretary and Treasurer; Sharon Kirkham, Reporter; Kevin McDougald, Council Member; Bill Bailey, Council Member; Jerry Nugent, Vice-President, and Wayland Bass, President.

Curtis McAdams was awarded a clock by County Agent Clay White as second place for his electrical project as a member of the Tullos Elementary 4-H Club.

40 Years Ago
January 26, 1983

Clay Mayo, the nine-year-old son of Chris and Connie Mayo, is very proud of this spike he killed near Aimwell on December 20. Clay killed the deer with a 20-gauge shotgun given to him by his granddaddy, Thad Mayo.

Officers of the LaSalle Extension Home-maker's Council installed at the annual Christmas party are, Mrs. Christine Butler, President; Miss Linda Franks, Vice-President; Mrs. Doris Alexander, Secretary; Mrs. Lillian King, Reporter; Mrs. Jessie Basham, Treasurer; and Mrs. Loyce McCartney, Parliamentarian.

The younger elementary choir was photographed singing in a worship service in the Daddy Flowers

Chapel at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe. Mrs. Martha Arrington is head of the home's Music Department.

Shreveport's finest appearing at the Mars Hill Baptist Church... The Mars Hill Baptist Church will present in concert the Union Mission Baptist Church Choir of Shreveport on Friday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Charlie Butler of Fellowship is shown receiving her pin from Mrs. Loyce McCartney at the annual Christmas party.

25 Years Ago
January 28, 1998

Long-time State and National Statesman Speedy O. Long and wife, Florence, hold the plaque presented as Long was inducted into the "Louisiana Hall of Fame" in Winnfield last Saturday night.

The first E-911 road sign went up last Friday morning on Sharptown Loop, off La. 460 (Nebo-Whitehall road.)

Two LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Deputies spoke to Rhonda Francis' class at Fellowship Elementary School last Thursday, January 22. Craig Franklin demonstrates a controlling technique on fellow officer Terry Keene, by simply using his thumb.

The Jena Times Publisher Sammy J. Franklin had the pleasure of speaking to the kindergarten class of Jennifer Ray at Rob-

ert E. Lee Elementary School in Tullahoma, Tennessee, during a recent visit to that city.

Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department received a matching grant from Walmart last week in the amount of \$300.

Construction on the new LaSalle General Hospital's Physical Therapy/Home Health Center is well past the half way mark, officials said.

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January 23, 2013

Jena High School-Based Health Center RN Traci Gray was awarded the Employee of the Month Award from Johnny Rosier of Taylor and Sons Insurance and Financial Services during the LaSalle Parish School meeting last week.

Residents of LaSalle Nursing Home enjoy entertainment provided by George Hulsey and friends recently.

Six LaSalle Parish 4-H Club members learned about proper care of their pets during a 4-H Pet Care Clinic presented by Kelly Hudspeth, DVM, held at the LaSalle Parish Courthouse on Monday night. Those participating were Makenna Pennington, Earl Smith, Nathaniel Shaw, Spencer Evans, Rhett Fannin, and Chandler Fannin.

"A Book of My Own" brings out AdLynn Brinson's smile showing how much she loves the book she selected as she and her classmates visited Pam Bond's table full of books,

Jena High School students in Coach Kristi Small's first period P.E. class and School Nurse Traci Gray, RN, were honored as "heroes" during the LaSalle Parish School Board meeting held Monday of last week.

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Goodpine Middle hosts EPIC for a PBIS Event



Goodpine Middle held a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) event with EPIC visiting their school to perform on January 13. The PBIS event was for students who did not have an office referral for the third sixth weeks.



It's cold outside!

By Rix Quinn

Can people in warmer climates adjust to lower temperatures?

Yes, I know it's cold because it is winter. If it were hot, we would worry that there's a hole in the ozone layer. But the ozone layer is invisible, so it would be really hard to find the hole.

For winter amusement, many people ski. That's fun if you like to go downhill very fast. I do not ski, because I am going downhill fast enough already.

In icy weather, it's

unwise to water ski. Not only is it hard to stay up, but falling on a frozen lake is quite painful.

If you hate cold weather sports, you might go to an indoor boxing match or basketball game. (Sometimes you can see both events at once.)

Yes, cold weather can be brutal, but just think how our ancestors suffered while trying to survive freezes B.C. (before central heating). Houses got so cold at night, folks invented windows just so they could close

them.

And think about long winter travel before cars. What if your wagon wheel fell off?

What if your horse ran away? Or what if you got stuck outside in the snow and your CD player broke?

As a warm weather person, I am convinced winter is like

a bad date. It's cold, it's unpleasant and it seems like it lasts forever.

Rix Quinn's new Amazon Kindle e-book is now available for 99 cents. It's a humor title called "Turkey's Viewpoint."

I hope you'll buy it and read it...and then leave a review.

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Louisiana's "Celebration Riverboat", winner of the 2023 Showmanship Award, cruises the streets of Pasadena, California, during the 134th Rose Parade with Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser at the helm.

Louisiana's "Celebration Riverboat" wins 2023 showmanship award

Second consecutive year as outstanding winner of coveted awards for float design, creativity, and performance featuring Louisiana's award winning musicians

BATON ROUGE, La. – Louisiana Office of Tourism, under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, won the 2023 Showmanship Award during the 134th Rose Parade® in Pasadena, California, for the "Celebration Riverboat" float. The award recognizes the float for most outstanding display of showmanship and entertainment, which featured a live performance by Country Music Association Award winner, 2022 Academy of Country Music New Female of the Year winner, and Louisiana music ambassador Lainey Wilson from Baskin, Louisiana. She performed mid-parade for millions of viewers nationally and internationally as an invitation

to visit the state.

The 134th Rose Parade® was Louisiana's second year participating, fresh off last year's float winning the Wrigley Legacy Award and encouraging millions around the world to visit the state.

"I am extremely proud of our Office of Tourism team, six convention and visitors bureaus and 22 Louisiana Ambassadors that partnered with us in this endeavor representing a pivotal time for our state in 'Turning The Corner,' an appropriate theme for the New Year," said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. "This is our invitation to visitors worldwide to come see us, and I hope everyone in Louisiana is as proud of our state's showing and of winning this award as I am."

Co-sponsors of the award-winning float and riders were Visit Baton Rouge, Visit Lafayette, Tangipahoa Con-

vention and Visitors Bureau, Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Visitors Bureau, Plaquemines Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau, Natchitoches Convention and Visitors Bureau. Additionally, 22 Rose Parade® riders included Amber DeFatta, a former patient of the Shriners Hospital for their 100th Anniversary of the hospital with locations worldwide founded in Shreveport. Each accomplished young lady represents the best each area of the state has to offer in festivals, cuisine, cultural experiences, education, entertainment, hospitality, and agricultural resources.

A time lapse video shows the progress to this point, from metal skeleton to riverboat. The complete folder of videos and images can be downloaded from a DropBox folder titled 134th Tournament of Roses Parade.

Area students named to NSU President's List

Five hundred sixty-six students were named to the Fall 2022 President's List at Northwestern State University.

Students on the President's List must be enrolled full-time at Northwestern State and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Those students named to the President's List for the fall semester listed by hometown were:

- Colfax - Carlye Hayes, Olivia Slayter
- Trout - Callie McDowell

Area students named to NSU Dean's List

Seven hundred and fifty-six undergraduate students were named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Northwestern State University.

Students on the Dean's List must be enrolled full time and earn a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.99.

Those named to the Dean's List by hometown are as follows:

- Colfax - Seth Ballard, Christianna Eddie, Aubrey Jones, Jasmine Rish, Jaden Williams
- Georgetown - Savannah Hicks
- Jena - Ella Jensen, Alexxis Jones, Madison Moss, Naomi Kirkham
- Olla - Jackson Derr, Taylor Veillion
- Trout - Mason Pittman
- Urania - Jordyn Hough

Area students named to NSU fall honor roll

Six hundred ninety-three undergraduate students at Northwestern State University were listed on the Fall Honor Roll.

Students on the Honor Roll must be enrolled full-time at Northwestern and have a grade point average of between 3.0 and 3.49.

Students listed by hometown are as follows:

- Colfax - Evan White
- Georgetown - Alyssa Nugent, Brittney Williamson
- Jena - Samantha Adcock, Kevin Patterson
- Olla - Clayton Cotton, Savannah Kirl, Tanner Terrell, Laci Wilson
- Trout - Jacob Windham
- Urania - Rachael Smith

For a beautiful lawn in the spring, get to work now

By Heather Kirk-Ballard
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

Your lawn or turfgrass may be the last thing on your mind right now — but it's no time to sit back on your laurels. Lawns are in their winter dormancy, and we have all enjoyed the reprieve from lawn mowing. But it won't be long before our lawns literally "spring" back to life.

If you want to give your turfgrass a leg up this spring, it's time to get to work now. Despite our lawns' winter slumber, weeds are still at work. If you look out into the lawn, you will likely see plenty of weeds.

Now that lawns have gone brown, weeds are very evident; the green signifies they are alive and well. Broadleaf weeds such as clover and lawn burweed (sticker weed) in addition to annual bluegrass

are often present. These weeds will be found in lawns of St. Augustine grass, centipedegrass, zoysia and dormant bermudagrass. They can be managed with applications of atrazine herbicide applied in winter from January into the spring until temperatures get up into the upper 80s.

The winter months are a good time to spray cool-season annual weeds while they are actively growing. It is especially important to treat these weeds before they produce seeds that will be a headache in the next growing season.

Herbicides containing three-way mixtures of 2,4-D plus dicamba plus mecoprop — such as the TriMech product — can be used for winter broadleaf control with less turf injury potential in all Southern turfgrasses this time of the year. Weed-and-feed products can be sub-

stituted as your first application of fertilizer, but not until the early spring after the threat of the last freeze has passed. In south Louisiana, that date is typically March 15, and in north Louisiana, April 1.

Warm-season turfgrasses that are not actively growing should not be fertilized with nitrogen unless the lawn has been overseeded with ryegrass. Nitrogen fertilization on dormant turfgrasses can lead to increased fungal diseases such as brown patch and also lead to winter kill. In addition, nitrogen applications during this time have a greater potential for movement into ground water.

Although many home lawns do not require regular mowing or fertilization, now is an excellent time to have your soil tested. To test your soil, bring in 1 pint of soil to your parish LSU AgCenter office. Soil samples should be a composite of soil plugs 4 inches in depth from various places around the lawn.

For those who have chosen to overseed with ryegrass, apply 2 to 3 pounds of ammonium nitrate or equivalent fertilizer per 1,000 square feet every four to six weeks to maintain de-

sired growth and color.

Postpone any permanent warm-season turfgrass establishment from seed until next spring. Sod such as St. Augustine can be laid during winter, if necessary, but remember to keep it moist to prevent drying out and dying. Establishment is best left

until well after spring green-up. Areas that are thin or bare can be overseeded with ryegrass to reduce muddy conditions or prevent soil erosion.

Brown patch diseases can come and go throughout the winter if the weather is mild as it typically is here in Louisiana. Treatment with fungicides containing thiophanate, propiconazole, iprodione, PCNB, captan, triadimefon or maneb will reduce brown patch spreading. Damage from brown patch

will slow spring green-up and affected areas will remain unsightly until warmer weather conditions allow for turfgrass recovery.

Warm-season turfgrasses may show signs of green-up in south Louisiana in late February. Do not push turfgrass growth with fertilizer. Fertilizer applied too early will feed the winter weeds, and fertilizer applied too heavily will result in lush growth that is more susceptible to injury from late frosts or brown patch.

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• 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

• 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.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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.

Concordia Electric Meeting

Concordia Electric will hold its next regular board meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 5 p.m.

• 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.

Free ASIST workshop in Jena

A free two-day ASIST workshops will be held in LaSalle Parish on February 24-25 at First Baptist Church in Jena. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Limited spots remain for this session.

Classes will be held each day from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants must be at least 16 years of age. Learn more and register at <https://www.savecenla.com/asist>

ASIST stands for Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and is an evidence-based, proven-to-be-effective, taught worldwide workshop that is offered to everyone over age 16 and all professions.

Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause of death for ages 15-34. For more information, call Andy at (337) 288-0973 or Angela at (337) 519-1888 or visit www.livingworks.net/asist

JHS Most Beautiful Pageant

The Jena High School Most Beautiful Pageant will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the JHS Auditorium. The pageant is sponsored by the JHS FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

Admission is \$5 per person and doors will open at 5:30.

Proceeds will support the JHS FBLA club's attendance of regional and state conferences.

There will be an Audience Choice Award given for a pageant contestant as well as an escort with the most monetary donations during the pageant.

A portion of these donations will be used to support March of Dimes, which is an organization that works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

Fifth Sunday Community Service

Trout Creek Baptist Church and Pastor Dale Sanders will host the fifth Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 29th.

The Community Choir will render song service and Reverend Chauncey Hardy, Pastor of L & A Baptist Church will bring the message.

LaSalle Health Unit Open House

The Region VI (Central Louisiana) Office of Public Health invites you to an Open House on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at LaSalle Parish Health Unit, 1673 N. Second Street in Jena.

Please join us for refreshments and to learn more about the programs and services we offer to our LaSalle Parish community.

• 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.

Woodmen Life Meeting

Woodmen Life Chapter 1145 will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Members are asked to bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship. You may bring a non member.

2023 Man-Up Conference

This year's Man-Up Conference will be held on Friday, February 3rd beginning at 6 p.m. in the Jena Community Center.

Speakers for the event will be Reid Terry and Casey Johnson. Music will be provided by Hunter Johnson.

All Men and boys are invited and encouraged to attend.

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January 29: Salem Baptist Church in Tifton, Georgia @ 3 p.m.

February 4: JM Farm in Plant City, Florida @ 1 p.m.

February 5: Independent Baptist Church in Sebring, Florida @ 4 p.m.

February 18: Cross and Spurs Cowboy Church in Buchanan Dam, Texas @ 1 p.m.

February 19: 5 Hills Cowboy Church in Kemper, Texas @ 2 p.m.

February 24: San Antonio Rose Palace in San Antonio, Texas @ 7 p.m.

February 25: Thousand Hills Cowboy Church in Kerrville, Texas @ 1 p.m.

February 26: Flames of Glory Cowboy Church in Bastrop, Texas @ 10:30 a.m.

March 10-December 23: Annual Benefit for Wild Horse Ministries, TBA

March 19: Black Residence, Oakdale, Louisiana @ 4 p.m.

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Dr. Glenn Mollette
Recently, in a Mexican restaurant in Houston, Texas, a patron shot and killed a man who was robbing other patrons. The robber was masked and brandishing what appeared to be a pistol. If the man who shot the robber is charged with murder for protecting himself and others from a potentially lethal threat, then we have a serious problem.

We have another problem. Millions of undocumented people have crossed our border from El Paso to San Diego and in between. America is being invaded. We do not have enough free housing, welfare and food stamps to support all these people.

Biden wants to mobilize 85,000 IRS agents who will find every dollar they can to support the millions of undocu-

mented people roaming our nation. How many more dollars can the IRS squeeze out of your pocket? Do you have property that they can seize and sell for a few dollars? 85,000 agents will need to find something to do and most likely they will be checking up on everyone.

Arizona has been patching holes in their border with containers which has been working. Biden ordered that the containers be removed. Over one million undocumented people have crossed into America through Arizona during Biden's Presidency.

Can you imagine being a farmer or just living on the Southern Border? This is 24-hour a day nightmare for these landowners. Do you think anyone wants to buy their property?

These same people are coming to your community. They are looking for jobs and housing. They need money and food. Do you have plenty of affordable housing in your community? Do you have big free food banks to feed these people? If you need a reasonably priced apartment, I would suggest you snatch it fast because people are coming who need that apartment and they may have more help from the government than you do to underwrite the costs.

McCarthy, Biden, and Congress must bring back every job we have outsourced to China. We can no longer do business with China. The people who have been living in America the last few years need jobs and millions of new undocumented workers need jobs. By the way, do you

remember when the United States Census was a once every ten-year job? Now, Census workers have to work year-round chasing down people who will not complete U.S. Government Census information. How many full-time census workers will it take to chase down all of these undocumented people?

If Biden, McCarthy, and Congress do not protect Social Security your town will probably have to close up. Over 70 million Americans count on Social Security income. Social Security is all or over half of all this number receives each month. As the buying power of the retired population suffers, each community suffers. The government collects social security taxes from people to subsidize us in our old age. Americans will

be back into abject poverty if they don't keep Social Security strong.

Affordable housing, medical insurance and jobs that pay over \$15 an hour must also be McCarthy and Biden commitments. We must be able to buy health insurance across state lines. State governments need to make it easier for working poor to have health insurance. We need real people to answer the telephones in the state and local governments. Websites need to be simple and seamless. Working poor Americans feel like their local states aren't that interested in helping them.

Making medical care more affordable will solve problems for everyone including the insurance companies. Publicly listing the cost of services and surgeries

was a good idea that most medical providers don't seem to be following. Making pharmacy purchases from Canada easier is imperative for struggling Americans.

We have some problems in America. Biden, McCarthy and Congress have a lot to do. Name calling, and aggressive behavior in the House only makes for a few seconds of television stupidity. America has some problems. We need for McCarthy and Biden and Congress to step up and help us solve them.



Learning to read and write... A whole new world

Shelton Stapleton turned fifty-eight this past March and a few short months later he began a new journey that few people his age experience: he started learning to read and write for the first time.

It wasn't that Shelton didn't attend school, he did. He completed the ninth grade without once being retained. His attendance, however, was sparse at best. His dad was a mechanic in Texas City, Texas, and he preferred to have Shelton by his side in the shop, learning a trade that would support him throughout his life.

"When I was seven years old, I could tear down a carburetor and put in a transmission by myself," he said. "I could put a motor in a car on my own."

When he turned twelve the family moved to Jena. He continued school but still couldn't read or write anything other than numbers and his name.

As time passed, he learned to compensate for his lack of reading and writing in creative ways. Before the onset of cell phones, his mom would cut out pictures from magazines of the items she needed him to pick up at the local supermarket and he would take it with him as his 'grocery list.' Cell phones made it somewhat easier, she just texted the pictures of the grocery items or Facetimed him direct-

ing him to what was needed.

He could drive anywhere in LaSalle Parish knowing every turn and bend of the local roads. Traveling to outside towns and cities, however, proved to be impossible as he couldn't read the road signs. He could sign his name but he couldn't get a job that required more literary know how than that. Life was limited without the ability to read and write.

A new job opportunity came Shelton's way in 2022 when his distant relative, Vince Stapleton, called him about driving a wrecker for Vince's Wrecker Service. Hard work was no stranger to a man who had always held a job despite his lack of literacy skills so he readily accepted. The only holdup was that a wrecker driver had to be able to write his own tickets and travel to neighboring cities.

"Vince got me started," he said crediting his boss and friend. "Chad and David Paul (his co-workers) and his wife Deborah, and Sheriff Scott Franklin started talking about it."

They told him "You can do this," 'this' being able to learn to read and write.

Thus began the journey to literacy!

His support team of friends and co-workers provided flashcards for him to learn sight words and lists

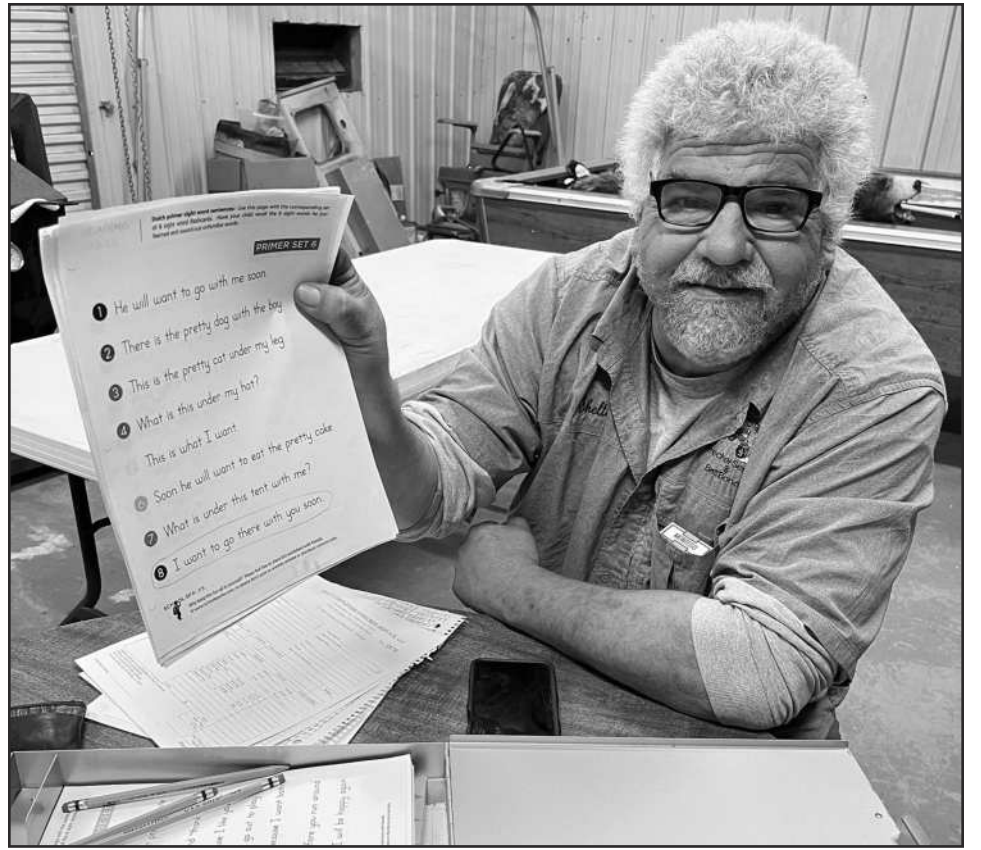
of Dolch Primer sight sentences to start reading complete sentences aloud. The Jena Band of Choctaw soon provided a one-on-one tutoring session one hour each week with a teacher. His girlfriend, Karen, encouraged him to continue and worked with him improving his skills. He proved to be a very quick learner. Constant practice paid off. It was only a matter of months before he was reading and writing words and sentences.

"At first I couldn't recognize or sound out a word," he explained, "but now I got it down pat! I might not can spell but I can read it!"

The smile on his face told the story. It's a different world than he once lived in and knew. He can now read the road signs in Alexandria, Natchitoches and anywhere else he needs to travel on his job. He can write the needed tickets that accompany his responsibilities in transporting vehicles to the wrecker yard. He can go to the local supermarket without pictures on a cell phone and buy what he wants.

"It feels great!" he exclaimed. "It's opened up a whole new world!"

One of the first things he did after mastering sentences and paragraphs was buy his mom a card in which he wrote her a message. She was unaware of the flashcards, the sentence



Shelton Stapleton credits friends and family for supporting him in his success in learning to read at 58 years old.

lists, the tutoring sessions and the efforts his supporters had provided in teaching him to read and write. After she opened the envelope, he quickly took the card back and read the inscription he had written inside.

"She started crying, she was so proud," he said. "That's how she found out I could read."

Shelton went on and on about how much he appreciates Vince and his wife and Chad, David Paul, Sheriff Franklin, his tutor and Karen for their much-needed encouragement and help. He confesses that without their help and insistence, he would still be a non-reader.

He's already planning his next achievement: reading his first



Newly-acquired reading and writing skills help Stapleton navigate his duties and his job with Vince Stapleton Wrecker Service.

book. Who knows where he'll go from there.

His mom is unaware that his new status as a reader will be celebrated in print in this very article.

"I'll read it to her and that's how she'll find out," he declared with an infectious grin.

He summed it up

this way, "I'll tell everybody, if you don't know how to read, you need to start learning. It feels great!"

What an accomplishment. Indeed. Hats off to Shelton and those who rallied him into the infinite possibilities of books and all things written and read.

Olla Elem. School lists Honor roll

Honor roll students for the third six weeks grading period at Olla Elementary School have been announced by Principal Malacha Harris, as follows:

First Grade

All A's - Rhett Adams, Kastyn Black, Russ Davis, Sladen Decker, Logan Doughty, London Ford, Josie Ledbetter, Reagan Lofton, Jasper Morace, Baylor Paul, Lydia Reichardt, Jace Rodriguez, Jaxon Street, Karter Thacker, Addyson Weeks, and Kaison Young.

A's and B's - Let-

tie Andrews, Conner Bedgood, Bentley Dulaney, Josie Gardner, Madalynn Hutzler, James Jones, Bowen Long, Gracee Morrison, Bryleigh Parker, Tayler Randall, Cameron Scott, Alice Seaward, Maddie Spence, Roderick West, Graysen Wilemon, McKenzie Wilson, and Remi Wilson.

Second Grade

All A's - Bristol Adams, Camryn Brown, Aubree Cruse, Lilyann May, Ennslee Poole, Corvin Richards, River Thornton, and Grace-lynn Young.

A's and B's - Waylon Austin, Carey Cahoon, Bailey Davis, Sawyer Flaherty, Josie Lee, Adalynn Lafebu-

Sophie Lofton, Kayden Love, Remi Richey, Owen Strong, and Gunner Weeks.

Third Grade

All A's - Audrey Davis, Jackson Gardner, Paisley Franklin, and Alyssa Stowe.

A's and B's - Tristan Callender, Anna Carr, Camden Cockerham, Molly Estis, Kynsley Kirkland, Josie Lisenby, Andrew Powell, and Beaux Rogers.

Fourth Grade

All A's - Birdie Lasiter, Cooper Masters, and Camile Reichardt.

A's and B's - Kellan Cook, Saige Decker, Beau Doughty, Caidence Higgs, Laney Lasiter, Kayse Martin, Jackson Maxwell, Isabella Morace, Dwight Nailor, Gavin Perot, Don'tae Smith, and Jackson Steen.

Fifth Grade

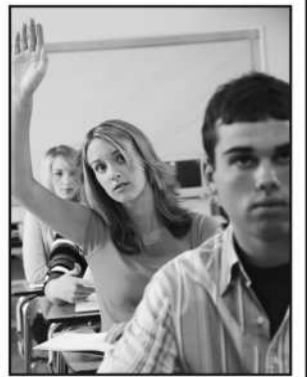
All A's - Bailey Puckett.

A's and B's - Drake Boyett, Finley Cain, Myli Crafts, Paityn Durham, Olivia Fenoli, Joseph Lefebuve, Kira Luther, Garrett Jenkins, Hunter Nino, and Jace Sumrall.

Perfect Attendance: Brinleigh Kirkland, Kyleigh Kirkland, Kollin Hobbs, Laney Lasiter, Kira Luther, Aamyia Street, Harper McGuirk, Hayden Holloway, Kinzley Love, Bailey Puckett, Harper Coleman, McKenna Crafts, Hope Langley, Jackson Maxwell, Paisley Franklin, Amelia Goodeaux, Birdie Lasiter, and Garrett Jenkins.

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REF: LA Revised Statutes: 32:414U and 32:431

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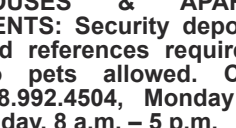
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This year one of the favorite Christmas songs, "Silent Night", was sung in several different languages. Carolyn Gernand sang a solo in French, Nolley's Pastor Joseph Guo sang a solo in Chinese, Veronica Humphries sang a solo in German and the congregation sang the final verse in English. Children in the service led the congregation in singing "Away in a Manger." Over forty people were in attendance representing several area churches. The caroling service was a wonderful success and everyone looks forward to continuing this annual event in celebration of our Lord's birth.

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Anna Humphries and Levon Manning lead the congregation in singing "Away in a Manger."



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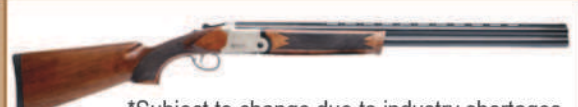
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The theme of the day was Building and Re-Establishing Unity Through the Power of Prayer (James 5:16).

A Prayer Breakfast was held at 7 a.m. at L&A Baptist Church's Mays-Young Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker who offered the inspirational address was Dr. Tia Mills, president of the Louisiana Association of Educators out of Baton Rouge.

Others who spoke

at the breakfast included Chief Deputy Jimmy Arbogast for the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office, Jena Mayor LaDawn Edwards, Sanctuary Worship Center Pastor Heath Harris, Jena Chief of Police Scott McLendon, L&A Baptist Church Pastor C.M. Hardy, Deacon Ricky Parker, Deacon Ron Carr and Nazarene Baptist Church member Alma Hardy.

The next event was the MLK, Jr. Day Parade at 10 a.m. that began at Good Pine Middle School and traveled to downtown Jena and south toward New Evergreen Baptist Church.

The third and final event of the day was the Commemoration Program at noon at New Evergreen Baptist Church. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dale Sanders, pastor at Trout Creek Baptist Church.



Nazarene Baptist Church member Alma Hardy from Alexandria sings "The Lord's Prayer" during the MLK, Jr. Day Prayer Breakfast at L&A Baptist Church.



Dr. Tia Mills, president of the Louisiana Association of Educators, offered the inspirational address during the MLK, Jr. Day Prayer Breakfast at L&A Baptist Church.



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Jena Elementary first graders who received Excellence in iReady for Reading and Math were Nolan Townsend, Andi Francis, Caroline Posey, Chanel Brown and Maggie Smith.

The POSTSCRIPT

by Carrie Classon



“Dozens of Cousins”

“We are cleaning up our stuff,” Meshach, the tile layer who now more or less permanently resides in our home, informed me. “We are giving you more space.”

“More space?” I said in mock amazement. “Why would I need more space? I see at least three square feet over there by the closet and another four feet behind the dining room table!”

Meshach squinted his eyes and looked

at me seriously, as he does. He was again accompanied by his assistant, Yusefu, a recent immigrant from Kenya.

“Well, that is good,” Meshach said. “Because we have invited Yusefu’s cousins here to live.”

Yusefu’s eyes opened wide before he realized he was being teased. Then Yusefu smiled. “They are not large!” he insisted, gesturing with his arms. “I am the fattest

one!”

This is now a running joke in our home—discussing how many of Yusefu’s cousins would fit in our living room at any given time.

Last weekend we spent time with a dozen of my husband Peter’s cousins at the funeral for Peter’s sister, and I thought of how enduring these ties to cousins are—even if they are not sleeping on our floor. Peter was the youngest cousin on his father’s side and so he remembers these cousins as the much older kids he grew up with. The older cousins were all cool or bossy and the younger cousins were all brats, to hear them tell it. It’s funny to realize that these people in their 70s still think of one another as the children they once were, but I feel the same way about my cousins.

I have dozens of cousins on my mother’s side and, like Peter, most of them are older than me. My cousin Jill will always be the super-cool girl with the dyed black hair ironing her peasant dress at the farmhouse. Her musician boyfriend would arrive in a VW Bug and I was awestruck. It doesn’t matter that Jill is now a Lutheran minister with grandchildren. To me, she will always be that elegant young woman flipping back her jet-black hair as she toiled over the iron. I knew I would never be as cool as Jill. I never was.

My cousins and

I formed bonds that survive today. Last week, my cousin Dane took me to look at audio equipment, as we needed amplification for the funeral service. Dane told me I’d be better off borrowing what I needed from him. And so I did. Dane has always been quiet. He’ll wait for everyone to finish talking, then offer up an idea that begins with, “You know what you might do...” and it will be the most sensible thing said. It has always been this way.

Cousins are the friends I was given as a gift from my family. They are as different from me as they can possibly be, yet I will always keep a space for them in my life.

Meshach is pleased with the work he has done, and I don’t think either of us is eager to say goodbye. I can tell his work is nearly concluded because we could stash at least a dozen cousins in the available space—assuming they are as small as Yusefu claims.

But Peter and I are looking forward to having our home back, to finally putting books on the shelves and inviting people over for dinner.

“I know what we should do, when everything is finally finished,” I told Peter. “What’s that?”

“We should invite your cousins over!”

I think we will. There’s plenty of room. Till next time,

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Another group of old photos of the past. More next week!



Ruby Franklin Roberts Chapman, Mary Ann Knapp and Bertie Chapman, 1963



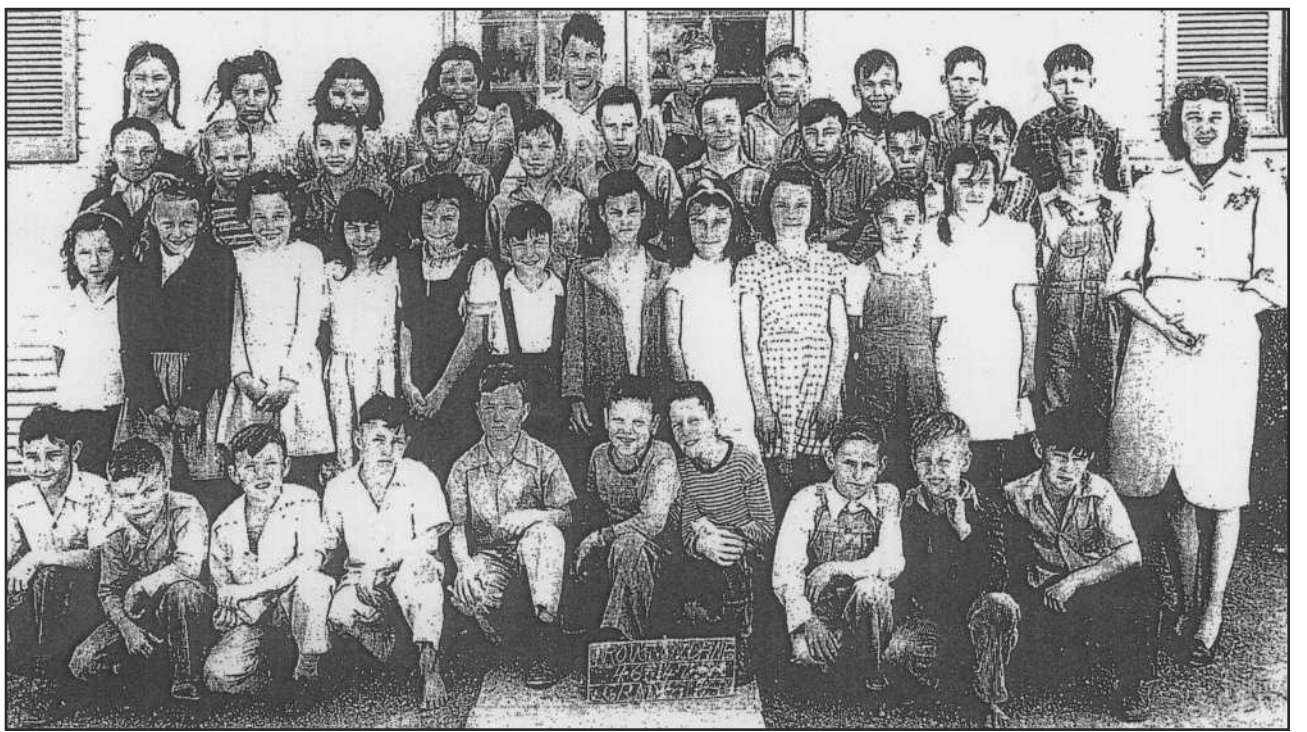
William Wyatt Kendrick and wife Mary Jane Breithaupt, 1880's (Larry Chapman Collection)



Daniel “Dan” Chester Franklin, 1828-1910



Mary Ann Corley Corley, 1870-1900's

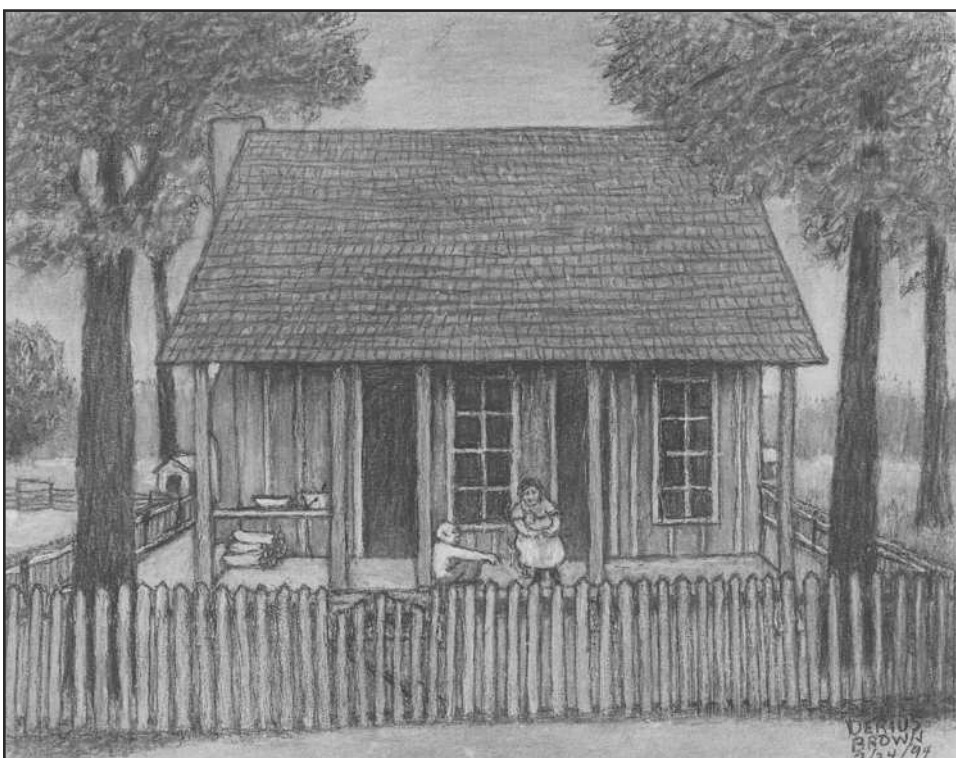
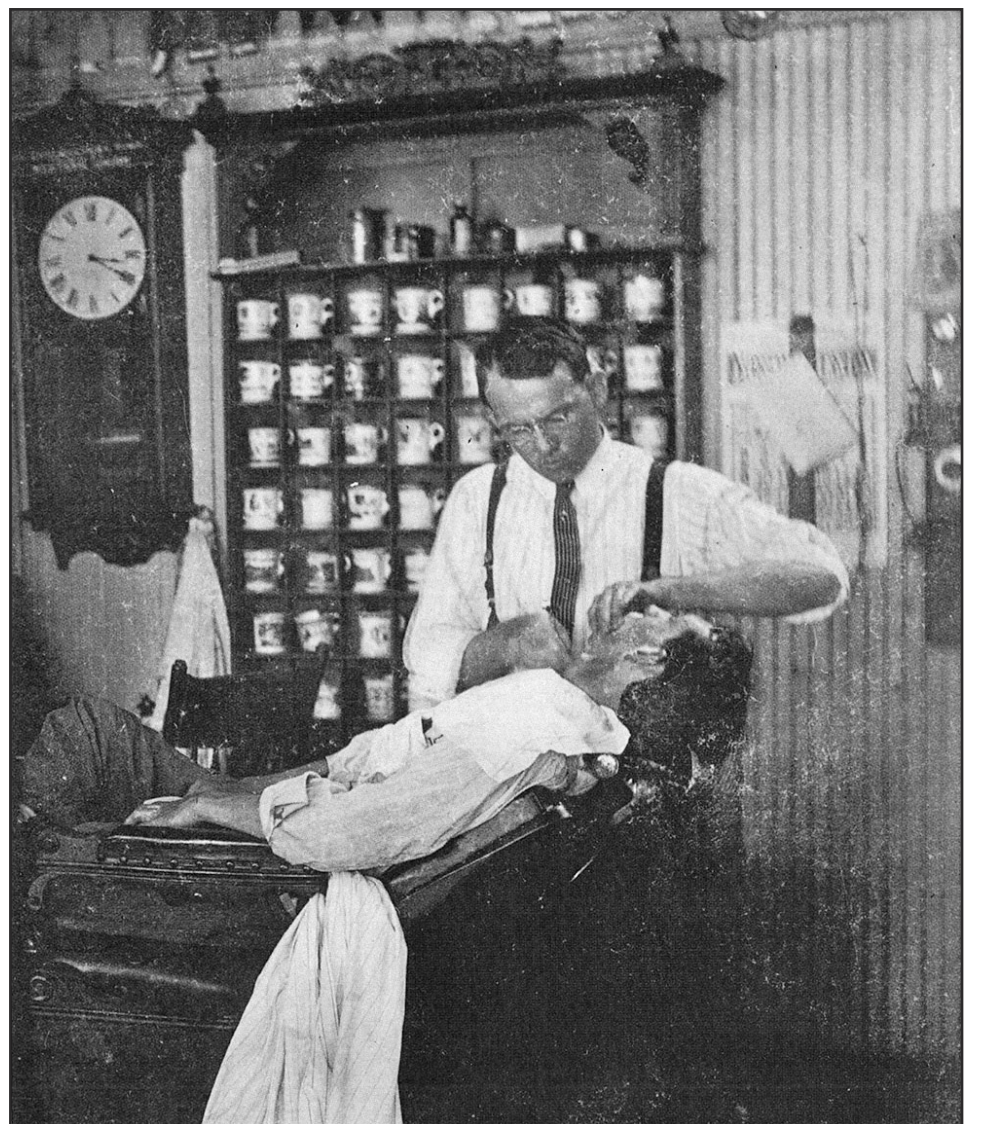


Miss Mussellwhite's 1946 fourth grade class at Trout Goodpine High School has been identified through joint efforts of Buddy Boyett and Slim Stapleton. Class members include, first row, left to right: Terry Mack Duke, Joe Martin Davis, Harold Smith, Jack Ezell, Ronald Blount, Julius Buddy Boyett, Jimmy Tullos, Charles Powell, Sherman Cater, and Jerry Ezell; second row, left to right: Irene Walsworth, Addie Gail Wall, Helen McDaniel, Ruby Gentry Dotson, Virginia Cockerham, Nancy Ann Bryant, Mary Beth Cassell, Virginia Caldwell, June Basham Plunkett, Doris Jane Bethard Fewell and Louise Terrel Scroggins; third row, left to right: Elton Hudson, Bobby Glen Ganey, Robert Plunkett, Garthian Slim Stapleton, Bobbie Terrell, Reb Taylor, Grady Price, Elton Tiny Duke, Bill Edward Flowers, J.W. McCaskell and Raymond Woodell; fourth row, left to right: Mary Jo Ireland Goodwin, Anna Ruth Baldrige, Shirley Crooks Elliott, Octavia Sanders Duke, Charles McCaskell, Teddy Mack Brooks, James Millican, Huey Lee Cassell, Robert Pulpwood Berryman and Charles Fairbanks.



Warren Marcus Price and Howard Price, about 1896-97

At Right: Ben Francis, early barber shop of Jena, before 1920 (Larry Chapman Collection)



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28th Judicial District Court holds end of year sessions

The last week of November and early December was a busy time in 28th Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of LaSalle, with fines and numerous pleas taken.

The Honorable J. Christopher Peters, District Judge, presided at the sessions. Also at their regular duties were District Attorney J. Reed Walters and assistants, Deputy Sheriff Joe Phillips, Deputy Clerk of Court Reba McClure and Court Reporter/Administrator Amy Stapleton.

Johnny R Worsham came before the Court for Bond Reduction on charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine felony, possession of drug paraphernalia misdemeanor, contempt of court misdemeanor and criminal damage to property < \$1,000 misdemeanor. A stipulation was made between the State and the defense, and bond will remain the same of the charge of Possession of CDS II Methamphetamine. The bonds on the unbilled charges will be released, and the bond on the charge of Criminal Damage to Property < \$1,000 will be released. The accused informed the Court that he wished to withdraw his former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to the four (4) charges of Contempt of Court. In Docket No 22-619 he was ordered to pay a fine of \$150.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifteen (15) days in the parish jail. In Docket No. 22-874, the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$150.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifteen (15) days in the parish jail. These sentences shall run concurrent with each other. In Docket No. 22-872, the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$150.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifteen (15) days in the parish jail. In Docket No. 22-873, the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$150.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifteen (15) days in the parish jail. These sentences shall run consecutive to each other.

Shannon B Hailey came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of marijuana misdemeanor and entered a plea of guilty. The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$100.00, plus all costs of Court, in default to serve ten (10) days in the parish jail. Docket No. 22-219 was reset for a final pre-trial hearing on May 19, 2023. Trial was set for May 22, 2023.

Newt R Ashley came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine, possession of CDS II codeine, introduction of contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia and contempt of court and informed the Court that he wished to withdraw his former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to the charges of Possession of CDS II Methamphetamine (Count 1) and Introduction of Contraband (Count 3). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered to be performed, and a report is due on December 16, 2022. Sentencing was scheduled for January 10, 2023. The charge of Possession of CDS II Codeine (Count 2), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Docket No. 22-105), and Contempt of Court (Docket No. 22-803) were dismissed by the State. Post-conviction bond was set in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Shawn R Johnston came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine and on motion of the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for January 20, 2023. Trial was set for January 23, 2023.

Marlene Joy came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of theft > \$25,000, bank fraud, illegal transmission of monetary fund's felony, theft >\$25,000 and forgery (13) counts felony. These charges were dismissed on motion of the State. Restitution has been paid in full.

Jaitravian Kittlin came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of possession of CDS I marijuana w/intent to distribute and possession of firearm while in possession of CDS and on motion of the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for January 20, 2023. Trial was set for January 23, 2023.

Chad Jeffrey LeGrande came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of unauthorized use of motor vehicle felony, introduction of contraband felony and criminal trespassing misdemeanor and on motion of the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for January 20, 2023. Trial was set for January 23, 2023.

Alan Stephen McClure, II came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of attempted first degree murder felony and attempted second degree murder felony and on motion of the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for December 6, 2022.

Brandon D Mitchell came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of terrorizing felony and possession of CDS III buprenorphine and on motion of the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for January 20, 2023. Trial was set for January 23, 2023.

Hoy Lane Phillips came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of domestic abuse battery w/child endangerment and aggravated assault w/firearm and on motion of the State, a final pre-trial hearing was set for February 24, 2023. Trial was set for February 27, 2023.

Andre Price, Jr came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of aggravated second-degree battery and on motion of the State, trial was set for November 14, 2022.

Willie C Purvis, III came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of possession of firearm/ convicted felon. The defendant was not present. His non-presence was noted for the record.

William Daniel Spangler came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of possession CDS II methamphetamine felony and entered a plea of guilty to the amended charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. He is given credit for time served on this charge.

Blaine A. Volentine came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of simple burglary felony, conspiracy to simple burglary felony, criminal damage to property >\$1,000 but < \$50,000 felony and conspiracy to criminal damage to property felony. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was issued, and bond on the warrant was set at \$4,200,000.00. Notice of Warrant of Arrest was ordered to be issued to all parties.

Danny Allen White came before the Court for a final pre-trial hearing on charges of possession CDS IV clonazepam felony and on motion of the State, this matter was continued without date.

In each of the cases listed, the accused entered a written plea of Guilty. The entry of the plea was accepted and authorized by the Court, and each was fined as indicated: Elbert R Barnhill, Speeding 77/55, \$220.00; Daniel G. Blades, Expired MVI \$250.00; Justin E. Ferguson, Excess Windshield Tint \$205.00; Bernabe Guzman, Speeding 72/55 \$210.00; Christos Konaris, Fail to Change Address \$185.00; Joseph Laroche, Speeding 79/55 \$220.00; Ethan Bart Larue, Speeding 50/35, \$210.00; Aaron Samaniego, Speeding 70/55 \$210.00; Stephanie Smith, Expired MVI \$210.00; Randy Tullos, Speeding 74/55 \$210.00; Erin Wilkinson, Speeding 70/55 \$210.00.

Leslie Aycock came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession CDS II methamphetamine w/ITD felony and conspiracy to possess methamphetamine w/ITD felony. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

James Thomas Baum came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving while intoxicated first offense and was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

William Chase Bearden came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of aggravated assault w/firearm felony. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

Brody Busby came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving under suspension misdemeanor and speeding 98/55. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was ordered issued, and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$1,000.00. Bond on each underlying charge was set at \$1,000.00.

Edward E Carter, Jr came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of CDS III buprenorphine felony and possession CDS IV alprazolam felony. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charges. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

Justin M Cox came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia misdemeanor and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. He is given credit for time served on this charge.

Elizabeth N Davis came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession drug paraphernalia misdemeanor and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. She is given credit for time served on this charge.

Bailey Marie Fontenot came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of hunt MGB w/unplugged gun misdemeanor and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$710.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve seventy-one (71) days in the parish jail.

Marcus D. Garrett came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of aggravated flight from an officer felony. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

Chaz A Graham came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving under suspension misdemeanor and contempt of court and entered a plea of not guilty to the contempt charges. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023 and reset for trial for same date on Docket No. 20-875. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Lynn Hammond came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving under sus-

pension misdemeanor. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was ordered issued, and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$ 1,000.00.

Steven Thomas Idlett came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving while intoxicated first offense misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charges. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Carrindeous B Jackson came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of simple burglary felony. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

Arturo Jones came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of speeding 82/55. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was ordered issued, and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$500.00.

Quanterrious L Jones came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia misdemeanor and speeding 102/55. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of guilty was entered to the charges. In Docket No. 22-957, the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. In Docket No. 22-1159, the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$300.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve thirty (30) days in the parish jail. He is given credit for time served on these charges.

Sonja Dubois King came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Bennie J. Lachney came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving under suspension misdemeanor. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was ordered issued, and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$25,000.00. Notice of Warrant of Arrest is to be issued to all parties.

Jacob Cole Lashley came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving under suspension misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Courtney A Lefebvre came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of aggravated flight from an officer felony, driving under suspension misdemeanor, switched license plate misdemeanor and contempt of court misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023 on the misdemeanor charges. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023 on the felony charge. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Adam Lincoln came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving while intoxicated first offense misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

James Cody Lisenby came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of firearm by convicted felon illegal carry weapon while in possession of CDS. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charges. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

Nolan Trent McCartney came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving under suspension misdemeanor and unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling felony. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charges. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023 on the misdemeanor charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023 on the felony charge.

Coy G. McPherson, Jr came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of disturbing peace, intoxicated misdemeanor and contempt of court. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was ordered issued, and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$10,000.00. Notice of Warrant of Arrest is to be issued to all parties.

Ricky Glen Meeks came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia misdemeanor. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was ordered issued, and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$1,000.00.

Ikedi Millsap came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was ordered issued, and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$1,000.00.

Shameka L Mosley came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of simple criminal damage to property felony. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

Christopher C. Nolan came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of remaining after forbidden misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

William L Nolan came before the Court

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for Arraignment on charges of illegal use CDS presence minor misdemeanor, littering misdemeanor and contempt of court and entered a plea of guilty to the charges. In Docket No. 22-1156 the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. In Docket No. 22-1157 the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail to run concurrent with the sentence imposed in Docket No. 22-1156. In Docket No. 22-1158 the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$150.00 plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifteen (15) days in the parish jail. In Docket No. 22-1086 the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$150.00, plus costs of court, in default to serve fifteen (15) days in the parish jail to run consecutive to the sentence imposed in Docket No. 22-1158. He is given credit for time served on these charges.

Jesse Cole Nugent came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of illegal carry weapon while in possession of CDS felony and possession of firearm by convicted felon. Arraignment was waived, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charges. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

John Colter Pyron came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of theft of livestock felony and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023. The defendant stated he will obtain his own counsel.

Robert Vernon Quintana came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Josh L Rhone came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving under suspension misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Aidan Keith Smith came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of violate non-toxic shot requirement misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023. The defendant stated he will obtain his own counsel.

Colbey V Smith came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of oral sexual battery felony, and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

Travis James Smith came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of no driver's license misdemeanor. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was ordered issued, and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set at \$500.00.

Toney E Stevenson, Jr came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of driving under suspension misdemeanor and contempt of court. The defendant failed to appear. A bench warrant was ordered issued, and bond was set on the bench warrant at \$ 10,000.00. Notice of Warrant of Arrest is to be issued to all parties.

Logan G Stringer came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine felony and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Jeromy N Thompson came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine felony and aggravated flight from an officer misdemeanor and entered a plea of not guilty to the charges. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023 on the misdemeanor charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023 on the felony charge. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defender's Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

Marlon O Tingle came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of possession CDS II methamphetamine felony and a plea of not guilty was entered to the charge. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2023.

Jobel Wiley came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of simple battery misdemeanor and on motion of the State, these charges were dismissed.

In each of these cases, the defendant was not present for Arraignment and on motion of the State, the Court ordered the Department of Public Safety in each of the respective states to be notified of their non-appearance: Alisha Bittle, speeding 85/55; Sheldon Bottley, speeding 70/55; Heather N Floyd, speeding 68/55; Gabriel Guitierrez, speeding 79/55 and expired license plate; Jody Johnson, speeding 76/55 and expired driver's license; Jaden K Smith, obstructed window view; Toney Stevenson, speeding 80/55 and contempt of court; Lydia Wilson, speeding 71/55; and Trent Young, speeding 68/55.

Kayla M Boothe came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of speeding 78/55 and speeding 75/55 and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Tera Hardwell came before the Court for Ar-

raignment on charges of speeding 81/55 and speeding 87/55 and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Keith Munson came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of speeding 82/55. The defendant was not present. On motion of the State, a bench warrant was issued, and bond was set in the amount of \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set in the amount of \$500.00.

Megan M Price came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of speeding 96/55. The defendant was not present. On motion of the State, a bench warrant was issued, and bond was set in the amount of \$1,000.00. Bond on the underlying charge was set in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Alexander Sierra-Hernandez came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of speeding 92/65 and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Zachary Vangossen came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of speeding 70/55 and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Harvey A Brodnax, III came before the Court on a Motion for Speedy Trial on charges of residential contractor fraud felony and theft >\$ 1,000 < \$5,000 felony and the Motion for Speedy Trial was denied. The defendant was referred to the Indigent Defenders Board for evaluation for appointment of counsel.

James C. Franklin came before the Court for a Sanity Hearing on charges of theft of motor vehicle >\$5,000 <\$25,000 felony, illegal possession of stolen things over \$500, theft \$5,000-\$25,000 (count 1) and attempted theft \$5,000-\$25,000 (count 2) and he was found competent to stand trial. A final pre-trial hearing was set for January 20, 2023.

Raymond Terel Gardner came before the Court for a Bond Reduction Hearing on charges of home invasion felony, domestic abuse battery misdemeanor and simple battery of the infirm misdemeanor. He informed the Court that he wished to withdraw his former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to the charge of Domestic Abuse Battery. The defendant was ordered to serve one hundred (100) days in the parish jail and pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of Court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. The charges of Home Invasion (Docket No. 22-904) and Simple Battery of the Infirm (Docket No. 22-907) were dismissed.

Joseph W Huffman, Jr came before the Court for a Motion for a Speedy Trial on charges of possession of CDS II methamphetamine, misrepresentation during issue of a ticket, theft >\$500 <\$ 1,500 and unregistered motor boat. The defendant was not transported. On joint motion of the State and the defense, this matter was continued without date.

Juan A Martinez came before the Court for a Motion for a Speedy Trial on charges of battery of correctional officer felony. The Motion for a Speedy Trial was withdrawn by the defense and dismissed by the Court.

Alan Stephen McClure, II came before the Court for a Sanity Hearing on charges of attempted first degree murder felony and attempted second degree murder felony. A stipulation was reached between the State and the defense. Ruling Of the Court: If evidence was presented at Trial, the defendant would be found not guilty by reason of insanity. A stipulated sentence of Not Guilty by reason of insanity was entered. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered to be performed, and a report is due by January 4, 2023. Sentencing was scheduled for January 10, 2023.

William B Brown came before the Court for Arraignment on charges of operating vehicle w/ out a driver's license and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Trial was scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Jerry L Flaherty came before the Court for Trial on charges of driving while intoxicated first offense. The defendant was not present. On motion of the State, this matter was continued without date.

Tyler E. Grant came before the Court for Trial on charges of fire-raising on lands of another by criminal negligence and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. He was ordered to serve twenty (20) days in the parish jail, of which were suspended. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$300.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve thirty (30) days in the parish jail. He was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$300.00 to the victim and \$193.00 to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture.

Brian C Holder, Jr was charged with driving while intoxicated first offense. He informed the Court that he wished to withdraw his former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to the charge. He was ordered to serve ten (10) days in the parish jail, with forty-eight (48) hours to be served without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of Court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. Further, the defendant was ordered to attend and complete a Driver Improvement/Substance Abuse Program. The defendant pled under the auspices of Article 894 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure.

Victoria Davis was charged with driving while intoxicated first offense and informed the Court that she wished to withdraw her former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to the charge. She was ordered to serve fifteen (15) days in the parish jail, with forty-eight (48) hours

to be served without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$750.00, plus all costs of Court, in default to serve seventy-five (75) days in the parish jail. Further, the defendant was ordered to attend and complete a Driver Improvement/Substance Abuse Program. The defendant pled under the auspices of Article 894 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure.

Timothy Harris was charged with driving while intoxicated first offense and informed the Court that he wished to withdraw his former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to the charge. He was ordered to serve ten (10) days in the parish jail, and pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of Court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. Further, the defendant was ordered to attend and complete a Driver Improvement/Substance Abuse Program. The defendant pled under the auspices of Article 894 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure.

Gage Paulk was charged with driving while intoxicated first offense and informed the Court that he wished to withdraw his former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to the charge. He was ordered to serve ten (10) days in the parish jail, and pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of Court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. Further, the defendant was ordered to attend and complete a Driver Improvement/Substance Abuse Program. The defendant pled under the auspices of Article 894 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure.

Stephen Smith was charged with driving while intoxicated first offense and informed the Court that he wished to withdraw his former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to the charge. He was ordered to serve ten (10) days in the parish jail, and pay a fine of \$750.00, plus all costs of Court, in default to serve seventy-five (75) days in the parish jail. Further, the defendant was ordered to attend and complete a Driver Improvement/Substance Abuse Program.

Chasity Kilpatrick was charged with driving while intoxicated by CDS and informed the Court that she wished to withdraw her former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to the charge. She was ordered to serve ten (10) days in the parish jail, and pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of Court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. Further, the defendant was ordered to attend and complete a Driver Improvement/Substance Abuse Program.

Helen Lee came before the Court for Trial on charges of driving under suspension misdemeanor. Trial was continued until January 11, 2023.

Hoy Lane Phillips came before the Court on a Motion to Revoke Bond on charges of domestic abuse battery w/child endangerment, aggravated assault w/firearm, domestic abuse battery, violation of a protective order and violation of a protective order. A stipulation was made between the State and the defense, and bond was revoked.

Willie C Purvis, III came before the Court for Trial on charges of aggravated assault misdemeanor. The defendant was not present. On motion of the State, trial was continued without date.

Jaden K Sanders came before the Court for Trial on charges of illegal use CDS in presence of minor, contributing to the delinquency of juveniles and contempt of court FTA at arraignment and entered a plea of guilty to the charges. On the charge of Contributing to the Delinquency of Juveniles (Docket No. 21-1710), the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. On the amended charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Docket No. 21-1709), the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. The sentences run consecutive to each other. The charge of Contempt of Court (Docket No. 22-774) was dismissed.

Cherridy Belle Seamans came before the Court for Trial on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail.

Christopher D Stapleton came before the Court for Trial on charges of domestic abuse battery misdemeanor and on motion of the State, this charge was dismissed.

William A Strickland, III came before the Court for Trial on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of drug paraphernalia and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail. The charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Docket No. 22-641) was dismissed.

Katelyn Shyanne Wiley came before the Court for Trial on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, plus all costs of court, in default to serve fifty (50) days in the parish jail.



Roots, Shoots, Fruits & Flowers: Composting problem, freeze-damaged plants, cold hardiness zone & pantry pests

Keith Hawkins
LSU AgCenter Area Horticulture Agent
Angela, an aspiring Master Gardener, sent a picture of a composter purchased from a hardware vendor, and it is failing to compost as desired.



Figure 1 A composter with dry materials. Photo: Angela Schoenfeld, Rosepine, LA

Angela had been using this type of composter for a year, and the contents have failed to compost. This type of composter is loaded at the top and then time and weather conditions should produce dark, crumbly organic soil at the bottom. However, this device is malfunctioning because it is receiving afternoon sun and lacks adequate moisture. Relocating this composter to a site with afternoon shade will allow moisture to enable this device to do its job. Also, adding soil to the compost from time to time

will add the microbes needed to breakdown these materials.

Delphine sent an email about her landscape after a hard freeze, "As you know the recent prolonged freeze in our area left a lot of brown plants in yards. So, I have some questions. All these plants are in the ground."

- I know I can cut the brown off the sago palms and holly ferns and they usually come back. But do I cut them now or wait a few weeks?
- Foxtail ferns - cut off at the ground now or wait?

The next three [plants] have brown and green parts. Do I trim out the brown or wait and see what comes back and then trim out?

- Gardenias.
- Azaleas
- Shi Shi [Gashira camellia]
- Asian jasmine- do I weed eat it down now?
- Satsuma tree and blueberry bushes-do these have a chance of living?

I know this is a lot, so I don't need step by step instructions. I just need some general guidelines. Thanks for your help.

Dr. Heather Kirk-Ballard discussed freeze-damaged plants in her "Get It Growing" column, "If you did get caught off guard and



Figure 2 A severely freeze-damaged this tropical cassia tree. Whether it is dead remains to be seen. Photo by Heather Kirk-Ballard/LSU AgCenter

your plants suffered freeze damage, you can do some things to help them recover. The amount of damage depends on the severity and duration of the freezing temperatures. If you have light freezes for short periods of time, plants can usually recover. After hard, long freezes, there is no guarantee.

After the freeze, you should be patient. Do not go straight for the pruners and cut everything back. It takes several days for plants to show us just how damaged they are. If plants are mushy and slimy, remove this material to prevent fungal infection or disease in the days to come. You may cut out the dead material to clean things up. For woody plants, it is best to wait until spring. You can check for life on woody plants and perennials by scratch-

ing the bark of stems and look for green color underneath. If you find green, you're in luck. Your plant is still alive."

Angie wrote to AHA about tree planting and asked, "What planting zone are we in? I live in downtown Hicks!! Lol"

Angie and Hick, LA is located well inside Zone 8b. The reason it is important to know these cold hardiness zones is to avoid planting unsuitable plants and to purchase plants that will grow in our area. Plant labels should include the cold hardiness of a plant based on this USDA map.

Frank sent an email on behalf of a family member, "My daughter has a lot of these Beetles entering into her house. House is not old. She had someone spray with no help. Would you know what they are and who to call to get rid of them? (SEE ATTACHED)"

Dr. James Villegas, an AgCenter entomologist, assisted with Frank's complaint, "Those our flour beetles in general, red flour beetle. I don't think insecticides are necessary. They're attracted to grain products and will not cause structural damage in the house. [She needs] to find the source and clean it thoroughly (or

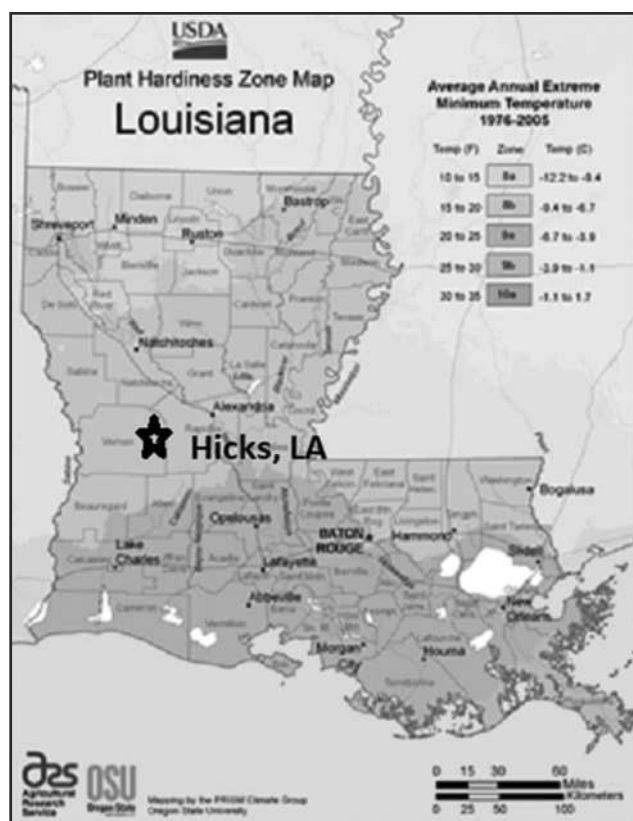


Figure 3 Hick, LA is solidly in zone 8b. Image: USDA.



Figure 4 Flour beetles, a pantry pest. Photo: Keri Winzor.

dispose[of the infested food])."

If you want to contact Roots, Shoots, Fruits, and Flowers, please send your questions and pictures to Keith Hawkins, Area Horticulture Agent (AHA), 337.284.5188 or khawkins@agcenter.lsu.edu.

"Before you buy or use an insecticide product, first read the label, and strictly follow label recommendations. Mention of

trade names or commercial products in this article is for informational purposes only and does not constitute endorsement by Louisiana State University AgCenter."

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New AgCenter program cooks with herbs and spices

By Kyle Peveto

Variety is the spice of life, the saying goes. A variety of spices — and herbs — also may lead to a healthier life.

A new program from the LSU AgCenter Flavors of Health nutrition initiative encourages Louisiana cooks to sample new herbs and spices to flavor their cooking without salt.

Through the "A Taste of Herbs and Spices" program, AgCenter nutrition agents work with community partners, such as libraries, to distribute promotional flyers about an herb or spice along with a free sample of the featured flavoring.

"Our primary goal in Flavors of Health is to engage with our communities by using multiple approaches to provide nutrition and food education that support healthy eating," said Shaker Williams, an AgCenter nutrition agent who created the program in Webster and Claiborne parishes earlier this year. "What better way to do that than creating mini samples of herbs and spices?"

A Taste of Herbs and Spices flyers include a recipe with nutritional information and background about the featured herb or spice.

In April, the program began by highlighting thyme and circulating a fact sheet with a recipe for roasted potatoes with the herb. The program expanded statewide in October with curry powder as the featured spice.

Williams adapted the idea from an educational outreach initiative by a nutrition program in another state. She had always placed nutrition fact sheets and flyers for workshops at the local libraries, but after adding little packets of spices and herbs to the fact sheets, the handouts moved much more quickly.

"That's what we should be doing — unique things, out of the box things, to teach people other ways to flavor their foods without salt," Williams said.

The small packets of herbs and spices contain just enough to cook the recipe listed on the fact sheet. It gives people a chance to try something new without spending money on a jar of herbs or spices, said Elizabeth Gollub, a nutrition specialist and registered dietitian with the AgCenter who oversees the Flavors of Health program.

"It is a good exercise in flavor exploration," Gollub said.

While the front of the monthly fact sheet ed-

ucates the public on ways to cook with new flavors, the back spreads the word about the Flavors of Health program and its workshops and classes.

"I think it's a great idea to advertise who we are and what we do," Gollub said.

Flavors of Health, a community-focused nutrition and health program, includes four signature programs, Smart Portions; Small Changes, Healthy Habits; Dining with Diabetes; and Break Up with Salt. Twelve AgCenter nutrition agents who are part of Flavors of Health work in 20 parishes, providing classes and workshops that help Louisianians make healthy food and fitness choices.

For November, A Taste of Herbs and Spices will feature ginger, an aromatic spice used in many Asian dishes.



Shaker Williams, an LSU AgCenter nutrition agent for Webster and Claiborne parishes, created an educational initiative that provides samples of herbs and spices to Louisiana cooks and educates them on ways to flavor food with less salt. The initiative helps publicize the work of the Flavors of Health program. Photo by R. Thompson

Kids learn all kinds of things at school.

If you don't talk to your kids about drugs, someone else will.

Make time to discuss the dangers of drugs with your kids.



LaSalle Lady Tigers Kele Smith (32) and senior Belle Guin (40) battle with a Logansport Lady Tiger for the rebound during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.



Lexi Lasiter (15) of the LaSalle Lady Tigers sprints for the ball while up against a Logansport Lady Tiger during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.



LaSalle Lady Tiger senior Belle Guin (40) goes up against a Logansport Lady Tiger at the start of the game during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.

Lady Tigers blast Logansport 69-16

by Greg Jones

The LaSalle Lady Tigers blasted Logansport 69-16 in District 3-1A play.

LaSalle moved to 2-1 in district play and 19-5 overall. Kenzie Nino and Mattie Parham led all scorers.

The Lady Tigers used a smothering defense to keep Logansport on the run all game. The starters

only played a couple of minutes in the second half, so the younger players were able to get some varsity experience. After falling to Montgomery last week, the Lady Tigers needed this game to calm the waters.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Northwood-Lena at the end of the week for a clash of the Titans in Division 4 girls' basketball. The Lady Tigers ranked #3 in Non-Select and the Lady Gators ranked #3 in Select divisions respectively. This game was going to come down to who wanted the district championship more. Both teams have been playing very good basketball as of late and Northwood-Lena would win this contest 58-45.

The Lady Gators would build up a 20-point lead by the halftime break. LaSalle would battle back the entire second half and cut it to 10 points early in the third quarter. LaSalle would have a back-and-forth battle for the remainder of the game. Northwood would go on to win this game by 13 points, but it was a much closer game than the score indicated.

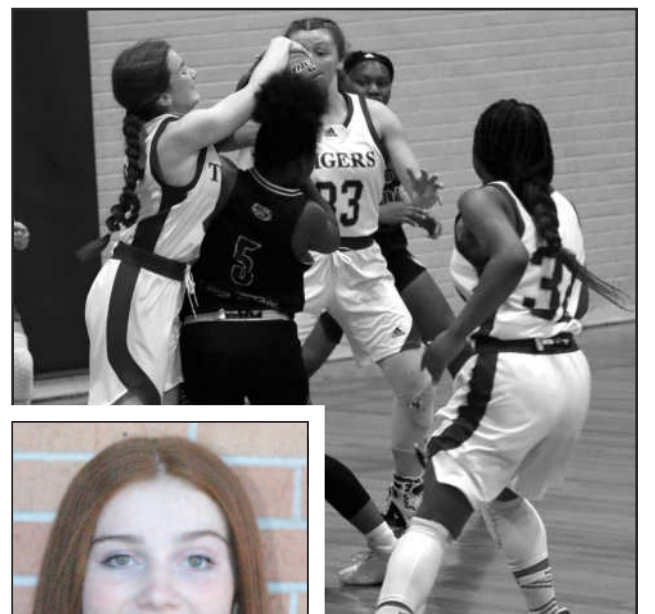
The Lady Tigers will travel to St Mary's at the end of the week with the hopes of continued great play. Hope to see you at the games.



LaSalle Lady Tiger Kenzie Nino (33) gains the rebound during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.



LaSalle Lady Tiger Kenzie Nino (33) executes a lay-up for two points during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.



LaSalle Lady Tiger Leanna Womack (45) gains the rebound during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.

Meet the Lady Tiger Sophomores...



Lana Childress



Mattie Parham



Alaina Randall



Kele Smith



Leanna Womack



LaSalle Tiger Noah Parham (20) throws the ball up after gaining the rebound during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.



LaSalle Tiger Sean Derr (21) executes a jump shot during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.



LaSalle Tiger senior Dannen Roark (2) guards a Logansport Tiger during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week

LaSalle Tigers continue to play hard in district

by Greg Jones
The LaSalle Tigers continue to play hard during District 3-1A play. The young Tigers

fight hard throughout the game but continue to come up short. LaSalle fell to Logansport and Northwood-Lena

this past week. LaSalle fell to 3-17 overall and 0-4 in district play. As the season begins to wind down the

Tigers are looking to gain valuable experience in these last five games. Three of the final five games are going to be held in Olla. Make some plans to attend a game to show some support for these guys that have worked so hard this season.

Senior night will be celebrated on January 31st at the home game vs Montgomery. The three seniors that will be celebrated are Dannen Roark, Thaniel Young and Aaron Whitehead. Show up and show out for these guys as they will play hard to give you a win. Hope to see you at the games.



LaSalle Tiger Tuff Street (40) dribbles around a Logansport Tiger during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.



LaSalle Tiger senior Aaron Whitehead (4) puts the ball up for two points during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.

Meet the Tiger Sophomores...



Drake Atwell



Kyler Emfinger



Gabe Stott



Harley Stroud



LaSalle Tiger Jamorian Turner (45) guards a Logansport Tiger during the LaSalle vs Logansport home game in Olla last week.



Jena Lady Giant senior Maryssa Tradewell (33) heads for the basket during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.

Lady Giants defeat Lady Spartans for district win

By Austin Whatley
The Jena Lady Giants returned home for two more district games this past week as they played Caldwell at home on Tuesday and Buckeye at home on Friday of this past week. The Lady Giants have always had a good rivalry with the Caldwell Lady Spartans but have not been able to defeat them for a while now.

Caldwell the last few years has been one of the better teams in the district and normally makes the playoffs. The Lady Giants came into the game with a 0-2 district record and a 6-14 overall record while Cald-

well came in with a 0-2 district record and an 11-13 overall record. The game was a low-scoring affair as both teams struggled to score.

The Lady Giants would take a 15-14 lead into halftime with freshman Triniti Williams scoring five first half points to lead the Lady Giants. The Lady Giants would extend their lead in the third quarter as they would outscore Caldwell 13-6 in the quarter including a three-point shot at the buzzer by Avery Finley to give the Lady Giants a 28-20 lead going into the fourth quarter. In the fourth, Caldwell would

not give up as they would outscore Jena 11-6 but would come up short in the end as the Lady Giants would go on to win 34-31. In the game for the Lady Giants, Avery Finley had 10 points, Triniti Williams had seven points, Ellyssa Brinson six points, Maryssa Tradewell five points, Rylee Hennigan three points, Baylee Burlew two points and Ava Hodges one point.

On Friday, the Lady Giants welcomed the Buckeye Lady Panthers to town for another District 2-3A matchup. These two teams had some good matchups last season with Buckeye picking

up wins in both games. Buckeye would come into the game with a 1-2 district record and a 14-9 overall record. The Lady Giants would jump out to a 6-1 lead to start the game. Buckeye would answer with a 12-0 run to take a 13-6 lead. Buckeye would lead at halftime 17-10 as Avery Finley lead Jena with four first half points.

The Lady Giants would play tough in the second half as they would outscore Buckeye 12-11 in the third quarter, but Buckeye would outscore the Lady Giants 10-9 in the final quarter to pick up the win 38-31. In the game for the Lady Giants, Maryssa Tradewell had 10 points, Avery Finley four points, Rylee Hennigan four points, Jewellia Champlin four points, Baylee Burlew three points, Kaylee Kemp two points, Triniti Williams two points and Ellyssa Brinson two points. The Lady Giants are now 1-3 in district play and 7-15 overall. This week they will be at Marksville on Tuesday and at home against Bunkie on Friday. Everyone come out and cheer on these Lady Giants. If you can't make it to the game then you can hear all the live action starting at 6:00 pm on KJNA. 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



Jena Lady Giant senior Avery Finley (11) dribbles past a Caldwell Lady Spartan during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.

Meet the Lady Giant Sophomores



Kaylee Kemp



Karlie Kimball



Noel Kimbrough



Braylie Poole



Ava Hodges (10) of the Jena Lady Giants shoots for two points under the basket during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.



Jena Lady Giant Jewellia Chapman (24) takes the ball down court during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.



Elyssa Brinson (21) of the Jena Lady Giants takes a shot while under heavy Caldwell Lady Spartan defense during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.



Jena Giant Zadrien Cooper (24) takes a shot after gaining the rebound during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.



Amare Jackson (10) of the Jena Giants blocks a Caldwell Spartan's shot during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.

Jena Giants fight hard but lose to Caldwell 62-54

By Austin Whatley
The Jena Giants were at home this week for two more district contests as the Caldwell Spartans came to town on Tuesday and the Buckeye Panthers came to town on Friday. The Giants came into the game with a 0-2 district record and 2-14 overall record.

Caldwell came in with a 0-2 district record and a 13-8 overall record. Caldwell would make three three-point shots as they would lead going into halftime 35-30. Junior Zy Hunter led the Giants with 10 first half points while freshman Zadrien Cooper had nine points in the first

half. The Giants would fight hard to stay in the game in the second half as senior Adarian Richardson made two three-points shots in the second half. The Giants would come up short though as Caldwell would go on to win 62-54. In the game for the Giants Zy Hunter had 18 points,

Zadrien Cooper 11 points, Adarian Richardson nine points, Xavier Brown eight points, Amare Jackson four points, Zac Brown two points and Blayne Shivers two points.

On Friday, the Buckeye Panthers came to town for another district 2-3A matchup. Buckeye would come into the game with a 0-3 district record and a 16-6 overall record. The Giants would jump out to an 11-9 lead at the end of the first quarter as Zy Hunter had seven points in the first quarter. Hunter would get in foul trouble midway through the second quarter and the momentum would go to Buckeye as they would outscore Jena 18-7 in the quarter to take a 27-18 lead into halftime.

Midway through the third quarter, Hunter would foul out of the game and Buckeye would take advantage as they would outscore the Giants 12-9 in the quarter to take a 39-27 lead into the final quarter. Buckeye would go on to win 54-31. In the game for the Giants, Xavier Brown had 10 points, Zy Hunter nine

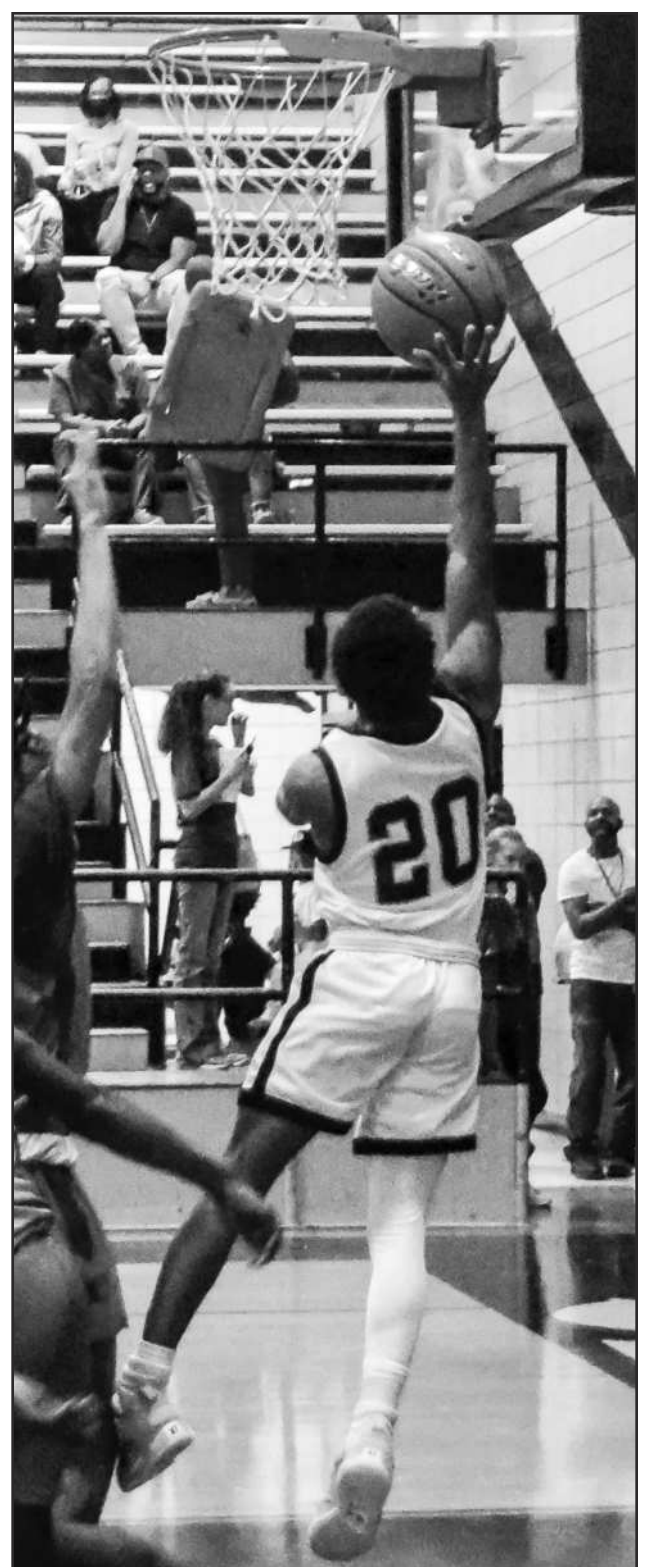


Jena Giant Zy Hunter (1) executes a jump shot for two points during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.



Jena Giant Xavier Brown (22) dribbles past a Caldwell Spartan during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.

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Jena Giant Zac Brown (20) lays the ball up for two points during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.

Meet the Jena Giant Sophomores



Zeek Brown



Calex Campbell



Amare' Jackson



Blayne Shivers



Jena Giant senior Adarian Richardson (2) takes the ball down court during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.

Continued from page 10B points, Adarian Richardson seven points, Amare Jackson three points and Zac Brown two points.

The Giants are now 0-4 in district play and 2-16 overall. This week the Giants will be at Marksville on Tuesday and will be at home against Bunkie on Friday. Everyone come

out and cheer on these hardworking Giants. If you can't make it to the game then you can hear all the live action starting at 6:00 pm on KJNA. 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



Jena Lady Giant Trinita Williams (32) goes for two points under the basket during the Jena vs Caldwell home game last week.

The passage of time has a way of changing things. We all grew up, married, had kids and lived in homes with electricity and indoor plumbing and all the amenities these afforded. Tom and I moved away while Doug and Sambo remained in the little town where we grew up. It's sad but it's true; when the realities of life separate you from those who were once so important to you, you grow apart, not because of problems but that's just the reality of life.

Several years ago, I got a call from Doug. He had retired from a successful career in the petroleum industry, had purchased land and constructed a nice pond near his home and he stocked it with bluegills and bass. Like me, he had missed the times the four Harris boys had growing up and he suggested that we meet on his pond, catch, clean and cook fish and relive some of the special times we had growing up.

On June 29, 2007, the four of us met up on the pond, did those things he suggested, had so much fun and enjoyment we decided we would meet together every year and do it all over again. The Cuz'n Fish Fest was born on that day fifteen years ago and has continued ever since.

Changes are inevitable with the passage of time and eight April's ago, my brother Tom passed away. That left the three of us to continue what Doug started fifteen years ago. We continued to meet and it became obvious that Doug's health was in a slow decline. On January 11, I drove to Goldonna to attend the funeral of Doug, the one who started it all. This leaves just Sambo and me, the oldest and youngest of the four Harris boys to pick up the pieces of our childhood. Will we continue the tradition? I suppose time will tell.

FISHING REPORT

BLACK BAYOU – No report this week. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Crappie fishing has been fair to good on jigs or shiners. Bass have been fair around brush and structure. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – The water is rising and fishing has been fairly good this week on crappie fishing around submerged tops in the river on jigs and shiners. No report on bass. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Crappie fishing has been fair to good with best catches made on jigs or shiners fished mid depth just off the channel. Bass had been best fishing the points on crank baits. Catfish are biting cold worms fished off the banks; bream are slow. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE –Crappie fishing continues to be good with shiners having the edge over jigs this week. The fish are still fairly deep. No report this week on bass, bream, stripers or catfish.. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE –Jigging spoons and tail spinners are picking up a few bass and yellow bass bouncing these lures off the bottom in deep water. Soft plastics and deep diving crank baits have been producing some around humps just off the channels. Crappie fishing continues to be best fishing the deep tops on shiners or jigs. 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 good this week around the boat slips and on the south end on shiners or jigs with some bigger fish caught during the afternoons. Catfishing is good with a 32 pounder weighed in this week. No report on bass or bream. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.



OUTDOORS

with
Glynn Harris
An Award Winning Outdoor Writer

It all started with Doug

Back in the day, I'm talking eight decades or so ago, kids raised out on the rural route did it differently. When it came to entertaining yourself, there was no high fi gadgets; no cell phone; no video games. Why? It takes electricity for these things to work and it was years before the wires were strung and lights came on in Goldonna.

I grew up in a four room house my daddy built – a living room, kitchen and two bedrooms. Bathroom? Forget about it; it took water piped into the house to make it work. Our bored well, bucket, pulley and rope in the back yard was the water supply. Indoor plumbing consisted of what some folks called a thunder mug or slop jar. The serious stuff took place down a path out back that led to the outhouse.

My brother, Tom, was two years younger than me and we, just the two of us, would no doubt have run out of outdoorsy things to do had it not been for our first cousins, Doug and Sambo who lived on the next hill over from us. Doug and Sambo were like brothers to Tom and me and we did virtually everything together. I was the oldest, Doug a year younger than me, Tom a year younger than Doug and Sambo bringing up the rear, a year younger than Tom.

What did kids do for entertainment way back then before electricity and such came to us? If youngsters growing up today had been deprived of all the gadgets and widgets available today, chaos would no doubt ensue. Not for the four Harris boys; none of the other kids growing up in the community had anything modern either so we didn't miss what we never had.

What we did have was the tank pond lying adjacent to the L&A railroad track that furnished water for the steam engines that chugged and labored up Oshkosh Hill after filling tanks. Just over the track was Molido (pronounced Molly-dough) creek that coursed through the woods half a mile in back of our house. We learned to swim in the tank pond and Molido with its resident red perch, goggle eye, bass, jackfish and mud cat population was the perfect training ground for boys just learning to fish.



"The four Harris boys Cuz'n Fish Fest is now down to just two, this writer and cousin Sambo." Courtesy photo

Presumptive CWD positive case for 2022-2023 season

The Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (LADDL) has reported the first suspected case of chronic wasting disease (CWD) for the 2022-23 hunting season to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

LADDL has submitted the suspect sample to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa for confirmatory testing. If confirmed, this would be the second case of CWD detected in Louisiana.

The presumptive positive was made on samples submitted by LDWF staff from a hunter-harvested adult buck taken on private land in Tensas Parish. While this is the first suspect positive case of CWD in the 2022-23 hunting season, a positive was confirmed in the same parish on Jan. 28, 2022. Tensas Parish has been an area of heightened surveillance for CWD by LDWF since a case of CWD was found in Issaquena County, Mississippi, in 2018.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted regulations for the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Control Area in northeast Louisiana. The current CWD Control Area includes all of Tensas Parish and portions of Madison and Franklin parishes. To learn more about CWD and complete regulations, go to: <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/cwd>

CWD is a neurodegenerative disease of white-tailed deer and other members of the family Cervidae. It is caused by a prion, an infectious, misfolded protein particle, and is 100-percent fatal in affected deer after an indeterminate incubation period. There is no treatment or preventative vaccine for CWD.

CWD-infected deer may exhibit signs of weight loss and emaciation, salivation, frequent drinking and urination, incoordination, circling, and lack of fear of people, and always results in death of the animal.

Although CWD has not been shown to be contagious to humans, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization recommend against the human consumption of deer known to be infected with CWD. Also, it is recommended that people hunting in areas known to harbor CWD-infected deer have their deer tested for the disease prior to consuming the animals. LDWF will provide testing for hunter-harvested deer free of charge.

Hunters desiring to have their harvested deer tested for CWD should contact local LDWF Field Offices to have their deer tested. In addition, seven CWD sample drop off locations are located within the CWD Control Area. Testing is performed on the brainstem and lymph nodes of the head. The head and five inches or more of the neck can be removed and refrigerated for submission to LDWF. The skull plate and antlers can be removed prior to testing if desired. The LDWF regional office contact information and locations are as follows:

- Hammond Office 985-543-4777 42371 Phyllis Ann Drive Hammond;
- Lafayette Office 337-262-2080 200 Dulles Drive Lafayette;
- Lake Charles Office 337-491-2575 1025 Tom Watson Road, Lake Charles;
- Minden Office 318-371-3050 9961 Hwy 80, Minden;
- Monroe Office 318-343-4044 368 Century Link Dr, Monroe;
- Pineville Office 318-487-5885 765 Maryhill Rd., Pineville.

Detailed instructions and more information as well as CWD sample drop-off locations for the CWD Control Area can be found at <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/cwd-testing>.

For more information on CWD, go to <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/cwd>, or contact LDWF Deer Program Manager Johnathan Bordelon jbordelon@wlf.la.gov or State Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Jim LaCour jlacour@wlf.la.gov

JENA DIXIE GIRLS
SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION

★ A COPY OF ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED ★

Forms may be picked up and dropped off at:
Jena Pharmacy and J&R Tobacco Store
There will be TWO in person registrations held

TUESDAY,
JANUARY 31, 5 P.M. - 7 P.M. &
FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 3, 4 P.M. - 7 P.M.

Both in person registrations will be held at the little girl's softball field.

Registration Ends
Friday February 3, 2023

Retail sales...

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\$80,606.06 more in 2022 than in 2021, for a 7-percent increase in sales tax revenue. Total sales taxes collected during 2022 were \$1,294,534.10 contrasted to \$1,213,928.04.

The Town of Jena sales tax was originally approved to pay off debt on the Jena Wastewater Treatment Facility, with excess funds allocated to other utility projects. The funds are now available for utility projects in the town, since the water treatment debt has been repaid.

Town of Olla

The Town of Olla experienced a 2-percent decrease in retail sales for the year. The Town collected \$5,996.73 less in sales tax revenue in 2022, than it did in 2021. Collections were \$295,706.49 compared to \$301,703.22 in 2021.

Since January of 1996, Olla has collected a one-cent sales tax to offset expenses for the sewer department.

Town of Tullos

Retail sales for 2022 yielded \$107,786.83 in sales tax revenue – a 26-percent increase by comparison to 2021. Sales tax collections in 2021 generated \$85,697.92 in revenue.

Revenue produced by this tax pays for a bond issue for water system renovation work. Excess revenue is used for other town requirements.

All sales tax collection numbers represent retail sales for the previous month. Merchants have until the 20th of each month to remit sales tax collected the prior month.

POLICE JURY 1/2¢ Sales Tax Collection Report		
MONTH	2021	2022
JANUARY		\$142,422.68
FEBRUARY	\$78,729.66	113,209.90
MARCH	77,492.99	102,638.25
APRIL	104,300.27	132,765.60
MAY	117,958.43	118,976.64
JUNE	112,178.83	119,863.53
JULY	106,410.41	117,542.87
AUGUST	132,982.64	139,881.53
SEPTEMBER	111,844.45	124,488.75
OCTOBER	111,373.02	132,616.56
NOVEMBER	104,298.22	130,631.78
DECEMBER	104,912.61	113,541.92
TOTAL	\$1,162,481.53	\$1,488,580.01

Keep La beautiful receives national innovation award, love the boot week

Registration set to open for 2023 Love The Boot Week - Louisiana's largest statewide litter cleanup and beautification effort in conjunction with Earth Week

BATON ROUGE, La. – Keep America Beautiful (KAB) recognized Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB) as one of nine 2022 Innovation Award recipients for Love the Boot Week – Louisiana's largest annual statewide litter clean up and beautification effort held in conjunction with Earth Week. The award recognizes innovation in partnerships and programs to further the KAB mission and one or more of its focus areas: end littering, improve recycling, and beautify communities. This award celebrates new approaches to facilitate growth within an organization.

In its first year, 2022, Love the Boot Week led to 8,476 volunteers dedicating over 40,000 hours to the removal of 293 tons of litter at 280 events spanning 54 parishes. This would not have been possible without the support of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, local and state leaders, sponsors, KLB partners and Affiliates, and thousands of volunteers from across Louisiana.

"Last year was

such a huge success. We appreciate this national recognition, but there is still so much work that needs to be done to clean up Louisiana. I want to see all of us build on that success and make this year even better," said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. "Litter around our state affects everyone. It is going to take all of us, doing just a little bit, to make a big difference. So make sure you and your organization join us in April for Love the Boot Week 2023."

"Love the Boot Week's success demonstrates Louisiana's readiness to turn over a new leaf and clean up our Sportsman's Paradise," said Susan Russell, Executive Director of KLB. "We are grateful to our state leadership for prioritizing this issue, and we thank Keep America Beautiful for recognizing our efforts with this award."

"Keep America Beautiful is proud to award our National Innovation Award to Keep Louisiana Beautiful for their creative approach to Love the Boot Week," said KAB President and CEO, Jennifer Lawson. "You are the leaders of our work to clean, green, and beautify communities across America and the heart of our movement. Each awardee represents

LaSALLE SALES TAX FIGURES As Compiled By School Board 1¢ Collection					
MONTH	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
JANUARY	\$202,647.21	\$317,074.47	\$231,300.69	\$275,195.22	\$285,893.21
FEBRUARY	148,480.95	195,116.69	202,710.47	201,379.18	228,624.91
MARCH	145,186.93	183,252.19	176,804.94	182,287.00	206,734.04
APRIL	194,909.37	277,975.10	298,690.16	245,486.38	265,790.47
MAY	176,198.45	173,441.16	203,115.09	235,129.54	238,570.51
JUNE	194,448.79	248,879.40	201,741.57	225,063.11	240,496.84
JULY	222,497.78	205,260.18	219,737.61	213,686.94	235,172.80
AUGUST	195,416.59	205,030.42	210,536.70	265,792.27	279,296.57
SEPTEMBER	201,792.53	219,562.27	197,430.15	223,251.94	249,280.29
OCTOBER	575,022.99	234,203.06	222,980.38	222,824.86	265,260.68
NOVEMBER	242,431.71	189,918.78	194,793.31	208,666.01	264,397.32
DECEMBER	197,753.29	228,654.63	225,893.44	209,775.46	226,085.90
TOTAL	\$2,696,786.59	\$2,678,368.35	\$2,585,734.51	\$2,708,537.91	\$2,985,603.54

LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT 1/2¢ Sales Tax Collection Report					
MONTH	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
JANUARY	\$101,323.99	\$158,537.28	\$115,632.80	\$137,291.66	\$142,929.76
FEBRUARY	74,228.19	97,558.65	101,355.51	100,689.96	113,209.90
MARCH	72,593.44	91,626.11	88,372.60	91,207.71	102,712.86
APRIL	97,611.47	138,987.58	149,345.17	122,398.41	132,820.37
MAY	87,878.57	86,720.75	101,549.32	117,538.27	119,082.91
JUNE	97,809.56	124,439.62	100,453.95	112,649.16	119,775.34
JULY	111,267.64	102,630.21	109,590.22	106,542.47	117,586.01
AUGUST	97,708.89	102,515.26	105,272.63	133,167.19	139,915.59
SEPTEMBER	100,924.12	109,781.28	98,468.37	111,835.58	124,498.79
OCTOBER	286,136.85	117,100.43	111,579.82	111,375.37	132,616.56
NOVEMBER	120,880.86	94,959.54	97,051.03	104,326.30	130,626.78
DECEMBER	98,985.16	114,327.41	113,244.99	104,887.61	113,541.92
TOTAL	\$1,347,348.74	\$1,339,184.12	\$1,291,916.41	\$1,353,909.69	\$1,489,316.79

TOWN OF JENA 1¢ Sales Tax Collection Report					
MONTH	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
JANUARY	\$95,692.04	\$97,939.03	\$105,479.17	\$118,286.36	\$127,003.89
FEBRUARY	70,935.46	77,790.63	82,928.63	87,781.69	105,994.95
MARCH	70,967.58	85,281.23	80,343.63	89,462.22	95,095.03
APRIL	93,176.50	96,962.61	116,999.19	110,188.41	120,606.68
MAY	78,401.12	80,281.83	92,882.46	108,525.54	100,257.34
JUNE	84,165.89	93,329.31	111,021.31	107,284.22	110,570.84
JULY	85,536.70	70,360.14	103,294.10	100,008.39	99,189.79
AUGUST	79,346.57	83,536.65	97,322.73	106,134.81	110,931.58
SEPTEMBER	81,155.17	100,713.45	89,923.49	103,378.74	108,240.56
OCTOBER	84,193.89	83,669.04	101,541.48	102,446.83	107,348.35
NOVEMBER	85,903.12	91,945.01	105,436.43	88,678.04	111,894.71
DECEMBER	92,074.00	98,687.90	104,333.00	91,752.79	97,400.38
TOTAL	\$1,001,548.04	\$1,060,496.83	\$1,191,505.62	\$1,213,928.04	\$1,294,534.10

TOWN OF OLLA 1¢ Sales Tax Collection Report					
MONTH	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
JANUARY	\$18,959.21	\$32,147.12	\$21,521.87	\$28,742.76	\$24,814.81
FEBRUARY	14,442.26	22,844.78	18,559.30	23,857.61	21,756.28
MARCH	12,510.37	17,160.93	19,466.63	21,885.15	18,787.99
APRIL	20,293.84	26,654.80	23,026.34	32,807.19	24,563.82
MAY	14,642.22	20,985.45	19,058.41	24,058.81	25,716.09
JUNE	17,141.70	24,650.78	20,674.69	23,104.56	22,884.25
JULY	31,787.06	21,593.93	21,452.60	28,659.32	22,058.09
AUGUST	24,220.82	20,755.42	20,323.94	27,677.48	26,725.43
SEPTEMBER	20,773.27	21,860.02	21,417.59	23,108.80	25,393.83
OCTOBER	22,990.70	24,657.05	24,809.42	22,975.03	29,743.47
NOVEMBER	27,731.78	18,525.45	22,967.41	23,403.20	27,665.93
DECEMBER	21,434.61	24,298.82	23,390.21	21,423.31	25,596.50
TOTAL	\$246,927.84	\$276,134.55	\$256,668.41	\$301,703.22	\$295,706.49

hours of service and commitment, willingness to try new things and invest time, talent, and resources to do the work that translates into stronger and more vibrant communities. Your leadership is ours to follow and we are grateful."

This year's Love the Boot Week is April 17-23, 2023, and registration will open at LoveTheBoot.org on Monday, January 23. The first 250 organizations (businesses, governmental entities, churches, schools, etc.) to register an event will receive cleanup kits with gloves, trash bags, and shirts. The first 100 individuals or families to register an event will receive day passes for Louisiana State Parks (one per household).

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TOWN OF TULLOS 1¢ Sales Tax Collection Report			
MONTH	2020	2021	2022
JANUARY		\$6,748.90	\$13,579.62
FEBRUARY	\$3,528.23	6,553.15	7,020.17
MARCH	3,449.25	7,791.22	5,766.24
APRIL	6,808.99	7,037.99	8,026.41
MAY	5,324.95	7,583.24	11,587.92
JUNE	5,543.48	5,896.61	6,698.78
JULY	6,802.65	6,933.76	15,749.60
AUGUST	5,265.18	8,856.58	9,971.85
SEPTEMBER	7,437.33	7,010.82	6,770.51
OCTOBER	5,153.34	6,972.10	7,291.03
NOVEMBER	5,464.69	6,888.66	6,885.90
DECEMBER	7,758.53	7,424.89	8,438.80
TOTAL	\$62,536.62	\$85,697.92	\$107,786.83

ana Beautiful
Keep Louisiana Beautiful is the state's anti-litter and community improvement organization focused on education, enforcement, awareness, and

cleanups. Affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, Keep Louisiana Beautiful's mission is to promote personal, corporate, and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful

Louisiana. Keep Louisiana Beautiful is comprised of a network of 39 affiliates in communities throughout the state. For more information, visit www.keep-louisianabeautiful.org.

Challenges and Gaffes

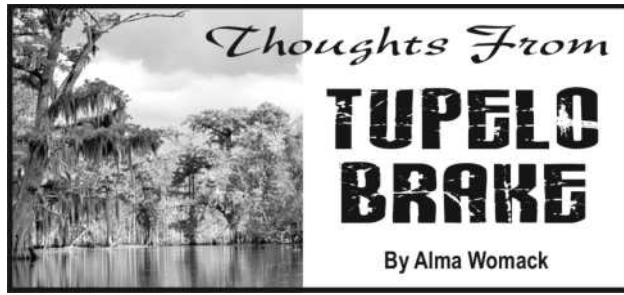
Only someone mentally challenged would ever consider Joe Biden a competent human being. The list of gaffes in the last two years is enough to fill a Big Chief tablet. Here's one I heard him say the other day:

"There has been 20,000 pounds of fentanyl seized at the (non-existent) border, and that's enough to kill 1,000 Americans." Twenty pounds of fentanyl to kill one person? Great gobs of goose grease, man. The actual number of deaths from that much fentanyl is actually 4.5 BILLION people.

I believe whoever wrote those words for him to say is as ignorant as he is. And that old fool sits in the Oval Office.....

From what I've been reading, it may not be for much longer. The demoncrat named communists are getting ready to ditch him, ostensibly over the illegally taken classified material that he stole from the obama administration back when he was VP and not allowed to be able to take classified information. Besides his senility, serial lying, groper tactics, selling out the country to China, and depleting our arsenal to send to the corrupt country of Ukraine, this classified information is the last straw for the demoncrats.

Honestly, they don't give a fig about the documents, but it looks like a good way to get him out of the way so they can put the complete idiot Kamel Harris as president for the rest of this term. Talk about a puppet, her strings will be easier to pull than even Biden's have been. May the Good Lord have mercy on America if that cackling witch gets any kind of power.



Biden's son, Hunter, was found to have the mansion in Delaware (where the documents were found behind the Corvette) listed as his address on his driver's license. And it was discovered that he paid dear old dad \$49,000+ for room each month. I've heard of high rent, but c'mon man, (as dear old dad would say), that seems a bit steep for one room for one month at time. It has also been found that that's the exact same amount that the CCP was paying noble son each month for some made up reason.

CCP pays Hunter, Hunter pays dad rent, and the money is laundered, easy peasy.

The Ukraine payments to Hunter were about the same every month, so maybe the poor lad was able to keep some of that for his drugs, prostitutes and general degrading lifestyle. After all, he was bringing it in for the Big Guy, and deserved a bit of compensation.

Gotta hand it to those Bidens, they really know how to sell out the country while shaking down everyone else so that they can buy and maintain several mansions or near mansions to live in. Joe only worked two years in the business

world before being elected to office, where he has stayed an inglorious fifty plus years. How does one go from being ol' lunchbox Joe to a multimillionaire on a legislator's salary? Any ideas?

Personally, I don't think there has ever been an honest bone in any Biden body since Joe was first elected. He and his family found that selling out was far more lucrative than actually being a legislator on a set salary. Of course, he's not the first or last to do this, but he is certainly the poster boy for Washington, D.C, corruption. And ain't we proud to have such a sublime slime as president of the US of A.

Oh, well, enough of Biden news; time to move on to the WEF being held this week, where the self-styled "elite" of the world are meeting to tell us we have a short time left to live because of climate change that a few billion American dollars will stem for a while. Also, we must quit eating meat in favor of bug and worm paste, made to taste just like beef, they say. "They" can have my share, with my compliments. They say we must give up private property and live-in communes and work for the common good, another bright idea that is centuries old and still stupid and unrealistic. We must give up our money, and our country, and have one world government. Oh, we must also give up our guns, too, to make sure there are no ways to protect ourselves from criminals, invaders, and the UN armed forces.

Sorry, WEF, but I'll pass on your ideas. I'm doing just fine as I am, still believing in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, eating meat, living in my house and staying armed, and the great thing is, I am not alone. Looks like we may have to take a bunch to the Train Station, ala Yellowstone, to get the enemies attention.

Jena High School lists Honor roll

Honor roll students for the third six weeks grading period at Jena High School have been announced by Principal Adam Powell, as follows:

Freshmen
All A's - Arin Ashley, Aiden Bird, Tanner Boyett, Mallory Courtney, Christian Ganey, Emma Kate Hennigan, Deondria Jones, Gracie Joy, Ava McGuffee, Lauren Morea, Ivy-Kate Morphis, Kinley Morris, Sophia Parker, Neal Reeves, Kinslee Savell, Autumn Sharp, Luke Smith, Carsey Wilbanks, Triniti Williams, and Luke Wright.

A's and B's - Morgan Adams, Shelby Austin, Markaya Byrd, Addison Callender, Olivia Carr, Gabriel Conley, Samuel Cook, Kiette Cooper, Dylan Davis, Keiland Dean, Callie Decker, Aubrey Durham, Haiden Ewing, Gus Finlay, Treyden Gaines, Eldimar Galban Munoz, Emma Girod, Carrie Hall, Hannah Hall, James Hall, Adassah Kimbrough, Emily Kittlin, Samuel Knight, Lily LaCroix, Kalila Lee, Anna McClure, Caitlin McCormick, Kennady McDaniel, Jasmine McMillin, Augustus Morphis, Jada Morphis, Jaxson Morris, Jordan Parker, Stephen Parker, Andrew Paul, Dalton Paul,

Hope Pennington, Eli Preuett, Kayden Rachal, Brandon Rowton, William Sharp, Iris Smith, Jessica Smith, Titan Smith, Kyras Snoddy, Ashley Stapleton, Hannah Stapleton, William Stevens, Carley Tong, Zaylee Walker, Barbara Wiley, Carson Willis, Lexi Wilson, and Ava Windham.

Sophomores
All A's - Chioma Achilefu, Sarah Alexander, Emily Calk, Calex Campbell, Mollie Champlin, Natylie Chapman, Keira Chevallier, Landon Cockerham, Payton Girlinghouse, William Green, Alex Hodges, Kaylee Kemp, Madeline Loe, Triston McLendon, Preston Overstreet, Ethan Reaves, Preston Webb, and Hannah Zeagler.

A's and B's - Wyatt Allison, Elizabeth Anderson, Isabella Andrews, Micah Blasingame, Cameron Bond, Lynzee Bowie, Waylon Breithaupt, Aidan Brooks, Maggie Brown, Haylee Dangerfield, Andrew Ellard, Rachael Elliott, Gabriel Ferrington, Courtland Ford, Mallory Francis, Alexis Gardner, Zoyle Gemar, James Graham, Amare' Jackson, Josee Jones, Karlie Kimball, Noel Kimbrough, Jacob King, David Krahn, Layton Lawrence, Azhariah Lee, Timothy Odom, Noah Perrin, Seth Picou, Braylie Poole, Kimberlyn Poole, John Roark, Emily Rogoz, Blaine Roshto, Zachary Scales, Colten

Sharp, Parker Shivers, Kylie Smith, Avery Stapleton, Andrew Stephens, Carmelite Street, Isaiah Todd, Wyatt Wheeler, Jack White, and Makenley Wilson.

Juniors
All A's - Alison Bohnannon, Tanner Bond, Jozi Brian, Baylee Burrell, Jewellia Champlin, Nataleigh Coon, Sawyer Davidson, Garrett Dotson, Dakota Fausphoul, Rayla Ford, Rylee Hennigan, Ava Hodges, Allyssa Jones, Brennan Jones, Nathan McBroom, Aiden Palmer, and Hallie Paul.

A's and B's - Claire Bailey, Zachary Barker, Landon Bordelon, Elyssa Brinson, Braylin Brooks, Akeelah Brown, Christian Chapman, Justin Cockerham, Brinkley Comeaux, Tommy DeLaSalle, Chloe Elliott, Zayde Farley, Malayah Free, Cody Graves, Keegan Hebert, Emma Howard, Ashley Hudnall, Hunter Jackson, Maggie Brown, Alysia Kelly, Wyatt Long, Josephine Masters, Alex McDougald, Jase McLendon, Taylor McPherson, Kaitlyn Norris, Cydney Parker, Jacob Pentecost, Cade Poole, Savannah Pritchard, Addie Sanders, Madison Sharp, Jackson Skinner, Brielle Smith, Kaylie Spears, Hunter Spence, Madelyn Stapleton, Scottlyn Stapleton, Abigail Whitehead, Hayden Williams, Paxton Willis, Weston Windham, and Shaelyn Zocher.

Seniors
All A's - Ashlyn Alexander, Hadley Allen, Marley Bass, Anirah Bell, Braxton Bradford, Samuel Bradford, Kealie Brown, Jada Cockerham, Katelynn Cooper, Gavin Davis, Sawyer Delhoste, Phaedra Dorsey, Raleigh Erwin, Avery Finley, Trace Franklin, Clark Girlinghouse, Raegan Griffin, Caroline Hall, Kendal Hennigan, Kristin Lin, Alex McGuffee, Noah Parker, Pamela Pentecost, Trevor Pentecost, Carley Ratcliff, Abigail Reaves, Callie Reeder, Raelee Reeves, Darbie Russell, Kynlee Smith, Lydia Smith, Abigail

Online Phlebotomy Class

NATCHITOCHEs - An online phlebotomy technician training course through Northwestern State University's Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will begin in Natchitoches on Feb. 13 and on NSU's Cenla campus at 1410 Neal Kearby Blvd. in Alexandria on Feb. 20.

This nine-week course is broken down into three parts. The first part will be a mandatory face-to-face orientation class meeting at the NSU Natchitoches Campus, Monday, February 13. The second part will be eight weeks of online classroom instruction. The last part will be a face-to-face, hands-on-portion which will meet April 10-April 14 at the NSU Natchitoches Campus from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For those taking the course on the Cenla campus, the first part will be a mandatory face-to-face orientation class meeting at the NSU Cenla Campus, Monday, February 20. The second part will be eight weeks of online classroom instruction. The last part will be a face-to-face, hands-on-portion

Spence, Peyton Todd, Maryssa Tradewell, Alaina Trisler, Cassidy Waits, Drake Windham, Lianna Woods, and Bailey Wright.

A's and B's - Catherine Beard, Destiney Boone, Laurie Bradford, Jordyn Breaud, Nathaniel Bruner, Daylon Curry, Joshn Duck, Bryor Ford, Eli Ford, Kadence Franklin, Blake Hearndon, Katherine Hord, Jael Jones, Brennan Keen, Dayton Kelley, Jace Kitterlin, Caden McCann, Serenity McCoy, Gus Phillips, Emily Poole, Teryn Poole, La'Dravian Richardson, Dylan Richey, Parker Roark, Carlton Sharp, Paris Simmons, Emalee Stapleton, Denton Taylor, Tyreanna Turner, Aaliyah Visoria, Cabott Walters, Aaron Webb, Malachi Webb, and Tristan Worsham.

tion which will meet April 17-April 21 at the NSU Cenla Campus from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This course is designed to teach entry-level phlebotomy skills to students interested in pursuing a career in Phlebotomy. Students must complete classroom instruction and 50 venipunctures before they can take the board exam.

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be eligible to take the National Board Certification Exam on-site through the American Certification Agency for Healthcare Professionals. This course also includes Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification through the American Heart Association. There is a possibility of random drug screening at the

student's expense at clinical sites.

Requirements for the course include a valid copy of a current I.D., proof of high school diploma, GED, or official transcript. The fee is \$995 plus the \$125 National Board Certification and \$50 material fee due at the first class meeting. A minimum payment of \$497.50 must be included with registration and does not include the material fee or board fee. The remaining balance must be paid through check-out.nsula.edu prior to March 31 or April 7 for students in Alexandria. An electronic book is available at no cost and will be posted in the online class.

For more information or to register for classes, go to check-out.nsula.edu or call (800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355.



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Smaller spaces call for micro gardens

**By Heather Kirk-Ballard
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist**

When gardeners think of micro gardens, they may think of micro greens – but micro gardening is so much more than that.

Shrinking lot sizes and growing urban sprawls are leaving less room for vegetations, and that raises a challenge for both urban and suburban gardeners. They will have to grow to meet these changes.

Micro gardening is a method of gardening that is ideal for those with limited or nontraditional spaces to plant and grow vegetables, fruits,

herbs and flowers where they might not normally be found. These gardens can be created on balconies, kitchen counters, patios, porches, in small yards and even on rooftops – a wide variety of methods can be employed.

According to a U.S. Census Bureau report, the median lot size for an American home dropped by 10,000 square feet between 1992 and 2019. In 2009, 52% of single-family homes were built on mid-size to large lots while 48% were on smaller lots. Ten years later in 2019, 39% of single-family homes were located

on mid-size or larger lots, and 61% were on smaller lots.

To compound the issue of shrinking lots sizes, new single-family homes tend to be larger and take up even more of the limited outdoor space. A National Association of Home Builders analysis shows that the average size of anew single-family home is now 6.3% higher at 2,537 square feet, and the median size is 10% higher at 2,318 square feet. This trend – which was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic – likely will continue as people look for more space for working from home.

Having less space for a garden doesn't have to be a problem; it just calls for some creativity. Micro gardening can be a solution and, luckily, it is not a new phenomenon. Plants have been grown in containers of all sizes for a long time with proven success. Additionally, raised beds have become popular for vegetable production and other plant growth.

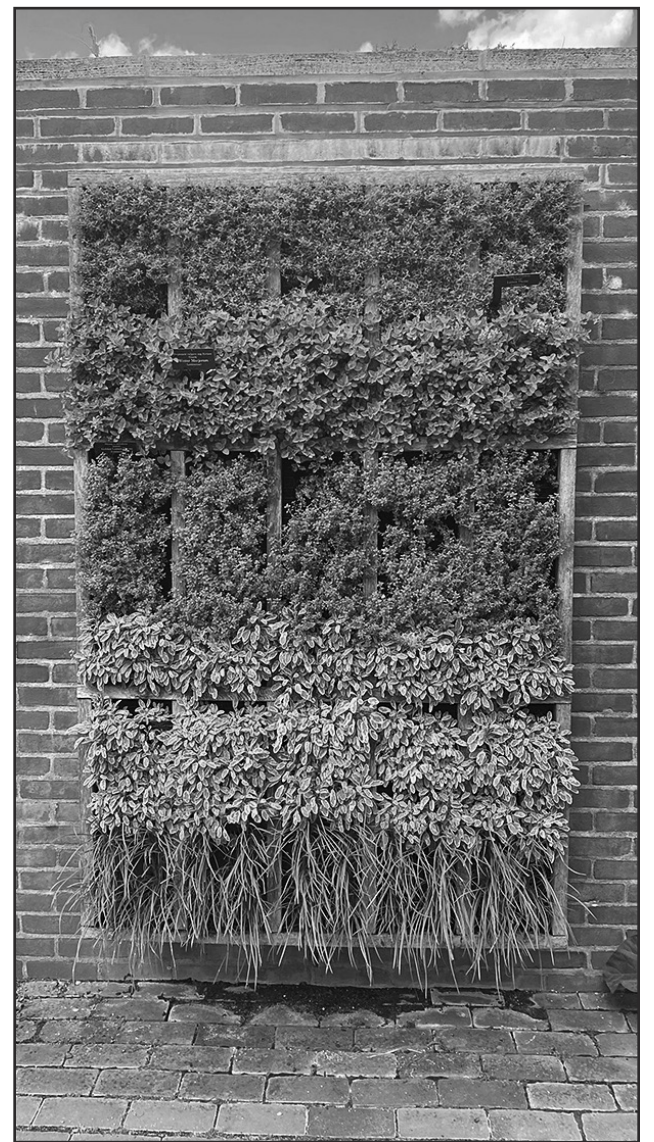
Another form of micro gardening is hydroponics – the process of growing plants without soil in water supplemented with nutrients. This practice has been going on since the time of the Aztecs in the 1100s. Today, you can easily purchase or make your own hydroponic systems.

Rooftop gardens

and vertical growing are perhaps the two most recent gardening practices to make use of limited space. You can add dimension and save space with vertical gardening, which recently has become one of the hottest horticultural trends. This type of growing makes use of structures to create a space for growing vertically. You can create garden rooms or hide other spaces with vertical gardens.

For container gardening, there are many types of containers that can be used. Recycled materials are a sustainable way to reduce your financial inputs. Plastic containers and buckets, grow bags, wooden boxes, ceramic pots, window boxes, water troughs and pallets can be used. Be sure all containers have sufficient drainage so that roots do not sit in water and get root rot.

Micro gardening can be an inexpensive way to produce food with what you have available to you. You can start small and expand. Just be aware that container-grown plants tend to have greater watering and fertilizer needs. Because these plants cannot get nutrients from the ground, it is vital to supplement throughout the season to get the best yields. Soil amendments such as compost or organic fertilizer are good choices.



Vertical gardens, or living walls, can be created from scrap materials and utilized to create small herb gardens. Photo by Heather Kirk-Ballard/LSU AgCenter



Vegetables can be produced in a hydroponic system that utilizes small spaces. Photo by Heather Kirk-Ballard/LSU AgCenter.



Containers 10 gallons and larger are great for container production of vegetables. Photo by Heather Kirk-Ballard/LSU AgCenter

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NOTICE OF VACANCY AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

**School Superintendent
LaSalle Parish School Board**
The LaSalle Parish School Board is seeking qualified applications for school superintendent. The applicant must meet the qualifications set forth by BESE and/or LDOE.

Each applicant must be certified as a superintendent in Louisiana at the time of application or eligible for immediate certification, as confirmed in writing by the LDOE at the time of application. The applicant must possess the credentials which entitle him/her alone to serve as the district's superintendent.

The deadline for submission of applications is March 2, 2023. Applications not received by that date will not be considered.

Applications will be available on the school system's website (www.lasallepsb.com). The completed application with a cover letter résumé, three (3) current letters of reference, and proof of certification or the LDOE confirmation must be mailed to the following address:

LaSalle Parish School Board
Superintendent Search
P.O. Box 1868
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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS Eden Fellowship VFD Board Meeting

January 10, 2023, Allen Jones called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

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

Minutes from the November meeting were read by Etage Manuel. Malcolm Strozier made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Donald Simmons.

Treasury Report was given by Donald Simmons. Discussion of the new budget for the 2023 year was held. Motion made by Etage Manuel to accept financial report, second by Samuel Gulde.

Old Business: Justin Barker has the flashlights that were ordered. Truck 12 had to have the batteries changed, they were under warranty.

Chief Report: 6 calls this past month, 4 mutual aid calls and 2 brush fires in our district.

New Business: Bernard Insurance Company will be at our next meeting to discuss the quote and addition of new building to the policy. Discussion was held for E-Dispatch system as the pager call system, due to the cost of pagers and radios. Board decided to proceed with setup of the E-Dispatch system. Truck #6 power steering pump has been ordered. Truck #1 air valve needs to be changed. Motion to pay the bills was made by Samuel

Gulde, second by Malcolm Strozier. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Malcolm Strozier, second by Samuel Gulde. 6:36 PM
Etage Manuel,
Secretary

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS URANIA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 9, 2023

The Town of Urania met on January 9, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Urania Rec Hall. Present were Mayor Jay Ivy, council members Pat McDougald, Bill Brown, Mike Russell, Tom Douglas, and Donna Lindsey. Also present was Jena Times Reporter Morgan Smith and Town of Urania CPA David Vercher.

Ivy called the meeting to order with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Ivy welcomed Donna Lindsey to the council. McDougald made a motion to approve the January agenda with Brown seconding the motion. Douglas made a motion with Russell seconding the motion to approve paying December bills.

CPA David Vercher gave the audit report. He stated the town received an unmodified opinion, which means the numbers are materially correct. He stated there were two findings. One of them being one the town receives every year. It's the Small Size of Entity concerning internal control deficiency, but there is no corrective action that the town is able to take in regard to that finding. He stated that because of the small size of the town, it is impossible for the town to have a separation of segregation of duties among several employees. The other finding was an unfavorable revenue variance of 44.9% in the general fund that the Budget Act requires the budget to be amended when the variance exceeds 5%. He said the variance is not something for the town to be concerned about since it involves the town receiving grant funding. Brown made a motion to accept the audit report with Lindsey seconding the motion.

McDougald made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2023-01 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance with Brown seconding the motion.

In the department report for water and sewer, Ivy stated everything is ok. The police department reported 28 citations with \$5,913.25 collected for the month of December. Fire Chief William Strain gave the fire report. He stated the fire department assisted Olla with 2 house fires. He also stated the department has gained a lot of new volunteers this past year. The department also got a new paging system to help page out members in an easier manner. Tim Lasiter was absent, so there was no report for the police jury. Douglas made a motion to accept the department reports with Russell seconding the motion.

In the mayor's comments, he stated that the town plans to have homecoming April 15th. He also said that Louisiana Rural Water Association would be there January 10 to do a rate study on water and sewer. This is something that has to be done every 5 years. He stated that last month, it was said in the paper that the resolution to authorize the \$4.3 million loan for the sewer plant was passed. It was not passed, it was just tabled. He

wanted to thank Terri and Wayne Corley for their service and Pat McDougald for stepping in as mayor. He said there would be something for Terri and Wayne at a later date.

Brown made a motion to adjourn with McDougald seconding the motion.

Jay Ivy
Mayor

Jerrica Johnson
Assistant Clerk
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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS Summerville-Rosefield Fire District Regular Meeting December 15, 2022

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

Present: David Smith, Leon Keel, Shelby Montpelier, Glen Peppers, and Shonda Price.

Absent: None
The meeting was called to order on motion by Leon Keel seconded by Shelby Montpelier with Glen Roark leading with prayer.

The minutes of the November 2022 meeting were accepted on motion by Shonda Price, seconded by Leon Keel and passed by the Board.

The Finance Report for November 2022 was accepted on motion by Shonda Price seconded by Glen Peppers and passed by the Board.

Leon Keel made a motion, seconded by Shelby Montpelier and passed by the Board to amend the 2022 budget.

Shonda Price made a motion, seconded by Shelby Montpelier and passed by the Board to adopt the 2023 budget.

Leon Keel made a motion, seconded Shelby Montpelier by and passed by the Board to approve payment of bills for the month of December 2022.

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

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS Town of Jena Regular Meeting January 9, 2023

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn C. Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman Tommy Sandifer opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members, Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Lester Francis, Wayne Chapman, and Attorney Evans Dorroh.

The reading of the minutes of the previous

meeting was dispensed on a motion by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Francis. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve appointments for 2023. Appointments were as follows:

Town Attorney	Dorroh & Kendrick
Town Magistrate	Mark Talley
Alternate Town Magistrate	Don Wilson
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Cory Floyd
Auditor	Silas M. Simmons & Company, LLP

Town Engineer	Bryant Hammett & Associates
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Banks	Southern Heritage Bank, CLB The Community Bank, Homeland Federal Savings Bank, Sabine State Bank
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Motion unanimously approved.
Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve 2023 Committee assignments. The committees are as follows:

Senior Citizens	Wayne Chapman Tommy Sandifer Lester Francis
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Recreation	Tommy Sandifer David Paul Jones Lester Francis
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Insurance	Lester Francis Donny Richardson
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Police	Lester Francis Donny Richardson
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Fire	Lester Francis Donny Richardson
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Environment	Wayne Chapman David Paul Jones David Paul Jones
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Personnel	Donny Richardson David Paul Jones Donny Richardson
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Finance	David Paul Jones Donny Richardson
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Street	Lester Francis Tommy Sandifer
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The motion was unanimously approved.
Firefighter Charlie Savelle presented the Fire Report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the Police Report.
Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the sales tax collection for the month of December 2021 was \$91,752.79 compared to 2022 collections of \$97,400.38. Sales tax collections for entire year of 2021 were \$1,213,928.04 with 2022 being \$1,294,534.10 for an annual increase of \$80,606.06. The LCDBG Street project will be moving ahead shortly. We estimate that we will be ready to seek bids Mid-late February and award a contract at the April meeting.

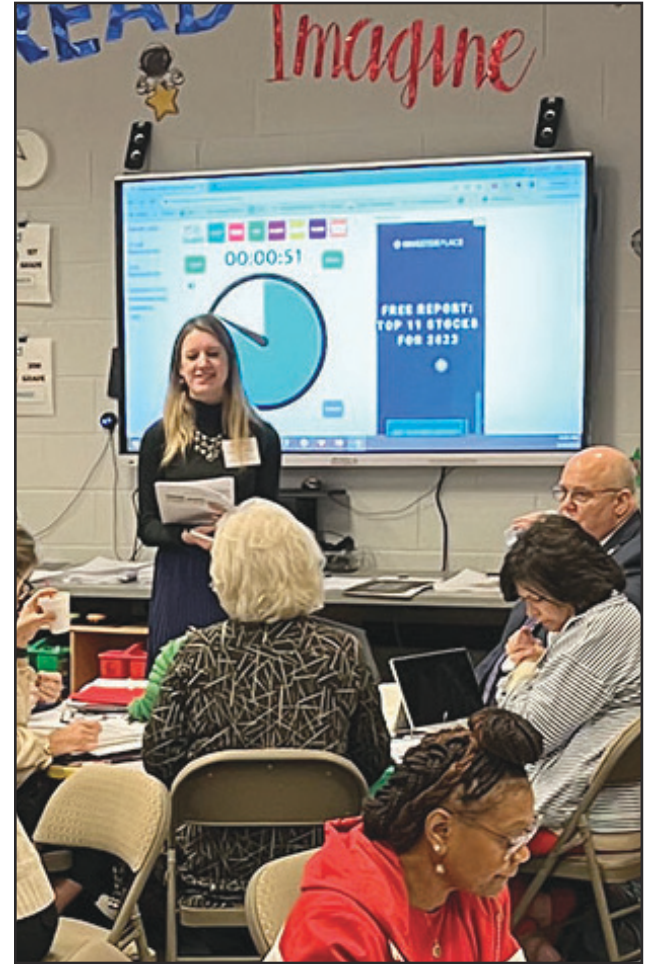
As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

LaDawn C. Edwards
MAYOR

Cory Floyd
TOWN CLERK
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LaSalle Parish School Board hosts district leaders meeting

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"We looked at the needs of all districts and the priorities

of the state including those of State Educational Superintendent Dr. Cade Brumley," Marjorie Taylor, Executive Director of the Foundation said. "As a result, Early Childhood Literacy and Student Mastery Achievement on third-grade assessments is the focus content of our meeting today and in future sessions."

Teams participated in classroom walk through observations followed by debriefs in small group settings. Each team provided feedback and share outs used to identify instructional best practices leading to Kindergarten readiness.

The Five Developmental Domains of Language and Litera-

cy: social, physical, cognitive, and emotional and Kindergarten Entry Assessments were also analyzed and discussed. The ultimate goal of the session was to develop effective actions and steps to ensure supports are in place for students to enter Kindergarten ready.

"Today's meeting revolved around the importance of literacy being present every day in our students' lives at both school and home," said LPSB Elementary Supervisor Brandy Brunson. "We are so proud of the work our teachers put in everyday to teach explicit, daily focused lessons to prepare our students to become proficient, fluent readers by the time they enter third grade."



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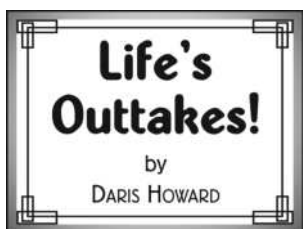
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A Matter of Honesty

One evening, my daughter, Celese, heard a noise outside her house. She flipped on the outside lights, and she and her husband went to investigate. What they found made Celese's heart sink. The tires on their pickup were slashed. Celese's sister was visiting them for the evening, and the worn-out tires on her old car were slashed, too. The pickup tires made Celese mad, but her sister's bald tires made her angrier. Her younger sister was struggling to buy a new, small house and make ends meet, and she couldn't afford new tires.

As Celese thought about it, she was sure she knew who had done it. She ran a small bookkeeping business. Most of her clients were small, but she had gotten a new, much larger one. She was learning that those she worked for that had the most money were the ones who tried to undercut her pay, if they paid at all. Unfortunately, the owner of this company was also asking her to do some unscrupulous things. She refused and decided they needed to part ways. He wasn't subtle about making some threats.

She thought some of her neighbors might have video cameras, and maybe she could collect some evidence. But then she considered that perhaps it would be easier to play her hand against his conscience and fear of legal action. She sent him a simple text that said, "That was a stupid thing to do with all the cameras we have in the neighborhood."

His reply was immediate and panicked. "I'm sorry. You're right; that was a stupid thing to do. Please don't call the police. It would ruin my family and my business. I will pay to make it right."

Neither the truck nor the car could be driven, so Celese had someone come remove the tires. She got new ones that were the best she could find. She sent the man the bill for all of it. When he got it, he answered in an obviously surprised text.

"You are only charging me \$1400 for the two sets of tires and \$500 for labor? You're not going to charge me like \$20,000 to not go to the police?"

Celese responded with a text of her own. "What I charged was what it cost us. If I charged you more, it would be more like blackmail, which is wrong. If a person is dishonest with others, he or she can expect to get dishonesty in return."

Not too long passed before the man called. "I thought a lot about what you said. Almost everyone I have dealt with has tried to cheat

me, so I felt it was okay for me to cheat others in return. I realize I was simply compounding the problem and justifying their actions. I'm sorry for what I did but grateful for what you taught me. I plan to change my business to one built on trust. If you ever forgive me for what I've done, I'd love to have you back as a bookkeeper, and I would never ask you to do something dishonest again."

Celese said she'd think about it. The man said even though she wasn't asking for more, he was going to send extra as a thank you, and she need not feel guilty about accepting it.

When Celese got the check, she was surprised to find it was more than double what she had billed him for. Along with it came a nice note, again expressing his gratitude.

"What are you going to do with the extra money?" her husband asked.

Celese grinned. "Well, part of it is going into a security system to help keep the honest people honest."

Nebo Elem. School lists Honor roll

Honor roll students for the third six weeks grading period at Nebo Elementary School have been announced by Principal Stephanie Francis, as follows:

- First Grade**
All A's - Heath

Jackson, Channing Sharp, and Liam Villanueva.

A's and B's - Olivia Brown, Maverick Carney, Tripp Davidson, Camille Grant, Cash Hilkkirk, Graysen Jones, and Finley Joy.

Second Grade
All A's - Wyatt Wiley.

A's and B's - Brennen Breland, Brayden Davidson, Gage Johnson, Tobias Joy, and Isabella Schmitt.

Third Grade
All A's - Hayden Jackson and Hayden Lee.

A's and B's - Brylyn McLendon.

Fourth Grade
All A's - Ross Edwards and Milah Norris.

A's and B's - Gregory Deason, Brantley Sanders and Cooper Sanders.

Fifth Grade
All A's - Clayton Hall and Maggie Ranton.

A's and B's - Ella-Kate Greer, Abram Smith, and Ella Webb.

Sixth Grade
A's and B's - Steve Sanders and Paizley Smith.

Seventh Grade
All A's - Jacquelyn Brooks and Chesney McLendon.

A's and B's - Trinity Carney, Kaylee Hardie, Hadley Jackson, Payton Ryan, and Allison Wiley.

Eighth Grade
All A's - Rylan Elliott and Christian Villanueva.

A's and B's - Peyton Cooper, Robert Fowler, Carter Huffman, Brynn Matherner, Raiden McPherson, and Kaitlyn Pritchard.

Photo of the Week...



I have been to Natchez more times than I can count. The mansions there always gives me a feeling of (lust) wishing that I had been rich and lived in one of those mansions. I was especially fond of the Stanton House.

Having felt that way for many years I decided to research the building of that particular mansion, and the lives of those who lived there.

The story begins when General Robert Stanton married Jane Chapline. They soon filled the house with five children. One day when Mr. Stanton was traveling in the North, yellow fever struck Natchez. Jane wrote to Mr. Stanton and told him not to return home for quite some time. He ignored her request and told her that his place was with her and the children. He hurried back. That was a wrong decision. Mr. Stanton and his three sons soon died of the fever. Jane and her two daughters survived. Jane, being a widow and needing funds, married the dead Mr. Stanton's brother, Dr. Fredrick Stanton. They added five more children to the family.

With so many more children living in the house, Doc. Stanton undertook a massive extension of the mansion. These vast improvements gave the dwelling a happy quality, certain liveliness that matched the sweet disposition of Jane.

The Stanton's vast cotton fields in Louisiana spread far and wide. In the days of the 1840's the girls were sent to boarding schools and the boys were sent to Military academies.

The Stantons loved parties and filled their calendar with dances, balls, and other types of fun gatherings. It was a bright time for the couple. Often in the evenings the Doctor gathered his two families to provide live concerts. Two of the brothers played the piano well, while five others formed their own orchestra.

The budget for such lavish living and furnishings were covered by the sale of cotton on his thousands of acres. Money was never a problem for the Stantons. Much of their house furnishings were ordered from London, Paris, and Madrid.

The three Stanton daughters had many suitors, but Jane turned them all away. At one ball the daughter, Miss Elizabeth made her appearance at the top of the tall stairway and onlookers said that she looked like a queen.

After this ball, disaster struck the family. In the Christmas season Dr. Stanton fell sick. Ten days later Jane got sick and died. Dr. Stanton lived only 10 months after the death of Jane.

The three unmarried daughters made up their minds that they would never sell the house nor move out of it come hell or high water. To meet expenses they scaled down on parties, balls, clothing, unnecessary foods, and no frills items. The beautiful gardens went untended. The house needed painting, but that expense went by as unaffordable. The daughters allowed people to visit them on Thursdays only. When they did have a party they produced a collection of little cakes and candies, and lemonade. They also produced a new drink called "plum-dump." Guests couldn't get enough of it!!!

Miss Elizabeth produced a series of books and pamphlets, but none made fame. They could not help that the house and gardens were in disrepair and going downhill in appearance.

Through the years the daughters changed their dresses and other clothing very little. They clung to their old style, which they liked very much. When the last daughter died, the house passed into the hands of private persons.

Today, you can still take a guided tour of the home and gardens for an entrance fee. It certainly has not lost its grandeur, style, or charm.

If you haven't been there...put it on your bucket list.

(Narrative and photo provided by Jena native Gale Trussell)

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