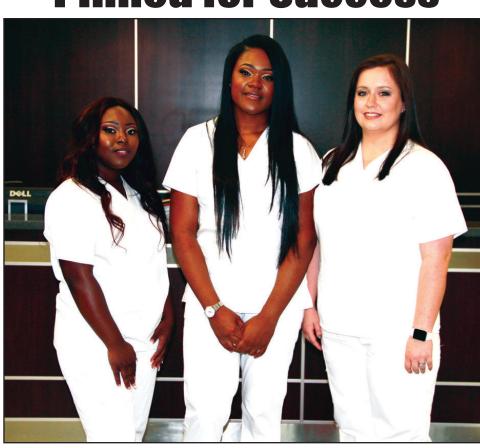
Pinned for Success



The Holmes Community College Attala Center held a Pinning Ceremony for the graduating Practical Nursing Class of 2019 on June 20 at the Grenada Center. Among the graduates were Holmes County residents (left to right) Talisha Randle, Deidre Harris (Photo submitted) and Marlaina Dees.



A Teacher's Summer

stantly living by the clock.

My mornings do not begin a new box of crayons! at 5:00 A.M. in the summer. than washing all week-end reading. is a definite plus. Daily meal planning is easier than trying to plan on the week-end what we will eat during the week after we get home from

Fitting in occasional lunches and pool get-togethers with friends to catch up is a 1 apple, cored and shredded welcome pleasure. I am fortunate to have many friends, but a busy school year lends to not having a great deal of free time. A quick Hello by text is great, but there is nothing like a good visit with girlfriends.

year. I like to make some to combine. Stir in eggs, oil, busy weeks.

summer, I am usually ready clean. for school to get started

Today I was thinking about about the time the end of how the life of a teacher July rolls around. Football changes during the summer practice begins and it is time months. It takes the first cou- to think about a new school ple of weeks out of school to year. I look forward to seeing get accustomed to not being those fresh new faces in my rushed. No plans to make, no classrooms along with their papers to grade, and not con- new supplies and eager attitudes. I even like the smell of

Today I have some recipes When they do begin, there is for breakfast muffins. They a relaxed cup of coffee and freeze well and are great for the Today show. A leisurely a leisurely breakfast or one load of laundry a day, rather that is one the go. Thanks for

MORNING GLORY MUFFINS

2 cups flour 1 cup sugar 2 tsp. baking soda 2 tsp. cinnamon ½ tsp. salt 2 carrots, shredded ½ cup raisins ½ cup shredded coconut ½ cup chopped pecans 3 eggs, beaten 1 cup vegetable oil 2 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 de-There are occasional "sum- grees; place muffin liners in mer projects" that I set for 2 muffin tins. Sift together myself. They usually have to the flour, sugar, baking soda, do with cleaning and throw-cinnamon, and salt. Add ing away things that have apples, carrots, raisins, coaccumulated throughout the conut, and pecans and toss meals for the freezer to have and vanilla until well blendon hand during especially ed. Pour batter into prepared tins and bake for 25 minutes As much as I enjoy my or a tester inserted comes out

LEMON RASPBERRY

MUFFINS 2 cups flour 1 cup sugar 1 Tbsp. baking powder ½ tsp. salt 2 eggs 1 cup half and half ½ cup vegetable oil 1 tsp. lemon extract 1 cup fresh raspberries

(if frozen, do not thaw) Preheat oven to 375 degrees and insert paper liners in 2 muffin tins. Whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, combine eggs, half and half, and lemon extract. Make a well in the flour mixture and add egg mixture to stir until moistened; fold in raspberries. Spoon mixture into prepared muffin tins 2/3 full. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until golden brown.

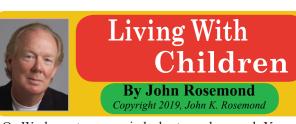
BLUEBERRY MUFFINS 1 ½ cups flour

2 tsp. baking powder

½ tsp. salt ½ cup sugar 1 egg ½ cup milk 1/4 cup butter, melted 2 cups fresh blueberries Preheat oven to 375 degrees; fill a 12 cup muffin tin with paper liners. Whisk together dry ingredients; beat egg and milk in a separate bowl. Add egg mixture and melted butter to flour mixture and stir until moistened - batter will be lumpy. Fold in blueberries; spoon batter into prepared liners about 3/4 full. Bake for 20-25 min-

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daughters, one of whom is adopted. The biological daughter has two children who, we recently discovered, have been told that it is wrong to call our adopted daughter "aunt so-andso" because she is not really family. Nor, according to our biological daughter and son-in-law, is her husband an "uncle." We're planning an upcoming visit with our biological daughter's family. How should we deal with this?

writing this weekly column and I thought I'd heard it all...until now.

First – and I really don't need to tell you this, obviously - your adopted daughter is legally your daughter. She is not, say, twenty percent your daughter; rather, she is one hundred percent your daughter. Her legal status is not reduced relative to her sister's because she is adopted.

If in your will you were to assign half of your estate to each of your two children, and vour biological daughter claimed the entire estate, asserting that she is your only child, said challenge would not succeed in a court of law. In other words, the terms "adopted" and "biological" are simply adjectives. That, by the way, is straight from the so-called "horse's mouth," the horse in this case being a federal judge.

We have two married be turned around. Your ad- this import under a proveropted daughter could claim bial rug rarely works for that she was specifically long. Sooner or later, this chosen to be your daugh- is going to have to be dealt ter, that your biological with. daughter was the product argument.

logical daughter and son- cussion and resolution of in-law are simply and in- the pertinent issues is go-A: Forty-three years of nocently mistaken, but I ing to require mediation by strongly suspect there's a very experienced family more going on here than therapist. meets the eye. I would wager that this "mistake" is likely - pardon the mix of the upshot of long-stand- metaphors - to set the pot ing jealousy on the part of boiling. Brace yourselves. your biological daughter.

> tionate amount of attention com, parentguru.com. goes to a new sibling when he or she enters a familv – whether by adoption or birth. If, as I suspect from the wording of your question, your biological daughter is your first child, she may not have exactly welcomed her adopted sister with open arms. Instead, she may have felt displaced, deprived of attention that she felt "belonged" to her, and harbored a good amount of resentment as a result. To put this another way, she may have long felt that "biological" is a synonym for "real."

Assuming I am correct, there is a volcano smol-The argument/claim can dering beneath this is-

sue. I doubt there is a way of correcting what your grandchildren have been told without uncapping the volcano. One option, therefore, is to ignore it. But sweeping matters of

In that regard, there are of mere chance; therefore two aspects to the overall she (adopted daughter) is issue: legal and emotional. your only true child. Yes, The legal aspect can and that argument is absurd; should be addressed by a nonetheless, it is the equiv- legal expert. That, relaalent of your biological tively speaking, is the easy daughter's equally absurd part. The emotional aspect is the tar pit. In my estima-It may be that your bio- tion, a reasonably sane dis-

Even suggesting that is

Family psychologist John Let's face it, a dispropor- Rosemond: johnrosemond.



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