



Heather Sturlese

Sturlese is Mardi Gras Ball Queen

Heather Sturlese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sturlese of Grand Chenier and Lafayette, will be the queen of the annual Mardi Gras Ball to be held at the Hilton Washington Hotel in Washington D.C. Feb. 20.

Miss Sturlese was chosen for the honor by Congressman Chris John, who is chairman of this year's Mystic Krewe of Louisiana's ball, which is sponsored by Louisiana's Congressional delegation.

The queen is a graduate of South Cameron High School and is a senior in accounting at LSU. She was chosen Miss Cameron Parish in 1998 and the Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Queen in 1999.

Miss Sturlese and the princesses representing the various festivals around the state at the Washington Ball were recently honored at a reception held at the home of Ted and Carmen Jones at the Country Club of Louisiana in Baton Rouge. The queen's mother, Linda Canik Sturlese, also attended the reception.

Cameron Parish will also be represented at the Washington Ball by the 2001 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival queen who will be named at the Sat., Jan. 13, program of this year's festival.

House burns

A two-story house owned by Marshall Spicer on Kelso Bayou at Hackberry burned to the ground Wednesday morning. The house was used as a rental camp for hunters. There were no injuries.

It was believed that the fire may have started from an electric water heater.

Group has new meeting time

The Cameron Outreach Program support group meetings have been changed to noon to 1 p.m. on Thursdays. Previously they were in the evenings. The group gives support to women and their children who are in a domestic violence situation.

The Outreach Program will hold its regular meeting at 5 p.m., Jan. 23, at the Cameron Health Unit. It is open to the public.

Community Organizer Tessa Hernandez said the organization needs volunteer to help in the office and answer the phones.

Livestock show

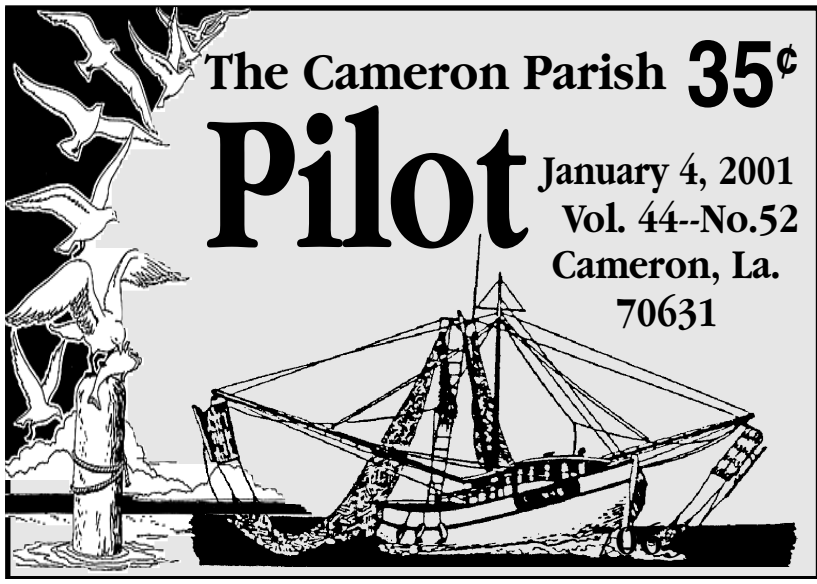
The annual Cameron Parish Livestock Show and Sale will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Mosquito Control Barn located 7 miles east of Cameron.

A luncheon for the buyers will be held at 11 a.m. followed by the sale.

For more information on the show and sale contact the Cameron Extension Office at 775-5516.



CAMERON TELEPHONE Company has donated a website for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, according to Peggy Benoit, vice-president of the festival, pictured above. The web address is: www.furfestival.com. It carries information on the festival, which will be held Jan. 11-13 in Cameron.



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Fur Festival set for next week

Plans told for parade here on 13th

The 2001 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will be held at 12:30 p.m., Sat., Jan. 13, according to Freddie Richard, parade chairman.

The parade will line up as usual next to the old Cameron Construction Co. office on the east side of Cameron and will start at the Methodist church. (No throws will be put on floats until it reaches the starting point.)

The route is the same as last year, proceeding through the town, turning south at the FDF office and disbanding on the back street.

This year's parade will honor the rice industry. The judges will be in front of Hibernia Bank to judge the floats from the different categories including junior division, senior division, commercial floats, and Ed Swindell Memorial Award.

This year's parade marshals will be the Hackberry Lady Mustangs, who are the state basketball champs in their class.

D'Heilly and Sons carnival will be here for the festival and armbands will be sold Friday, 2-6 p.m., and Saturday 9-12 p.m. at \$10 each.

If you have a float to be entered in the parade please contact Freddie Richard at 775-5006 or after 5 p.m., 775-7382.

Jr. leaders tell dances

The Cameron Parish 4-H Junior Leaders Club will sponsor two dances during the Fur and Wildlife Festival next weekend.

On Friday, Jan. 12, the Club will sponsor a dance at the Cameron Elementary Gym, grades K-7, from 7-11 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person. Concessions will be provided.

On Sat., Jan. 13, they will sponsor a dance at the Multipurpose Building behind the courthouse for 13-18 years of age, from 7-11 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person. Bayou Rhythm-Trent Core will be the D.J.

Board meeting

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will hold its monthly board meeting Thurs., Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m. The board will make a decision on surveillance cameras for the recreation center. Anyone wishing to voice an opinion on this matter should attend this meeting.

Those wishing to play on a men's basketball league need to sign up by Jan. 15. Players must be out of school.

Festival's events are announced

In addition to the several evening indoor programs, the 2001 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will feature several outdoor events.

These include the parish trap shooting competition at 8 a.m. on Friday and the state trap shooting contest on Saturday at 8 a.m. Clem Myers and Darlene Kelly are coordinators.

Kirk and Julie Burleigh are in charge of the archery competition parish junior contest set at 9 a.m. Friday and the parish senior contest at 10 a.m. State archery competition is set Saturday with both divisions at 10 a.m.

The Lake Charles Retriever Dog Club is in charge of the dog trials with the parish junior and senior trials set at 1 p.m., Friday and the state contests at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Muskrat skinning and trap setting contests are set for 9 a.m., Saturday with men and women divisions.

At 2 p.m., the junior and senior duck and goose calling contests will be held Saturday followed by the men and women oyster shucking contest at 3 p.m.

Johnny LeBlanc is the outdoor events coordinator.

Trap shoot competition told here

The annual trap shooting competition will be held at the 2001 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival next week, according to Clem Myers, chairman.

Competition for Cameron parish contestants will begin at 8 a.m. on the festival ground behind the courthouse and the state competition will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday at the same location.

There is a \$15 entry fee which covers a box of shells and 25 targets.

A variety of prizes will be given the winners including jackets, shirts and caps.

Jeff Davis sends help to the north

The thousands of families in Arkansas and north Louisiana affected by recent back-to-back ice storms received a warm holiday gift from Jeff Davis Electric Cooperative.

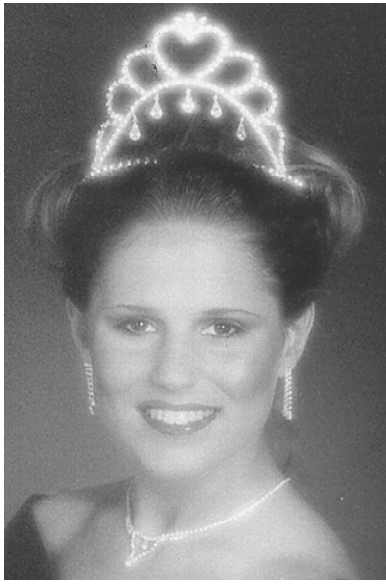
Responding to an emergency situation in which more than 60,000 customers found themselves without power, the rural electric cooperative based in Jennings dispatched two line crews to southern Arkansas to help restore power to those families left in the cold and dark over the Christmas holidays.

Just one week later the co-op received another emergency response call from Claiborne Electric Cooperative based in Homer. In short order two additional crews were sent to north Louisiana to help restore power to more than 8,500 Claiborne Electric customers. Jeff Davis Electric was one of four Louisiana cooperatives to respond with emergency assistance in an area that was under a "state of emergency" as declared by Gov. Mike Foster.

Jeff Davis Electric General Manager Mike Heinen said the local cooperative has an agreement to receive and send emergency assistance through its membership in the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives.



A STRONG NORTH wind last week combined with a low tide had the area between the shoreline and the breakwaters almost high and dry west of Holly Beach. The breakwaters were built to try to stop the erosion of beach between Holly and Constance beaches and to help rebuild the beaches. Some improvements along this line have been noted.



Allison Kimball

Maryland delegation is coming

A 10-person delegation from the National Outdoor Festival of Cambridge, Maryland, including the queen, will be guests at the 45th annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival to be held in Cameron Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 11-13.

The queen is Allison May Kimball, 17 a senior at North Dorchester High School and a resident of Murlock, Maryland.

While in Cameron, the Maryland group will be escorted to the various event by Daniel and Lisa Savoie.

The Cameron and Cambridge festivals have been exchanging delegations for more than 40 years. Both festivals feature outdoor events and contests. The International Muskrat Skinning Contest is held each year at Cambridge and the Cameron festival has sent its champion skimmers to compete for many years, winning on a number of occasions.

**GETTING...
...PERSONAL**
By Jerry Wise

CAMERON PARISH seems to get recognition in some of the strangest places. For example, the February issue of Utne Reader, an off beat national magazine, contains an article by Naomi Shihab Nye of San Antonio, Tex., which describes her family's leisurely four-day trip through South Louisiana with no destination in mind.

Crossing the Louisiana-Texas border they decide to go down the Creole Nature Trail, "a quiet road passing through the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. There were no billboards and few cars. Brilliant pink cranes ruminated in the water ditches by the roadside." (The "pink cranes" no doubt were roseate spoonbills, which are plentiful throughout the parish.)

"A Holly Beach", the article continued, "an oddly vacant coastal town of shanties and trailers tossed up against the waves, we wandered along the sand, picking up fluted shells".

Crossing the Cameron ferry, they "ordered fresh shrimp and broccoli at an immaculate Chinese restaurant". (They were apparently referring to Kim's Restaurant, which is Vietnamese.)

After spending the night in a Cameron motel, the family visited the "mysteriously silent Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and "sat on the ground under luscious, moss draped oak trees hoping the unseasonably warm weather might awaken an alligator".

"Then we drove north toward Abbeville, (apparently through Pecan Island) past rice fields, old-fashioned frame houses, boats, bayous and piers".

The Texans visited New Iberia, Houma, Cocodrie, Avery Island before returning to Texas.

Rural Health Clinic open 5 days a week

By BRIDGET VITA

South Cameron Rural Health Clinic located at 428 Marshall Street in Cameron, is open from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will close daily from noon until 1 p.m. for lunch.

The rural health clinic employs an internist, Dr. Anand Roy; a nurse practitioner, Linda Chevallier; a medical assistant, Jennifer Bourgeois; and an office manager, Kelly Savoie.

Dr. Roy specializes in internal medicine and pediatrics. He is actively involved with numerous pharmaceutical and medical research studies, in his office, concentrating on: migraines, hypertension, gastrointestinal, and cardiac problems. Dr. Roy treats a broad range of illnesses in various specialties and can be seen at the South Cameron Rural Health Clinic in Cameron every Wednesday afternoon from 1-3 p.m.

Ms. Chevallier is a primary health care provider treating

various medical needs from colds to chronic conditions such as diabetes, and high blood pressure. She provides medical treatment, prescriptions, and nursing care emphasizing health promotion, prevention, as well as diagnosis and management of acute and chronic diseases.

Jennifer Bourgeois is the medical assistant. She prepares the patient to see either the doctor or nurse practitioner. She goes over the problem with the patient and takes vital signs. She is responsible for lab work that consists of blood draws, drug screenings, and urine test. She also takes applications for free medications.

Kelly Savoie, the office manager, takes care of all appointments, and insurance, medical records, billing, and collection needs.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call Ms. Savoie at 775-5711. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred

Deb, Teen & Junior Miss Pageants told

The Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival's Deb, Teen, and Junior Miss Pageant will be held Sat., Jan. 6, in the Cameron Elementary auditorium. (The main festival will be held Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 11-13.)

Vicki Little, pageant coordinator, announced the following contestants in Saturday's program:

Junior Miss (ages 15-16)
Josie Ann Brown, 16, Hackberry, daughter of Kenny and Patty Brown; Ashley Kelley, 15, Grand Chenier, daughter of Mitchel and Pam Kelley;

Tara Laine LeBlanc, 15, Cameron, daughter of John and Lori LeBlanc; Natasha Trahan, 16, Johnson Bayou, daughter of Tony and Melinda Trahan; Brett Wicke, 16, Grand Lake, Gary and Cindy Wicke.

Teen Miss (ages 13-14)
Stephanie Cox, age 13, Johnson Bayou, daughter of James and Gloria Cox; Jodi Nicole Dyson, 13, Grand Chenier, daughter of Ladd and Wendy Dyson; Shayla Chauntelle LaBove, 13, Cameron, daughter of Cecil Boullion and Teri LaBove;

Heather Nunez, 13, Grand Chenier, daughter of Richard and Bobbie Jo Nunez; Hope Savoie, 14, Cameron, daughter of Chuckie and Tina Savoie; Cassandra Trahan, 14, Cameron, daughter of Marvin and Renetta Trahan;

Deb Miss (ages 10-12)
Cassandra Conner, 11, Cameron, daughter of Taria

Theriot and Edward Conner; Briegre Comeaux, 10, Creole, daughter of Greg and Sonya Comeaux; Chynna Little, 11, Grand Chenier, daughter of Kent and Ella Little;

Christian McCall, 12, Grand Chenier, daughter of Thomp and Karen McCall; Chelsea Phillips, 12, Cameron, daughter of Bobby and Debbie Stutes; Katelyn Reina, 11, Creole, daughter of Joey and Diana Reina;

Callie Willis, 12, Cameron, daughter of Rodney and Pauline Willis; Haley Willis, 11, Cameron, daughter of John and Recia Willis.

Returning 2000 Fur Queens

The returning queens will crown the 2001 winners are: Deb Miss--Kami Savoie, Cameron, 11, daughter of Daniel and Lisa Savoie;

Teen Miss--Ashley Picou, Grand Lake, 14, daughter of Ronnie and Sharon Picou;

Junior Miss--Desiree Roberts, Cameron, 17, daughter of Ernest and Jodee Roberts.



Chamber to hold annual banquet 15th

Mayor Randy Roach of Lake Charles will be the guest speaker at the 13th annual Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held Mon., Jan. 15, at the Hackberry Community Center.

There will be a social period at 6:30 p.m., followed by the banquet at 7 p.m.

The annual Citizen of the Year Award will be presented and a deceased prominent citizen will be honored.

The dinner is \$12 per person and reservations can be made by calling 775-5552.



Mayor Randy Roach

Funerals

VITO J. CATRAMBONE SR.

Funeral services for Vito J. Catrambone Sr., 74, of Moss Bluff, will be at 2 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 4, in First Baptist Church of Cameron.

The Revs. Wallace Primeaux and Alton Hodnett will officiate; burial will be in Baptist Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles.

Mr. Catrambone died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, in a Lake Charles hospital.

He was born in Hingham, Mass., and was a resident of Moss Bluff. He retired from N. L. McCullough Wire Line Service. In World War II he was in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaign. During the Korean War, he was with the 58th Treadway Bridge Company until his discharge with the rank of master sergeant.

He was past commander of American Legion Post 380 of Quincy, Mass. He was a member of W. B. Williamson Post 1, where he served as a member of the executive board, Disabled American Veterans Post 17, and VFW Post 9933 of Moss Bluff. He was past national commander of the 87th Infantry Division Association.

Survivors include his wife, Gwendolyn Dyson Catrambone of Moss Bluff (formerly of Cameron); two sons, Vito J. Catrambone Jr. of Moss Bluff and John Roger Catrambone of Virginia; two brothers, O. John Catrambone of Braintree, Mass., and Joseph S. Catrambone of North Cohasset, Mass.; two sis-

ters, Elizabeth Catrambone O'Malley of Braintree and Ann Catrambone Pecoraro of East Weymouth, Mass.; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Hunter education classes updated

As additional classes are scheduled, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries releases up-to-date schedules for 2001 hunter education courses. The free courses lead to hunter safety certification, which is mandatory for persons born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, who seek to purchase a Louisiana hunting license.

Young people 10 years of age and older who attend the course will become permanently certified. Those younger than 10 will be certified for one year and must repeat the course annually until reaching that requires a 10-hour minimum of instruction; hunters must attend all classes within a scheduled course.

Course topics include safety, outdoor ethics, wildlife management, habitat preferences of game species and selecting, handling and maintaining firearms. Students also participate in a supervised firing exercise after learning firearms safety.

The current schedule of LDWF hunter education courses can be accessed at LDWF's website (www.wlf.state.la.us).

**La. Fur & Wildlife Festival
Jan. 11-13**

45th Annual Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival Schedule of Events

January 11, 12 & 13, 2001

HELD ON FAIRGROUNDS BEHIND THE CAMERON COURTHOUSE

SATURDAY, JAN. 6, 2001

7 p.m. - Deb, Teen & Jr. Miss Pageant, Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 2001

Carnival Rides 7 p.m. Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish, Talent Show, Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

Admission To All Pageants At Cameron Elementary Auditorium: \$5.00 Adults \$3.00 Children Gate Charge \$1.00 Per Person Honoring Rice Industry All events on fairgrounds unless otherwise noted.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12, 2001 "CAMERON PARISH DAY"

8 a.m. - Fairgrounds Open, Parish Trap Shooting Competition. All Day - Noah's Way Exotics - Children's Petting Zoo 9 a.m. - Parish Jr. Archery Contest.

10 a.m. - Carnival Rides, \$10.00 Armbands 2-6 p.m., Senior Archery Contest.

1:00 p.m. - Jr. & Sr. Parish Retriever Dog Trials

4:00 p.m. - till : Guy Theriot Band, fairgrounds

7:00 p.m. - Miss Cameron Parish Contest, Crowning of King Fur; Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

4-H Jr. Leader Club Sponsored Dance, Cameron Elementary Gym, Grades K-7, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m., Admission \$3 per person, Concessions.

9:00 p.m. - Adult Dance -

Moe-D Band, KC Hall, Cameron. Admission \$8 per person. Food will be sold.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13, 2001

8 a.m. - Fairgrounds Open. Carnival Rides. \$10.00 Armbands 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Registration For Competition Events, State Trap Shooting Competition, State Retriever Dog Trials.

9:00 a.m. - Skinning: Ladies & Men's Muskrat; Junior, Ladies and Men's Nutria Trap Setting; Junior and Senior State Archery Contest; Display of Scrapbook.

12:30 - Parade. Dance on fairground after parade with live band.

2:00 p.m. - Junior and Senior Duck & Goose Calling Contest.

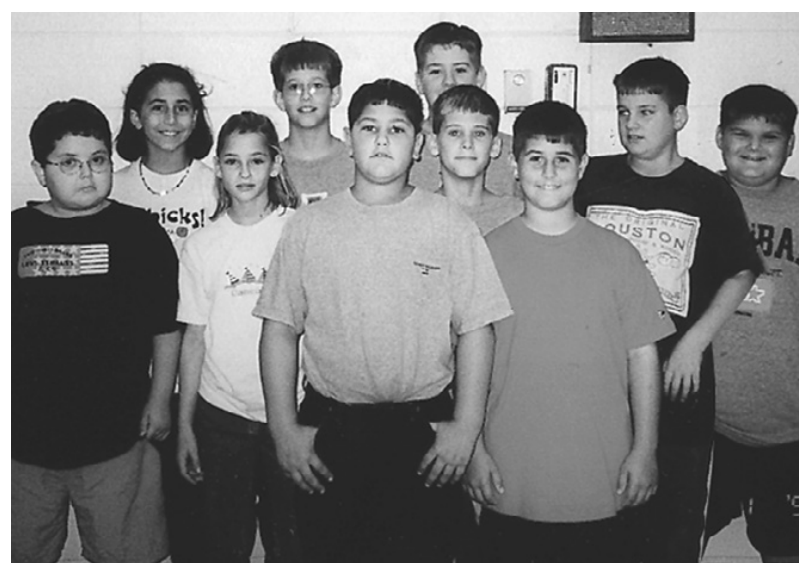
3:00 p.m. - Ladies & Men's Oyster Shucking Contest

7:00 p.m. - La. Fur & Wildlife Queen Pageant, Exhibition of skinning and trapping - Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

7:00 p.m. - 4-H Jr. Leaders Club Sponsored Dance, Located in the Multi-Purpose Building Behind Courthouse. Bayou Rhythm - Trent Core, 13 - 18 years of age, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person, Concessions.

9:00 p.m. - Adult Dance with Barry Badon Band in the Cameron K. C. Hall. Admission \$8 per person. Food Will Be Sold.

Food Booths On Festival Grounds



THE SOUTH CAMERON Elementary 4-H club was well represented at the Louisiana State Fair in Shreveport. Some of the participants were: Alan Meyers, Kimily Bourriaque, Victoria Wilkerson, Dylan Jouett, Jacob Wilkerson, Joshua Alleman, Lancey Richard, Justin Trahan, Jonathan Alleman, and Drew LaBove.

Hackberry 4-H Club tells events

By **MARCUS BUFFORD**

At the Dec. 15, Hackberry High School 4-H Club meeting, Mrs. Penny Thibodeaux gave a presentation on good healthy food snacking for the holidays.

Micah Silver presented a project report on his leadership project.

CRD Leader, Kristin Gray, reported on their project for December, which was collecting food items for the community food baskets for the needy for Christmas.

Paige Sanders reported on the upcoming livestock shows which are: Parish Beef Show, Jan. 14; Parish Market Show and Sale, Jan. 18-Feb. 3; District Livestock Show, Lake Charles, Jan. 30-Feb. 3; and the State Livestock Show, LSU, in February.

Laura Largent reported on the local fourth grade project book workshop she and Micah Silver hosted on Nov. 1. Ten fourth grade 4-H club members attended.

Malorie Shove presented a

report on Cameron Parish 4-H Demonstration Day held at South Cameron High School Dec. 9. Attending and placing from the club were: Marcus Bufford and Kristin Gray, Horticulture Use Demonstration, 1st; Malorie Shove, Horticulture General Demonstration, 1st; and Micah Silver, Horticulture General Demonstration, 2nd.

Micah Silver reported on the Cameron Parish 4-H Junior Leaders upcoming fund raisers during January, which include a Friday night dance at Cameron Elementary on Jan. 12, and a Saturday night dance at the Cameron Multipurpose Building Jan. 13. These dances will be held during the Fur and Wildlife Festival.

A 4-H trivia game was played and the winners were Josie Brown, Micah Silver and Paige Sanders.

The next meeting will be Feb. 9.



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Pavell KC Council holds its December meeting

By **RODNEY GUILBEAUX**

Glenn Trahan and Roger and Ann Ladd, respectively, were chosen Knight of the Month and Family of the Month when the Pavell K. C. Council held its monthly meeting Dec. 19, at Johnson Bayou.

Senior Citizen Bingo will be held Monday, Jan. 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the Johnson Bayou gym. This event, co-sponsored by the KC and Johnson Bayou Rec is free to the public.

The next KC bingo will be held Sun., Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Renewal Center.

Roger Ladd's proposal for an annual fund raiser was met with enthusiasm. Grand Knight Edmond Trahan appointed Roger Ladd, Ray Young, Sonny McGee, Heath Jinks, Glenn Trahan, Barry Badon, Eric Lagneaux and Rodney Guilbeaux to this committee. It will be called Community Family Fun Day and is scheduled for Sat, Aug. 11, at Crain Ranch. Family reunions are being planned to coordinate with this event.

A trail ride (17 mile route) is being worked on for Memorial Day weekend, Sat. May 26.

The CYO is raising money for the Youth Conference in Feb. Council members donated prizes for a raffle. The council donated \$100 to this fund raiser. Raffle tickets are \$1 and can be purchased from CYO and K of C members.

The next meeting will be held Mon., Jan. 15, with a rosary at 6:15 p.m., meal at 6:30 and the meeting at 7 p.m. The host for the meal will be Sonny McCall.

This KC Council selected nominees for Citizen of the Year and Memorial Award for the Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet to be held in Hackberry Mon., Jan. 15.

The annual KC Christmas

basket program for the needy citizens of this area had 15 baskets of food and gifts donated. Roger Ladd donated 12 turkeys. Volunteers were Gerald Touchet, Roger Ladd, Eric Lagneaux, Rodney Guilbeaux, Farrell Blanchard and Edmond Trahan.

The next K of C blood drive will be Mon., Feb. 12, at the Johnson Bayou High School from 2-6 p.m.

Grand Lake 4-Hers win

By **ASHLEY PICOU**

Grand Lake Sr. 4-H Club was represented by five club members at the recent 4-H Contest Day held at Cameron Elementary School. Placings were as follows:

Beef Cookery (low calorie), 1st Keri Cronan; Beef Cookery (Quick and Easy Dish), 2nd Lindsey Pool; Egg Cookery (salads and appetizers), 3rd Mandi Richard.

Poultry Cookery (chicken), 2nd Keri Cronan; Processed Poultry, 1st Keri Cronan; Seafood Cookery (oyster), 1st Keri Cronan.

Seafood Cookery (fish and other) 3rd Keri Cronan; Illustrated Talk (beef), 1st Keri Cronan; Handicrafts (beading), 1st Mandi Richard; Drawing (any other), 1st Mandi Richard.

Holiday Decorations (wreaths), 1st Ashley Picou; Holiday Decorations (ornaments), 1st Ashley Picou; Painting, 1st Brett Wick.

Wood Crafts (any other), 3rd Lindsey Pool; Personal Development, 2nd Keri Cronan; Personal Development, HM Ashley Picou.

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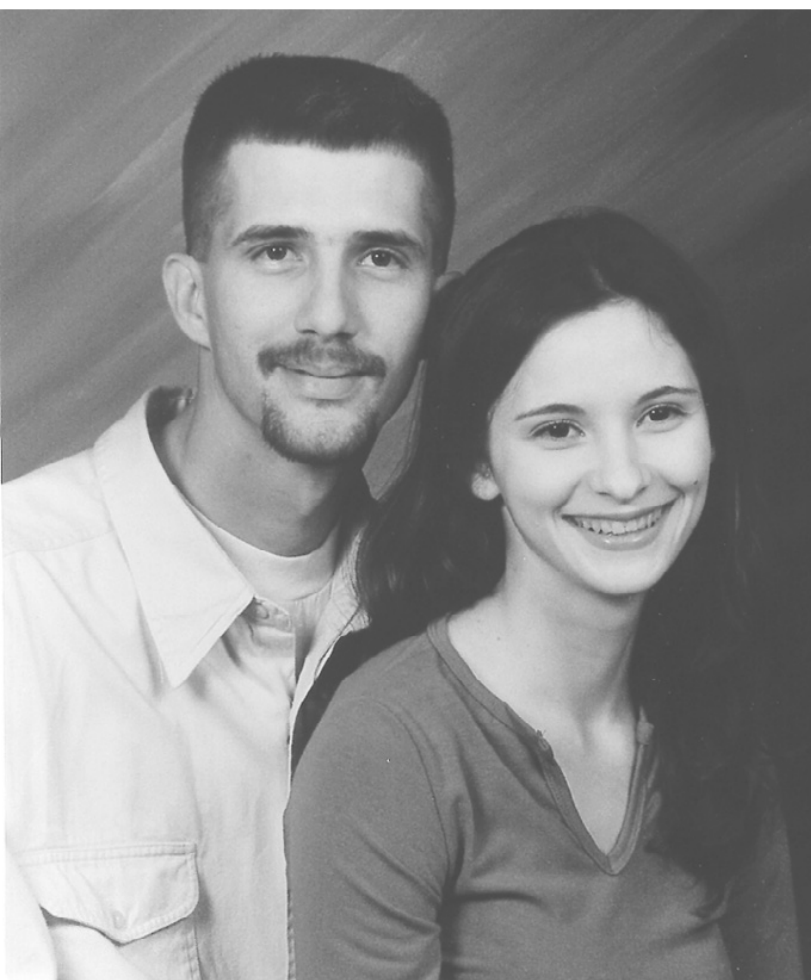
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MR. AND MRS. Keith (Anita) Miquez and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Trahan of Johnson Bayou announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Pamela Trahan to Carl Trahan, son of Juanita Trahan and Curtis Trahan of Johnson Bayou. The wedding is set for Saturday, April 21 at the Baptist Church in Johnson Bayou at 6 p.m. A reception will follow at the Johnson Bayou Community Center. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Benton-Istre vows are said in Lafayette on Dec. 30th

Douglas William Benton and Jennifer Lynette Istre were married Sat., Dec. 30, in Oakbourne City Club of Lafayette. Officiant of the double ring ceremony was Justice of the Peace Kermit Guidry.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Jean) Istre of Sulphur and parents of the groom are Stephen Benton of St. Louis, Mo., and Gayle Benton of Lafayette.

Maid of honor was Michelle McInnis, and bridesmaids were Dyan O'Halloran, Shahana Le-Dee, Brandy Istre and Tena Melancon. Flower girl was Maddy Kenny and ring bearer was Riley Kenny. Miniature and junior groomsmen were Eric and Richard Benton.

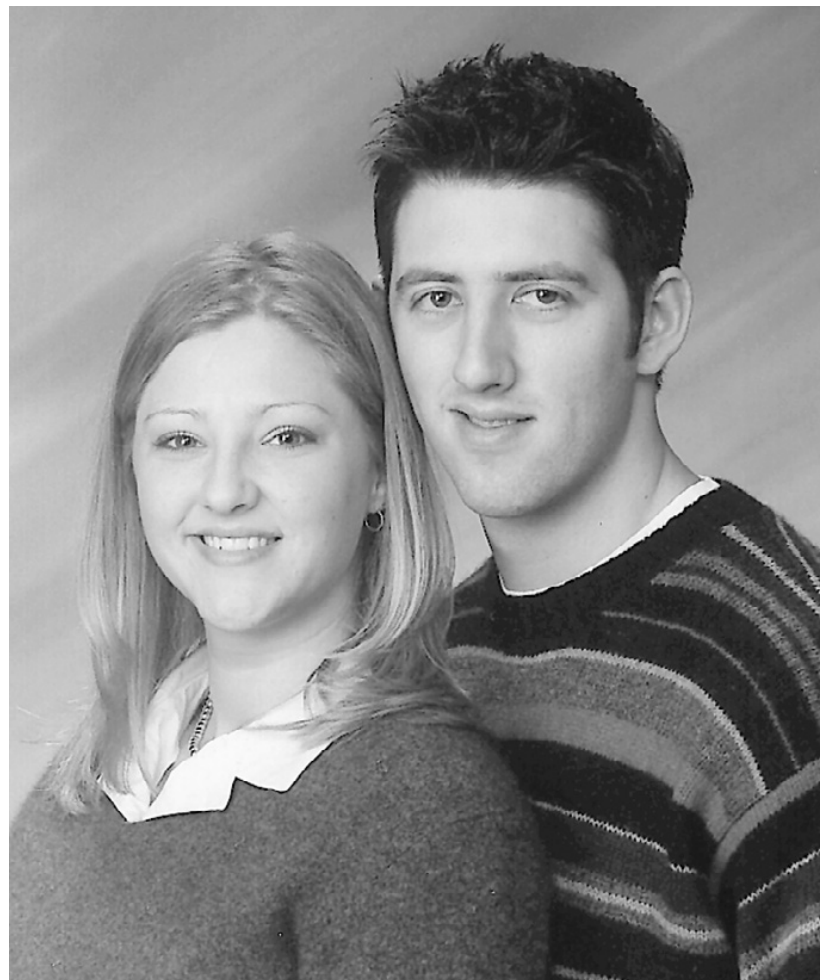
Best man was Scott Benton,

and groomsmen were John LeBleu, Mike Henry, Blase Melancon and Rusty Istre. Ushers were Cole Melancon and Rusty Istre.

The bride, a graduate of Sulphur High School and McNeese State University, is an employee of Gachassin Law Firm, and the groom, a graduate of St. Thomas More High School and the University of Louisiana, is an employee of Data Logic Services.

Following a honeymoon to Florida, the newlyweds will be at home in Lafayette.

Attending the wedding from Hackberry were an aunt, Mary McInnis and the bride's grandmothers, Grace Welch, and Lorena Istre of Carlyss.



VICKI LOHNES of New Castle, Ohio, announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Opal Leah Lohnes, to Brandon Heath Core, son of Frank and Leatha Core of Hackberry. The wedding is set for Saturday, Jan. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Sulphur. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Library News

CAJUN CHRISTMAS TOLD

The Cameron Parish Library held a Cajun Christmas Tues., Dec. 19. The library was decorated for the Christmas holidays. The "Cajun Night Before Christmas" and the "Cajun Night After Christmas" were read. The Cajun Santa Claus handed out toys to the children. Employees handed out candy and fruit, took free digital pictures of the children sitting on Santa's lap, and handed out paper crafts. The event had over 80 people in attendance.

Pictures of the children sitting on Santa's lap may be picked up at the Library from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The pictures are free.

INVESTMENT CLASSES

Gary Bailey, investment representative, held a six-week investment workshop course for investors at the Cameron Parish Library in November and December. Bailey will offer more classes in the spring. For more information call 775-5421.

NEW NOVELS

My Summer With Julia, Sarah Woodhouse; Going Home, Richard S. Wheeler; Mulch Ado About Nothing, Jill Churchill; Zelda's Cut, Philippa Gregory. Prey To All, Natasha Cooper; To Cut A Long Story Short, Jeffrey Archer; The Superintendent's Daughter, Marjorie Eccles; The Accidental Pope, Raymond Flynn; Tom Clancy's Power Plays. Bio-Strike, Jerome Preisler.

NEW MEMORIAL BOOKS

New memorial books in the Cameron Parish Library are list-

School lunch menus told

Parish school lunch menus are as follows:

Mon., Jan. 8 - pizza on a bun, fresh vegetable cup, corn on cob, apple crisp, hamburger bun.

Tues., Jan. 9 - country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green bean, brown gravy, peanut butter spread, wheat roll.

Wed., Jan. 10 - stromboli, Tater Tots, baked beans, pickle wedges, chilled peach slices, catsup.

Thurs., Jan. 11 - baked chicken, sweet peas, mixed fruit cup, chicken gravy, rice, biscuits.

Milk is served with each meal.

ed as follows, with names of the ones in memory and donors, respectively:

Custom Bikes, Rev. Charles Fontenot by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.

The Baby Bible Storybook, Daniel Nunez by Barbara Lou LeBlanc and family.

104 Questions Children Ask About Heaven and Angels, Loretta "Sis" Nunez by Barbara Lou LeBlanc and family.

Small Scale Livestock Farming, Wade Dupont by Barbara Lou LeBlanc.

Shy Boy, In Honor of Charles F. Hebert by Barbara Lou LeBlanc and family.

Prayers That Avail Much, Monsignor Bernard by Mary Cockrell.

The Century, Kermit Conner by Bonnie Conner.

Lives of the Presidents, Marolyn S. McNeill by Grace Roberts.

Louisiana Stories, Loretta Nunez by Braxton and Norma Blake.

Arco 100 Best Careers In Crime Fighting, Jimmy Lee LaSalle by Braxton and Norma Blake.

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At South Cameron High School - Tarpon Hall

Please Call Vickie Little at 538-2454 For More Info.

Also, a vote to restructure the board to add a representative from the Creole Area.

You can help save our wetlands.

Donate your Christmas tree to the Coastal Restoration Project.

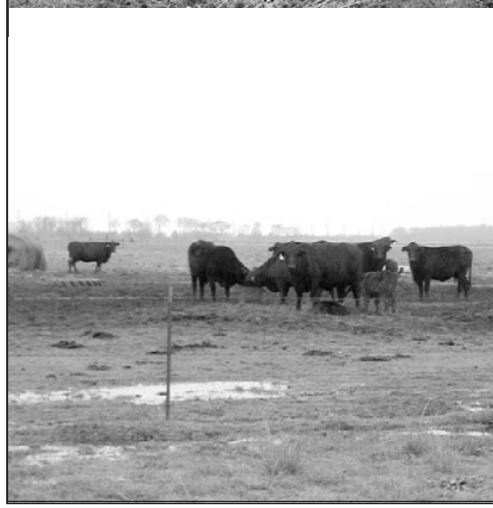
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Joan of Arc

Joan of Arc is a very famous French heroine. Her birthday is celebrated on January 6. She was born into a peasant family in the Middle Ages, during a time when France was fighting a war with England. While Joan was about 13 years old, she began to hear voices that no other person could hear. Today, some people think that the voices that Joan heard were the voices of angels or saints. Other people believe that Joan's voices came from her imagination.

Joan believed that her voices were from Heaven. When the voices told her to lead France in resisting English oppression, she immediately went to see the prince of France (called the dauphin) to ask him for help. The dauphin gave Joan command of some troops, and she managed to liberate the city of Orleans and clear the way for the dauphin to be crowned king.

The English were very afraid of Joan. Her influence with the French was powerful, and they wanted to keep control over their French territories. The English church also thought that Joan's voices might not really be from Heaven. When Joan was captured, a church court spent many months talking to her. Although Joan never doubted that her voices were really from saints, eventually the church court decided that Joan was a witch. Since witches were executed in those days, Joan was burned at the stake.

Today, Joan of Arc has been named as a saint herself, or canonized. She is the subject of much art and literature, both from the Middle Ages and the present day. Many towns and cities in France have monuments celebrating her bravery.

GOLD-WEATHER SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these cold-weather words!

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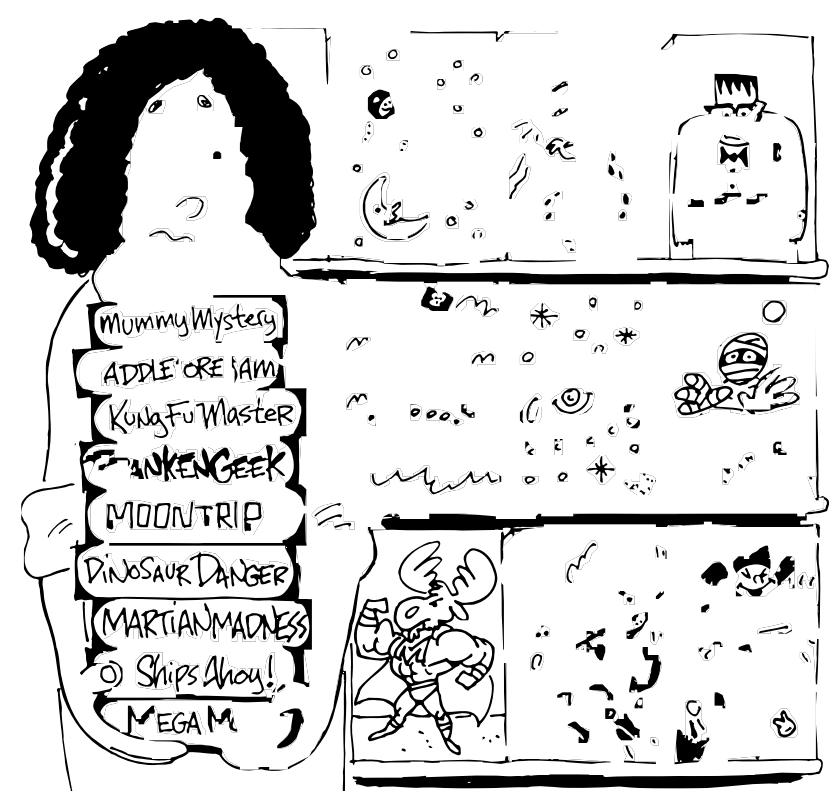
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Video Invasion!

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Which Thing Doesn't Belong?

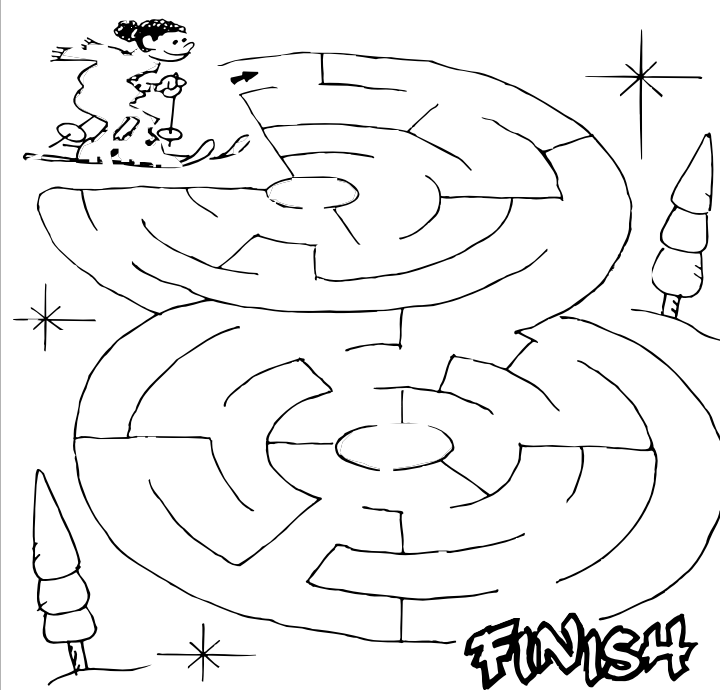
In each row, there is something that doesn't quite fit. Which one is it?



Puzzles are provided by Kidsville Publishing.

A-Maze-Ing

Find your way down the hill—but don't ski into the walls!

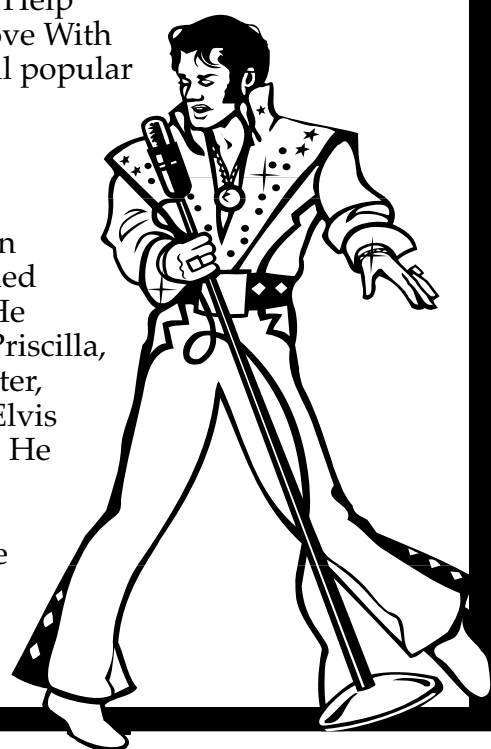


ELVIS PRESLEY: A Rock and Roll Legend

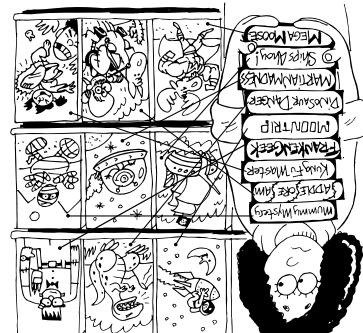
Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on Jan. 8, 1935. He was one of the first rock-and-roll stars, and he had a powerful voice. Although he did not invent rock and roll, many people think he did more to popularize it than any other star.

Elvis' music grew out of blues and country music. Some of his songs, "Heartbreak Hotel," "Don't Be Cruel," "All Shook Up" and "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You," are still popular today.

Elvis lived in Memphis, Tennessee, on an estate called Graceland. He had a wife, Priscilla, and a daughter, Lisa Marie. Elvis died in 1977. He is buried in Graceland. Many people still visit his grave today.



Which Thing Doesn't Belong?



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Fireplace, Hot Chocolate, Sledding, Snowflakes, Gloves.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

BY KEITH HAMBRICK

Cameron's vast orange groves

(Cameron Pilot, March 29, 1957) ORANGE GROVES ONCE FLOURISHED

Did you know that once a vast orange grove grew throughout lower Cameron Parish, and it was thought at the time that oranges would always be a large part of the parish's economy. The Cameron oranges of the late 1800's were considered to be some of the finest grown in the south.

Yet today, a half century later, there are no large orange groves in the parish; no commercial production of oranges; and only a few scattered orange citrus trees.

What happened to the oranges? From what we can learn, one or more hard freezes years ago killed all of the trees to the ground, and after that time, few growers ever replanted, although another killing freeze might not have come along for another 50 years.

FARM BUREAU DIRECTORS

New directors of the Cameron Parish Farm Bureau were elected at the first annual meeting of the bureau held last Thursday night at the KC hall in Creole.

The directors and the communities they will represent are: Joe Sanner, Hackberry; Wakefield and Francis Erbelding, Johnson Bayou; Conway LeBleu and J. Berton Daigle, Cameron; A. P. Welch and James R. Savoie, Creole; Severin Miller, D. Y. Doland and Harris Crain, Grand Chenier.

THIS WEEK
(By Jerry Wise)

Ray Burleigh is looking for some squirrels. Not to eat, but to turn loose in the trees around the courthouse. He already has a pair which he plans to turn loose soon and he wants some more.

The recent heavy rains have occasioned some complaints from Cameron folks about the poor mudholes and poor drainage on Cameron main street. Many think it would be a very simple matter for the highway department to clean out the ditches and drains. Brown Watts says he now has a turtle pond out in front of

his theatre.

(Cameron Pilot, March 31, 1966) TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR GULF

A telephone system connecting the some 1900 oil well drilling platforms in the Gulf of Mexico will go into operation probably next fall, a representative of the Gulf Coast Telephone Co. told the Cameron Police Jury recently.

W. G. Kendall, vice president of the New Orleans firm, said the initial construction cost of the system would be \$5 million.

He said the system will be tied into the shore at four points: Cameron, Morgan City, Grand Isle and Buras. To serve this area, a cable will be brought in from the Creole field to Rutherford Beach. A microwave tower will be built there and also one at Cameron across from the Cameron Telephone Co. tower.

The system will be tied into the Cameron Telephone System and would permit subscribers on this system to call offshore platforms.

Kendall said 15 to 20 persons will be hired initially in the Cameron area as operators and service personnel.

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Improvement of its beaches, already probably the best in Louisiana, will be one of the main projects of the Cameron Parish Development Association for the coming year, according to E. J. Dronet, president of the group.

At a meeting of board members last week, it was agreed that an inquiry be made about the possibility of getting federal money to improve Rutherford Beach. The new beach opened up to the public several years when a road was completed to it by the Cameron Police Jury. Dronet said it is believed that such money is available through the outdoors recreation program.

The group also agreed to ask the Louisiana Parks and Recreation Commission to include in its overall plan for outdoor recreation in Louisiana, improvements for Rutherford

Beach and the east jetties at Cameron.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS LISTED

The Cameron Parish Development Association is preparing a tourist brochure for the parish. Hadley Fontenot, association secretary, said a tentative list of attractions to be featured has been assembled. Attractions listed so far include: Ward 1 - Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge; Ward 2- Cattle grazing in the marsh ranges, Crain Bros. marsh buggy fabrication shop and Mementau River Park at Grand Chenier; Ward 3 - Rutherford Beach, jetties at the end of the ship channel at Cameron; Cameron waterfront where large number of shrimp boats can be viewed, "Our Lady of the Sea" religious shrine, menhaden factories; Ward 4 - Holly Beach, Gulf of Mexico - miles of open beaches, sea shells and driftwood; Ward 5 - Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, wild ducks and geese during winter; Ward 6 - rice fields, Intracoastal Waterway, citrus orchards, Calcasieu Lake.

STATE WRESTLING WINNERS

Four South Cameron wrestlers won places at the state high school wrestling tournament in New Orleans last weekend. They are: Keith Hebert, 1st, 120 lb. class; Marvin Duddleston, 2nd, 138 lbs.; Charles Theriot, 2nd, 133 lbs., and Pat Pinch, 2nd, 165 lbs.

LITTLE LEAGUE PROGRAM CONSIDERED

Every facet of Little League Baseball was discussed by Jack Bass, State Director of Little League Baseball, at the organizational meeting for the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Baseball Program at Fred's Restaurant in Cameron Monday night. Presiding over the meeting was Robert Manuel, chairman of the Cameron Parish Recreation Board and coordinator of the Sheriff's Baseball Program throughout the parish.

Leroy Courville, State Consultant for Little League Baseball, told the group that if Cameron parish should obtain a Little League charter, he would be willing to conduct a "Rules Clinic" to educate participants.

Persons attending the meeting in addition to those mentioned, were: Recreation Board members, Jules Vincent, Creole; Sonny McCall, Grand Chenier; Joe Sonnier, Johnson Bayou; Diel LaLande, Cameron; Larry Wilson, Hackberry; coaches, Benny Welch, Creole; Leland Spurgeon, Johnson bayou; Robert Doxey, Cameron; Leo Vincent, Hackberry; also Sheriff Claude Eagleson and Billy LeGare.

BIG TURNIP

Elias Saltzman of Carlyss displays the handful of turnip given him by Bryant Bartie of Rt. 1, Creole. The vegetable weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs.

THIS WEEK
(By Jerry Wise)

A familiar face of a hackberry boy can be seen on posters all over the state these days. It is that of Kenny Drost, former Hackberry High School basketball star, who is now one of the mainstays on the LSU cage team. One of the LSU posters showing Kenny and 12 other members of the team can be seen in Riggs Grocery Store window in Hackberry.

The increase in the deposit on cold drink bottles from 2 cents to 3 cents may have one beneficial effect -- it'll encourage people not to throw them away and other people to pick them up. We saw a couple of women going down the highway Thursday picking the bottles up by the sackful. Now if they can do something about the beer bottles and cans.

A very proud youngster around Sweet Lake these days is Kenneth Duhon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Duhon, whose picture appeared in the recent article on Cameron Parish in the National Geographic magazine. The picture showed Kenneth with the first place trophy which he won in 1963 in the junior duck calling contest at the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival. He also won the

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Must have a title on front of poster.
Must pertain to the rice industry.
Your name or any proper names must not be visible to judges. (Example: Names of boats, building, companies, people, etc.).

Reminder: Posters must be done by students, not parents. (We do take into consideration some help is needed for younger

contest in 1965 and 1966. Kenneth is also an active member of the Grand Lake Senior 4-H Club.

Bad Luck Trophy of the year to Larry Terrell Boudoin, 1-1/2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Boudoin of Cameron, who was in the hospital last week with chicken pox, measles and pneumonia -- all at the same time. His grandmother, Velda Roux, reports that it didn't seem to faze little Larry - they could hardly keep him in bed and he is fine now.

children.)
All posters must be turned in to your principal's office no later Jan. 10. Posters will be judged on originality and content.
Categories are: Grades K-1, 2-4, 5-7, 8-12 and Special Education.
If you have any questions, please contact Cyndi Fawvor at 498-4758, anytime.

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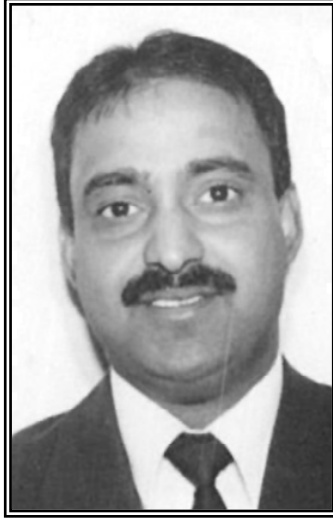
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| All Flavors..... | 14 Oz. \$1.79 |
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Jennifer Bourgeois, medical assistant;
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Linda Chevallier, Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Anand Roy is a specialist in internal medicine and pediatrics. Internist treat a broad range of illnesses in various specialties. Dr. Roy can be seen at the South Cameron Rural Health Clinic in Cameron every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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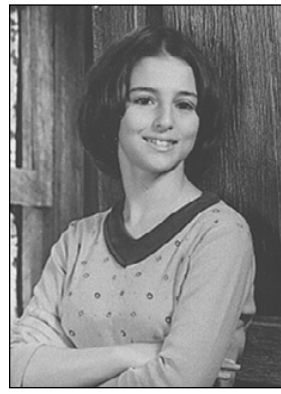
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Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

WELCOME 2001

Looking back at 2000, we saw a lot of changes in the outdoors in Cameron Parish and the state.

First of all, there was the Y2K scare when many of us had enough food, bottled water and kerosene stored away to last for years. We even had a lot of extra gasoline and outboard oil put back for our boats. Well, somebody was wrong—and thank goodness for that.

The year 2000 saw the last split of duck season better, but the first split of December bad. The drought limited our hunting and fishing, as most mud boat trails were dry as were many ponds, however, where there was water, if not salty, you would catch fish and find ducks.

The Lacassine Refuge impoundment was closed to boat traffic but fishing along the banks produced large fish. I would say the Creole Canal along the Gibbstown Road produced as many and big fish as the marsh did.

The saltwater intrusion caused lots of damage to our marshes, both for fishing and hunting. No cover for bass, too salty for them to live in and no feed for ducks as the vegetation died.

Sabine Refuge as well as the Big Burn had their tolls as low water affected these areas as it did Lacassine Refuge and many fish died.

Calcasieu and Big Lake had a high saltwater count, however, big speckle trout and red fish were caught, and gulf fish such as jack crevilles, triple tails, spade fish and other gulf fishes, were caught in this area, all the way to the 210 bridge.

We were fortunate again in 2000, no hurricanes, and then in the latter part of the year, the rains came, put water into our marshes, cold weather came, something we hadn't seen in two or three years. This seems like the good old days.

Deer season in the first part was great in many areas, as the drought let these animals travel anywhere they wanted, and if there was fresh water, we'd see sometimes 12 deer around on stands. We put water out in tubs, it was better than the feeder.

The last big thing was the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, along with the state legislature raising the prices of hunting licenses for both residents and non-residents.

close Jan. 7, woodcock the 31st, rail and gallinules the 4th, and duck-coot, Jan. 21, and Canada geese Jan. 24.

Remember, after these seasons close, we still have rabbit, squirrel, quail, and snipe season which will close in February. Blue, snow and ross geese as well as speckle belly season goes on through Feb. 9, in our western zone. The special blue-snow-ross goose season is Feb. 10 through March 11, in the west zone.

2000 and 2001 have seen the robo duck, and other named battery operated mechanical ducks take over our decoy spread and guess what, they work. I'm looking to see what our officials come up with this year, trying to ban these types of decoys. I know one thing, lots of money has been spent to buy these ducks, as prices range from over \$100 to \$200 and the ones with real type wings, \$300. We'll see!

SUNRISE-SUNSET
Fri., Jan. 5, 7:10 a.m., 5:26 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 6 - 7:10 a.m., 5:27 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 7, 7:10 a.m., 5:28 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 8, 7:10 a.m., 5:29 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 9, 7:10 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 10, 7:10 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 11, 7:10 a.m., 5:31 p.m.

As you can see our days are getting longer by a minute each evening. Beginning Jan. 18, we'll start to also gain a minute each morning. This means spring is not too far away.

Duck hunters, beginning next week, our feeding times are mostly in the noon to afternoon hours. I've tried this, not hunting some mornings, and hunt the afternoon during feeding times and you'll see more birds moving. Hunters will say I did good, got my limit for two days, and then didn't kill but two or didn't fire a shot. Try the afternoon hunts. I'll give feeding times next week.

Basketball

BOYS
Grand Lake 60, Reeves, 46
- No stats were available for Grand Lake.

GIRLS
Reeves 56, Grand Lake 24
- Cheri Babineaux scored 7 points for Grand Lake.



S. Cameron Elem. tells its winners

South Cameron Elementary 4-H members who were winners at the Cameron Parish Contest Day held Nov. 18, at Cameron Elementary were:

Elementary Division
Ross Theriot, 1st beef cookery, one dish meal; 3rd, beef quick and easy. Jade Miller, 3rd beef cookery, one dish meal; 2nd egg cookery, dessert; 2nd fish and other; 1st personal development; 1st public speaking any other subject; 2nd bird house; 1st fabric decoration any other; 1st holiday decoration and 1st leather craft.

Kimily Bourriaque, 2nd beef cooker, quick and easy dish; 1st egg cookery, dessert (overall winner); 1st poultry cookery, processed poultry (overall winner); HM sweatshirt decorating; HM program cover contest; 3rd, hair accessories; 1st holiday decorations ornaments; and 1st paper making.

Cody Jouett, 1st poultry cookery, chicken; HM seafood cookery, shrimp; HM sweatshirt decorating; 1st beading; HM mosaics; HM wood crafts. Justin Trahan, 2nd, seafood cookery, shrimp; HM sweatshirt decorating; 1st bird houses; 2nd decoupage; HM mosaics.

Blake Payne, 3rd seafood cookery, shrimp; seafood cookery, fish and other (overall winner); 1st paintings. Amanda Wicke, 1st and 2nd sewing with cotton, crafts; 1st sew with cotton, shorts. Kathryn Reina, 1st ceramics cast glazed; 1st mosaics; 3rd crafts any other. Jordan Rutherford, 2nd holiday decoration wreaths; 1st wood crafts. Keaton Boudreaux, 2nd wood craft; 2nd paintings; 2nd mosaics; HM program cover.

JUNIOR DIVISION
Ashley Thibodeaux, 1st seafood cookery, crawfish; 1st basketry; 1st hair accessories; 1st jewelry. Justin Payne, 3rd seafood, crawfish; 2nd seafood, oyster; 1st clay models. Katherine Wicke, 1st personal development; 3rd sew with cotton, sleep wear; 2nd sewing crafts; 1st shorts.

Sarah Boudreaux, 1st basketry; 1st paintings on functional objects; 1st crafts any other; Katelyn Reina, 3rd mosaics; HM crafts any other; 1st ceramics cast glazed. Dylan Jouett, HM clay models; 2nd mosaics; 1st wood crafts woodburning. Blake Bonsall, 2nd wood crafts woodburning; 2nd holiday decorations ornaments; HM drawings pencil. Chance Richard, 3rd any other craft.

Katelyn Reina,
Reporter

La. Fur & Wildlife Festival 2001
Teen Miss
Contestants



Jodi Dyson



Shayla LaBove



Heather Nunez
(Cassandra Trahan is also a Teen Miss contestant)



Hope Savoie



Jay Giblin is graduate

James Patrick "Jay" Giblin, son of Pat and Cherie Giblin of Baton rouge, graduated from Northwestern State university in Natchitoches recently, with a degree in Industrial Technology. He is the grandson of Geneva Griffith of Oak Grove and P. W. Giblin of Baton Rouge.

Two other generations of his family preceded him in attending Northwestern. His great-grandmother, Dora Welch Griffith, attended in 1913, when the school was named Louisiana Normal and taught school in Johnson Bayou upon graduation.

His great-great-grandfather, Amedy Pujon Welch, graduated in Civil Engineering in the late 1800s.

Also, his twin, Janay Giblin, graduated last year and is now employed by the university.

January is National Blood Donor Month

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Hackberry 4-H meets

Carly Fountain, Garrett Guidry, Trace Buford, Caleb Hicks, Lance Pearson, Judd Addison, Annie Alexander, and Shawn Eubanks presented a program on hunter etiquette to the Hackberry 4-H Club.

Sarah white reported on the Santa's Secret Shop fund raiser. Shelby Sanner gave a report on contest day results, and Kelsey Helmer gave a project report on goats. Taylor Simon gave a report on demonstration day.

Winners for demonstration day were: Kayla Backlund and Carly Fountain, 1st junior horticulture use; Lori Beth Shove and Kelsey Helmer, 2nd home economics elementary; Taylor Simon and Natasha Hicks, 2nd home economics junior.

The group made plans for the community service projects for the future. They are: Christmas cards to the elderly, Christmas gifts to needy children, hot chocolate to teachers.

Member are reminded to bring hot chocolate mix for the faculty in January.

Darra East,
Reporter

2001 fishing regs now available

The 2001 Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Recreational Fishing Regulations is now available at the LDWF library, 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge and at all LDWF regional offices throughout the state.

The 47-page booklet is free to the public and contains useful information for recreational anglers such as fishing tips, general fishing regulations, regulations for recreational shrimping, crabbing and oystering and licensing information.

Anglers are cautioned to contact the nearest LDWF regional office for Wildlife Management Area regulations, since they may differ from statewide rules. In addition, fishers should consult the LDWF website for updated information and the latest regulation changes 24 hours a day at: (www.wlf.state.la.us).

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