

Marylyn Alexis LeJeune  
Miss Cameron Parish

## Miss Cameron plans a teaching career

Marylyn Alexis LeJeune, 20, was crowned as the new Miss Cameron Parish at the Friday, Jan. 11 program of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival in Cameron.

The 20-year-old is the daughter of Wilson and Charlyn LeJeune of Grand Lake and a graduate of Grand Lake High School where she was the recipient of the Honesty and Integrity Award and was Co-Valedictorian of her 1999 graduation class.

Miss LeJeune is currently a senior at McNeese State University where she is on the

Dean's List and was the recipient of the Juliet Hardtner Endowment for Women in Science and Technology.

She enjoys watching the McNeese State Cowboy football games, spending time with friends, and four-wheeler riding. Her interests include shopping for antiques and watching the /discovery Channel. After graduating from McNeese in the fall with a degree in Biological Sciences, she plans to pursue a Masters Degree in Education and later she plans to teach high school biology and chemistry.

## Both taxes pass here

A parishwide mosquito control tax and an Ambulance District 2 tax both were overwhelmingly approved in elections held Saturday in Cameron Parish.

A 10-mill parishwide property tax was approved 909-113 to continue the operations of the parish mosquito control program.

The vote increased the millage from 5 mills, which had been in effect for many years, to

10 mills. The increase was needed for increased cost of operation.

In Ambulance District 2, which serves western and northern Cameron Parish, a 14-mill tax was passed to provide ambulance service to the Grand Lake, Holly Beach, Johnson Bayou and Hackberry areas.

The tax will replace the current 9.7 mill tax and will provide more money to upgrade service, equipment and salaries.

## Ramblers to be honored

The famed Hackberry Ramblers, one of the oldest continuous bands in the country, will be featured during April as part of McNeese State University's Banners Series.

On Friday night, April 12 beginning at 7:30 p.m. they will perform at the Parra Ballroom. There will be a dance floor also. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for students with MSU students

admitted free.

On Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the same location the premier of a documentary film on the Ramblers will be held. Admission will be free.

Formed in Hackberry in 1933, the band has been playing French and country music for 69 years. In 1998 they were nominated for a Grammy Award.



The Hackberry Ramblers

## Automation set Feb. 1 at Library

The Cameron Parish Library's new automated system will go into operation on Feb. 1 putting the library's card catalog on the computer and allowing patrons to check on books and library material via the internet, according to Charlotte Trosclair, parish library director.

Patrons will be required to have a Cameron Parish Library card in order to checkout library materials. The card will be needed to check materials out at the library.

A library card can be obtained by filling out an application form at the Cameron Library or on the bookmobile.

The automated system will allow patrons the ease of checking out the library's catalog by assessing the library's web page at [www.cameron.lib.la.us](http://www.cameron.lib.la.us). For example you may want to see what is available on plants, you would type in plants in the search blank, press enter and everything available at the Cameron Library on plants would be shown.

The system also will automatically assess and calculate fines for overdue items. Fines charged by the system will be .05 cents a day for books, audios, and magazines. Over dues for videos will be fined .25 cents a day and over dues for DVD's will be fined .50 cents a day.

It will be the patron's responsibility to return items on time otherwise the system will post the fines against their checkout privileges.

## Electricity classes to be offered

An 8-week electricity class will be offered by the Cameron Parish Library April 4 - May 23. Classes will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

The cost is \$199 which includes textbook. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 775-5421 or 475-5130.

The classes will cover these areas:

Electrical Safety, Electrical Theory, Electrical Test Equipment, National Electrical Code, Conductors, Wiring: Commercial and Industrial, and Wiring: Residential.

## Personnel

The Cameron Parish School Board approved the following personnel matters at its monthly meeting Monday:

Resignation: Carla Brown - food service technician, Johnson Bayou High School.

Advertisement to hire: teacher's aide, Johnson Bayou High School. Food service technician (6 hr.), Johnson Bayou High School.

Leave Granted: Julie Trahan, teacher, Hackberry High School, maternity leave Jan. 14 - Mar. 22.

Hired: Christine Witherwax, 1st grade teacher, Johnson Bayou High School.



LENA GUIDRY, center, was named Cameron Parish Citizen of the Year at the Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night in Hackberry. Norris East, left, and Carl Broussard, right, also were nominees.

## Guidry, Turnbull are honored by Chamber

By JERRY WISE

Mrs. Lena Guidry of Grand Lake/Sweet Lake and the late Bill Turnbull of Cameron were both honored at the 14th annual Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce banquet held Monday night at the Hackberry Community Center.

Mrs. Guidry was the recipient of the 39th annual Citizen of the Year award. Other nominees were Norris East of Hackberry and Carl Broussard of Grand Chenier.

Bill Turnbull was posthumously awarded the 12th annual memorial award. His wife, Janie, accepted the award on his behalf.

Also nominated for the award was Donnell Trahan of Johnson Bayou and Albert Guidry of Sweet Lake.

John Bridges, KPLC-TV

newsman, was the banquet's guest speaker. He spoke of the scenic attractions in Cameron Parish and Southwest Louisiana and urged listeners to take day trips to view the area's wonders. "People need to get to know what is in their own backyards," he said.

Michelle Guidry was installed for a second term as Chamber president. Other officers installed were Carl Broussard, vice-president; Tina Horn, secretary-treasurer; and Greg Wicke, past president.

Carl Broussard was master of ceremonies and the Rev. Wallace Primeaux gave the invocation ad benediction.

Dennis Arnold led the pledge and Tina Horn introduced public officials.

Cindy McGee, who presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Mrs. Guidry, told about her contributions over the years through the Altar Society, Action Alliance, Council on Aging and

Homemakers Club.

"She brings communion to the sick and shut ins each week and spends many hours visiting the sick," she stated.

Mrs. Guidry was nominated by the Cameron Council on Aging. Mr. East was nominated by the Cameron Preservation Society and Carl Broussard by the Cameron Lions Club.

In presenting the Memorial Award to Mrs. Turnbull on behalf of her late husband, Charlotte Trosclair told about Mr. Turnbull's contributions through the Lions Club, Tourist Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Council on Aging, and other organizations.

She noted that he was an accomplished nature photographer and was a leader in getting the Cameron jetty pier constructed.

A number of donated gift items were auctioned with the funds going to the support of the Chamber.

## Program on anger to be given

The Cameron Parish Library and the Family and Youth Counseling Agency will present a program entitled "Understanding Anger" at the Cameron Parish Library at 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28. You may reserve a seat by calling the Cameron Parish Library at 775-5421.

Attending this presentation will give you an increased understanding of one of the most misunderstood emotions, anger. Topics that will be covered include: What is anger, Origins of Anger, Reasons People Stay Angry, and Working with Angry People.

Whether your anger issues are your own or include your children, partners, and others, this presentation will enable you to have a different outlook on that most difficult emotion.

Bill Williams, MA, and Licensed Professional Counselor, will give the presentation. He has been with the Family and Youth Counseling Agency since 1997.

This program is funded in part by grants from the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund, Office of Addictive Disorders, Children's Miracle Network, The Powell Group, National Children's Alliance, and Success by Six. There is no cost for the class.

## School finances are in "great shape"

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

Cameron Parish School Board finances are in "great shape" auditor Fred Matte of the firm of Little and Banks told board members at their monthly meeting Monday.

The board received the highest rating that the auditors could give, members were told.

In other business the board approved calling a special meeting for Feb. 18 to take final action on a reapportionment plan for school board member districts. The board has until March 1 to appoint a reapportionment resolution.

Grand Chenier resident Teddy Broussard urged the board to consider a 7-member plan for the board to replace the present six members. He said an additional member would give the parish better representation.

Representatives from the parish schools gave reports the Beta Clubs and how they are involved in their communities. Pat Howerton, Board president, congratulated them on the civic work.

The Board accepted a bid of \$24,000 for a mineral lease on

school section 16-12-5 containing 640 acres, as nominated by United World Energy Corp. Location of the lease is in Lacassine Refuge. The Board also accepted the low bid on furniture and equipment for Hackberry High School of \$32,938.23.

The Board granted permission for the Special Education Supervisor and four principals to attend the Legal Issues Conference in Tampa Bay, Fla. in May, 2002 at no cost to the board. Two of the board members voted against the trip, due to the absence from school for so many days.

The Board also declared the week of Feb. 11-15, 2002 as Attendance Awareness Week. They also showed their concern for children entering the pre-kindergarten class and being taken out to go on trips, etc. The Board agreed to take them off the rolls and replace them with those on a waiting list upon the absence of so many days.

Tony Johnson, school board member from District 5, in Creole announced to the Board that he will not seek re-election to the board. The Board election will be October 31, 2002.



MRS. JANIE TURNBULL accepted the Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce Memorial Award for her late husband, Bill Turnbull, at the Chamber's annual banquet Monday. Pictured from left are: Mrs. Cindy McGee, sister of nominee Donnell Trahan; Charlotte Trosclair, who made the presentation; Mrs. Turnbull; and Mrs. Lena Guidry, widow of nominee Albert Guidry.

# Funerals

## CORNELIA BROUSSARD

Funeral services for Cornelia Broussard, 87, of Cameron will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 in Bargeman Memorial Church of God in Christ in Cameron. Rev. Charles E. Porter will officiate and burial will be in Bargeman Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Broussard died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002 in a Lake Charles care center.

She was a lifelong resident of Cameron and a member of the Bargeman church. She is survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. at the church on Friday.

## MRS. THORA N. TURPIN

Funeral services for Thora Nixon Turpin, 81, of Sulphur were held Jan. 22, in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Hal Hutchinson officiated. Burial was in Royer Cemetery under the direction of Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Turpin died at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, in her residence.

She was a lifelong resident of Sulphur. She was a 1938 graduate of Sulphur High School and was class valedictorian. She was a former employee of Borden's Ice Cream Shop in Lake Charles and Montgomery Wards. She retired from the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office in 1983 as a deputy and dispatcher after 10 years. She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star Love Chapter and the Ladies of the Sahara. She was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her husband, Roy B. Turpin; one stepson, Ross Turpin of Sulphur; two stepdaughters, Doris Duhon, Cameron and Jan Jamison, Sulphur; seven step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

# South Cameron High School honor roll is announced

The South Cameron High School honor roll for the third six weeks is as follows:

Eighth grade: Melaina Welch; Barton Vidrine; Meagan Trahan; Lauren Theriot; \*Paul Nguyen; Christian McCall; \*Mercedes Lassien; Kayla Hay; D'Nae Desonier; Theresa Baccigalopi.

Ninth grade: Nick Aplin; Jodi Billings; \*Kandall Broussard; \*Dane Dupont; Jessica Frerks; Matt Miller; \*Gambrelle Primeaux; Matt Richard; Jonathan Rutherford; \*Kayla Rutherford; \*Cana Trahan; Glenn Trahan; Wes Treme; Ashley Wells.

Tenth grade: \*Brett Baccigalopi; Mika Benoit; \*Michael Bercier; Courtney Conner; Santana Conner; \*Lacey Deroche; Beau Duhon; \*Raphael Heard; Chase Horn; Jacob Johnson; \*Lyndi LeBoeuf; \*Joby Richard; \*Serena Richard; \*Nicole Roux; Tyler Theriot; \*Cassandra Trahan; Danielle Trahan; Joseph Treme; John P. Troclair.

Eleventh grade: Lynsi Conner; Ashley Kelley; Parry D. LaLande; Keith McKoin; Brittany Mudd; Jessica Murphy;

\*Bethany Nunez; \*Chelsi Styron; Lindsay Willis.

Twelfth grade: Derrick Waguespack; \*Samantha Trahan; \*Gregoire Theriot; \*Matthew Sanders; Kerrie Richard; Garry Primeaux; \*Lynn Nguyen; Dawn Menard; \*Katie McKoin; \*Jodi Landry; Krystal King; Brendan Iler; Neil Higgins; Adam Doxey; Michael Domangue; Tess Dimas; Chris Dimas; Rica Canik; Marcus Boudreaux; Amanda Boudoin; Brett Billings; Allison Bailey; \*Erica Baccigalopi.

# Hackberry Honor Roll

The honor roll for the third six weeks period has been announced as follows: Amanda Abshire, Amanda Atwell, Ashley Austin, Amberlee Baque, Leah Billedaux, Lauren Broussard, Meagan Broussard, Jarin Brown, Josie Brown, Marcus Bufford, Travis Cain, Lindy Delome\*,  
Tobie Devall, A. J. Deville,

# Dinner set for seniors

The Catholic Daughters of Our Lady Star of the Sea will sponsor a dinner for the senior citizens of Cameron Parish at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 24 at the Monsignor Vidrine Educational Building. All Cameron Parish Senior Citizens are invited to attend.

# Johnson B. High School honor lists

Johnson Bayou High School announces the honor students for the third six weeks as follows:

Banner roll, first grade - Kendal Badon, Katie Murphy, Allison Romero.

Honor roll, first grade - Blake Badon, Kaitlin Billiot, Sarah Conner, Cade Cramer, Marcus Fontenot, Zachary Hebert, Dylan Morrison, Dustin Romero, Victoria Smith, Kristopher Trahan.

Banner roll, second grade - Kascidy Badon, Harmony Trahan, Jade Winsea.

Banner roll, third grade - Katelyn Smith.

Honor roll, third grade - Tyler Venable.

Banner roll, fourth grade - Blake Winsea.

Honor roll, fourth grade - Michael Trahan, Kathryn Bourgeois.

Honor roll, sixth grade - Destiny Sonnier.

Honor roll, seventh grade - Shalyn Broussard, Holly Simon.

Banner roll, 8th grade - Laura Trahan, Katie Young.

Banner roll, 10th grade - Ashley Price.

Honor roll, 10th grade - Megan Roberts, Beau Rodrigue, Christopher Welch.

Banner roll, 11th grade - Jana Billiot, Jill Simon, Justin Trahan.

Honor roll, 11th grade - John Snyder.

Banner roll, 12th grade - Amber Romero.

Honor roll, 12th grade - Misty Badon, Ashley Erbeling.

Colleen Doucette, Jason Ducote, Natasha Ducote, Thomas Ducote, Erica Duhon, Jessica East, Lindsey East\*, Nicole Fenezt, Clinton Granger, Jenna Granger\*, Garrett Guidry, Lynn Guillory, Angelica Hebert, Dustin Hebert, Nathan Hebert, Kelsey Helmer, Miranda Hicks, Natasha Hicks, Sean Hicks\*, Lauren Johnson\*, Meagan Johnson\*.

LeeAnn Johnson, Dustin Kelly, Chelsie LaBove, Devan LaBove\*, Haley LaBove\*, Hillary LaBove, Lindsay LaBove\*, Leah LaFleur\*, Holley Landry\*, Jessica Landry, Victoria Leger, Kylie Leonards, Matthew Little\*, Mandy Michalko\*, Marcie Michalko\*, Jeffrey Moore, Kevin Orgeron, Derek Pearson, Ami Picou, Jacob Poole\*.

Kimberly Portie, Waylon Raymond, Jailyn Reed, Bethany Richard, Colton Sanner, Lesley Sanner\*, Shelby Sanner, Lori Shove, Micah Silver\*, Alexis Simon, Lori Spicer, Megan Spicer, Kayla Vincent, Curtis Welch, Dillan Welch, Keith Welch and Amanda White.  
\*Denotes all A's.



PICTURED AT a demonstration on infant care at Hackberry High School were, from left, Lori LeDoux and 13-month-old Nathan Reeves, Amanda Abshire, Jessica Dyson, Jodi Reeves and 3-month-old Joseph Reeves, Crystal Fountain, Mysti Kelly and Lori Spicer.

# Students given live baby demonstration

The Family and Consumer Sciences Parenting class at Hackberry High participated in a live baby demonstration hour Monday, Jan. 7. Jodi Reeves and her children, Nathan, age 13 months and Joseph, age 3 months, visited Mrs. Vickie

Parker's class to demonstrate proper care of an infant. Lori LeDoux, Jodi's mother was present to help.

Students observed the mother changing the diaper, bathing, feeding, and playing with the infant. Observations were made of reactions of an older sibling toddler around the infant and mother. Class members questioned the mother and interacted with both children.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, this same class was led on tour of the Labor and Delivery Section of West Cal-Cam Hospital in Sulphur. Mrs. Wendy Livens, childbirth class nursing instructor, was the tour guide. Students viewed a new video at the hospital over responses and reactions of newborns to their parents and environment. The video stressed the importance of touching, talking, and playing with infants to stimulate bonding as well as brain cell growth.

Mrs. Denise Nabours, manager of the West Cal-Cam Child Development Center led a tour of that facility. Students observed children again from infants to 4 years old who were separated in different rooms by ages. Children were either sleeping, eating a snack, playing, or being taught lessons by child care workers. The hospital

kitchen prepares the meals for the Child Care Center.

Students toured a spacious playground equipped with sturdy and safe play equipment. The playground was divided into 2 fenced-in areas for different age children. Parenting class students were able to recognize different play equipment used for younger and older children. This type of playground is a safer situation when children of various ages are outside at the same time.

Students on tour were Lori Spicer, Crystal Fountain, Colleen Doucette, Savannah Gallegos, Jessica Dyson, Ashley Austin, Mysti Kelly, and Amanda Abshire. Chaperones were Becky Spicer, Monika Gallegos, and Vickie Parker.

# New novels at Library

New novels at the Cameron Parish Library include:

Vitals, Greg Bear; Kaleidoscope, Dorothy Gilman; The Treasure Box, Penelope J. Strokes; Death Of A Celebrity, M. C. Beaton; The Silent Lady, Catherine Cookson; Fair Warning, Robert Olen Butler; To Trust A Stranger, Karen Robards; The Viking Funeral, Stephen J. Cannell; Starting Over, Robin Pilcher; Star Light, Star Bright, Katherine Stone.

# Hackberry favorites are told

The following students were recently elected as favorites at Hackberry High School in the following categories:

Attractive - Meagan Broussard, Brian Brown.

Intelligent - Josie Brown, Micah Silver.

Friendly - Meagan Broussard, Jesse Brown.

Athletic - Tobie Devall, Jake Buford.

Witty - Edie Leonards, Blake Murphy.

School Spirit - Lindy Delome, Blake Murphy.

Polite - Hillary LaBove, Sean Vincent.

Dependable - Meagan Broussard, Marcus Bufford.

Most Likely to Succeed - Josie Brown, Micah Silver.

Mr. & Miss Personality - Meagan Broussard, Brian Brown, Jesse Brown.

Class Favorites, 9th - Hillary LaBove, Jarin Brown.

Class Favorites, 10th - Tobie Devall, Sean Vincent.

Class Favorites, 11th - Meagan Broussard, Marcus Bufford.

Class Favorites, 12th - Josie Brown, Micah Silver.

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# Cameron Parish Public Library Offers Electricity Class

The Cameron Parish Public Library will offer an electricity class on Thursdays beginning April 4 through May 23. The class will be offered from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday. Cost is \$199.00 for 8 classes including textbook. **Pre-registration is required.** For more information about registering, call 337-775-5421 or 337-475-5130. The classes offered will be as follows:

- 26101 ELECTRICAL SAFETY - Covers safety rules and regulations for electricians, precautions to take for various electrical hazards found on the job and OSHA mandated lockout and tagout procedures.
- 26104 ELECTRICAL THEORY I - Covers Ohm's Law and DC circuits, resistance and power.
- 26105 ELECTRICAL THEORY II - Covers series, parallel and series-parallel circuits.
- 26106 ELECTRICAL TEST EQUIPMENT - Studies proper selection, inspection, use and maintenance of common electrical test equipment.
- 26107 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE - Understand the purpose of the NEC and the use of the code book.
- 26109 CONDUCTORS - Covers types and applications of conductors and proper wiring techniques.
- 26111 WIRING: COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL - Covers electrical devices and wiring techniques common to commercial and industrial construction and maintenance. Mounting devices, making splices and installing receptacles are also covered.
- 26102 WIRING: RESIDENTIAL - Covers the electrical devices and wiring techniques common to residential construction and maintenance.

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CAMERON CHAMBER OF Commerce board members who assumed their office at the Chamber banquet Monday night were, from left: Rodney Guilbeaux, Marianna Primeaux, E. J. Dronet, Cindy McGee, Charlotte Trosclair, Jimmy Brown, and Cecil Sanner.

## 4-H events are told

South Cameron Elementary 4-H upcoming events are:

Jan. 29 - Feb. 3: District Livestock Show will be held in Lake Charles at the Burton Coliseum.

Feb. 6 - Feb. 16: State Livestock Show will be held in Baton Rouge at LSU.

Jan. 17: Shooting Sports Activity at the Lake Charles Range at 1 p.m. Rural Electric Youth Tour applications due to the 4-H office.

March 8-10: 4-H Challenge Camp will be at Camp Grant Walker.

March 9: Sew with Cotton Contest will be held in Alexandria.

March 20: The area beef, seafood, egg, and poultry cookery contest will be in Lafayette at he North Gate Mall.

March 25: Record books, outstanding 4-H member, outstanding club, Channing Conner Memorial large animal and

## South Cameron High News

On January 25 a representative from Northwestern State University will meet with interested juniors and seniors at 9:20 in Tarpon Hall.

A Financial Aid meeting for seniors and their parents will be held on January 25 at 1:00 in Tarpon Hall.

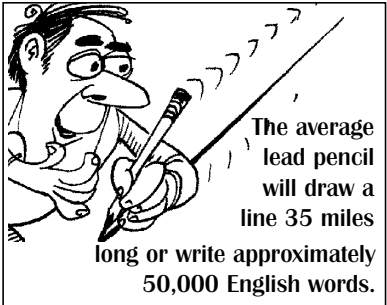
Numerous scholarship applications are available in the Counselor's Office. FAFSA forms are due by April 15.

Tarpons of the week for January 23-29 are Katie McKoin, Neil Higgins, Trey Lute, and Travis Swire.

There will be two home basketball games next week, January 29 against Mamou and February 1 against St. Edmund.

small animal applications due to the 4-H office.

Reporter  
Katelyn Sue Reina



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NEW OFFICERS of the Cameron Chamber of Commerce shown being inducted Monday night by John DeBarge are, from left: Michelle Guidry, president; Carl Broussard, vice-president; Tina Horn, secretary-treasurer; and Greg Wickie, past president.

## Grand Lake 4-H winners

The Grand Lake 4-H Contest Day Winners at Contest Day 2001 were Tasha Fontenot: 1st - handicrafts, oil painting, 2nd - egg cookery-dessert, 3rd - personal development, 3rd - handicrafts, recycled item.

Kallan Mudd: 1st - holiday wreath, 1st - jewelry, necklace, 1st - needlepoint, cross stitch, 1st - personal development, 1st - speech, "My Beef Project."

Victoria Nunez: 2 honorable mentions - handicrafts, 1st - drawing, 1st - clothing, sleepwear.

Megan Poole: honorable mentions, personal development, 2nd - handicrafts, Christmas ornament, 2nd - handicrafts, painting, 1st - cookery, egg dessert, 1st - cookery, chicken.

Micah Richard: 2nd - sweatshirt decorating, 3rd - handicrafts, jewelry, 2nd - personal development, 2nd - naturecraft, 1st - basket weaving, 1st - egg cookery, main dish.

Meghan Richard: 3rd - handicrafts, beading, 2nd - seafood cookery, crawfish, honorable mention - personal development.

Victoria Roach: 3rd - T-shirt decorating, 2nd - oil painting, 1st - decorative tile, 1st - seafood cookery, crawfish.

Amber Trahan: Honorable mention - holiday ornament, 3rd - ground beef cookery, quick and easy, 2nd - handicrafts, recycled item, 1st - handicrafts, wood.

Four members won overall: Megan Poole, Micah Richard, Victoria Roach, and Kallan Mudd will all be going to the District Cookery Contest in Lafayette.

Other contest winners were Brittany Hebert, Garrett Billiot, Molly Precht, Amber Taylor and Sara Taylor.

Victoria Roach,  
Reporter

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