

**AS PART OF** the festivities for National Engineers Week hosted by the McNeese State University College of Engineering and Technology, James Carroll, left, and Ravelle Reed, two juniors at Grand Lake High School, prepared their carbon dioxide powered "dragster" for a car race where the competition was judged on speed and design. McNeese student exhibits in the areas of civil, chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering were also showcased along with tours of the engineering facilities. (McNeese Photo/Jenny VanNorman)

## Legislative committees to meet at Rockefeller

Members of the Natural Resources and Commerce committees will hold a joint meeting and inspection tour at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge at Grand Chenier Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19, according to Rep. Dan Flavin of Lake Charles.

Arriving at the refuge at 2 p.m. Friday, the group will make an airboat tour to view marsh deterioration, coastal erosion in the Gulf and the

refuge. The committees also will tour the driving trail being built around the Refuge which will eventually be open to the public. The trail is expected to be an enhancement for tourism in Southwest Louisiana.

On Saturday morning the group will be given a presentation by Guthrie Perry of the refuge staff.

## Computer classes are offered here

Computer classes will be held at the Cameron Parish Library during the next several months with each class opened to 12 participants.

The classes will be sponsored by SOWELA Community College and taught by Susan Nicholson.

Microsoft Windows XP classes will be taught March 9 and 16 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for the two nights.

Microsoft Word will be taught March 23, 30, April 6, 13, and 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$90 for the six nights.

Microsoft Excel classes will be taught May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$90 for the six nights.

For more information call 337-775-5421. Payment is required prior to start of classes.

## Lib. board to meet Thurs.

The Cameron Parish Library board will hold its monthly meeting at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Library.

The board plans to address some questions that were recently raised in newspaper articles published in the Lake Charles American Press.

Library board meetings are open to the public.

## Conference set

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana will hold a conference on "Securing the Future of Coastal Louisiana" March 13 at the Rivers Oaks Event Center in Lafayette.

The conference is free for Coalition members. The cost to non members is \$10.

For more information on the meeting call 1-888-LACOAST.

## Fur Festival group goes to Maryland

Miss Cameron Parish, King Fur and Little Mr. Cameron will head a delegation from the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival to the National Outdoors Show in Maryland Feb. 19-22.

The two festivals, both of which celebrate the great outdoors, have been exchanging delegations for more than 40 years.

Ashley Picou, the 2004 Miss Cameron Parish, will make the Maryland trip along with her parents, Ronnie and Sharon Picou of Grand Lake; a brother, Jameson Picou; and Ellen and Robbie Montie.

Jimmie Stoute, the new King Fur, also plans to attend along with his children Keith and Traci Stoute, Priscilla Clark, Roxanne Stoute and Rae Simon and their spouses.

Tyler Joe Nunez, the 2004 Little Mr. Cameron, is going along with his parents Rod and Tammy Nunez of Creole, Jarrett, Bryant and Virgie Nunez and Tressa Crochet.

Also attending representing the Fur Festival will be Debra Duhon and Lena Hebert.

Tiffany Wing of Sulphur, the 2003 Louisiana Fur Queen, and her mother, Paula Richardson, attended the Louisiana Mardi Gras Ball in Washington, D. C. last week.

The 2004 Fur Queen, Trista Semien of Creole, will attend the 2005 Mardi Gras ball.

## Absentee voting to begin here

Absentee voting for the March 9 Presidential Primary and parishwide elections will begin Thursday, Feb. 26 and end on Tuesday, March 2 in the Cameron Registrar of Voters office in the basement of the courthouse.

In addition to the presidential primary vote, there will be a vote on a proposition that would exempt from property taxes drilling rigs that are being stored, stacked, converted, renovated or repaired in Cameron Parish.

A parishwide garbage tax of 7.86 mills is up for renewal. Also up for renewals are these district taxes:

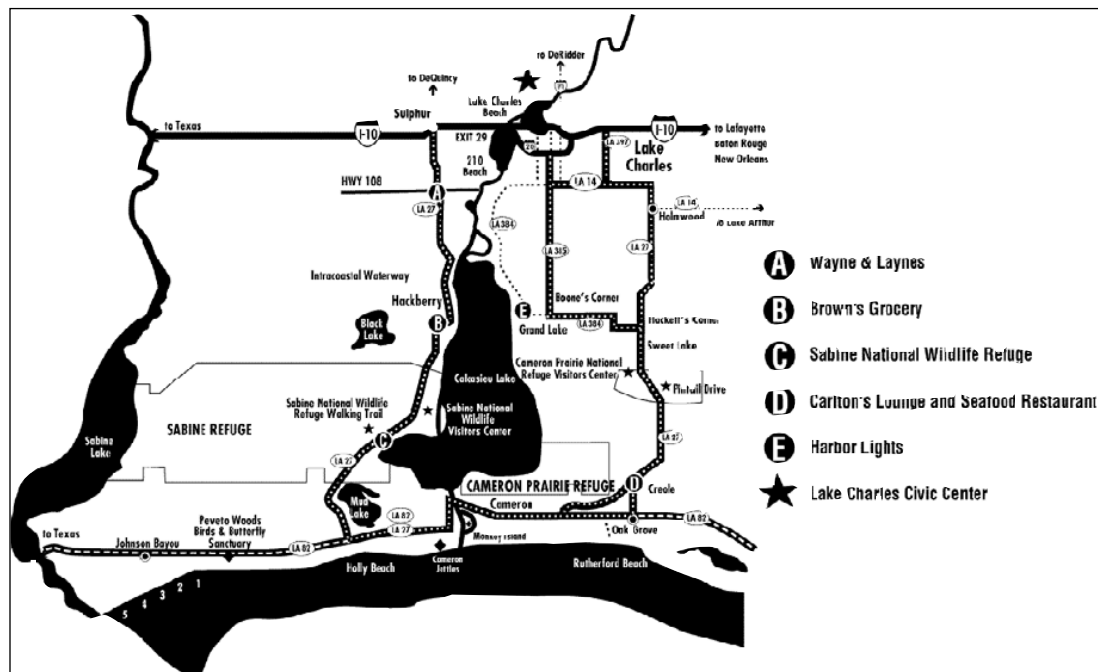
\*Hackberry Fire Maintenance Tax, 4.71 mills.

\*Cameron Fire Maintenance Tax, 5 mills.

\*Hackberry Gravity Drainage Maintenance Tax, 4.50 mills.

\*Creole Waterworks Maintenance Tax, 6.68 mills.

## U. S. forces landed on Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945



Route of the Blazin' Bikes Rally

## Hundreds of bikers to tour Cameron Parish Saturday

Roll out the "Welcome Mat" Cameron Parish, the Blazin' Bikes Rally is on its way! The event is slated for Friday - Sunday, Feb. 20 - 22, in Lake Charles.

A motorcycle tour of the Creole Nature Trail All American Road will be held Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. featuring a "Biker Bingo." Participants will leave Lake Charles Civic Center and travel the route making designated stops at: Wayne & Layne's in Sulphur; Brown's Grocery in Hackberry; Sabine National Wildlife Refuge;

Carlton's Restaurant in Creole; Harbor Lights at Big Lake; and return to Lake Charles Civic Center.

There are over 600 pre-paid registrations and event coordinators, estimate 2000 or more participants.

This event has partnered with Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana to enhance their efforts in making Lake Charles' Mardi Gras an even bigger success since it was chosen as Top 100 Event in North America for 2004 by the American Bus Association.

There will be a raffle for a Harley Davidson 100th Anniversary Fat Boy motorcycle in which tickets will be on sale at registration. The drawing will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m. at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Proceeds from this rally will benefit four area charities: Southwest Louisiana's Women's Shelter, Camp Fire (Camp Wi-Ta-Wentin), The Southwest Louisiana Autism Chapter and Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southwest Louisiana.

## Kindergarten registration set

Registration for children entering a Cameron Parish kindergarten next fall will be held for the various schools in March.

Children attending a Pre-kindergarten class in a Cameron Parish school this year will not be required to register for kindergarten. Students attending a Headstart program will be required to register for kindergarten at this time.

Children attending kindergarten at this time are not required to register for first grade.

The registration schedule is as follows: Grand Lake High - Wednesday, March 3, 9 a.m.; Hackberry High - Thursday, March 4, 10 a.m.; Johnson Bayou High - Friday, March 5, 10 a.m.; Cameron Elementary - Tuesday, March 9, 9 a.m.; South Cameron Elementary - Wednesday, March 10, 9 a.m.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2004-2005 session must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 1999. Children entering first grade must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 1998.

Parents who plan to register children in these roundups must bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and proof of residence for each child to be registered. Parents who do not yet have their children's birth certificates or social security card (number) should begin proceedings to secure them. Application forms for birth certificates may be obtained at the Parish Health Unit. Applications for social security cards (numbers) may be

obtained from any U.S. Post Office.

Mrs. Laurie Jones, R.N., Cameron Parish School Nurse, will attend the roundups to talk with parents about immunizations now required by law before a child begins school. Please bring your child's immunization record for review by Mrs. Jones at the time of the roundup.

In the Klondike-Lowery area parents should watch for registration news of the school in which they plan to enter their children next fall since they will not be entering a Cameron Parish School.

It is not necessary that the child you are registering be brought to school on the day of registration.

## Mardi Gras party planned for seniors

The Cameron Council on Aging will host a Mardi Gras party for seniors and guests at the Cameron Multi-Purpose Building on February 20th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with music by the Medicare Playboyz! All seniors and guests are invited to attend.

Please call in reservations to 775-5668. No charge.

A king and queen will be selected. You may come in costume or you don't have to. Representatives from each area of the parish are sought for the court.

If you are interested in being on the court, please call 775-5668. Transportation must be arranged in advance by calling 775-5668.

## Youths win top honors at LSU Livestock Show

Cameron Parish youngsters made a good showing at the annual LSU AgCenter Livestock Show in Baton Rouge last week.

Brandt Poole received scholastic premiums totaling \$4,500 for exhibiting the Reserve Grand Champion and Grand Champion Louisiana-bred Market goat. Other Cameron Parish winners included:

### BREEDING GOATS

Champion and Champion Louisiana-bred Purebred Boer - Brandt Poole, Cameron 4-H.

Reserve Champion and Reserve Champion Louisiana-bred Any Other Breed Goat - Remington Gaspard, Cameron 4-H.

### BREEDING SWINE

Reserve Champion Louisiana-bred Any Other Breed Gilt - Trinity Cline, Cam

eron/Grand Lake FFA.

### BREEDING BEEF

Champion Bradford Heifer - Christina Boudreaux, Cameron 4-H.

Reserve Champion Hereford/Polled Hereford Heifer - Bryce Manuel, Cameron 4-H.

Reserve Champion and Champion Louisiana-bred Limousin Bull - Cody Jouett, Cameron 4-H.

Champion Louisiana-bred Limousin Heifer - Kami Savoie, Cameron 4-H.

Reserve Champion Limousin Heifer - Dylan Jouett, Cameron 4-H.

Champion Louisiana-bred Any Other Breed, Brahman Influence, Bull - Chase LeBoeuf, Cameron/South Cameron FFA.

Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer, Brahman Influence - Dylan Conner, Cameron 4-H.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Cameron delivered Valentine cookies to area businesses and agencies last Friday. Over 1600 cookies were distributed to 140 locations as a gesture of goodwill and appreciation.



DO YOU REMEMBER: Year 1955 Creole High School football team. Shown above are (back row, from left): Thomas Theriot, Edwin Quinn, Allen Hebert, Doris Hebert, Winston Rutherford, Frank Theriot, Elmer Rutherford; (middle row) Thomas Mudd, Richard Hebert, Earl Roberds, Steven Bourriague, James Burton, Charles LeBoeuf, Burl LeBove; (front row): Daniel Dupont, Frederick Nunez, Alvin Miller, Jerry Savoie, Robert Mudd. (Photo courtesy of Doris Hebert)





THE GRAND LAKE Lions Club members held a fund raiser on Feb.15. The gumbo fund raiser raised over \$800 for eyeglass purchases for the needy. Many cakes and goodies were also sold. Special thanks to the community for supporting the fund raiser.

JR. LEADERS met on Feb. 15 to plan a marsh maneuvers camp for seventh graders. Members are urged to attend the March 21 meeting at Hackberry High School for training session. Jr. Leaders will be visiting Bel Animal Shelter on Monday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. following fun at Petro Bowl. It's not too late to ask the 4-H office how you can join!

### Jr. Livestock Show Winners

The Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show was held recently at Cameron. Winners in the swine and goat breeding divisions were as follows:

- **SWINE BREEDING** -  
Yorkshire - Grand Champion Yorkshire - Colleen Manuel, GLHS.  
AOB - Grand Champion AOB - Trinity Cline, GLHS FFA.  
Grand Champion Parish Bred Gilt - Colleen Manuel, GLHS.  
Reserve Champion Parish Bred Gilt - Trinity Cline, GLHS.
- **GOAT BREEDING** -  
Grand Champion Full Blood Buck - Brandt Poole, GLHS.  
Reserve Champion Full Blood Buck - Remington Gaspard, GLHS.  
Grand Champion Parish Bred Full Blood Buck - Remington Gaspard, GLHS.

- Grand Champion Full Blood Doe - Remington Gaspard, GLHS.  
Reserve Champion Full Blood Doe - Ethan Precht, GLHS.  
Grand Champion Parish Bred Full Blood Doe - Brandt Poole, GLHS.  
Reserve Champion Parish Bred Full Blood Doe - Melissa Nunez, SCHS.  
Grand Champion Percentage Doe - Cody LeMaire, GLHS.  
Reserve Champion Percentage Doe - Ethan Precht, GLHS.  
Grand Champion Parish Bred Percentage Doe - Cody LeMaire, GLHS.  
Reserve Champion Parish Bred Percentage Doe - Ethan Precht, GLHS.  
Grand Champion AOB Doe - Remington Gaspard, GLHS.  
Grand Champion Parish Bred AOB Doe - Remington Gaspard, GLHS.

### Winners in Livestock Market Animal Division

The following were the winners in the market animal division of the Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show:

- **MARKET GOAT** -  
Grand Champion and Parish Bred Champ - Samantha Poole, GLHS.  
Reserve Champion - Rachel Jones, GLHS.  
Reserve Champion Parish Bred - Kelsey Helmer, HHS.  
Division I: 1st - Rachel Jones, GLHS; 2nd - Rachel Jones, GLHS; 1st Parish Bred - Brittany Hebert, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Brittany Hebert, GLHS.  
Division II: 1st - Kelsey Helmer, HHS; 2nd - Brandt Poole, GLHS; 1st Parish Bred - Kelsey Helmer, HHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Brandt Poole, GLHS.  
Division III: 1st - Rachel Jones, GLHS; 2nd - Hagen Poole, GLHS; 1st Parish Bred - Melissa Nunez, SCHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Kristen Miller, SCHS.  
Division IV: 1st - Samantha Poole, GLHS; 2nd - Kelsey Helmer, HHS; 1st Parish Bred - Samantha Poole, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Angelina Campbell, SCHS.  
Division V: 1st - Victoria Roach, GLHS; 2nd - Trent Helms, GLHS; 1st Parish Bred - Trent Helms, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Trent Helms, GLHS.

- **MARKET HOG** -  
Grand Champion - Meagan Swire, HHS.  
Reserve Champion - Santana Conner, SCHS.  
Grand Champion Parish Bred - Bryce Manuel, GLHS.  
Reserve Champion Parish Bred - Courtney Conner, SCHS.  
Division I: 1st - Courtney Conner, SCHS; 2nd - Drew LaBove, SCHS; 1st Parish Bred - Courtney Conner, SCHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Drew LaBove, SCHS.  
Division II: 1st - Santana Conner, SCHS; 2nd - Kimily Bourriaque, SCE; 1st Parish Bred - Channing Beard, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Courtney Conner, SCHS.  
Division III: 1st - Meagan Swire, HHS; 2nd - Annie Alexander, HHS; 1st Parish Bred - Bryce Manuel, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Abby Miller, SCE.  
Division IV: 1st - Kyle Fontenot, HHS; 2nd - Nicholas Wolfe, HHS; 1st Parish Bred - Joby Richard, SCHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Chan LaLande, SCE.

- **MARKET LAMB** -  
Grand Champion and Parish Bred Champ - Blake Bonsall, SCHS.  
Reserve Champion and Parish Bred Reserve Champ - Kinsey Duhon, GLHS.  
Division I: 1st - Blake Bonsall, SCHS; 2nd - Ty Savoie, SCE; 1st Parish Bred - Blake Bonsall, SCHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Ty Savoie, SCE.  
Division II: 1st - Kinsey Duhon, GLHS FFA; 2nd - Ty Savoie, SCE; 1st Parish Bred - Kinsey Duhon, GLHS FFA; 2nd Parish Bred - Ty Savoie, SCE.  
Division III: 1st - James Duhon, SCE; 2nd - James Duhon, SCE; 1st Parish Bred - James Duhon, SCE; 2nd Parish Bred - James Duhon, SCE.

- **MARKET STEER** -  
Grand Champion - Joshua Wicke, SCE.  
Reserve Champion - Lance Guidry, SCHS.  
Grand Champion Parish Bred - Shylyn Nunez, SCHS.  
Division I: 1st - Shylyn Nunez, SCHS; 2nd - Shylyn Nunez, SCHS; 1st Parish Bred - Shylyn Nunez, SCHS.  
Division II: 1st - Joshua Wicke, SCE; 2nd - Lance Guidry, SCHS.

### Camp Fire work days announced

One result of last summer's Camp Fire Phone-athon for Camp Wi-Ta-Wentin has been the organization of a foundation, Friends of Wi-Ta-Wentin, to raise money and organize volunteers for camp improvements. Five work days have been scheduled this spring to prepare for the summer season. Former campers, parents, and any interested persons are invited to participate on Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20, or 27. Skilled and unskilled labor is needed. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own tools if they have them. Some will be available for everyone else. Businesses contributing electrical work, paint, roofing supplies, and screen. Anyone interested in helping can contact Friends of Wi-Ta-Wentin at 628 Cleveland St., Lake Charles, La. 70660-5365 or e-mail: cswoosley@yahoo.com.

### Lagniappe Two Commissioners instruction class announced here

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

I feel like I am mildewing, what with all this wet weather we have been having. Our biggest thing here was attending the Broadway show "The Sound of Music" at the Centreplex the other night. Nine of us went and enjoyed it immensely. The scenery was absolutely gorgeous. It is based on the real life Von Trap family, now living in Vermont. The family chose to live in the United States rather than return to Austria after World War II. Did you give your sweetheart roses telling her she was your valentine? I got mine. I received one dozen white roses from Jo Ann Nunez telling me that she loves me. It is a beautiful bouquet, a new rose that has just come out - with the name of "Virginia" - white with pale pink tips on the petals. She said she told the florist, not red, but "something special" for "someone special."

Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Parish Clerk of Court, announced there will be a course of instructions for all election commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, alternate commissioners and anyone wishing to become a commissioner as follows:

- Monday, March 1 - Holly Beach Fire Station, 6:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday, March 2 - Klondike Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, March 3 - Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 6:30 p.m.
- These schools are also for new applicants wishing to become a commissioner for Cameron Parish. Anyone can apply to become a commissioner by attending one of these schools of instructions and taking the written examination to become certified. If you are the commissioner-in-charge or if you are chosen to serve as commissioner and/or alternate commissioner for the upcoming Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 9, it is mandatory that you attend one of these courses.

### Reading Hour set at Library

Grand Lake Sr. 4-H club members will again sponsor a reading hour at the Grand Lake branch of the Cameron Parish library. Members of the Grand Lake Sr. 4-H club will read two or three short story books to young children of the Grand Lake community at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 19. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to share in an hour of reading fun and enjoy the beautiful library facility that the Grand Lake community now has.

### Gumbo to be sold at S. Heart

The Sacred Heart Altar Society will be serving chicken gumbo with potato salad this Sunday, Feb. 22 at the Creole K of C Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 a serving. Take home orders are welcome. However, please bring containers from home to put it in. Desserts will be sold also.

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Oak Grove 542-4882

**SEMIANNUAL GENERAL COURSE OF INSTRUCTIONS AND PRE-ELECTION SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTIONS**

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, and in accordance with R.S. 18:431 A. (1) (a), there will be a General Course of Instructions of all Commissioners-in-Charge, Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners and anyone wishing to become a Commissioner on the following dates, locations and times listed below:

- Monday, March 1, 2004  
Holly Beach Fire Station - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 2, 2004  
Klondike Community Center - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 3, 2004  
Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex - 6:30 p.m.

These schools of instructions are also for new applicants wishing to become a Commissioner for Cameron Parish. Anyone can apply to become a Commissioner by attending one of these schools of instructions and taking the written examination to become certified.

If you are the Commission-in-Charge or if you are chosen to serve as a Commissioner and/or Alternate Commissioner for the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, it is mandatory that you attend one (1) of these courses.

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Dear Friends of...  
**"T-Bolo" Trosclair**

T-Bolo's children are truly fortunate to have had a father who was so deeply loved and thought of. We will never forget all you have done during this time when our loss was so great.

Thanks to all who prepared food, sent cards, also the phone calls, masses, prayers and flowers.

We would like to thank the Sheriff's Dept., South Cameron Memorial Hospital, Ambulance Department, Hixson Funeral Home, Matilda and Matilda Ann, Monsigner Melancon, Deacon Nash, pallbearers and honorary pallbearers, Terry Beard for the beautiful music, Aunt Charlotte, Oralia and our altar servers.

Also thanks to Anne Henry for her beautiful home, Renetta Trahan, Diana LeBlanc, Kathy Rowland, Louise Poirier and Nelvia Murphy.

The Roland J. "T-Bolo" Trosclair Family

Adenise, Tubby, Joey & Family, Benjie & Family, Stevie & Family, John Paul & Thomas Lee









