

Darryl Farque

## Farque is candidate for P. Jury

Darryl Farque has announced his candidacy for Police Jury District 7 seat in the October 4 election. The new seat was created in the Big Lake area under the reapportionment plan for the parish.

Farque is a lifelong resident of Big Lake. He was married to his wife, Colleen, for 28 years and they have two daughters, Jessica Farque Plaisance and Tiffany Farque. They have three grandchildren.

He graduated from Grand Lake High School in 1973 and is currently employed by M&M Electric in Grand Lake. He is also a member of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Big Lake.

## Hackberry teams win the district

The Hackberry boys and girls basketball teams captured the District 10-C championships and will advance to the first round of the playoffs.

The #1 ranked Lady Mustangs are set to defend their state title and will host Reeves today, Thursday, Feb. 20. The boys bracket will not be announced until next Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The Johnson Bayou Lady Rebels enter the playoffs as a wild card and will play at Singer on February 20.

## Aid OKed for shrimpers by Congress

(American Press)

Congress has allocated \$17.4 million to help seafood workers across the Gulf Coast suffering from a global price collapse and a season cut short by Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili.

A. J. Fabre, a Lafitte shrimper who has organized petition drives for aid, said the money could keep some families and businesses from financial collapse.

"We appreciate anything we can get right now," Fabre said. "We're literally in a shutdown situation, caught between a rock and a hard place. We can't afford the fuel to go shrimping, and the money you can get from shrimping won't pay for the fuel."

State officials said they don't yet know how the money which also includes \$2 million to help oyster harvesters through the lingering effects of this winter's storms, will be allocated.

"We don't know what kind of criteria they're going to use to get the money in the hands of fishermen. But it's welcome news," said Martin Bourgeois, shrimp program manager for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.



THIS PHOTO of John Thomas Bonsall on horseback at Grand Chenier is about 1890. He was the son of Isaac Bonsall and Mary Elizabeth Sweeney. He lived from 1850 to 1935 and was married to Urania Miller. (Photo courtesy of W. T. Block, Nederland, Tex.)

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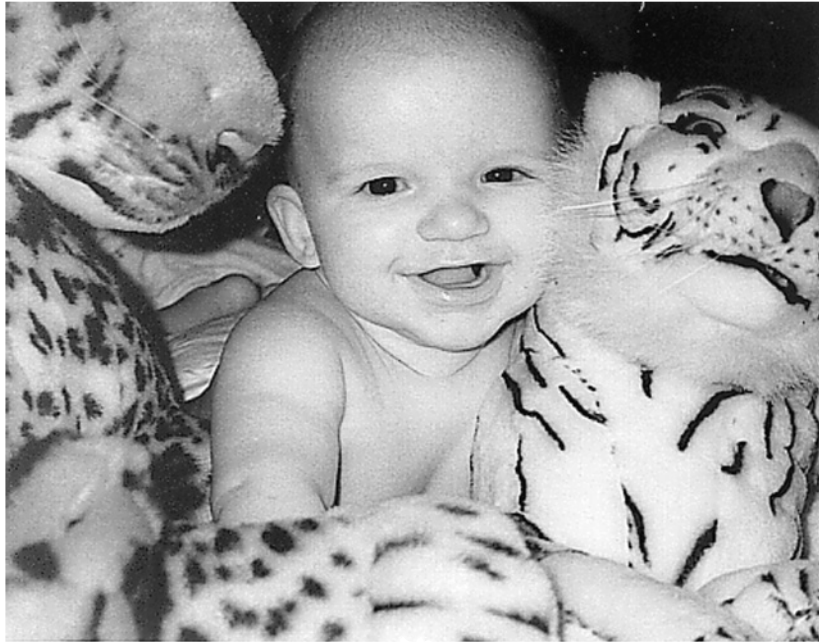


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Houston O. Smith

## Cameron baby's photo in national magazine

16-month-old Houston O. Smith is getting some national recognition this week. His picture, along with his stuffed animals, is being published in the "Your Beautiful baby" section of Woman's World, a nationally circulated magazine.

Houston was 7 months old when his father, Patrick Smith, took the picture and his mother,

Phyllis, mailed in to the magazine. The Feb. 25 edition came out this week and Houston's picture in on page 54 along with several other babies in the weekly picture section.

Houston is the grandson of Calvin and Irene Boudreaux and AnnaBelle Smith all of Cameron. He has a sister, Matti, 9.

## West Nile virus still danger to animals

By DON MENARD  
Mosquito Control Director

With warming weather just around the corner come mosquitoes and unfortunately the threat of more West Nile Virus. People shouldn't let their guard down yet, just because it hasn't been in the news much lately.

The virus is still present throughout the state, including Cameron Parish, and as infected birds begin spring migrations, the disease will undoubtedly appear again.

We've been lucky to have had an unusually long and cold winter which has kept mosquito populations and therefore the disease down, but it is not too early to start taking precautions.

Horse owners should make sure all their horses have been vaccinated for W.N.V. as well as encephalitis. The W.N.V. vaccine is now fully licensed, but is still for veterinary use only.

Two doses given 3-6 weeks apart are necessary before the horse is protected and then booster shots should be given every 6 months. Without the vaccine, about one third of all infected horses will die.

Pets such as cats and dogs are immune from the virus for the most part. Although nationwide there have been about a half dozen cases of dogs which showed signs of the disease and tested positive, they're generally unaffected. Cats which were infected in one study sometimes became lethargic for a couple of days, but for the most part showed no signs of illness.

Testing is currently being carried out on a host of other animals to get a better understanding of what effects W.N.V. has on them. Below are some results of lab testing recently completed.

Swine which were tested

showed no signs of disease at all and like horses, cattle and most other mammals, could not in turn infect others nor infect mosquitoes.

Since this is mainly a bird disease and birds are a reservoir for the virus, many species of birds are affected by it, some more than others. In general, the migratory passerines are the most often infected of all birds.

Blue jays, American crows, house sparrows, grackles and house finches were found to be the most competent species. This means they quickly develop high virus levels, can easily transmit the disease to other birds and humans and they have a higher mortality rate than most other birds. The virus can be transmitted both by mosquitoes feeding on the infected bird and in turn biting a host, and also by bird to bird transmission by them pecking each other, cannibalizing other dead birds and even stepping in feces of other infected birds.

Next down the line were ring billed gulls, redwing blackbirds, killdeer and fish crows. These species were all moderately competent in passing along the virus and may play a part in its spread.

Mallards, starlings and mourning doves were weakly competent and are thought not to be very important.

At the end of the spectrum, pigeons, chickens, bobwhite quail and coots were all found to be non-competent. This means that they could not become infected, nor become infective to other animals and none showed any signs of disease.

There is still a lot the experts do not know and intensive research is being undertaken to get some answers. Although a vaccine for humans is presently being tested, it will not be available to the public for at least two years, if ever.

Mosquito Control will continue to closely monitor for the disease and we plan on keeping mosquitoes to as low a level as possible, but people still have to take the responsibility of protecting themselves from mosquito bites.

Wear repellent, especially between sunset and sunrise and keep those water holding containers around homes emptied. These container breeding species are the ones most likely to transmit disease, only fly short distances from where they're bred and are almost impossible to control by spraying alone.

For more information, log onto the Louisiana State Dept. of Health and Hospital's Website located at: <http://www.fight-thebitelouisiana.com>.

## Hackberry Ramblers to be on TV

Two founding members of the Hackberry Ramblers have been honored by the Westlake City Council.

The presentation was made at the council meeting in City Hall.

Luderin Darbone of Sulphur and Edwin Duhon of Westlake received plaques recognizing them for their 70 years of performing together in the "oldest living band in the world."

The Hackberry Ramblers, who invented the Cajun swing style of music, has performed all over the world and received a Grammy nomination, Mayor Dudley Dixon said. They were originally organized in Hackberry.

A segment on the band has been filmed for "The Today Show" and is scheduled to be broadcast between 7 and 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, Dixon said.

Duhon is a former Westlake police chief.

## Kindergarten registration announced

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

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.

### REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Grand Lake High, Wed., Mar. 5 at 9 a.m.

Hackberry High, Thurs., Mar. 6 at 10 a.m.

Johnson Bayou High, Fri., Mar. 7 at 10 a.m.

Cameron Elementary, Mon., Mar. 17 at 9 a.m.

South Cameron Elementary, Tues., Mar. 18 at 9 a.m.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2003-2004 session 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 be attending 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.

## Registration

Registration for Kindergarten or the 2003-04 school year at Grand Lake School will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 5 at 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

Necessary papers include birth certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Records and Proof of Address.

New students need not attend on this day.

If you have any questions, contact Rosalie Perry, counselor at 598-2056.



CAMERON BAPTIST Church members are shown preparing plates of cookies which they delivered to 120 business places recently "to share God's love on Valentine's Day." From left are Hazel Racca, Carolyn Hodnett, Susan Toureau, and Adrienne Doshier. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Church delivers cookies to 120 local businesses

By CYNDI SELLERS

Last week over 120 cameron businesses and public offices got a Valentine's Day surprise. On the day when many look forward to receiving tokens of love, a group of church members set out to prove the saying "It's better to give than to receive" by delivering homemade cookies all over town.

The Sunday School classes of First Baptist Church had decided to forgo their annual Valentine's Banquet and instead put their energy toward expressing God's love toward their community.

So, bows were made, decorative packaging materials collected, lists compiled, and literally hundreds of cookies baked. On Feb. 13 an assembly line was set

up in the church hall, and a dedicated crew produced rows and rows of cookies which were delivered by teams of drivers the next day.

Mrs. Carolyn Hodnett, Sunday School teacher, reported that responses ranged from excitement and gratitude through confusion and disbelief. "Some people wouldn't quite understand why we'd be giving them a gift," she said. "We just wanted to show our appreciation to our local business people and share God's love on Valentine's Day."

Some recipients were suspicious at first that the cookies were for sale, but were all smiles when they realized there were no strings attached. "We were just happy to spread a little cheer," said one participant.

## Parish youth win top honors at LSU Show

Cameron Parish 4-H and FFA youths won four Grand Champions, three Reserve Champions, and two Louisiana-bred Champions at the annual LSU AgCenter Livestock Show which concluded Sunday, Feb. 16. The parish winners were:

Grand Champion Braford Heifer - Keaten Boudreaux.

Reserve Champion Louisiana-bred Braford Heifer - Christina Boudreaux.

Reserve Grand Champion Brangus Heifer - Allison Deshotel, Evangeline Parish 4-H.

Reserve Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Gelbvieh Bull - Kaleb Robinson, Livingston Parish 4-H.

Grand Champion and Champion Louisiana-bred Limousin Bull - Cody Jouett.

Champion Louisiana-bred Limousin Heifer - Kami Savoie.

Reserve Champion Louisiana-bred Limousin Heifer

- Dylan Jouett.

Reserve Grand Champion Red Brangus Bull - Joel Rogers.

Grand Champion Red Brangus Heifer - Joel Rogers.

Reserve Grand Champion and Champion Louisiana-bred Red Brangus Heifer - Mike Benoit.

Grand Champion and Champion Louisiana-bred Any Other Breed, Brahman-influence, Heifer - Chance Baccigalopi.

Grand Champion Any Other Breed, Non-Brahman-influence, Heifer - Lance Guidry.

Reserve Grand Champion Any Other Breed, Non-Brahman-influence, Heifer - Lance Guidry.



CROWNED AS Valentine King and Queen at the annual Senior Citizen Valentine Banquet were Roland Primeaux of Creole and Mrs. Louise Landry of Holly Beach. The event was hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

## Valentine royalty crowned

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Council on Aging 2003 Valentine Royalty were crowned on Sunday, Feb. 16 at the annual Senior Citizen Valentine Banquet, hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Valentine Queen is Mrs. Louise Landry of Holly Beach, and Valentine King is Mr. Roland Primeaux of Creole.

Seventy-one seniors from around the parish were served a meal, played games, and won prizes donated by parish businesses and individuals. Valentine royalty from previous years were recognized.

The Council on Aging sponsors four parishwide events each year for senior citizens, in addition to its regular programs at centers around the parish.

# Funerals

## DOMINIC GUILLORY JR.

Funeral services for Dominic Guillory, Jr., were held Monday, Feb. 17, from St. Margaret Catholic Church. The Rev. Rusty Richard officiated for the Mass of Christian burial. Interment was in the Estherwood Cemetery.

Mr. Guillory died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in Crowley American Legion Hospital.

Survivors include one daughter, Wynette Erbeling of Johnson Bayou; one son, Darrell Guillory, Estherwood; two brothers, Gilbert Guillory, Morse and T. L. Guillory of Crowley; two sisters, Geneva Fontenet, Estherwood and Jeanette Hanks, Eunice; six grandchildren.

Heart Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole.

Mr. Kram died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, in South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

He was a native of Baltimore and had been a resident of Creole for 20 years. He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. He was a Vietnam veteran who served in the Army.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Kram of Creole; one stepson, J. D. Miller, Creole; one brother, John Kram, Brownsville, Tex.; four sisters, Linda Smith, Joan Himmel, Theresa Rizzo and Kate Kram, all of Baltimore; seven step-grandchildren; and 12 step-great-grandchildren.



George Kram



Adonise Richard

## GEORGE W. KRAM

Funeral services for George W. Kram, 58, of Creole were held Saturday, Feb. 15, from Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in Sacred

## ADONISE B. RICHARD

Funeral services for Adonise B. Richard, 61, of Creole were held Saturday, Feb. 15, in Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was

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**TWO CAMERON girls won honors at the Miss Merry Christmas Pageant in Opelousas. Kami Savoie, right, daughter of Daniel and Lisa Savoie, was crowned Overall Supreme Queen. Mikalee Mooney, left, daughter of Tony and Chris Mooney, was crowned Queen in the 10-12 year old division.**

in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole.

Mr. Richard died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, in South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Creole. He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. He was a guide for Oak Grove Hunting Club for 25 years and was the founder and a member of Lemesche Bass Club for 15 years.

He retired from Miller Brothers Mobil after 33 years of service. He had been a baseball coach for 15 years with the Cameron Parish Youth League.

Survivors include his father, Dudley Richard of Creole; one son, Rodney Richard, Creole; one daughter, Rhonda Richard, Vinton; two brothers, Terry Richard, Cameron and Billy Richard, Creole; two sisters, Larmae Miller and Geneva Conner, both of Creole; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



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## New book tells ordeal-- E. J. Dronet involved

(EDITOR'S NOTE--One of the sailors who survived the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, as described in the following letter, was E. J. Dronet of Cameron. He has attended several reunions of the survivors since then.)

Wren Enterprises, 1011 Ridgetop Road, Richmond, VA 23229. We Were There by L. Peter Wren, LC DR USNR, retired. 246 pages. Softcover, \$15.95. Hardcover \$25.95. Telephone 804-288-5703.

/s/Jack L. Daniels  
Jack L. Daniels  
CWO USAR Ret.  
DeRidder, La.

Dear Editor,

"We Were There" is a true account of what is among the worst tragedies at sea.

The book tells of the sinking of the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis which was hit by two Japanese torpedoes during the late night of July 30, 1945 - days from the end of World War II -- in the Pacific Ocean.

The Indianapolis sank within 20 minutes. I have read several other entries in which the ship sank in 12 minutes.

Some 317 of the crew of 1,197 were saved after floating in a mammoth oil slick for five days.

The heavy cruiser's secret mission was to deliver a few heavy items to a remote island, which it accomplished under heavy guard. The mission was so secret that neither the captain of the ship nor the marines guarding the items knew what was being undertaken.

The captain of USS Indy, Charles B. McVay, III, was later held responsible and court-martialed. A scapegoat was needed; McVay was to be it.

This action, I believe, was very unfair as the first hand reports of circumstances will show in "We Were There."

While I can not explain all that is contained in this book of 246 pages, one of the most important things to me is the fact the author was involved in the rescue of the Indianapolis survivors.

The book includes survivors' memories and memories of those who took part in saving them. It is very well-compiled and detailed--noting the names, types of ships and aircraft assisting in the rescue efforts.

This is naval history told by those who were there. In my opinion, it is well worth the time and is reasonably priced.

To order the book write to

## School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for the week of Feb. 24 - 28 for all Cameron Parish schools are as follows:

Mon., Feb. 24 - Breaded chicken patty, lettuce cup, hash brown patty, pickle wedges, carrot cake, hamburger bun, catsup.

Tues., Feb. 25 - Spaghetti and meats, buttered corn, tossed salad, peanut butter cookie, garlic toast.

Wed., Feb. 26 - Sausage on a bun, buttered potatoes, baked beans, apple/orange wedges, hot dog bun.

Thurs., Feb. 27 - Turkey roast, rice, broccoli and cheese, fresh fruit cup, cornbread.

Fri., Feb. 28 - Tuna salad, Ranch beans, oven fries, pickle wedges, chocolate pudding, sliced bread, catsup.

## 1993 class to hold reunion

The Reunion Committee for the SCHS Class of 1993 is trying to finalize plans for their ten year reunion. The date has tentatively been set for March 29. Please contact Patrick Hebert at 775-5714 with your current address as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact DeLisa LaLande at 775-5714.

## Senior class meeting set

There will be a South Cameron High School senior class meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25. The meeting will be held in Tarpon Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the after graduation festivities.



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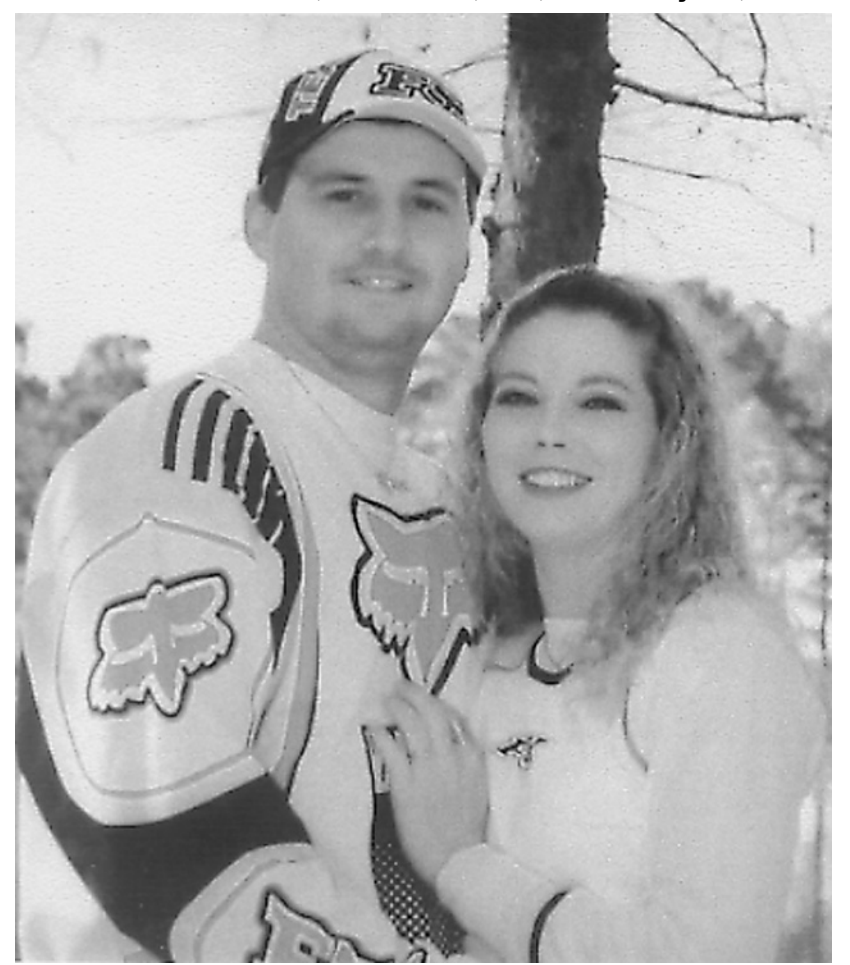
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MR. AND MRS. Langford Peavy of Johnson Bayou announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Terri, to Ricky Menard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Menard of Carlyss. The wedding is set for Friday, March 14 at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Johnson Bayou at 7 p.m. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.



MARRIED IN A plantation wedding in New Orleans on Feb. 15 were Pamela Kay Sonnier and Henry Roy, Jr. The bride is the daughter of Opel Riles of Lake Charles and James LeBoeuf of Cameron. The groom is the son of Henry Roy, Sr. of Cameron and Margie LeBoeuf of Cameron. The couple will make their home in Grand Lake.



Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wayne Bowman

## Bowman-LaCombe vows are said in Grand Chenier Feb. 8

Leslie Wayne Bowman and Pennie Michelle LaCombe were married Saturday, Feb. 8 in Grand Chenier, by Justice Of The Peace, Catherine Miller. The bride was given in marriage by her step-father L. J. Saltzman and her brother, Paul LaCombe.

Maid of honor was Brandy Gary and bestman was Gary Rock.

Parents of the bride are Mrs. L. J. (Shirley) Saltzman, of

Sweetlake and the late Louis J. (Bubba) LaCombe. Mother of the groom is Jane Bowman, of Lake Charles.

The bride is a graduate of South Cameron High School and works at Barrows Upholstery.

The groom is a graduate of LaGrange High school, and is employed at Darbonne Services where he is an Environmental Tech.

The couple will make their home in Lake Charles.

## Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

### HONOR STUDENTS

McNeese Honor Students in Who's Who from Hackberry are Amanda Abshire, Lindsey Boudoin, Meagan Broussard, Josie Brown, Marcus Bufford, Colleen Doucette, Brandon Gallegos, Lynn Guidry, Angelica Hebert, Theresa Kittner, Hilliary LaBove, Jessica Landry and Heather Vincent.

### BASKETBALL DISTRICT C

**Tuesday, Feb. 11 - Hackberry Girls 71, Pecan Island 15** - Edie Lenards 16, Tobie Devall 12, Leah Billedeaux 12, Megan Broussard 10, Chelsi LaBove 6, Nicole Fenetz 5.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11 - Hackberry Boys 50, Pecan Island 43** - Wade LaBoave 18, Chase Hicks 11, Brett Stansel 10,

## Cameron Library books

### MEMORIAL BOOKS

Memorial books in the Cameron Parish Library are listed as follows: with names of the ones in memory, donors, respectively:

Handbook Of Mammals Of The South Central States, Clayton Nunez by Jerry and Charlotte Broussard;

What Baseball Means To Me, Lawrence Arceneaux by Carol and Lou Johnson;

From Small Bits Of Charcoal, Guy Murphy, Sr. by John and Glynn Portie;

Fine Dining Louisiana Style, Mason Istre by John and Glynn Portie;

Wildlands Of The West, Mervin Chesson by John and Glynn Portie;

The Perfect Life For Hunters, Joseph Chammy Roberts by Don Wagner;

All About Louisiana Wild Flowers, Ena East by Emma Arceneaux and T-Boy McCall;

Trappers & Traders, Mason L. Istre by American Legion No. 0176;

Rusty Miller 18, Marcus Broussard 18, Andrew Hamilton 10.

**Friday, Feb. 14, Hackberry Girls, Hyatt 24** - Leah Billedeaux 19, Megan Broussard 18, Kim Joyce 15.

**Friday, Feb. 14 Hackberry Boys 41, Hyatt 33** - Wade LaBoave 15, Brett Stansel 11.

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### NEW NOVELS

Desert Winter - Michael Craft; Silent Partner - Stephen Frey; A Place Called Rainwater - Dorothy Garlock;

The King Of Torts - John Grisham; the Kingmaker - Brian Haig; The Graveyard Shift - Jack Higgins; Crossroads Of Twilight - Robert Jordan; By The Light Of The Moon - Dean Koontz;

Light In Shadow - Jayne Ann Krentz; The Perfect Lover - Stephanie Laurens.



Amanda Venable

## Amanda in competition

Amanda Venable, 17-year-old girl, recently completed in the Seventeen Models competition in Orlando, Fla. and was selected as one of the 17 girls to be featured on the company's website for Feb. 1-16.

Supporters can vote for her by going to the website:

<http://seventeenmodels.com>

Amanda has received four modeling inquiries since being shown on the site.

She is the daughter of Holly Hendrix LaJaunie of Creole and Dudley Venable Jr. of Los Angeles. She is the granddaughter of E. R. and Cora Hendrix of Creole and Grace Venable of Sweetlake.

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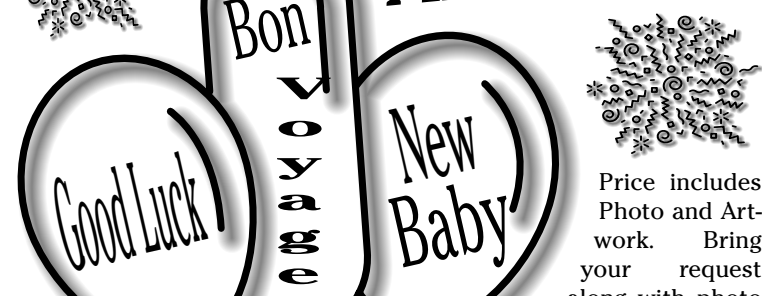
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## Message From A Candidate

During this Sheriff's campaign I will be sharing with you many goals and objectives and listening to your ideas. However, this week I would like to comment on the article in The Cameron Pilot concerning a bill to be introduced before The Legislature. If this bill is approved, it would allow the next Sheriff a salary increase of up to \$15,000 per year over the current Sheriff's pay. This money is not paid by the state, only authorized by The Louisiana Legislature. The money for the Sheriff's pay is paid by the Parish tax dollars.

**I will not accept any raises during this term of office I am seeking.**

If this money is available in the budget, I will spend it toward the betterment of the department. I feel that this would best benefit the parish.



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