

LAST FRIDAY, Ross Theriot, a student at South Cameron High School, and his father, Sidney Theriot, were in Shreveport for Ross's doctor's appointment. While there, they heard about President Bush's scheduled stop to talk about his Social Security Plan, and they headed to Barksdale Airport in time to watch the landing of Air Force One, the President's plane, and were able to get close enough to it to take this picture after it landed. They watched the Secret Service assembling and the motorcade carrying the President to the meeting place.



ALAYNA TRAHAN, South Cameron Elementary School fourth grade art student earned "Honorable Mention" honors in the Annual Louisiana School Board's Association Art Contest, one of the largest and most competitive art contests in the state. The results were announced March 3 at the LSBA Conference in Alexandria, LA. Joining Alayna for the March 14 Cameron Parish School Board meeting were, from left, her mother Claire Trahan, grandmother Peggy LaLande, art teacher Pat Reinecke, Board President Loston McEvers, and board members Rachel Abadie and Clifton Morris, Superintendent Doug Chance, and board member Dot Theriot. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Re-opening of G. Chenier school would be costly

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Re-opening the Grand Chenier Elementary School could cost as much as \$673,176 according to a study presented to the Cameron Parish School Board Monday afternoon.

The study, requested by Grand Chenier School Board member Dot Theriot, considered the potential enrollment of the school if the attendance district lines were re-drawn to include Precinct 12, which has traditionally been part of South Cameron Elementary's district.

According to Uland Guidry, Supervisor of Student Services, of the 245 students currently registered at South Cameron Elementary, 41 reside in the old Grand Chenier school district, and 86 reside in the hypothetical new district.

The count does not include outgoing 7th graders or potential incoming kindergartners, since that number cannot be determined at this time.

Students in the potential new district are currently transported on seven different bus routes, but would need to be combined into two routes if the school is re-opened.

Guidry estimated the cost to install a student information system at \$14,160, with \$6120 being recurring charges each year. Doug Welch, Supervisor of Transportation and Maintenance reported that building maintenance, furniture, energy maintenance, phone installation, etc. would cost between \$142,162 and \$177,173 depending on the fire marshal's requirements. Of that amount, \$2,752 are recurring costs. The total does not include the cost of electricity, water, gas, etc.

Cynthia Carpenter, Food Services Supervisor estimated the annual cost of lunchroom staff at no less than \$29,412, based on the last

known school census of 62 students. The kitchen would have to be completely re-fitted, since the old equipment has been distributed throughout the system to replace other equipment. The cost of large and small equipment would be \$54,081.

Finally, the potential annual cost of staffing and support could be \$398,350 each year, according to Supt. Doug Chance. This would include a principal, an office clerk, a custodian (could be part-time), four combined classroom teachers, one special education teacher, and one special education aide.

Chance said depending on the way the numbers break, some teachers might be pulled from South Cameron Elementary School for a cost savings, but that might not happen each year.

Chance commended Theriot for raising important questions for her district and for showing sensitivity to those who have traditionally attended South Cameron Elementary School and who might be affected by such a change.

The board also received reports on summer maintenance projects for each school and the first draft of a policy for Athletic Associations and Booster Clubs. Both will be revised and presented at next month's meeting. The School

New owners

George and Janice Morales are the new owners of A-A Sewer System located in Creole. The business has been in operation for the past eight years.

George Morales is state licensed and certified to install mechanical systems, septic tanks, camp units and field lines.

For free estimates call 542-4705 or 274-7024.

Board is working with its auditor to create an Activity Funds Handbook to give guidance for proper oversight of such funds.

The board voted to set Oct. 15 as the date for a tax election on the renewal of the parish-wide 10.64 mill Operational and Maintenance Tax which expires at the end of 2005.

In personnel matters, the board accepted the resignation of Wilbert P. Miller, Cameron Elementary School bus driver, who is retiring at the end of the school year, and Roland R. Key, Johnson Bayou School teacher, effective March 7. Leave without pay was granted to Sandra Gail Reed, South Cameron High School lunchroom tech, for medical reasons. Debbie LeJeune was appointed as a Sweeper at South Cameron High School.

Council fundraiser

Pizza sales will be sponsored by the Council on Aging at two locations in the parish as follows:

Cameron--March 18 and at Grand Lake at Boone's Grocery and March 24, both at 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The proceeds will help the agencies serve the elderly and low income families of the parish.

H'berry signup

Youth baseball and softball sign up will be held at the Hackberry Recreation Center Wednesday, March 23.

The center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Brown Bros. open store in L. Charles

The opening of Brown's Neighborhood Market in the old HEB grocery store location on Nelson Road in Lake Charles has been announced by brothers Jimmy and Pat Brown.

Jimmy Brown has operated Brown's Food Center in Hackberry for 26 years and Pat Brown has had Brown's Market & Deli in Cameron for 11 years.

The brothers also are owners of the CamMart Shell store in Cameron.

A grand opening for the Lake Charles store located at 4431 Nelson Road will be held Thursday, March 17. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. The store is open 7 days a week, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The new store offers a wide variety of grocery items as well as specialty meats, a bakery and a well stocked produce department and deli.

Cam. 4-H sells strawberries

Flats of fresh, sweet Louisiana strawberries are now on sale through the L.S.U. Ag Center in Cameron. Proceeds will benefit the Cameron 4-H youth.

Flats (12 pints) are sold for \$12 each. These berries are the Grand Champion Strawberries from the LA Strawberry Festival 24 years running.

All orders are due Tuesday, April 5. Tickets are available through your local 4-H clubs or call the 4-H Office at 775-5516.

Your strawberries will be delivered on Wednesday, April 20 in Hackberry, Grand Lake, and Creole.



Students are taking 'high stakes tests'

This week is "high stakes test week" across Louisiana. In Cameron Parish basically all students in grades 3 - 11 have been taking either the Louisiana Education Assessment Program (LEAP), the Graduation Exit Exam (GEE), or the Iowa tests.

In preparation, each school conducted pre-test week activities last week ranging from test pep rallies and assemblies to trial runs of testing rooms, and even a relaxing classical guitar concert.

The importance of a good breakfast before a big test is always stressed, and since 1993 each school in the parish has been providing free breakfasts to all students to ensure that students are in the best condition for the crucial tests.

Food Services Supervisor Cynthia Carpenter reports that the lunchroom staffs are excited about the program and look forward each year to providing this important service.

The results of the LEAP and GEE tests are of great importance to the school system, since federal and state funding has been tied to academic achievement scores through the No Child Left Behind Act and the similar state program. Last year's results have just been announced, with Grand Lake School and Hackberry High School being awarded the School of Recognized Academic Growth rating, and South Cameron Elementary receiving the highest rating - School of Exemplary Academic Growth.

A cash reward goes with these ratings. Grand Lake School received \$5766, Hackberry High School received \$2679, and South Cameron Elementary School received \$4000 to use for school improvement. Each school was also given a banner to be displayed for the next year.

Creole lady winner in La. Lottery

Mary George of Creole claimed \$7,700 at the Louisiana Lottery Corporation's Lafayette office as a result of two winning Pick 4 tickets from the March 9 drawing. The winning numbers were 4-0-4-2.

George purchased her winning tickets at Cameron Liquor on Marshall Street in Cameron. She played one of her tickets as a "straight" set and matched the numbers drawn in exact order to win \$5,000. She played another ticket as a "straight/box" set, which meant that her numbers could match the numbers drawn in any order to win \$2,700.

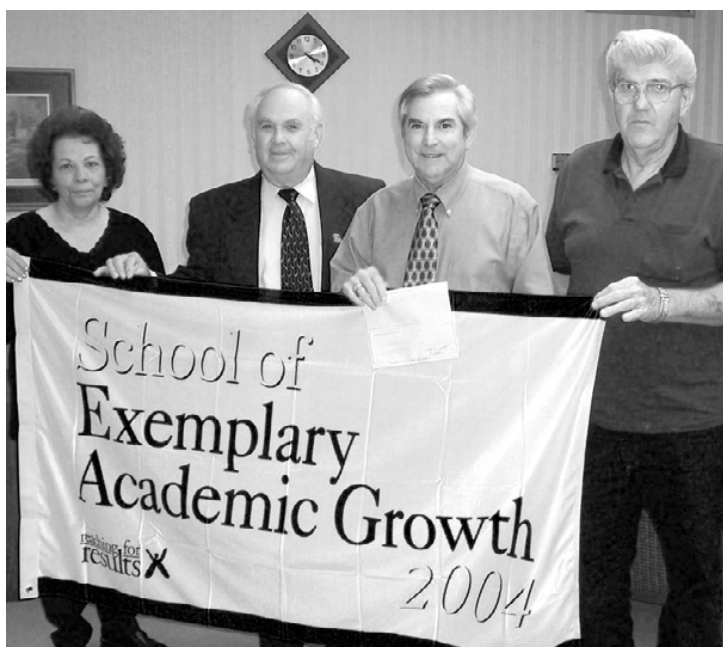
Lottery President Randy Davis noted that persons must be at least 21 years old to purchase a Lottery ticket. He also reminded players that anyone who has a gambling problem or friends and family of anyone with a gambling problem are encouraged to call toll-free 1-877-770-7867 for help.

Jury cancelled

The Cameron Parish Clerk of Court Office has announced that the Civil Jury scheduled for April 5 has been cancelled.



HACKBERRY HIGH School Principal Austin LaBove, right, displays the banner awarded to HHS as a School of Recognized Academic Growth, assisted by School Board Member Dwayne Sanner and Supt. Doug Chance. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SHOWN ABOVE, from left, School Board member Dot Theriot, School Supt. Doug Chance, South Cameron Elementary School Principal Barry Wayne Richard, and School Board member Loston McEvers display the banner recognizing SCES as a School of Exemplary Growth for 2004, the highest rating given by BESE. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



GRAND LAKE High School Principal David Duhon, right, displays the banner awarded to GLHS as a School of Recognized Academic Growth, assisted by School board member Rachel Abadie and Supt. Doug Chance. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

FUNERALS

GARLAND BILLEAUD

The funeral for Garland Ray Billeaud, 59, of Victoria, Texas, was held Tuesday, March 15, from St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry. Father Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of Robison Funeral Home of Sulphur.

Mr. Billeaud died Friday, March 11, 2005, in Victoria. He was a native of Johnson Bayou.

He was self-employed as an auto paint and body repairman and was a crane operator.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Allie Billeaud. Survivors include a son, Ray Billeaud of Sulphur; one daughter, Allie Lynette Billeaud of Sulphur; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

THOMAS R. BROUSSARD

Thomas R. Broussard, 81, died Friday, March 11, 2005, in the South Cameron hospital.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Grand Chenier. He was employed by Crain Brothers, Inc. for more than 50 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Coast Guard. He was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church of Grand Chenier and of American Legion Post 364.

Survivors include one son, Carl E. Broussard and wife Michelle of Grand Chenier; one brother, Joseph W. Broussard of Grand Chenier; one sister, Estell Theriot of Creole; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and his companion, Mae D. Miller of Grand Chenier.

His funeral was held Sunday, March 13, from St. Eugene Catholic Church. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery under

the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole.

JAMES GALLIER

James "J. C." Gallier, 62, died Friday, March 11, 2005, in a Lake Charles hospital.

He was a native of Cameron and lived most of his life in Lake Charles. He was a graduate of South Cameron High School.

He worked as an operator for Shell Oil Company for almost 20 years before retiring. He was a hunting and fishing guide for more than 25 years. He was a member of CCA and St. Margaret Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Janell Fruge Gallier of Lake Charles; two daughters, Jana Gallier and Jada Keller and her husband, Ronnie, all of Lake Charles; one granddaughter, Cassidy Keller of Lake Charles; one step-sister, Mary Daigle.

His funeral was held Monday, March 14, in Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Scott DesOrmeaux officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery.

Hackberry bingo to be held April 2

Due to Holy Saturday, the bingo at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hackberry has been changed to Saturday, April 2.



Council on Aging Events

Monday, March 21 - 9 a.m. - Cameron, pokeno; Creole, cards; Grand Lake, Easter party; Hackberry, puzzles; Johnson Bayou, crafts; noon - Cameron Community Action Board meeting.

Tuesday, March 22 - 9 a.m. - Cameron, pokeno and exercise; Creole, cards; Grand Lake, dominoes; Johnson Bayou, health screen; 10 a.m. - Hackberry, Seth Trahan; 11 a.m. - Johnson Bayou, Seth Trahan; 1 p.m. - Grand Chenier, bingo.

Wednesday, March 23 - 9 a.m. - Cameron, bingo; Creole, bingo and health screen; Grand Lake, dominoes; Hackberry, bingo; Johnson Bayou, crafts.

Thursday, March 24 - 10 a.m. - Cameron Recreation Center, Senior parish-wide Easter party: egg hunt, cake, basket and bonnet decorating contests.

Friday, March 25 - Good Friday. Offices and meal sites closed.

Emergency funds are available

Cameron Parish will receive \$2,000 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the parish.

A local board made up of representatives from the community will determine how the funds are to be distributed.

Cameron Parish has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Cameron Community Action Agency participating. This agency was responsible for providing 25 units of utility assistance.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Dinah Landry, P. O. Box 421, Cameron, LA 70631, phone 775-5145 for an application.

Grand Lake teacher in new program

Dorothy A. Robinson, a Grand Lake teacher, will participate in a database design and programming course as part of a \$130,000 project to study the future employment needs of Cameron students.

Robinson will complete an online course, followed by an on-campus course at UCLA. She will then be able to teach the class, which partners algebra with technology, at Grand Lake High School.

Grand Lake was chosen for the program "because of the heightened awareness of and interest in technology since the mobile laptops labs are in use." If successful, the program is planned to extend into all parish high schools over the next four years.

For information call Robinson at 598-5987.

2 graduate from police academy

Ty Alexander and Ronnie Swire of the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office graduated from Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy in Lake Charles recently.

They completed 360 hours of instruction in all phases of law enforcement. They passed the Louisiana Peace Officer Standard Testing and are now certified Basic Peace officers



PICTURED ARE students of South Cameron Elementary School who were the top achievers in a magazine subscription sales fund-raiser in February. They earned a limousine ride and pizza lunch: (standing, from left) Jacob Vaughan, Alan Myers, and Trever Nunez, all seventh graders; (kneeling) Chelsea Nunez and Isaiah Frank, fifth graders; Corey Miller, fourth grade; and Racissa Savoie, sixth grade. The school library benefits from the proceeds. Books and Accelerated Reader tests are purchased.

Creole KC News

By Loston McEvers

The J. P. Boudoin Sr. Knights of Columbus Council 3014 held their regular meeting last week. Grand Knight David Trahan announced there would be an Easter egg hunt at Sacred Heart Catholic Church after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

There will be two hunts, one for pre-school and kindergarten and one for first - 3rd grades. Prizes will be awarded for each group - prize egg and most eggs.

All Knights are asked to furnish two dozen boiled, dyed eggs. Bring eggs to Loson McEvers, Jerome Rutherford or bring to back of church before Mass. If it's raining Easter Sunday, go to Life Center.

The annual Knight of the Year banquet will be held Saturday night, April 2, with social at 5 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

The council and two brother Knights donated money for a priest, 25-year-old Ronnie Tolentino. Sacred Heart made adonation as well as the Creole-Grand Chenier Catholic Daughters.

Father McGrath gave out "prayers for priest" to all Knights present. There's a shortage of priests and Catholics are asked to pray for vocation for the priesthood.

Thursday night, March 17, there will be eight priests at Sacred Heart to hear confession before Easter Sunday, beginning at 7 p.m.

The spring barbecue and raffle will be held May 15.

The Council set up an

account to help defray expenses for Lisa Savoie. This account is at Cameron State Bank. If you would like to donate, contact Loston McEvers, David Trahan, Jerome Rutherford or Kenneth Montie, or go by the bank.

The Council chose Burl LaBove as Knight of the Month for March and Family of the Month went to Cliff and Martha Conner.



Program for elderly told

Elsewhere in this issue is an advertisement by the Calcasieu Council on Aging telling about the Louisiana SenioRx Program which provides assistance to persons 60 and older who meet certain guidelines.

Eligible persons include one-person household with an annual income of \$27,930 or less and two-person households with annual income of \$37,470 or less.

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A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Norman McCall, their family, and the Seacor family, especially Stephanie Richard and her crew; Loree Broussard & the KC's without these none of this would have been possible; raffle donors, Karl Styron & Mr. Omer Smith; Nanette Daigle and Hibernia Bank volunteers, the extremely busy kitchen crew and cooks who worked their tails off; Auctioneer Johnny Guinn; The Medicare Playboys, Midnight Special, Richard LeBouf, and The Joe Simon Band for hanging in with us; everyone who donated items for the auction or goodies for the sweet shop, your generous donations are what helped make this benefit such a huge success; and finally, to all the family and friends who helped do anything.

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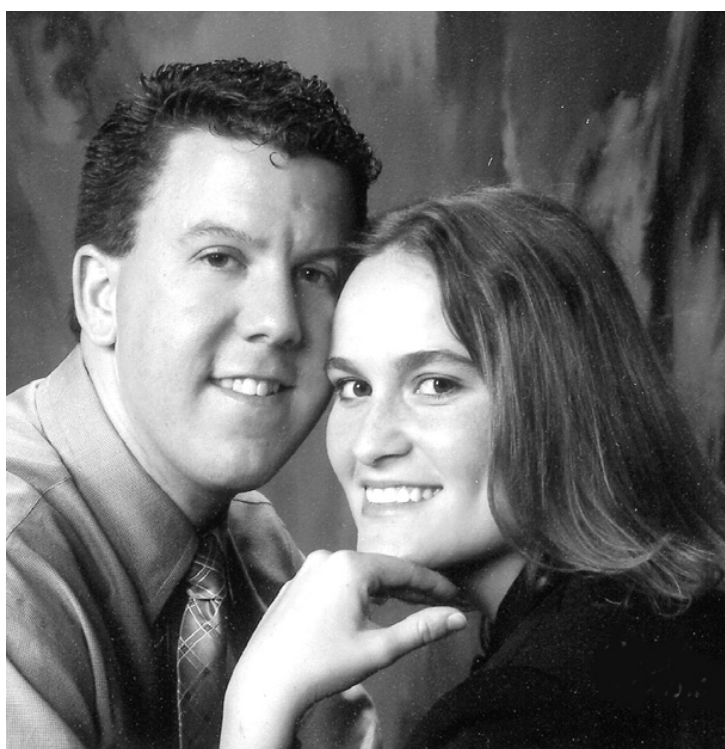
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JOEL RACCA OF Cameron, a special education student with Down's Syndrome, was recently crowned Winter Court King at South Cameron High School, having been elected by a vote of the entire student body. He is shown here with some of the awards he has received over the years in Special Olympics and other memorabilia. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



TO BE WED--Larry Cain of Hackberry and Melinda Fredricks of Sulphur will be married April 2 at 4 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center. Lerry is the son of Larry and Wilma Cain of Hackberry. Melinda is the daughter of Jimmy Fredricks and Robert and Debra Penn of Sulphur.

Joel Racca crowned Winter Court King

By CYNDI SELLERS

Twenty-one year old Joel Racca, a special education student at South Cameron High School who was born with Down's Syndrome, was recently crowned King of the Winter Court at the school's Winter Formal. Joel, who is the son of Jerry and Mary Jane Racca of Cameron, will graduate this May with a certificate of achievement.

In his years at South Cameron, Joel has become a very popular figure. One of his teachers, Tracy Lannin, says the entire student body cares for, helps and encourages him. "The kids treat him wonderfully, they'll do anything for him," she says.

Far from just coasting through school, Joel helps out and participates in school activities. He delivers the morning report to each class and is greeted by all the students. He performs at school functions, recently portraying Elvis Presley at a pep rally to the delight of all.

He is a great supporter of the military recruiters who visit the school, as well. They always give him a special item for his collection. He would like to be in the Army, and he campaigned for George W. Bush in the last election.

For the Winter Formal, each club at the school chooses two representatives to the Court. This year two graduating seniors from Special Education were included. During two days of voting, by secret ballot with a ballot box, the student body elects the king and queen. Candidates are encouraged to campaign, and Joel actively did so, assisted by another candidate.

Lannin said, "He kept looking at the catalog saying, 'I'm going to win that crown.'" She tried to prepare him for the possibility that he might not win, and when the crown at first passed him up, he just shrugged as if to say, "Oh,

shucks." Then, to great applause, the crown was placed on his head. He wore it to school on Monday.

Lannin gives great credit for Joel's accomplishments to his parents. "They have encouraged him to achieve as much as he can," she says, "and even though it takes a lot of effort, they have done a super job."

Joel's parents have made sure he was involved in activities practically since he was born, and his diagnosis was first made. He was in special classes in Lake Charles, learning how to communicate through sign language until his verbal skills matured. He went to Sunday School and was in the Children's Choir at First Baptist Church of Cameron. His choir director Mrs. Dortha Culp used to marvel at his perfect sense of rhythm. To this day Joel loves to play the drums, and he is good at it.

Joel has participated in Special Olympics for many years, always bringing home a medal or three. Last year he was selected as the Cameron Parish Special Olympics Athlete of the Year and the SWLA Special Olympics Outstanding Athlete for 2004.

Perhaps the greatest blessing in marriage is that it lasts so long. The years, like the varying interests of each year, combine to buttress and enrich each other. Out of many shared years, one life. In a series of temporary relationships, one misses the ripening, gathering, harvesting joys, the deep, hard-won truths of marriage.

- Richard C. Cabot

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GAIL WOLFE, Asst. Director of the Cameron Community Action Agency, was named the February, 2005 Employee of the Month by Director Dinah Landry.

South Cameron High School News

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Parents and friends of SCHS that have been collecting "Box Tops for Education" may send the coupons to the school by March 21.

We thank you for your support and please continue to save the "Box Tops for Education" for next year.

BASEBALL NEWS

The winners of the Baseball Raffle are:

1st Place Winner of the Butcher Hog - C'Anne King
2nd Place Winner of the \$75 Gift Certificate to Academy - Burley Fontenot
3rd Place Winner of the Crocheted Red, White, and Blue Blanket - A.D. Trahan

The Baseball team would like to thank MacNett and Mr. A.J. LaBove for donating the hog and Ms. Patty Trahan for donating the blanket.

Grace Christian Baseball Tournament Schedule:
March 18th - 3 p.m. SCHS vs Montgomery
March 19th - 3 p.m. SCHS vs Family Christian

4-H NEWS

Members are reminded that record books are due April 11 at the 4-H office. Club leaders must sign the record book, therefore the SCHS record books are due April 8th to Mrs. Janna Kay or Mrs. D'Juana.

Strawberry sales and their receipts need to be turned in before the Easter holidays, March 24. All strawberry sales are due on April 5 to the 4-H office.

Hackberry FBLA has winners

By KRISTA NUNEZ

On Feb. 2, Lance Pearson, FBLA District IV Vice President, and the Hackberry High School FBLA hosted the annual District IV Conference held at McNeese.

The following placed at the conference:

Placing Superior and eligible to compete at state:

Jena Sanner, banking and financial systems; Hillary LaBove, business communication; Carly Fountain, introduction to business; Kevin Orgeron, introduction to parliamentary procedure; Morgan Hicks, java programming; Mandy Michalko, Ms. FBLA.

Placing excellent: Carly Fountain, banking and financial systems; Amanda Perrodi, business law; Kevin Orgeron, business math; Wiley Clement, international business; Clay Billedeaux, Mr. FBLA; Kayla Sanner, word processing.

Lance Pearson presided over the District Conference.

The Hackberry High chapter will attend the State Conference in Baton Rouge on March 20-22.

SLOPPY CHICKEN

28-ounce can boneless chicken
10 3/4-ounce can cream of chicken soup
1 stack better crackers, crushed
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10 3/4-ounce cream of mushroom soup

Combine all ingredients in slow cooker.

Cover. Cook on Low 5-6 hours, stirring occasionally.

Makes 4-6 servings

JR/SR PROM

"Elegant Evening" prom night will be April 9. Pictures will be 5 p.m. till 8 p.m.. The dance is from 8 p.m. - Midnight. A special court presentation will be at 11 p.m.

CHEERLEADER

Cheerleader Try Out Results are:

Varsity Squad
Christian McCall: Captain, Brittany Nunez: Co-Captain, D'Nae Desonier: Co-Captain, Dixie Desonier, Shylyn Nunez, Katelyn Reina, Haley Willis, Jaclyn Higgins, Mary Jo Portie, Kami Savoie, Erika Pickett, Keyara Lassien, Haley McCall, Melanie Hardy, Lakesha Lassien.

JV Squad
Sara Dupre, Kelsey Mudd, Devon Richard, Bailey Richard, Kathryn Reina, Mikalee Mooney, Shelby Willis, Lakin Canik.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17 - Softball Merryville (away)

March 18 - Welsh Track Meet; Grace Christian Baseball Tournament

March 21 - "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" due

March 22 - DeQuincy Track Meet

March 23 - Softball Sulphur JV home (4 p.m.)

March 24 - Softball East Beau home (4 p.m.); Baseball East Beau home

March 25 - April 1 Easter Holiday

April 2 - South Cameron Softball Tourney

April 4 - Professional Development Day - No school for students

April 5 - Students return to school.

Hebert is with Northrop Grumman

Paul Hebert, formerly of Cameron, is now employed as a manager in welding engineering at Northrop Grumman, Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, Virginia.

Hebert received his B.S. in Welding Engineering from LeTourneau University in 1985. He will receive his Masters' Degree in Engineering Management from George Washington University in May 2005. He graduated from South Cameron High School in 1980.

Paul and his wife, Lori, have two sons, Ben, 17, and Jeremy, 14.

Paul recently visited with his family in Cameron.

Restoration report is available

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources has completed its Coastal Restoration Annual Project Reviews report. The 82-page report has information on all coastal restoration projects in Louisiana and provides an overview of current efforts to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance the state's coastal wetlands. Information can be found on project location, features, acres of land benefited, costs, and funding source.

For inquiries and copies, contact Mark Stead at 225-342-9430 or Mark.Stead@la.gov. The document can also be downloaded online at www.dnr.louisiana.gov/crm in Adobe PDF format.

THIS SCENE AT Cameron Elementary on Tuesday morning, March 15, was typical throughout Cameron Parish as students, faculty and staff of all six schools are offered the opportunity for free breakfasts each morning during testing week. Instituted during the 1992-93 school year and coordinated by Food Service Supervisor Cynthia Carpenter, the Cameron Parish Schools Test Week Breakfast Program helps to assure that every student has the opportunity to enjoy a hot, nutritional breakfast each morning before attempting their statewide tests.

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes



By GENEVIEVE GRIFFITH

I cannot depend on the weatherman when planning what to wear each day. Just as sure he predicts cold and rain the sun comes out and it is beautiful, as it is today. Beau and I look forward to that as we enjoy our daily walks around the village.

We walked to the clubhouse last night to play bingo, and I shared the winning of one game with my next door neighbor who shares my name. As it is so heavily lighted we are able to walk there at night without any trouble.

We will enjoy a fried fish supper there tonight, with

some of the men cooking. This is our St. Patrick's Day social.

This group never lets an event pass without a social of some kind, usually involving food. We sang happy birthday last night to a 91-year-old.

Marilyn Jones, who takes me to church every Sunday, shared dinner every Sunday with a 94-year-old preacher and a younger resident at local restaurants until the preacher moved out of town with son and wife. I am being introduced to all the restaurants in town and there seems to be hundreds.

I may go to the McCall family reunion in Grand Chenier April 16.

Plans continue for ambulance facility in Hackberry

Cameron Ambulance District 2 is moving ahead with plans to construct a new ambulance facility in Hackberry.

At its Feb. 24 meeting, the district's board agreed to get an architect to prepare plans for the facility.

The Police Jury will be asked to provide a site for the building.

The board also had a discussion on the cost of reopening the Holly Beach station. About \$250,000 a year would be needed to operate the sta-

tion fully. No action was taken.

Also discussed was the new plants moving into the area and the development of a master plan to handle the increase in population and coverage needed.

The board also agreed to seal the entire roofs on the Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach stations.

The board approved the purchase of a medtronic monitor for \$3,000 and seven CPR mannequins for \$350 each.

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Cameron Parish Library News

The Cameron Parish Library has received a grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) to host a family literacy program in Cameron at the Cameron Parish Library on Tuesdays starting April 5 through May 10.

"The program, PrimeTime Family Reading Time, targets children 6 and up and their parents in an effort to foster a lifelong love of learning through reading," said library director Charlotte Troclair. The program is free to the public and free transportation is offered to participants who make arrangements with the library prior to the program. The free transportation is offered to anyone in a 25 mile radius of the program.

PrimeTime is a six week series of reading and discus-

New books at Library

MEMORIAL BOOKS

Handmade Scrapbooks, JoAnn Schneider by Joey and Belinda Dockins and family.

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Cat's Eyewitness, Rita Mae Brown; Bloodlines, Jan Burke; Bridesmaids Revisted, Dorothy Cannell; Eleanor Rigby, Douglas Coupland; Peach Cobbler Murder, Joanne Fluke.

Irish Cream, Andrew M. Greeley; The Other Woman, Jane Green; Wrath of the Mountain Man, William W. Johnstone; St. Dale, Sharyn McCrumb; Saving Cascadia, John J. Nance; Honeymoon, James Patterson.

Eating seminar set March 22

Cameron Parish Library in conjunction with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital will be hosting "Emotional Eating Seminar" in promotion of National Nutrition Month Tuesday, March 22 at noon. The seminar will feature guest speaker Regina Ardion, LDN, RD and will be broadcast to all branches of the Cameron Parish Library at the same time.

The seminar will use the video conferencing equipment at each of the libraries that will allow you to view the guest speaker and ask questions of them in real time.

For more information, or to register for this informative class, please call the library at 775-5421.

Fitness and nutrition program is set

Cameron Parish Library in conjunction with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital Nutritional Services and Telemedicine Departments will be hosting "Exercise and Nutrition Seminar" in promotion of National Nutrition Month Tuesday, March 31 at noon. The seminar will feature guest speaker Deanne Biggs, RN/Fitness Coordinator and Kevin Marcantel, LDN, RD and will be broadcast to all branches of the Cameron Parish Library at the same time.

The seminar will use the video conferencing equipment at each of the libraries that will allow you to view the guest speaker and ask questions of them in real time. There is no costs for the seminar but pre-registration is requested.

For more information, or to register for this class, please call the library at 775-5421.

sion programs, includes sessions on such themes as fairness, greed, courage, cleverness, and determination.

Discussion leader, McNeese English professor, Delma Porter, and a storyteller introduce parents to the benefits and pleasures of reading and discussing stories with their children.

The program aims to expand participants understanding of reading through the use of childrens' literature with substantial humanities content. It focuses on expanding the teaching of literature, history and cultural values. The program offers such incentives as free door prizes and healthy snacks to participants.

"PrimeTime introduces families to the pleasures and benefits of reading together and the many resources and services of the public library," said Project Director, Dianne Brady. "We're pleased to be working with the Cameron Parish Library to bring this exciting family literacy program to the citizens of Cameron. It has been nearly three years since the last PrimeTime Program was offered in this town."

PrimeTime programs are sponsored by LEH, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State of Louisiana. The LEH is a private, statewide, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information or to register your family for the program, contact Dede Nunez at 775-5421 ext 106.

Master wildlifer program offered

The LSU AgCenter will offer a unique wildlife educational program at selected sites across the state beginning in late March.

The program, "Master Wildlifer; Wildlife Conservation on Private Lands," is designed for landowners, land managers and outdoor recreation enthusiasts who are interested in including wildlife considerations in their current land management activities.

"Practicing land managers will find the course valuable in highlighting alternative management approaches for wildlife in forest and farm settings," LSU AgCenter associate professor Dr. Don Reed said. "Special emphasis is placed on wildlife species that currently offer landowners additional sources of income through recreational access fees."

Reed said course participants will obtain the knowledge and necessary tools to enhance habitat for a variety of wildlife species that can be enjoyed by themselves, family, friends and anyone interested in wildlife.

Topics for the seven course sessions are introduction to wildlife management, ecology and management of small game, ecology and management of white-tailed deer, ecology and management of eastern wild turkey, fish pond management, managing wetlands for waterfowl and other wildlife and income opportunities from wildlife on private lands.

Reference materials will be made available to all par-

ticipants, according to Reed.

Dates for the first sessions are listed with each area location below. For more information on the exact locations and all session dates, contact the site coordinator listed below for your area.

The sessions will be offered in Southwest Louisiana (Lake Charles), beginning March 28. Contact Jerry Whatley at 475-8812 or jwhatley@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Is your child unorganized?

Whether you answered that your child is messy or tidy, the basic organizational skills can work for either of them. To learn more about choosing styles that complement your child and how to incorporate them in their lives, please attend workshop presented by professional organizer, Melody Granger, who is in the business of eliminating clutter, simplifying spaces, and keeping it that way.

The workshop will be at the Grand Lake Branch of the Cameron Parish Library on May 12 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished by calling 598-5950 or visiting the Grand Lake Branch Library.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Letter to the Editor Refuge fire burns 647 acres

Dear Editor:

Several times this year we have not gotten our Cameron Pilot. The first time was the week after I wrote to you and thanked you and your crew for doing such a good job with the Cameron news. (It was the week after the snow in Cameron.) The second time was not this last week, but the week before it. I understand you had an article about Alan McCall's book on the front page. Could you send me those two issues? Alan is my nephew and I would appreciate reading about his book.

I am assuming you printed my letter in the letters to the editor section (that was the issue I didn't get.) Donald Menard of Rayne, the writer who compiled the stories of Hurricane Audrey in two books, wrote to me after seeing my letter in the paper. He said he had been trying to find me and wanted to know if I was the Nell Colligan who moved to Cameron two months after the storm.

He said he had used the essay I wrote for the Pilot in 1972 about the storm and put it in one of his books. After assuring him I was the same Nell Colligan, he sent me both volumes of his books on the hurricane, free of charge. Needless to say, I was very happy to have them as I had never seen the books. Jimmy and I can't put them down once we start reading. He did a very good job of capturing the spirit of the victims and what they endured.

Again, thanks for the Pilot every week. We would expect

A wildfire began burning on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge late Monday when a fire set on private property continued burning onto the refuge. The fire burned approximately 647 acres within Management Unit 5, located in the northwest portion of the refuge near Sabine Lake. There are currently no active flames in the area.

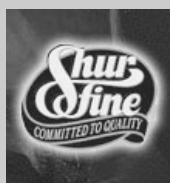
"By definition under Louisiana law this fire is considered arson due to the fact that it was not introduced to the refuge under controlled conditions by professionals", said Incident Commander David Chisolm. A helicopter has been used to monitor the fire since yesterday afternoon.

The Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, including Cameron Prairie, Sabine and Lacassine National Wildlife Refuges, would like to ask that all landowners planning to burn property adjacent to or near any of the refuges please let the Fire Management Staff know by calling 337-762-3816. If refuge officials are aware that a fire may be set they can take actions to prevent refuge wildfires.

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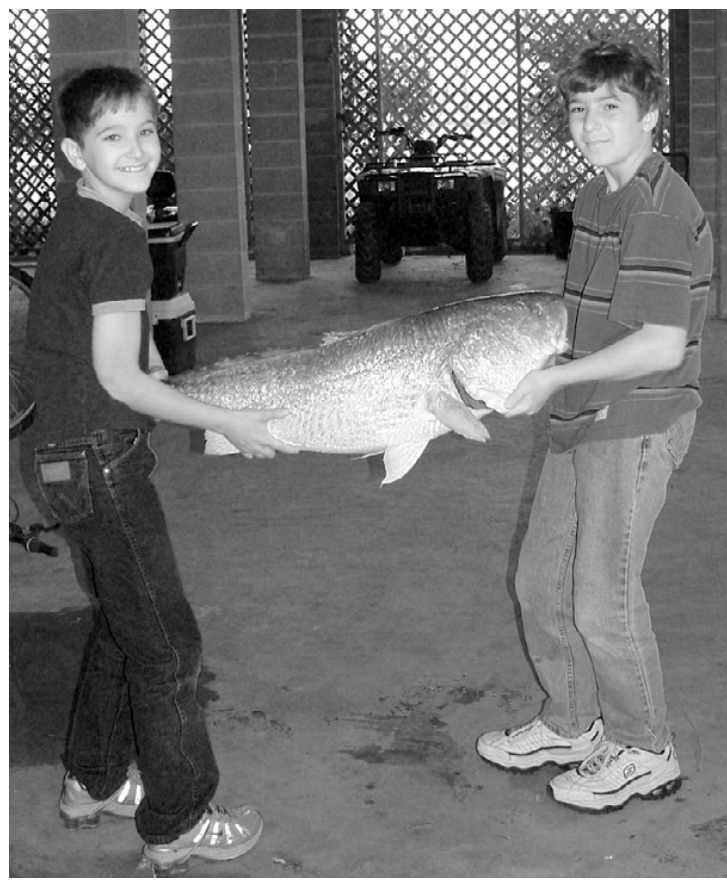
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GAGE RICHARD, 10, and Corey Miller, 10, caught this 27-pound redfish at the Cameron Jetty pier.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



MARSH FISHING OPENS

The agony of waiting finally came. The Miami Corporation Permit fishing opened last Saturday, and yes, more boats than I would want to count. A strong north-westerly wind about 15 miles per hour sure made fishing tough, along with all the boat traffic, plus a high pressure. Anglers I talked to didn't have any bragging rights, of course I didn't have any either. The afternoon was better as a nice warm evening made it more enjoyable.

This past Tuesday, the Southwest La. National Wildlife Refuge complex, comprised of Cameron Prairie, Sabine and Lacassine National Wildlife Refuges, opened for public sports fishing and will remain open until Oct. 15. Legal hours are sunrise to sunset at Cameron Prairie and Sabine and one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset for Lacassine. Anglers need to follow all Louisiana Recreational Fishing Regulations, including large-mouth bass, which has no additional restrictions at each refuge.

Possession of all applicable Louisiana fishing licenses is required to fish on national wildlife refuges. Boats with motors of 25 hp or less may be used in Lacassine Pool. Boats with motors of 40 hp or less may be used in Sabine Management Unit 3. Please practice good boating and safety habits, observe and obey "No Wake Zones" and respect the rights of fellow fishermen and refuge visitors.

Anglers interested in fishing at Cameron Prairie will be able to access the Gibbstown unit along the Bank Fishing Road and the Outfall Canal and the East Cove Unit, when the Grand Bayou Boat Bay is open. Anglers can check on the status of the boat bay openings by calling 598-4235.

Sabine Management Units 3 anglers are asked to complete a creel survey card to assist refuge biologists in determining angling pressure and success rates. Creel cards will be available at the unit 3 northwest boat lift. The unit 3 east boat lift is operational, however, dense vegetation may restrict or be troublesome for boat travel.

Sabine Management Units 1A & 1B are restricted to pirougue, kayak, and canoe use only. The severe drought of 2000 decimated the catfish population and fingerlings have not been available for re-stocking. Paddling enthusiasts are welcome to explore these freshwater impoundments and view wildlife and their habitat.

Boat launches are available on the southside (2 launches) and north side (provides access to the interior of the refuge) of the West Cove of the Calcasieu Lake.

Sabine's Hog Island Gully Recreation Area has a boat launch available for anglers to access interior portions of the refuge, a two-slot saltwater launch which provides access to Calcasieu Lake.

Cast netting on Cameron

Prairie (East Cove Unit only) and Sabine will be permitted only during the Louisiana Inland Shrimp season. All cast netters are reminded that the maximum refuge legal cast net is five feet in length. Cast netting hours at Sabine are set from noon to sunset. Possession of all applicable Louisiana fishing licenses is required to cast net on the refuges. Cast netting is not permitted on Lacassine Refuge.

Refuge anglers can obtain refuge specific fishing regulations at each refuge official visitors center, from information boxes located at the Lacassine Pool, from Sabine roadside recreation areas or have them sent by calling Cameron Prairie at 598-2216, Lacassine, 774-5923, or Sabine, 762-3816.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 4th annual Ducks Unlimited Bass Fishing Tournament will be this Saturday, March 19, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., out of the Big Burns. Lots of great prizes: 1st, \$500; there are troll motors, shotguns and lots of other prizes. Gibbstown Bridge Launch off Intercostal Canal East and West of Mermentau River (not to include Lacassine refuge) but will include the Bell City Ditch, Lake Misere and public marshes.

This is a "catch and release" tournament with three largest bass per boat. No dead fish will be weighed. Entry fee is \$50 per boat (1 or 2 man team). All youth 15 and under free when fishing with an adult. One adult and two youth are allowed per boat.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB

The Lemesche Bass Club will hold their first yearly club tournament this Sunday, March 20. Fishing will be out of the Old Amoco Field. Launching will be at the east end of the Superior Bridge. Fishing begins at sunrise and weigh-in is at 3 p.m.

Teams were drawn at the last meeting and boat numbers assigned to each boat for take off order:

- 1. Richard Duhon and George Melancon; 2. Chance Doxy and Tom Hess; 3. Matthew Griffith and Scootie Troclair; 4. Ricky Canik and Darren Richard; 5. Carl Broussard and J. M. Boudreaux; 6. Johnny Ledoux and Todd Morales; 7. Trey Wilkerson and Corey Broussard; 8. Loston McEvers and Jeb Linscomb; 9. Caleb Trahan and Cody Benton.

A reminder to all members, the next two tournaments are drawn tournaments. To fish, have your money in by 6:30 p.m. of the monthly meeting the first Wednesday of the month for the draw. No add-ons.

FISHING TIMES

- Fri., Mar. 18 - best, 5:40 a.m.; good, 11:50 a.m.
- Sat., Mar. 19 - best, 6:30 a.m.; good, 12:40 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 20 - best, 7:15 a.m.; good, 1:30 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 21 - best, 8 a.m.; good, 2:15 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 22 - best, 8:40 a.m.; 2:50 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 23 - best, 9:20 a.m.; 3:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 24 - best, 10

Results of Senior games

The Cameron Parish Senior Games were held March 5 at the Cameron Recreation Center.

The following volunteers helped put on the event: Donny Nunez, Toni Broussard, Scott Trahan, Michelle Mudd, Toby Landry, Sarah Nunez, Lena Guidry, Tut Savois, Darla Eaves, Tina Wolfe, Gail Wolfe, Donna Nunez, Mary Johnson, and Carolyn Thibodeaux.

Senior citizens who won awards were:

Rosie Bargeman, first place basketball, first place horseshoes, first place discus. Suzan Buras, third place horseshoes, second place washer pitch.

Nelta Peshoff, first place horseshoes.

Barbara Wolfe, third place accuracy, second place basketball, first place distance softball, third place washer pitch, third place shuffleboard.

Lida Miller, first place distance, second place horseshoes.

Lillie Harrison, first place distance.

Ella Hebert, first place horseshoes, first place discus, second place shuffleboard.

Mary Johnson, first place basketball, second place distance, third place javelin, third place shot put.

Carolyn Thibodeaux, first place discus, second place

shot put.

Oscar Reyes, first place walk-a-thon, second place basketball free throws, first place horseshoes, first place discus, first place shot put, first place accuracy.

Ella Benoit, first place walk-a-thon, second place horseshoes.

Donna Nunez, first place walk-a-thon, second place basketball, first place distance, second place discus, first place javelin, first place shot put.

Gail Wolfe, first place walk-a-thon, third place basketball free throws, third place distance, third place discus, second place javelin, third place shot put.

Margaret Pitts, first place walk-a-thon, first place basketball free throws, first place horseshoes, first place bait casting, first place distance, first place discus, first place shot put, second place accuracy.

Alice Reeves, first place basketball, first place horseshoes, first place washer pitch, first place shuffleboard.

Marie Posada, second place basketball, second place horseshoes, second place distance, first place discus.

Toney O'Blanc, first place basketball, third place horseshoes, second place bait casting, second place accuracy.

Spring Sports Statistics

BASEBALL

Grand Lake Tournament

Grand Lake 2, Vinton 1 - Dustin Leger was on the hill for the Hornets. Leger had 2 base hits including a double and 2 RBIs.

Welsh 7, South Cameron 1 - Daniel Dupre and Kyle Little shared pitching duties for the Tarpons. Namon Lute had a base hit.

South Cameron 19, Lacassine 4 - Kyle Little pitched for the Tarpons. Tyrell Harmon and Ronnie George led the Tarpons with 3 base hits each.

Vinton 16, South Cameron 3 - Marcus Mudd, Jordan Istre, and Daniel Dupre threw for the Tarpons. Mudd had a pair of base hits.

Grand Lake 6, Welsh 3 - Sean Collette was on the mound for the Hornets. Marcus Harris was the top hitter going 2-3 with a double and 3 RBIs. Grand Lake won the championship with a 8-0 win over Welsh.

TRACK RESULTS

The South Cameron Lady Tarpons scored 78 points to finish 2nd in the Vinton Relays. They finished one point behind Hamilton Christian. Grand Lake placed 3rd with 72 points. On the boys side, South Cameron placed 6th.

Individual results:

South Cameron: Jessica Frerks, 2nd discus; Rachel Fountain, 1st 400, 1st high jump, 2nd 100 low hurdles, 2nd long jump; Christian McCall, 1st triple jump, 3rd long jump; Kayla Rutherford, 3rd high jump, 3rd triple jump; Jonathan Rutherford, 1st high jump; Chance Savoie, 2nd pole vault; Dane Dupont, 1st 3200.

Grand Lake: Tressa Theriot, 1st shot put; Quinn Hailey, 2nd shot put; Brittany Hebert, 1st discus, 1st javelin; Tabitha Nunez, 3rd javelin; Ashley Broussard, 3rd 100 low hurdles; Travis Lavergne- 2nd shot put, 2nd javelin; Adam Precht, 3rd javelin.

All District Players named

Two area basketball players received all district honors. South Cameron's D'Nae Desonniere was named to the girls all district 5-1A basketball team. The junior guard averaged 15.6 points per game with 4.3 rebounds and 3.7 assists.

Deon Bergeron, a Grand Lake junior guard, was named to the all district 8-B second team. Bergeron averaged 12.4 points per game with 6.2 rebounds and 1.3 assists.

Wildlife Friends group will meet March 19th

Friends of the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex will meet this Saturday, March 19, at 9 a.m. at the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.

The Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex (SW LA NWR Complex) is comprised of Cameron Prairie, Lacassine and Sabine National Wildlife Refuges located within Cameron Parish.

Projects to be planned and discussed this week include: the Friends Group logo art contest, refuge research symposium at McNeese State University - March 30, Family Fishing Festival at Cameron Prairie - June 4, status of the educators guide to the SW LA NWR Complex, and refuge volunteer opportunities. The meeting is open to the community and all interested are encouraged to attend.

Friends are already making a difference here in southwest Louisiana. Funds in excess of \$1000 were donated to the group to help them get started.

A portion of these funds will be used to apply for federal tax exemption status. Dan Everett of Sulphur built two attractive bird house donation boxes for the group. The boxes have been placed in the Cameron Prairie and

SOFTBALL

The South Cameron Lady Tarpons won their pool in the Sulphur Softball Tournament last weekend at Frasch Park. The Lady Tarpons knocked off Grand Lake 4-1 and Iowa 2-0. They lost to Iota 2-1. Grand Lake defeated Iota 8-1 and Iowa 2-0. The Hackberry Lady Mustangs lost to Hornbeck 18-0 and St. Edmund 8-1.

Sam Houston 4, South Cameron 3 - Laken Mock threw for the Lady Tarpons, giving up two base hits. Top hitters were Mock, 2-4 and Whitney Richard, 2-3 with a double and RBI.

Sulphur Tournament

The Grand Lake Lady Hornets softball team participated in the Sulphur High School Tournament on March 12. The Lady Hornets finished the tournament with a record of 2-1 and a composite record of 11-1. The scores from the tournament are as follows:

Grand Lake 1, South Cameron 4 - The pitcher for Grand Lake was Shelly Granger (1-1). The top hitter for Grand Lake was Tressa Theriot, who was 1/2. Ashley Broussard scored Grand Lake's run.

The pitcher for South Cameron was Lakeyn Mock. The top hitters for South Cameron were McCall and Trahan, who both batted 2/3 and had a run. Lakeyn Mock hit a three run homerun in the 1st inning.

Grand Lake 8, Iota 1 - The pitcher for Grand Lake was Lakeyn Duhon (9-0), who struck out 7 of the 15 batters she faced. The top hitters for Grand Lake were Shelly Granger (3/3, 2 Doubles, 3 RBIs), Lakeyn Duhon (1/2, a triple, 1 RBI), and Brandy Carroll (1/2, 2 runs).

The pitcher for Iota was A. Abshire. The top hitter for Iota was G. Trahan, who was 1/2.

Grand Lake 2, Iowa 0 - The pitcher for Grand Lake was Lakeyn Duhon (10-0), who struck out 8. The top hitters for Grand Lake were Ashley Broussard (1/2, a double, a run), Tabitha Nunez (1/1, an RBI), and Tressa Theriot (1/2, an RBI).

The pitcher for Iowa was Jesse Brisnac. The top hitter for Iowa was April Gonzalez, who was 1/3.

Duhon to compete in Houston

The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association has teamed up with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to bring college rodeo competition to Rodeo Houston's final performance at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 20, in Reliant Arena.

The top four event leaders from each of the NIRA's Southern and Southwestern regions are eligible for this competition and McNeese State University will send nine rodeo team members to compete, more than any other school in the Southern region. There are 33 schools within the two regions that include Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico.

McNeese rodeo team members competing are: bareback rider Ryan Stutes, Sulphur; tie down ropers Kyle and Ross Beasley, also from Sulphur; steer wrestlers Trevor Duhon, Hackberry and Aaron Reeves, Reeves, Bridget Walpole, Jena, goat tying; Katti Pinnix, Pelahatchie, Miss., barrel racing; and Texans Jennifer Talmadge, Jasper, breakaway roping, and Cody Smith, Palmer, saddle bronc riding.

The performance will be televised nationally at a future date and at stake instead of prize money will be scholarships awarded to individuals and the schools each represent, according to McNeese Rodeo Coach Randy Hebert.

