



Leah Billedeaux



Tobie Devall



Meagan Broussard



Edie Leonards

## Hackberry girls on All State C team

BY CHRIS MUELLER

The honors continue to come in for the state Class C champion Lady Mustangs. Senior Leah Billedeaux was named the Class C Most Valuable Player. She averaged 14.3 points per game and had 9.7 rebounds. Billedeaux helped lead her team to its third champi-

onship in four years.

Joining her on the first team was Tobie Devall. Meagan Broussard was named to the second team and Edie Leonards received honorable mention.

Johnson Bayou was represented on the boys all state team. Kyle Badon was named as an honorable mention.

## Parish Library shut down by a hacker

Cameron Parish Public Library's computer network system was shut down Monday, March 17 after an unknown hacker took over part of the system.

Charlotte Trosclair, librarian, said the library was unable to check out books and materials as these functions are computerized. In addition, the computer terminals normally opened to patrons, had to be shut down.

However, some services were still available, including tax forms, copiers, etc.

The library had installed a firewall, a program designed to stop hacking, but apparently the hackers had already established a communication line on the library's main server.

Apparently the hackers were making use of the library's computer capacity for some unknown purpose. They apparently got into the system some time last week.

Mrs. Trosclair said the system has been re-formatted and is secure and fully operational.

The Cameron Sheriff's department was looking into the hacking incident although it may be nearly impossible to

determine who the hackers were or to punish them as they could be anywhere in the world.

The Cameron Parish Library has put almost all of its record keeping on computers and has provided computer terminals for use by the public.

Several new branch libraries, to be open soon, will be connected to the central library.

The Library also has a web page where patrons can find out what books are in stock and make reservations for books.

## Bird migration begins in Cameron Parish

By CYNDI SELLERS

The spring migration of neo-tropical birds has begun. The first hummingbirds, male ruby-throats, have begun to arrive in Cameron, along with a few early warblers.

For the next two months, thousands of migratory birds will cross the Gulf of Mexico

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## Creole water district gets big grant

Cameron Parish Water and Fire Protection District #7, the Creole area, has received a \$598,781 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.

These funds will be used to drill a new water well, make improvements to the water distribution system and upgrade the firefighting capabilities of the system.

## Jobless rate is up from December

Cameron Parish had an unemployment rate of 6.8 percent in January, higher than the 5.6 percent for December and the 6.7 percent for January, 2002.

This compared to a state jobless rate of 5.3 percent for January and a national rate of 5.7 percent.

The report showed that there were 220 persons out of work out of a workforce of 3,050 in the parish in January. This was the same number for January, 2002 but an increase of 30 persons from December, 2002.

## Personnel changes considered

The Cameron Parish School Board took action on the following personnel matters at the March meeting of the board Monday:

Resignation/retirement-- Danny Trahan, assistant principal, Johnson Bayou High, effective June 12.

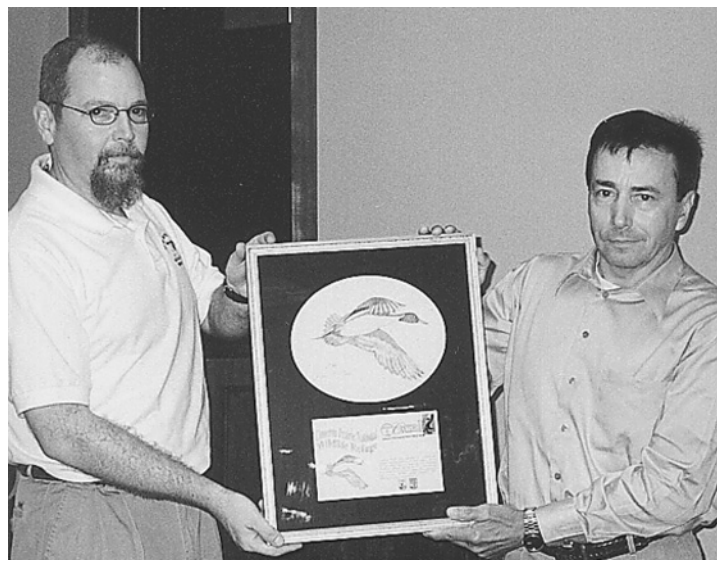
Mrs. Nell Trahan, secretary, Johnson Bayou High, effective June 17.

Mrs. Patricia C. Vaughan, teacher, Hackberry High, effective June 2.

Extended medical leave-- Bridget Trahan, teacher, Johnson Bayou High.



FAYE VINCENT, right, Hackberry postmaster, and Evia Hodge, customer relations coordinator, U. S. Postal Service, are shown unveiling the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge commemorative stamp, at an open house held Saturday at the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge in celebration of the 100th birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System. (Photo by Cindi Sellers.)



GLENN HARRIS, left, Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge manager, is shown presenting Bell City Postmaster Peter Daigle with a framed set of first day cover and duck print created by James Harris for the open house held Saturday at the Refuge in recognition of the 100th birthday of the National Wildlife System. (Photo by Cindi Sellers.)

## Students of the Year honored by Board

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The Cameron Parish School Board recognized the three parish Students of the Year at its monthly meeting Monday and will present them with certificates of recognition.

Presenting the certificates were Mrs. Nancy Boudreaux, Dr. Doug Chance, Superintendent and Clifton Morris, School Board President.

Honored students were: Devon Richard, South Cameron Elementary School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darren Richard; Sarah Elizabeth Taylor, Grand Lake School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Taylor; Parry Dean LaLande, Jr., South Cameron High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parry Dean LaLande, Sr. of Creole.

The school board also approved the paying of Bassette Development Corporation \$266,773.39 for construction work at Johnson Bayou High School.

Rick Merchant, CAE President, reported the Standard Achievement tests are now over and went smoothly.

The board has proclaimed March, 2003 as Career Month

Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 17-23

March 21st is the first day of spring



THESE CAMERON Parish residents were among the visitors to the open house at the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Saturday. From left are Mrs. Joanne Nunez, Mrs. Audrey Daigle, Theos Duhon, and J. Berton Daigle. (Photo by Cindi Sellers.)

## Church tells 5 days of services

"Good news for our troubled times" will be the theme of a five day series of services entitled "Good News America, God Loves You," to be presented March 23-27 by First Baptist Church of Cameron.

Rev. Herman J. Callais, pastor of Live Oak Baptist church in Pointe-Aux-Chenes, La. will be the featured speaker at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 11:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

He is a bi-vocational pastor former mission pastor with the Language Missions Division of the Home Mission Board and a commercial fisherman since the age of 10.

Music will be provided by Tim Couch. He and his wife Kym are from Nashville, Tenn. He has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry three times. Couch plays guitar and piano.

Special nightly emphasis will include Youth Night on Sunday evening with supper after the service, and Children's Night on Tuesday beginning with a hot dog supper at 5 p.m. and special children's music featured at the service.

The series will culminate on Thursday with a Patriotic Night featuring special music and other patriotic activities.

The 11:45 services will include lunch provided by church members. Rev. Alton Hodnett is pastor.

## Pesticide training set Thurs.

There will be a Pesticide Re-Certification on Thursday, Mar. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Building. If you are already certified as a private applicator, check the expiration date on your card.

If your certification expires March of 2003, you are eligible for re-certification. If your card expired prior to March of 2003 you will have to take a closed book examination. The examination can be taken at County Agent Gary Wicke's office any time during regular business hours.

At the conclusion of the Private Applicator Training, those in attendance will reapply to the Department of Agriculture for a Private Applicator's License. This license is valid for three years, and will permit you to purchase and use restricted pesticides. The cost of the license, which is \$10, must be paid the day of the certification. Cash or check will be accepted.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Wicke at 775-5516.

## Book singing

On Thursday, Mar. 27 authors Mary S. Palmer, of Mobile, Ala. and Loretta Theriot, of Chenier Perdue, will conduct a joint book signing at the Cameron Parish Library. They will autograph copies of their book, "The Callings." The novel is based on the lives of two young men from Cameron Parish.



A YOUNG VISITOR here shakes hands with "One Darling Gator" at the open house held at the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Saturday. J. N. "Ding" Darling drew the first Duck Stamp in 1934 which sold for \$1, generating revenues to purchase refuge lands. This "Darling Gator" is decorated with replicas of duck stamps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System. (Photo by Cindi Sellers.)



'TEDDY GATOR' was unveiled at the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge celebration of the 100th birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The gator, which will be on display in the Refuge's Visitors Center, honors Teddy Roosevelt, father of the national wildlife system, and ties in with the 'Gators on the Geaux' exhibited in Southwest Louisiana. (Photo by Cindi Sellers.)

# FUNERALS

## DANIEL CLEMENT, SR.

Funeral services for Daniel Clement, Sr., 58, of Hackberry were held Wednesday, Mar. 19 in Robison Funeral Home Chapel in Sulphur. Rev. Albert Drounett, pastor of Hackberry Evangelistic Temple officiated. Burial was in the Hackberry Evangelistic Temple Cemetery.

Mr. Clement died Monday, March 17, 2003, in his Hackberry residence.

He was born in Crowley and he worked as a tugboat captain in and around the Intercoastal Canal for over 30 years. He was a member and deacon of the Hackberry Evangelistic Temple.

Survivors include his wife Judy Clement of Hackberry; two sons, Joseph E. Clement, Jr., Lake Charles and Daniel Clement, Jr., Hackberry; one daughter, Anna M. Lester, Hackberry; his mother, Odella Simon, Winnie, Tex.; 1 granddaughter; two brothers, Ronald Doucet, Norway and Louis Monceaux, Texas; and one sister, Carolyn Hudson, Winnie, Tex.

## LESTER COURVELLE

Funeral services for Lester Courville, 70, of Johnson Bayou were held Monday, Mar. 17, from Our Lady of Assumption Chapel. Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in Big Woods Cemetery.

Mr. Courville died Friday,

March 14, in a local hospital. He was a lifelong resident of Johnson Bayou. He was a decorated United States Army veteran, serving in the Korean war. He retired from Marathon Oil Co. in 1986, after 35 years of employment.

He is survived by his wife Irene LeMaire Courville of Johnson Bayou; three children, Pat Abney, Nome, Tex., Keith Courville, Johnson Bayou and Timothy Courville, Sulphur; seven brothers and sisters, Sadie Jinks, Claudette Sandifer and Bonita Blanchard, all of Johnson Bayou, Lonnie and Bobby Courville, both of Vinton, Shirley Labit, Abbeville and Patsy Sonnier, Orange, Tex.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## ADAM O. DUHON

Funeral services for Adam O. Duhon, 69, of Hackberry, will be held at 2 p.m. today, March 20 in St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. Rev. Roland Vaughn will officiate. Burial will follow in Duhon Family Cemetery under the direction of Robinson Funeral Home of Sulphur.

Mr. Duhon died Monday, March 17, 2003, in his residence in Hackberry.

He was born in Hackberry. He served in the United States Army and had worked for over 30 years in the oil field industry. He transferred to New Iberia and had remained there for over 19 years. He returned to Hackberry in 1983 and

retired from Mobil Oil Company in 1986.

He was a member and 4th degree Knight and Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council #11576 in Hackberry. He was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church where he had served as an usher.

He is survived by his wife, Betty L. Duhon of Hackberry; one son, Darrell A. Duhon of Hackberry; two daughters, Donna Coco of Baton Rouge, and Darla Lowery of Sulphur; one brother, Joseph "J.G." Duhon of Westlake; one sister, Marie Whiting of Sulphur; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

## MRS. BILLIE HOOKS

Funeral services for Mrs. Billie Hooks, 65, of Navasota, Tex. were held Thursday, Mar. 13, in Hixson Funeral Home of Moss Bluff. The Rev. Ed Rose officiated. Burial was in Ritchie Cemetery.

Mrs. Hooks died Monday, Mar. 10, 2003, in Navasota, Tex.

She was a native of Lake Charles. She was nondenominational.

Survivors include her mother, Lois Reynolds Simmons; her husband, Bill M. Hooks of Navasota; two sons, Curtis Dean Long Jr., Baytown and Anthony Craig Trahan, Gillis, Tex.; four daughters, Regina Talley, Navasota, Julie Hawrylak, DeQuincy, Mishelle Nations, Navasota and Daphnie Perry, Navasota; two brothers, Marvin Simmons, Iowa and Rodney R. Simmons, Hackberry; and five grandchildren.

# Do You Remember?

By Keith Hambrick

## Cameron Pilot, March 19, 1970. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Several hundred citizens of Cameron Parish and visitors turned out for Cameron Parish's 100th birthday party on the courthouse lawn Sunday afternoon.

Sealing of a time capsule containing historical information and items highlighted the afternoon. The steel capsule was placed in a marble container in the foyer of the courthouse and is to be re-opened 50 years from now.

John H. Meaux, 81, of Oak Grove a former state representative from Cameron Parish, and Mrs. Raymie Broussard, 83 of Creole, were recognized as the oldest persons present.

The new Cameron Parish flag was unveiled and will fly in front of the courthouse. It was designed by Michael McCall and made by Mrs. Roy Hebert. A replica was placed in the capsule. The flag was presented by Mrs. J. D. Fruge, president of the Cameron Home Demonstration Council.

Many residents were dressed in Centennial costumes and heard a talk about the parish's early history by Mrs. Bernice Stewart, a native of Grand Chenier and resident of Lake Arthur. She is a retired teacher and historian.

The call to order was by Joe G. Boudoin, president of the Cameron Parish Development Association which sponsored the time capsule project. Assisting in the project were the Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival Association. The capsule was designed by U. E. Hackett, Jr. Roy R. Theriot, state comptroller, served as master of ceremonies. He was introduced by J. Berton Daigle, parish clerk of court. J. B. Jones was recognized as the president of the festival association.

Other celebrities on hand included Cherie Kay Griffith, 1970 Miss Cameron Parish and Alvin Dyson, 1970 King Fur II.

W. F. "Frankie" Henry, Jr., Police Jury President, was also on the program.

The last thing that went into the capsule was a recording of the Sunday ceremonies.

Other items in the capsule include histories and memberships of parish organizations, a telephone directory, roster of students and teachers in all Cameron schools, Centennial and other newspaper editions, history of parish churches, movies of the Fur and Wildlife Festival and various communities. Also old and new coins,

histories of public bodies, histories of eight parish industries, messages to descendants and miscellaneous items.

Ash trays, hand painted with the parish emblem by Mrs. Gladys McCall were placed in the capsule as gifts to the 2020 police jury.

## FAVORITE FOOD SHOW

The second annual Favorite Food Show will be held at the Cameron Elementary School Saturday, March 21 under the sponsorship of the extension service.

There are three classes of competition--men, women and youth. These are broken up into various divisions such as meat, poultry, seafood, dessert, vegetable, salad, bread, etc.

The youth division is open to junior and senior 4-H club members and non-members as well. The contest is open to all residents of the parish.

Judges will be Mrs. Sylvia Richard, Grand Lake teacher; Mrs. Eula Freeman, president of the state HD council, Lake Charles; Acadia County Agent and Mrs. Hadley Fontenot of Crowley; Mrs. Jerrie Wainwright, Grand Lake home ec teacher; Mrs. Ruth Hernandez, Calcasieu HD Agent; Mrs. Elza Stewart of Jennings; and Andrus Hernandez of Lake Charles.

## WRESTLERS DO WELL

Cameron Parish High School wrestling team did real well at the state wrestling tournament last weekend. South Cameron finished fourth in the state; Hackberry was fifth and Grand Lake scored eight points.

The Tarpons' Lawrence LeBouef won outstanding wrestler honors by executing a pin of defending state 145-pound champion Dan Duplass of New Orleans DeLaSalle in the finals.

Teammate Cedrin Hebert lost a decision to DeLaSalle while Tarpons Charles Benoit and Omer Neal Smith won third place honors with consolation round victories.

Hackberry's finalists were Claude Devall, who lost in the 185 pound class and Bryant Domingue was pinned in the 98-pound class. Martin Kershaw (175) and heavy-weight Joe Devall won third places for Hackberry and Curtis Fountain added a fourth.

## DRIVE OVER THE TOP

The Creole area Heart Fund Drive which was conducted recently by the Creole Home Demonstration Club, went off its quota. Funds collected were turned into J. B. Jones, Jr., Parish Chairman.

Mrs. Clifford Myers, Creole campaign chairman, expressed her gratitude to contributors and to club members, Mesdames Horace Montie, William Morris, and Harold Carter, who assisted her in the drive.

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### 2002-03 Roster

- #00 Desi Picou
- #4 Hillary LaBove
- #5 Jena Sanner
- #10 Meagan Broussard
- #11 Edie Leonards
- #15 Nicole Fenetz
- #20 Mandy Michalko
- #21 Leah Billedeaux
- #23 Amanda Miller
- #24 Bethany Richard
- #25 Jessica East
- #32 Kayleigh Stansel
- #40 Tobie Devall
- #50 Alexis Simon
- #53 Miranda Hicks
- #55 Chelsie LaBove

Coach - Eddie Michalko  
Assistant Coach - Patrick Dennis  
Film - Marcie Michalko

### #1 Team!!

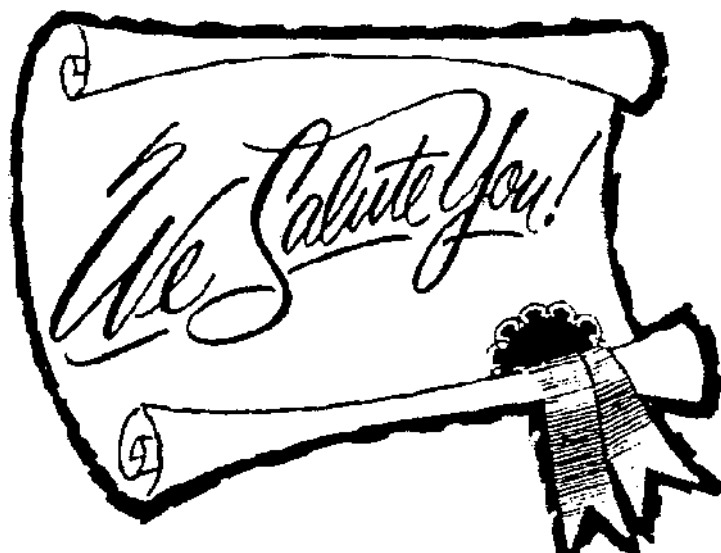


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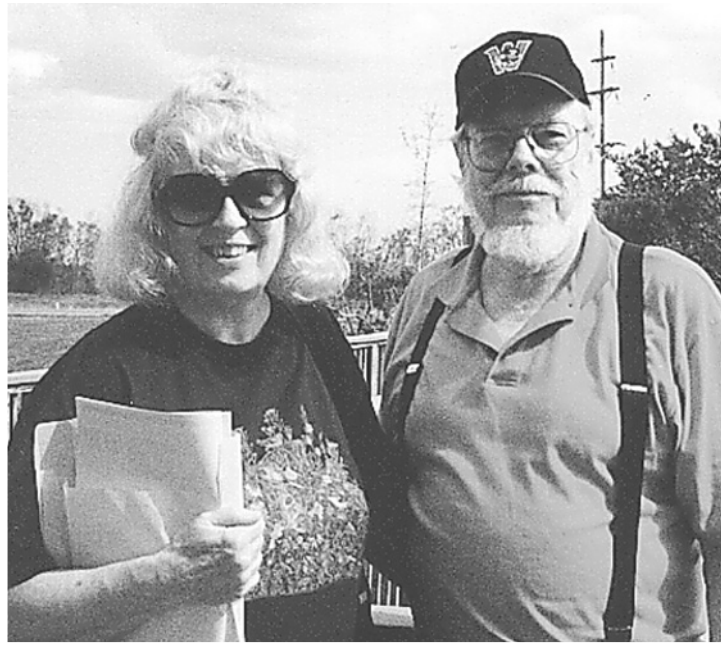


Thanks, Lady Mustangs, For A Great Job, Well Done





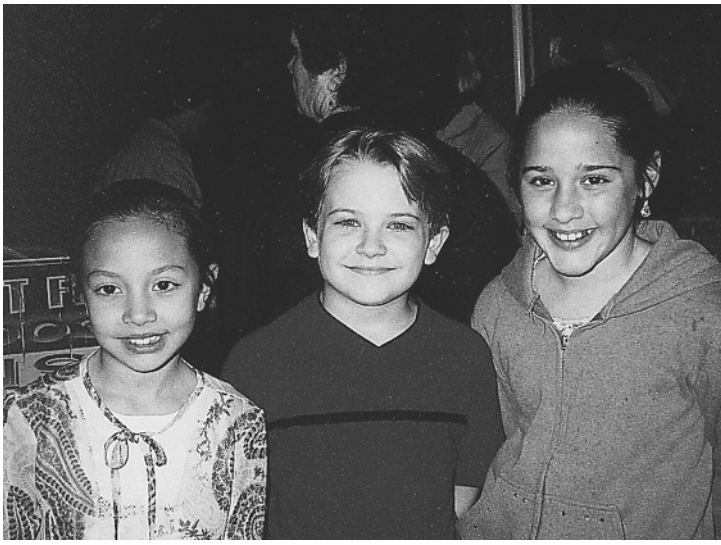
**BOY SCOUTS TROOP 210** are shown at the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge for a celebration of the 100th Birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Scoutmaster Bobby Doxey and the boys participated in the Presentation of Colors for the celebration. The boys are shown with a new Gator on the Geaux, called "One Darling Gator". Pictured above with the gator are Brian Doxey, James Cormier, Kent Doxey, Marcus Doxey, Christopher Guillot, and Travis Trahan.



**JAN AND PAUL Lotz** of Sewickly, Penn., visited the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge open house Saturday. They saw a lot of egrets, roseate spoonbills, nuthatches, and other wildlife. They said they came south to escape "Pennsylvania's worst winter in year" and camped at Holly Beach and Rutherford Beach. (Photo by Cindi Sellers.)



**SUE TOUCHET**, volunteer at the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, is shown being presented with a volunteer award by Diane Borden-Billiot, refuge outreach coordinator. The presentation was made Saturday during an open house at the Refuge. (Photo by Cindi Sellers.)



**TAYLOR WHITTLE**, left, and **Kristi Breaux**, right, enjoyed their moment of fame with young Cajun music artist Hunter Hayes of Breaux Bridge at the Iowa Rabbit Festival. Taylor and Kristi both attend Grand Lake School and are in the fourth grade.

## G. L. High Honor Roll

David Duhon, principal, announces the Grand Lake School list of Banner/Honor Roll students for the fourth six weeks period as follows:

First grade banner roll - all A's - Kaylee Conner, Dillon Hays, Halee Sullivan, Kirstyn Marceaux, Zane Bellon, Kelsey Rider, Devin Wicke, Callie Breville.

First grade honor roll - Emily Babineaux, Jade Bollich, Lacey Boudreaux, Kelsey Broussard, Hunter Daigle, Michelle Mullins, Tristan Musser, Jarrett Nunez, Haylee Ogea, Kourtlyn Duhon, Timmy Foreman, Megan Fruge, Kayleigh Landry, Madison Morales, Morgan Musser, Samantha O'Connell, Sara Richard, Grant Robideaux, Victoria Thomas, Morgan Veillon.

Second grade banner roll - Darbie Montie, Drew Richard, Blake Ezell, Calley Conner, Emileigh Creel, Chance Duhon, Alexandra Kennedy.

Second grade honor roll - Katelyn Babineaux, Dalton Boudreaux, Rebecca Duont, Morgan Fontenot, Michael Fournier, Bobby Honeycott, Jodie LaGrange, Sydney Myers, Savannah Quinn, Laurence Vinson, Lexi Conner, Joshua Fitkin, Zane Fontenot, Michael Guidry, Austin Guillory, Paige Landreneau, Marlie Mudd, Corey Pickett, Karissa Trahan, Justin Demary, Keziah Gaspard, Ryan Martarona, Lance Thomas.

Third grade banner roll - Devon Duhon, Kaitlyn Holmes, Halie Stevens, Paige Vedder, Dylan Boudreaux, Jamie Overmyer, Emmeline Richard.

Third grade honor roll - Chanler Borel, Kelsey Ellender, Hanna Savoie, Justin Conner, Megan Daigle, Colleen Manuel, Ann Polwichit, Jillian Derouen, Hayley Dilliner, Lauren Hebert, Rex Jones, Brooke Pesson, Spencer Schiele, Shelby Thomas.

Fourth grade honor roll - Jaide Landreneau, Kallan Mudd, Britney Pickett, Julia Quinn, Trenton Dupuis, Taylor Smith.

Fifth grade banner roll - Kevin Delaney, William Precht, Heather Girling-

house, Kimberly Goode, Shawnee Pearce, Deaven Landreneau, Laiken Conner.

Fifth grade honor roll - Kirstyn Vincent, Amber Trahan, Aaron Newman, Kayla Gauthreaux, Tasha Fontenot, Misty LeSeur, Cameron Baumery, Haylee Young, Stephanie Sonnier, Amy Blanchard, Tyler Lannin, Micah Richard, Jed Williams.

Sixth grade banner roll - Evan Guidry, Victoria Roach, Megan Poole, Linsey LaGrange, Liz Kingham, Jayce Hebert, Michaela Haviland.

Sixth grade honor roll - Justin Aguillard, Kat Kingham, Samantha Williams, Sydney Dunn.

Seventh grade banner roll - Ashley Toups.

Seventh grade honor roll - Megan Bridges, Corey Broussard, Brandy Carroll, Joshua Doucet, Laken Duhon, John Cody Guidry, Sonya Lavergne, Haley Pesson, Samantha Poole, Molly Precht, Renn Savoie, Amber Taylor.

Eighth grade banner roll - Kory Dahlen, Wesley Doxey, Jordan Precht, Sara Taylor, Haylee Theriot.

Eighth grade honor roll - Justin Howerton, Sabrina McFarlain, Elizabeth Reon, Courtney Thomas.

Ninth grade banner roll - Ashley Hunter, Samantha Poole.

Ninth grade honor roll - Heather Breaux, Chris Monceaux, Danielle Ogea, Adam Precht, Amanda Stout.

Tenth grade banner roll - Ashley Broussard, Brandy Guidry, Katy Lavergne, Tabitha Nunez, David Reed, Matthew Reon.

Tenth grade honor roll - James Carroll, Marcus Harris, Heather LeBoeuf, Cody DeMaire, Alex Vinson.

Eleventh grade honor roll - Megan Abshire, Morgan Abshire, Danielle Broussard, Jenna Broussard, Kelsey Chesson, Justin Girlinghouse.

Twelfth grade banner roll - Jade Jouett, Jeffrey Alvarado, Natalie Poole.

Twelfth grade honor roll - Trevor Hebert, Michael Brown, Sarah Brister, Christa Bourque, Phillip Savoy, Barry Reed, Ashley Marceaux.

## Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

### CLUB PAYS VISIT

Lucy Nolan, Hackberry student who is ill, was paid a surprise visit by Senior Beta Club members and their sponsor, Jeanne LaFleur, who brought her a bouquet of roses and a huge Valentine Card. Lucy thanked everyone for their concern and prayers.

### CATHOLIC NEWS

Confirmation candidates and their sponsors will leave St. Peter's Church at 9 a.m. to go to Burton Coliseum.

The quarterly bingo will be held at the Hackberry Community Center April 12 at 7 p.m. to benefit the CCD program.

### FAIR AWARDS

Kayla Backlund of Hackberry received seven first places, one second place and two premium checks totaling \$14 from the CalCam Fair.

## Lunch Menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning Mar. 24 are as follows:

Mon., Mar. 24 - Chili Frito pie, fresh vegetable cup, hash brown patty, peach cobbler, cheese toast, catsup.

Tues., Mar. 25 - chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread, sliced bread.

Wed., Mar. 26 - Smoked brisket sand., oven fries, corn on cob, strawberry Jello, hamburger bun, catsup.

Thurs., Mar. 27 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, cheese potato casserole, applesauce cake, sliced bread.

Fri., Mar. 28 - Fish portion, baked beans, oven fries, banana pudding, catsup, hamburger bun.



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Ricky and Kimberly LeBoeuf announce the birth of their second child, Maia Noelle LeBoeuf, born Dec. 5, 2002, in Honolulu, Hawaii. She weighed 7 pounds. Her grandparents are G. C. and Brenda Quinn and George and Willa Dean LeBoeuf, all of Cameron. Also Happy Birthday to Big Brother, Quade LeBoeuf, March 2, 2003, 4 years old.

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The Recreation Center will be open as follows beginning Tuesday, March 25...  
Tuesday - Saturday  
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
The Recreation Center also features an outdoor playground area, a game room, and the public pool during the summer. For further information or to offer suggestions or comments, contact Phyllis Swire during normal business hours stated above:  
**538-2457**

# Character

Lance is a native and lifelong resident of Cameron Parish. He was raised in the Creole community and currently resides in Sweetlake. He is married to Kelly Foster Mudd and they have 3 children Kallan, Marlie, and Quincy Mudd.

Mudd graduated from South Cameron High, and continued his education at McNeese State University. He graduated from the Marshall's Academy in February 2003.

Lance will bring outstanding character to the office of Sheriff of Cameron Parish.

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# Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

## FISHING IN FULL SWING

Fishing is in full swing, with the opening of the Miami Corporation's Permit Fishing and our refuges open this past weekend, anglers hit the marsh for bass, bream, goggle eyes and catfish. Big Lake and the two jetties in Cameron and Grand Chenier were active.

The Big Burn was loaded with boats, many running wild, however some in tow.

I had a good day, lots of small bass, one with my thumb in his mouth weighing about 4 pounds and yes, slipped right out and then I looked at the net laying in the boat and said no excuse. Anglers I talked to that were fishing and not running wild had fish. I saw some good stringers of bass, and witnessed white perch being caught as fast as you put the bait in the water. They were using tube jugs, white/chartreuse. I tried different spinner baits, but did better on a Buzzmaster crawfish worm, rigged Texas style with a small bullet weight pegged.

The Ducks Unlimited Second Annual Bass Fishing Tournament held in the Big Burn Marsh was won by a couple of local anglers, but I'll have to wait and get the correct results for next week. There were lots of great prizes

to be given to the winners.

## NEWS BRIEF

The first two big lunker bass, one caught on Toledo Bend and one in Chico Lake both over 12 pounds were given to the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery to spawn and then be returned back to their original waters. The Lunker Bass program accepts donations of lunker bass weighing 12 pounds or more caught in state waters. They spawn the bass, let the genes pass on to strengthen the state's bass population. The angler donating the bass, get a free replica of the fish and a certificate of appreciation for participating in the program. The Toledo bass weighed 12.88, measuring 26.5 inches in length with a 21 inch girth.

## HUNTING-TRAPPING

All hunting in our area is closed, but trapping season is open until March 31 unless some wildlife management areas close earlier. Check your 2002-03 trapping season pamphlet, so as not to get a violation.

## BOAT SHOW

The 24th Louisiana Sportsman Show will be in New Orleans Superdome this week through Sunday, Mar. 23. This is a big show with lots of boats, motors, trailers, hunting and fishing supplies and that includes bass boats to offshore boats. Brody the 1000 Kodiak grizzly bear will be there to show all his tricks.

## LEMESCHE BASS CLUB

The Lemesche Bass Club will hold their first club tournament of the year this Sunday, Mar. 23. Fishing will be out of Amoco marsh, launching at the Superior Bridge. This is a pick-your-

own-partner tournament. Official start is sunrise, 7:08 a.m. and weight in at 3 p.m.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, April 2, at the Creole KC Hall.

## TALK AROUND

Anglers are reminded to please have your running lights on when running at night and when it's foggy. I've noticed boats running without their lights in the fog and worst fishing at a cut or canal with no running lights on. Use them and wear your life jackets.

Something I noticed Saturday morning early, at 7:30 a.m., fishermen fishing the canals for perch using shiners, two shiner bags in the water. Please keep your trash in your ice chest, or litter bag, keep it out of the water or places you fish. A trash bag, ice bag, shiner bag, Ziplock bag, if wrapped around the foot of your outboard motor, will stop the water pump from working and that's a burnt up motor, I know, it happen to me. Also we fish on public waters, refuges or private permit lands, keep these places clean or maybe one day we may not have a place to fish.

Until next time Good Fishing!

## GOOD FISHING TIMES

Friday, March 21: best, 1:45 p.m.; good 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 22: best, 2:45 p.m.; good 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 23: best, 3:30 p.m.; good, 9:30 a.m.

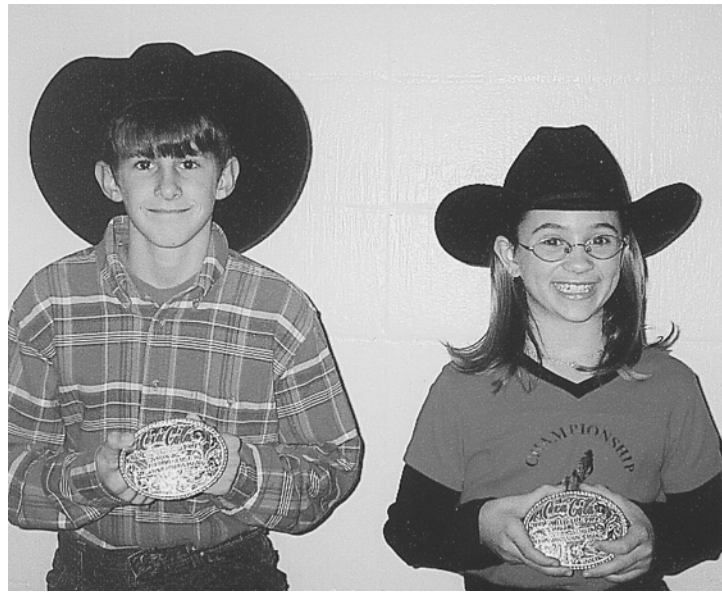
Monday, March 24: best, 4:45 p.m.; good, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 25: best, 5:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; good, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 26: best, 6:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.; good 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 27: best, 7:30 a.m. & 7:45 p.m.; good 1:15 p.m.

Best fishing days for March: 21 & 29. Good fishing days: March 27, 28, 30, 31.



**KYLE LEBOEUF and Kellan Mudd won champion belt buckles at the Lake Charles rodeo. Kellan was the champion barrel racer and competed against 66 other girls ages 13 and under. Kyle was the champion break-away roper. Kellan is the 10-year-old daughter of Lance and Kelly Mudd of Sweetlake. Kyle is the 13 year-old-son of Gary and Angela LeBoeuf of Creole. They are both the great-grandchildren of Mildred Mudd and the late Tom Mudd.**

## Chenier Rec adds new equipment

The Grand Chenier Recreation Center has added some new weight and exercise equipment and invites the public to use it Tuesday thru Saturday, 3 to 8 p.m.

The equipment includes a central weight station, a treadmill and other exercise machines.

The center also has a playground area, game room and a swimming pool. The center will open Tuesday, March 25.

For more information call Phyllis Swire at the center, 538-2457.

## Lady Tarps win relays

The South Cameron Lady Tarps finished the Vinton Relays with 93 points to take first place. The Tarpons scored 64 points to finish in fourth place.

Finishing in the top three were: Oliver Primeaux, 2nd in discus; Beau Duhan, 1st in javelin; Jonathon Rutherford, 2nd in high jump; Trey Lute, 2nd in long jump and 2nd in triple jump; 400 relay team, 2nd; Laken Mock, 1st javelin; Kayla Rutherford, 2nd high jump and 2nd triple jump; Courtney Conner, 1st in 100 and 1st in 110; Mika Benoit, 2nd in 110 hurdles; girls 400 relay team, 2nd place; and 800 relay team, 3rd.

## Baseball Action

### BASEBALL SCORES

**South Cameron 33; Starks 16** - T. John Henry pitched for the Tarpons, giving up 4 hits in this high scoring affair. Trey Lute was the top hitter for South Cameron going 2-3 with a double and a homerun.

### SOFTBALL RESULTS

**South Cameron 6; Merryville 1** - Brittany Mudd struck out 7 Lady Panthers and gave up 3 hits as the Lady Tarpons opened district play with a win. Santana Conner and Casi McDaniel both went 2-4 at bat with 2 RBIs each.

### BASEBALL ACTION

**Grand Lake 5; Gueydan 4** - TC Tradewell and Ryan Poole shared the mound for the Hornets. Eric McCombs, who was 2-3 at bat, laid down a bunt to score the winning run. Tradewell and Poole also had a pair of hits each.

**Grand Lake 1; Vinton 0** - The Hornets picked up third place in their tournament as they shutout the Lions. Dustin Leger was the pitcher for Grand Lake. Top hitters were Ryan Poole, 1-2 and Jay Bergeron, who hit a double to knock in the game winning run.

**Lake Arthur 4; Grand Lake 2** - Jake Medlock and Ryan Poole shared the mound for the Hornets (7-3). TC Tradewell and Jay Bergeron picked up a pair of base hits each.



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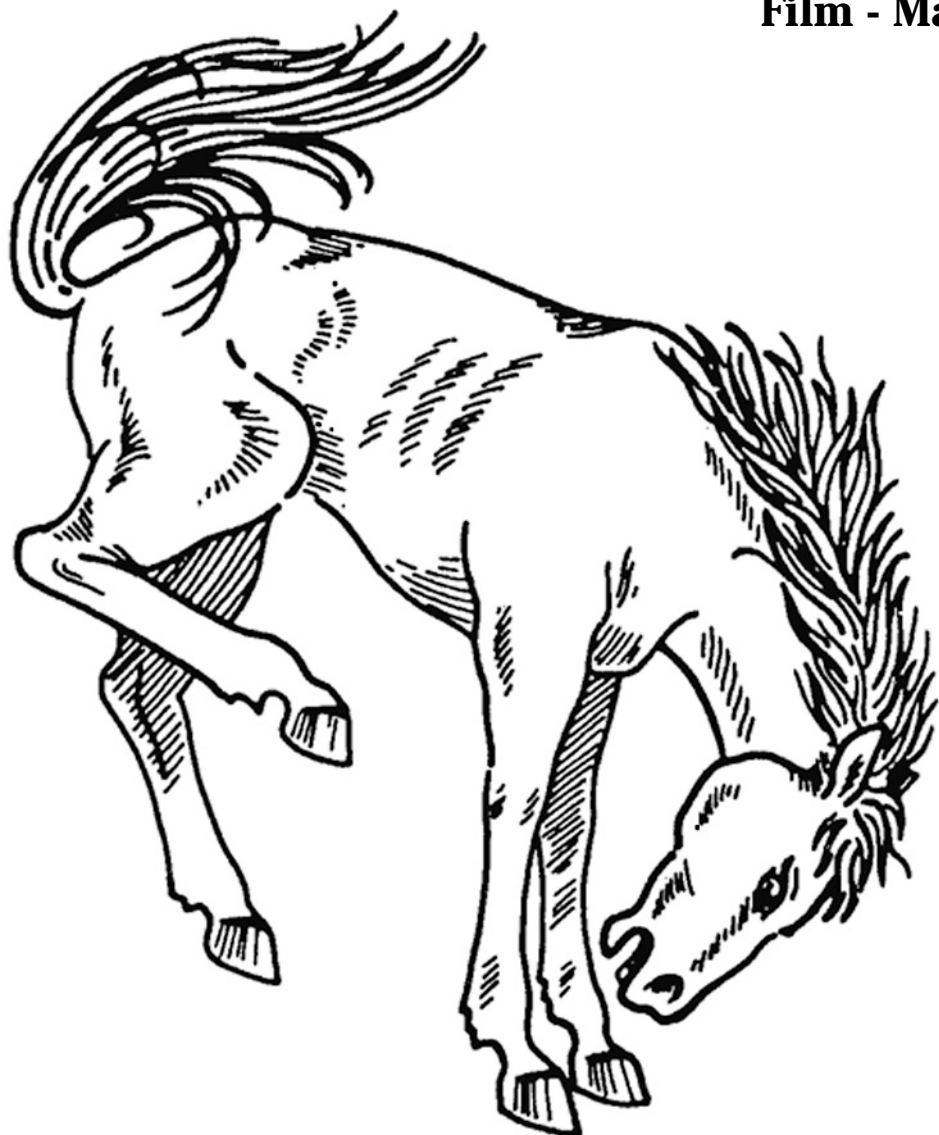


- #00 Desi Picou
- #4 Hillary LaBove
- #5 Jena Sanner
- #10 Meagan Broussard
- #11 Edie Leonards
- #15 Nicole Fenetz
- #20 Mandy Michalko
- #21 Leah Billedeaux

- #23 Amanda Miller
- #24 Bethany Richard
- #25 Jessica East
- #32 Kayleigh Stansel
- #40 Tobie Devall
- #50 Alexis Simon
- #53 Miranda Hicks
- #55 Chelsie LaBove



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Senior - Forward



Bethany Richard  
Senior - Forward



Jessica East  
Senior - Guard



Miranda Hicks  
Senior - Center



Chelsie LaBove  
Senior - Forward



Edie Leonards  
Junior - Guard/Forward



Tobie Devall  
Junior - P. Guard



Alexis Simon  
Junior - Forward



Desi Picou  
Sophomore - Forward



Hillary LaBove  
Sophomore - Forward



Kayleigh Stansel  
Sophomore - Center



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