



Elora Montie

Elora Montie, former Pilot writer, dies

Elora Montie, 89, a lifelong resident of Grand Chenier and a former community reporter for the Cameron Pilot, died Wednesday, Apr. 18, 2007.

She began writing Grand Chenier news for the Pilot with the first issue in 1956 and continued her weekly column for over 40 years. In one of those early years she was named Country Correspondent of the Year by the Louisiana Press Association and received her award at the LPA's state convention.

Ms. Montie was the owner and operator of Montie Tailer Park and in her younger days had done some trapping.

Ms. Montie was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Catholic Daughters and the Ladies Altar Society. She also was the caretaker of the church cemetery, and taught First Communion catechism for many years.

Ms. Montie was a member of the Chenier Homemakers Club and was a charter member of the St. Eugene Church Alligator Festival where she served as queen one year.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Pierre and Ruth Montie, and her lifelong companion, Ray Nunez.

Survivors include her caregivers, Carol "Zeke" Wainwright, Shirley Bonsall and Audrey Wainwright, all of Grand Chenier.

Ms. Montie's funeral was held Friday, Apr. 20, in St. Eugene Catholic Church of Grand Chenier, with the Rev. Vincent Vadeakkedath officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

S. C. Library gets donation

The Louisiana League of Women Voters presented a check for \$9,172 to South Cameron High school for the repair of its library.

On hand for the donation were Alfred Doucette Jr., president of the League of Women Voters of Lake Charles; Sheila Miller, administrative curriculum assistant at South Cameron High School; Bunny Greenhouse; Eva January librarian at South Cameron high school; and Jean Armstrong, president of the League of Women Voters of Louisiana.

The donation was made during the League of Women Voters' 2007 convention banquet.

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4-Hers sell 1,300 flats strawberries

Cameron 4-H members sold over 1,300 flats of strawberries for their recent fundraiser on Tuesday, Apr. 17.

Each 4-H member was asked to sell 5 flats of berries. This was the most successful year for the last four years. The money raised benefits 4-H members by funding their transportation costs for 4-H Camp, 4-H Challenge Camp and 4-H University. It also funds awards for different parish 4-H events.

The ticket sales for this fundraiser take place each year between mid-February and early April. Rivers Farms of Tickfaw, supplied the Louisiana strawberries for our fundraiser. Cameron 4-H would like to thank all of their strawberry customers for purchasing the flats of strawberries for our recent fundraiser.



Burleigh clarifies storm grant

Kirk Burleigh, of Cameron Fire Equipment, wishes to clarify the information reprinted from the American Press concerning the small business grant he received from Governor Blanco.

The article stated that he received a check for \$20,000, but Burleigh says his check was for \$10,000. The other half of the grant will be allocated after receipts for the first half have been reviewed.

Further, Burleigh wishes to clarify that his business received the same consideration as all other Cameron Parish businesses that applied. Applications were processed based on business income levels and other factors set by the state.

4-H Contest Day set

The 4-H Club will be having their annual Spring Contest Day this Saturday Apr. 28. The contest will be held at Hackberry High School. The contest is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m.

This is a great opportunity for 4-Hers to show what they have learned during the school year. All contests are open to all 4-H members. Some events of the contest



A FOUNTAIN HAS been installed in the reading garden at the Cameron Library. It was purchased with a donation from Mr. Gladstone Jones, an attorney who spent some time in Cameron last year trying a case in district court. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

S. Cameron, G. Lake girls in the playoffs

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The South Cameron Lady Tarpons will try to defend their class 1A title this Friday at 4 p.m. on field #17 at Frasch Park when they play Catholic-Pointe Coupee in the quarterfinals of the state softball tournament.

The Lady Tarpons reached the tournament by way of an 8-4 regional win over Country Day.

Kimily Bourriaque threw for the Lady Tarpons. Michele Champion hit a double in the top of the 8th inning to plate 2 runs and give the Lady Tarpons the win.

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

After routing Lutcher 15-0 in the bi-district round of the playoffs, the Grand Lake Lady Hornets showed Downsville no mercy with a 9-0 regional round. The Lady Hornets are making the trip to Sulphur for the fourth time in five years.

They won the class B championship in 2005 and hope to bring it home again this year.

Lakeyn Duhon went the distance for the Lady Hornets, giving up 2 hits and striking out 6. Getting hits in the game were Brandy Caroll, Duhon, Haley Pesson, Amber Trahan, Brittany Hebert, and Maggie Fruge.

Grand Lake will play French Settlement in the quarterfinals on Friday night at 6 p.m. at Frasch Park on field #20.



include: Plant Science, Automotive, Consumer Foods Judging, Horticulture Judging, Photo Exhibits, Cookery, Handi-crafts, and Leaf Collections.

For more information please contact the 4-H office at 905-1318.



Savoie honored for hurricane response

Three Louisiana Sea Grant Extension/LSU AgCenter agents are the recipients of the 2006 Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea Grant Extension Network's Outstanding Group Achievement Award for their response and continuing recovery work following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The three receiving the Extension Network award are Albert "Rusty" Gaudé, associate area agent for St. Bernard, Plaquemines and Orleans parishes; Kevin Savoie, area agent and fisheries agent for the Southwest Louisiana Region and a native of Creole; and Mark Schexnayder, area fisheries agent and hurricane program coordinator for Southeast Louisiana. Schexnayder also received the Conservation Educator honors.

The 2005 hurricane season brought unprecedented devastation to the U. S. Gulf Coast. Despite all three agents being displaced by either Hurricanes Katrina or Rita, they quickly returned to assist their constituents, most notably fishermen and local governments.

"They rapidly became critical points of contact, and their roles in this difficult process are certain to serve as models for other Sea Grant programs confronted with similar circumstances in the future," said Mike Liffmann, LSG associate executive director. "Rusty, Mark and Kevin provided leadership and advisory and technical support to many of the responding agencies and non-governmental groups involved in the recovery effort. They saw what others didn't see and drove a direct path to what needed to be done."

Among the trio's recovery



Kevin Savoie

efforts were: soliciting a Marine Travelift from Valdez, Alaska, to get commercial fishing boats back into the water; aiding operators of critical seafood processing facilities in reopening; acquiring industrial ice machines to serve the needs of fishermen in Cameron, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes; aiding in the relocation of a displaced Lake Pontchartrain Commercial Fishermen Association fleet; and storm debris marking and removal on Calcasieu Lake.

Many of their efforts are chronicled in a short documentary titled Sister Storms: A Louisiana Sea Grant Response. The film can be viewed at www.laseagrant.org/comm/media.htm.

As Outstanding Group Achievement Award recipients, the trio will represent the Gulf region in a national awards competition. The national winners will be announced in the fall.

Restoration meeting

Federal, state and local officials will gather at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 4 at the Rockefeller Wildlife refuge to celebrate the completion of seven coastal restoration and protection projects in Southwest Louisiana.

The public is encouraged to attend and learn more about the benefits of restoration work being done throughout the state and region.

The projects being dedicated were completed by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and several federal agencies including the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The seven projects are funded through the Federal Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (also known as the Breaux Act) and are located in Calcasieu, Cameron and Vermilion parishes. They include:

- *Black Bayou Culverts Hydrologic Restoration
- *Sabine Refuge Marsh Creation, Cycle #1 and #3.
- *South White Lake Shore Protection

*Shoreline Protecting Foundation Improvements Demonstration

*East Sabine Lake Hydrologic Restoration

*Freshwater Induction South of Hwy. 82

*Grand-White Lakes Landbridge Protection

Tours of the projects will be provided after lunch.

Speakers at the dedication include DNR Secretary Scott Angelle; Lt. Col. Murray Starkel of the Corps of Engineers; Jack Arnold, USFWS Deputy Assistant Region 4 Director; Donald Gohmert, State Conservationist, NRCS; David Richard, Calcasieu Parish; and Philip Bowman, Administrator Fur nd Refuge Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The ceremony will be held just west of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge headquarters on La. Hwy. 82 in Cameron Parish between Pecan Island and Grand Chenier.

For information, contact CWPRA Outreach Coordinator at 266-8626 or DNR Public Information Office at 225-342-8955.



THE SOUTH CAMERON Lady Tarpons have qualified for the State Softball Finals to be played on Friday, April 27 at Frasch Park in Sulphur. The quarterfinal game will be South Cameron and Catholic-PC at 4 p.m. on Field 17. The Lady Tarpons would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting their travel and meal expenses throughout the playoffs: Southern Screen, Clifton and Carol Hebert, Cameron Rental & Tank, Penelope Richard Law Firm, Cameron Prairie JVG, Dupont Building, Wilkerson Transportation, Roy Bailey Construction, Kountry Feeds, TopStitch Monograms, Michael Dale Trahan Construction, Scott Henry, Chesson's Grocery, Nicky & Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron State Bank, Welch's Airboat, Welch's Alligator, M & C Construction and Simceaux Construction.



SEMPRA LNG representatives are shown setting up a display at Hackberry for a job fair held recently at Hackberry and Grand Lake. Over 500 turned out for the events.

500 attend Sempra's job fair

Earlier this month, nearly 500 area residents in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes participated in local job fairs sponsored by Sempra LNG, the developer of new Cameron LNG liquefied natural gas (LNG) receipt terminal under construction in Hackberry.

Sempra LNG hosted the

Apr. 10-12 job fairs at Hackberry, Grand Lake and the Louisiana Works Center. The \$750 million facility is 40-percent complete and on target to begin operations in late 2008.

Members of the Cameron LNG senior management team and human resources staff were present to provide

information about current and future jobs, requirements and company benefits. Representatives from the Louisiana Works Department of Labor attended and helped explain and expedite the application process.

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Funerals



PIERRE THIBODEAUX

Pierre Thibodeaux, 88, of Big Lake died Saturday, Apr. 21, in a local care facility.

Mr. Thibodeaux was born in Grand Chenier, but lived most of his life in Big Lake until moving to Arkansas in 1991. He was a member of VFW Post 2130 and also a World War II Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Gilberte Pauline Thibodeaux of Lake Charles; four sons, Steven Thibodeaux and wife Louise of Westlake, Wilson Thibodeaux and wife Alice of Ragley, William and Roger Thibodeaux, both of Hot Springs, Ark.; three daughters, Cheryl Guillory of Lake Charles, Charlene Trahan and husband Kerry of Carlyss, and Threena Seacock and husband Ricky of Moss Bluff; one sister, Ena Adams of Lake Charles; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Apr. 24, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Father John Welch officiated. Burial was in

Thibodeaux Family Cemetery in Grand Lake.

FRANK BROWN

Frank Brown, 84, died Apr. 20, 2007, in a Lake Charles hospital.

He was born in Redlick, Miss., and lived most of his life in Cameron. He was a Marine Corps veteran.

He retired from Chevron Oil Co. in 1986 as a rig superintendent. He worked for Brown's Grocery for many years. He was a member of Amazing Grace Fellowship.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Logue Brown of Cameron; five sons, Tony Brown and wife Donna of Lafayette, the Rev. Joe Frank Brown and wife Elizabeth of Sulphur, Mark Brown and wife Marie of Lake Charles, Jimmy Brown and wife Janie of Hackberry, and Pat Brown and wife Angela of Grand Lake; 19 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held Sunday, Apr. 22, in Hixson Funeral Home. The Rev. Joe Frank Brown officiated. Interment was in Our Lady Star of the Sea Cemetery in Cameron.

HENRY WELCH

Henry "Dick" Hubert Welch, 87, died Thursday, Apr. 19, 2007, in a Houston hospital. He was born in Gueydan and loved most of his life in the Hackberry, Sulphur, Vinton areas.

He was retired pipefitter/welder from Local 106. He was also a farmer and cattleman most of his life. He was a member of Southside Celebration Worship Center in Sulphur.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Gladys Miller

Memorial books given Library

The following memorial books have been given to the Cameron Parish Library with the honorees, donors and titles listed in that order:

Ladd Wainwright, Joey, Roni and Jody Trosclair, Easy Weekend Wood Projects; Roberta Rogers, Mrs. Agnes LeBoeuf, Small Quilts; Roberta Rogers, Floyd and Earline Baccigalopi, 365 Fun To Stitch Quilt Blocks;

Laura Nunez, Dave and Debbie Savoie, Real Life Renovating; Ladd Wainwright, Dave and Debbie Savoie, Carpenter's Companion; Bertha Roy, Charlotte Trosclair, Fit For A King;

Ray Kebodeaux, Charlotte Trosclair, Redbook Flavor Rules; Burl LaBove, Charlotte Trosclair, Landscape Planning; Roberta Rogers, Charlotte Trosclair, Christmas With Southern Living 2006; Ladd Wainwright, Charlotte Trosclair, Grilling.

Hicks is winner in essay event

Natasha Hicks, senior at Hackberry High School, was the winner of a local essay contest sponsored by author Greg Forbes. Mr. Forbes contacted the principal with the idea of helping a student from the area by sponsoring an award of \$100 to the essay winner.

Mrs. Jeanne LeFluer headed up the project and sent the entries to Mr. Forbes who had all the entries entered on his website and asked people from around the country to be the judges.

Mr. Forbes is the author of the book, "The First Thirty." A lot of the story takes place in Louisiana.

Mrs. Helmer, the school librarian, will purchase the book for the school library. For those interested in purchasing his book, you can go to www.TheFirstThirty.com.

Welch.

Surviving him are one brother, Robert Herman of Sulphur; four children, Benn (Reuben) Welch, Annette and husband Richard Huval, Ralph and wife Jennie Welch and Becky and husband Joe Rothbnauer; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Apr. 22. Interment was in Big Woods Cemetery on Monday, Apr. 23.



MORE THAN 400 attendees of the Louisiana Clerk of Courts convention in Lake Charles last week toured lower Cameron Parish to see the progress made since Hurricane Rita. Cameron Communications provided a tent, gift bags and pirogues for a shrirric boil. A Cajun band played for the group at the Grand Chenier park.

Parish students win at S. W. District Rally

Here are the results of the Southwest Louisiana District Rally held Mar. 17 at McNeese State University.

Results are posted as follows: school's division, student's place within division from highest to lowest, student's name, student's school.

Accounting I - 4, 2, Miranda Ogea, Grand Lake High School.

Advance Math I - 4, 1, Katelyn Reina, South Cameron; 4, 3, Jordan Precht, Grand Lake.

Advanced Math II - 4, 1, Justin Howerton, Grand Lake.

Ag Science I - 4, 2, Tyler Robers, South Cameron.

Ag Science II - 4, 3, John Guidry, Grand Lake.

Ag Science III - 4, 2, Corey Broussard, Grand Lake; 5, 1, Aaron LaBove, Hackberry.

Ag Science IV - 4, 2, Clint Guillory, Grand Lake; 5, 2, Carly Fountain, Hackberry; 5, 3, Travis Romero, Johnson Bayou.

Algebra I - 4, 3, Ethan Choates, Grand Lake.

Algebra II - 4, 1, Erika Pickett, South Cameron.

Biology I - 4, 1, Anthony Baccigalopi, South Cameron.

Biology II - 4, 1, Baret Bercier, Grand Lake.

Business Computer Applications - 4, 2, Taylor Beard, Grand Lake.

Chemistry - 4, 2, B. J. Abshire, South Cameron.

Civics - 4, 3, Haley McCall, South Cameron.

Consumer Homemaking I - 4, 2, Tasha Fontenot, Grand Lake.

English I - 4, 1, Devon Richard, South Cameron.

English II - 4, 1, Evan Guidry, Grand Lake.

English IV - 4, 1, Sara Taylor, Grand Lake.

Environmental Science - 4, 1, Jacob Trahan, South Cameron.

Free Enterprise - 4, 1,

Linsey LaGrange, Grand Lake.

Geometry - 4, 3, Gabe LaLande, South Cameron.

Human Development-Family Relationships - 4, 1, Kaysha Fontenot, South Cameron.

Intro to Business - 4, 1, Mikalee Mooney, South Cameron; 5, 2, Jonathan Trahan, Johnson Bayou.

Computer Applications - 4, 3, Sara Dupre, South Cameron.

Journalism - 4, 2, Elizabeth Reon, Grand Lake.

Management of Resources - 4, 1, Haylee Theriot, Grand Lake; 5, 3, Shalyn Broussard, Johnson Bayou.

Physics - 4, 3, Deil LaLande, South Cameron.

Spanish I - 4, 3, Kobi Richard, South Cameron.

Spanish II - 4, 2, Ross

Tailgating is dangerous

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Theriot, South Cameron; 4, 3, Renn Savoie, Grand Lake.

World Geography - 4, 1, Heather Girlinghouse, Grand Lake.

Overall winners - Aaron LaBove, Ag Science III, Hackberry.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Murphy

Murphy - Cox vows are said in Welsh April 14

Danielle Cox and J. R. Murphy were married Saturday, Apr. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hut in Welsh. The Rev. Bunny Stutes officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Dan and Barb Trahan of Welsh and J. C. and Lois Murphy of Cameron.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory satin, strapless floor length gown detailed with

pearls. She carried calla lilies hand tied in ivory satin ribbon.

Barb Trahan served as the maid of honor. She wore a sage green floor length satin gown and carried a calla lily tied in ivory satin ribbon.

The flower girl was Brilee Cox.

Candlelighters were Jada and Sage LaBove.

Bestman was J. C. Murphy.

Servers included Ginny Salter and Irvin Sonnier.

The bride is a graduate of Grapevine High School and McNeese State University. The groom graduated from South Cameron High School. The bride and groom are employed by Tiger Offshore Rental.

After a wedding trip to New York City, N.Y., the couple is making their home in Lake Charles.



Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Paul Huffman

Harrington - Huffman wedding held in B. City

Terri Nicole Harrington and Nathan Paul Huffman were married Saturday, Mar. 24 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Bell City. Father Albert Borel officiated the double ring ceremony. Vocalist and organist were Jeanette and Lisa Aguillard.

Parents of the couple are Randy and Ellen Harrington of Holmwood, and John and Anita Nunez of Lake Charles.

Her father gave the bride in marriage. Agnes Louviere (grandmother of the bride) and Sandy Broussard (sister of the bride) served as her matrons of honor and Julie Huffman served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Shawna Harrington Brittney Atwell, Amy Granger, Latasha Harrington and Kasha Keller.

The miniature bride and groom were Kenzie Broussard and Bradley Fontenot and flower girl and ringbearer were Cassidy Keller and Kolton Broussard.

Bestman was Evan Greathouse and groomsmen included Jacob Nunez, Wade Romero, Victor Sibille, Derek Harrington and Terrence Fontenot. Ushers were Blake Nunez and Clayton Fruge.

The grandparents of the bride are Agnes Louviere and Floyd Harrington both of

Holmwood. The grandparents of the groom are Perry and Geneva Nunez of Little Chenier, and Alberta Huffman and Donald Keller, Sr. both of Lake Charles. The great-grandmother of the groom is Bessie Hebert also of Lake Charles.

A reception followed in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Iowa.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Bell City High School. The bride is a pet groomer at Petsmart, and the groom is employed by Murphy Cormier General Construction as an electrical technician, both in Lake Charles.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Huffman.

After a wedding trip to Cosumel, Mexico the couple is making their home in Lake Charles.



PAT AND ROSALIE Nunez of Kinder, formerly of Creole, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Bethany Nunez, to Stewart Harrell, son of Jeff and Kathy Harrell of Sulphur. The wedding is set June 2 at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur at 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the PPG Park in Sulphur. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.



THESE WERE some of the fathers of Grand Lake Head Start students who attended Dads' Day at the school on March 9. The students presented their fathers with mugs which they made themselves and served them root beer floats and cookies.

The constellation Orion contains three of the 24 brightest stars in the sky. The three stars are Rigel, Betelgeuse and Bellatrix.

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JOHN ERIC WHITE, a Hackberry 4-Her, recently placed first in Archery and second in Shotgun at the Cameron Parish Shooting Competition. He was awarded a medal and gave a demonstration at the last Hackberry 4-H meeting at Hackberry High School. (Reporter Jolie Trahan.)

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES SCHOOL YEAR 2007-2008 BID SCHEDULE			
Bid Type	Mail Bids	Bid Award (11:00 a.m.) unless stated otherwise	Bid Period
Supplies	Feb. 17, 2007	May 14, 2007	August 2007 - June 2008
Meats	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August - September, 2007
Canned Goods	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August - December, 2007
Support Foods	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August - December, 2007
Milk Bid	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August 2007 - May 2008
Bread Bid	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August 2007 - May 2008
Meats	August 3, 2007	September 5, 2007	October - November, 2007
Meats	October 5, 2007	November 7, 2007	December 2007 - January 2008
Canned Goods	November 2, 2007	December 5, 2007	January - May 31, 2008
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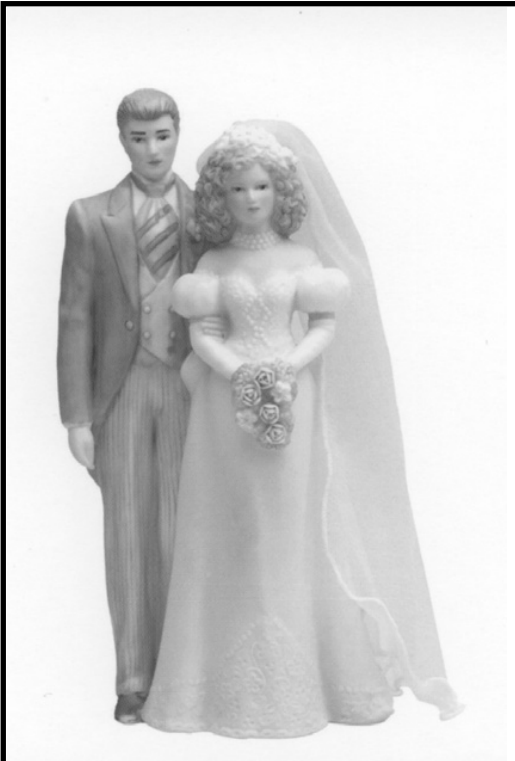
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THE SOUTH CAMERON Campus seventh, eighth, and ninth grade Social Studies Classes along with Spanish I and II recently visited the "Nina". It was an exact reproduction of Christopher Columbus' favorite ship, recreated from the exact plans of the original "Nina", handmade and crafted like it was in Columbus' time. The ship was docked at the Civic Center in Lake Charles.

South Cameron High School News

YEARBOOK SALES

The cost of the book is \$40. A \$20 deposit is required. All ads for the book are due by May 18. All questions should be directed to Tracy Lannin at 542-4628.

"SADIE GOES TO COLLEGE"

The Tarpon Dazzlers are sponsoring a "Sadie Hawkins Dance" on Saturday, May 5 at the Grand Lake High School front gym. The dance is from 7 to 11 p.m. The cover charge is \$5 per person or \$8 per couple. The dance is open to 8th through 12th graders. The deadline to sign up your date is next Thursday, May 3 at noon.

DANCELINER NEWS

SCHS DanceLine is selling \$2 raffle tickets for a \$250 gift card to WalMart. The gift card can be used for gas/diesel and/or in the store. The drawing will be May 29, just in

time for the summer. You can buy your ticket(s) from any DanceLine member or Ms. Sharon Picou.

DanceLine members are Blair Belanger, Rachael Fountain, Victoria Wilkerson, Jerica Boudreaux, Falon Welch, Molly Alexander, Katelyn Horn, Devon Richard, Hallie Whittington, Kristin Broussard, Lakin LaBove, Jerrica Mock and Meagan Wigley, alternate.

TRACK NEWS

District Track Results are 1st 100m Hurdles: Haley McCall; 1st Triple Jump: Rachael Fountain, 1st High Jump: Rachael Fountain; 2nd Pole Vault: Laikin Canik; 3rd Pole Vault: Haley McCall; 3rd 400m: Rachael Fountain; 4th 400m Relay: Bailey D. Richard, Shelby Willis, Halley McCall, Devon Richard; 4th 300m Hurdles: Haley McCall; 4th 1600m Relay: Devon Richard,

Lauren Carter, Bailey D. Richard, Laikin Canik; 4th Long Jump: Rachael Fountain; 5th Long Jump: Shelby Willis, 6th 400m: Kobi Richard; 6th 3200m: Brett Richard. Rachael Fountain was name All-Around Field.

The top 4 finishers will participate in the Regional Track Meet at ULL.

SENIOR NEWS

Scholarship deadlines are Lions Club due May 1. Delta Tech and LSU scholarship information is available in the Counselor's Office.

WINNERS

Michael Savoie qualified to participate at FBLA National Convention in Banking & Finance. Jacob Trahan placed 4th at the State Competition in Environmental Science.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 26 - Report Cards.
Apr. 27 - Softball LHSAA State Tournament SCH vs Catholic-PC 4 p.m. Field 17.
May 5 - Sadie Goes to College Dance.
May 9 - Last Day for Seniors.
May 10 - Awards Ceremony.
May 11 - Ring Ceremony.
May 16 - Athletic Banquet at Treasurers of Marilyn's.
May 19 - Graduation.

Lunch menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week are as follows. All meals are served with milk.

Friday, Apr. 27 - Hot ham and cheese sandwiches, lima beans, Tator Tots, chocolate cookie, hamburger bun, catsup.

Monday, Apr. 30 - Chili dog, chili sauce, carrots, apple/orange wedges, royal brownies, chocolate glaze, hot dog bun.

Tuesday, May 1 - Chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread, wheat sliced bread, salad dressing, barbeque sauce.

Wednesday, May 2 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, chilled pear halves, brown gravy, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls.

Thursday, May 3 - Baked chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, fresh fruit cup, brown gravy, wheat biscuits.



THE FERRY ACADIA, at Cameron, was running again last week after breaking down twice this week. When the ferry across the Calcasieu breaks down, motorists trying to cross the river must take a two hour detour. The larger ferry, Cameron II, is due to return to service by the first of June, after spending a year in dry dock for maintenance. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

JOB FAIR

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"We were very encouraged by the turnout and interest in careers at Cameron LNG," said Randy Oakley, Cameron LNG's terminal manager. "We are making a major investment in the local economy. It's important for us to give back to the community, create opportunities for employment and get to know our neighbors."

The job fairs were recommended by members of the Cameron LNG Community Advisory Committee. Local school partners provided logistical support by providing use of the cafeterias at Hackberry and Grand Lake schools.

Located just south of the Ellender Bridge off Highway 27, the Cameron LNG receipt terminal will be capable of delivering 1.5 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas.

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JACOB TRAHAN of South Cameron High School placed fourth in Environmental Science at the State Literary Rally Competition.



MICHAEL SAVOIE of South Cameron High School qualified in Banking and Finance at the FBLA National Convention this summer.



CHILDREN IN Ms. Gayle's and Ms. Lula's classes at Grand Lake High School enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt, a visit from the Easter Bunny and a pizza party at the Big Pasture park on April 5.

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Perry is candidate for Dist. 47



Jonathan Perry

Lifelong resident of District 47 and community leader Jonathan Perry officially announced his candidacy for the District 47 Louisiana House of Representatives seat being vacated by incumbent Mickey Frith. Perry will host a kickoff event/fundraiser May 18.

"The problems we are faced with do not have easy answers. My top priority will be to address those issues that residents have shown



HACKBERRY 4-Hers Madison Shove, Shannon Landry and Taylor Johnson sold the most strawberries in their club. They were presented with a gift card.
(Reporter Jolie Trahan.)

concern toward: road improvement, education, coastal erosion, elderly assistance, farming and fishing operations, and economic development," says Perry.

A graduate of Kaplan High School, Perry received his Bachelors degree in criminal justice with a minor in sociology from Northeast Louisiana University (ULM). He is also a graduate of Southern University Law Center where he received his Juris Doctorate Law Degree.

Perry obtained the rank of sergeant while employed with the Kaplan Police Department.

While serving as a Kaplan city councilman, Perry was appointed chairman of the finance and recreation committee. In addition, he has served as an assistant district attorney for the 15th Judicial District in Vermilion Parish.

Perry is a member of the Kaplan Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and serves on the Business Advisory Committee for Louisiana Technical College - Gulf Area Campus in Abbeville. Jonathan is married to the former Christine LeBeouf and the father of three children: Meredith and Mollie, 6, and Major, 2.

"I am asking for the prayers, support and vote of all residents on Oct. 20, 2007," added Perry.

Perry will run a professional issued driven campaign. Please visit www.perry4louisiana.com. For more information contact Jonathan Perry at 643-8000 or mail your comments and concerns to 120 North Cushing Ave, Kaplan, LA 70548.

Now you know: Drinking alcohol in a moving vehicle is illegal

Louisiana's "open container" law prohibits anyone from drinking alcohol or even having an open container of alcohol in most vehicles. Louisiana's 2004 open container law applies to both drivers and passengers. The fine for violating the open container law can be up to \$100 plus court costs.

There are several exceptions to this law. For example, containers of alcohol can be stored in the vehicle's trunk, in a locked glove or utility container, or in an area of the vehicle not readily accessible to the driver or passengers.

Also, passengers of the legal drinking age of 21 who ride in a hired taxi, bus, limousine or motor home that is 21 feet or longer can possess an open container of alcohol.

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission reminds motorists that abiding by the open container law will help reduce the chances of being in an alcohol-related crash.



Hackberry 4-H Easter baskets

Hackberry egg hunt winners

Hackberry Recreation Easter egg hunt winners by age division were:

Two and under - Prize egg, Hixon Daniel Thomas; most eggs, Reece Trahan.

Three and four years - Prize egg, Roy Devall; most eggs, Zack Kyle.

Five and six years - Prize egg, Chloe Granger; most

eggs, Jacques Trahan.

Seven and eight years - Prize egg, Charli Little; most eggs, Jeanne Trahan.

Nine and ten years - Prize egg, Abby Trahan; most eggs, Kory Kyle.

Eleven and up - Prize egg, Eddie Bird; most eggs, Jolie Trahan and Vonallen Cormier.



THE THREE-YEAR old class at Grand Lake Head Start celebrated Dad's Day March 9. The class also celebrated Easter with a visit from the Easter Bunny and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at Big Pasture park.

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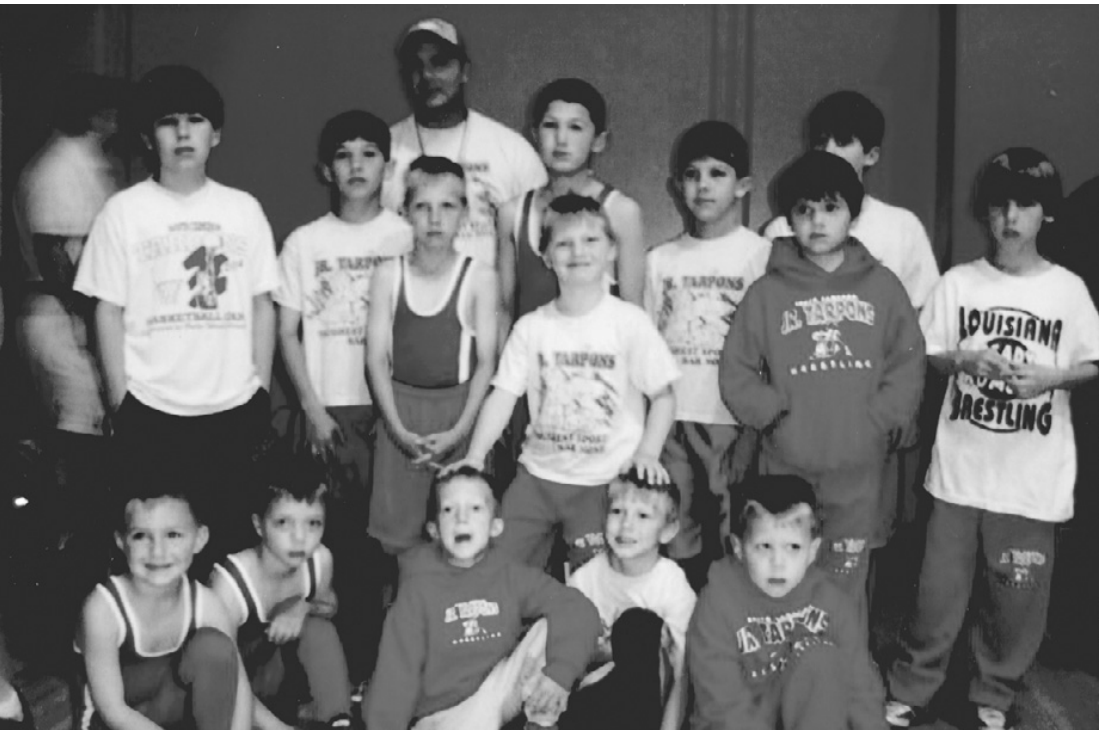
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PICTURED ABOVE are members of the 2007 Junior Tarpon wrestling team who competed on March 24 in Baton Rouge for state titles. The team was coached by Gabe LaLande, Eric Bertrand, John Jay LaBove, Patrick Bertrand, Stacy Landgreaux, DeanyBug Picou, Freddie Hebert, Coach David Cox, Thomas Brown, and Brett Richard. Pictured standing are: Joshua Wicke, 95 lbs School boy, state runner-up; Jaron Theriot, 75 lbs Novice, State Champion; Trevor Bertrand, 55 lbs Midget, state runner-up; Tyler LaBove, Midget, third runner-up; Nate Pugh, Bantam, fifth; Damon Pugh, 85 lbs Midget, third; Haydon Sturlese, 85 lbs Novice, state runner-up; Tanner Knippers, Midget, fifth; James Hebert, 55 lbs Midget, State Champion. Seated are: Drake Conner, 55 lbs. Pre-Bantam, fifth; Ty Trosclair, 45 lbs. Pre-Bantam, state runner-up; Dru Bertrand, 35 lbs., Pre-Bantam, third; Wyatt Benoit, 35 lbs. Pre-Bantam, state runner-up; and Ashton Landgreaux, 55 lbs. Pre-Bantam, third. Not pictured were Jameson Picou, seeded second; and Dwight Johnson, 75 lbs. Pre-Bantam, State Champion.



THE 8 AND UNDER Stars and Stripes girls softball team won the championship in the Opening Fun Tournament at Henry Heights Softball Complex in Lake Charles April 21-22. All of the players are from Cameron Parish. The girls are: (top row, from left) Briley Richard, Lexi-Jo Debarge, Brianne Beard, Allie Bonsall, Marlee Boudreaux; (bottom row) Cassidy Conner, Abby LeBoeuf, Abbie Delcambre, Sydnee McCall, Baleigh Conner. Coaches are Douaine Conner, Richard LeBoeuf, Thomp McCall, and Kris Bonsall. The girls attend school in Grand Lake, South Cameron and Hackberry.



Baseball

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BASEBALL

ESA 6, Grand Lake 2 - Levi Stevinson and Stephen Smith pitched for the Hornets (10-11-1, 5-1). Jordan Precht had a pair of hits.

South Cameron 7, Hamilton 5 - Jordan Istre and Jody Trosclair pitched for the Tarpons.

Top hitters were Marcus Mudd, 1-2 and 2 runs; Tyrell Harmon, 1-3 with a run and RBI; Daniel Dupre, 3-4 with a run and 4 RBIs; Ronnie George, 1-3 and a run; Jonathan Trahan, 1-3; and Ruston Smith, 1-1 and 1 RBI.

Hackberry 11, Singer 1 - Nick Moore pitched a no-hitter with 8 strikeouts for the Mustangs.

Top hitters were Moore, 1-3 and 1 RBI; Dillon

Thibodeaux, 2-3; Austin Moore, 1-4 and 2 RBIs; and Nathan Berwick, 1-3 and 2 RBIs. Hackberry clinched the district 7C championship.

Merryville 6, South Cameron 4 - Thomas Trosclair and Jody Trosclair pitched for the Tarpons.

Top hitters were Dex Murphy, 1-2; Marcuss Mudd, 1-2; Thomas Trosclair, 1-2 and a run; Jonathan Trahan, 1-2; Ruston Smith, 1-2 and a run.

Grand Lake 10, Bell City 0 - Hunter Leger threw for the Hornets. Top hitters were Dylan Morgan, 2-2 and Leger, 2-3.

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Do You Remember?
 By Keith Hambrick

Cameron Pilot, Apr. 25, 1974

ROUNDAABOUT THE PARISH

The South Cameron Tarpons took 14 victories when Dexter Harrison and Terry Rutherford carried South Cameron to a routing victory at the annual Cameron Parish Track and Field Meet held in Grand Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Donnell honored their granddaughter, Lori Leigh Duddlestone with a birthday party at their home recently.

Winners in the Crazy Hat Contest sponsored by the Cameron Extension Homemakers Club were Mrs. Jack Trahan and Mrs. Burl LaBove.

As Gabriel Heatter (radio commentator) used to say, "There's good news tonight". Recently at Jimbo Henry's birthday party I (Nell Colligan) half-jokingly asked Sallie Jones if she'd like to write my column until we finish building the house, and to my delight, she said she would. Sallie is working for her dad, Jennings Jones, at his law office in Cameron.

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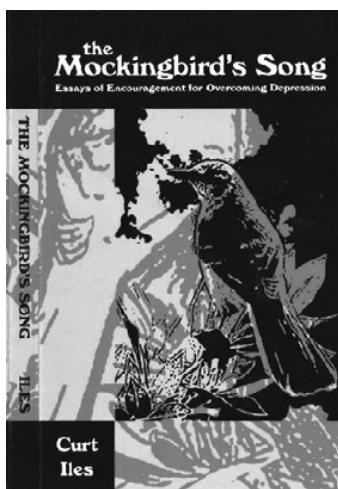
VOLUNTEERS FROM THE Muskogee (Oklahoma) Baptist Association were building a back porch for Delilah Alexander last week. The team is also working at the First Baptist Church in Cameron. They had planned to come to Cameron in January, but their area was hit with a ice storm, so they had their own disaster to clean up first. Shown are Johnny Armstrong, Tom Goins, Cecil McKeen, and Mike Borum. Gary McKeen is Director of Missions for the association. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



WILD FLOWERS ARE blooming brightly at Rutherford Beach and other beaches in the parish. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



HACKBERRY NATIVE Cheryl Domingue Linville is shown receiving the Johnson Space Center Small Business Support Contractor Award from José Garcia, associate deputy, JSC Office of Procurement, in a recent ceremony in Houston. The award was presented at the 2007 Government Procurement Connections Conference held at the George R Brown Convention Center on March 27. In her role as Small Business Liaison Officer, Ms. Linville has been an advocate for small businesses. Ms. Linville is a 1973 graduate of Hackberry High School.



Curt Iles has new book published

Curt Iles of Dry Creek recently published his new book, "The Mockingbird's Song, Essays of Encouragement for Overcoming Depression". It joins four others that he has written in past few years of an inspirational nature. Iles was the director of the Dry Creek Baptist Encampment before retiring last year to devote more time to his writing.

In the storytelling style loved by his readers, Iles shares from a difficult period of depression in his own life. In a transparent, encouraging, and open manner, he shares essays that are both hopeful and helpful.

These positive stories come from everyday objects including lessons from faithful dogs, a rock tumbler, mountain storms, migrating geese, a piece of ribbon, and memorable hiking and canoeing trips.

The author's simple observations are woven together in a style that is spiritual without being preachy. Included in The Mockingbird's Song is a wealth of practical insights for any person or family facing the challenges of depression.

Written with a balanced blend and belief in both spiritual faith and modern medicine, this book flows from the heart of one who has had the experience of walking through a time of deep depression.

For information on this book and his other books, Iles may be contacted by writing Creekbank Stories, P. O. Box 332, Dry Creek, La. 70637 or by going to his website at www.creekbank.net.

Pre-K roundup at Grand Lake

There will be a Pre-K Roundup on Tuesday, May 1 at Grand Lake High School to register for the 2007-08 session.

Parents are to report to the cafeteria.

Children born after Sept. 30, 2002 and on or before Sept. 30, 2003 are eligible for four (4) year-old pre-school in 2007-08.

In order to register you will need the following: child's birth certificate (or a certified copy); child's social security card; child's immunization record (shot record) and proof of parent's residence (utility bill, etc.)

SQUIREL SEASON
The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted the first time Louisiana spring squirrel season for the year 2007 and 2008.

The spring squirrel season dates are May 5 to May 27 for 2007 and May 3 to May 25 in 2008 for private lands.

Remember the squirrel limit is only three daily, with a possession limit of six.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



TOURNAMENT
The Lemesche Bass Club held their fourth tournament of 2007, last Saturday. The club fished out of the Old Amoco Field on Grand Chenier east end. Weather was beautiful, light ground fog early then lots of sunshine and just enough wind to ripple the water, making top water and bass fishing enjoyable.

Ricky Canik and I had a nice day as fishing partners. We caught eight bass, a couple of redfish and eight catfish. Since Hurricane Rita, redfish are scattered in lots of our waters to the north. We did catch a couple of choupiques, one going five pounds, but Darren and Goose Richard had a 6.58 pounder to take the choupique pot.

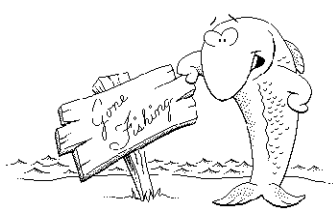
The first place teams with five bass went to J. M. Boudreaux and Richard Duhon, weighing 11.46 pounds. They also had the largest bass, 4.24 pounds, and honors go to J. M. on this one. Second Team was Darren and Goose Richard, five bass, 9.64, and second largest bass of 2.32 pounds. Third team went to Johnny LeDoux and Mathew Griffith with five bass weighing 7.42 pounds.

Fourth stringer team with five bass was father and brother team, Cory and Adam Broussard with five bass going 7.34 and third place bass 1.76. Fifth stringer Todd Conner and Kennon Leonard five bass 6.58, sixth stringer, Loston McEvers and Ricky Canik, five bass 6.20 and Carl Broussard fishing by himself had five bass weighing 6.18 pounds.

Fourth place bass was Cory and Adam, fifth Todd and Kennon, sixth Loston and Ricky and seventh went to Carl Broussard.

AREA OUTLOOK

I noticed last weekend, there's lots of folks fishing



THE READING GARDEN at the Cameron Library is taking shape, with a fountain, benches and picnic table installed. Landscaping is to follow. The fountain and other features were all purchased with donations. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Keep Louisiana beautiful; litter - facts and myths

Keep Louisiana Beautiful, the state's non-profit organization dedicated to litter reduction, urges citizens to educate themselves when it comes to litter myths and facts:

MYTH: Only white paper is recyclable.

FACT: Almost any type of paper is recyclable, including envelopes, post-it notes, colored paper, newspaper and magazine. However, there are restrictions on wax paper, laminated paper and food-stained paper.

MYTH: It's okay to throw something away as long as it's labeled as a biodegradable product.

FACT: In a landfill, biodegradable waste breaks down into methane, which is a potent greenhouse gas. A better solution is to recycle the product.

MYTH: Someone will go through the trash and pull out recyclables before it goes to the landfill.

FACT: Anything thrown into a trashcan usually ends up in a landfill and remains there until it finally degrades. Even something as simple as an aluminum can takes 80-100 years to degrade.

MYTH: When tossed to the ground, cigarette butts look bad but do not hurt the environment.

FACT: Cigarette butts, the most littered item in Louisiana, are not biodegradable and remain intact for 10 years before breaking apart.

MYTH: Litter does not affect the economy.

FACT: Litter discourages economic development and impacts real estate values. Businesses are less likely to locate to a community that does not practice litter control.

MYTH: Even though litter is an eyesore, it doesn't really hurt anyone.

FACT: Litter is a breeding ground for disease and causes illness, injury and death to thousands of pets, wild and farm animals each year.

"Each individual in Louisiana produces over four pounds of trash per day.

Taking the time to recycle and understanding how our waste affects our daily lives makes a real difference," said KLB Executive Director Leigh Harris.

Keep Louisiana Beautiful is a volunteer based service organization dedicated to a healthy and litter free Louisiana. Through a network of statewide affiliates, KLB promotes its mission to educate Louisianans on the ecological and economic effects of littering. For more information, visit www.keeplouisianabeautiful.org.



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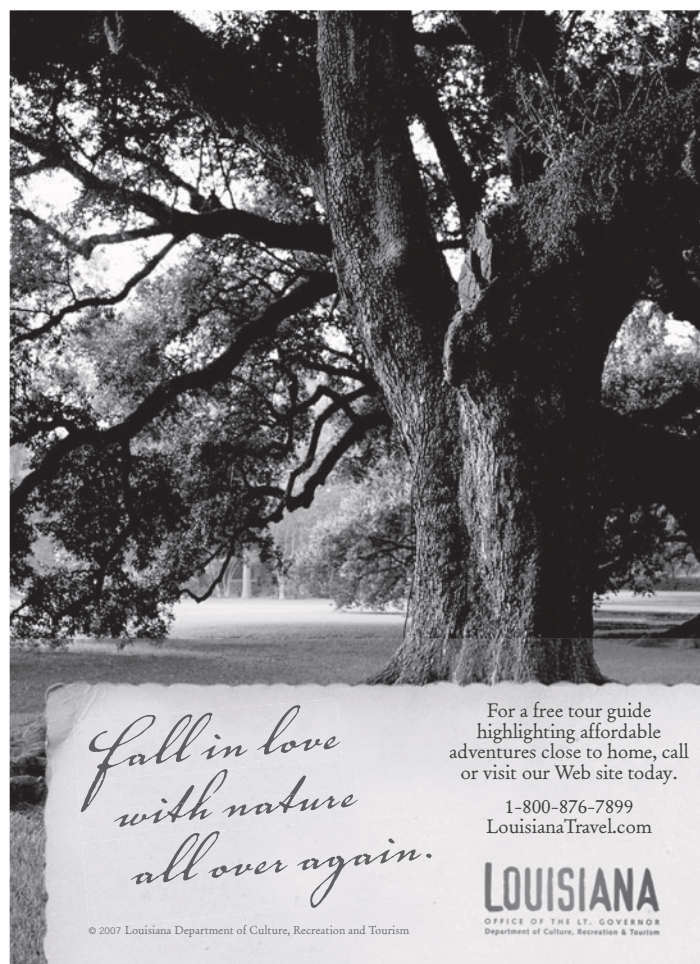
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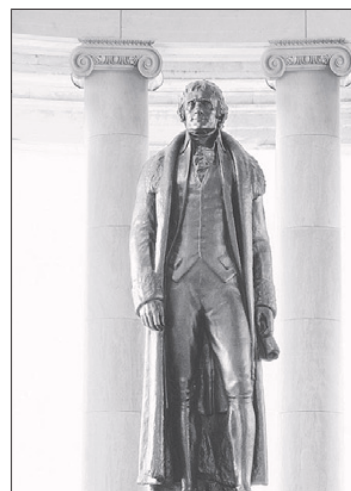
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A GROUP OF European educators toured Benny Welch's alligator products business Tuesday while visiting Cameron Parish. The group, which will spend two weeks in Southwest Louisiana studying educational technology, also visited the Rockefeller Refuge and the Cameron Court House while learning about the effects of Hurricane Rita. Ruby Miller and JoAnn Nunez arranged the tour. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

European educators tour Cameron Parish

By CYNDI SELLERS

"What's done it for me was when we drove past, and she just said 'That's where the school used to be, let's see where the children are now.'" These were the words of Simon Elledge, an elementary school principal from England, on seeing the empty slab where South Cameron Elementary School used to be. Elledge was part of a group of European educators, six from England, one from Poland, and one from the Netherlands, mostly school principals, touring Lower Cameron Parish on Tuesday. The group from the British Council is in Southwest Louisiana as part of a Fulbright Exchange program

with Calcasieu Parish schools.

Their purpose is to study the use of technology in education. At SCES, Elledge said, the technology just isn't there any more. He wanted a photo of the slab to take back to his students, to bring home to them the enormity of the hurricane's effects.

One member of the Calcasieu technology team is Ruby Miller, formerly a teacher at South Cameron Elementary. Her team felt it was imperative for the visitors to see Cameron Parish to begin to understand the lives of the children here.

Miller and her mother JoAnn Nunez arranged a tour of Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, where biologist Guthrie Perry explained about the state of the marshes and the recovery of the alligator population after the storm.

Following lunch at the refuge, the group then visited Benny Welch's "Cajun Ben's" alligator products business. Welch, retired elementary school principal and local entrepreneur, showed the visitors how the by-products of the alligator hide and meat industry can be turned into a profitable business.

Looking at the hundreds of alligator heads drying in the sun, team leader Steph Neale said "It's amazing how he took something that's just thrown away and made a cottage industry."

Welch also showed the group the three oak trees in which he and his family survived Hurricane Audrey. As the team ended their tour at the Cameron Court House, they learned that many others survived by taking refuge

Honor older adults says Governor

According to the Cameron Council on Aging, Governor Kathleen Blanco has issued a proclamation urging citizens to honor older adults. The proclamation reads in part:

Older persons are entitled to live lives of dignity and independence through:

*Streamlines access to information and community services;

*Information about cost-effective prevention practices and activities that will improve health and quality of life, and;

Innovative, affordable options of care and support that will provide an array of choices about how and where to live.

I hereby urge all citizens to honor older adults, and those who care for them, during May and throughout the year. We urge all to promote and participate in activities that contribute to helping older Americans make choices for a healthy and rewarding future.



KATARZYNA KOSSAKOWSKA, of Ostroeka, Poland, was one of the educators touring lower Cameron Parish Tuesday. She is displaying three alligator teeth from Benny Welch's shop. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

sort it out."

Becky Ford, with the Calcasieu Parish School technology center, says that the Fulbright Exchange program began in 2001 when 22 British educators came to Louisiana for a teaching partnership. She and Neale were partners then, and in 2002 he came back bringing students to visit Prien Lake Elementary. In 2004 she took her students to his school in England. In 2006 he and his family came to help with hurricane recovery, funding six children for technology camp. And now in 2007 the program has new links and new countries.

This year's team includes Katarzyna Kossakowska, of Ostroeka, Poland, and Fred

Hackberry 4-Hers hold meet

By JOLIE TRAHAN

The Hackberry High Jr. 4-H Club meeting was held on Apr. 18.

Reports were given by Jonathon Landry on Trash Bash and Codie Reon on Courtyard.

Vanderwoerd, of Noordwijk, Netherlands, in addition to Brits Neale, Elledge, Milligan, Grove, Mike Gibson and Mike Chivers. They will be in SWLA until May 4.

Eddie Bird was the winner of the 4-H meeting door prize. Mattie Stine reported on the importance of completing a record book. Jeb Backlund also reported on how important it is to have a quiet 4-H meeting. Our leader, Mrs. Margaret Ann, gave a demonstration on the proper way to wash your hands.

4-H Agents talked to the club about Spring Contest Day and 4-H Camp. The next meeting which will be an award ceremony will be held on May 9.

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