



2006-2007 SOUTH Cameron High School Rodeo team members include Kyle LeBoeuf, Garrett Richard, Logan Boudreaux, Barrett Hebert, Colby Nunez, Jade Miller, Tyler Roberts, Kobi Richard, Ty Savoie, Trever Nunez, Ross Rowland, Shylyn Nunez, Victoria Wilkerson, Lexie Canik, Shaley Gossett, Jolie Boudreaux, and Shawnee Pearce. Jr. High team members are Dustin Guillory, Wyatt Pearce, Abby Miller, and Taylor Canik.

S. Cameron Rodeo set Fri. & Sat.

By BRANDON HEBERT

The South Cameron Rodeo Booster Club will sponsor their 23rd Annual High School Qualifying Rodeo on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, at the West Cal-Cam Arena in Sulphur.

There are many cowboys and cowgirls from throughout the state who are members of the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association. These contestants and their families will converge in our corner of Southwest Louisiana throughout the weekend and get a taste of just what our "Sportsman's Paradise" is all about.

Due to devastating effects of Hurricane Rita on our community, we were forced to cancel our rodeo last year. Nevertheless, because of the continued support of donors and the dedication and hard work of our cowboys and cowgirls, we were able to send 14 of our members to the State Finals last year.

Proceeds from our rodeo, after expenses and awards are paid, support our 21 South Cameron Rodeo Booster Club cowboys and cowgirls who will be competing in a number of different events to earn points to qualify for the Louisiana High School State Finals to be held in June.

We invite you to join us as we cheer on our local cowboys and cowgirls were you are sure to have a toe tapping, heel stomping good time.

Trash Bash to be held at H'berry

Hackberry Community Trash Bash will be held Saturday, May 5. Helpers are asked to meet at the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. for registration with clean up to begin at 9 a.m.

T-shirts and sunscreen will be provided and a hamburger lunch will be served.

There will be door prizes. Bring your own rake.

Sponsors are Hackberry 4-H Clubs, Hackberry High FFA, Cameron LNG, Cheniere Energy, Inc., DynMcDermott, Department of Transportation and Development, Cameron Communications, Targa Midstream Services, Brown's Food Center, Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department, Louisiana State Police, and Cameron Parish Pilot.

Taxes will not be increased

The Cameron Parish Police Jury has decided it will not increase millage rates as allowed by Louisiana law. The hearing on this matter which had been previously scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, has been cancelled.

Shrimpers express concerns over proposed levee repairs

By CYNDI SELLERS

Twenty years of resentment came to a head Monday night as shrimpers and state and local agencies discussed proposed levee repairs during the Cameron Parish Police Jury's monthly agenda meeting. Tempers became so heated that one shrimper had to be escorted from the meeting.

At issue was the permit request by the Department of Natural Resources to place sheet pilings in the breaches of the Cameron-Creole Watershed levee. The Jury tabled the request last month at the request of Gravity Drainage District #3, which asked for a meeting between all affected parties to discuss the proposal. At the time, Scott Henry, speaking for Gravity Drainage #3, expressed opposition to the

sheet pilings due to fears that future flood waters would not drain from the watershed.

At Monday's meeting, a large group of shrimpers were on hand to express their opinion that the breaches should not be closed. Some said the entire levee system should not be repaired. Many cited last year's bumper crop of shrimp as proof that the levee system had been the cause of poor fishing in the last 15-20 years. Philip Dyson suggested officials look into a study done from 1986-1988 by LSU professor Dr. Ken Robinson of the effect of the levees and weirs on shrimping. Dyson said he was making \$125,000 a year back then, which dropped to \$35,000 after the weirs. He said last year he made \$98,000 and hoped to do even better this year, if the breaches remain open.

Adley Dyson, member of the State Oyster Task Force reported that oystering has improved since the storm, with the mussels that were threatening the fishery all gone. He said "I don't think we need to stop the water, maybe slow it up." He reminded Jurors that before the weirs Cameron was the nation's #1 fishing port, with three pogy plants and five shrimp shops. Now there is only one pogy plant and one or maybe two shrimp houses. Saying the water management system was poorly managed before the storm and water needs to flow freely, he said the State Oyster Board stands behind Gravity Drainage Boards #3 and #4.

Other shrimpers were more pointed in their objections to the repairs. Jimmy Dyson threatened to hook an anchor to the weirs and pull them out if the breaches were plugged, and promised to see jurors voted out of office. Monroe Gray said, "This idea to put it all back like it was and then think about changing it - that's bull and you know it." He suggested that since all the codes and rules have been changed since the storm, this would be a good time to change the weirs. He wants a study done on the effect of the weirs on the shrimping industry. He also rejected the study that recommended six inch slots in the weirs, saying the slots are too high and shrimp swim near the bottom.

Darrel Clark of the US Fish and Wildlife Service explained that the Coastal Wetlands Protection and Restoration Act (CWPR) task force reluctantly agreed to add \$2 million to the initial \$3.7 million allocation for

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Distribution of food told

Rev. Cheryl R. Minvielle with the Minvielle Outreach Ministries of New Iberia, would like to announce that the food distribution tent, at the site of the old Cameron Dollar General Store, will be distributing food on May 11 and 25.

Volunteers are needed to help unload the food truck on each Thursday before the distribution day. For more information on how you can help, please call 224-1612 or 364-5157.



A COMMEMORATIVE pin has been designed for the Cameron Sheriff's Office to be worn with the new uniforms. Extra pins will be available for deputies to trade with other agencies, a popular activity when working together on a disaster or other event. The pin is a replica of the parish patch with the addition of a storm cloud and lightning over Johnson Bayou and the statement "We Survived Rita - Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept.". A star was added two years ago to memorialize fallen deputy Terry Cox. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



DEPUTIES Danny Lavergne, David Hebert, and Evans "JoJo" Gaspard display the new Cameron Sheriff's Office duty uniforms, which will be worn beginning today. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Water District rolls back tax millage

By CYNDI SELLERS

Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District #1, Cameron, has voted to roll back its property tax levy for the 2007 tax roll from 5 mills to 4.5 mills. The action is intended to thank and encourage industries and residents who have returned to Cameron.

FEMA funding and other measures have enabled the district to rebuild and even improve operations since the storm. Water meters have been installed, but haven't resulted in increased customer costs. The board is confident that it can operate on the reduced millage. The district's allowable tax levy is 9.51 mills, but it hasn't had to impose that amount for many years.

Another change

announced at the board's Apr. 26 meeting is that its billing date will move to the 15th of the month instead of the first, for administrative purposes. Customers should see no change in their bills, as the meter readings will be phased over the next few months.

The board also considered filing suit against Citizens Insurance Company if it does not pay at least sixty percent of the claim filed after Hurricane Rita.

The district has been nominated for Louisiana Rural Water Association Wastewater System of the Year, South Award, and Hans Edward Peterson has been nominated for Wastewater Operator of the Year, South Award. The state conference of the LRWA will be held on July 18 in Alexandria.



MR. AND MRS. Billy Henning of Sulphur received the 2007 Jesse Stafford Award for their contributions to Louisiana United Methodist Church. Mr. Henning is the CEO of Cameron Communications and the son of the builders of the first telephone system in Cameron Parish.

Hennings are honored by La. Methodist Foundation

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Fifty years ago when Joy and I started the Cameron Pilot, Billy Henning, president of the Cameron Telephone Co., was our first advertiser. Billy is now CEO of C a m e r o n Communications which grew out of Cameron Telephone Co. I was happy to see the following article and photo of Billy and his wife in the recent issue of Louisiana Now, the publication of the La. United Methodist Church. They live in Sulphur--Jerry Wise)

Bill and Lena Henning of Henning Memorial UMC in Sulphur were the guests of honor Mar. 15, at the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana's annual Legacies of Louisiana Gala.

The Hennings received the 2007 Jesse B. Stafford Award, given annually to an individual or couple dedicated to serving the United Methodist Church and its community

through good works and generous philanthropy.

The Hennings set up a donor-advised fund through the United Methodist Foundation to support rural ministry in Louisiana. A donor-advised fund is unique in that it allows the donors to have ongoing input in specifying the charitable causes they wish to support.

Bishop William W. Hutchinson and several United Methodist agencies were part of the evening's program, held at the Gray Plantation Clubhouse in Lake Charles.

Rob Fairly, president of the Foundation, acknowledged the individuals and families who established permanent endowments or added to existing gifts to the Foundation in 2006, as well as those who have joined the Foundation's recognition society, The Third Testament.



MRS. GENEVA GRIFFITH, left, is shown being presented with a signed copy of the new book, *Hurricane Audrey*, by the author, Cathy Cagle Post. The experiences of Mrs. Griffith and her family in Hurricane Audrey in 1957 are recounted in the book. Mrs. Griffith, who now lives in Baton Rouge, was a long time resident of Cameron Parish and was a reporter for the Cameron Parish Pilot for over 40 years.

Book signings set for libraries for Hurricane Audrey book

A book signing at five Cameron Parish Libraries and a Lake Charles book store has been announced by Cathy C. Post, author of the new book, HURRICANE AUDREY

The book recounts in detail the ordeals of ten Cameron Parish families during and after the storm that devastated Cameron Parish on June 27, 1957 and took nearly 500 lives.

The six book signings by the author will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 17-19 at the following locations:

Thursday, May 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Cameron Library, 775-5421, 469 Marshall St., Cameron.

Thursday, May 17, 3-5

p.m., Grand Chenier Library, 2867 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, 538-2214.

Friday, May 18, 9-10:30 a.m., Grand Lake Library, 961 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, 598-5950.

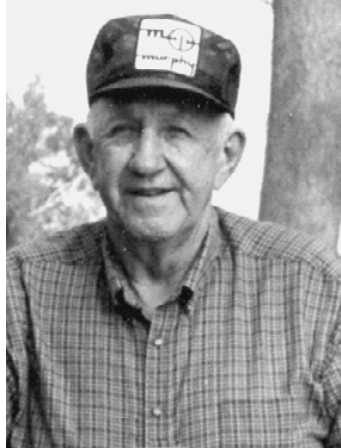
Friday, May 18, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Johnson Bayou Library, 4586 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou, 569-2892.

Friday, May 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Hackberry Library, 983 Main St, Hackberry, 762-3978

Saturday, May 19, Books-A-Million, 2934 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, 436-3577.



Funerals



ALBERT BROUSSARD

Albert Broussard, 84, of DeRidder, died Thursday, Apr. 26, 2007 in DeRidder.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Apr. 28, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in DeRidder. Father Pathinikuttige Nonis officiated. Burial was in Beauregard Cemetery.

Mr. Broussard was in the U. S. Coast Guard and was of the Catholic faith.

He is survived by his wife, Velma Ruby Nunez Broussard; son, Michael Broussard and wife Virginia, all of DeRidder; two grandchildren; and a sister, Camilla Broussard of Beaumont, Tex.



HARRY O. ERBELDING, JR

Funeral services for Harry O. Erbeling, Jr. 73, of Sulphur, will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 3, at Robison Funeral Home Chapel in Sulphur. Rev. Christopher Maher will officiate. Burial will follow in Big Woods Cemetery in Ederly.

Mr. Erbeling died Wednesday, Apr. 25, 2007 in a Lake Charles hospital. He was a native of Johnson Bayou and a lifelong resident of Sulphur. He was a United States Air Force veteran and served in the Korean War. He retired as a carpenter and enjoyed commercial fishing and woodworking.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kimberly Nicole Erbeling Johnson.

Survivors include his wife, Gale Brashears Erbeling; son, Louis A. Erbeling, both of Sulphur; daughter, Judy A. Farris and husband Buddy, of Iowa; sister, Esther Vincent of Hempstead, Tex.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial books are announced

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

Ray Kebodeaux, Tony and Rhonda Duhon and family, Favorite Brand Name Appetizers; Mervin Chesson, Mike and Paula Chesson, Complete Book of Home Preserving; Bodie Whetstone, Mike and Paula Chesson, Muscle Car Chronicle.

Julian Zaunbrecher, Jaimie, Tina, Christina and Jolie Boudreaux, The Ultimate Guide to Tractors; Roberta Rogers, Chance Doxey, Kassie Guthrie Boudreaux, Ross Rowland, Kade Pierson, Haley Willis, Shelby Willis, Kelsie Mudd, 1) Charlotte's Web, 2) Encyclopedia of Animals.

Vera Harmon and Isaiah Harmon, Brenda and G. C. Quinn, 1) Dear God It's me! 2) The Lord Is My Shepherd; Jerica Fontenot DeVillier, Brenda and G. C. Quinn, 1) A Treasury of Children's Prayers 2) Who Was Born This Special Day?

Gerald W. LaBove, The Swire Family, Mighty Muscle Cars; Darrell "Fats" Dupont, Gloria Kelley, The Reign of the Reptile.

Permit asked for J. Bayou facility

Cheniere Sabine Pass Pipeline is seeking a coastal use permit to construct the Johnson Bayou Metering and Regulatory Facility to allow for the receipt, metering, heating and transport of natural gas through the Bridgeline delivery interconnect and the Southwest Lateral delivery interconnect.

The facility boundary will consist of a 150' x 150' SW Lateral M&R platform (meter station and three heaters), a 100' x 100' Bridgeline M&R platform (meter station and heater), access road and three pipeline interconnects.

All three lines will be horizontal directional drilled until they reach the facility and then trenched the rest of the way.



DO YOU REMEMBER? This photo was taken at a meeting in the Cameron Parish Courthouse over 40 years ago between Mrs. Robert LeTourneau and Police Jury members. From left were Jurors Horace Mhire, Frankie Henry, unidentified juror, Mrs. LeTourneau, and Jury treasurer Garner Nunez. Her husband was world famous for the construction of earth moving equipment at his plant in Longview, Texas, and for his church work. Mrs. LeTourneau had come to Cameron to investigate the possibility of setting up a facility here to build mobile platforms for offshore drilling. Unfortunately, the project was never realized.

Cameron students are winners

Four Cameron Parish students are among winners of the state's prize winners of the American Spirit Poster Contest. The reception for the winners was on Friday at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

The contest was open to students in grades kindergarten through 12. More than 1,200 participated in school, parish and state levels.

The winning posters were displayed at the Capitol Park Welcome Center.

The grand prize winners from Cameron Parish are: Morgan Primeaux, third grade, South Cameron School, Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Grand Prize.

Darian Picou, fifth grade, Cameron Elementary, Louisiana Resource Center for Educators Grand Prize.

Grade level finishers are: Sixth grade: Garrett Mock, Cameron Elementary, third place.

Seventh grade: Dina Mendez, South Cameron School, first place.

Boating class

The Lake Charles Power Squadron will hold a one day Safe Boating Class on Saturday, May 19 at their clubhouse located just past the I-210 boat launch past Lafleur Park. The class is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Boaters with insurance may get a discount by completing this approved class. Anyone

born after Jan 1, 1988 must take the class before operating a boat over 10 hp.

This class will cover all aspects of safe boating along with information on the hazards of our local waterway. A lite lunch will be provided or you can bring a sack lunch. The class is free and all ages are invited to attend.

For more information on the boating classes call 474-0730.



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Grand Chenier Library News

The Grand Chenier Library announces the following programs:

Thursday, May 3, 10 a.m., Crossword Daze; 2 p.m., Walk Away the Pounds.

Friday, May 4, 9 a.m., Bingo Game Day; 10 a.m., Crossword Daze.

Monday, May 7, Recipe Swap (Appetizers), bring your recipes anytime; 10 a.m., Crossword Daze, 2 p.m., Walk Away the Pounds.

Tuesday, May 8, 10 a.m., Crossword Daze; 2 p.m., Walk Away the Pounds.

Wednesday, May 9, 10 a.m., Crossword Daze; 2 p.m., Walk Away the Pounds; 4 p.m., Happy Mother's Day kids project.

Thursday, May 10, 10 a.m., Crossword Daze; 2 p.m., Walk Away the Pounds.

Friday, May 11, 9 a.m., Pokeno Game Day; 10 a.m., Crossword Daze; 2 p.m., Walk Away the Pounds.



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2003 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton Diesel Crew Cab Leather, auto, A/C, AM/FM CD, tilt, cruise, fully loaded, 1 owner	\$23,997	2006 Pontiac Grand Prix Auto, A/C, AM/FM CD, tilt, cruise, power windows, locks, tilt, cruise, fully loaded, Silver PC479	\$13,997
2005 GMC Envoy XL Low miles, Auto, A/C, AM/FM CD, tilt, cruise, very clean	\$22,997	2006 Pontiac G6 Silver PC476, auto, A/C, AM/FM CD, 6-cylinder, fully loaded	\$14,997
2005 GMC Yukon XL 1 owner, auto, A/C, AM/FM CD, tilt, cruise, windows, locks, fully loaded	\$18,997	2002 GMC Yukon White, leather, power windows, locks, fully loaded	\$15,997
2004 GMC Z71 Ex Cab Powder in color, auto, A/C, power windows, locks, nice truck	\$17,997	2000 Jeep Wrangler Only 30,000 miles, A/C, AM/FM, like new	\$13,997
2004 Buick Ranier Low miles, auto, A/C, AM/FM CD, tilt, cruise, fully loaded	\$16,997	2006 Chevrolet Malibu Fully loaded, Silver PC455, auto, A/C, AM/FM CD, like new	\$12,997
		2006 Chevy Cobalt White	\$10,997

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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(DeQuincy News, May 2, 1958) VAULTS AWAY IDENTIFICATION

All former residents of Cameron Parish now living in the area are advised that the 132 burial vaults and caskets which were washed out of Cameron Parish cemeteries into the marsh by Hurricane Audrey last year have now been recovered.

Former residents who had vaults of relatives missing are asked to return to the parish and attempt to make identification of the recovered tombs before May 15.

After that date, the identified vaults will be returned to their proper cemeteries, Tombs left unidentified will be divided among the parish's cemeteries on a pro-rata basis according to the number of vaults missing from each.

The expense of recovering the vaults from the marsh and reburying them is being taken care of by the parish disaster relief fund made up of donations received from hundreds of individuals, groups and firms from all over the nation, many from this immediate area.

(Cameron Pilot, May 2, 1974) O'NEIL ROBERTS

O'Neil Roberts, 52, of Cameron, died Friday. Roberts was the first man in Cameron Parish to receive the Silver Beaver Scouting Award.

TRIBUTE TO SCOUT-MASTER ROBERTS By NELL COLLIGAN

When O'Neil Roberts died last week, Cameron Parish lost one of its most valued citizens and the most unselfish man I ever knew.

I believe I can say, without reservation, that O'Neil did more for the boys of Cameron than anyone before him ever did and probably more than anyone will do in the future, for he dedicated his every leisure hour throughout the year to scouting, including five weeks of his summer vacation which he spent at Camp Edgewood.

Always a lover of nature and the outdoors, he first became interested in scouting when his son, Robin, was only 10 and became a cub scout.

Robin is now an Eagle Scout along with 12 other Cameron Eagles who might not have had a troop to rise within but for the efforts of their scout-master, Mr. O'Neil.

MILLAGE LOWERED

The Hackberry Water District has lowered the millage on the retirement of the bonds to ten mills, according to Jack Moore, water board chairman.

The new joint office building and fire station is now completed. An open house of the facility is being planned for the near future, with the time to be announced later.

HACKBERRY TO HOST MEETING

The Hackberry Future Homemakers of America will host the 1973-74 FHA Cameron Parish meeting, Friday, May 3, in the Hackberry High School auditorium.

The parish meeting involves the following schools: Hackberry, advisor, Mrs. Vickie Parker; Grand Lake, advisor, Mrs. Jerri Wainwright; Johnson Bayou, Mrs. Mariana Tanner; and South Cameron, advisor, Mrs. Madge Reina.

TOP JUNIOR CLUB

The Grand Lake High School Jr. 4-H Club was named the outstanding Jr. 4-H Club in Cameron Parish at the recent Achievement Day. Trophy recipients for the top junior club were: Mike Beard, Grand Lake, 1st; Delain Desonnier, Cameron Elementary; Joni Gray, Hackberry and Brian Theriot, South Cameron Elementary.

C. F. SERVICE TEAM FORMED

The Lower Cameron Parish Area Service Team of Cameron Camp Fire Girls, the first of its kind in this area, was formed this week at the American Legion Hall in Creole.

Mrs. Harold Carter of Creole was named chairman of the team. Serving with her will be Mrs. Jerry Jones, Cameron; Mrs. Clifford Conner, Creole; Mrs. John Bailey, Creole, program consultants; and Kenneth Nunez, Grand Chenier, program specialist.

STATE WINNERS

The sixth and seventh grade classes of Grand Chenier Elementary School took two of the three state special awards given at the Louisiana Social Studies Fair held Apr. 19-21, at LSU.

The sixth grade's project, "How Environment Affects Availability of Jobs in Grand Chenier" placed first in Division I - Geography and also won the award for best career education project in that division.

The seventh grade's project, "The World of Work at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge" won the award for the best career education project from Division II.

Judith Jones was the teacher supervising the sixth grade project. Supervising the seventh grade projects were Benny Welch, Bobbye Nunez and Judith Jones.

AWARDS GIVE TO DELEGATES

The Liberty Bell award was presented to three area members of the Louisiana Constitution Convention at the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association Law Day held Monday at McNeese.

Receiving the award were Conway LeBleu of Cameron, Mack Abraham and Dr. Gerald Weiss of Lake Charles.

TEACHERS ARE GIVEN GIFTS

The Hackberry Homemakers Club presented each teacher, the principal and his secretary at HHS with a "goodie bag," filled with homemade cookies and candies. This is for Teacher Appreciation Week. Club members are Mesdames Sandy LeBlanc, Ernest Hamilton, Clifton Cabell, Ethel Watts, Madie Pierce, Elma Gross, Floyd Little, Zula Dominique and Nata Hebert.

New flood insurance maps to be ready by year's end

By CYNDI SELLERS

Cameron Parish Police Jurors learned Monday night that the new Federal Flood Insurance rating maps for southwest Louisiana will be probably ready by the end of the year.

FEMA is presently conducting computer modeling of 300 storms to determine the new base flood elevations and zones, said Jerri Daniels with the Louisiana mapping project.

Until the new maps are completed, current flood elevations are in effect for Cameron Parish.

Jay Rutherford reported to the Jury that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's recommendations have been presented to the legislature, and he was unable to see any changes from the draft plan to raise Highways 27 and 82 and also to protect "coastal forests," including oak trees on the cheniers, by expropriating them.

OEP Director Clifton Hebert reported that the bids will be opened May 7 for the salt water tree removal program. He also said that a statewide hurricane exercise will be conducted next week

in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.

His office will be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. during the exercise, which will be conducted by phone and Internet. The new web EOC will be available this year, allowing emergency personnel to operate anywhere there is Internet access.

Also coming in June is a new public notification system, which is being provided to local governments by the state. The web based system will automatically call cell phones, pagers, or home phones of emergency personnel, businesses, and residents who ask to be included in event of emergencies ranging from industrial accidents to hurricanes.

Parish Planner Ernie Broussard announced that he will present an update on the Cameron Square project at the May Police Jury meeting. The complete parish re-development plan is due to be completed by early June, he said.

Broussard said his office has applied for \$65 million in grants for projects including the Calcasieu Loop and the Holly Beach sewer system. He also said Sen. Mary Landrieu has put three appropriations back into the budget.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

CHURCH NEWS

St Peter the Apostle Church has ten children making their First Confession and First Communion on Sunday May 6, at the 9 a.m. Mass in Hackberry. The children are: Peyton Delome, Reagan Darbonne, McClain Frey, Jeanne Trahan, Adelyn Domingue, Gavin Guidry, Julien Fontenot, Charlie, Little, Seth Boudreaux, and Blaine Little.

Friday, May 11, St Peter the Apostle Church has three young adults making their Confirmation at 7 p.m. at St Theresa the Child of Jesus Christ in Carlyss. They are Judd Addison, Kayla Backlund, and Kayla Sanner.

The last day of CCD will be on Monday, May 7. All class participants will attend at 3:15 p.m. for the Pizza party. CCC will end at 4:30 p.m.

The Mass for honoring five Seniors of Hackberry High School will be on Sunday, May 20 at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Outstanding field athlete

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

South Cameron's Rachael Fountain was named the girls Outstanding Field Athlete at the Class 1A Region II track meet at ULL last week. Fountain finished first in the triple jump and high jump. Joining her at the state track meet will be Haley McCall, who placed first in the 100 low hurdles.

Lady Hornets eliminated

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The Grand Lake Lady Hornets made a brief appearance at the state softball tournament losing to French Settlement 5-4 in 8 innings of the class B quarterfinals.

Lakeyn Duhon pitched for the Lady Hornets. Top hitters were Brandy Carroll, 2-4 and 2 doubles; Duhon, 3-4 and 2 doubles; Brittany Hebert, 1-4 and 2 RBIs; Mattie Fruge, 1-4 and a homerun.

The Lady Hornets end the year at 16-9.



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
 The Cameron Parish Police Jury has decided it will not increase millage rates as allowed by Louisiana law. The hearing on this matter which had been previously scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2007 has been canceled.
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Following his Ordination and Installation as the Third Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles on Monday, April 23, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost stands between his predecessors, at left The Most Reverend Jude Speyrer, Founding Bishop, and The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, at right, the Second Bishop. Bishop-emeritus Speyrer served the Diocese from April 25, 1980 to Dec. 12, 2000 and Bishop Braxton led the Diocese from Feb. 22, 2001 to March 15, 2005.

Afternoon of Reflection on HIV/AIDS held

LAKE CHARLES - A crowd of 170, 125 youth and 45 adults, attended the "Afternoon of Reflection on HIV/AIDS Awareness" for African youth of the Central and North Lake Charles communities held at Sacred Heart of Jesus gymnasium. The April 15 event was sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles Office of Black Catholics and the Sacred Heart Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Area churches were also invited to participate in the event.

According to Deacon Edward Lavine, Director of the Office of Black Catholics, statistics indicate African American adolescents and young adults account for 46

percent of total AIDS cases diagnosed in people 13-24 years old through the year 2002. With 61 percent of AIDS cases newly diagnosed among the above age groups in 2002, this indicates the figures are increasing and that African Americans account for 40 percent of total estimated AIDS diagnoses through 2004, although African Americans make up only 12.2 percent of the population. They also represent an estimated 50 percent of persons newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in 2004.

Hispanics account for 19 percent of total estimated AIDS diagnosis through 2004, though they make up only 14.2 percent of the population.

The number of Asian/Pacific Islanders and American/Alaskan natives living with AIDS continue to rise. With approximately a 10 percent increase each year over the past five years.

White adolescents and young adults represent an estimated 25 percent of all persons ages 20-24 who were newly diagnosed with HIV in 2002.

According to Deacon Lavine, because of the epidemic proportions of AIDS cases in the African American community, the Black Catholic Office will continue to share with the African American community the importance of AIDS awareness and promoting abstinence as was the main thrust and

objective of the conference.

Dr. Donald R. Parker was the keynote speaker and presented a power-point presentation, reviewing with those present that they are responsible for their actions and noting that they need to be aware of the consequences if they indulge in premarital sex. Dr. Parker made an effort to emphasize Christian principles referring to the Scriptures in reference to promiscuous behavior.

All the youth present were given a pledge card promising to abstain from sexual intercourse before marriage.

Truman Trail, a Senior at McNeese State University, gave a faith testimonial to the audience with reference to his conversion experience which the youth present were able to identify. Mr. Trail himself a young man in his early 20s, conveyed his message to the youth in a way the young people could really understand.

The Southwest LA Health Service Center, through Mrs. Deborah Guillory, handed out information to the attendants in reference to practicing celibacy until marriage, as well as information and tools to use as they may have peer pressure: how to say no and mean it, and males needing to understand that NO means NO.

Craig Johnson, Sacred Heart Youth Director announced that churches represented were Christian Baptist Church, Zion Tabernacle Baptist Church, Christian Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Throne of Grace Fellowship Church, St. Henry Catholic Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, all of Lake Charles, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Welsh and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church of Jennings.

The conference was the second of two, the first following the return from the National Black Catholic Congress IX in 2002, at which principles were set and the agenda for Black Catholics to follow through for five years, planting the seed on different issues - Spirituality, Parish Life, Youth and Young Adults, Catholic Education, Social Justice, Africa and HIV/AIDS.

The Office of Black Catholics has been focusing in Social Justice, Youth and Young Adults, HIV/AIDS and Catholic Education since Congress IX and as the diocese begins preparation to participate in Congress X, which is scheduled for July 12-15. According to Deacon Lavine, the focus continues to be on the previously mentioned principles.



A crowd of 175 young people and adults were on hand for the recent Afternoon of Reflection on HIV/AIDS for African-American youth held in the Sacred Heart of Jesus gymnasium. The Diocesan Office of Black Catholics and the Sacred Heart Catholic Youth Organization sponsored the event, according to Deacon Edward Lavine, Director of the Office of Black Catholics.

Bishop Provost makes several appointments

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost has made a number of appointments, confirmations, and affirmations to provide for the needs of the Church entrusted to his care in his first official act following his Ordination and Installation as Bishop of Lake Charles.

In the decree signed by Bishop Provost on Monday, April 23, he confirmed Deacon George Stearns in the office of Chancellor of the Diocese. Deacon Stearns has served as Chancellor under previous

Bishops Jude Speyrer and Edward K. Braxton.

Bishop Provost also re-established the Presbyteral Council as well as noted that the College of Consultors continues to function according to the common law of the Church.

The Bishop also decreed that the Deans of the three deaneries of the Diocese, Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May in the East Deanery, Rev. William Miller, Central Deanery, and Rev. Msgr. Vincent Sedita in the Western

Deanery, would continue to fulfill the office entrusted to them.

Rev. Msgr. Jace Eskind, Rev. Albert Borel, and Rev. Archimandrite May were also confirmed as Judicial Vicar, Adjutant Judicial Vicar, and Judge, respectively, in the Diocesan Tribunal.

The Bishop also decreed that all other diocesan officials, committees, and commissions are to fulfill the mandate issued them by his predecessor.

Proud 2B Catholic Music Festival September 8

SULPHUR - The "Second Annual Proud 2B Catholic Music Festival of Louisiana" is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8, from 12:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the Sulphur High School Freshman Campus. The event is sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

This indoor event will open its doors at 12 noon and Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled on the main stage from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., according to Milissa Thibodeaux, director of the Office of Youth Ministry.

"This all-day festival is more than a concert," Thibodeaux said. "It is a faith-filled event for the entire family, featuring Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for Confession, motivational speakers, breakout sessions on key topics, and some of the best international recording artists, food concessions, Catholic product vendors and various organizations and ministries. It is an event with the youth in-mind, but is open to all ages and denominations."

One of the featured performers will be Tony Melendez, who plays the guitar with his feet. Melendez came to international prominence when he played for Pope John Paul II in 1987 in Los Angeles.

According to the biography on his website, Melendez was a "thalidomide baby," born without arms because his mother was prescribed thalidomide a drug used to help calm morning sickness during her pregnancy. He was brought to the Los Angeles area from Nicaragua to be fitted with artificial arms. He wore them until he was ten, when he disposed of them. "I didn't feel comfortable," he explains, "I could use my feet so much more."

His proficiency with his feet extended to more areas than just day-to-day care. He remembers that "at first, I started playing push-button organ. Then in high school I began playing around with the guitar and harmonica." He also began writing his own songs. Whether it was "playing around" with music or merely adjusting to a normal high school routine, Tony never let his handicap get in his way. "I was pretty secure in what I could do," he says.

It was also in high school that he became deeply involved in the Catholic Church. "I went when I was a kid because my parents took me. I drifted away as I got a little older. When I was in high school, my brother kept saying 'come on, you've gotta go. It's great!' So I went again and made a lot of friends, and wound up changing my life in the process."

A variety of Catholic Christian music will also be performed by Father Stan Fortuna, Josh Blakesley, Cooper Ray, Nichole Ackoury, Gabriel's Cry, Endless Days, Clay Vessel and more.

Keynote speakers will include Father Stan, Jesse Romero, Cooper Ray, Josh Blakesley, Karlo Broussard, Christina Theriot, Dumb Ox Productions, Kenny Lantier, Augie and more.

Last year's festival had an attendance of more than 1,500 people. "It is our prayer that this event brings over 3,000 people from Louisiana and other Southern states to the festival this year," Thibodeaux said.

For those interested in registering for the event, tickets may be purchased online at www.proud2bcatholic.com or by contacting Thibodeaux at the Diocese of Lake Charles at 337-439-7426 Ext. 301. She can also be reached via e-mail at youth.ministry@lcdioocese.org.



Ruben Buller, left, and Nathan Long, right, were admitted to candidacy for Holy Orders during a recent ceremony in the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans by The Most Reverend David Choby, Bishop of Nashville.

Two admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders

NEW ORLEANS - Two seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles were admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders recently in ceremonies held in the Chapel of Notre Dame Seminary.

The Most Reverend David Choby, Bishop of Nashville, officially admitted Ruben Joshua Buller of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Fenton and Nathan Long of St. Raphael Church in Iowa. The Rite of Admission is celebrated when a seminarian has reached maturity of purpose regarding his vocation and has shown the necessary qualities for ordained ministry. Through this liturgical rite, a seminarian makes a public intention of receiving Holy Orders and resolves to continue his preparation, in mind and spirit, in order to give faithful service to Christ and His Church.

During the celebration, Bishop Choby reflected on the instruction inviting the candidates to recognize the challenges they will face in their lives as seminarians and as priests in the future. He encouraged the candidates to continue their preparation for ordination confident that Christ would support them through the Church.

In June, the candidates will begin a seven-month internship, during which they will continue to learn more about ministry through parish experience and pastoral supervision.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



"BIG MONEY CARP"

I got a chance to get away for a couple of days last week and headed to Toledo Bend. The 2007, 24th annual Southeast Texas Oilman's Bass Classic was going on and there was quite a few Cameron Parish anglers that entered the two day event.

I'll say this, our parish was well represented, as anglers from Grand Chenier, Creole, Cameron, Hackberry and the Grand Lake-Sweetlake area were there. There were over 400 teams entered and some of us did well, some bad and some great. Travis Broussard and Lynn Thibodeaux took sixth place overall with 24.92 pounds of fish.

In the first day's event, there were eight bass weighed in at over six pounds and in the second days event, the two top bass were over eight pounds. The first day's top stringer on five bass was 18.6 pounds and the second day's, the stringer was over 33 pounds and ten bass took the event.

The event was held at Cypress Bend, where prizes were drawn for anglers entered into the classic. There were over 300 rods given during the two days, plus reels, coolers, boat light kits, burners, crab pots and a stainless steel barbeque pit. I guess the biggest drawing was for a shotgun plus a 2007 Nitro 5915C bassboat with a 150 hp Mercury outboard and trailer, valued at \$22,000.

This event helps out the boys and girls clubs of Deep East Texas in ten communities with after school and summer programs for 5,000 youth annually. They were presented with a check for \$20,000.

LEMESCHE CLUB

The Lemesche Bass Club will have their fifth tourna-

ment of the year Saturday, May 5, fishing out of the Old Amoco Field, launching at the Superior Miami Launch.

They will also have a regular club meeting in Creole Monday, May 7 at 6 p.m. For more information call Carl Broussard at 775-5316.

CCA-STAR

The CCA's Star Tournament kicks off May 26 and the first tagged redfish caught will win a new Chevy Silverado. The other nine tagged redfish if caught will each win a 2201 Mako boat rigged with a 150 hp Mercury Optimax motor and trailer.

Boats will be given for the largest speckle trout, mangrove snapper, lemonfish, black drum and flounder. Yellowfin tuna, amberjacks, and sheephead tackle packages. There will be 101 days of competition with \$500,000 in prizes.

The heaviest trout in each coastal zone during the first week of the long tournament (May 26 - June 3) will pay the angler a \$1,000 bonus.

Speckle trout competitions in each zone will be split 50-51 days with the first running from May 26-July 22 and the second from July 23-Sept. 3.

This S.T.A.R. tournament is big and popular, and it gives any angler entered a chance to win. It doesn't matter where you are fishing on the Gulf coast, it's open to all anglers and all ages. You may be a bank fisherman, canal, off the side of the road or out of a small boat or a fully rigged large boat.

LOCAL NEWS

I got one good report on four anglers each catching their red snapper limits, fishing out of Grand Chenier Park about 30 plus miles south of the Grand Chenier Jetties.

S. Cameron Lady Tarpons lose in finals

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

Defending class 1A champion South Cameron was hoping to repeat as state champs again, but Hanson had other ideas, handing the Lady Tarpons a 4-0 loss in the finals of the state softball tournament.

Kimily Bourriaque, Haley McCall, and Amanda Wicke threw for the Lady Tarpons. Whitney Richard was 1-1 with 2 walks.

South Cameron advanced to the finals with a 4-2 quarterfinal win over Catholic Pointe Coupee and a 6-3 semifinal win over Delcambre.

Kimily Bourriaque and Haley McCall pitched for the Lady Tarpons in the quarterfinals. Top hitters were Whitney Richard, 2-3; Michelle Champion, 2-3 with 2 doubles and 1 RBI; Kessie Benton, 1-3 with a double, RBI, and run.

Kimily Bourriaque and Haley McCall handled pitching duties for South Cameron in the semifinal win over Delcambre. Top hitters were Kelsey Mudd, 2-4 with a double and 2 RBIs; Shelby Willis, 2-3 with a homerun and 2 RBIs; and Devon Richard, 1-3 with a triple.

The Lady Tarpons end the season at 13-11.

Seatrout study to be made here

Researchers from Louisiana State University (LSU) are teaming up with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) for a study on the movement patterns of spotted seatrout in Calcasieu Lake. The two-year study will begin May 2007 and roughly 120 adult spotted seatrout will be outfitted with acoustic transmitters or "pingers".

All fish with acoustic transmitters will be marked with a yellow dart tag below the dorsal fin that states "LSU-REWARD-PLEASE RELEASE." Fishermen who catch fish with this tag should release the fish alive and call 1-800-891-3977 to report the tag number and where and when the fish was caught. It is vital that these fish be released alive so that researchers can continue to collect movement data.

The tag number is given at both ends of the tag. An example of an LSU tag number of "LT166001."

Fishermen who provide recapture information and release the tagged fish alive will receive a Louisiana Sport Fish Tagging Program hat and T-shirt, and be entered in an annual drawing for GPS units and cash prizes of up to \$500.

An array of receivers also will be placed throughout Calcasieu Lake to "listen" for fish with transmitters. Receivers will be placed on channel markers in the Calcasieu Ship Channel and on buoys in the main body of the lake. Boaters and fishermen should not tamper with or moor to the buoys.

The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) and LDWF also tag fish in Calcasieu Lake. These dart tags are placed in the same location on the fish, but have different text on them.



Grand Lake athletes win in region

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

Grand Lake had several athletes place in the top four at the Class B Region III track meet at Welsh last week to advance to the state meet.

Individual results are as follows: Marcus Guintard, 2nd - discus and 4th - shotput; Jace Laviolette, 4th - discus; Brett Griffith, 2nd - triple jump and 4th - high jump; Leven Abshire, 2nd - pole vault; Will Precht, Brett Griffith, Ryan Wildcamp, Zack Theriot - 4th - 800 relay.

The Lady Hornets will also send several to the state meet after their fourth place finish at the meet.

Individual results are: Haley Quinn, 2nd - shot put; Elizabeth Reon, 2nd - javelin; Brittany Hebert, 2nd - javelin; Amber Taylor, 2nd - long jump; Maggie Fruge, 2nd - pole vault and 4th - 100 low hurdles; Kat Kingham, Amber Taylor, Liz Kingham, Halie Cooper, 4th - 800 relay.

Lady Must. place third in meet

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The Hackberry Lady Mustangs scored 54 points for a third place finish at the class C region II track meet at DeRidder. Johnson Bayou finished in 5th place. The top four finishers in each event will participate in the class C state meet on May 3.

Individual results for Hackberry were: Santana Jinks, 4th - discus; Amber Byler, 1st - long jump; Carly Fountain, 3rd - triple jump and 4th - high jump; Allyson Sanner, 1st - high jump.

Heading to state for the Lady Rebels are: Eden Broussard, 2nd - shotput and 3rd - discus; Shelby Trahan, 2nd - high jump; Harmony Trahan, 4th - 800 and 4th - 1600.

Louisiana circuit riders subject of Ross book

Nola Mae Ross has written a new book titled *Diaries of Louisiana Circuit Riders*, which will be published in May. This book tells the true stories of the first Methodist Circuit Riders who rode horseback into Louisiana in 1800. This book quotes from the diaries of those courageous preachers, who on horseback brought the first taste of the Protestant Gospel into Louisiana even before it was a state.

Although these horseback riders were mostly Methodist, their stories of bravery and courage as they made their way through the bayous, swamps and the desolation of early Louisiana, transcends religion and is more exciting than fiction. They faced wild animals like bobcats, as well as unfriendly Indians, while making their way on horseback through Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. Crossing into Louisiana they also faced alligators, moccasins, and swamp rats.

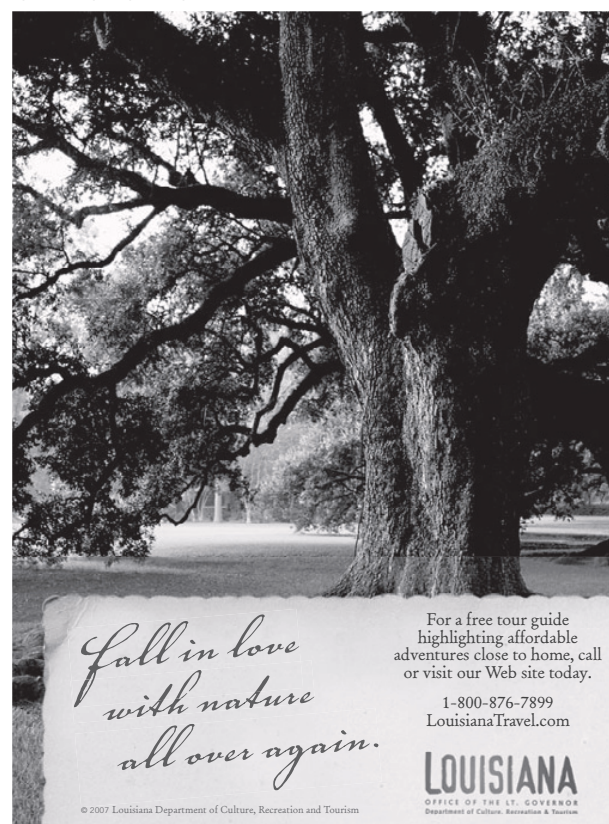
The dedication of those early Circuit Riders compelled them to ride through Louisiana's almost impossible swamps and marshes, through raging high water,

often icy, with little food and only rough wet or cold ground in which to sleep. The few items they could pack in their saddlebags were all they had for months and sometimes years.

Most of the Louisiana Circuit Riders died before the age of 30, because of the harsh, strenuous life they lived. Their adventures are as exciting as any adventure novel and are a vital part of our Louisiana Heritage.

This new book *Diaries of Louisiana Circuit Riders*, which is over 200 pages long, and has pictures of many of the Circuit Riders and their trails, as well as stories of the reenactment of 1966 made by Methodist Ministers. The book sells for \$15 and has a commercial back cover. It will be available at Son Shine Shop in Sulphur; Louisiana Market on Hodges Street; Books and Things on Ryan Street; the Christian Book Center on Prien Lake Road; or by emailing nolaross@bellsouth.net

Ross will be signing the Circuit Rider book at Louisiana Market, 710 Hodges St., Saturday, May 12, from 1-4 p.m.



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Cameron, South Cameron Elementary honor lists

The Cameron and South Cameron Elementary honor and banner rolls for the 5th six weeks are:

BANNER ROLL

First grade - Mya Hebert, Caleb Little, Katie Mhire, Tori Oglesby, Cassidy Conner, Bethany Thibodeaux, Erin Trahan.

Second grade - Madalyn Mudd, Briley Richard, Baleigh Conner, Allie Bonsall, Kelsey Boudreau.

Third grade - Sydnee McCall, Morgan Primeaux, Meike Nunez, Baylie Duhon, Clarissa Gary.

Fourth grade - Jose Castillo, Luke Miller, Jarrett Thibodeaux, Logan Primeaux, Dalynn Mhire, Sadie DeBarge.

Fifth grade - Alex Jones.

Sixth grade - Becka Richard, Jensen Bertrand, Savannah Baccigalopi, Kendal Badon, Karlee Primeaux.

Seventh grade - Raj Patel, Channing LaLande, Branson Richard.

HONOR ROLL

First grade - Kannon Guilbeau, Bayleigh Pugh, Tylor Skipper, Kate McDaniel, Brilee Baccigalopi, Thad Guilbeau, Noah Mhire, Grant Theriot, Yahaira Contreras, Merissa Rodriguez, Devin Whittington.

Second grade - Madison Fielen, Abby LeBouef, Jakin Morales, Nate Pugh, Zachary Godette, Cadi Manuel, Lexi Jo DeBarge, Braydon Boullion.

Third grade - Brooklyn Frerks, Ty Little, Gabrielle Wood, Erin Hill, Garen Romero, Seaira Duplechain, Tristan Guidry, Breydon Trahan, Alisha Patel, Ross LaPoint, Megan Nunez, Austin Swire, J'Nae Nunez.

Fourth grade - Brianna Fountain, Linlee LaLande, Joshua Trahan, Hannah Guidry, Blayne Miller, Joy Richard, Michael Sedlock, Nykki LaBove.

Fifth grade - Andrew Bonsall, Amber Guilbeau, Haley Conner, Corbet Dupont, Shelby Primeaux, Cody Morvant, Laney Primeaux.

Sixth grade - Jason Theriot, Josh Wicke, Alayna Trahan.

Seventh grade - Dina Mendex, Cami Ricard, Breann DeBarge, Andrew Mudd, Sydney Thomas, Sabrina Peshoff.

South Cameron High tells Honor and Banner Rolls

The South Cameron High School honor and banner rolls for the fourth six weeks were:

BANNER ROLL

Eighth grade - Cade Theriot.

Ninth grade - Molly Alexander, Alex Bonsall, Sara Dupre, Katelyn Horn, Klaire Kingrey, Mikalee Mooney, Devon Richard, Tyler Roberts, Hallie Whittington, Meagan Wigley, John Zamora.

Tenth grade - Tony Baccigalopi, Kimily Bourriaque.

Eleventh grade - Kaley Boudoin, Amy Bourriaque, Daniel Dupre, Jill Rutherford, Kami Savoie, Thomas Troclair.

Twelfth grade - Voneata Benson, Dixie DeSonier, Arlis Duhon, Michael Duhon, Amanda Hackler, Jorge Hernandez, Jordan Istre, Chelsi King, Deil LaLande, Chandler LeBoeuf, Phillip LeJeune, Kaysha Miller, Shylyn Nunez, Mary Jo Portie, BJ Primeaux, Katelyn Reina, James Richard, Lawson Schools, Garrett Shipman, Quanela Smith, Jacob Trahan, Travis Treme, Cami Vincent, Haley Willis.

HONOR ROLL

Eighth grade - Kristi Breaux, McKayla Fountain, Javen Little, Jadah Primeaux, Jonathan Quinn, Ricky Richard, Brendan Trahan, Shelby Wolfe.

Ninth grade - Lexie Canik, Lauren Carter, Jordan Hanks, Katrina LaSalle, Kelsey Mudd, Dex Murphy, Bailey D. Richard, Bailey E. Richard, Ross Rowland, Marsheal Smith.

Tenth grade - Collise Dupont, Rachele LaBove, Haley McCall, Danica Mhire, Jade Miller, Brett Richard, Kobi Richard, Gerald Vazquez, Amanda Wicke.

Eleventh grade - Blair Belanger, Amanda Benoit, Lance Braxton, Ali Beth Conner, James Cormier, Chynna Little, Colby Nunez, Danielle Nunez, Erika Pickett, Emily Primeaux, Daniel Roberson, Ruston Smith, Ross Theriot, Lyndi Vincent, Victorian Wilkerson.

Twelfth grade - Joshua Alleman, Samantha Bailey, Chad Benoit, Logan Boudreaux, Kade Conner, Thomas Guillory, Jaclyn Higgins, Thomas Hunt, Shetaura January, Dylan Jouett, Brittany LeBlanc, Kyle LeBoeuf, Chance Savoie, Michael Savoie.

SHRIMPERS

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repairs to the levee system. Of that amount \$1 million has already been spent. The plan is to repair the weirs first, then plug the breaches where the bayous emptied into Calcasieu Lake. At some future date, if funds become available, the entire 19 miles of levee would be restored to the original seven foot height.

Reportedly, the plan for the breaches was developed last year. It was presented to Gravity Drainage District #3 last December, at which time, Henry says, several objections were raised. A permit application was brought to the Police Jury at the April meeting, and the project was advertised for bids. Bids are to be opened this month, and if the permit is not issued, Clark said, the money may well be re-allocated elsewhere in the state.

David Richard explained that the Cameron Creole Watershed Project was designed to stop the deterioration of the marsh, which had already gone from freshwater in the 1920s to brackish in the 1960s due to salt water intrusion from the Calcasieu Ship Channel. He said the large shrimp harvests in the '60s, '70s and '80s were due to the food being made available by the dying of the marsh, which, if not stopped, would result in an open lake, providing no food for shrimp in the future. The

watershed was designed to keep the diversity it had in 1960 - shrimp, fish, crabs, alligators, ducks, and furbearers.

Richard said the marsh is managed to accommodate many species, on which many people's livelihoods depend, including shrimpers. Juror Charles Precht said this will probably be the last year he can plant rice on his land in Sweetlake because of salt water intrusion.

Henry asked that the promised meeting be scheduled before a final decision is reached, and the Jury agreed to set up a meeting of the Cameron-Creole Watershed Advisory Board. Representatives from the Oyster Task Force and the former Shrimper's Association are to be included, and the meeting will be open to the public.

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Some Co-op members may be eligible for a refund

Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative (JDEC) has announced that some of its members, especially in Cameron Parish, could be eligible for refunds if they paid minimum bills in the wake of Hurricane Rita from October 2005 through August 2006.

"Following Hurricane Rita when so many homes and businesses were damaged and most of the Co-op's power lines were damaged, JDEC focused all its efforts on rebuilding power lines to restore service. Obtaining accurate meter readings or even determining which meters were operating in the area was nearly impossible," according to Jeff Davis Electric General Manager Mike Heinen.

"Under such circumstances, the Louisiana Public Service Commission permits a utility to send out 'minimum bills' to recover some revenue until normal billing

operations resume."

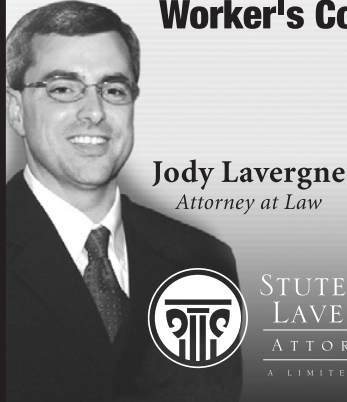
Heinen explained this process automatically went into effect across parts of the JDEC system after Hurricane Rita and continued while the non-profit rural electric system devoted all of its efforts to rebuilding its entire transmission and distribution system in Cameron Parish, as well as in many other coastal areas.

"The JDEC board of directors has determined that some of our customers received and paid minimum bills when they shouldn't have and they are entitled to a refund. We're asking Co-op consumers who received and paid a minimum bill from October 2005 through August 2006 when their service wasn't restored to contact a local Jeff Davis Electric office and begin the process to determine if they are eligible for a refund," Heinen stated.

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Bedding plants can make colorful garden

By Dan Gill
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

As May approaches, we move from the warm days and cool nights of spring and early summer to the hot days and warm nights that will be with us until sometime around September. With the increasing heat, you also will notice the inevitable decline of your cool-season bedding plants.

Do not allow plantings of cool-season bedding plants to go too far down the road to oblivion before you decide to pull them out and replace them. Beds of colorful flowers are meant to be noticed and appreciated, and they generally are located in prominent spots in the landscape. A few lingering flowers in an otherwise disheveled bed will not contribute anything positive to your landscape's appearance.

As you make those changes – or if you don't have that problem because you didn't plant cool-season bedding plants – now is an excellent time to plant warm-season bedding plants that will brighten your landscape all summer long.

Whether replacing cool-season bedding plants with warm-season bedding plants or planting them in an empty or new bed, there are a few decisions you should make before you head out to the nursery.

Note the light the bed receives. This is critical in selecting the right bedding plants for the area. The terms full sun (eight hours or more of direct sun), part sun (about six hours of direct sun), part shade (about four hours of direct sun in the morning),

shade (about two hours of direct sun) and full shade (little or no direct sun) are used to distinguish various light conditions. Even bedding plants for shade generally will not do well in full shade, but areas of full shade fortunately are not terribly common in most landscapes.

Look at the size of the area to be planted and try to estimate how many plants will need to be purchased. On average, bedding plants are spaced about 8 inches apart. Keep a record of how many plants are used in a bed from one season to the next to make this process simpler. Also, consider desired heights of the plants you will use.

Decide on a color scheme. It's flabbergasting that gardeners who take the time to choose which colors to combine in their living room will grab anything in bloom at the nursery and plant it together in a flower bed. No one can tell you what colors you should use in your flower beds – you know what you like. The point is to think about it and consider which colors you think will look good together. Generally, avoid purchasing bedding plants in cell packs of mixed colors so you have control over which colors you will combine.

Prepare your beds carefully before putting in the summer bedding plants. A common mistake is to remove the faded plants, half-heartedly turn the soil and then plant the new plants. We must give back to the soil if we expect each new planting of bedding plants to do its best.

First, remove any weeds or other unwanted plants from the bed. Use a herbicide, such as glyphosate, or dig the weeds and plants out by

hand. Turn the soil to a depth of about 8 inches.

Spread a 2-inch to 4-inch layer of compost, rotted leaves, aged manure, finely ground pine bark or peat moss over the bed and then evenly sprinkle a light application of a granular all-purpose fertilizer. Or you can use your favorite organic fertilizers. Thoroughly blend the organic matter and fertilizer into the bed, rake smooth and you're ready to plant.

Make sure you plant the transplants into the bed no deeper than they were growing in their original containers.

Bedding plants are commonly purchased in cell packs and 4-inch pots, but these days you can even find them offered in gallon containers (for those who have the budget to indulge in instant gratification).

Transplants in cell packs are the most economical, and planted this early in the season they have plenty of time to grow and produce spectacular results. For larger transplants, choose 4-inch pots, but expect to pay several times more per plant. Sometimes it's worth it, especially for tender perennials grown as annuals, such as pentas, blue daze and lantana, which generally are only offered in 4-inch or larger pots.

Tender perennials grown as annuals are especially good for the summer flower garden. They have the stamina to reliably last from now until October or November – when you will replace them with cool-season bedding plants.

Here are some suggestions:

Warm-season Bedding Plants for Sun to Part Sun – Abolmoschus, Ageratum, Amaranthus, Balsam, Celosia, Cleome, Coreopsis, Cosmos, Dahlberg Daisy, Gaillardia, Gomphrena, Lisianthus, Marigold, Melampodium, Narrow-leaf Zinnia, Portulaca, Rudbeckia, Sunflower, Tithonia, Torenia, Verbena (hardy perennial types) and Zinnia (especially Profusion zinnias).

Tender Perennials That Can Be Used As Warm-season Bedding Plants for Sun to Part Sun – Angelonia, Blue Daze, Coleus (sun-tolerant types), Dusty Miller, Lantana, Ornamental Pepper, Ornamental sweet potato, Periwinckle, Pentas, Purslane, Salvia and Scaevola.

Warm-season Bedding Plants for Part-Shade to Shade – Balsam, Browallia, Caladium (perennial tuber), Cleome and Torenia.

Tender Perennials That Can Be Used as Warm-season Bedding Plants for Part Shade to Shade – Begonia, Coleus, Impatiens, Pentas, Salvia.

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Credit information available for everyone

Ah, freedom! The world opens up to us at 18-years-old. We can leave the nest, vote and stay out as late as we want. Yet, our parents' words still reign true: with privilege comes responsibility.

At 18, American teens can assume control of their legal and financial futures. Yet they need to understand that slip-ups now can affect their futures for years to come.

"Once kids turn 18, they have their first shot at establishing a positive credit history," said Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit counseling agency. "If they end up abusing or misusing the system, their actions can prevent them from qualifying for additional lines of credit down the road."

According to the most recent statistics from Nellie Mae, in 2004 college students reported freshman year as the most prevalent time for obtaining credit cards, with 56 percent having obtained their first card at age 18.

"Our homes, cars and other valuables are all rooted in our credit history. The younger you start, the sooner you'll be able to achieve financial independence," said Sullivan. "Without a consistent, positive track record, teens and 20-somethings won't be able to rent an apartment, buy a car or apply for a loan without their parents' signature."

So, what does it take to build a positive credit history? Sullivan describes what not to do:

Don't go on a spending spree – Just because you have the credit, doesn't mean you should spend it all. Your first credit card should have a low limit, such as \$100 or \$500. This will help prevent large impulse buys. If you know you're an impulse shopper, you can further restrict temptation by applying for a store or gas card, as opposed to a general bank credit card that can be used at almost any location.

Don't test your credit limits – Make a small purchase to kick off your credit history and then make consis-

tent payments. You don't want to be caught in an emergency situation with a maxed out credit card. If you withdraw over your credit limit, you will be faced with exorbitant fees. Plus, the overdraw shows up on your credit report, and that could prevent you from receiving other forms of credit at reasonable interest rates in the future.

Don't share your credit information – No one should have access to your credit information, including close friends. Don't leave your monthly bill in plain sight, nor ask anyone to hold onto your credit card. This could leave you susceptible to fraud and identity theft.

Don't ignore the fine print – You need to know exactly what you are getting into before you sign the contract. Financial jargon can be confusing, so ask questions if you don't understand the terminology. You will be held accountable for all information listed in the fine print,

whether you understand it or not. Be cognizant of over limit and missing payment fees. How much could these fees potentially cost you? What happens if you miss a payment? Do you have an introductory fixed rate? If so, for how long? Once you have established a line of credit, be sure to examine each monthly bill and take notice of the minimum payment amount, the total balance and the interest rate. Has anything changed? Is there an unauthorized purchase? Call the credit card company immediately if you notice inconsistencies.

Don't be afraid to ask for help – It's normal to encounter bumps along the road to establishing credit. Have an open dialogue with your parents and ask them to go over your credit card bill if you are confused.

You can also seek the advice of a credit counselor. Visit www.bbb.org to locate a reputable agency.



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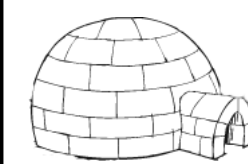
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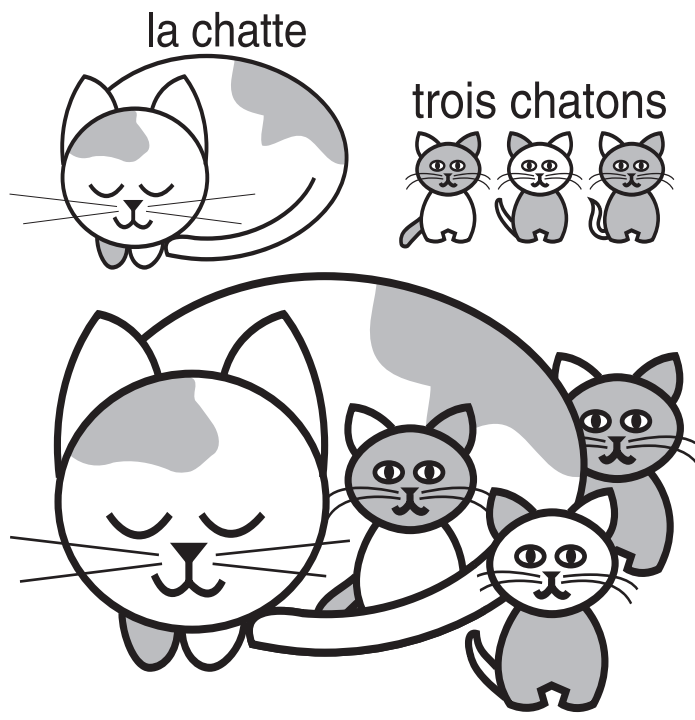
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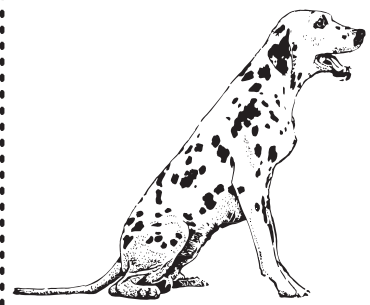
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The cat has three kittens.
La chatte a trois chatons.

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Those Spotted Dogs

From starring in movies to helping out around fire stations, Dalmatians are well-known. The white dogs with black or brown spots are born with all-white fur. Their spots don't show up until they get older.

Although Dalmatians have been around for hundreds of years, no one knows for sure where they came from. Most stories say they came from Dalmatia, which is in western Yugoslavia. Dalmatians grow to about 19 to 23 inches high and weigh from 35 to 55 pounds.

Dalmatians are known for being kept in fire stations. This started in London, England, where Dalmatians were used to chase rats out of the fire stations and the horse stables. They also helped guide the horse-drawn fire wagons down the street. Today, some fire stations still keep Dalmatians as pets.

Do Dalmatians make good pets?

- Dalmatians are very energetic and need a lot of exercise.
- Even with short hair, the dogs shed quite a bit.
- Dalmatians love being around people.
- They love water and can swim well.
- Dalmatians are smart and get bored easily.

The best thing about Dalmatians? Well, according to the American Kennel Club Web site, Dalmatians have a sense of humor and even smile when they are happy!

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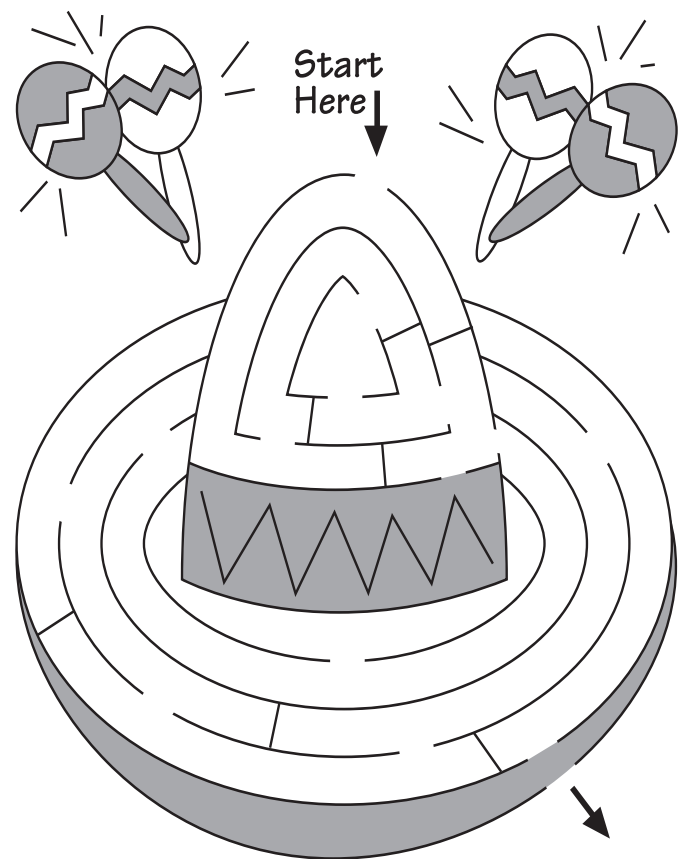
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Writing Symbols

A very long time ago in Egypt, people wrote in a special language. Instead of using words, they used pictures or symbols to write about the things around them. These symbols are called hieroglyphs.

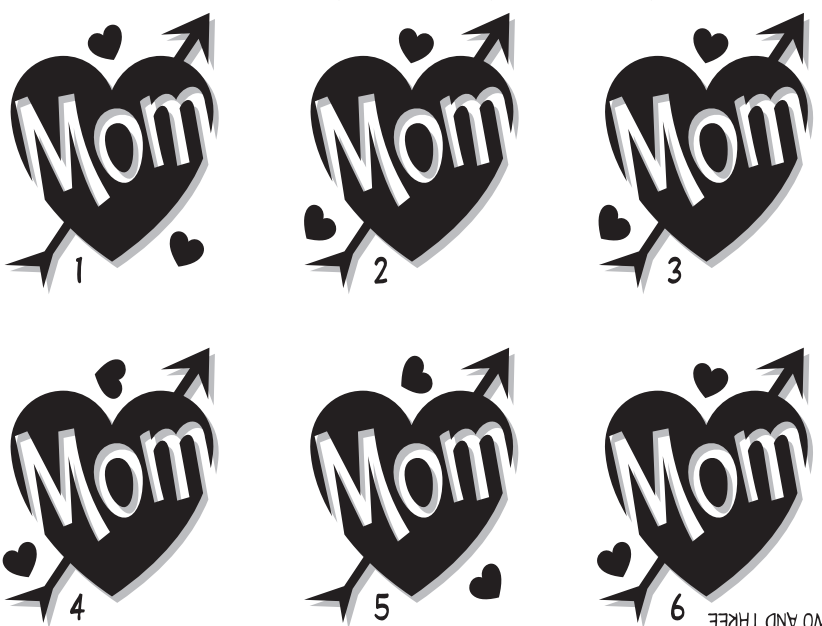
The Egyptian hieroglyphic writing system was started about 3000 B.C. and has several hundred picture signs. There were two kinds of hieroglyphs. The first kind was an ideogram. An ideogram was a drawing of an object, such as an animal, or something that's like the item that was drawn. The other hieroglyphic symbol was called a phonogram. The phonograms were used to sound out words. Most words and messages were written using both ideograms and phonograms. Hieroglyphs could be written vertically or horizontally, usually from right to left.

Hieroglyphic writing was very elaborate, forming beautiful carvings and paintings. Because of this, hieroglyphs were used as decoration in temples or tombs.

If you have access to the Internet, visit www2.torstar.com/rom/egypt/ to translate your name or send a message to a friend using hieroglyphs like those used so long ago.

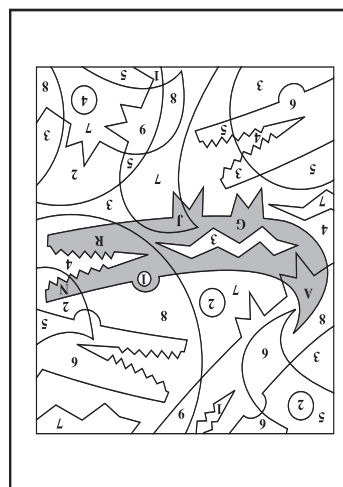
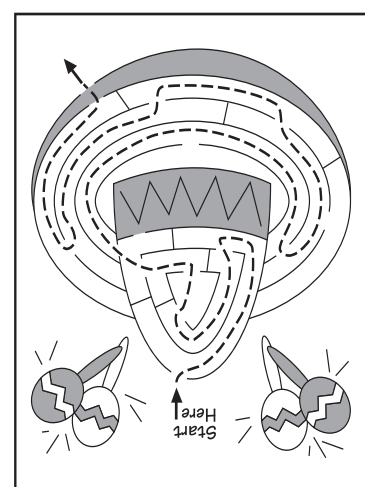
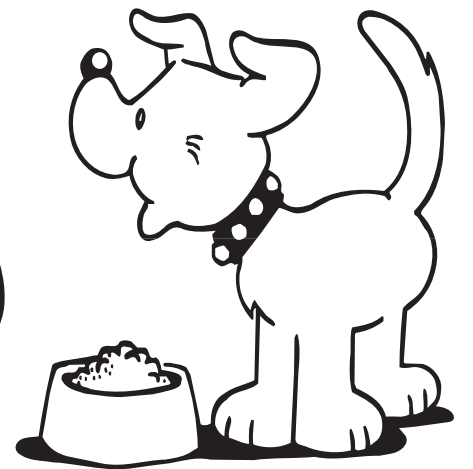
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TODD JINKS of Hackberry will graduate from McNeese State University with a Bachelor of General Studies Degree. The ceremony will be held at the Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles on Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m. Todd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jinks and the late Ms. Jean Erbeling of Johnson Bayou. Through this means, family and friends are invited to attend.

Joby Richard recognized

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Joby Richard of Creole, has been named a Collegiate All-American Scholar.

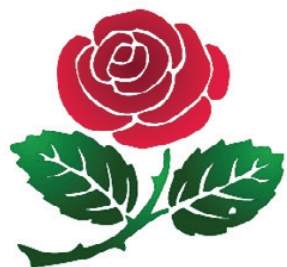
Richard, who attends Northwestern State University, was nominated for this national award by Lillie Frazier Bell. He will appear in the Collegiate All-American Yearbook which is published nationally.

Joby is the son of Philip and Michelle Richard of Creole. His grandparents are Donald and Carolyn Richard of Sweetlake and Jimmy and Jan Roberts of Grand Chenier.

Grand Lake students are state winners

Grand Lake High School had six students place a State Literary Rally on Saturday, Apr. 21, in Baton Rouge. They were:

- Corey Broussard, Ag Science III, 3rd.
- Baret Bercier, Biology II, 3rd.
- Taylor Beard, BCA, 2nd.
- Tasha Fontenot, Consumer Homemaking I, 2nd.
- Sara Taylor, English IV, 4th.
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THE GRAND LAKE Sr. Beta and FFA clubs collected board games for the Shriner's Burn Hospital in Galveston, Tex., as a service project. Stephanie Cheramie, Sr. Beta President and Corey Broussard, FFA President are pictured. Molly Precht delivered the games to the hospital.



THE STUDENTS in Grand Lake High School's Environmental Science class celebrated Youth Wetlands Week April 16 - 20. They performed activities provided by the LSU AgCenter, Extension Service, America's Wetland, and Sea Grant. The picture above shows some students making a filter to show how wetlands filter water.



OVER 135 DESCENDANTS of Dr. William Milledge McCall of Grand Chenier, one of the pioneer settlers of Cameron Parish, gathered in Lake Charles for a reunion traditionally held every other year. Members of the James Bray McCall, Martha D. McCall, Jessie Dennis McCall, Grace McCall, William Harrison McCall and Albert Henry McCall family lines spent the day learning of continuing genealogy research of the McCall family, listening to an explanation of the state of recovery in Cameron Parish and watching an emotional pictorial presentation comparing the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Audrey and Rita. Family members traveled from as far away as Maryland. This was the first McCall reunion held outside of Cameron Parish, but are to return to Cameron Parish for the next reunion. (Photo by Mike McCall.)



GUTHRIE PERRY, of Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, gave a slideshow presentation on April 26 and 27 at Grand Lake High School on the wildlife refuge, the responsibilities and the aftermath of Hurricane Rita. The presentation also had pictures of the parish after Hurricane Rita.



TRAVIS ROMERO of Johnson Bayou High School placed first in the State Literary Rally in Baton Rouge. He competed in Agriculture IV.

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

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THE HACKBERRY 4-H Club celebrated Arbor Day April 26 by planting a Bradford pear tree in the school courtyard. 4-H members and future 4-H members participated in the Tree Planting Holiday. (Reporter Jolie Trahan.)

Sheriff deputies begin wearing new uniforms

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office has a new look. Beginning today, road deputies will be wearing new uniforms. The navy blue "511" uniform shirts are made of a lightweight nylon fabric that should be cooler to wear in heat and humidity. The shirts have back vents and lots of pockets.

New features include embroidered badges and name labels for safety. The metal badges and name tags could have been used as weapons in a struggle. The parish patch on the left sleeve is the same as before, although a star was added two years ago in memory of fallen deputy Terry Cox.

Some deputies will be wearing a specially designed pin made to match the patch but with the addition of a storm cloud and lightning and the motto "We Survived Hurricane Rita." A batch of the pins were purchased at a low rate which deputies may purchase for trading purposes. Many of the agencies who helped out in Cameron Parish after the storm had coins, pins or patches to trade. It is considered a way to create solidarity between members of the various law enforcement agencies.

The need for new uniforms was partly caused by Rita,

which destroyed 40 sets of uniforms. Through a grant, Sheriff Theos Duhon was able to buy all new uniforms. One reason for the new color was to distinguish Cameron officers from those of neighboring agencies, many of which had switched to French blue after Cameron did so. Several deputies tested different types of uniforms for months before the final decision was made. All the deputies were able to vote on their favorite type and color.

Duhon said that a few officers have not yet received their shirts, but should have them soon. Also, he plans to have rookies wear the old uniform until they have completed the academy, at which time they will receive their personalized uniforms.

Duhon also announced a new website for the department. Found at cameronso.org, the site offers sections about the investigation division, tax, office, civil division, jail and DARE program, with contact information. Future additions will have a link to the State Police registered sex offender list, highlights of laws of current interest, and lists of fines for citations.

Duhon has a monthly column on the site, currently discussing internet protection for teens. He is planning an upcoming column on scams.

4-Hers selling cookbooks

The 4-H Jr. Leaders are printing a collection of Cameron Parish 4-H Cookery Contests from 1998 to 2002 as a fundraiser for their summer trip. The recipes include those that have been handed down from generation to generation as well as new creations by up-and-coming 4-H chefs. This is a must have for anyone who collects cookbooks with a fundraiser price of just \$12.

The cookbooks are available by calling the Cameron LSU AgCenter at 905-1318 for more information. You can also come by the office in person at 10086 Gulf Hwy in Grand Lake. Purchase a few 4-H Cookbooks for yourself and a family member today.



SOUTH CAMERON High School FFA club members Kobi Richard, Gabe LaLande and Brett Richard placed third at the recent Area 3 FFA Meat Evaluation Contest.



GABRIELLE JEWEL THERIOT, daughter of Dayna Willis (formerly of Cameron), and Jacques Theriot of Baton Rouge, was recently crowned "Louisiana Crawfish Festival Teen Miss Queen" in Chalmette. She is an honor student, class president, student council president, and a cheerleader at Dutchtown High School. Her grandparents are David Willis of Sweetlake, and Deborah Phillips of Seattle, Wash., and Edward and the late Mary Theriot of St. Martinville.



THE NEW CAMERON Sheriff's Office website on line at cameronso.org will provide lots of information, from contact numbers to names and addresses of registered sex offenders. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Lunch menus are told for Cameron Parish schools

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

Friday, May 4 - Sloppy Joe, corn on cob, oven fries, oatmeal cookies, catsup, ham-

burger bun.

Monday, May 7 - Breaded chicken patty, lettuce cup, lima beans, fruit cocktail, carrot cake, hamburger bun.

Tuesday, May 8 - Chicken fajitas, fixings cup, baked

potato, banana bread square, flour tortillas.

Wednesday, May 9 - Pizza w/ground beef, tossed salad, buttered corn, chilled peach slices, salad dressing

Thursday, May 10 - Turkey roast, rice, broccoli and cheese, fresh fruit cup, cornbread.



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