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Four graduate from L.S.U.

Four Cameron Parish students graduated from LSU in commencement exercises held on May 24.

Angelina Marie Thibodeaux of Creole graduated Magna Cum Laude from the E.J. Ourso College of Business Administration.

Other parish graduates were: College of Agriculture: Lindsay Rebecca Smythe, Grand Lake.

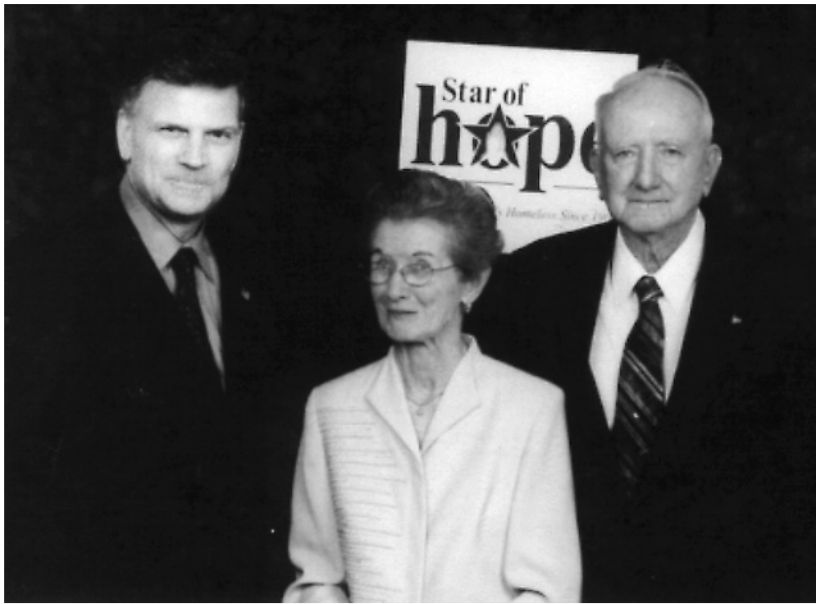
College of Engineering: Shawn Patrick Authement, Cameron.

Graduate School: Masters-Kimberly Sturlese Seymour, Grand Lake.

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REV. FRANKLIN GRAHAM, son of Rev. Billy Graham, left, is pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Peveto of Choupique, formerly of Johnson Bayou. The Pevetos met Rev. Graham in Houston.

Billy Graham, J. Bayou connection is told

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Peveto of Choupique (near Sulphur), former residents of Johnson Bayou recently met the Rev. Franklin Graham, son of famed evangelist Billy Graham, in Houston. Mr. Peveto is a descendant of the Rev. Dennis Peveto of Johnson Bayou, who has an unusual connection to the worldwide ministries of the Grahams. Franklin now heads the ministry that was founded by his father.

In 1934 at age 16, the elder Rev. Graham made a personal commitment to Christ through the ministry of Mordecai Ham, a traveling evangelist, who visited Charlotte, North Carolina for a series of revival meetings.

In 1906, evangelist Ham held revival meetings in Houston, in a building at the corner of Main and Lemar. History tells us that the services were attended by "churchgoers" and "depraved, homeless, and jobless men" who helped fill the 4,000 seats of the "tabernacle."

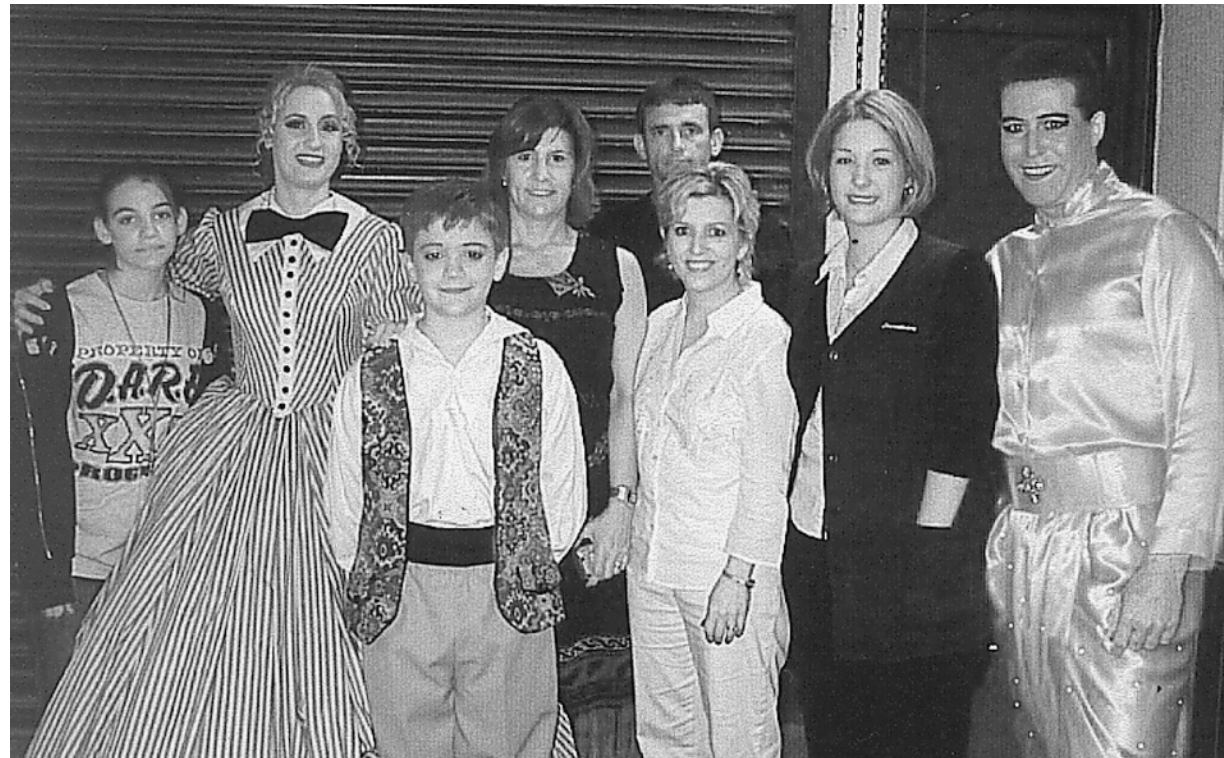
Local people take part in 'King and I'

The production of the Rodgers & Hammerstein's King & I held by the Lake Charles Symphony in April involved local residents of Cameron Parish.

Jade Jouett, daughter of Angela and Jeffery Jouett of Grand Lake was the lead make-up artist and was on the creative team organizing the backstage make-up team.

Jacob Poole, the son of Gwen Poole and Johnny Poole of Hackberry, played the part of Louis, the lead's son. Gwen was on the creative team as the costume director. Her husband Johnny worked with the set crew backstage. Their other daughter Jill helped on the costume team.

Kerry Onxley directed the production which ran April 13-15 at the Lake Charles Civic Center.



SEVERAL CAMERON Parish residents are taking part in the production of The King and I. Shown above are, from left: Jill Poole, Kristin Huffman (as Anna), Jacob Poole (as Louis), Gwen Poole, Jonny Poole, Angela Jouett, Jade Jouett, and Steven Mortier (as the King).

Holly Beach sewerage meeting set

The Holly Beach Sewerage District will hold an information meeting concerning plans for the new Holly Beach sewerage system at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 6 at the Holly Beach Fire Station. The public is invited.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is a legal notice from the USDA Rural Development Agency which plans to provide the funds for the construction of the system.

Persons wishing to comment on any environmental aspects of the proposed may do so at an address or telephone number that is provided in the notice.

Highway shut down 20 hrs. by accident

Traffic on Hwy. 27 between Hackberry and Holly Beach was shut down for about 20 hours Tuesday after an 18-wheeler hauling aggregate ran into the roadside canal.

The driver of the Jennings-based TriCo. Inc. escaped serious injury.

Three heavy-duty wreckers had to be called to the scene to pull the vehicle from the canal which became a difficult and time consuming job.

The Holly Beach Fire Dept. aided in the effort by washing the mud from the underside of the vehicle to make it easier to retrieve.

Aquatic weeds bill advances

Louisiana residents who own light trailers, farm trailers and boat trailers would have to pay twice as much to register them under a bill approved Monday by a Senate committee.

The money raised from the fee increase would go into a fund to control and kill aquatic weeds that are causing problems around the state. The House bill, which goes next to the Senate floor, is estimated to raise \$254,000 in the first year.

The four-year fee would be increased from \$12 to \$25 under the measure by Rep. Dan "Blade" Morrish, D-Jennings.

"This aquatic problem goes all the way up to the Arkansas border," said Sen. Robert Barham, R-Oak Ridge. "There's not a parish in the state that doesn't have this aquatic problem."

June 6, 1944, D-Day 'Operation Overlord'



MEMBERS OF THE Hackberry Jr. 4-H club, 4-H leader Margaret Shove, and Principal Austin LaBove are shown cutting a ribbon dedicating the new courtyard at Hackberry High School. The courtyard was named "Freedom Garden" in honor of American servicemen and women.

Hackberry 'Freedom Garden' is dedicated

Hackberry junior 4-H members conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication of the school courtyard recently. The courtyard was named "Freedom Garden," in honor of the men and women who are in the military.

The presentation was made

EFFECTIVE DEC. 31

J. Jones to retire as school superintendent

Judith Jones, who has been Cameron Parish's School Superintendent since January, 1999 will take retirement on Dec. 31, 2002, it was announced this week.

The School Board at its meeting Monday will consider appointing a committee comprised of board members to decide on the process of selecting a new superintendent.

Miss Jones, who was curriculum supervisor at the time, was named parish superintendent in October, 1998 to replace Pam LaFleur who retired because of health reason after holding that position for three years.

Miss Jones, 54, is a graduate of Grand Chenier High School, USL and LSU and has been employed by the Cameron Parish School Board for the past 33 years. She was a teacher at Grand Chenier Elementary School from 1970 to 1978 when she was named as the school board's curriculum supervisor.

Although she intends to retire at the end of this year, Miss Jones said she would stay on for several months without pay should the school board decide to postpone naming the new superintendent until after the new board takes office in January.

"I want to make sure there is a smooth transition," she stated.

Miss Jones said she is retiring with good feelings about the school system--the budget is balanced and Cameron Parish stu-



Judith Jones

dents ranked 8th in the state on this year's achievement scores.

She said she plans to retire to her home in Grand Chenier and "just relax." She has no plans to work anywhere else although she said she hopes to be able to do volunteer work in educational fields.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other actions, the School Board on Monday will recognize Adam Trahan who won third place in a state 4-H club shooting event.

The board may also go into executive session regarding possible litigation.

Cameron Parish ready for 2002 hurricane season

By: GENEVA GRIFFITH

Cameron Parish is ready for the 2002 hurricane season which began June 1, the Cameron Parish Police Jury was told at its monthly meeting Monday by Pete Picou, director of Emergency Preparedness (formerly the Civil Defense) for the parish. His office also deals with terrorism and school safety.

Picou thanked the Police Jury and Cameron Parish Library Board for donating the old library bookmobile to his office to be used as a mobile emergency unit. It will be equipped with an emergency generator and other equipment.

Health insurance for parish employees was discussed with representatives from various companies, including Myrna Conner, speaking for AFLAC, Bill Heine, and Jonathan Dore for Blount and Associates. A choice will be decided at a special meeting Monday at 3 p.m. in the Police Jury meeting room.

Jurors agreed to amend the policy on the crossing of parish roads to state that no cuts will be allowed. They adopted a resolution to give Grand Lake a new zip code.

They also promulgated the elections of Fire District No. 9 (Grand Chenier) and No. 15 (Klondike) and adopted the following millage rates for 2002:

2.5 mils for Dist. #9 and 8 mils for Dist. #15.

A road was abandoned in the Warren Miller subdivision after no opposition was received. They advertised for bids in the official journal. They accepted a low bid of \$37,957.14 on a cab and chassis for a truck from Atterberry Truck Sales, Inc., and \$65,000 for a used fire truck in very good condition from Bennington, Vermont for the Creole Fire Department.

Michael Sperandeo, doing business as Harbor Lights Restaurant at Big Lake, was granted a liquor permit.

The following appointments were made by the Jury: Ronald January to Recreation District #6 upon the resignation of Marvin Trahan. Nathan Griffith was reappointed to Waterworks District #10, whose term had expired. Lynn Berry resigned from Waterworks District No. 11 and his replacement was tabled.

Jake Bufford from Hackberry was honored by the jury for being the state champion discus thrower.

Registration deadline told

The last day to register to vote in July 20 election on the Waterworks District 1 tax proposition will be June 19.

Registration for persons presently not registered to vote may be done in the Registrar of Voters office in the basement of the courthouse.

Remember?

**(Lake Charles American Press, June 5, 1939)
GRAND LAKE OIL EXPLORATION**

Two new locations have been staked in the Grand Lake field which was established early last month with the completion of the Superior Oil Company's Grand Lake -State No. 1, the first by Superior and the second by Amerada Petroleum Company.

FREIGHTER ATTEMPTS CAMERON ROUTE

When the Danish freighter Kai received orders to proceed from Progreso, Mexico, to Port Lake Charles, for a cargo of rice for Cuba, she took the most direct route heading for Calcasieu Pass.

Captain C. Friis, her master, saw from charts that Lake Charles is on the Calcasieu River and it seemed logical that this city could be reached most easily by coming up the Calcasieu River from the Gulf.

So the Kai, running light, her keel only 11 feet, 6 inches under, headed for Calcasieu Pass. The tide high, she came on up through the jetties, across the bar and was moving slowly but determinedly toward the town of Cameron when an amazed Coast Guard cutter flagged her down and told her it could not be done.

Since it would take the residents of southwest Louisiana and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers another two years to get the direct channel finished, the Kai decided the longest way round was probably best after all. It turned about, went over the bar, out the Pass and all the way round by way of the Sabine.

She arrived in Lake Charles at 9:50 p.m. Friday.

**(Lake Charles American Press, June 6, 1939)
CLUBS HOLD PICNIC**

Grand Chenier and Creole 4-H clubs held their annual joint picnic at the Bluff on the Mermentau River Saturday.

Lunches and cold drinks were served to 11 girls and 12 boys from Grand Chenier and to ten girls and seven boys from Creole. Games, most popular of which was softball, were played.

The outing was under the supervision of the following leaders: Misses Sophie Bernard, Cameron Home Demonstration agent; Oma Miller, Pearl Broussard, Mr. and Mrs. Jessner Richard, Delma East, L. E. Storey, principal of Grand Chenier School; and C. H. McCall, Cameron Parish agricultural agent.

(Cameron Pilot, June 5, 1969)

WORLD TRAVELER VISITS CAMERON

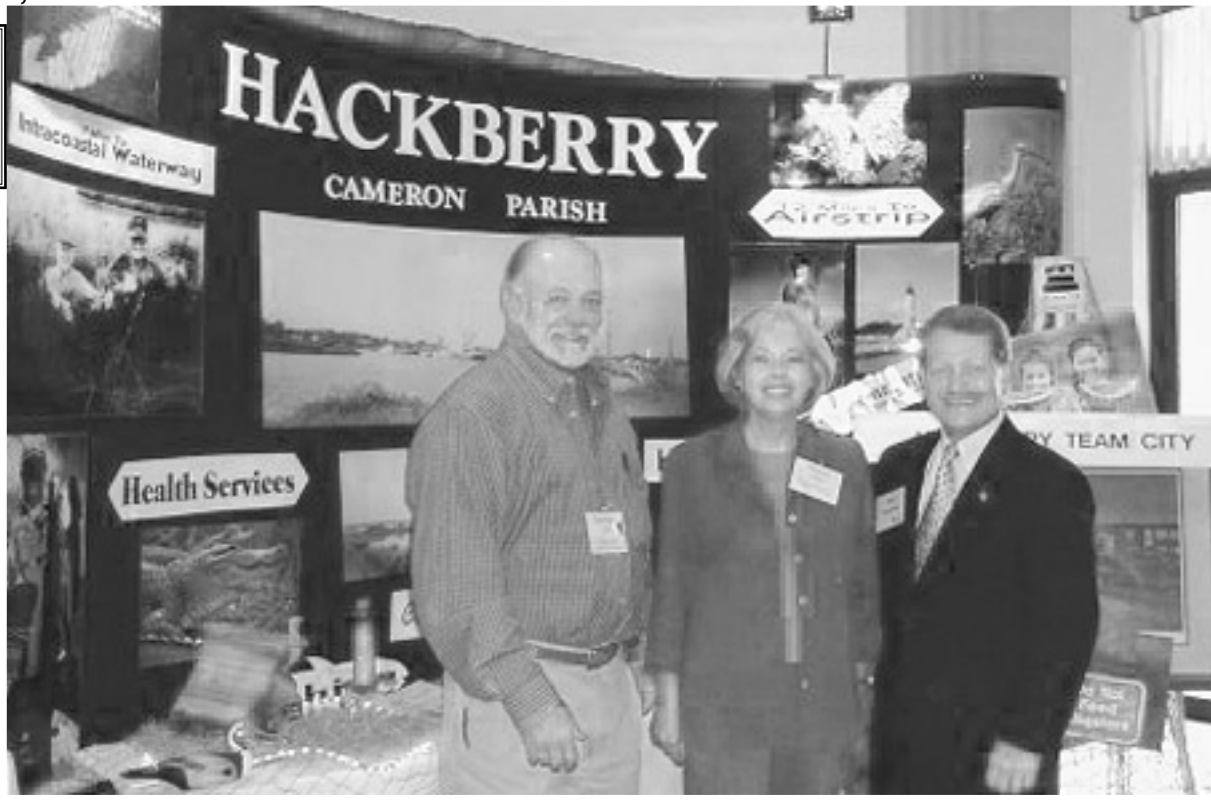
An interesting visitor to Cameron this week was a 51-year-old Danish man who has visited a large part of the world in the past six years.

M. Holger Hansen spent many months in a German concentration camp during World War II and late fought in the Underground.

After the war, he founded a successful tool and die factory in Copenhagen. A few years ago he found that a nervous condition dating back to the war was about to get the best of him.

Hansen's doctor told him to take a vacation -- and that is just what he has done for the past six years or so, traveling throughout Europe, the Near East, India, and Africa.

While in Cameron he was aided by the deputies of Sheriff Claude Eagleson and was even



SHOWN ABOVE ATTENDING an Entergy Team City Conference on Economic Development are Sammie Faulk, Cameron Parish Economic Development Coordinator; Marsha Oakes, Chairperson Hackberry Entergy Team City Committee; and Jim Hendricks, Director of Economic Development for Entergy Louisiana. Hackberry recently met qualifications to become a member of the Entergy Team City group for Economic Development. A web site to showcase Hackberry and a new welcome sign for the town's entrance are in the works. Police Juror Stevie Trahan recently spearheaded a Hackberry Clean-up Day that was very successful.

made an honorary deputy by the Sheriff.

BANK OPEN HOUSE

More than 1200 persons attended the open house at the new Cameron branch of the Calcasieu Marine National Bank.

W. T. Burton, chairman of the bank's board, and W. F. Henry, Jr., president of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, cut the ribbon officially opening the new building.

CHANGES OF PASTORS

Two pastoral changes have been announced for Cameron Parish Catholic Churches by Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of Lafayette to become effective June 18.

The Rev. Charles Soileau, who has been pastor of St. Eugene Parish, Grand Chenier, has been named pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Arthur.

The Rev. Lloyd Hebert, who has been assistant pastor of St. Peter's Parish, New Iberia, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Big Lake. He replaces the Rev. Donald Theriot, who has been appointed chaplain of hospitals in Lafayette, in residence at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

POLICE JURY NEWS

The Cameron Parish Police Jury voted Tuesday to raise the pay of the parish's six justices of the peace and six constables from \$20 to \$30 a month after it was pointed out that a new state law requires the increase in pay.

The jury re-elected the following officers for 1969-70: W. F. Henry, president; C. A. Riggs, vice-president; Jerry Jones, secretary; and Garner Nunez, treasurer.

NEWS BRIEFS

The children in Cameron Parish can all look forward to attending school in complete air conditioning next fall. According to Supt. W. J. Montie, Cameron Parish will be the first parish in the state to have air conditioning in all its schools.

Robert Dale Richard of Creole left last week for the service.

Elaine Broussard of

South Cameron Elementary honor students announced

Barry W. Richard, Principal at South Cameron Elementary, announces the Honor and Banner Roll and most improved students for the 6th six-weeks period.

First grade: Savannah Baccigalopi*, Skylar Barnett*, Randy Bell, Jensen Bertrand*, Dylan Broussard, Logan Broussard*, Kayla Cockrell*, Shannon Landry, Sierra LeJeune*, Jerrika Martin, Abby Miller*, Corey Miller, Alexandra Moore, Becca Richard*, Gage Richard*, Brayden Romero, Jason Theriot*, Chelsea Willis*, Elizabeth Fox.

Second grade: Jimmie Clark, Wesley Ducote*, Ty Fontenot, Myli Hay*, Bryce LaBove*, Channing LaLande, Jacob Landry, Jarrett Nunez, Cami Richard*, Xavier Theriot, Sydney Thomas, Sarah Basco.

Third grade: John Comeaux*, Tyler Conner, McKayla Fountain, Lakin LaBove, Jonathan Quinn, Caitlyn Theriot*, Brendan Trahan*, Shelby Wolfe, Javen Little.

Fourth grade: Hunter Canik, Lauren Carter*, Sara Dupre*, Kelsey Mudd, Bailey D. Richard, Bailey E. Richard*, Devon Richard*, Jonathan Richards*, Ty Savoie, Kody Willis, Camelia Ducote, Lexie Canik.

Fifth grade: Anthony Baccigalopi*, Anthony Basco*, Alex Bonsall, Kimily Bourriaque, Briege Comeaux, Alex Ducote*, Collise Dupont, Gabe LaLande*, Kyle Little, Haley McCall*, Jade Miller*, Brett Richard, Kobi Richard, Falon Welch, Amanda Wicke, Rudy McEvers.

Sixth grade: Kaley Boudoin, Daniel Dupre*, Barrett Hebert,

Cameron was one of 1259 graduates from U.S.L. Sunday, May 25. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney J. Broussard.

Jerome Dimas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dimas, is home from the seminary for a three-week vacation with his family.

Parish Students named to LSU Honor Lists

LSU has announced the names of the students who have made the Dean's List and the Chancellor's Honor Roll for the spring 2002 semester.

Students who earned a grade-point average of 4.0 during the semester are listed on the Chancellor's Honor Roll. Students who earned a grade-point average of 3.9 to 3.9 are listed on the Dean's List.

The following local students were included:

Dean's List - College of Arts and Sciences, Joshua Alden Primeaux, Creole; University College Center for Freshmen Year, Kayla Victoria Kelley, Cameron.

Chancellor's Honor Roll - College of Basic Sciences, Brian Eric Jaynes, Grand Chenier; College of Education, Lauren Dunn Sanders, Creole; University Center for Freshman Year, Melissa Anne Lalonde, Creole.

Chelsi King, Deli LaLande*, Chandler LeBoeuf, Shylyn Nunez*, Katelyn Reina, Chance Savoie, Jacob Trahan, Cami Vincent, Katherine Wicke*, Jess Broussard, Dylan Jouett, Chris Watkins, Voneata Benson, Alex Broussard.

Most Improved: Randy Bell, Chelsi Willis, Gabe Richard, Jarrett Richard, John Ross Theriot, Gerald Vasquez, Shyron Broussard, Victoria Wilkerson, Jorge Hernandez.

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ANGELA JOUETT received her Bachelor's Degree from McNeese State University in public relations on May 11. She is a member of the Lambda Pi Eta, a National Communication Association Honor Society.

Former resident died Wednesday

Ms. Annie Guilbeaux, 98, of Port Arthur, Tex. died Wed., June 5. She was a native of Chenier Perdue and the granddaughter of Jean Velouir Theriot, a pioneer settler of the area.

Tentative services are set as follows: Rosary, Fri., June 7 at 6 p.m. and the funeral, Sat., June 8, at 2 p.m.

S. Cameron Honor Roll

South Cameron High School has announced their honor roll list.

Eighth Grade: Theresa Baccigalopi*, Heather Benoit, Angelina Campbell, D'nae Desonier*, Jodi Dyson, Kelsi Jo Kiffe, Shayla LaBove,

Mercedes Lassien, Christian McCall*, Paul Nguyen*, Kelli Styron, Lauren Theriot, Meagan Trahan*, Bart Vidrine, Melaina Welch*, Callie Willis.

Ninth Grade: Nick Aplin*, Kendall Broussard*, Dane Dupont*, Jessica Frerks, Matt Miller*, Gambrelle Primeaux*, Matt Richard,

Kayla Rutherford, Jessica Toureau, Cana Trahan*, Glenn Trahan, Wesley Treme, Ashley Wells.

Tenth Grade: Brett Baccigalopi, Mika Benoit, Michael Bercier*, Courtney Conner, Santana Conner*, Lacey Deroche*, Erin Dinger, Beau Duhon, Karisha January,

Raphiel Heard, Jacob Johnson, Tara LeBlanc, Lyndi LeBoeuf*, Joby Richard*, Serena Richard, Nicole Roux, Tyler Theriot, Cassandra Trahan, Danielle Trahan*.

Eleventh Grade: Lynsi Conner, Ashley Kelley, Parry LaLande, Jessica Murphy, Bethany Nunez, Chelsi Styron, Travis Swire, Lindsay Willis*.

Twelfth Grade: Allison Bailey, Brett Billings, Amanda Boudoin, Rica Canik, Tonya Clement, Jeffrey Deshields, Christopher Dimas, Tess Dimas, Adam Doxey, Nicole Higgins, Neil Higgins, Brendan Iler, Jodi Landry, Katie McKoin, Lynn Nguyen*, Ashley

Wedding to be held in Kinder

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bellon of Kinder announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Loretta Bellon (Harris) to Brent Saltzman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolton Saltzman of Cameron. The wedding is set for June 15 at St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder beginning at 2 p.m. Through this means friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Memorial books told

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

201 Cookies, Delores LaBove by Lois and J.C. Murphy; The Home Office, Joseph David Peltier by Todd and Michelle Conner;

Dogs, Puppies, Bryan Morales by Ricky and Arlene Miller; The New Remodeling Book, Jean Billiot by Ricky and Arlene Miller;

Musical Feast, Delores LaBove by Amy Helms; Presidents, Joseph S. Theriot by Larry and Harriett Dyson; Best-Loved Holiday Recipes, Louanna Pruitt by Larry and Harriett Dyson;

Business Builders in Oil, Butch Crain by Larry and Harriett Dyson; Eyewitness Books: Life, Steve Mejias by Larry and Harriett Dyson; William Shakespeare: The Comedies, Bryan Morales by Larry and Harriett Dyson.

Aging Council sets meeting

The Cameron Council on Aging will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, June 25 at 2 p.m. at the Cameron Senior Center, 723 Marshall street in Cameron. The meeting is open to the public.

Anyone wishing to join the Council on Aging in the general membership, should contact the agency at 775-5668. Anyone wishing to be considered for board membership should also contact the Council at 775-5668.

Board membership consists of residents from all areas of the parish. Application forms are available at the Center. All applications must be submitted prior to June 10.

Smith graduates

Carol F. Cockrell Smith, 1977 graduate of South Cameron High School, was awarded a Master's of Business Administration degree in healthcare from Our Lady of the Lake University in Houston.

Commencement was held on May 18 at the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio, Tex. Our Lady of the Lake University is a private, Catholic, coeducational institution with more than 3,300 students.

Nunez, Wayne Nunez, Garry Primeaux, Trista Racca, Matthew Sanders*, Gregorie Theriot*, Samantha Trahan*.



MR. AND MRS. Michael Bercier had their marriage blessed on May 18 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Cameron, by Father Al Volpe, former pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Monsignor Louis Melancon, present pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea, was also present and blessed the couple. Shown from left are Father Volpe, Michael H. Bercier, Monique Bercier, and Monsignor Melancon.

Summer Reading Programs announced by the Library

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Hackberry High School tells its honor roll students

The Hackberry High School honor roll for the sixth six weeks period is as follows:

Amanda Abshire*, Kevin Alford, Amanda Atwell, Ashley Ausin*, Amberlee Bacque, Cullen Beckmann, Leah Billedeaux*, Lauren Broussard*, Megan Broussard*, Jarin Brown, Jesse Brown, Josie Brown, Marcus Bufford*, Jake Bufford*, Travis Cain, Wiley Clement, Lindy Delome*, Tobie Devall, A.J. Deville*,

Belary Deville, Colleen Doucette*, Natasha Ducote, Thomas Ducote*, Brennan Duhon, Erica Duhon, Sirena Duhon, Jessica East, Lindsey East, Zachary Esthay, Nicole Fenetz, Brandon Gallegos*, Clinton Granger, Jenna Granger*, Garrett Guidry, Lynn Guillory, Angelica Hebert, Nathan Hebert, Sandy Hebert, Kelsey Helmer, Miranda Hicks*,

Sean Hicks, Lauren Johnson*, Meagan Johnson*, LeeAnn Johnson*, Courtney Kibodeaux, Chelsie LaBove*, Devan LaBove*, Haley LaBove*, Hillary LaBove, Lindsay LaBove*, Leah LaFleur, Holley Landry*, Jessica Landry, Jacob Lejeune, Blaise Leonards, Edie Leonards, Hannah Leonards, Kylie Leonards, Matthew Little*, Mandy Michalko, Marcie Michalko*, Jada Navarre, Kevin Orgeron, Dereck Pearson, Ami Picou, Jace Picou, Jacob Poole*, Kimberly Portie, Bethany Richard,

Paige Sanders*, Allyson Sanner, Colton Sanner*, Lesley Sanner*, Lori Shove, Micah Silver*, Brett Stansel, Hunter Stansel, Kayla Vincent, Sean Vincent, Keith Welch, and Amanda White. (* Denotes all A's.)

Johnson Bayou High School honor roll is announced

Johnson Bayou has announced the sixth six weeks honor lists as follows:

First grade: Katie Murphy*, Allison Romero*, Austin Badon, Sarah Conner, Marcus Fontenot, Colton Jinks, Morgan Leger, Blake Badon, Kendall Badon, Kaitlin Billiot, Zachary Hebert, Dylan Morrison, Byron Romero, Dustin Romero, Victoria Smith Gabriella Trahan, Kristopher Trahan.

Second grade: Kascidy Badon*, Harmony Trahan*, Jade Winsea*.

Fourth grade: Blake Winsea*, Kathryn Bourgeois, Caleb Dodge.

Sixth grade: Tiffany Caudill, Casey Romero.

Seventh grade: Ashton Boudreaux, Holly Simon.

Eighth grade: Laura Trahan*, Katie Young*, Katrina

McBee, Randall Domingue. Ninth grade: John Bourgeois*, Rustin Trahan.

Tenth grade: Ashley Price*, Megan Roberts, Christopher Welch.

Eleventh grade: Jana Billiot*, Jill Simon*, John Snyder, Justin Trahan.

Twelfth grade: Misty Badon*, Andrea Brown, Amber Romero. (* Denotes all A's)

Meeting set

The Cameron Parish Economic Development Executive Committee will meet Monday, June 10 at 5 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex. The public is invited.

Airman Kittner is graduated

Air Force Airman 1st Class Rodney E. Kittner has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

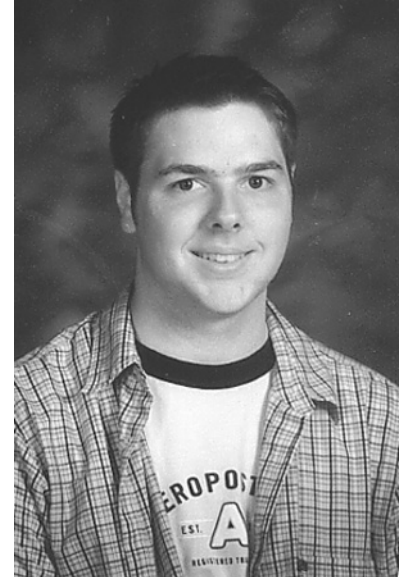
During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Kittner earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Debra L. and Rodney L. Kittner of Hackberry.

The airman is a 1996 graduate of Hackberry High School.



MARCUS BUFFORD recently received the U. S. Achievement Academy Award after being nominated by his teacher, Mary Baker of Hackberry High School. He is the son of Bobby and Gail Bufford and the grandson of JoAnn Bufford, Donald Bufford, and Shirley Berwick.

Hackberry News

CORRECTION

Keith Welch's name was incorrectly listed under his picture in the recent pictures of the Hackberry graduates in the Pilot.

RETIREMENT PARTY

Uretta Frazier, who is retiring from St. Peter's Church, will be honored at a retirement party on June 30.



People You Know

Cheryl Broussard is a counselor with Family Heritage serving Hixson Funeral Homes and Hixson-Sulphur Memorial. She was born in Lake Charles and is a lifelong resident of Grand Chenier. She has been married 12 years. If you'd like to discuss your pre-need arrangements with her, call 477-8113.

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Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

The month of June has crept up on us, and you have this month to renew your fishing license, which expires June 30.

Mottled duck banding begins and we'll see the cottonmouth snakes battle for females. Blackberries are ripening this month as Eastern bluebirds are building nests for their second broods. A statewide Breeding Bird survey is being conducted.

Hybrid striped bass are schooling this month and June is the peak for alligator nesting.

June 8 & 9 are free fishing days for the state. June 14 is Flag Day and one of the most important days is June 16 - "Father's Day."

Fishing Reports

Randy McEvers and family fished Toledo Bend and caught a few nice bass and hit schooling hybrid striped bass. They enjoyed their four day stay, although the lake got kind of rough.

Big Lake is producing large speckle trout and quite a few in numbers. Although Quentin LeBoeuf of Creole is leading with a 9.8 trout, he's still trying to catch a larger trout for security. He and his partner caught nice specks late Saturday evening, running four to five pounds; they also released some eight and nine pounders. Sunday morning they had really beautiful trout with two weighing 9.4 and 9.2 and one over 8 pounds. They also caught some nice croakers, with one over three pounds.

Large redbass are at the Cameron Jetties and lots of smaller speckle trout are east of the Cameron Jetties. Lots of anglers are wade fishing.

Bass fishing in the Big Burn is about the same: lots of small bass, but perch, goggle-eye, and white perch fishing has been good in the big, deep canals. Catfishing east of the Gibbstown Bridge has been good, using shrimp and chicken livers. Some of these catfish are weighing five- six pounds.

Gibbstown Dogfights

The Monday night May 27 dogfight saw Roy Pesson and Shane LaBove take the choupique pot with a 7.57 pounder. The first place team of Rod Richard and Darren Richard, 5.65; they also had the second place bass, 2.38. Second place went to Scott Lewis and Jared Fontenot, 5.05, and first place bass, 2.73. Third place went to Lynn Thibodeaux and Richard Duhon, 3.79. Fourth place went to Danny Demary and Doug Logan, 3.78 pounds. Everyone had their three fish stringer.

Strike Threatens

Hunting instructors who teach our youth gun safety are

talking about walking out. Ed Duggle, who has been a volunteer Hunter Education instructor for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for 30 years, is leading the way for a work stoppage of 1200 volunteers this summer that could lead to a shutdown of the program which would leave over 20,000 Louisiana youngsters unable to hunt. Anyone born after September 1, 1969 has to have three safety courses to get a Louisiana hunting license.

The revolt centers around changes in the agency over the past two years. The program was moved from the Information and Education Division to the Enforcement Division. Instructors are now under the supervision of enforcement captains which limits co-ordinators' contact with volunteers and drops support for youth programs, such as D.U., Boy Scouts, and the annual Youth Hunter Education Competition.

Col. Winston Vidrine, Enforcement Division chief, says a handful of his employees who don't like having daily supervision for the first time in their careers are stirring things up. Vidrine says they're people who don't like being accountable working eight hours a day.

There'll be all kinds of talk from both sides. I only hope this can be solved, as the ones who will suffer will be our youth who want to take the course and hunt in our great state.

DAYTIME FEEDING TIMES

Best, Fri., June 7 - p a.m. & 9:30 p.m.; good, 3:15 a.m. Best, Sat., June 8 - 9:45 a.m.; good - 4 p.m. Best, Sun., June 9 - 10:30 a.m.; good - 4:45 p.m. Best, Mon., June 10 - 11:15 a.m.; good - 5:30 p.m. Tues., June 11 - 12:15 p.m.; good, 6 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Best, Wed., June 12 - 1:45 p.m. & good, 7 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Best, Thur., June 13 - 2:30 p.m.

Remember your new fishing licenses are due June 30, don't let your old license expire, get them early.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Monday, Gibbstown dogfights - 5:30 p.m. Through Sept. 2 - C.C.A.-S.T.A.R. tournament - (225) 952-9200. June 8-9- Free fishing days in Louisiana. No license required. June 14 - Flag Day June 16 - Father's Day June 30 - Recreational basic and saltwater licenses expire. June 30 - Lemesche Bass Club tournament, Amoco, Draw.

Read The Classifieds

The headless Yankee Cannoneer

By W. T. Block

I already foresee that some character will accuse me of stealing this yarn from The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, but I'm going to tell it anyway. The anniversary of the Battle of Sabine Pass has come and gone, and if I don't repeat it once more, the story might be lost to posterity for all time.

At the Sabine Pass State Park, there is a state historical marker, which shows the names of thirty Union sailors and soldiers, who were killed in the battle of Sept. 8, 1863. Another 22 men, who were liberated slaves, were also killed during that battle, but their names were not recorded on Navy muster rolls. On that date, an armada of 19 Union ships and 5,000 soldiers sought to run past the Confederate batteries, but they were sorely defeated by the 47 cannoneers and six "pop guns" inside the fort.

The next day being quite hot, Confederate soldiers buried the dead in a mass grave at Mesquite Point. It was a difficult and sickening chore, because the dead men were so badly scalded that the flesh fell from the bones.

Nevertheless, the most visible and unusual victim was the starboard gunner of the enemy gunboat Clifton, whose body had no head. One of the prisoners observed that a large cannonball came bouncing down the deck, hit the gunner in the neck, decapitating him; and his head fell overboard.

Although the name of the headless gunner is known to be inscribed on the state marker, it has never been possible so far to identify him by name or to determine who was assigned to starboard gunnery duty on the Clifton during the battle.

Lt. John Dana, the signal officer, wrote a history of the battle, which was published in the Dec. 1973 issue of Civil War Times Illustrated, as follows:

"Executive Officer Robert Rhodes fell mortally wounded... Several more of the crew were hit when a cannonball struck the muzzle of one of the Clifton's guns and bowled them over... Ensign William Weld was only able to fire his damaged weapon by exploding the primer with an axe. The hapless starboard gunner was decapitated by another shot...."

For many years before he died in Beaumont about 1928, former Confederate Lt. Joseph Chasteen was known as Sabine Pass' "walking history book." He published this account of the battle in the 'Confederate Veterans' column of Galveston Daily News on Sept. 3, 1899, as follows:

"Soon after the battle, two of the Davis Guards from the fort were walking along the beach, searching for whatever they might find, when the body of a Negro man came drifting by. One of them remarked, 'There goes another dead man.'"

"The other paused and said, 'We'll see if he is a dead man or not!' He caught him by the heel, and when the head went under

the water, the 'body' began kicking quite lively. They brought him up to the fort, and when the soldiers searched to see what was under his coat, they found the head of the Clifton's starboard gunner."

Since all of the bodies had been buried the previous day, a soldier walked over to the edge of the channel, and threw the severed head back into the water.

In March, 1864, the Confederate steamer Clifton, by then converted into a blockade runner, grounded on a Texas mudflat with 600 bales of cotton aboard. The crew then set the steamer ablaze until it burned to the waterline, and its smokestack remained visible until June, 1957, when Hurricane Audrey washed the remaining wreckage away.

During Reconstruction days, some of Sabine Pass' old veterans believed that the ghost of the headless Yankee gunner came ashore during each full moon, searching for his head

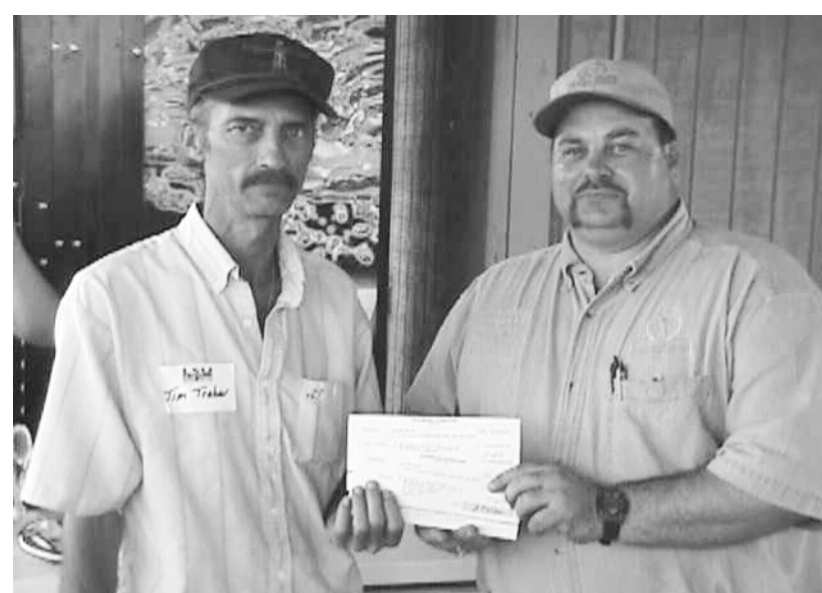
and wailing a mournful call. Since it had no vocal chords, the ghost could only emit a grunt or some other discordant sound.

Decades ago, when I used to camp out on the Sea Rim beach, I remember hearing strange banshee wails or grunts, emanating from the neighboring marsh. However, I now realize that what I mistook at the time for the headless ghost was most probably a bull alligator's love grunt or growl, whatever it is that gators do, amorous as usual and pining for the company of his 'gatorettes.'

Many years ago, I asked an oldtimer at Sabine Pass if he knew about the Yankee apparition, and he said he hadn't heard that story told since World War I days. Old Joe Marty, an early Sabine Pass pioneer, used to tell that tale before he died around 1920, and it was told to me by Uncle Austin Sweeney, also deceased, who was a Sabine Pass watermelon grower for fifty years.

And who knows! Perhaps the headless Yankee may still be prowling the beaches there on moonlit nights, but most likely, he ended his nocturnal wanderings whenever the wreckage of the Clifton disappeared in 1957.

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SHOWN ABOVE, Tim Trahan of Johnson Bayou, a retiree of Exxon-Mobil, hands two five hundred dollar checks to Mike LaVergne, 4-H Shooting Sports instructor. The checks from Exxon-Mobil are donations from a grant program that encourages its employees to donate their time to nonprofit and community organizations. Tim Trahan has been a shotgun instructor for Cameron Parish 4-H for the last two years. He has been a shotgun coach at three national and state contests along with numerous parish and bi-parish events. Tim will coach his son, Adam, along with 4 others competing in the 4-H National Shooting Sports Contest in Raton, New Mexico in July.

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