



Joe O'Donnell

## Joe O'Donnell rites are held in L. Charles

Joe O'Donnell, 83, who operated O'Donnell Funeral Home in Creole for many years, died Monday, July 8 in a Lake Charles care center. He had lived in Lake Charles since 1977.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. The Rev. Keith Pellerin officiated. Burial was in Prien Memorial Park Cemetery.

He was a native of Ovett, Miss., and attended high school in Ellisville, Miss. He moved to Crowley, his senior year to play football at Crowley High School where he graduated. He served in the Navy in World War II. He played semi-pro baseball in New Iberia, for the St. Louis Cardinal Farm Club, in the Evangeline League.

He graduated from Landig College of Mortuary Science in Houston and went to work for his father-in-law, J. O. Theriot at Theriot Funeral Home in Creole. In 1954 he purchased the funeral home and re-named it O'Donnell Funeral Home.

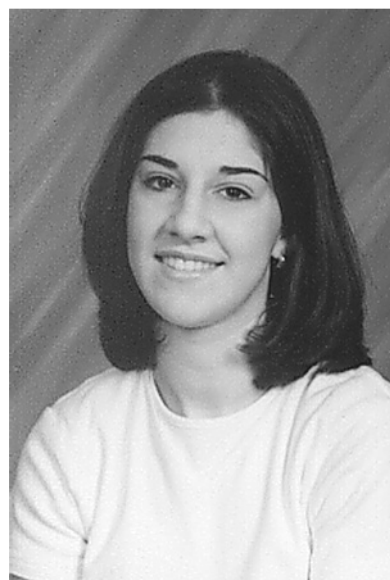
He was past-vice president of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, past-president of South Cameron Athletic Association, Cameron Lions Club, American Legion, and was a Boy Scout Leader.

After he retired from the funeral business in 1977, he moved to Lake Charles and worked in sales promotion for the Vernon Company for 10 years.

Survivors include his wife Dori Theriot O'Donnell of Lake Charles; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Pat) Ortego, Lake Charles and Mrs. John (Charlotte) O'Donnell Collins, Metairie; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## Computer class to be offered

The Cameron Parish Library will host a beginning computers class sponsored by Sowela Tech from 5 to 8 p.m. on July 16 and July 23. Cost of class is \$35 for the two 3 hour classes. Please call Jodee at the library to sign-up. The class is limited to 12 persons.



THE ABOVE CAMERON Parish spring graduates each received a \$1000 scholarship from the Williams company. Each also nominated a teacher for the Teacher Achievement Award who received \$500 in cash. The students were: top row, from left: Lynn Nguyen, South Cameron High; Micah Silver, Hackberry High. Lower row: Natalie Precht, Grand Lake High; and Amber Romero, Johnson Bayou High.

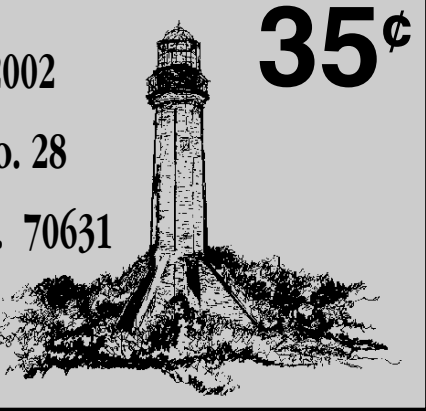
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# Pilot



## School board to ask judge for permission to change lines

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The Cameron Parish School Board is planning to ask a district judge to allow the board to make changes in the precinct lines in its recently adopted reapportionment plan.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Jones was requested to ask District Judge Charles Quienalty to allow the changes.

Judge Quienalty is temporarily serving as the Cameron district court judge while Judge Ward Fontenot is on leave.

If the precinct changes are approved the school board will hold a special meeting so the final plan can be sent to the U. S. Dept. of Justice and the State Dept. of Education.

Time is getting short to do so

since there will be a school board election on Oct. 5. Qualifying for the election will be in August.

It is possible that the election could be postponed for several months should the reapportionment plan not be completed by election time.

At the board's meeting Monday, Board Member Glenda Abshire moved that the school board amend its plan to correspond with the Police Jury's plan, but the motion died with the board tied 3-3.

The police jury's plans maintains the same six voting districts now in effect but there is a 70 percent deviation in population as compared to less than a 10 percent deviation in the school board plan.

## School Board Actions

The Cameron Parish School Board took the following actions on various matters at its monthly meeting Monday.

The board approved the Pupil Progression Plan presented by Stephanie Rodrigue, Supervisor, who reported there were 37 students who attended summer school.

The board approved the advertising for a new superintendent and for a lunch room technician at Cameron Elementary school.

The board also approved a baseball program at South Cameron High School (At no cost to the board) as presented by Stephanie Rodrigue.

At the request of board member Glenda Abshire the board voted on a motion to add capri pants to the uniform policy for the 2002-2003 school year. However, the measure failed on a 3-3 vote with Abshire, Clifton Hebert and Dorothy Theriot voting yes and Pat Howerton, Tony Johnson and Marvin Trahan voting no.

The board appointed Elizabeth Brasseaux (South Cameron Elementary School) and Eva January (Cameron Elementary School) to act on the principal's behalf when the principals are absent and approved a \$500 stipend to these persons.

The superintendent was authorized by the board to pursue the Hibernia proposal that was presented at the Finance

Committee Meeting prior to the regular school board meeting.

The Hibernia proposal was presented by Angela Avant, Assistant Vice-President of the Lake Charles bank, who was accompanied by Yvonne Mhire, manager of the local bank, and recommended by Margaret Jones, School Board Treasurer.

The proposal promised a better interest rate for the school board money that is not being used at this time.

## Micah Silver winner of parish honor

The Farmer's Rice Milling Company has once again recognized an outstanding 4-H Club member in Cameron Parish along with six other rice producing parishes for their efforts in community service and leadership through 4-H.

Micah Silver has been selected as Cameron Parish's Outstanding 4-Her to receive this recognition along with a 4250 check from the Farmer's Rice Mill.

Throughout the year, Micah has been President of Hackberry Sr. 4-H Club, President of the Cameron 4-H Junior Leader Club, a teen leader in the Jr. Leader Literacy Grant Project.

He has promoted 4-H through television public service announcements and was active in 4-H by collecting food for the needy, buying Christmas gifts for the Women's Shelter, visiting Bel's Animal Shelter, and picking up trash during Louisiana's Beach Sweep.

Through his 4-H career Micah was a state winner of the LA Electric Co-op Youth tour to Washington, D.C., State 4-H Wildlife and Environmental Records and 1st Alternate in the 4-H Club Reporter contest winning a trip to Atlanta, GA.

Micah is the son of Robert and Alta Silver of Hackberry.

His Sr. 4-H Club Leader is Alta Silver, and his 4-H Agents are Michael LaVergne and Penny Thibodeaux.

## Students, teachers honored by company

Teachers and guidance counselors usually nominate their students for awards. Students are returning the favor nowadays thanks to an energy company.

Four Cameron Parish teachers, along with 57 other instructors around the nation, stand to benefit this year.

Tulsa, Okla.-based energy firm Williams sponsors scholarship programs for graduating seniors in selected high schools near company facilities. In Louisiana, Williams gathers and processes natural gas coming from offshore wells.

Students take home \$1,000 toward college tuition and are asked to choose a special teacher who made an impression on their life.

Williams refers to the honor as its Teacher Achievement

## Applications sought for school supt.

The Cameron Parish School Board Monday approved advertising for candidates for the position of Parish School Superintendent.

The person selected will succeed Judith Jones who plans to retire on Dec. 31. Miss Jones has been superintendent since October, 1998 when she replaced Pam LaFleur who retired.

Applicants for the position must hold a valid Louisiana certificate with Superintendent endorsement at time of application or must possess the qualifications to obtain the certificate and endorsement at time of application.

The salary range will be \$70,000 to \$90,000 and a two-year contract will be offered.

Applications must be received by the board no later than Aug. 12, 2002 and it is hoped the new superintendent can begin duties on Oct. 7, 2002 in order that Ms. Jones will be able to work with the new superintendent for several months before leaving.

(Although Ms. Jones plans to retire on Dec. 31, she said she would stay on longer if a superintendent had not been found by then.)

Benefits of the position include annual leave, sick leave, state retirement, insurance and travel expenses.

Persons wishing additional information on opening may contact Miss Jones at 337-775-5784 or by writing her at: Cameron Parish School Board, PO Box 1548, Cameron, La. 70632.

Miss Jones has been employed by the Cameron Parish School board for the past 33 years as a teacher, supervisor and superintendent.

## GED classes continuing at two locations

The Cameron Community Action Agency has announced the continuation of GED classes in Grand Lake and Cameron beginning July 15.

The classes enable adults to complete their high school education.

The Grand Lake classes are from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Classes are held at the Action Agency office located behind the Grand Lake ambulance station and next door to the Grand Lake Post Office. Call 598-5158 to register.

All classes are free of charge and open to the public.

The Cameron classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 5 to 8 p.m. at the Cameron Senior Center, 723 Marshall Street. For more information or to register, please call Tutt Savoie at 775-5145.

All facilities are handicapped equipped. Anyone having a special disability can contact Dinah Landry, Director at 775-5145 for special considerations.



THE SHRINE TO the Mother of God in front of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church is one of the views that catches the attention of visitors driving the Creole Nature Trail. The statue was set in place on Sept. 13, 1963 and was dedicated to the memory of the many people who lost their lives in Hurricane Audrey on June 27, 1957.

## Third West Nile case found in parish

By DON MENARD  
Cameron Mosquito Control Director

Cameron Parish's third case of West Nile Virus was confirmed this week in a horse just east of Cameron. The horse was infected around the middle of June and had to be put down.

WNV, which has spread throughout the eastern half of the U. S. and as far west as Texas, is a disease mainly of birds, but horses and sometimes humans can contract it. It is estimated that of those species of mosquitoes capable of transmission, less than 15 are infected and less than 15 of people bitten by an infected mosquito will get seriously ill.

Of the horses that contract the disease, approximately 40% will not survive, while the rest usually recover on their own. Sentinel chickens have been placed in each community and blood samples are being taken and sent off for encephalitis testing on a weekly basis, but so far all tests have been negative.

Cameron Parish Mosquito Control has stepped up spraying parishwide and will strive to keep mosquitoes as low as possible, but with the vast amount of marshes in close proximity to populated areas, there are always going to be some mosquitoes present, especially at night. If you have to be outdoors when mosquitoes are present, wear light colored clothing, avoid fragrant smelling colognes and perfumes and wear repellents.

There is a vaccine available for horses and owners should make sure their horses have

been vaccinated. Since horses spend their entire lives outdoors and are always exposed to mosquitoes, the chances of them contracting diseases are much greater than humans.

To help reduce mosquitoes which harbor in barns, dog houses, garages and other sheltered areas where our spray can't reach, people can spray with permethrin, which is both an insecticide and a repellent. It is available at most feed stores and will kill and help keep mosquitoes away for two weeks or more. It is very safe, available to the general public and is labeled for spraying directly on livestock and pets. Always follow the label directions.

For more information or to report mosquito problems, Mosquito Control can be reached at 775-5942 in Cameron.

## Hackberry blood drive

The Hackberry Fire Department, will host a blood drive Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The community is invited to donate. The drive will be staffed by LifeShare Blood Centers, the only supplier of blood to the nine area hospitals of Southwest Louisiana.

Donors may choose a total cholesterol screen or a colorful T-shirt as a gesture of appreciation. Donors are reminded that they should eat a good meal before donating. The total cholesterol check does not require fasting.

To be eligible, a donor must be in good health, be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. A donor may give blood every eight weeks. Most medications will not prevent blood donation, acceptable medications include those taken to treat or control high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, depression, anxiety, and thyroid problems.

## Meeting change

The Bayou Lighthouse has a time change to 7 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Fire Dept. starting July 15.

## Who's Who set Aug. 15

The Cameron Parish Pilot will publish its 2002 Who's Who edition on Aug. 15.

This special section will contain profiles of Who's Who in the parish, business, service, church, organizations and industry directory.

Persons wishing to reserve advertising space in this section are asked to contact Jeffra DeViney, advertising director, at 786-8004 or 1-800-256-7323. The deadline for ads is July 29.



JULIE TRAHAN is the recipient of the H. C. Drew Scholarship to McNeese State University, worth \$4000. Julie is the daughter of Martini and Bitsy Trahan of Grand Chenier.

## FUNERALS

### HARRY K. BROWN, JR.

Funeral services for Harry K. Brown, Jr., 74, of Holly Beach, were held Wednesday, July 10 in Johnson Bayou Baptist Church. The Rev. Harold Bryant officiated. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Oak Grove Cemetery in Searcy, Ark.

Mr. Brown died Saturday, July 6, 2002, in his residence.

He was a native of Helena, Ark., he had lived in Holly Beach for more than 25 years. He was a Marine veteran, and he served during the Korean War. He was a self-employed fisherman.

Survivors include two sons, Allen Brown of Lexas, Ark., and Ronnie Brown, Holly Beach; two daughters, Lillian Rhodes, Nederland, Tex., and Melissa Lynch, Bridge City, Tex.; two sisters, Floridine Smith and Annaline Robinson, both of Memphis, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### MRS. ANNA L. ROY

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna L. Roy, 51, of Lake Arthur were held Monday, July 8 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jennings with the Rev. Wayne LeBleu officiating. Burial was in Andrus Cove Cemetery.

Mrs. Roy died Friday, July 5, 2002 at the Jennings American Legion Hospital.

She was a native of Creole and a resident of the Lake Arthur/Jennings area.

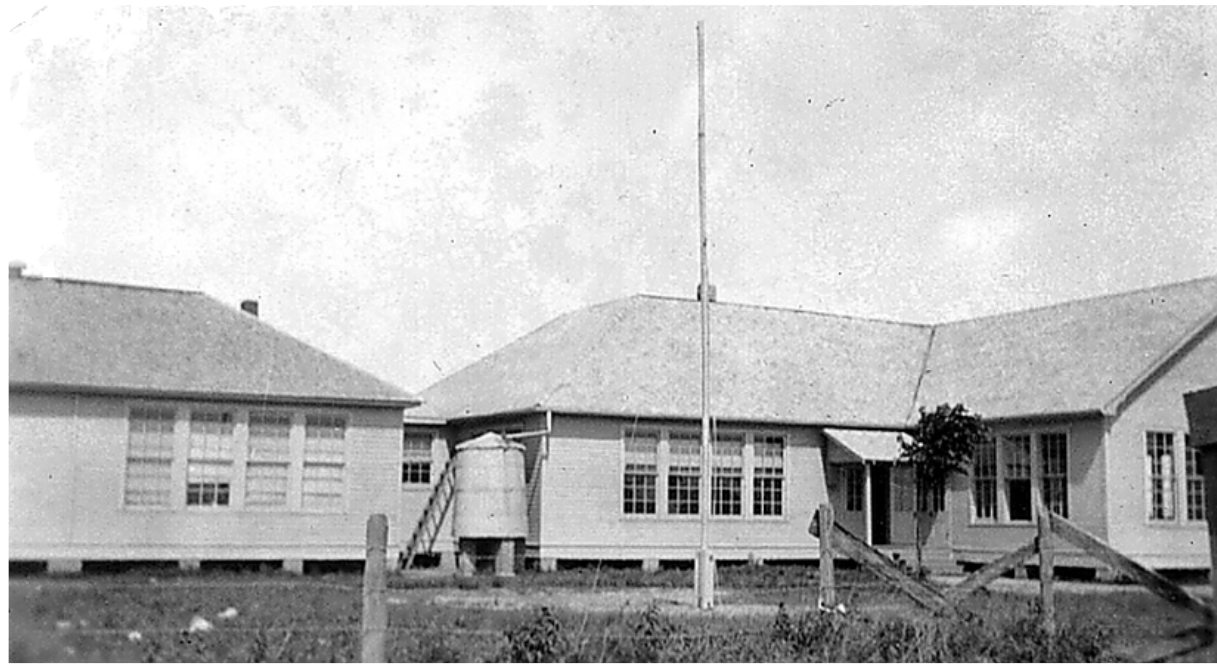
Survivors include: her husband, Norman J. Roy of Lake Arthur; one son, Joe Roy, Jennings; one daughter, Lela R. Guidry, Lake Arthur; two sisters, Charlotte bonnell and Delores boudreaux, both of Creole and two grandchildren.

## Unemployment rate fluctuates in the parish

Cameron Parish's unemployment rate for May was 5.3 percent, a decrease from 6 percent in April but an increase over the 4.9 percent for May, 2001.

The report showed 190 persons out of work and 3360 employed during May.

The state's unemployment rate for May was 6.5 percent.



**DO YOU REMEMBER?** This is a picture of the old Big Lake High School taken some time during the 1930s. The school was later consolidated with the Sweet Lake School into Grand Lake High School.

## Do You Remember?

By Keith Hambrick

### Cameron Pilot, July 10, 1969. HARRISON SAVES LIFE

A Grand Chenier man has been credited with saving the life of a 17-year-old boy who nearly drowned at Rutherford Beach on the Fourth of July.

The unidentified youth, reported to be from Crowley, got in trouble while swimming at the beach south of Creole. He would not call for help as he is deaf and cannot speak, and when other swimmers did notice his plight and pulled him out he was unconscious.

Lee J. Harrison of Grand Chenier began giving the youth artificial respiration, which he continued for nearly an hour before the youth recovered.

Clayton Nunez, special wildlife agent here who was assisting the sheriff's department with the huge beach crowd Friday, said that Harrison "did a wonderful job" in restoring the breathing of the boy.

An ambulance took the youth to Lake Charles hospital where he was able to be "up and around" in a short time.

### LIONS TO BUILD CABANA

Aiming at beautifying Rutherford Beach, the Cameron Lions Club will begin construction of a permanent type cabana, 20 X 20 feet on a concrete slab in the next few days.

Garner Nunez, member of the beach improvement committee,

said the plans include erection of a barbecue pit and a kiddie ride for visitors to be the Gulf Coast swimming area.

Larry Dyson, chairman of the committee, is assisted by W. F. "Frankie" Henry, Jr., A. J. Howard, Claude Eagleson, Bill Morris, Larry Taylor, Jimmy Derouen, and Nunez.

### HACKBERRY LIONS

Newly elected officers of the Hackberry Lions Club were installed at a recent dinner held at the Hackberry Recreation Center.

Outgoing president, Tommie Goodrich, presented a list of items accomplished by the Club during his tenure as president. Guest Lion Marshall Smith installed these officers: Board of Directors - G. W. Krumm, Dr. J. B. Colligan, Macon Hoffpaur and C. A. Riggs; Lion Tamer - John Debarge; Tail Twister - F. J. Bourg; Club Treasurer - Secretary - Cliff Cabell; Vice-Presidents - Wayne Wood, Leland Colligan and J. P. Rountree; President - Ernest Hamilton.

### BROUSSARD COMMANDER

The regular meeting of the Sturlese Post, American Legion, of Grand Chenier, was held July 1, in the Legion home.

The following officers were elected for 1969-70: Thomas Broussard, Commander; Dalton Richard, 1st Vice Commander; Curley Vincent, 2nd Vice Commander; John Richard, 3rd Vice Commander; J. W. Broussard, Adjutant; E. K. Booth, Finance officer; Howard Dupuis, Chaplain and Judge Advocate; G. C. Sweeney, Sgt. At Arms; Joe Miller and Freddie Richard, Color Bearer; and Horace Mhire and B. J. Carter, the Color Guards.



**JENNA NICOLE** Dibartolo was recently crowned Louisiana Superior Ms. in Lafayette. She also holds the title of Petite Ms. of Southwest Louisiana and 2001 Natural Beauties Queen. She is the five-year-old daughter of Chris and Charmaine Dibartolo of Grand Lake and the granddaughter of J. T. and Bobbie Primeaux of Creole and B. J. and Grace Dibartolo of Lake Charles.

## Fishing Rodeo Results

Results of the Dugas Landing July 4th fishing rodeo in Hackberry were:

Flounders - 1st. Micheal Kelly, 3 lbs.; 2nd. Pam Hollier, 2.5 lbs. 4 ozs.

Redfish - 1st. Johnny Ledoux, 27 lbs.; 2nd. Derrek Verrett 18 lbs.

Speckled Trout - 1st. Lynn Vaughan 6 lbs. 8 ozs.; 2nd. Lynn Vaughan 6 lbs. 6 ozs.

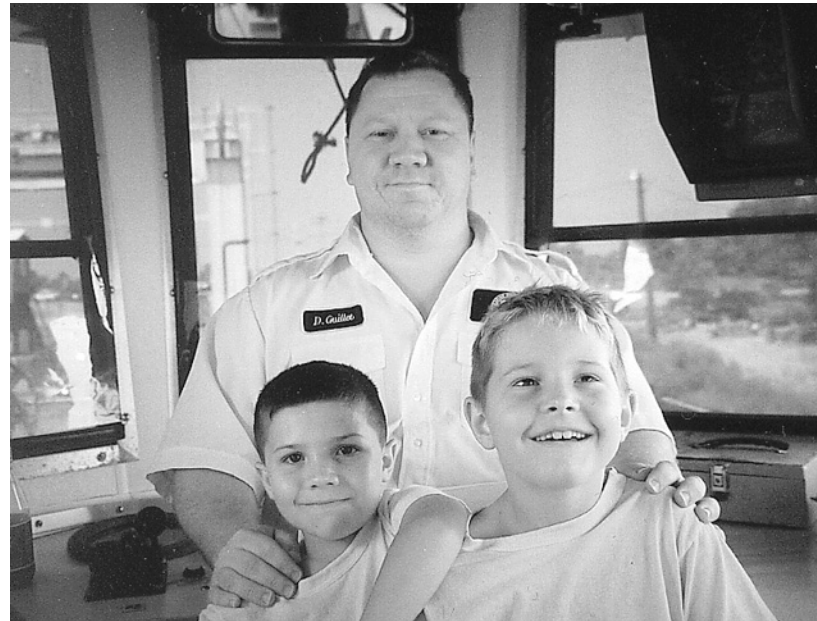
Largest fish - Nolan Burelson, Drum 39 lbs. 2 ozs.



**DAVID VINCENT** is in front of the beautiful sunflowers he grew for the first time in front of his home in Cameron.



**BETTY CONSTANCE** is at her home in Lake Arthur showing her grandson, Christopher Guillot, how to shuck corn this summer.



**THIS SUMMER** Christopher Guillot and Kent Doxey took a tour on the Cameron Ferry #2 to see how the ferry is operated. They are shown above with Captain Darwin Guillot of D.O.T.D.

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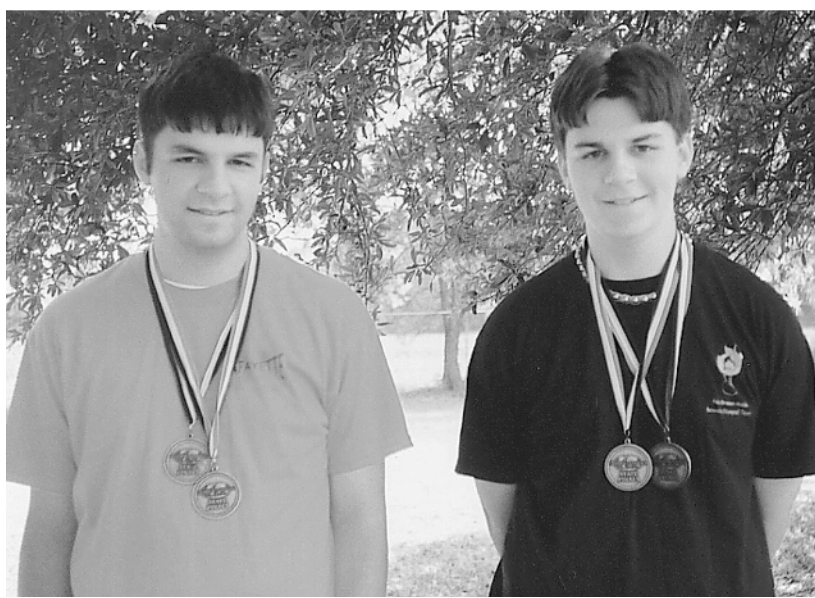
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**ROBERT (LEFT) AND Kenneth Smith, sons of Mark and Peggy Odom Smith of Carencro, recently won first places in the Louisiana Science Olympiad state competition held at Southeastern University in Hammond. Robert, 17, won first place in the Scrambler and third in the Cow-A-Bungee events. Kenneth, 14, won first in Bottle Rockets, second in Feathered Frenzy, and sixth in Pentathlon. Robert is a junior in the gifted and talented program at Lafayette High. Kenneth is an eighth grader in the same program at Paul Breaux Middle School. Kenneth was on the Louisiana team which competed nationally at the University of Delaware on May 17 and 18. He received a sixth place medal for Pentathlon and an eighth for Bottle Rocket. The brothers are the grandsons of Anna Bell and Elridge Wilson Smith of Cameron.**

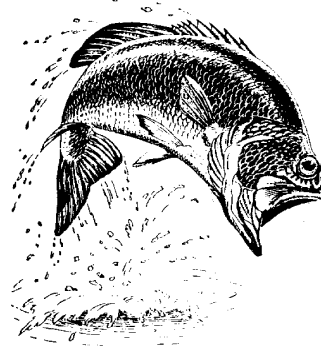
**NEW FISHING RULES**  
There are several fishing clubs that have adopted new rules for the 2002 fishing season. 1. Bait your own hook; 2. clean your own fish; 3. Tell your own lies.

**DAYTIME FISHING**  
Best, Fri., July 12 - 2 p.m.; good, 7:45 a.m. & 8:15 p.m. Best, Sat., July 13 - 3 p.m.; good - 8:45 & 9:15 p.m. Best, Sun., July 14 - 4 p.m.; good - 9:45 a.m. Best, Mon., July 15 - 4:45 p.m.; good - 10:30 a.m. Best, Tues., July 16 - 5:15 a.m. & 6:45 p.m.; good, 12:30 p.m. Best, Wed., July 17 - 6:15 a.m. & 6:45 p.m.; good, 12:30 p.m. Best, Thur., July 18 - 7 a.m. & 7:15 p.m.; good, 1:15 p.m.

**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.  
July 21 - Lemesche Bass Club fifth yearly tournament, Amoco, pick your partners.

**South Cameron football players to report July 16**

South Cameron High School students going out for football this year are asked to report to the high school gym at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 16, accompanied by a parent. Coaches are asked to report at 1 p.m. Plans for the 2002 season will be discussed.



**Parish golf tournament announced**

The 12th Annual Cameron Parish Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Grand Lake Scholarship Committee, will be held at Gray Plantation Golf Course Aug. 10 with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

There will be a 2 man best ball format (each player plays own ball), \$70 per person. Entry fee includes tournament fees, green fees, cart rental, and meals.

Tournament is open to everyone and the teams are flighted by handicap. Deadline for entry is Aug. 1. flighted team prizes are \$200 low gross, \$100 second gross, \$200 low net and \$100 second net. prizes will be per flight and based upon number of entries. All prizes are gift certificates from the pro shop.

**Workshop to be held**

A workshop entitled "How to advocate for your student with special education needs" will be held at 5 p.m., Thursday, July 18 at the Cameron Parish Library sponsored by Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana and Project Prompt.

Susan Benoit, Prompt facilitator, will be the speaker. For information call Jody Roberts at the Library, 775-5421, or the agency at 337-436-2570 or 1-800-894-6558.

An additional \$100 prize to low gross individual of tournament as well as low gross individual from Cameron Parish if different. Trophy awarded to low gross individual from Cameron Parish.

For information call Ricky Guidry at 540-2825.

**READ THE CLASSIFIEDS!**

**Cameron Outdoors**

By LOSTON MCEVERS

**JULY 4TH REPORT**

The long July 4th weekend has now passed and hundreds of anglers fished the 65th Annual Southwest Louisiana Fishing Rodeo, a rodeo now housed on Prien Lake in Lake Charles, which was once a great Cameron Parish attraction, when it was known as the Cameron Tarpon Rodeo held out of Cameron. Back in 1971 T-Boy McCall landed a 1,175 pound shark and this record is still there, as rodeo anglers do not fish for shark anymore due to poor population of these species. Lots of records still stand today, but lots of big fish were caught this year. I can still remember the big Alligator Gar that Ray Burleigh caught back in 1974 weighing in at 109 pounds and holds that record today.

Here's some of the final weigh-in winners: On the Tag and Release Blue Marlin, first went to Wayne Miller and second to Mike McCall; Garfish, Lane Clarier 73.2; Redfish, 29.0, Eric Paul; Drum, John McRay 46.4; Red Snapper, Mike Firmature 22.0; Sheephead, Tyler Burleson 6.2; Speckled Trout, Glenn Granger 7.4; King Mackerel, James Warshaw 37.8; flounder, Roy Boyett 3.2; Croaker, Danny Lanza 1.8; Cobia, Jay Carter 56.2; Tripletail, Brad Baker 7.8; Amberjack, Max Calderera 51.0; Gafftop Catfish, Brad Baker 6.8; Triggerfish, Andre Chapman 8.6; These are a few sinners but the big fish of the rodeo was a 89.9 pound Warsaw Grouper caught by Rick Solari. The overall angler was Brad Baker.

headache, trying to set the 2002-2003 duck season. Growing droughts on breeding grounds that could have an impact on the populations and could restrict hunting regulations for the first time in 6 years. This could not only cut the number of days we get, but also the bag limits. This will be a bitter decision among the feds and states. Veteran waterfowl managers say their job has never been so challenging as they're seeing so many changes to the population numbers and the changes in habitat. All we can do is hope for the best. I heard that it's between 30 days and 3 ducks or 45 days and 3 ducks, but don't quote me on this.

**C.C.A. NEWS**

The C.C.A. monthly S.T.A.R. speckle trout winner for the month of June for the Western Division was Dave Brown with a 10 pound 3 ounce trout caught in Big Lake and he will win a boat, motor and trailer, however if his trout would win for the year, he would bypass this boat rig and win the larger boat rig, giving the second largest trout a boat rig.

**GIBBSTOWN DOG FIGHT**

The Monday night Gibbstown Dogfight winners were Danny Demary and Doug Logan with a 3 bass stringer weighing 5.68 pounds. Danny told me he was fishing a Black Buzzmaster spinner bait with a Copper Colorado Blade and a Black Buzzmaster buzzbait because of muddy water.

**HUNTING SEASON**

I know it's early, but many hunters were asking questions about our bird season. A statewide 70 day dove hunting season will start on September 7 thru Sept. 15 for the first split, the second split will be Oct. 12 - Nov. 24 and the third split is Dec. 21 - Jan. 6. the bag limit is 12 a day.

The teal season will be cut to 9 days and will start on Sept. 21 thru Sept. 29. The daily bag limit will be 4 teal. These dates will have to be approved by the federal government which they probably will give the OK.

Now the thing that's next, is what about the regular duck season. Every year, waterfowl managers face a number of things to decide our duck season dates, number of days and bag limits. There are a number of things that will give the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service a

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# Storm that destroyed Johnson Bayou in 1886 is recalled by historian

By W. T. BLOCK

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Upon crossing the Sabine Lake causeway from the Texas side en route to Cameron, Louisiana, one soon encounters an endless expanse of verdant marsh lands, seemingly uninhabitable by other than muskrats, alligators, and water moccasins. Purple cranes and marsh hens dart about among the bulrushes and cattails, and here and there a lone cypress dots the landscape, its branches bending beneath a colony of downy egrets.

This duck hunter's paradise is crisscrossed by a half dozen marsh "cheniers," or live oak-studded ridges, the most prominent of which is Blue Buck Ridge. If one should follow a black-topped road to the north, the driver would soon cross Johnson Bayou, a 100-foot wide stream, and end up on 10-mile long Smith Ridge, where the writer's great grandfather, Frederick Smith (Schmidt), an immigrant from Bremen, Germany, settled in 1835 and established his cotton plantation and cotton gin.

Until the building of the

causeway about 1960, Johnson Bayou, La., remained cut off and virtually isolated from the outside world, accessible only by water or air. Certainly, there was a shell road along the beach connecting the bayou community with the parish seat of Cameron, but until 1931, such towns as Cameron, Creole, Oak Grove, and Grand Chenier could only be reached by water as well. And yet, by 1885 the marsh settlement had a population of 1,200 persons and annually produced 600 bales of cotton.

Johnson Bayou is a wide, lazy stream that meanders generally southeasterly amid the marshes and cheniers in the direction of Mud Lake. At first glance, one questions why the pioneers of old would select such a homestead, buffeted as it perennially was by storm and isolation, but such was the "call" of good cotton lands during that age before the availability of commercial fertilizer. Many old-timers often swore that they could grow three bales to the acre there, and an old uncle often jested that Smith Ridge would make "good fertilizer" for East Texas.

(The fathers of both of the writer's grandmothers, Duncan Smith and Frederick Smith, no kin to each other, lived there. The author is grand nephew of the following Johnson Bayou pioneers, Austin "Buster" Smith, John Smith, Phineas Smith, Albert Smith, Gus Smith, Emory Smith, and Alonzo Smith, and there were at least six other Smith families to whom he was not related.) And to this day, like some of the Nestors of Sabine Pass, Texas, a remnant of the bayou pioneers'

descendants, like the Griffith families, still cling to the marsh ridges like barnacles on a boat's bottom.

The marsh terrain, where silence is marred only by the mating calls of the beautiful egrets, would never admit it, but entwined amid the bulrushes is some of the richest history in Southwest Louisiana.

The first white men to visit there were probably French fur traders who traversed the bayou during the 1700s to barter trinkets with the Attakapas Indians for furs. These stone-age Indians lived there only during the summer months, gorging on a diet of alligators, fish and oysters. Some Indians survived in the area until after 1800, and the only existing, intact Attakapas vase, excavated at Johnson Bayou, is dated to the "Marksville Culture" about 500 A. D.

The bayou took its name from the first settler, Daniel Johnson, who brought his family to that region about 1790. He was soon joined by his sons-in-law and other relatives, Solomon and Reuben Barrow, Henry Griffith, and Henry Orr, all of whom later moved to the Trinity River region in Texas. But Griffith later moved back to the bayou, where many of his descendants still live. In 1826, Orr became the 'alcalde' of the Mexican Municipality of Liberty, Texas.

Smuggling rather than cotton growing was probably the cause for the first settlement along the bayou. And certainly African slaves were the principal commodity of that nefarious traffic. Until 1821, the bayou was the extreme southwest corner of the United States while Spain ruled Texas. Between 1821 and 1846, during which time Texas was owned either by Mexico or was an independent republic, the bayou was still our nation's southwest extremity.

There were periods of intermittent slave smuggling along the Texas and Louisiana coasts. The first came during the era of filibustering and Lafitte piracy, and between 1816 and 1821, the New Orleans collector of customs kept the cutter "Lynx" on frequent patrol at or near the mouth of the Sabine estuary in a futile attempt to halt slave traders, three of whom were John, Rezin, and James Bowie.

According to Griffith family traditions, the Bowies visited Johnson Bayou twice. During those years, the brothers smuggled 1,500 Africans, purchased from Lafitte at Galveston Island, some of whom were channeled along a neighboring stream, Black Bayou near the Sabine River delta, to the Louisiana sugar cane planters. On two occasions, James Bowie bought cattle from Henry Griffith to feed his slave coffles.

At the outbreak of the Texas Revolution, slave traders took advantage of the social upheaval in East Texas to renew their illicit activities. In 1836, Capt. John Taylor of the slave ship "Elizabeth" anchored his vessel for six weeks in the Sabine Pass while ferrying his chattels as far north as San Augustine, Texas. In the same year, a Spanish slave captain named Moro sailed up the Sabine River with 200 slaves.

In 1837, an English slaver, under pursuit by a British frigate offshore, wrecked at Blue Buck Point near Johnson Bayou. The smugglers again bought cattle from Griffith to feed their starving victims, and a slave riot that ensued had to be quelled with firearms as the Africans fought to eat the raw meat or gorge on the blood of the cattle.

As a result, the New Orleans collector again kept his cutter "pretty much in that (Sabine) neighborhood" in order to stop the slave ships. Captain R. Green, one of the first settlers of Orange, patrolled Sabine Lake continuously aboard the U. S. cutter "Woodbury." Because slave ships were being built at New Orleans, reputedly for the renewal of the Sabine Lake slave trade, the United States established its first Sabine customhouse at the Garrison Ridge, about a mile west of Johnson Bayou, in 1839 with Capt. Green as its first collector. Green's Bayou at the Garrison took its name from him.

In 1837, Garrison Ridge, a live oak-studded chenier perhaps a half-mile in length, was the site of and took its name from the garrison of the 3rd U. S. Infantry Regiment encamped there, while the Sabine River was being mapped and cleared of logjams and other navigation impediments. During the Civil War, a Union Navy squadron encamped there for three months, and the Garrison is still a favorite retreat for pot hunters with metal detectors, searching for old coins, buried treasure, Indian artifacts, etc.

After 1825, a number of new families came to Johnson Bayou. Eli Berwick settled on the Garrison in 1825 to become its first permanent resident. Frederick Smith came to Smith Ridge in 1835 and lived there until his death in 1877. Dr. Joe Erbeling was another German immigrant who was physician to the bayou settlers throughout his lifetime. Duncan Smith (the writer's other great grandfather) moved to Johnson Bayou after the hurricane of 1879 washed his home on the Calcasieu Pass at Leesburg (now Cameron) into the Gulf of Mexico.

Other pioneer settlers and their families, who had arrived there by the 1850s, included James Bevan, John and Joseph Peveto, Isaac and Jack Simmons, Zadie, Joshua, and William Griffith, James Anderson, Joseph Luke, Jesse Dyson, Francois and Celestine Gallier, Elijah and Michael Ponicheck, Michel Gillen, D. Comstock, John Hamilton, and George Plummer (who was the lighthouse keeper).

Michel Peveto, a veteran of the Battle of New Orleans and later a resident of Jefferson County, Texas where he acquired a Mexican land grant, moved back to the bayou to raise the large family of his second marriage during his old age. In an 1860 farm community of nearly 300 residents, L. Simmons, W. Griffith, and Comstock were the merchants, whereas Gillen and Hamilton were the blacksmiths. About 100 slaves labored in the fields, producing an antebellum yield of about 400 bales.

After the Civil War, Ferdinand Pavell became the settlement's wealthiest citizen, although he maintained two residences until his death in 1912. He owned a cotton plantation, sugar mill, and gin house on the bayou, and operated a store, a cotton brokerage, and a shingle mill at Shellbank, La., also known as Pavell's Island, the delta island in the Sabine River.

Throughout the War Between the States, Johnson Bayou was a Confederate crown of thorns, for many bayou settlers were open Union sympathizers. The many Cameron Parish (then Calcasieu) cane brakes and cheniers offered asylum to deserters and draft dodgers as well, many of them

from Texas, and a band of 200 "Jayhawkers" roamed the countryside, stealing cattle and horses and harassing the settlers.

Late in 1862, when the Union squadron encamped at Garrison Ridge, the officers attended dances given in their honor by the bayou planters and bought meat and vegetables from them. Nevertheless, Confederate cavalry, while hunting the "Jayhawkers," patrolled the area, and on May 5, 1864, the entire Sabine Pass garrison of Confederate troops debarked at Johnson Bayou while en route to the Battle of Calcasieu Pass, La.

Two days later, 166 Union prisoners captured at that battle were marched through Johnson Bayou, en route to prison camps in Texas. In April, 1865, while Confederate troopers were "gathering beeves" near the bayou, they captured three escaped Union prisoners-of-war, whom the bayou Unionists had been harboring and who were trying to reach the blockade fleet offshore.

While the rest of the South was in turmoil during the Reconstruction years, Johnson Bayou was prospering. Many new settlers moved in, some from the Northern states, until by 1885, the population was estimated to number 1,200. Two distinct communities and post offices developed. Radford, the town at the head of bayou navigation, had 175 inhabitants, a steam cotton gin, and four stores, operated by Caswell Peveto, J. C. Griffith, Austin "Buster" Smith, and Calvin Peveto. Johnson, the other post office, was about equal to Radford in population and merchants, and was located nearer to the mouth of the bayou.

In the summer of 1886, cotton was still king, and the 600 or 700 acres planted in that crop were expected to yield from 900 to 1,000 bales. But sugar cane was rapidly approaching cotton in importance, and a number of new sugar mills already dotted the ridges. Many varieties of vegetables were grown and exported, and the hundred acres of bearing satsuma orange trees were already the main source of Galveston and Houston's citrus needs.

Two steamboats, the "Emily P." and the "Lark," remained exclusively in the Orange-Johnson Bayou trade during the fall harvest season, hauling produce, cotton, and even cattle to market, and returning with merchandise, freight, and mail. A schooner name the "Dreadnaught" sailed in the Galveston-Johnson Bayou trade the year round.

Although a series of seven hurricanes, dating back to Sept. 13, 1865, had buffeted the area periodically, none, not even the storms of 1865 or 1879, had been so severe as to inundate the ridges or discourage settlement. But the great storm of Oct. 12, 1886, was something different; it drowned 110 persons in one night, swept the

ridges clean of all animal and plant life, and left only the sorrow and stench of death in its wake.

As the sun rose that morning, there was nothing to indicate that the furies of the sea were smoldering. The men had left to pick cotton in the fields, and wives went about their household chores. About noon, a moderate wind blew from the southeast, but no alarm was felt until around 4 o'clock P. M., when the waters of the bayou rose four feet in one hour. By six o'clock, a gale was blowing, and water was beginning to enter houses; by 7 P. M., a full-blown hurricane was rattling the windows and doors; and by 9 P. M., the waters of the bayou and Gulf had joined into a raging sea twelve feet deep, sweeping everything away in its path.

As the waters reached waist-deep in the homes, terror gripped the settlement. Some retreated at first to second story levels, while others abandoned home for the outdoors -- to cling to driftwood or the tops of trees. Parents lashed their small children to tree branches, only to see the trees uprooted by the winds or the branches blown away.

Some houses, such as that of Duncan Smith, broke loose and floated into Sabine Lake (seven years earlier he had lost another home on the Calcasieu Pass the same way). But at least half of the casualties, such as the entire Owen Jones family, were drowned or crushed in their homes. Eight occupants of the Jones house retreated upstairs when the waters rose, but the continuous pounding of the waves and winds weakened and tore away the walls until the roof collapsed.

There were five people, the parents and three children, in the Joseph Paisley home, when the house began to disintegrate piece by piece. A son, 6-year-old Hancock, floated away on a bed. As the first arc of dawn rose above that panorama of death and destruction, four members of the Paisley family were drowned, but Hancock was found, alive but insensible, 10 miles away on his feather bed.

The Jeremiah Quinns were prosperous cotton and orange growers when the flooding began. When their home went to pieces, they clung to floating debris, with the waves casting them against walls and wood until their heads were a mass of contusions. Twelve hours later, Quinn was found six miles away, still clutching his dead wife, and muttering mostly incoherently but affectionately, "Cheer up, Mary! It'll soon be over."

Bill Stafford, a boisterous and hard-drinking farm laborer, was alone, except for two toddlers, ages 2 and 4, left in his charge at the Ralph Hackett home when the massive storm struck. For 12 torturous hours after the waters rose, he gripped the clothing of the infant in his

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teeth, held the older daughter tightly with one arm, and clutched a floating log with the other. The next day, a relief party found them alive but insensible. The baby soon died, but Stafford and the little girl recovered. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hackett, also floated out alive, clutching debris from a Radford store, but the couple were 10 miles apart when found.

When the night of horror ended, there was hardly a bayou family left intact. Everyone had lost someone near and dear among the 110 drowning victims of the storm. Another 86 had died at Sabine Pass. Seventeen small children at Johnson Bayou were orphaned without parents or siblings, and 20 parents lost all of their children.

None, or no more than one, survived of the Jones, Paisley, Quinn, F. Gallier, S. Gallier, E. Fanchett, Joseph Luke, George Stephens, William Ferguson, Frank Tanner, George Smith, Alfred Lambert, Michel Wagley, Adam Smith, Henry Johnson, and Richard Hambrick families, and eight children of the Sam Brown family also drowned. Within five days, 75 of the bodies were recovered and buried, but many of them were never found.

By Oct. 14, rescue parties were arriving to ferry the dazed survivors away to Beaumont and Orange. In their greatest rescue effort ever, these two towns were soon housing and feeding 1,800 destitute victims from Johnson Bayou, Radford, and Sabine Pass, and the hearts of the state and nation opened up with large gifts of money and provisions.

After the waters receded, the



scenes of desolation were appalling. Only one store building was still standing in Radford; Johnson was entirely swept away, and the stench from the putrifying carcasses of 20,000 cattle became unbearable. The few surviving cattle soon went mad for want of fresh water, but before dying, they often charged and attacked the rescuing parties.

"Tuesday," wrote a Galveston newspaper correspondent, "Johnson Bayou was a thriving community with more than one thousand inhabitants. Today it is a community of beggars. . . . The buzzards are the only feathered fowl in the air."

Radford was never rebuilt, for many of the survivors returned eventually to the Northern states or moved away to Texas. But like Sabine Pass, a nucleus of nestors straggled back to rebuild from the debris and keep the settlement alive. Their children and grandchildren have since survived more recent storms, but unlike the grandparents, they've had the advantages of modern technology to keep themselves abreast of the weather conditions and help them escape before the furies of the Gulf churn in around them once more. Since June 26, 1957, when Hurricane Audrey killed 500 people in Cameron Parish, one need only shout, "Storm!" and the people of Johnson Bayou scurry across the causeway to safety in Port Arthur, Texas.

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- Find a good physical "fit." Take a few test shots and evaluate how comfortable the camera feels in your hands and that the controls are easy to manipulate.

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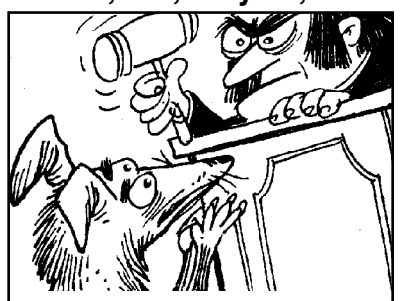
- Photo-enthusiast or casual photographer? For serious photo-enthusiasts, look for advanced features such as manual focus, optical zoom, exposure control and the ability to use accessory lenses and filters. Casual photographers may want a digital camera with fewer fea-

tures (and lower cost).

- Removable memory. Most cameras store images on removable memory cards, such as CompactFlash or Smart Media cards. When the memory card is full, either delete unwanted photos or simply pop in another and continue shooting. You can also take advantage of new printers, like the HP Photosmart 100 or 1315 photo printers that print photos directly from memory cards.

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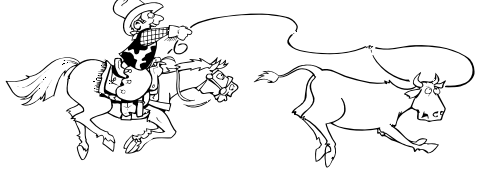
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# Attracting butterflies

By Dan Gill  
LSU AgCenter  
Horticulturist

Imagine a garden full of beautiful flowers. Then add the fluttering movement and brilliant color of butterflies, and you have one of nature's most enchanting combinations.

Not satisfied with the occasional, chance appearance of butterflies, many gardeners are creating butterfly gardens with plants specially chosen to invite these creatures into the landscape.

To plant a butterfly garden properly, you need to have a general understanding of the life cycle of butterflies. They pass through four distinct stages - the egg, caterpillar (larvae), chrysalis (pupae) and butterfly (adult).

They may look very different at each stage, but it is important to understand that a caterpillar is not a different creature - it is simply a baby butterfly. And although some of the butterfly caterpillars, such as gulf fritillary larva, appear to be heavily armed with spines, none are able to sting.

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On the other hand, moths are closely related to butterflies and also have a caterpillar stage. Some of the moth's caterpillars do sting.

Butterfly caterpillars feed voraciously on the foliage, or leaves, of plants. Each type of butterfly caterpillar will specifically feed only on certain plants, and the adult female butterfly will lay her eggs only on those plants that will properly nourish her offspring.

For example, Monarch butterfly caterpillars will feed only on milkweed plants (Asclepias), and Gulf fritillary caterpillars prefer species of passion vines (Passiflora). The parsley worm, which grows up to be the Eastern black swallowtail, feeds on parsley, dill and fennel. Sulfur butterflies lay their eggs on cassinias, and the preferred food of long-tailed skipper larva is bean leaves. The orange dog caterpillar, which feeds on citrus trees and disguises itself to look like bird droppings, grows up to be the spectacular giant swallowtail butterfly.

These plants, called larval food plants, are planted in a butterfly garden with the hope that butterflies will lay eggs on them and they will be consumed by caterpillars. This is one of the few situations I can think of where a gardener actually hopes a plant will be eaten by caterpillars.

Needless to say, that means the use of pesticides is not permitted in areas dedicated to butterfly gardens. And remember these caterpillars are picky about what plants they will feed on and generally will feed only on the specific larval food plants you provide for them. So you do not need to be concerned they will attack and damage other types of plants in your landscape.

The adult butterflies feed primarily on nectar from flowers. Many commonly grown garden flowers are attractive to butterflies, and the more kinds of flowers you include in your garden the better.

Certain adult nectar plants, however, seem to be especially irresistible to butterflies. Some of the best are butterfly weed (Asclepias curassavica), cone-flower (Echinacea purpurea), wild ageratum (Eupatorium coelestinum), butterfly bush (Buddleia species), lantana (Lantana camara, L. montevidensis), pentas (Pentas lanceolata) and salvias (Salvia species).

Don't be disappointed if at first you don't see butterflies flocking to your yard in droves. Remember, a butterfly garden is an invitation, not a command performance.

The more plants you put in, and the longer you stick with it, the more likely you are to see butterflies. Then after a while, spotting a butterfly will be more common. And, of course, the first time you find caterpillars on your milkweed, parsley or passion vine, the excitement you will feel can make it all worthwhile.

In addition to plants, other features are helpful in attracting these delights of color and movement to your butterfly garden. Butterflies cannot drink from open water, so a shallow pan filled with pebbles can be placed in the garden to be filled with water whenever you irrigate or it rains.

Some butterflies like the juice from fruit, so rather than

throwing away leftovers of fermenting fruit or the peelings, place them in the garden for a few days. A piece of watermelon or the watermelon rind is a tasty treat for butterflies.

Basking spots also are important. As insects, butterflies are cold-blooded and depend on the warmth of the sun for energy to maintain proper body temperature. Locate your butterfly garden in an area that receives the morning sun and warms up early. This is especially important in spring and fall when nights are cool.

In addition, most larval and nectar food plants prefer to grow in a site that gets six to eight hours of direct sun a day.

Butterfly gardens strive to attract, welcome and nurture these fascinating and lovely insects that add so much to the pleasures of gardening. With their abundance of bright, colorful flowers, these gardens also can contribute to the beauty of the overall landscape.

Don't forget to include your children and grandchildren in the process. Kids are delighted by the changing stages in a butterfly's life cycle, and it's a great way for them to learn more about nature.

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Sat. June 28, 2002  
Livestock receipts: cattle 629, horses 7, hogs 32, sheep 80, and goats 116. BABY CALVES: Dairy 30<sup>2</sup> 50<sup>2</sup> per HD, beef 75<sup>2</sup> 140<sup>2</sup> per HD, Roping Calves 110-165 per lb. STEER & HEIFER CALVES: 200-300 lb. Steers 100-125 per lbs, Heifers 90-110 per lb. 300-400 lbs. Steers 85-105 per lb, Heifers 65-90 per lb. 400-500 lbs. Steers: 75-100 per lb, Heifers 70-90 per lb. 500-600 lbs steers: 65-72, Heifers: 60-68 per lb. 600-700 lbs steers: 62-70 per lb. Heifers: 60-65 per lb. COWS: Cutter & Utility: 40-43 per lb. Canners: 36-39 per lb. Fat Cows: 37-40 per lb. Thin Cows: 29-32 per lb. Slaughter Bulls: 45-56 per lb. Feeder Bulls: 55-62 per lb. COW/CALF PAIRS: 600<sup>2</sup> 850<sup>2</sup> per pair. PREGNANCY TESTED COWS: 450<sup>2</sup> 650<sup>2</sup> per head. HOGS: Choice barrow and gilts 33-40, medium barrow and gilts 30-33, butcher pigs NONE per lb, feeder pigs NONE. Sows 300-500 lbs 30-34, boars 8-10 per lb. HORSES: 32 - 52 per lb. GOATS & SHEEP: Per head 25<sup>2</sup> - 200<sup>2</sup>.

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  - 1 c. cold water
  - 1/3 c. sugar
  - 1/4 c. RealLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
  - 10 (3 oz.) paper cups
  - 10 popsicle sticks
  - 1. Place strawberries, water, sugar and lemon juice in blender; blend until smooth.
  - 2. Pour mixture into cups, filling until almost full.
  - 3. Place cups on tray and freeze 30 minutes or until just firm.
  - 4. Place sticks into the middle of each cup. Continue to freeze until solid.
  - 5. Remove cups and serve.

## Tropical Shake

- Serves 3
- 2 c. vanilla ice cream
  - 1 mango or papaya, peeled, seeded and cut up
  - 1 small banana, cut up
  - 1/4 c. RealLime Lime Juice from Concentrate
  - 1 c. ice cubes
  - 1/4 c. water
  - 1. Combine ice cream, cut-up mango or papaya, banana and RealLime in blender container; cover and blend until smooth.
  - 2. Add ice cubes and water; cover and blend until frothy. Garnish with mango or papaya slices, toasted coconut and/or edible flowers, if desired.

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This will be a savings of 4 mils to the taxpayers. The combining of the Districts will reduce operating expenses and allow the Board to reduce sewer rates immediately following the election by \$1.00 per month for the customers.

These things can only happen if this Proposition passes on July 20, 2002.

For more information or if you have questions please call one of the following Board Members.

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I committed this act of my own accord, without regard for the environment or the citizens of Cameron Parish. I have been orded to make this public apology.

I want to assure the citizens of this parish that I will take all steps necessary to ensure that in the future I will respect all environmental laws. I hope other potential violators will learn from my experience.



## Storytime can be an award-winning experience

By Dan Aspell

For parents that have, after repeated readings, memorized every word of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, or can recite *The Cat in the Hat* to the amazement of their friends, help is on the way. The most prestigious awards in children's literature for 2002 have been awarded, so make room on your child's nightstand or bookshelf for some wonderful new adventures.

The Caldecott Medal, presented in honor of the 19th century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott, is awarded by the American Library Association (ALA) to the artist of the "most distinguished American picture book for children." The 2002 winner is *The Three Pigs* by David Wiesner.

Yes, the subject is the same three pigs we've all known about since childhood, but Wiesner takes the porcine brothers and the big bad wolf to another level with fabulous and funny illustrations. The pigs team up with characters from other children's stories and poems to once and for all give the big bad wolf his just desserts. It's a book that you won't mind sharing with your kids night after night.

Caldecott honor medals were given to three other illustrators for their outstanding work. Brian Selznick won for his work on *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*, and Marc Simont won for his book *The Stray Dog*. The book *Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* won not only a Caldecott Honor Medal for Bryan Collier's artwork, but also received a Coretta Scott King Award Honor Medal as well.

The Newbery Medal, named in honor of 18th century British bookseller John Newbery, is awarded by the ALA to the author of "the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" in a given year. The year's top choice was *A Single Shard* by

Linda Sue Park, a historical novel set in 12th century Korea. The book's main character, an orphan named Tree-ear, must overcome many obstacles to learn the art of pottery from a local master. Most reviewers feel this inspirational tale is best for readers aged nine to 14.

Newbery Honor Medals were awarded to *Everything on a Waffle*, a story about 11-year-old Primrose Squarp's faith and determination by Polly Horvath, and *Carver: a Life in Poems*, Marilyn Nelson's biography of George Washington Carver that uncovers fascinating facets of the great inventor's life (also a Coretta Scott King Award Honor Medal winner).

The Coretta Scott King Award is presented annually to authors and illustrators of African descent whose books "promote an understanding and appreciation of the American Dream." The top award this year went to Mildred D. Taylor's book *The Land*, a story that recounts the struggles of central character Paul-Edward Logan in Mississippi during the late 1800s. In addition to the previously mentioned Honor Award books, author Sharon G. Flake was honored for her book *Money Hungry*, and the Illustrator Award was given to Jerry Pinkney for *Goin' Someplace Special*.

The Pura Belpre Award, established in 1996, is given for children's books that best reflect Latino culture. The 2002 winners included *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan, *Chato and the Party Animals*, noted for Susan Guevara's outstanding artwork, *Breaking Through* by Francisco Jimenez and *Francisco X. Alarcon's Iguanas in the Snow*.

So Mom and Dad, keep Dr. Seuss handy, of course, but check out these new award-winning titles. When children see their parents enjoying a good book, the feeling is contagious.

## Snow globes

What you need:  
 \* small jar with a watertight lid  
 \* glitter  
 \* small plastic toys  
 \* duct tape  
 \* paint  
 \* paint brush

- Using the duct tape, tape the toys to the inside of the lid.
- Fill the empty jar with water.
- Put some glitter into the water.
- Take the lid with the toys attached to it and screw it onto the jar, tightly.
- Paint a scene on the outside of the glass jar and let it dry overnight.
- Turn the jar upside down and there's your snow globe!

## "Never in the Olympics" game

Okay everybody, sit down and walk!

Mark a finish line. Everybody can race at the same time or you can divide up into teams to make it a relay race.

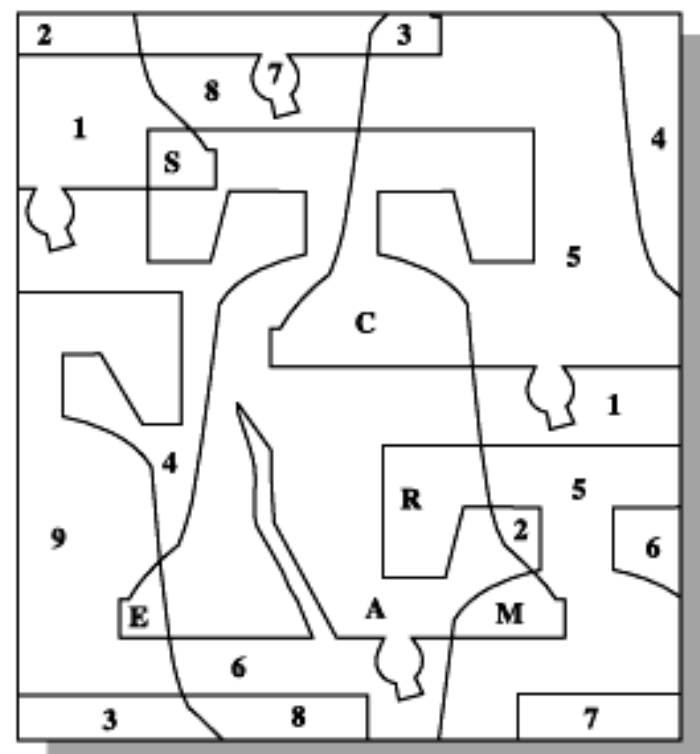
To play, sit on the floor with your legs straight out in front of you and try to walk on your behind.

You can't use your hands or feet in any way to push yourself forward!

Here's a hint: first try moving one side of your behind and then the other!



## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## Trivia Ball

(Think fast!)

You will need a small, light ball to play this game.

Players sit in a circle and decide on a category (for example: animals, movies, books, or colors).

One person throws the ball to another player in the circle.

Then, that person has to immediately name an item in the category and throw the ball to someone else.

If a player can't think of anything, or repeats something that's already been said, that player is out. The remaining players think of a new category and the game starts again.

The last person left is the winner!

## Cinnamon Snails

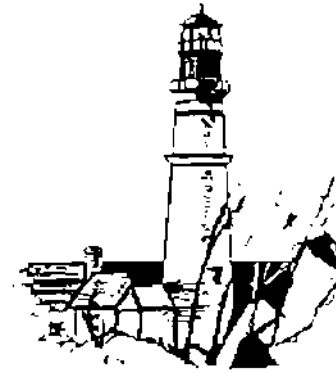
Here's what you will need to make it:

- \* slice of bread with the crusts removed
- \* cream cheese - leave it out of the refrigerator for a little while so that it gets soft.
- \* three tablespoons melted butter
- \* some sugar mixed with a little bit of cinnamon
- \* cookie sheet covered in aluminum foil
- \* rolling pin
- \* knife for spreading
- \* knife for cutting

Here's what you have to do:

- Check with a grown-up before you start this.
- Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees. You can use a regular oven or a toaster oven.
- Flatten the slice of bread by rolling over it with a rolling pin.
- Spread a thin layer of cream cheese over the flattened bread.
- Roll up the bread and seal the seam with more cream cheese.
- Slice the roll into three pieces.
- Dip each piece into the melted butter and then into the cinnamon and sugar.
- Put them on a cookie sheet covered with aluminum foil. This makes it easier to clean up.
- Now put the snails in the oven and bake them for 8-10 minutes or until they are crisp and brown.
- Let your snails cool a bit before eating.
- Bon Appetit!

## Lighting the way



Lighthouses are fascinating structures that were designed to give ships a reference for their locations. They often indicate that there are dangerous rocks in that area, too.

During ancient times, people lit fires on hilltops to warn ships of those rocks. Later, masonry or steel-frame towers were built that were capable of withstanding severe storms and equipped with optical and sound signaling systems.

The first lighthouse, Pharos of Alexandria, is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It was built in 280 B.C., was about 350 feet high and had a wood fire at the top. The first lighthouse built in the United States was the Boston Light, constructed in 1716.

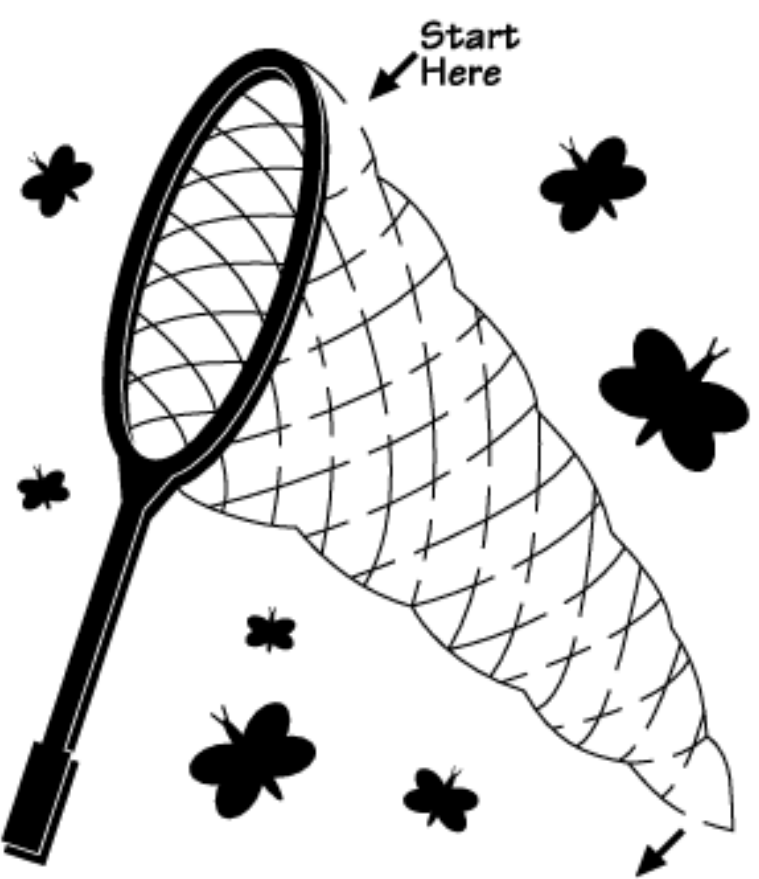
With the advancements in construction and equipment, the first towers completely exposed to the sea were built in the 18th century. Then came improvements over the old wood, coal and oil ways to light the towers. In 1782, the Swiss scientist Aimé Argand invented the Argand lamp. It was an oil lamp with a circular wick, which was protected by a glass chimney. For more than a century, Argand lamps were used for lighthouses.

In the 1920s, the incandescent lamp was developed, and it is standard in lighthouses today. During the early 1900s, reflectors and refractors were developed so the light could be seen as one powerful beam. Then that beam was rotated so it could be seen from any direction.

Share the joy of reading!!



## MAZE



## Learn Some French



## SEEK AND FIND

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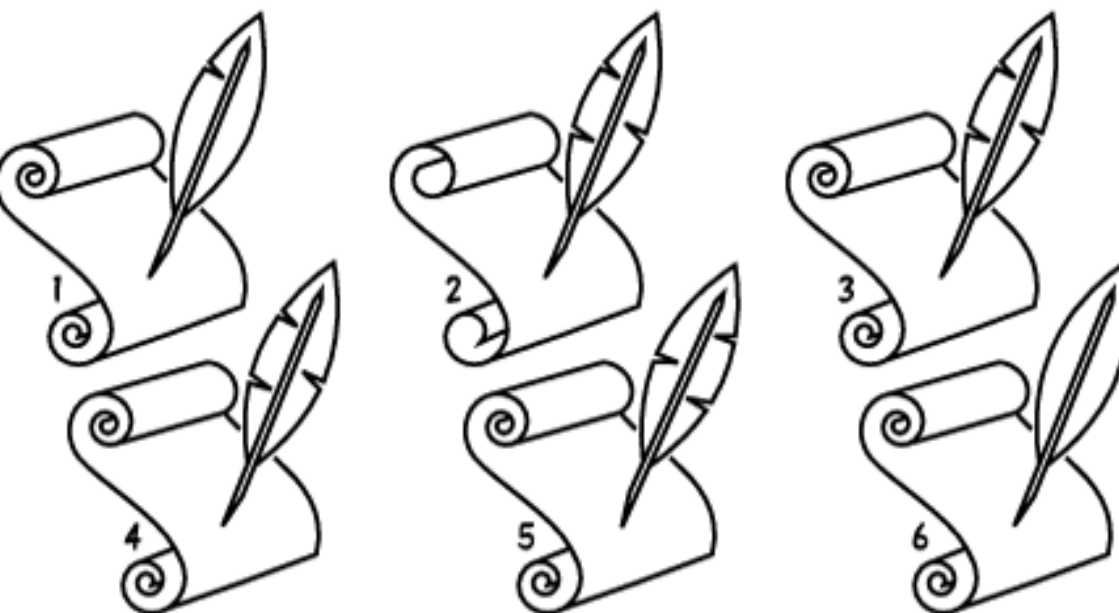
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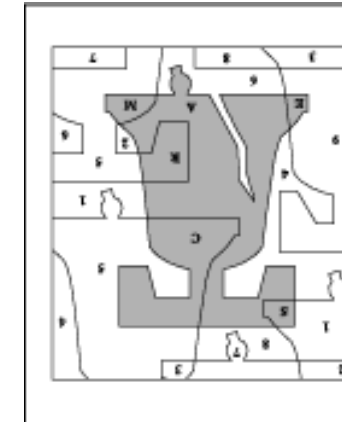
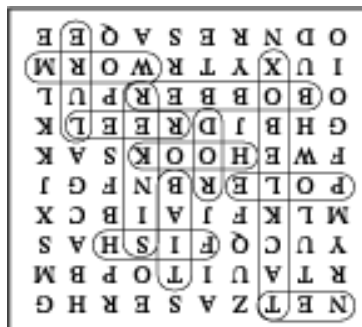
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## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## Answers



## Breakfast Banana Split

Here's what you will need to make it:

- \* 1 banana
- \* yogurt (You can use any flavor you want.)
- \* your favorite cereal
- \* sliced fruit, like grapes and strawberries
- \* knife
- \* bowl
- \* spoon

Here's what you have to do:

- Check with a grown-up before you start this.
- Peel the banana and slice it lengthwise.
- Place both banana halves in the bowl.
- Next, spoon the yogurt over the bananas.
- Then sprinkle the cereal on top of the yogurt.
- Put the fruit on top.
- And there's your Breakfast Banana Split!
- If you decide you want to have this after dinner instead of at breakfast, you can sprinkle on some hot fudge.
- Bon Appetit!