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Would you like to put a glowing smile on a needy child's face this Christmas?

If this sounds like a good idea to you, then please consider donating a toy to the "Toys for Tots" program, right here in Cameron Parish.

This nationwide program, created by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, allows needy children to experience the joys of Christmas through the generosity of those that donate toys and their time.

Toys must be new, unwrapped, and left in one of the drop boxes in our area before Dec. 22.

Drop boxes are as follows: Gaspard's and Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole; Family Dollar, Dollar General, and Brown's Grocery in Cameron; T & T Grocery in Holly Beach; Bayou Convenience Store in Johnson Bayou; Brown's Grocery in Hackberry; and Boone's Corner Store in Grand Lake.

These toys will go directly to a needy child in our Cameron Parish community.

Questions can be directed to Scott Trahan at 542-4745 or to the regional coordinators at 1-800-542-7074. If anyone is interested in donating their time for distribution day, please contact Michelle Mudd at 775-7368.

Nominations

The Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Citizen of the Year and Memorial Awards. These awards will be presented on Jan. 17 at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Nomination forms are available at the Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce.

Applications are due by Dec. 31. Please mail to Dinah Landry, 191 LeBoeuf Road, Sweet Lake, Bell City, LA 70630 or fax to 598-94560 or email to dlandry@aol.com.

Barbecue set

South Cameron FFA will sponsor its annual barbecue fundraiser this Sunday, Dec. 5, at the KC Hall in Creole. Galton Boudreaux and his crew will be barbecuing chicken and pork chops.

The \$5 plate lunch will consist of 1/2 barbecued chicken or pork chops, rice dressing, barbecued beans and bread. Homemade desserts will be available for sale. A selection of silent auction items will also be available with the silent auction closing at noon. The plate lunches will be ready by 9:30 a.m.

For more information on this event, contact Nicky Rodrigue, FFA Advisor, at 542-4418. FFA always appreciates the support of the community.

Veterans honored; Subway Guy welcomed at G. Lake

Grand Lake High School celebrated Veteran's Day with a special assembly recognizing area veterans.

Frank Pruitt of Lake Charles was the guest speaker. Jordan Precht, a sophomore, read his extended definition of patriotism after the first graders sang to the school.

The high school choir, under the direction of Valerie Precht, also sang a tribute to veterans. Veterans and guests were treated to a reception

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SHERIFF THEOS DUHON is pictured with the refurbished surplus armored personnel carrier that has been acquired by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department to be used in possible hostage or terrorist situations. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Sheriff's Dept. acquires surplus armored personnel carrier

The Cameron Sheriff's Office has acquired a military surplus armored personnel carrier (APC) for use in emergency situations. Sheriff Theos Duhon said he got the vehicle for the safety of deputies in possible terrorist or hostage situations. It can also be used to get in close enough to remove injured persons in case of industrial accidents.

"With the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in Hackberry and all the gas

plants in the area, it seemed like a good thing to have," Duhon said. "We hope we never have to use it for its intended purpose and can just take it around to the schools for the D.A.R.E. program, but it will be here if we need it."

The APC is armored to stop up to a .50 cal. round and is amphibious. It can be used in case of hurricanes to escape from the court house if it becomes necessary. If utility poles and trees are blown down across the road, it can

climb over them. It could even cross the marsh to Grand Lake.

The vehicle has been painted and decorated with D.A.R.E. insignia and is stored at the department's mechanics shop. Duhon plans to display the APC during the Fur Festival, but has decided not to put it in the parade, due to safety concerns.

The APC was acquired at no cost to the department. The only expense was for fuel to transport the vehicle to Cameron and paint.

Beach project in jeopardy

By CYNDI SELLERS
A nearly \$5 million sewerage project for the Holly Beach area is in jeopardy if land to purchase for it cannot be found soon, jurors learned at their agenda meeting Monday afternoon.

Ray Miller, representing the Holly Beach Sewerage Board, explained that efforts to purchase the necessary one and a half acres near Holly Beach have been unsuccessful so far.

Grants totalling \$4 million have been awarded so far, he said, with a possible additional \$979,000, which should be enough to complete the project. A recent \$2000 decrease

in the price of pump grinders has eased the financial side a great deal, but there is a time limit on the grants and the land problem is getting serious.

Miller explained that he had purchased property near Holly Beach on his own, as a fall back option if all else failed, but the Board of Ethics has recently ruled that the board cannot purchase his land while he is a member.

Juror Sonny McGee said Miller has been the driving force behind the sewerage project for over four years, and he would not like to see him step down just to make the purchase possible. McGee said Miller is the "glue that holds it all together" and is indispensable to the effort.

Juror Douaine Conner offered to approach another land owner a little farther away, and Miller said the addition of another lift station could make that prospect feasible.

On the subject of grants, Juror Charles Precht asked that the water department in Grand Lake be next in line for a Community Development Block Grant after the Holly Beach project is completed. He said Grand Lake may be income ineligible, but would like to pursue the idea since growth in the area will require expansion of the water system in the near

future.

Zoning will be coming to Cameron Parish if all goes as planned. Juror Darryl Farque reported from the zoning committee that maps are being created which will detail the use of each area of the parish. Some designations planned are Agricultural, Residential 1, Residential 2, Residential Manufactured Home Park, Commercial, Light Industrial, and Heavy Industrial.

The committee is working on a zoning ordinance and will ask for a resolution at next week's jury meeting to get the proposal put on the 2005 legislative calendar.

If zoning is approved, all existing land uses will be grandfathered in. The jury is pursuing zoning to give the parish some measure of control over the type of industry that can locate in the parish, especially near environmentally sensitive sites. When it goes into effect, a zoning board and staff will be needed.



Jury to meet on Monday

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will hold its monthly meeting at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 6 in the Police Jury Annex.

Resolutions honoring three recently deceased citizens for their public service will be adopted. They are J. P. Constance, Claude Eagleson and Hayes P. Picou, Sr.

Among the items to be considered are the Confederate Memorial Plaque in the Courthouse Square; enlargement of the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District and a resolution to increase the size of Beachfront Development District 1.

The jury is expected to advertise the intention of abandoning the last 100 feet of Carter Road.



JOHNSON BAYOU High School will hold Homecoming activities the week of December 6-10. The Rebels will host the Bell City Bruins. Alumni classes being honored are 1964, 74, 84, 94 and 2000. The Queen will be crowned at 5 p.m. Representing their respective classes on the 2004-2005 Homecoming Court are: (freshmen) Naomi Conner, Kimberly Trahan, Charmayne Barentine; (sophomores) Shai Greer, Bailey Oswalt; (juniors) Dani Storm, Cheyenne Hanks, Kayla Barentine; (seniors) Stephanie Cox and Natalie Griffith.

Bridge closure told

The Ellender Bridge over the Intracoastal Canal north of Hackberry will be closed for highway traffic beginning at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7 through Sunday, Dec. 12, to repair damages from a barge collision.

The bridge was struck by the barge on Oct. 21 causing extensive damage. The bridge was closed for five days for emergency repairs and was reopened on Oct. 26.

The new closing is for the replacement of fender under the bridge.

Marine traffic will be limited during the repairs as the bridge cannot be opened during this period.

Pedestrian traffic will be allowed across the bridge Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 7 and 8.

Pedestrian traffic will NOT be allowed on Thursday, Dec. 9 through Sunday, Dec. 12.

The new closing will be a hardship on Hackberry residents going north to Sulphur or Lake Charles to work, to visit the doctor, shop etc.

The only alternate routes are over 100 miles long either through Johnson Bayou and Port Arthur or through Cameron and Creole.

During the first closure medical emergencies in Hackberry were done with patients being transported to the bridge by Cameron Ambulance District II ambulance with a transfer being made to a Cal-Cam Hospital ambulance on the north side of the bridge.

Runoff set Saturday for Congressional seat

A new 7th Congressional District representative will be chosen Saturday in a runoff election. There are no other races on the ballot.

In the Nov. 2 election, State Senator Willie Mount of Lake Charles and Dr. Charles Boustany, Jr. of Lafayette were the two top vote getters.

David Thibodeaux, Malcolm Carriere and Don Cravins were eliminated.

Mount and Boustany are seeking the 7th Congressional seat which was vacated by

Rep. Chris John, who chose to run for U. S. Senator. John was defeated by David Vitter.

The race between Mount and Boustany has become very bitter in the past month with millions of dollars being spent by both the Democratic and Republican parties to add one more seat to their side of the isle in Congress.

However, polls show that the race is close and probably will be decided on the ability of each party to get out its voters.

Police jury wrestles with budget shortfall

By CYNDI SELLERS

Cameron Parish Police Jurors wrestled with a tight budget during a special meeting held Monday afternoon. Facing a shortage of road royalty funds from the state, jurors accepted a budget that includes no special projects, holds the Economic Development Director at a part time level, reduces the amount given to the Cooperative Extension Service for the Livestock Show to \$5000, and reduces Beachfront Development Districts from \$15,000 to \$5,000 each.

Jurors took a wait and see attitude on some items, choosing to come back to them in six months and see if the funding picture improves.

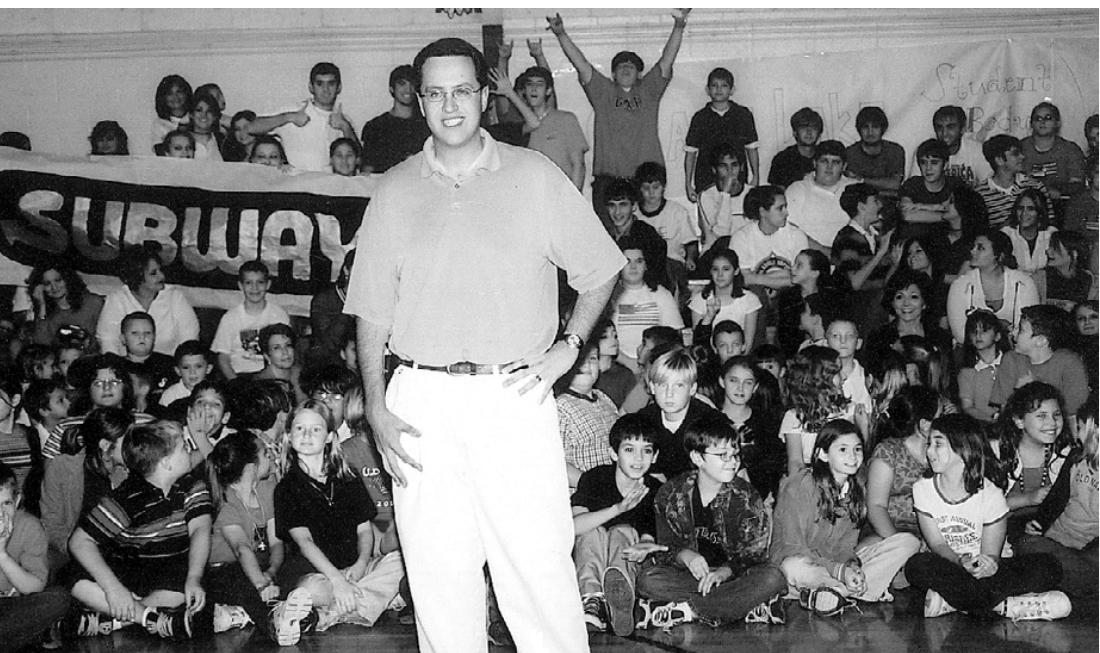
Juror Scott Trahan strongly

urged the jury to make the Economic Development Director position full time, but the cost led the panel to postpone the upgrade for a while. At the same time, Parish Administrator Tina Horn requested the jury to make a staff position in the office full time.

The part-time staffer has been working 40 hours a week since February, she said, and will have to be made full time or cut back to 27 hours a week next year. The additional cost would be about \$14,000 in hours and benefits.

Horn noted that the implementation of the new Gatsby 34 accounting regulations will require more time to be spent on inventory control

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GRAND LAKE High School students got a chance to meet a national TV figure when Jared Langley, "the Subway guy," spoke to them on Veterans Day. Langley told how he lost a tremendous amount of weight on a Subway sandwich diet.



RECENTLY NAMED as Little Mr. and Miss South Cameron Elementary School Luke Miller and Baylie Duhon. Luke is the son of George and Stacy Miller and the grandson of Olga and Robert Miller and Gean Miller. Baylie is the daughter of Kara Bonsall and Brady Duhon and the granddaughter of Tammie and Mark Theriot and Joey and Debbie Duhon. They will represent their school in the Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish contest in January.

Funerals

JIMMIE R. MELANCON

Funeral services for Jimmie R. Melancon, 43, of Klondike were held Tuesday, Nov. 30 from Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Arthur. The Rev. Francis Appuhamy officiated. Burial was in St. Anthony Cemetery.

Mr. Melancon died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, in his residence.

He was a lifelong resident of the Lake Arthur-Klondike area. He was a heavy equipment operator.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Plaisance Melancon of Klondike; one daughter, Lacey Plaisance of Klondike; one stepdaughter, Mandy Petry of Gueydan; one son, Lorne Petry of Gueydan; one stepson, Justin Petry of Gueydan; mother, Doris Dugas Melancon of Lake Arthur; two sisters, Judy Abshire of Lake Arthur and Brenda Cormier of Lafayette; two brothers Wayne Melancon and Ricky Melancon, both of Klondike; two grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

CHERYL LEE MICHEL

Cheryl Lee Michel, 54, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, in a Lake Charles hospital.

She is survived by her father, Dudley Michel; sister, Jo Ann Michel Emery; brothers, Warren Keith Michel and Randy Bouffanie.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, Nov. 24, in First Baptist Church Cemetery. The Rev. Alton Hodnett officiated.



Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

50TH BIRTHDAY

Robert Carl (Bo) Welch of Hackberry celebrated his 50th birthday Sunday, Nov. 28. He is the son of Grace B. Welch.

HOME ON LEAVE

Sgt. Edward Morris U. S. Army stationed in Iraq is home on leave visiting his wife Caryn and sons Teddy and Ricky who live with Caryn's parents Roland and Patricia Kershaw of Houston, Tex. Roland and Pat are from Hackberry.

WINNER OF ICE CHEST

Grace B. Welch was the winner of an ice chest, cap and flag sponsored by Budweiser at Brown's Grocery in Hackberry.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party for the women of the Hackberry Catholic Church will be Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the hall. Bingo games will be played.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Christmas concert will be held Saturday, Dec. 18 at St. Peter's Church at 6 p.m. If your child would like to participate call Tammy H. Welch. Practice is on Monday afternoon at 4:15 p.m.

Comedy night to be held

Cameron Pentecostal Church will be having a Comedy Night and Christmas Party/Supper Friday, Dec. 3, starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Ed Smith at 542-4515.

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith



I went to see Santa Claus last night. My granddaughter Janay is here with her baby, McCall, and we wanted to have her picture taken with him. She started smiling and laughed when she laid eyes on him, not like most of the kids when they first see him.

Santa was in the atrium at the Mall of Louisiana, sitting under the two-story Christmas tree. When he saw me he called my daughter over and asked her if I was the grandmother. She told him I was the great-grandmother, and that she was the grandmother, so he asked me to sit with them for a picture.

This was the second experience that McCall had last night. She rode, for the first time, a hobby horse on the carousel at the atrium. She loved it and waved at us every time it passed around. Before it was all over, all the people standing around were waving at her. I am so thankful that God has allowed me to live this long to see my great-

grandchild. I am going to spend the weekend with her in Natchitoches this weekend.

With Thanksgiving over, we can start thinking about Christmas and getting the Christmas decorations out of the attic. It won't be long until we will see all the wonderful decorations everyone puts out for the holidays.

Many of the Villagers are going on trips. There are some who go north for the summer, but come down south for the winter. When the snow starts in the winter you will see them arriving back here.

My little dog, Beau, is down in his back, which I have heard is common with his breed. He is a dachshund and is over 11 years old. We are getting old together.

I played bridge recently with a man who has lived here ever since it was started and says he still loves it because it makes him feel secure, with the locked gates and the security guards that walk the grounds at night.

Grand Lake-Sweet Lake Alliance projects are told

The Grand Lake - Sweet Lake Action Alliance is a private Grand Lake area citizens group which continues to work to solve community needs. Jerry Goos is the 2005 president and Dinah Landry serves as secretary. Other board members are Lena Guidry, Shirley Chesson, Theos Duhon, Rachel Abadie, Wilson LeJeune, Laurie Broussard, Jim Dupont, Marsha Delaney, Sammie Faulk, Wayne Taylor, Missy Shaddock, Gary Wicke, Grace Robideaux, Paula Smythe and police jurors Darryl Farque and Charles Precht, III.

The group meets the first Thursday of each month except for January when the meeting will be held on Jan. 20, at the Fireman Center in Grand Lake in the COA Room. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are open to the public.

The community hot line

number is 598-5334 and is answered by the police jurors, accepting concerns. The group has been instrumental in securing a post office for the area and publishing a directory of services for Cameron Parish. The group has worked with the local police jury on securing businesses for the area and for the parish property in Grand Lake (80 acres), establishing and re-establishing the rural health clinic in the area and working on road projects with the state and police jury. The group has secured a cemetery for the area. A web page is being designed at the present time. The community group has worked on community beautification projects.

The Action Alliance secured a "Team City" status for the Grand Lake - Sweet Lake area last year.

The committee welcomes comments from the community.

New Memorial books are given Cameron Library

New memorial books at the Cameron Parish Library include:

- The Story Of Noah & The Ark, Joel Olivier by Charlotte Trosclair family;
- Under Stately Oaks, Paul Barnett by Charlotte Trosclair family;
- Classic Treks, Kent Mudd by Charlotte Trosclair family;

Mrs. Trosclair is certified

Charlotte Trosclair of the Cameron Parish Public Library attended the 2004 Fall Administrative Librarians' Conference in Lafayette, Nov. 18 & 19.

The conference, an annual State Library of Louisiana event since the 1940's, provides continuing education for Louisiana's top public library managers.

Ms. Trosclair received her Executive Certification at the conference as per Louisiana R.S. 25:222.

Advisory Board meetings set

The Council on Aging Advisory Board has scheduled their 2005 meeting dates as follows:

Feb. 15; May 17; Aug. 16 and Nov. 15.

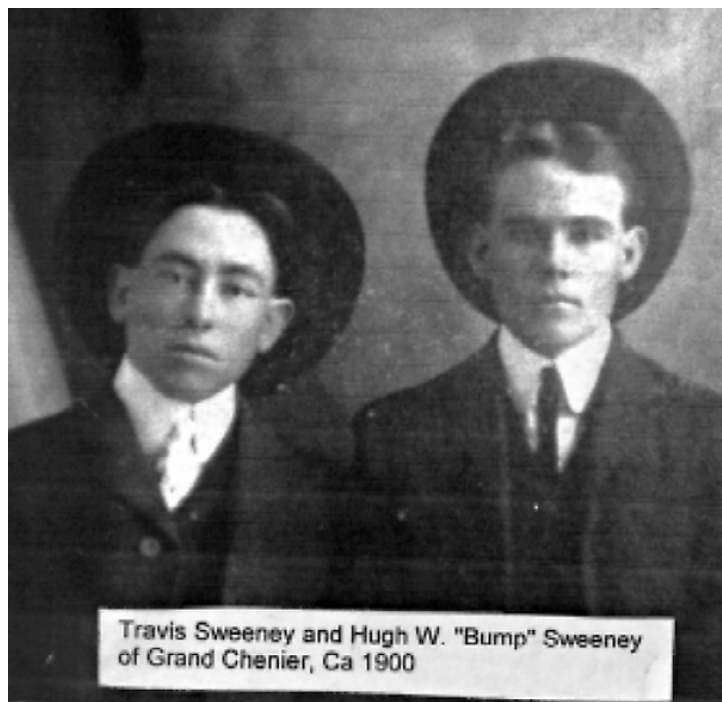
All meetings will be held at the Cameron Senior Center, 723 Marshall Street, Cameron beginning at 12 noon.

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DO YOU REMEMBER? This photograph of Travis Sweeney and Hugh W. "Bump" Sweeney of Grand Chenier was taken about 1900. It was furnished to the Pilot by W. T. Block of Nederland, Texas, whose ancestors came from Grand Chenier, Cameron and Johnson Bayou.

Two boards tell meetings

The Cameron Council on Aging advisory board, Council on Aging board of directors and Cameron Community Action Agency board of directors will hold a joint meeting at noon Dec. 14 at Pat's Restaurant of Cameron.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. Please call 775-5668 to reserve your space.



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MR. AND MRS. Shane (Janice) Broussard of Creole announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Danielle, to Timothy David Daigle, Jr., son of Timothy David Daigle, Sr., of Big Pasture and Brenda Diana Daigle of Melbourne, Fla. The wedding is set for Friday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole.

Confederate soldiers graves to be marked near Hackberry

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Calcasieu Chapter 1519 will hold a small memorial service and marker dedication for three Confederate soldiers buried in Landry Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. The men were Washington E. Ellender, Joseph P. Landry and Joseph O'Quain.

The men were from or resided in Hackberry, according to Lisa Reed, vice-president of the Chapter.

The cemetery is located on Ellis Morris road north of Ellender Bridge and south of the Choupique Bayou Bridge.

The Chapter will hold a luncheon on Jan. 22 at which time a Military Cross of Service will be presented to R. D. Landry of Hackberry.

For more information on United Daughters of the Confederacy you can contact Ms. Reed at 762-4757.

Program is held for teenage girls

Mrs. Louisiana, Michelle Mudd in conjunction with Cameron Parish Library and Lake Charles Memorial Hospital hosted a program for teen girls ages 12-19 on Tuesday, Nov. 23. Nurse Practitioners, Registered Dietitians, Registered Nurses informed the girls on subjects such as adolescent development, health, body image, diet, healthy eating, self esteem and developing a healthy self image.

Ginger Boudoin, image consultant and cosmetologist gave the girls advice on grooming and hair, nail, and skin care. The seminar was free to the public and was video conferenced in real time using the TeleMedicine equipment located in all branches of the Cameron Parish Library.



Flavin to host program by Irish singer at McNeese

A special Christmas concert by Irish singer Danny O'Flaherty will promote the McNeese Banners Series. The holiday event is being sponsored by Rep. Dan Flavin.

The popular singer will present An Irish Evening of Folk and Christmas Music at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, in F. G. Bulber Auditorium on the McNeese campus. Tickets will cost \$10 and will be available at the door.

O'Flaherty grew up in an isolated village in Connemara, Ireland, and Gaelic was his first language. Now based in New Orleans, he is one of the most popular Irish singers in America.

"His Christmas show

traces the roots of our present holiday celebrations, incorporating songs from Brittany, Scotland and Wales, as well as Ireland," said Richardson. "Part of his success as an entertainer comes from his determination to pass on his Celtic heritage. He uses words and song, so in addition to his acclaim as a singer and musician, he is also known as a storyteller and bard."

More information about O'Flaherty is available through his Web site at www.dannyoflaherty.com, and more information about the Banners Series is available at www.banners.org or by calling the Banners office at 475-5123.

McNeese seminar set

The McNeese State University Small Business Development Center will host a seminar entitled, "How to Start a Business" from 4:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in Room 121 of the Burton Business Center on the McNeese campus.

Cost is \$5 and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the McNeese SBDC at 475-5529.



KELSI MOON was the winner of the Cameron Parish Chamber Raffle. She won a Mini Silverado pickup truck donated by Billy Navarre Chevrolet. Kelsi is the granddaughter of Monroe and Shirley Gray and W.A. and Touley LaBove of Cameron.



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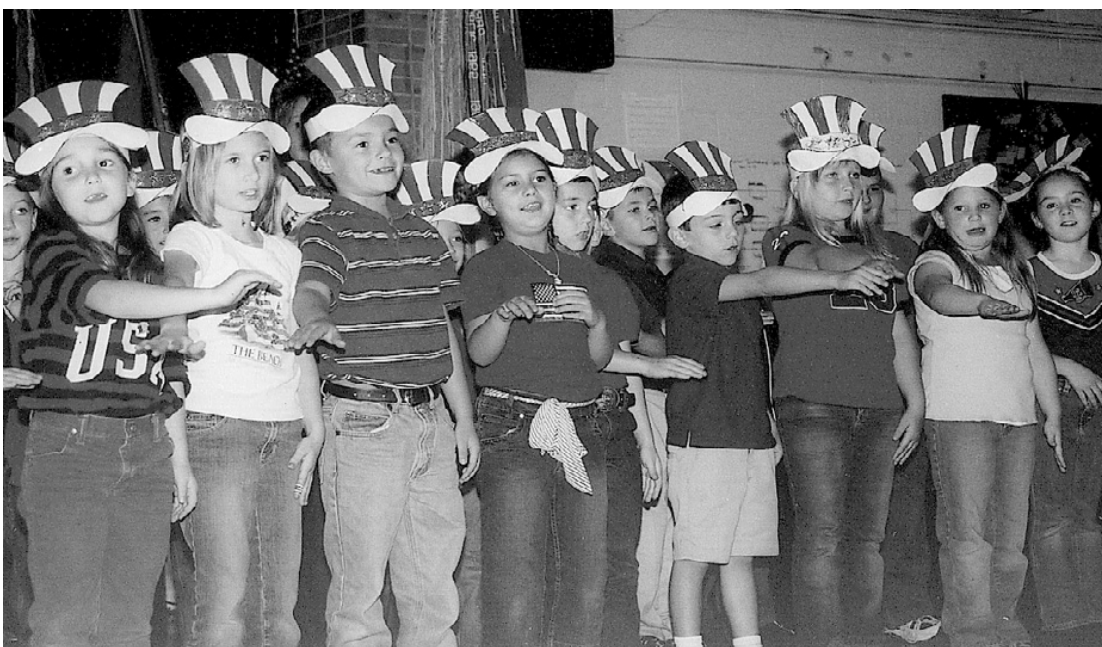
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GRAND LAKE School's first graders performed in the Veterans Day program held at the school recently. They sang patriotic songs.

Book Fair to be held at Grand Lake High School

Grand Lake School will host a Scholastic book fair on Dec. 6 - 10, and will offer books and educational products for all ages, including the new titles, award winners, classics, and interactive products from more than 150 publishers. Parents, children, teachers, and the entire com-

munity are invited.

You will be able to purchase books and educational products at a savings of buy one and get one free. The free item would have to cost the same or less than the item that you bought. Funds raised at the Book Fair will be used to purchase books and

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I had a letter to the editor printed with the names of our men and women serving in the military service. I had a call from a nice lady informing me of two more Cameron Parish soldiers. I assured her that I would be glad to have our local Cameron Pilot to remember these two people.

Michael Domangue and Trista Racca, both of Cameron and both serving in the National Guard.

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other essential library resources.

The Book Fair will be open each day from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. On Monday, Dec. 6, the Book Fair will feature a special Family Event from 3 to 6 p.m.



PFC CODY L. VINCENT graduated from Marine Boot Camp at Parris Island, S. C., on Wednesday, Nov. 24 and was one of six Marines, out of 85, who were promoted to Private First Class. He was squad leader of his platoon and received a medal for expert shooting. PFC Vincent will be stationed in Camp Lejeune, N. C., for infantry training. He is a 2004 graduate of South Cameron High School. He is the son of Anthony and Mary Vincent of Creole and the grandson of Raymond and Cogie Vincent of Lake Charles and Melvin and Shirley Mhire of Grand Chenier.

Jacob Poole wins state 4-H award

Louisiana 4-H'ers recognized as this year's "good providers," as well as others from across the state who excelled in various projects, were honored last week in New Orleans.

The winners toured the city last week as part of the awards trip, and the event culminated Nov. 23 with the annual awards luncheon at the Stadium Club Restaurant at the Louisiana Superdome.

In addition to the Good Provider winners, 4-H'ers from across the state who excelled in such projects as animal science, communications, community study and service and family life also were honored. And a group of volunteer leaders were recognized for their outstanding service to the youth development program.

"The Good Provider program actually is an example of part of the 4-H mission - in that we take youth and teach them things that will help them become capable and productive citizens in their communities," said Terril Faul, state leader of the LSU AgCenter's 4-H program.

The 2004 4-H Good Provider winners from across Louisiana were Jonas A. Augustine of St. Charles



FRANK PRUITT of Lake Charles was the guest speaker at the recent Veterans Day program held at Grand Lake High School.



Parish; Jennifer Austin, Bienville Parish; Miranda Elizabeth Baker, Caddo; Maggie Duet, Lafourche; Richard C. Labranche Jr., Livingston; Alex Lassalle, Iberia; Sabre' Masters, Ouachita; Kelsey L. McGill, St. Charles; Sara Menard, Caddo; Kristina Moore, Jefferson Davis; **Jacob Poole, Cameron;** Klancy Shope, Calcasieu; Lindsey Tassin, West Baton Rouge; and Chelsea Warren, Concordia.

POLICE JURY

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and no one on the staff has time to do that work. She also noted that when zoning is approved for the parish more time will be required to administer that as well. Jurors reluctantly agreed to the change.

The jury agreed to leave Animal Control at its current \$29,200 level. Adding cats to the duties of animal control would increase expenses, so that proposal is dead for now.

Jurors also looked at the Jetty Fishing Pier, which presently costs about \$49,000 over revenues. Juror Charles Precht, who facilitated most of the planning for the facility, suggested that the fee for overnight RV camping be increased to \$12 from the present \$10. He said RV camping groups he had contacted advised that \$12 per night would be appropriate for a facility such as this.

Other suggestions included hiring retired people or off-duty deputies at a lower rate than the present security company.

Altogether, cuts made in the budget totaled \$39,000, which allowed the jury to grant a 2% cost of living increase for all employees next year, at a cost of \$37,000. The 2005 budget will be formally adopted at next week's regular meeting.



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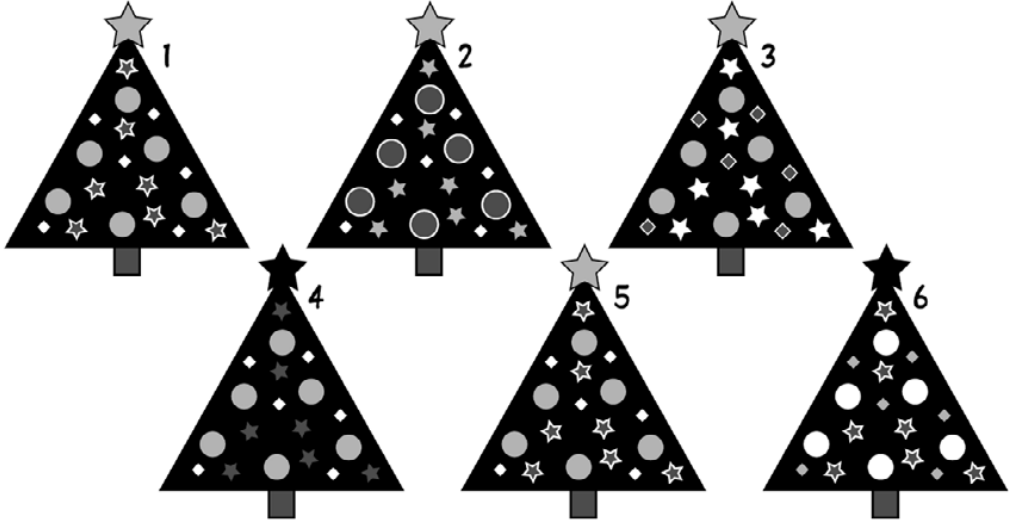
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FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: ONE AND FIVE

Twinkle, Twinkle!

The holiday season has begun and many people will soon be putting up Christmas trees. Some will use artificial trees, others, real trees. Whatever type of tree people choose to put up, they're sure to add a string or two of lights. Of course, it wasn't always that way.

Back in the 17th century when there was no electricity, people decorated their Christmas trees with candles. The trees were real and the slightest breeze could make the flames flicker and catch a branch on fire. People had to watch their Christmas trees carefully when the candles were lit.

That all changed in 1882, however, when Edward Johnson, an associate of Thomas Edison, made the first string of electric Christmas tree lights. He hand-wired 80 red, white and blue bulbs and wound them around a Christmas tree. Few people noticed, though, until 13 years later when President Grover Cleveland had the White House tree decorated with electric lights.

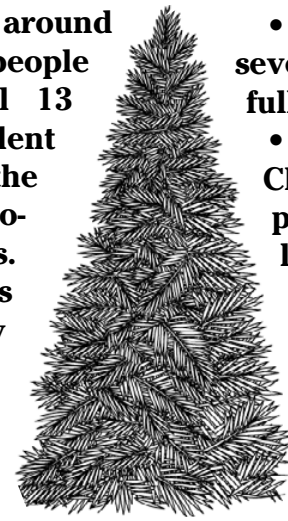
Christmas tree lights have come a long way since the 17th century. Today we have lights in

almost every color, size and shape imaginable. Some stay on all the time, while others flicker or chase each other at the click of a button.

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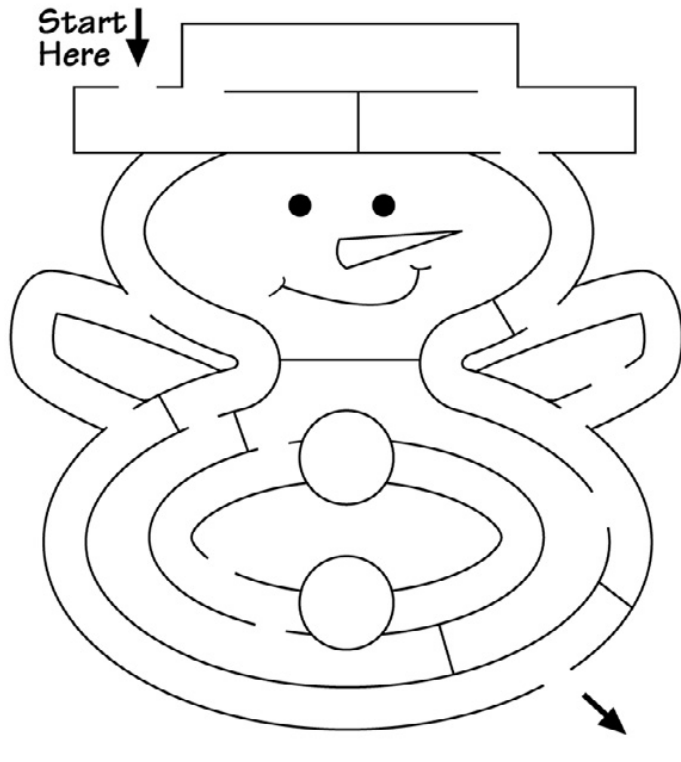
Scotch pine, Douglas fir, Virginia pine and Balsam fir. These are just some of the types of evergreens that make great Christmas trees. Every year, more than 30 million Christmas trees are produced. Here are some more interesting Christmas tree facts:

- Christmas trees were first sold commercially in the United States in 1850.
- Over 100,000 people work in the Christmas tree business.
- Every state grows Christmas trees.
- Oregon produces the most Christmas trees.
- Christmas trees take seven to 10 years to reach full height.
- While they are growing, Christmas trees provide a place for wild animals to live and remove dust and pollen from the air.
- Once the holiday season is over, Christmas trees can be recycled.

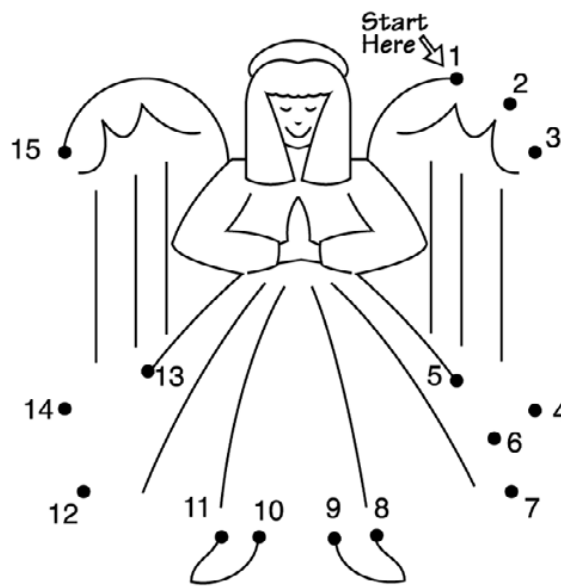


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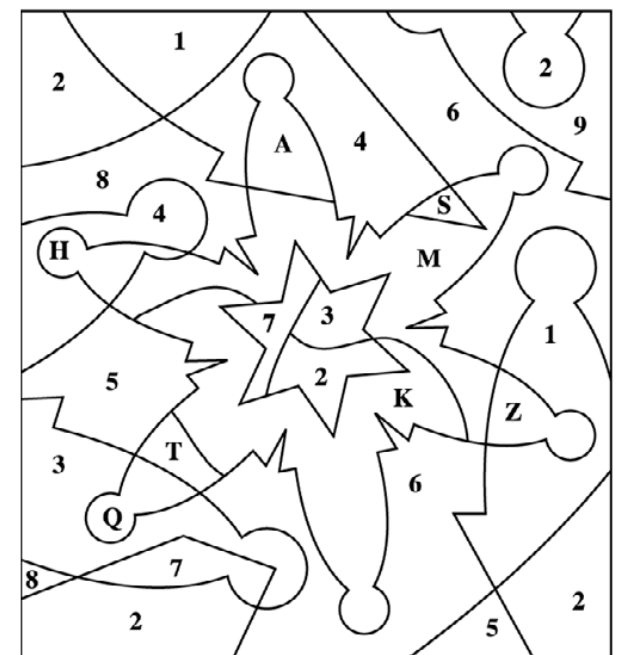
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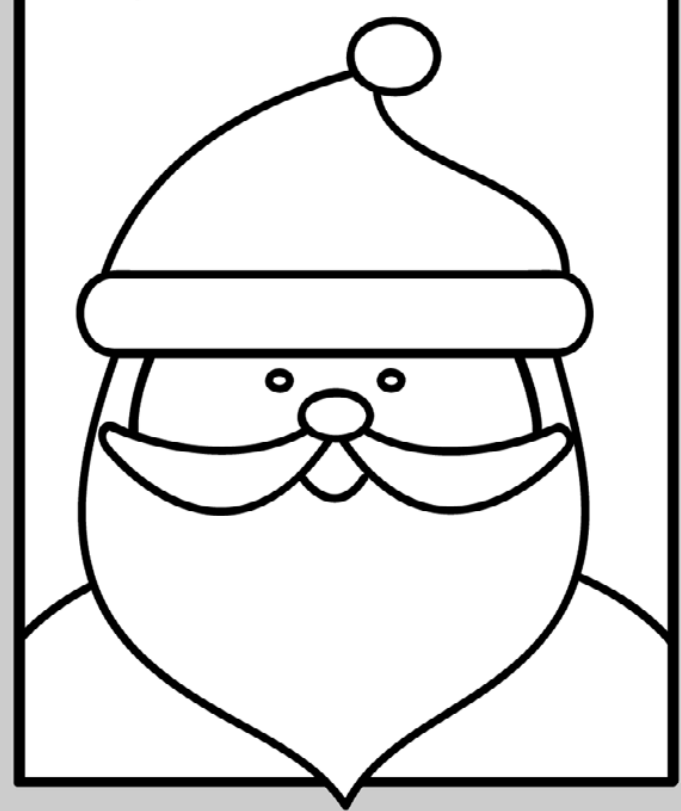


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Easy holiday crafts kids and grown-ups will love

(FeatureSource) "When it comes to arts and crafts projects for kids, keep it simple!" says Trish Kuffner, author of "The Arts and Crafts Busy Book: 365 Art and Craft Activities to Keep Toddlers and Preschoolers Busy".

During the holidays, families with kids don't have a lot of time to do elaborate projects. "I favor simple activities like painting or modeling with play dough over those requiring several supplies to make elaborate objects," explains the mother of five. "To me, if an arts and crafts book has glossy photos or diagrams and detailed instructions, the projects are way too complicated to do with kids."

The holidays, of course, provide a perfect excuse and opportunity to have some fun with your preschoolers at the craft table. Here are a few simple ideas that your kids can try this holiday season:

Spice Turkey

- White glue
- Shallow container
- Construction paper, small paper plate or small aluminum pie pan
- Pumpkin pie spice, allspice, ground cinnamon or ground nutmeg
- Black and red markers

Pour the glue into the container. Dip your child's hand into the glue and press it, fingers spread, onto the paper, plate or pie pan to make a handprint turkey. Have the child sprinkle the spice onto the turkey. When the glue is dry, use the black marker to draw an eye and beak on the thumb, and turkey feet at the bottom of the print. Use the red marker to draw a wattle around the beak.

Gingerbread Critters

- 1 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1 egg
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 5 cups flour
- Animal-shaped cookie cutters
- Raisins, nuts, licorice and small candies for decorating

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix shortening, honey, egg and molasses in a small bowl. Sift the flour together into a large bowl. Add the wet mixture to the dry ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate the dough until it is chilled. Roll out the dough on a floured surface until it is 1/4 inch thick. Cut out shapes using animal-shaped cookie cutters and place shapes on an ungreased baking sheet.

Let the children decorate each shape with the raisins, nuts and candies. Bake the gingerbread critters for 10 minutes and let them cool before eating. (You also can bake the gingerbread critters ahead of time and let the children decorate with frosting and candies.)

Ice Crystal Picture

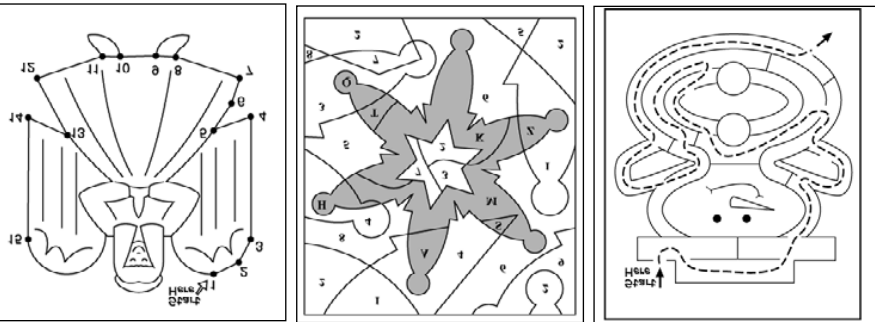
- Spoon
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup Epsom salts, table salt or rock salt
- Small bowl
- Crayons
- Black, purple or blue construction paper
- Paint brush
- Clear contact paper (optional)
- White chalk or tempera paint (optional)

Mix water and salt in a small bowl. Stir to dissolve as much of the salt as possible. Have your child use the crayons to draw a nighttime forest scene on the paper. Brush the drawing with the salt solution. Stir the solution each time you dip the brush in to keep the brush saturated and to keep the solution well mixed. Let the painting dry completely. The salt will give a snowy, crystalline effect. To prevent the salt from brushing off, cover with clear contact paper when dry.

For winter scenes, draw with white chalk or paint on the dark blue or black construction paper.

Both kids and parents will love these easy-to-do projects and the cute holiday decorations that they produce. Check out "The Arts and Crafts Busy Book" (Meadowbrook Press, \$9.95; www.meadowbrookpress.com) for the 362 more activities like these.

Answers



It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Lake Charles American Press, Dec. 3, 1941. HACKBERRY ROAD PAVING

Dr. A. H. LaFargue presided at the regular Rotary luncheon yesterday at the Service Cafe. Wesley Trahan, Mayor of Sulphur, reported that a committee had called on Gov. Sam Jones regarding the paving of the Hackberry road and black topping the DeQuincy-Sulphur highway.

Gov. Jones stated that it was his intention to do everything possible to fulfill his campaign pledges concerning these roads. The men making this visit to the state capital were W. Sam Vincent and Mr. Trahan of Sulphur, Sam Holden and Bert Hampton of Vinton and Benson Vincent of Hackberry.

Cameron Pilot, Dec. 2, 1971.

ERROR ON LOCAL BALLOT CORRECTED (By Jerry Wise)

It's not very often that Louisiana's most efficient Secretary of State, Wade O. Martin, is caught in an error, but one turned up this week on the absentee ballots sent out by his office for the Dec. 18 Democratic second primary election.

These ballots, which were sent to the Cameron Clerk of Court's office to be used by voters who would not be in town on election day, listed the following names in the race for member of the State Central Committee at Large: C. D. "Doug" Foreman of Sulphur and Dr. Rex H. Smelser, of Lake Charles.

A number of persons, upon seeing the ballot, questioned whether Foreman's name should be on the ballot. These persons, including this reporter and E. J. Dronet of Cameron, who had already been elected to the committee, were of the opinion that Van Andrus of Lake Charles should be on the ballot with Smelser instead of Foreman.

Clerk of Court J. Berton Daigle placed a call to the Secretary of State's office where the official in charge of making up the ballot assured him that Foreman had been certified for the second primary.

However, a check with Andrus and Foreman later that day revealed that both were in agreement: Andrus definitely should be on the ballot as he had gotten more votes than Foreman.

Andrus then started making his own inquiry which resulted in his finding that an error had been made in the Secretary of State's office and that his name should be on the ballot.

Later it was announced by Martin's office that all of the absentee ballots that had been sent to the Cameron and Calcasieu clerks of court were being withdrawn and corrected ones were being printed.

Andrus said he did not know what would or could be done about the absentee ballots that had already been cast--about 40 in Calcasieu and about 20 in Cameron. Conceivably in a close race between Andrus and Smelser, these could make a difference.

Martin's office said there had been only one other error throughout the state on the absentee ballots--a race in Terrebonne still a pretty good record considering the thousands of names involved in the hundreds of state, district parish and local races.

BBB INTRODUCED

The Cameron Lions Club has begun a campaign to acquaint Cameron Parish citizens with an agency that can benefit everyone in the parish--the Better Business Bureau of Southwest Louisiana.

Some months ago the Lions saw the need for some type of organization that would aid parish citizens in telling whether certain out-of-parish businesses and promotions were legitimate or not.

"What we need is a Better Business Bureau," someone said.

And after a few inquiries the Lions found that Cameron already had a Better Business Bureau--the BBB of Southwest Louisiana, headquartered in Lake Charles but serving a large area north to Alexandria, east to Lafayette and south to Cameron.

Caton Langston, BBB manager in Lake Charles,

was invited to speak at Lions weekly luncheon and afterwards the club gave him assistance in signing up 18 firms as BBB members in Cameron, Creole and Grand Chenier.

TARPS OUT OF STATE PLAYOFFS

The South Cameron High School Tarpons who won both the district and bi-district championships, were defeated in a state quarterfinal AA game Saturday night in Homer.

The Homer Pelicans won 7-0 to advance to the semifinals this week against Loranger.

A second quarter, 16-yard scamper by David Williams and the point after by Randy Dean accounted for the only points on the scoreboard in the game.

BIRTHDAY BOY

Troy Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey, celebrated his birthday recently at a party given at the K. C. Hall in Creole. Guests included Scottie Primeaux, DeLisa Conner; Mitchell, Steven, David, Mary Ann, Jo Ellen, and Renee Boudreaux; Donald Ray Trahan, Kyle and Karlton Theriot, Debbie Mhire, Johnette, Trudy, and Yvonne Savoie, Kim and Michelle Boudoin, Twinkle and Donna Long.

Also Mesdames Norman LaBove, Myrna Conner, Nelva Theriot, Joe Boudreaux, J. T. Primeaux, John Bailey and Miss Diane Richard.

MOUTON NAMED AS KNIGHT OF YEAR

Earl Mouton, Cameron businessman and an active leader in the Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and Council 5461 of the Knights of Columbus, received the Knight of the Year plaque at the seventh annual award banquet Sunday night in the VFW Home.

Mouton received the award from E. J. Dronet, last year's recipient. In making the presentation Dronet cited Mouton's service to the council, church and community. He pointed out that Mouton had led the council in achieving the highest award made by the Supreme Council, the "Star Council Award," the first time the local council had ever earned this award.

Past recipients of the K of C award have been: James L. Derouen, Ray Champagne, Mark Richard, Hayes Picou, Hillare Hebert, Amos Miller and E. J. Dronet.

Albert Colligan, who has been a KC member since 1927, and Mark Richard, since 1928, both received honorary life memberships in the KC from Claude Hebert. Hebert also presented 25-year pins to: Whitney J. Broussard, Sr., Albert Colligan, James M. Daigle, James L. Derouen, Carl W. "Sting" Faulk, Norman F. McCall, Wallace "Cap" LaBove, and Mark Richard.

ROUNDOABOUT THE PARISH

Queen of the 1971 Johnson Bayou Harvest Festival was Marilyn Badon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Badon and a senior at Johnson Bayou High.

Stephen Lowery of Hackberry has been awarded a \$700 scholarship as one of six national winners in the 4-H conservation of natural resources program.

Tuba concert set at McNeese

Tuba, sousaphone, euphonium and baritone performers of all ages are invited to take part in McNeese State University's 15th Annual Tuba Christmas Concert at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in F. G. Bulber Auditorium.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the McNeese band hall, with a rehearsal following at 1 p.m.

Registration is \$5 and song books are \$10. Prizes will be awarded for the best-dressed euphonium/tuba and for the musician who has traveled the furthest to perform in the concert.

For more information contact William Rose at 475-5032 or by e-mail at rose@mcneese.edu.



PARTICIPATING in the recent Alligator Festival in Grand Chenier were these visiting queens, from left: Lexie LeBouef, Miss Cameron Farm Bureau; Ashley Picou, Miss Cameron Parish; Trista Simien, La. Fur & Wildlife Queen; Dixie DeSonier, Junior Miss Cameron; Haley Willis, Teen Miss Cameron; and Abby Miller, L'Il Miss Cameron.



MICHELLE MUDD of Cameron, Mrs. Louisiana 2004, participated in the recent Alligator Festival held at Grand Chenier.

Johnson Bayou report given in 1894 newspaper article

(transcribed by W. T. Block from Galveston Daily News, June 1, 1894)

Orange, Tex., May 20, 1894--Mr. John M. Smith, a merchant who has lived at Johnson Bayou, for the past nine years, visited The News office at this place today. He left the bayou this morning and reported crops in fair condition there, though no rain for the past seven weeks. The farm acreage has been increased 20% this season. Corn is beginning to tassel, and while early planting is beginning to curl a little, that which was planted later is in fine color and growing fast.

Cotton is from 2 to 2 1/2 feet high, blooming freely and growing rapidly. Watermelon vines are doing well, with thousands of melons in sight, ranging from very small to 134 inches in length. This island has long been famous for the great numbers as well as the immense size of the melons grown here.

Mr. Smith marketed thousands of them here (Orange) last year, running from 40 to 60 pounds. Grape vines which were planted at the bayou in 1882 and went through the storm of 1886, are now loaded with fruit in fine form and of very even size. Sweet potatoes are growing well and promise a fine crop for Orange. Oranges, peaches, plums and--(unreadable) are doing badly on account of the freeze in February.

Mr. Smith says there were only six families who returned to the bayou in 1887, the year after the great storm. Recently quite an influx of immigration has taken place. Now there are 57 families, numbering not less than 400 souls. Mr. Smith thinks there is not another place on earth where women enjoy such excellent health, or where so few children die, yet there are children there and an abundance of them.

Rev. Joseph Berwick, who married his present wife in 1866, when they were both very young, is now the proud father of 24 children, and has never had a doctor in his house. Mrs. Berwick is but 48 years old, was never sick enough to need medicine, is of fine figure, weighs 148 pounds, and the picture of good health. Mr. Berwick is 55.

A neighbor, Dolzie Theriot, who lives a little farther east, about seven miles from the coast, also has 24 children by his present wife. It is only a few years since Placide Laban a veteran of the War of 1812, died at the bayou at the advanced age of 102. More than one good doctor has settled there, only to learn a little later that he must take hold of the plow handles, or go hungry, or move away.

Last year that little community shipped over 400 bales of cotton (before 1886 Johnson's Bayou normally shipped over 600 bales), 1,000 fat hogs, and a large quantity of corn. In addition, several thousand fat beeves were sold from there last year, and there is a steam tug making weekly trips between the bayou and Orange, that brings up a big barge load of cattle on each trip, while schooners ply between the bayou and Galveston, where their cotton is sold and their goods are purchased.

Every farmer has home-made bacon to sell right now. (Before 1886, the steamers *Emily P.* and *Lark* remained exclusively in the Orange-Johnson Bayou trade, and the schooner *Dreadnaught* was year-round in the Galveston-Johnson Bayou trade.)

There is not a more patriotic, moral, quiet industrious, and pious community beneath the folds of the American flag, or one in which good schools are more loyally sustained. Yet these people are absolutely without post office facilities. True there is an office on the east end of the island, with a horseback, once a week mail, but that is 10 miles from where most of the business of the island is conducted. An invoice must come to Orange, 30 miles away or Lake Charles, 65 miles to the eastward, go thence to Leesburg (Cameron), and then to the little post office mentioned.

It often happens that a letter from Galveston consumes three weeks in making the trip, whereas it is not an infrequent occurrence for a sail vessel to leave Galveston one day, and arrive at Johnson Bayou, unload, load, and depart the following day. It is only 75 miles from our landing to Galveston.

When there were a score of adults living on the bayou, it was not expected that the government would take the trouble, or spare the money necessary to give more frequent mails, but things have changed. The population has doubled many times. It is excellent farming country and is fast filling up.

(John M. Smith lived variously at Indian Bayou, Leesburg, and Johnson Bayou after 1858, where he was a farmer, school teacher, and merchant. He was my great uncle and died at Port Arthur in 1920. Both Radford and Johnson Bayou lost their post offices during the storm of Oct. 12, 1886; Smith's brother, Austin Buster Smith, also lost his store there during the storm.)



Tips given on how to not overeat during holidays

Holiday seasons are usually marked with festive meals and decadent desserts. However, medical studies suggest that healthy eating and good nutrition are essential components in helping prevent illnesses like cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure.

Dr. Rick Samaha and Dr. David Stern, two Philadelphia VA Medical Center researchers, completed a nutrition study earlier this year, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, that noted the differences between a low-carb and low-fat diet.

The VA researchers found the ideal approach may lie less with the proportions of fat and carbohydrate in the diet and more on the quality of foods.

"One reason for the apparent failure of low-fat diets is that people tend to make up for lower fat intake by eating more junk food," they wrote. The following are some healthy eating tips to keep in mind during upcoming holiday parties:

*Choose healthy snacks

School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish school for the week beginning Dec. 2 are as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 2 - Beef nachoes, tomato cup, Ranch beans, hash brown patty, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips, catsup, milk.

Friday, Dec. 3 - Fish portion, cole slaw, oven fries, banana pudding, catsup, hamburger bun, milk.

Monday, Dec. 6 - Chili dog, chili sauce, Tator Tots, buttered corn, chocolate chip cookies, catsup, hot dog bun, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread, sliced bread, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, brown gravy, peanut butter spread, yeast rolls, milk.



whenever possible, such as vegetables, fruits, or pretzels. Have fruit for dessert.

*Share with someone else if eating high-calorie desserts.

*Request that salad dressings and other toppings be served on the side when ordering at restaurants.

*Choose clear broth soups (bouillon, vegetable, French onion) over heavy cream soups (cheese, clam chowder).

*Try sparkling water, seltzer, or diet soda instead of high calorie beverages like alcoholic drinks and eggnog.

*Eat slowly and savor the flavors of the food. Go back for seconds only if still hungry.

*Avoid the trap of eating more junk food because it's lower in fat.

*Avoid over-eating holiday desserts like candies and cookies.

*Eat vegetables with high fiber, such as celery, which is healthy and helps make you feel full.

For more information on healthy eating and disease prevention from the VA, please visit www.vaprevention.com.

Leftover turkey soup recipe

Turkey Vegetable Soup

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
3 large celery stalks, diced
2 large carrots, peeled and diced

1 large onion, diced
3 1/2 cups turkey or chicken broth

2 cups diced cooked turkey
1 15-ounce can cream-style corn
1/4 cup fresh chopped parsley

1 3/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon Tabasco® brand pepper sauce
1/2 cup small bowtie pasta or egg noodles

Heat oil in 3-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add celery, carrots and onion; cook until tender-crisp, stirring occasionally. Add turkey broth, diced turkey, cream-style corn, parsley, salt and Tabasco sauce. Heat to boiling over high heat.

Add pasta; cover. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 servings.



MR. BRAD BROWN'S tenth grade Geometry class from Johnson Bayou High School recently had the assignment of building bridges out of Popsicle sticks. The bridges were tested by tying a rope and bucket to the center of the bridge and applying round weights to the bucket. The results are as follows: first place - Justine Trahan, Travis Romero, and Kia Meaux; weight of bridge 1.13 lbs holding a maximum weight of 150 lbs; second place - Cody Fontenot, D.J. Conner, and Blaine Trahan; weight of bridge 1.35 lbs holding a maximum weight of 80 lbs; and third place - Michael Fewell and Shalyn Broussard; weight of bridge 2 lbs holding a maximum weight of 110 lbs.

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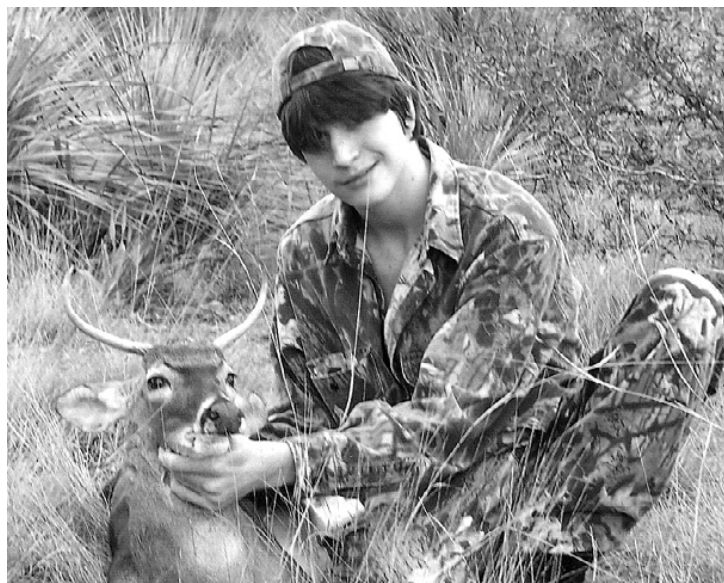
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GOD GAVE ME A SON (2004)
 God gave me a son fifty years ago. His name was Robert Carl but I call him Bo. I will always love you Bo, as the years go by. I ask angels to watch over you, on them you can rely. So I wish you a Happy Birthday and many more to come. I have 4 daughters but only have one son.
 You Mom,
 Grace B. Welch



CALLAN BOREL, 14, a freshman at Grand Lake High School, shot this deer on his first hunt in San Antonio, Tex., during Thanksgiving week. He is the son of Clint Borel of Lake Charles and Ernette Borel of Boone's Corner. Grandparents include Agnes and Boone Hebert of Boone's Corner.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



DUCK HUNTING GETS BREAK

Our duck hunting will get a break for a few days, as the first split of duck and coot season ends this Sunday, Dec. 5 in both the east and west zones. Our west zone will open again Dec. 18. Also closed is snow, blue, ross and speckle belly season. The conservation order for snow, blue and ross geese will take effect Dec. 6 through Dec. 17.

During the conservation order for snow, blue and ross geese only, hunters can use electronic calls and unplugged guns and eliminate the daily bag and possession limits. Shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and extends until one-half hour after sunset.

Ducks, coots, snow-blue-ross and speckle belly season for the regular second split will open again on Dec. 18. The rest of our pintail season for the west zone will also open Dec. 18 through Jan. 7.

The area 3 deer gun season (still hunt) has closed and will reopen Dec. 4 through Jan. 9. The muzzleloaders reopened Nov. 29 and will close Dec. 3. If you deer hunters in area 3, Cameron Parish, want a doe, the last two days of either sex hunting is this weekend, Dec. 4 & 5.

There's still plenty of hunting during these closed periods if a person wants to hunt. There's rail and

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PRAYER TO St. Claire. Pray 9 Hail Mary's once a day for 9 days. On the ninth day, publish the prayer, Pray 3 things. Even though you don't have faith, your prayer will be answered. AC

gallinule, quail, snipe, rabbit and squirrel. Also we'll see woodcock and mourning dove season reopen on Dec. 18.

SEASON'S END

There are still lots of hunters who are having trouble getting limits, as our ducks are not as plentiful as we would like to see, however lots of marshes throughout the parish are doing good. I had a slow five days this past week, but Sunday was a great day with mallards and gray ducks. I did manage to get two tagged mottled ducks. I called the numbers in to Washington D. C. and my reply stated that these ducks were tagged approximately 10 miles east of Grand Chenier, banded June 10, 2004. At the time of the tagging the mallard was too young to fly. I can say this much, at five months old it was a nice female in good shape.

NEWS BRIEFS

There will be 24 hour dredging on the Calcasieu-Cameron ship channel starting this week and will last up to 240 days. There will be a "no wake" slow zone. Boats will be able to pass, but be careful and obey the rules of the water. For the larger boats with radios, VHF channel 13 and 16 can be used for sailing instructions.

COLD FRONTS

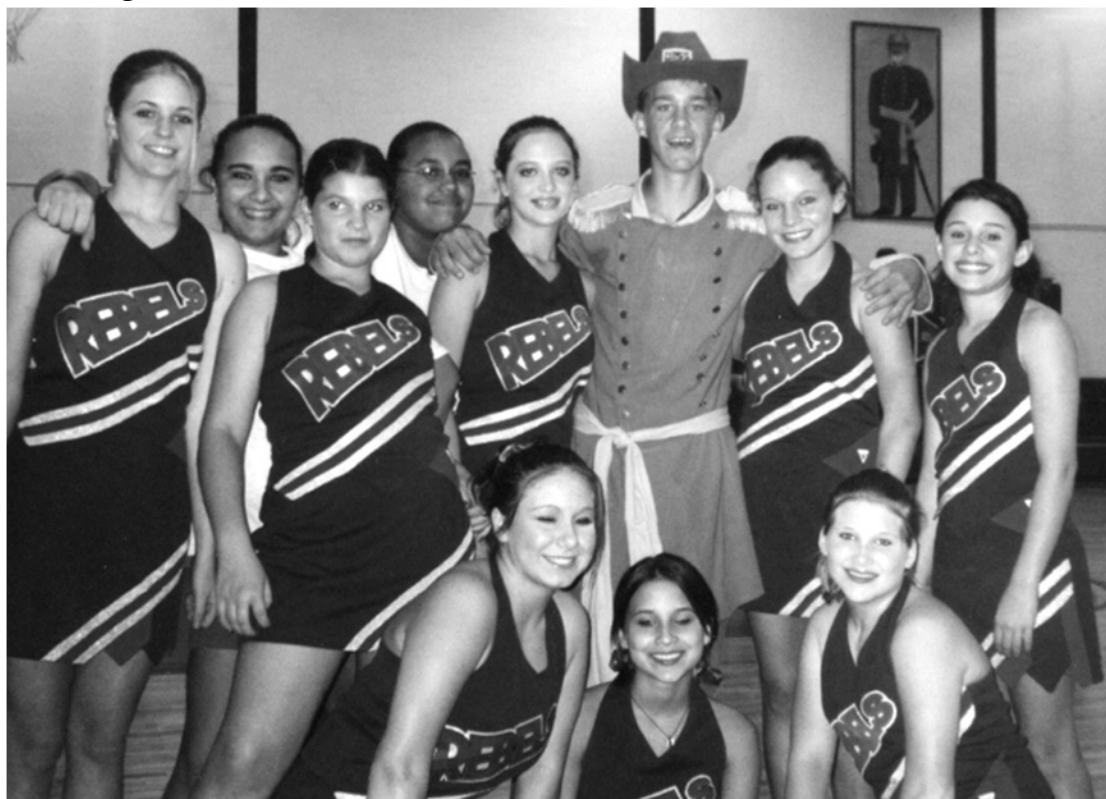
We've seen some bad weather throughout our state in the last two weeks. We still haven't seen a cold front to bring temperatures in our area down below 40 degrees. If we're to see new ducks in our area, it will take snow and ice on the prairies. There's still plenty of grain on the ground, unfrozen ground, and abundant wasted grain scattered over thousands of square miles all throughout the midwest and great plains and with the 60 degree weather they have been having, those ducks will stay put.

There are reports of mallards still in Canada's open water, no ice, and the water is black with ducks in this mild weather. There was some freezing temperature in the north great plains, and some snow covering some of the ground down through Missouri and more in the forecast. They say Arkansas has more ducks down in their state this year, than they had last year, but still below what they should have. Louisiana is well below on the duck average.

AREA FISHING

Anglers are still doing good in our marsh inlets fishing for red fish. The Big Lake area has held on for trout, but I'm sure the dredging will have some effect on fishing in that area.

Anglers are doing great on artificial baits. Fishing for founders on the edges and drop offs of the ship channel in the Cameron area. These are slabs that are being caught.



JOHNSON BAYOU cheerleaders posed with the new school mascot, Jordan Jessen, at a recent basketball game.

Fee deferral plan is told by McNeese

A fee deferral plan will be offered to students attending McNeese State University this spring through the McNeese Administrative Accounting Office.

Part-time or full-time registered students are eligible for the plan if they have not defaulted on a previous fee deferral plan loan or a bookstore PTA account and if their fees are either not covered, or only partially covered, by student financial aid.

All registration fees, including tuition, special assessments, class-related fees and meal plans, are eligible for the fee deferral plan. No type of delinquent fines and/or fees can be deferred.

Students are required to pay one-third of the total amount of the fees plus a \$30 processing fee by 4 p.m. Jan. 13, and the remaining two fee payments are due March 1 and April 1.

For more information, call 475-5107 or 1-800-622-3352, extension 5107.

DECEMBER IS HERE

The month of December has got to us, the last month of the year, but a busy month to roll out the year 2004. Canada geese are beginning to arrive in the southeast. There are certain areas in Cameron where it's legal to hunt Canada geese. Be sure to check boundaries. Brown Pelicans begin nesting, mostly on Queen Bee Island. I also believe there are some nesting in our area, because in the last two years, I've seen more and more brown pelicans in our area and they're staying here.

Winter seabob shrimp begin on our beaches. The 21st of December is the start of winter, and with any luck at all, weather patterns in the midwest states is the key to waterfowl abundance in our area this month. It's also time to begin maintenance of woodducks boxes and our woodcock numbers in the state should peak. Woodcock season begins Dec. 18 through Jan. 31, with a daily bag limit of three.

These are important days in December, the 7th is Pearl Harbor Day, 10th Human Rights Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and then it will end with New Year's Eve. "Only 22 days before Christmas!"

Talking of the brown pelicans, in 1964 they were extinct in Louisiana. Beginning in 1968, it's recovery is considered one of the great success stories of wildlife management. Conservation efforts to restore the brown pelican started by bringing birds in from the state of Florida and monitoring the nesting colonies, protecting these birds from disturbances by man, especially during their nesting season and also rebuilding nesting islands.

It's the time of the year to take to the bushes and hunt the "Bush tail rabbit" the old Cajun language for the cottontail rabbit.

South Cameron players are named All District

The South Cameron Tarpon's Andre Savoie was named to the All District 5-1A first team in three positions.

He was named to the team as quarterback. During his senior season, Savoie passed for 643 yards and six touchdowns. On defense, he was named as a back with 36 solo tackles, 12 assists, and two tackles for losses. Savoie was also named as the first team punter with a 35 yard average.

Joining Savoie on the first team was wide receiver Dominique LeBlanc. He caught 19 passes for 681 yards and four touchdowns. Jared Morales was named as

a defensive lineman. He had 37 solo tackles, six sacks, and 12 tackles for losses.

Several Tarpons were named to the second team. They were Jared Chermie, offensive guard; Matthew Styron, running back; and Dominique LeBlanc, defensive back.

Dredging begins of ship channel

(American Press)

Around-the-clock dredging at the Calcasieu River bar channel is about to begin, the Army Corps of Engineers has announced.

The project is expected to last about 240 days.

The government-contracted hopper dredge Columbia will do the work.

"The dredge may work anywhere in the bar channel, but will initially be working in the mile-minus-1.9 to mile-minus-4.2 reach," according to a statement from the corps' New Orleans office.

The dredge will give way to passing the navigation, and can be contacted on VHF Channels 13 and 16 for sailing instructions.

"Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made," the corps stated.

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-3 Liter Bottle \$1.69
- Budweiser or Bud Light.....12/10 Oz. \$7.39
- Coors Light.....12/10 Oz. Can \$7.39
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- Blue Bonnet Margarine.....Lb. Qtrs. 2/\$1.00
- Minute Maid Orange Juice.....64 oz. \$1.99
- Hunts Squeeze Catsup.....24 Oz. 89¢
- Trappays Whole or Sliced Jalapenos.....12 oz. 99¢
- Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce.....10 Oz. \$1.59
- Blue Ribbon L. G. Rice.....3 Lb. Bag 99¢
- Chef Boy Ar Dee Can Pasta Dinners.....15 oz. 99¢
- Parade Corn, Green Beans, Sweet Peas, Carrots, Beets, Mix. Veg., Potatoes or Asst. Greens.....14 Oz. 2/79¢
- Kelloggs Frosted Flakes or Cocoa Krispies.....2/\$5.00
- Parade Vegetable Oil.....48 Oz. \$1.59
- Gold Medal Flour A/P or S/R.....5 Lb. 99¢
- Chinet Paper Plates or Platters.....12-25 Ct. \$1.99
- Brawny Paper Towels.....Lg. Roll 79¢
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- Beef Short Ribs.....Lb. \$2.49

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— JOB OPENING —

Cameron Parish Library will accept job applications until 4 p.m., December 16, 2004 for a part-time janitorial position to work no more than 27 hours a week. Salary: \$8.00 an hour.

Cameron Parish Library does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin or political or religious opinions.

RUN: Dec. 2 & 9 (D-2)

— PUBLIC NOTICE —

Seismic Pre-Work Meeting
 Wednesday, December 15, 2004
 7:00 p.m.

Cameron Parish Jury Room
 Cameron, Louisiana

ALL AREA OFFICIALS & LANDOWNERS INVITED
 WESTERNGECO

Will be conducting 3D seismic operations in the West Cameron and East Cameron Offshore areas south of Cameron, Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico between December 16, 2004 and April 1, 2005

RUN: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2 & 9 (N-26)

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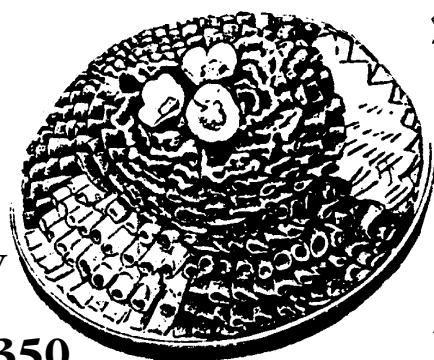
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— JOB OPENING —

Full time employment, Hackberry Recreation District Assistant Kitchen Manager.

All resumes must be in by 5 p.m. Friday, December 3, 2004 and interviews will be at 6 p.m. on December 3, 2004.

For more information contact: Dwayne Sanner at 337-802-9579.

RUN: Nov. 18, 25, & Dec. 2 (N-29)

LEGAL NOTICES

SHERIFF'S SALE
THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY INC.
VS. NO. 10-16890
ERVIN WARREN TRAHAN ET AL

By virtue of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisal, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, DECEMBER 08, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

COMMENCING 208.7 FEET WEST AND 104 NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH RANGE 14 WEST, THENCE NORTH 104.7 FEET, THENCE WEST 60 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 104.7 FEET, THENCE EAST 60 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, #177689, BY 504-644.

seized under said writ.
Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.
/s/Theos Duhon
Theos Duhon, Sheriff
CAMERON PARISH, LA.
Sheriff's Office, Cameron, La.
OCTOBER 29, 2004.
CHARLES H. HECK JR.
Attorneys for CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE
RUNS: Nov. 4, Dec. 2 - N 9

NOTICE FOR BIDS
The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids on or before the hour of 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at the Cameron Parish School Board Office, Cameron Louisiana for the following used buses:

1985 International School Bus, Vin. #1HVLNMG6FHA62273, Thomas body, 60 passenger, diesel engine.

1989 International School Bus, Vin. #1HVLNMR7KH622926, Ward body, 60 passenger diesel engine.

1989 International School Bus, Vin. #1HVLNMR0KH622928, Ward body 60 passenger, diesel engine.

Bids shall be accompanied by cash payment or a certified or cashier's check or teller's check, or an official check issued by a bank in favor of the Cameron Parish School Board in the amount of the bid, bid may be for each bus or all three, and the bid envelope shall be clearly marked on the outside "Bid on Bus."

The buses may be seen at the rear of the old Audrey Memorial School site from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on regular workdays. Contact: Doug Welch, Phone: 775-5934 Ext. 14, for information and inspection of the buses.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Cameron Parish School Board /s/Doug Chance
Doug Chance, Superintendent
RUNS: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9 - N 24

Community Meeting
Monday, January 10th, 2005
6:00 p.m.
Cameron Parish Police Jury
Office
Cameron, LA

All area officials and interested parties are invited.

Fairfield Industries, Incorporated will be conducting seismic operations in the Gulf of Mexico during the month of January, 2005 pending approval. If you have any questions, please call: 337-232-9215, Ken Guidry.

RUN: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9 - (N-25)

NOTICE FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Directors of Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10 at its meeting place in Johnson Bayou until 5:30 p.m. on December 14, 2004 for official journal.

Please submit bids to 159 Berwick Road, Cameron, Louisiana 70631. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to waive formalities.

Waterworks District #10.
RUNS: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2 - N 27

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 P.M., Monday, December 6, 2004 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) used WWW-Paul Model 300S Series 3,000 lb. capacity scale, as is, where is.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, during normal business hours.

By: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
Runs: Nov. 24 and Dec. 2 (N 33)

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES
According to Carl Broussard, Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish in accordance with Title 18:535B of the Louisiana Election Code, the following is the official listing of the Polling Places for the upcoming Congressional Run Off Election to be held on Saturday, December 4, 2004.

POLLING PLACES
Precinct 1: location: Johnson Bayou Multipurpose Building, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou, LA.

Precinct 2: location: Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA.

Precinct 3: location: Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Circle, Hackberry, LA.

Precinct 4: location: Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Circle, Hackberry, LA.

Hackberry, LA.
Precinct 5: location: Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, LA.
Precinct 8: location: Lowry Fire Station, 460 Lowry Hwy., Lowry, LA.
Precinct 9: location: Klondike Community Center, Veterans Memorial Drive, Klondike, LA.
Precinct 12: location: Muria Fire Station, 129 Muria Road, Creole, LA.
Precinct 13: location: Creole Community Center, 184-B East Creole Hwy., Creole, LA.
Precinct 14: location: Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA.
Precinct 15: location: Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA.
Precinct 16: location: Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, LA.
Precinct 17: location: Grand Chenier Fire Station, 4011 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, LA.
RUN: Nov. 24, Dec. 2 (N 41)

NOTICE FOR BIDS
The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will receive sealed bids until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at the office of Mosquito Control in Creole, Louisiana, on chemicals and fuels.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Mosquito Control Headquarters.

Bids should be mailed or delivered to Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1, 149 LeBlanc Road, Creole, Louisiana 70632, and be marked "BID FORM ENCLOSED" on the outside of the envelope.

Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.
Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District
No. 1
/s/Don Menard
Don Menard
RUNS: Nov. 24, Dec. 2, 9 - N 43

NOTICE
The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will have available for public inspection an Amended Budget for the 2004 Fiscal Year on November 24th, 2004 through December 14th, 2004 during office hours at its Administrative Office located at 149 LeBlanc Road, Creole, Louisiana.

A public hearing will be held on the 2004 amended budget of the Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 on Tuesday, December 14th, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. at its Administrative Office located at 149 LeBlanc Road, Creole, Louisiana.

Mosquito Abatement District No. 1
/s/Don Menard
Don Menard
RUNS: Nov. 24, Dec. 2, 9 - N 44

NOTICE
The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will have available for public inspection a proposed budget for the 2005 Fiscal Year on November 24th, 2004 through December 14th, 2004 during office hours at its Administrative Office located at 149 LeBlanc Road, Creole, Louisiana.

A public hearing will be held on the 2005 Proposed Budget of the Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. at its Administrative Office located at 149 LeBlanc Road, Creole, Louisiana.

Mosquito Abatement District No. 1
/s/Don Menard
Don Menard
RUNS: Nov. 24, Dec. 2, 9 - N 45

BUDGET HEARING ON FUNDS OF THE CAMERON RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 6

The Cameron Recreation District No. 6 will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 in the Cameron Recreation Building on 300 LeBleu Camp Road in Creole, Louisiana for the purpose of hearing written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year 2005 and the use of funds as contained in that proposed budget.

Regulations require a hearing on the proposed use of these funds before the budget is adopted each year.

All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interest of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and to submit comments.

A summary of the proposed budget is as follows:
Ad-Valorem \$267,227.
Interest 6,000.
Items for resale 20,000.
Swimming pool receipts 3,000.
Rental Fee 7,000.
Other receipts 2,500.

Pool \$20,000.
Vehicle Repairs 500.
Vehicle Fuel 1,000.
Office Expense 5,000.
Equip/Repairs 100,000.
Other Expense 5,000.
Items for Resale 15,000.
Tractor Repairs 1,500.
Tractor Fuel 1,500.
Salaries 75,000.
Per-Deim 840.
Medicare 1,000.
Group Insurance 15,000.
FICA 2,000.
Retirement 5,500.
Utilities 27,000.
Maint Bldg & Ground 10,000.
Insurance 20,000.
Audit Fees 4,400.
RUNS: Dec. 2 - D 1

PROCEEDINGS
The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 09, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Waterworks Office in the village of Johnson

Bayou, Louisiana. Members Present were: Mr. J. P. Constance, Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Mr. Lloyd Badon, and Mr. Nathan Griffith. Guest attending were Mr. Tony Trahan and Mr. Jerome Carter. Members absent were none.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Constance, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Constance, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to approve the bills as paid.

Jerome Carter with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development spoke to the Board of Directors about a line that was broken at LCDC in July by a State contract mower, which incurred an over the limit water bill. It was moved by Mr. Constance, seconded by Mr. Simon and unanimously carried to adjust the bill.

The 2005 budget hearing was held. No public interest was present.

Due to low water pressure by residents near the Cameron Ferry, Kelly Pump was called in to perform testing to pumps. It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to purchase a deming pump and 30 hp motor for the line going to the Cameron Ferry, pending Engineers approval.

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mr. Constance and carried to approve out of the ordinary overtime for Mark Young and Tony Trahan.

After acquiring legal advice from the District Attorney, the decision to compensate Gary Badon to total 100% of normal salary was denied.

It was moved by Mr. Constance, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to have Cox's Electrical perform repairs to out dated equipment at Holly Beach Well Site.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to have President sign an Interagency Agreement with Fire District #10 for improvements to Fire Dept. and Waterworks Office.

There being no further business to discuss, President Nathan Griffith adjourned the meeting @ 7:45 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on February 10, 2005 @ 6:15 p.m. at the Waterworks office.

APPROVED:
/s/Nathan Griffith
Nathan Griffith-Chairman
ATTEST:
/s/Connie Trahan
J. P. Constance-Secretary
RUNS: Dec. 2 - D 3

LEGAL NOTICE
The Cameron Parish Assessor will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2005. Said hearing shall be held at the office of the Assessor, Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana, at 10:00 a.m., December 15, 2004. The Cameron Parish Assessor's office budget is always available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the assessor.

	2004	2005
	Amended	Proposed
Revenue:		
Ad Valorem Taxes -	386144	- 395000
State Revenue Sharing -	6969	- 6969
Informational Services -	4281	- 4800
Interest Earnings -	4014	- 4500
Total Revenue -	401408	- 411269
Expenditures:		
Personal Services -	367309	- 377390
Supplies -	6741	- 7100
Other Operating Expenses -	88271	- 77989
Capital Outlay -	4782	- 2500
Total Expenditures -	467103	- 464979
Excess -	-65695	- 53710
RUNS: Dec. 2 - D 4		

CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY AGENDA DECEMBER 6, 2004

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Minutes
4. Honoring of Braford Champion - Zack Theriot
5. Resolution - J. P. Constance
6. Resolution - Claude Eagleton
7. Resolution - Hayes P. Picou, Jr.
8. Resolution - Zoning
9. Drilling and Pipeline Permits:

a. Davis Petroleum Corp. - North Creole, Section 4, T14S, R7W, High Island Prospect, (proposed board road, drillsite and structures), Cameron Parish, LA. (041201)

b. Samson Contour E & P, LLC - Grand Chenier, Offshore, East Cameron Area, Block 17, SL 11508 Well No. 1, (proposed 3-inch flowline), Cameron Parish, LA. (041204)

c. Pearl Crossing LNG Terminal, LLC & Pearl Crossing Pipeline, LLC - Johnson Bayou, Offshore, West Cameron Area, Various Blocks, (proposed construction & operation of a LNG Deepwater Port), Cameron Parish, LA. (041207)

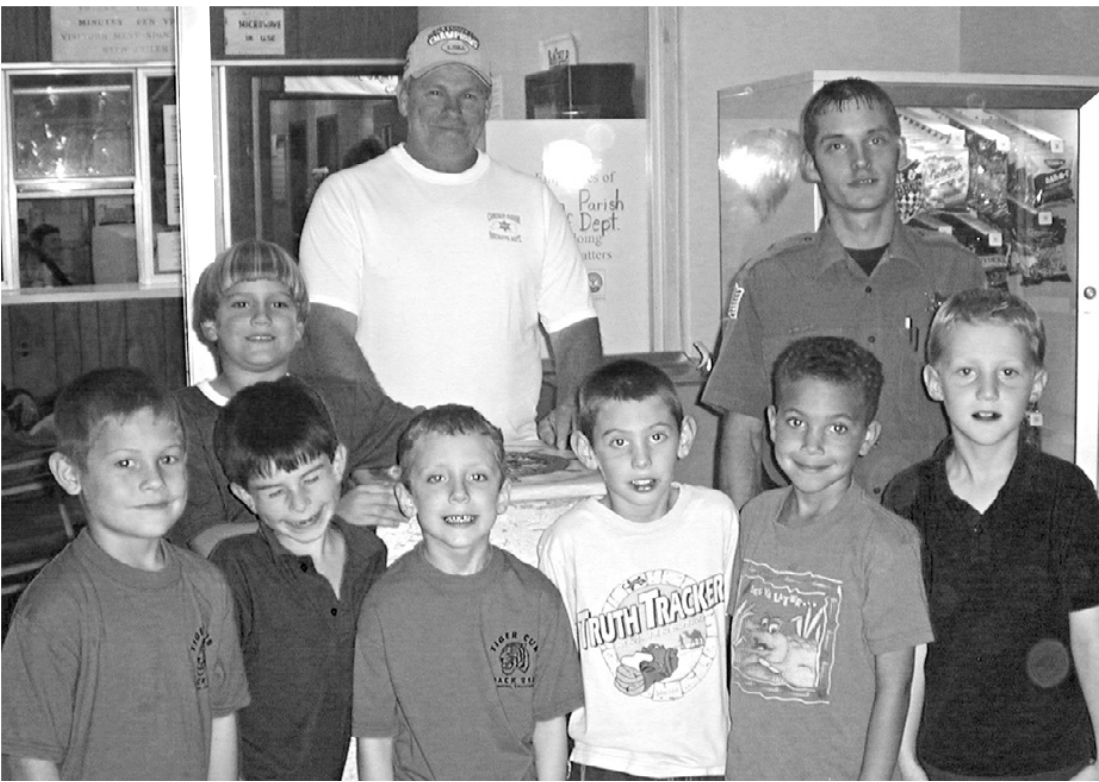
10. Others Permits:
a. Martin Bryan Vincent - Big Lake, Section 31, T12S, R9W, (proposed bulkhead & fill for Lot N on Calcasieu Lake), Cameron Parish, LA. (041202)

b. Stacy L. Johnson-Downs - Johnson Bayou, Sections 27-30, T15S, R13W, (proposed rip-rap in the Long Beach Area), Cameron Parish, LA. (041203)

c. Calcasieu Lake Homeowners Association - Big Lake, Sections 28 & 32, T12S, R9W, (proposed road, borrow canal, & timber piers), Cameron Parish, LA. (041205)

d. Han-Padron Associates - Calcasieu River & Sabine Lake, (proposed installation of 4 bottom-mounted current meters in 4 separate locations), Cameron Parish, LA. (041206)

11. Seismic Permits:
a. Fairfield Industries -



TIGER CUB and Cub Scout Troops 210 of Cameron were given a tour of the Cameron Parish Jail on Thursday, Nov. 18. Pictured above are Chief Deputy Ron Johnson, Deputy Benji Primeaux, Scouts Hayden Graham, Michael Sedlock, Zack Bignall, Blake Theriot, Corey Bourgeois, Alec January, and Dane Richard.

Sheriff Dept. Report

Another person has been caught allegedly trying to introduce contraband, in this case drugs, into the Cameron Parish jail. Christopher Trahan, 20, of 1122 W. Verdine Rd. #18, Sulphur, was arrested Nov. 19 on charges of possession of marijuana and controlled dangerous substance Schedule IV with intent to distribute and introducing contraband into the jail.

Sheriff Theos Duhon said one delivery of contraband had been intercepted and the suspect was watched until he tried to make a second delivery, then arrested.

There have been at least two other arrests in the past few months on the same charge. Duhon says people are quite creative in the methods they use to try to bring in contraband, but they are usually caught.

Other arrests in the past two weeks are:

Nov. 16: Jon L. Miller, 54, 1605 Tracy Dr., San Antonio, Tex. - DWI

Nov. 17: Jamie G. Andrews, 20, 177 Lillian St., Cameron - Possession of Marijuana and CDS Sch. II

Nov. 19: Leon A. Collins, 20, 1703 Legion St., Lake Charles - Distribution of CDS Sch. II, resisting an officer, obstruction of justice

Nov. 21: Caitlin C. Richard, 17, 3504 Ash Dr., Sulphur - DWI, Felony theft, resisting an officer, property damage

Nov. 22: Barry K. Papa, 34, 324 W. Tennis, Opelousas, LA - DWI

Nov. 24: Marguerite R. Alexander, 2211 Elaine St., Lake Charles - Possession of Marijuana and CDS Sch. II

Molori R. Hackey, 17, 140 Kay Ln., Hackberry - Resisting an officer

Nov. 27: Randall S. Palin, 23, 2233 Miller Ave., Westlake - Possession of Marijuana

Nov. 29: Kramer B. Griffin, Jr., 37, 912 8th St., Westwego, LA - Unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling, possession of CDS Sch. III

Maurice C. Caraway II, 45, 6737C Oak Lane Dr., Sulphur - DWI (warrant)

Dec. 1: Nathaniel Walls, 57, 1223 Abraham St., Cameron - Aggravated 2nd degree battery

Saving time and money

(NAPSA)-Even with so much to do-parties, presents, decorating and dining-and so little time, the holiday season can be more happy than hectic. These time and money-saving suggestions for holiday shopping and party planning can help you enjoy the spirit of the season:

- Mix and Match (paper and plastic, that is). Conserve your energy, table space and china. When hosting large groups, use heavy-duty paper or plastic dinnerware and flatware for easy buffet setup and even faster cleanup. Keep plastic containers and plastic wrap on hand to preserve tasty leftovers.

- Hit the Lights. Use a few strands of white lights to add a little sparkle to your mantle, windows or any other area that needs decorating. Outside your home, light the way for guests with solar landscaping lights or special luminaries. Add an extra splash with whimsical yard art such as fiber-optic light displays or fun, inflatable holiday characters.

- Strike Up the Band. Music makes a party. Be sure your sound system is up to snuff.

Creating holiday memories

(NAPSA)-Mistletoe, "It's a Wonderful Life," eggnog, gift giving, "Jingle Bells," Santa Claus...this is what generally comes to mind when you think of the holidays. This year, make some new traditions and memories that will last forever. World-renowned craft expert Suzanne Runyan, who appears regularly on the TV shopping network HSN and hsn.com, says, "Making wonderful memories doesn't have to be complicated, even simple ideas or activities will be cherished forever."

Runyan's tips for creating lasting memories:

1. Go through old photographs and mementos. Reminiscence about the event and label each with the date, location and important memories.

2. Scrapbooking is fun for everyone. Gather the family around and be creative with old photos. Check out the Sound of Memories Talking Recordable Scrapbook at hsn.com.

3. Make handmade holiday cards this year by recycling pictures from last year's cards.

4. Put your library of videos and digital photos to music. It makes them that

much more fun to watch.

5. Learn something new that would be fun for the whole family. Take an online class such as candle making, molding soap, or scrapbooking on hsn.com.

6. Design your own holiday wrapping paper using stamps, brown craft paper and any other personal favorite, such as scrap fabric and old buttons.

7. After you put the kids to bed, build a fire and roast marshmallows and s'mores. Add hot cocoa for a memorable evening together at home.

Creating a homemade gift or keepsake is not only memorable but can also be fun for the entire family. You can tune in to HSN and hsn.com, where Runyan regularly introduces new crafting designs and provides tips and online crafting classes.

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