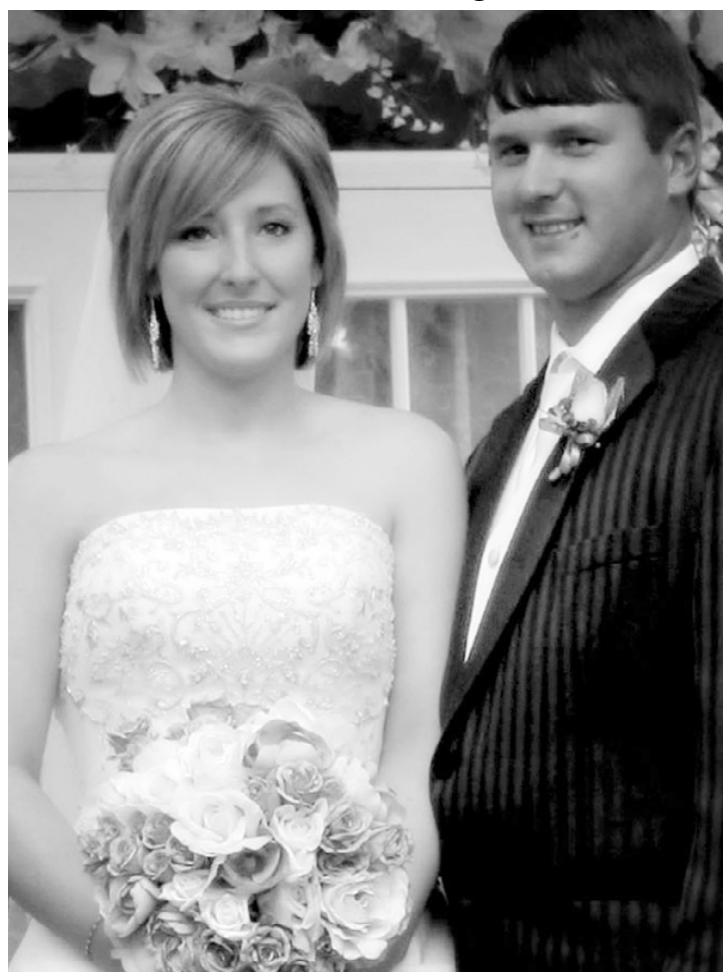




MR. AND MRS. Michael (Tammy) Welch of Hackberry announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Lynn, to Brandon Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pitre of Moss Bluff. The wedding is set for Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, at 1 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry. A reception will be held immediately following at the Hackberry Community Center.



Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Armentor

Armentor-McKoin vows are said in Lake Charles

Katie McKoin and Dustin Armentor were married Saturday, Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. at the Wedding Chapel in Lake Charles. Rev. Henry Prentice officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Robert and Kellie McKoin of Grand Chenier and Johnny Armentor of Holmwood and Robyn Dingler of Lake Charles.

Jodi Landry Armentor served as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Michelle McCullough, Brandi Armentor, and Sally Wendel. Emilee Richey served as a junior bridesmaid and Hannah Breaux served as the flower girl.

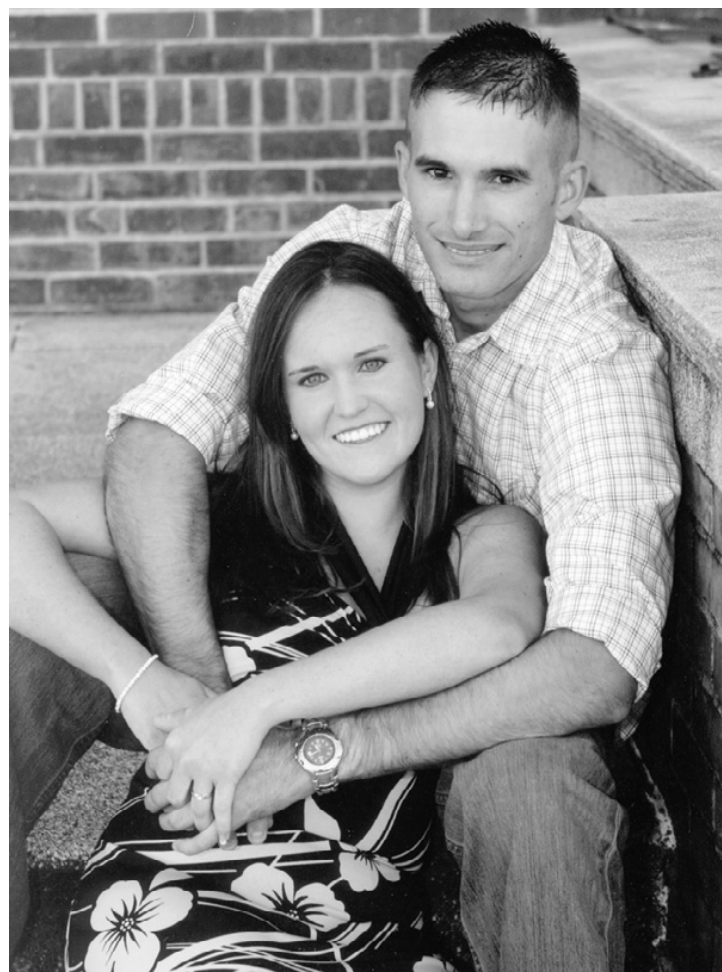
Chad Armentor served as the best man and Kace Armentor served as the hon-

oree best man. Groomsmen included Kris McKoin, Keith McKoin, and Todd Armentor. Clay Armentor served as the junior groomsmen.

Ushers included John-Clark Johnson, Jameson Johnson, Victor Sibille, and Brian Hebert. Bridal attendants included Chelsi Styron and Dakotah Boudreaux. A reception followed in the KC Hall in Iowa.

The bride is a graduate of Louisiana State University and is employed by the Cameron Parish Police Jury. The groom graduated from Bell City High School and is employed by Armentor Services.

After a wedding trip to Orlando and Daytona, Fla., the couple is making their home in Sweetlake.



A. J. AND CAREN Ewing of Grand Lake announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Crystal Anne Ewing, to James Douglas Bourque, son of Doug and Clarissa Bourque of Scott. The wedding is set for Saturday, Jan. 5 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Maurice at 1:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the VFW Post 9822. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Oak Grove Baptists to hold special services

The Oak Grove Baptist Church will hold two special services this Christmas season. All are invited to a Christmas Dinner on the grounds, Dec. 16. The meal will be served immediately after the morning worship service, which will start at

10:30 a.m.

There will also be a special Christmas Eve service, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. For more information call the pastor, Rev. Jay VanHorn at 542-4747 or Mrs. Olive Rutherford at 542-4144.

Hackberry Catholic News

Pie orders are being taken until Dec. 22. Any orders after that date cannot be guaranteed.

The Angel Tree is located in the foyer of the church. To

sponsor someone, please sign the sheet and put the name, phone number and what tag you took. Gifts are due back by Dec. 20.



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South Cameron High School News

4-H NEWS
A 4-H Workshop Day will be held at South Cameron High on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. Six hands-on workshops will be delivered covering the project topics: Pets, Bicycle, Gardening, Foods and Nutrition, Environment, and Clothing. Pre-registration is not required, although it will help to make sure enough materials are available for all 4-Hers.

ATHLETICS
Letterman jackets and patches will be ordered on Thursday, Dec. 13. All accessories, extras and patches must be prepaid at the time

the order is placed. Jackets will not be ordered if payment is not made.

SENIOR NEWS
All seniors will be required to take senior portraits on Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the school library. The portraits will be taken by Lifetouch by Jerry Gibson.

Class dues of \$5 must be paid by the Christmas Holidays so that the class can focus on graduation. Seniors need to turn in a baby picture for the slideshow.

BASKETBALL NEWS
Basketball roster t-shirts and sweat tops order forms are in the school office.

BASEBALL NEWS
The Tarpon Baseball team will have a Bake Sale on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the following locations: Carroll's Quick Stop-Cameron, Canik's Feed-Creole, Kelly's Mart-Grand Chenier, Chesson's Grocery-Grand Lake and Boone's Corner-Grand Lake. The sale will begin at 5 a.m. All proceeds will benefit Tarpon Baseball.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
Student Council members are sponsoring a Can Good Drive from Dec. 11 thru Dec. 18. All students are asked to bring a minimum donation of one can.

FOOTBALL NEWS
Jaylon Ball received Class 1-A All-State Honorable Mention All-State Football.

CALENDAR
Dec. 11 - 13, Parish Basketball Tournament (Johnson Bayou)
Dec. 18, Basketball Iowa (home)
Dec. 19, Senior Portraits
Dec. 20, Basketball Bell City (away)
Dec. 24 - Jan. 3 Christmas Holiday
Dec. 27 - 29, Girls Basketball (Sulphur Tournament)
Jan. 7, Return to School

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Area Basketball

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BOYS

Grand Lake 66, Pine Prairie 65 (OT) - Brett Griffith led all scorers with 29 points. Garrett Billiot added 14 and Jace Hebert chipped in 11 points. The Hornets' Jordan Hebert hit a free throw shot with 5 seconds left in overtime to give the Hornets win.

Johnson Bayou 61, High Island 49 - Aaron Jinks led the Rebels with 15 points. Dustin Badon added 14 points and Michael Trahan chipped in 11 points.

Hackberry 69 - South Cameron 40 - Steven Miller led the 11-4 Mustangs with 18 points and Aaron LaBove added 10 points. Lance Braxton scored 12 points for the winless Tarpons and Kyle Little added 11 points.

Bell City 53, Hackberry 39 - Dillon Thibodeaux scored 12 points for the 10-5 Mustangs.

GIRLS

Grand Lake 63, Pine Prairie 24 - Kat Kingham led the Lady Hornets, who are on a 17 game win-streak, with 16 points.

Johnson Bayou 54, High Island 29 - The Lady Rebels had 4 players score in double digits. Eden Broussard led the Lady Rebels with 12 points. Charmayne Barrentine and Shelby Trahan added 11 points each and Destiny Sonnier scored 10 points. Tabitha Harrington scored 8 points.

South Cameron 53, Hackberry 30 - Whitney Richard led the Lady Tarpons with the double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Rachael Fountain led all scorers with 14 points and Shelby Willis added 12 points. Allison Sanner led the Lady Mustangs with 13 points.

Grand Lake 59, Elizabeth 39 - Kat Kingham paced the Lady Hornets with 16 points. Larayne Picon added 15. Sony Lavergne and Heather Girlinghouse chipped in 11 points each.

Johnson Bayou 59, Boys



GRAND LAKE Lady Hornets won their fourth straight tournament by defeating the Hackberry Lady Mustangs 53 - 24 at Hackberry High School Nov. 28 - Dec. 1. Shown above are: (back row, from left) Coach Mianao, Hanna Savoie, Amber Trahan, Katie Frugé, Tasha Fontenot, Kat Kingham, Sonya Lavergne, Liz Kingham, Lorraine Picou, Coach Miller; (front row) Katelyn Shaw, Taylor Whittle, Heather Girlinghouse, Kimmie Babineaux, and Shelby Thomas.



GRAND LAKE'S Coach Danny Miller was honored Monday by the Cameron Parish School Board for his 800th basketball victory. Members of his team joined board members Rachel Abadie and Scott Nunez and President Loston McEvers in the presentation.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Harbor, Tx 30 - Shelby Trahan chipped in 19 points for the Lady Rebels and Charmayne Barrentine added 14 points. Tabitha Harrington and Destiny Sonnier scored 11 points each.

Hackberry 39, Bell City 38 - Allyson Sanner scored 16 points for the Lady Mustangs and Kayla Sanner added 15 points.

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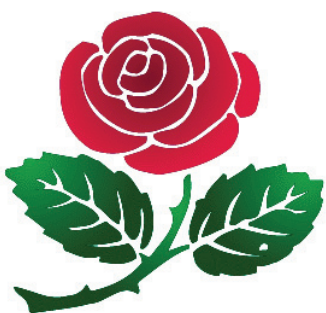
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Common sense prevents spread of Staph Infections

A certain type of staph infection (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus - MRSA) can easily be prevented with proper hygiene and heal with treatment, according to Terri Crawford, Northeast region nutrition agent with the LSU AgCenter.

Anyone can get an infection caused by staph bacteria, but you are at greater risk if you have cuts or scrapes on your skin, Crawford said. You are more likely to get staph infections if you have skin-to-skin contact with someone who already has the infection or you contact items or surfaces that have staph bacteria on them.

"This is why staph infections have been reported at such a high rate recently with sports-related and play activities," Crawford said.

The best defense against getting a staph infection is to practice proper hygiene and primarily hand-washing. Hands need to be kept clean by washing them thoroughly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

"Washing with soap and water is fine," Crawford said,

explaining, "You do not need any type of special antibacterial soap."

The LSU AgCenter recommends scrubbing your hands for at least 20 seconds and drying hands thoroughly with a single-use paper towel whenever possible.

Cuts and scrapes need to be kept clean and covered with a bandage until healed. "It's important to avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages as well as sharing such personal items as towels and razors," Crawford said.

Keeping surfaces clean, especially surfaces that have repeated people-contact, such as door knobs, phones, play and sports equipment, is important in preventing many kinds of infections, including staph and MRSA.

"Use cleaning products that are designed to kill germs, such as a bleach and water solution or antibacterial sprays," Crawford said.



MYRNA LEGER looks over the new selection of books, as one of the first patrons of the new Johnson Bayou Library bookmobile. The bookmobile was donated by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
(Photo by Julie Carlson.)

Follow label instructions for appropriate dilutions and contact times.

Skin infections caused by staph may look like pimples or boils. They may be red, swollen, painful or have pus or other drainage. More serious infections can cause pneumonia or bloodstream infections.

"Anyone who thinks he has a staph infection needs to

see a doctor right away," Crawford said. "Staph infections are treatable."

For more information on family and consumer topics, check out the LSU AgCenter Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. For educational programs on staph prevention to be conducted at your school or day care center, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.



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