



Theos Duhon

Theos Duhon candidate for sheriff

Theos Duhon, 57, Chief Deputy of the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. for the past 17 years, has announced that he will be a candidate for Sheriff in the Oct. 3 election. Sheriff James "Sono" Savoie has announced that he is retiring at the end of his present term.

Duhon has 29 years of experience in law enforcement, 22 of which have been with the Sheriff's Dept. He was originally hired in 1980 as Chief Criminal investigator in charge of investigations.

He and his wife, Salley Jean Dillon Duhon, live in the Sweetlake area and attend the Sweetlake Methodist Church.

Duhon's training includes LSU Law Enforcement Institute and LSU Basic Law Enforcement Academy and he has been an instructor at several local academies.

He is currently serving as the secretary of the Cameron Council on Aging and has been for two years. He is a member of the Grandlake/Sweetlake Action Alliance Committee, Louisiana Sheriffs Association, National Sheriffs Association and Blue Lightning, which is an organization that works with the United States customs for the prevention of coastal smuggling.

LSU graduates

Two Cameron Parish residents received degrees from LSU in commencement exercises held Friday, Dec. 20.

Gwendolyn Reasoner of Hackberry received a Master's Degree from the Graduate School.

Brady Keith Richard of Cameron received a degree from the College of Engineering.

Festival quiet

The Fur Festival activities, which drew large crowds last week, went off very smoothly with no problems for the Sheriff's department, according to Chief Deputy Theos Duhon.

He said there were only six arrests for minor offenses and these were not connected with the festival.

NAACP to hold King celebration

The 25th anniversary of the Cameron Parish NAACP Chapter and the 10th year of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration here will be observed on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Dr. Ranson Howard and Rev. Lannis Joseph will be the parade marshals for the parade that will be held at 1 p.m. Lineup is at noon at the Cameron Seafood Plant.

Among the participants in the parade will be the Washington-Marion ROTC, Jim "Ceco" Lastrapes and the Zydeco King.

A gumbo and chili dog lunch will be served after the parade at the Multi-Purpose building behind the courthouse for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

A program will follow with prayer by Rev. Lannis Joseph; Charles Z. Cole, master of ceremonies; message by Rev. Ransom Howard of Port Arthur; appeals by Dr. Rev. George Williams; recognition of guests by Mrs. Mary Cockrell; musical selections by Men of God; ROTC award presented by Louise Cole, NAACP president.

Others helping with the program are Margaret McArthur, Wanda LeBlanc, Frank Gardner, Marian Keller.

King to be remembered in Cameron

The Christian Women of Cameron will sponsor a Dr. M. L. King Festivities for Cameron Parish Jan. 18 with the following events scheduled:

Gospel Musical, 7 p.m. Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. Lannis Joseph, pastor.

Sunday, Jan. 19 - Judging of Posters and Essays, Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Monday, Jan. 20 - Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m., Ebenezer Baptist Church. Keynote speaker is Mrs. Allie Lee Carter.

Peace March to Cameron Rec. #6 for Fun Day activities. The Poster and Essay contest winners will be announced.

Saturday, Jan. 25 - Dr. M. L. King Basketball Classic, 8 a.m., South Cameron High School, Cheryl Parks, Kelly McKoin, Ryan Nash co-ordinators.

Board to meet

The Cameron Parish School Board is expected to ratify the contract with the new School Superintendent when it meets Tuesday, Jan. 21. There will be an agenda meeting at 4 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 5 p.m.

Doug Chance was named Superintendent by the Board last week to succeed Judy Jones, who retired. The board is expected to set his salary at the Tuesday meeting.

Also at the meeting a number of FBLA, FFA and FCCLA students will be recognized.

The auditor's report will be accepted.



John "Buck" Stephenson

Stephenson seeks 7th jury seat

John (Buck) Stephenson has announced that he will seek the new District 7 Cameron Parish Police Jury seat in the fall elections.

The new seat was created in the Big Lake area under the reapportionment plan for the parish.

Stephenson currently serves as the Ward Four constable and is a member of the Imperial Calcasieu Planning and Development Commission.

He is a charter member of the Grand Lake Lions Club, president of the Cameron Parish J. P. and Constables Assoc., member of the Cameron Parish Livestock Advisory Committee and of the Grand Lake Fire Dept.

He is a past member of the Fur and Wildlife board and the Cameron Fire Dept. He served on the Recreation District board and has coached several Dixie Youth and Little League teams.

He is married and is the father of three children.

Lighthouse meeting set

The Cameron Preservation Alliance-Sabine Pass Lighthouse Assoc. will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27 at the Holly Beach Fire Station.

It was announced that the Houston Light Keepers recently donated \$4,205 to the Sabine Lighthouse fund. The group plans to visit the lighthouse in the spring.

The Smokey Mountain Flame Keepers Lighthouse Club of Clinton, Tenn. also donated \$500 to the restoration of the Sabine lighthouse.

Memorial gifts have been received by the Lighthouse association in memory of Butch Crain, Mickey Guilbeaux, Joyce Quick and Hebert Aden Plummer.

A website has been created to provide information on the Sabine Lighthouse. Its address is: sabinepasslighthouse.com.

Lauren Broussard has completed a Historic Structure Report on the lighthouse and it will be used to apply for grants to continue the preservation project.



CROWNED AT the 2003 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival last week in Cameron were Charles Pettifer of Sweetlake, King Fur; Tiffany Wing of Sulphur, Fur Queen; and Madison Jade Morales and Marlie Ellice Mudd, both of Grand Lake, Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish.



Trista Semien
Miss Cameron

Pettifer, Wing crowned; Semien Miss Cameron

Thurs. Night

Fri. Night

Sat. Night

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

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Highlights of the Thursday night program of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival was the selection of Little Miss and Mr. Cameron Parish who were Marlie Ellice Mudd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Mudd, and Madison Jade Morales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Morales, both representing Grand Lake School.

Jennifer Daniels served as emcee for the program.

Starting the program was a song by the Head Start students in Cameron.

Gaylin Trahan won first place with a song in the talent contest in the solo category and in the group talent Bailey Richard, Ali Beth Conner, Devan Richard, and Melanie Hardy were the winners.

Judges were: Shannon Hinton, 2002 Louisiana Fur Queen; Buddy Peck, Lake Charles; and Emily Bennett Miss Outdoors representing the "National Outdoor Show" of Maryland.

Miss Bennet entertained the show with a song.

Outgoing Little and Mr. Cameron from last year, Jenna Duddleston and Kent Doxey crowned the new royalty.

Stage assistants were Jensen Bertrand, Krissie Bertrand, Michelle Conner, Lena Hebert, Courtney Sturlese, Charlotte Troclair, and Stephanie Richard and Suzanne Richard.

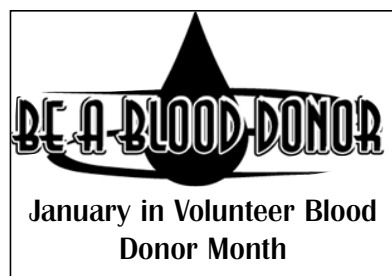
Technical assistants were: Kevin Driscoll, Johnny LeBlanc and Freddie Richard.

Sponsors of the program were: Cameron State Bank, Penelope Richard, and Southern Screens.

President Hebert announced that the festival is donating \$500 to each of the schools in the parish and the Head Start Program.

On honor list

Lynn Thuy Nguyen of Cameron was named to the President's List at the University of Louisiana at Monroe for the fall semester. She had a perfect 4.0 average.



THREE YOUNG queens crowned at the Thursday night program of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival last week were, from left: Ashley Nicole Picou, Junior Miss Fur Queen; Kimberly Trahan, Teen Miss Fur Queen; and Katherine Reina, Deb Miss Fur Queen.



PARADE MARSHALS for this year's Fur Festival parade were three couples who were instrumental in the founding of the festival 47 years ago. From left were Hadley and Wardella Fontenot, Alberta Rogers, and Audrey and J. Berton Daigle. They rode in vintage cars furnished by the Ilders Car Club of Lake Charles, which had 45 old cars in the parade.



Do You Remember

By Keith Hambrick

Lake Charles American Press, Jan. 16, 1940.
CAMERON SHRIMP FISHERMEN

TAKE NO PART IN FIGHT

While a bitter internecine struggle in Louisiana's seafood industry was presaged recently by the circulation of petitions in Morgan City and other points asking federal regulation of deep sea trawling, Cameron shrimpers reported they had "not yet taken any action in the matter."

C. Monk Singletary, owner of a fleet of five trawlers, said Sunday he and other operators had received copies of the petition addressed to Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La) but had not discussed it preparatory to joining fellow fishermen throughout South Louisiana in the fight to have a closed season on shrimping, and with a view toward outlawing deep sea trawlers.

Singletary stated that large trawlers fish the year round while the "mosquito fleet" of small boats are confined to inshore shrimping in a limited season. This not only limited the catch and subsequently the income of shallow water operators, but hurt the packers also since there was little demand for canned or iced shrimp when the "green-market" was kept supplied the year around.

Continued deep sea trawling without a closed season, the local operator went on to say, eventually would ruin the shrimping industry in Louisiana which now leads all states in production.

While stating he owned two deep water trawlers, Singletary declared he was in "favor of a closed season," coinciding with

the months when "mosquito fleet" operators did no fishing--April, May, June, July, August and December.

Cameron Pilot, Jan. 15, 1970.
TIME CAPSULE PLANNED HERE

A "time capsule" to be opened on the 200th anniversary of the formation of Cameron Parish, will be sealed in a marker here on March 15, the 100th anniversary of the parish.

J. B. Jones, Jr., president of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival and Centennial observance, said plans are being made now for the erection of the marker and the placing of the capsule in it. The marker would be opened March 15, 2070.

A variety of items will be placed in the capsule as a sample of 1970 life for our 2070 descendants including such things as newspapers, coins, photographs, etc.

One of the most interesting things in the capsule will be a leather bound scrapbook containing messages from present-day citizens of Cameron Parish to the citizens of 100 years hence.

MISS CAMERON PARISH

Cherie Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Griffith of Oak Grove, was chosen as Miss Cameron Parish at the Friday evening program of the 14th annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival.

Kathy Richard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Richard, of Grand Chenier, was named first runnerup to the queen and also Miss Personality.

Rosilie LaBove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie LaBove of

Oak Grove, was second runnerup and Pamela LeBleu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles LeBleu of Sweetlake, was third runnerup.

HOOSEGOW THEFT

It was just like an old western movie, the Sheriff and his posse had a passel of prisoners to put away, but, by George, some rustler had done stole the jail.

Clerk of Court Berton Daigle and a posse of fellow beard wearers had been planning for months on how they were going to lock up in the "hoosegow" everybody caught without a beard at the Fur Festival and Centennial celebration.

Berton even went out and borrowed a heavy livestock cage from Calcasieu County Agent Johnny Jackson to be used as the hoosegow. But when Daigle went to look for his hoosegow Friday morning, it was gone.

At first it was believed that some of the local pranksters had stolen the jail as a joke and that it would turn up later in the day. But then several people came forward to report that they had seen a young Texan, who was working on construction project here, load the cage into his truck late Thursday night.

The hoosegow never did show up for the festival, and Berton figured that he and his posse lost hundreds of dollars in fines for the festival because of its loss.

Monday morning when the young Texan returned to his job here, he found a sheriff's deputy waiting for him. He admitted to taking the cage, but claimed it was for a joke. But the sheriff and festival officials didn't thing the joke was funny.

Faced with the choice of going to jail on a theft charge or with paying damages to the Centennial posse, the young rustler put up \$300, led the deputies to the cage hidden in the marsh on the Front Ridge road.

Because they figured the \$300 partially made up for the loss of revenues from the hoosegow, the "posse" did not press charges against the Texan (who, for that reason, must remain nameless.)

DYSON NAMED KING FUR II

Alvin Dyson, Cameron lumberyard owner, contractor and



CAMERON TELEPHONE Company recently donated eight Cameron Parish flags to the Cameron Parish Livestock Committee. The flags will be used at the District and State Livestock Show and will designate the areas for Cameron Parish Livestock. Pictured above are Mr. Dennis Arnold representing Cameron Telephone Company, Livestock Committee Members, 4-H Livestock Exhibitors and members of the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Oak Grove History

Cameron Pilot, Jan. 8, 1970
OAK GROVE SETTLED IN 1803

The west end of Oak Grove was first settled around 1803 by the Demosthene LaBauve family near the present drainage canal, originally known as LaBauve's Bayou. There were 14 children and these are the ancestors of the present LaBove families.

At that time there was nothing but a solid forest of oak trees all the way to Cameron. These were cut down and cleared to plant cotton and lost to the ravages of disease and animals.

The east end of Oak Grove was settled around 1840 by Mrs. Martha Yocum Rutherford, a son (Ralph) and 2 daughters (Martha and Eliza) and 13 slaves. The Rutherfords came from Rutherford County, Tenn. (Murfreesborough), and headed for the coast to cure cholera that the slaves had contracted in Tenn., and to hunt a place to grow cotton.

Mr. Rutherford died on the way with yellow fever. The remainder of the family reached the town of Cameron (Leesburg) by way of Calcasieu River and made their way to oak Grove to settle and homestead.

Mrs. Rutherford established a cotton farm (farming sea island cotton) where the James and Johnny Meaux homes are now located. Zacharia Jones and Peter Sells were shipwrecked on Hackberry beach and made their way to her home. Mr. Jones stayed to become her foreman and she married him.

(Mr. Sells married Olivia LaBauve, daughter of Demosthene, and they reared a family. One of the children was John Sells whose descendants still reside in Cameron.)

"Grandma Jones" home became the center of all activities on the front ridge as she was a very civic minded person.

fur buyer, was crowned as King Fur II at the Friday program of the Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival. He was crowned by King Fur I, Jack Styron of New Orleans, manager of the Louisiana Menhaden Co.

A native of Pecan Island, Mr. Dyson came to Cameron in 1934 as a shrimper. He built one of the first shrimp houses here and as there was no lumber yard here then, he put in his own lumber yard.

He has been in the business for many years and is manager of the Miami Corp.'s vast fur producing lands here. He was a charter member of the First Baptist Church and of the Cameron Lions Club.

He served as state representative from Cameron Parish for 12 years. He is on the board of directors of the Hug the Coast Highway Association and Louisiana Shrimp Association and was on the Sabine River Authority.

20 DEGREES ON CHENIER

By Elora Montie

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, Grand Chenier folks witnessed some of the coldest weather of the winter. It was a record-breaking temperature for two days straight. Tuesday, Jan. 6 had a record low for this date of 20 degrees. Wednesday, Jan. 7, was a record low of 21 degrees. On Jan. 12 in 1948, the mercury dropped to 12 degrees.

Due to the marshes being frozen some of the trappers were unable to run traps that day. Many pipes were busted. It kept plumbers very busy through the cold freeze.

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Randy Hanchey

The Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce will hold its 15th annual banquet Monday, Jan. 20, at the Hackberry Community Center with a social period at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m.

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the 2002 Citizen of the Year Award and the 2003 Memorial Award.

Guest speaker will be Randy Hanchey, assistant secretary for Coastal Restoration and Management of the La. Dept. of Natural Resources.

Scheduled to be installed as the 2003 officers are Carl Broussard, president; Greg Wicke, vice-president; Tina Horn, secretary and treasurer. Michelle Guidry is the outgoing president.

Rodney Guilbeaux will be master of ceremonies and Police Juror Steve Trahan will give the welcome. Rev. Roland Vaughn will give the invocation and blessing and Dennis Arnold will lead the pledge.

Tina Horn will introduce public officials and Past President John DeBarge will install the new officers.

Mr. Hanchey oversees the Division of Coastal Restoration that addresses the problems of marsh and wetlands losses in coastal Louisiana.

Mr. Hanchey retired from the Corps of Engineers in 1998 and had served in a number of high level positions with the Corps including the Director of Engineering and Technical Services with the Mississippi Valley Division in Vicksburg, Mill and Director Water Resources in Washington.

Library News

NEW NOVELS

Kill And Tell - Linda Howard; Lionheart - Connie Mason; No Place Like Home - Fern Michaels; Four Blind Mice - James Patterson; Alice In Exile - Piers Paul Read; True Blue - Luanne Rice; Blackwood Farm - Anne Rice; The Christmas Garden Affair - Ann Ripley; Irresistible - Karen Robards; Purity In Death - J. D. Robb; Sin City - Harold Robbins.

MEMORIAL BOOKS

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

Hot & Spicy Cookbook, Wanda P. Ratcliff by Floyd and Corrine Trahan;

Home Gardener's Problem Solver, Hilda F. Savoie by Floyd and Corrine Trahan;

Complete Entertaining Cookbook, Thelma Breaux by Benny and Pat;

The World Atlas Of Saltwater Fishing, Mr. N. B. "Red" Hackett by Mrs. Charles N. Malone;

Spring Notebook, Hilda Savoie by Randall and Carlotta Boudoin;

Seasons Of My Garden, Hilda Savoie by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn McCall;

Take The Reins, Perry McGrath by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dupont;

Chocolate Conspiracy, Wanda Ratcliff by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dupont;

Quilted Projects & Garments, Leona LaFosse by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dupont;

The Cake Doctor, Hilda Savoie by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dupont;

The Joy Of Resurrection, Clayton Nunez by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dupont.

Books on sale at S.C. Library

Memorial and Honor books may be purchased at South Cameron High School Library. For more information or to purchase a book contact the school librarian at 542-4884.



PICTURED ABOVE are four generation of Anice Conner's family on Christmas Day. Mrs. Conner, 88 years old, is holding her great-grandson, Conner Joseph Haynie, three months. Conner's grandmother, Sue Haynie is seated at left and Conner's father, Dwayne Haynie, is at right. Mrs. Conner and Mrs. Haynie are from Creole.

Teen Center program open at Grand Lake by Agency

The Cameron Community Action Agency announces the beginning of a new program, "Keep It Real" Teen Center, at the Grand Lake Recreation Center.

The program features after school homework help Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Lynda Williamson is the teacher. All students are invited to attend.

An enrollment form must be

completed and a \$10 per month participation fee is requested. A form naming the person responsible for picking up the student following the session is also required.

Sarah Nunez is the Youth Director and Jade Jouett is the Asst. Youth Coordinator. Each student will be given a healthy snack each day.

On Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., an educational session and a light supper will be served.

On Fridays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., a structured recreational activity will be held. All students are invited to become participants. For more information call 598-5158 or 598-5800 or 775-5014.

H'berry church council told

St. Peters Catholic Church Pastoral Council members are Pastor - Father Roland Vaughn; Trustees - Clifford Little and Jeffery Alleman; K. C. Grand Knight - Clifford Little; Religious Education - Tammy H. Welch; Youth Group - Charlotte LaBauve; Finance - Uretta Fraizer; Social Commissioner - Cele Devall.

Liturgical - Mae Doris Little, John DeBarge, Danita Mitchell; Members at Large - Darrell Duhon, B. J. LaBove, Travis Vincent, Lori Sanders, Trisha Silver.

Our Lady of the Rosary visit is set

At the J. P. Boudoin Sr. Knights of Columbus Council January meeting last week, Grand Knight Loston McEvers announced that the Marian Hour of Prayer, Icon and Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary will be held Saturday, March 1, at Sacred Heart Church Mass at 5 p.m. Council 3014 invites the Cameron and Grand Chenier Councils to take part on this special occasion.

The prayer service will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, "Our Lady of the Rosary." A copy of the Icon will be present in the Sacred Heart Church. It will remain during the 8:30 a.m. mass for viewing by parishioners.

The Council has set a date for their annual Knight of the Year banquet for March 1.

Knights of the months for November and December were: Clyde Miller and Kenneth Montie. Families of the months were: Loston and Glender McEvers and John (Man) and Estelle Theriot.

Aid told for help with energy

Louisiana Housing Finance Agency is underway to assist families and individuals throughout the state with energy expenses. The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Energy Assistance Program is available to eligible families to help defray utility costs.

Eligible households can receive a one-time \$200 energy assistance payment through the TANF Energy Assistance Program. Families and individuals can use the payment for utility deposits, overdue utility bills, reconnection/disconnection fees, current or future utility bills.

To be eligible for TANF, the household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The applicants must be working or enrolled in school. Applicants must bring proof of income, birth certificates of minor children, Social Security cards of all members of household, and the energy bill they need assistance in paying.

Applications are by appointment only, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call the Cameron Office 775-5145 or the Grand Lake Office 598-5158 to reserve your appointment.



Loretta Theriot co-authors new book set in this area

Mary S. Palmer of Mobile, Ala. and Loretta Theriot of Chenier Perdue in Cameron Parish have announced the release of their book, "The Callings," published by PublishAmerica of Fredrick, Maryland.

Based on a true crime, "The Callings" explores the human condition of a man in prison and a priest, showing how both require tenacity for survival. It is a story of two young men growing up in the Louisiana Cajun country. One commits matricide as a teenager and is sentenced to life in Louisiana State Penitentiary; the other is called by God and becomes a Catholic priest in Mobile. It shows the inner workings of the Catholic Church and of a maximum security prison. For additional authenticity, this heavily researched book has a foreword written by Warden Burl Cain of Louisiana State Penitentiary.



Mary S. Palmer has taught at Spring Hill College in Mobile and is currently a member of the adjunct faculty teaching English at Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette, Ala.

Loretta Theriot, native of Cheniere Perdue, who still resides there, began her literary career researching for best-selling author Jennifer Blake, she has a Master's Degree in English and recently retired from the public school system. She is currently teaching English as a Second Language.

The Callings is currently available from Mrs. Theriot by calling 542-4680.

A book signing is scheduled at the Cameron Parish Library, Monday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m.



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On Saturday, January 18, 2003, a **continuation** of two property taxes, which help form the basis of our recurring revenue, will be presented to the voters of Cameron Parish. These property taxes are used for maintaining and operating the public schools in Cameron Parish. The continuation of these levies is critical to the **financial stability of our school system.**

These taxes generate approximately **2.1 million dollars** (9.23 mills and 6.58 mills) in revenue so you can certainly see the adverse effect this loss in recurring revenue would have on our school system.

As the newly elected Superintendent of Schools of Cameron Parish, I pledge that the monies generated from your taxes will be used to continue to improve the education of our children and to maintain and operate our schools in the most cost-efficient manner.

**Doug Chance, Superintendent
Cameron Parish School Board**

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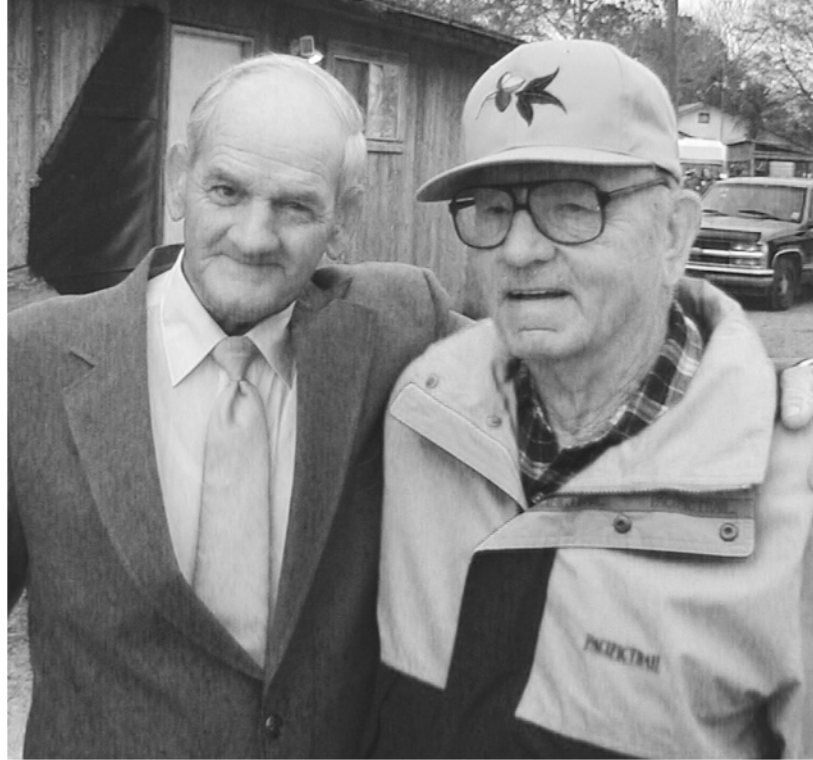
THE JOHNSON BAYOU Volunteer Fire Department float in the Fur Festival parade featured not only firemen, but members of the Barry Badon band, who played throughout the parade.



KING FUR Charlie Pettifer and Miss Cameron Trista Semien are shown surrounded by a bevy of visiting queens at the Saturday night program of the La. Fur and Wildlife Festival. Included in the group are Little Mr. and Miss Cameron and Miss Outdoors from Maryland.



THE CAMERON PARISH Police Jury accepted a 4.85 acre property donation from the Chalkey Estate. Pictured above are Charles Precht, III, President of the Cameron Parish Police Jury; Mary Leach Werner, Vice-President of North American Land Company, Inc.; Claude A. Leach, Vice-President of Sweet Lake Land Oil Company, Inc.; and Jim Paul Dupont, Grand Lake Action Alliance. The Action Alliance and the Police Jury have plans to use the property for a cemetery. The property is located off of Robinson Road in the Sweet Lake Area. Mary Leach Werner and Claude A. Leach are fifth generation Chalkey family heirs.



GETTING TOGETHER at the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival last week were Charles Pettifer, left, veteran Sweetlake alligator hunter and trapper who was crowned as King Fur, and Hadley Fontenot, former Cameron Parish county agent and one of the chief originators of the Festival. Fontenot now lives in Jennings.



GETTING AN introduction to Cameron Parish Saturday were the new school superintendent Doug Chance and his wife, Teresa, who rode on a float with school board members. Chance was named to the parish post last week on the retirement of Judy Jones.

Parish voters to vote tax issues on Saturday

Cameron Parish voters will vote on five parishwide tax issues and three district taxes on the Jan. 18 ballot.

Absentee voting is in progress this week in the Registrar of Votes office in the courthouse with voting from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

*Parishwide 9.23 mills to maintain and operate parish schools. If passed, it will generate \$1,266,610.58 annually.

*Parishwide 6.58 to maintain buildings and operate the school system. If passed it will generate \$902,957.49 annually.

*Parishwide 6.61 mills for parish road and bridge maintenance. If passed, it will generate \$907,000 annually.

*Parishwide 2.64 mills property tax to maintain and operate the Cameron Parish courthouse and jail. If passed, it will generate \$362,280.81 annually.

*Parishwide 1.32 mills for the Cameron Parish Health Center. If passed, it will generate \$181,000 annually.

*Johnson Bayou, Fire Protection District No. 10, 8 mills for fire protection. If the tax passes, all current property taxes now being collected will be abolished. If passed, it will generate \$286,182.09 annually.

*Johnson Bayou Recreation District, 8 mills to operate and maintain recreation facilities. If the tax passes, all current property taxes being collected will be abolished. If passed, it will generate \$247,549.30 annually.

*Grand Chenier area, Waterworks District No. 9, 6.34 mills for operation and maintenance of the water system. If passed, it will generate \$190,803.77 annually.

School menus

Lunch menus for the week of Jan. 21 - Jan. 24 for all Cameron Parish schools are as follows:

Tues., Jan. 21 - Barbecue burger, oven fries, baked beans, chocolate cake, chocolate cream frosting, hamburger bun, catsup.

Wed., Jan. 22 - Chicken fajitas, fixings cup, baked potato, banana split desert, flour tortillas.

Thurs., Jan. 23 - Stromboli, tator tots, baked beans, chilled peach slices, catsup.

Fri., Jan. 24 - Sloppy joe, corn on cob, oven fries, oatmeal cookies, catsup, hamburger bun.

Energy aid offered to low income

Applications are being taken by the Cameron Community Action Agency for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP). The LIHEAP will assist in meeting the burden of high home cooling and heating expenses by making payment to energy companies on behalf of eligible households.

Eligible households with children age five years and younger, the elderly and handicapped persons will be given priority. To be eligible, the total income for all persons in the household cannot exceed 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Applicants must bring proof of income and/or receipt of AFDC, Food Stamps, SSI, Veteran's VA Survivors' Pension, Social Security, Retirement, Pensions, and Annuities. Applicants must bring the energy bill they need assistance in paying as well Social Security Cards for all members of household.

Applications are by appointment only, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call the Cameron Office 775-5145 or the Grand Lake Office 598-5158 to reserve your appointment.

Aid offered to shrimpers

The Cameron Community Action Agency is taking applications for Emergency Shrimpers Crisis Energy Assistance by appointment only. Applications are taken Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You will need to call to reserve your appointment at the Cameron Office at 775-5145 or the Grand Lake Office at 598-5158. Applicants must bring the following information:

1. Income for all members in the household.
2. Social Security Cards for all members.
3. Proof of Food Stamp's if applicable.
4. Commercial fisherman must provide:
 - a. Commercial fisherman's license.
 - b. Vessel License.
 - c. Payment of annual commercial shrimper equipment gear fee.
 - d. Proof of fiscal loss.
5. Deckhands on commercial shrimp vessels must provide:
 - a. Employment on Commercial shrimp vessel and reduction of salary.
 - b. Layoff from commercial shrimp vessel and reduction of salary.
6. Processor/Dock Employees must provide:
 - a. Employment by processor/dock and reduction of salary.
 - b. Layoff from processor/dock and reduction of salary.



ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, the Cameron Cub Scouts had a special visitor at their weekly meeting. Mr. Giz Guilbeaux showed his collection of "Sea Beans" and explained to the boys how he found them, where they come from, and the different kinds of beans you can collect. He used the beans to make different things. Pictured with Mr. Giz Guilbeaux are Mr. Bobby Joe Doxey-scout leader, Marcus Doxey, Christopher Guillot, Kent Doxey, Caleb Stoutes, Garrett Mock, Johnathon Smelly, and Corey Miller.

Two scholarships offered

Cameron Communications is offering two scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors in its service areas within SW Louisiana and SE Texas, Gary Hightower, Vice President of Employee and Community Relations, announced today.

Applications are being taken for the annual Cameron Communications two-year scholarship to McNeese for a Louisiana graduating high school senior. Additionally, Cameron Communications is co-

sponsoring a \$2,000 scholarship with the Foundation for Rural Service.

There are separate criteria and materials qualifying graduating seniors will need to apply for either scholarship. Application deadline for both scholarships is March 1, 2003. Applicants should check with their high school principal or guidance counselor for materials and eligibility requirements, or contact Gary Hightower at Cameron Communications.



THE NEW Command Unit of the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. and Civil Defense was on display at the Fur Festival. The two agencies converted the old parish bookmobile and installed radio and rescue equipment to be used in emergencies such as hurricanes. Shown with the unit are Deputies Jerry Constance, David French, and Edward Racca.



A HUGE STUFFED alligator was the centerpiece on the Francis Drilling Fluid float during the Fur Festival parade in Cameron last Saturday. The festival honored the alligator industry this year.