

Robert Manuel

R. Manuel, educator, rites held

Robert Lee Manuel, 77, of Big Lake, a retired Cameron Parish coach and principal, died on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 in a Lake Charles hospital.

Funeral Mass was held Friday, March 5, 2004 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Rev. T. L. Herlong presided at the funeral mass. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Mr. Manuel was a native of Basile. He served in the Navy during World War II and then returned to graduate from Basile High. He attended Louisiana College until he was called to serve in the Korean War in the Naval Reserves. He returned from the war and finished at Louisiana College with a BS in Physical Education.

He began his coaching career at Basile High in 1952. During the summers he obtained his masters degree from Colorado State, his +30 from McNeese, and worked on his thesis at LSU. Through the years he coached football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, softball, and track. He started the wrestling program in Louisiana schools.

In 1960, he accepted the head coach position at South Cameron High School. In 1974, he became principal at Grand Chenier Elementary, where he stayed until he retired in 1980.

Mr. Manuel belonged to the Knights of Columbus for fifty years and was a member of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Big Lake. He served in the American Legion and on the port and water boards in Cameron Parish.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Mary Helen Tremie Manuel, of Lake Charles; daughters, Mary LaCasse of LeBleu Settlement and Rachel Abadie of Grand Lake; brothers, Elden Manuel of Basile, Herman Manuel of Lafayette, Chester Manuel of Forked Island, and Don Manuel of Basile; sister, Priscilla Gauthier of Lafayette; and five grandchildren.

Tax list is published

Published elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is a list of Cameron parish properties on which the 2003 taxes have not been paid and the owners' mailing addresses are unknown.

The Sheriff's Dept., which is the parish's tax collector, gives notice to these owners that their property will be sold for taxes on May 5, 2004 if the taxes are still unpaid.

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Welch is new supervisor for Trans. - Maintenance

By CYNDI SELLERS

By a 4 - 3 vote, the Cameron Parish School Board Monday evening named Johnson Bayou principal Doug Welch to the position of Supervisor of Transportation, Maintenance, and Other Duties. Effective June 1 Welch will replace Ron Vining who is retiring at the end of the school year.

There were three applicants for the position: Welch; Scott Nunez, coach at Bell City High School; and Eddie Benoit, principal at South Cameron High School.

Superintendent Doug Chance explained the interview process in detail, provided a chart comparing qualifications, and a list of certifications possessed by each applicant. He then recommended Welch, based in part on the depth of his coaching experience, since the position is being expanded to include supervision of Physical Education and Social Studies.

Chance congratulated all the applicants on their qualifications and said he would gladly recommend either of the others for positions as they become available.

When the vote was called, Douaine Sanner, Pat Howerton, and Rachel Abadie voted aye, and Dot Theriot, Loston McEvers, and Marvin Trahan voted nay. President Clifton Morris then broke the

tie, voting aye.

The move will leave JBHS without a principal and there has been no assistant principal since Stephanie Rogers resigned in January to take a position with the state.

Chance said efforts to fill those positions would begin immediately and there would be no gap in leadership at the school.

HIGH STAKES TESTING

March 15-19 is test week in all Cameron Parish Schools. LEAP and other standardized tests will be given. The school board is encouraging parents to make sure children get plenty of rest each night and a good breakfast each morning.

To help in the breakfast area, the School Food Service Program is providing breakfast at no charge for all students during this week. Breakfast is available the rest of the school year based on ability to pay.

Stress-free active play time after school is also a good idea, allowing children to relieve the tension of test days.

MINIMUM FOUNDATION FUNDS

Distribution of this year's MFP funds was announced by Supt. Chance. All certificated personnel will receive one check in April for \$822 and one by June 30 for \$587 for a

total of \$1409.

This amount will automatically be added to the salary schedule for next year as mandated by the state.

OTHER BUSINESS

A request to have the School Board provide gravel which the Police Jury would spread to make a private road in Johnson Bayou passable by bus was referred to staff for consideration.

Army Specialist Cody Styron, a graduate of Cameron Parish Schools, was recognized with appreciation for having served 12 months in Baghdad, Iraq.

Kami Danielle Savoie, Middle School Student of the Year, was also recognized.

PERSONNEL

The Board renewed for two years the performance contracts of:

Nancy Claire Boudreaux - Elementary Supervisor

Jackie Holmes - Grand Lake High School Asst. Principal

Carol "Zeke" Wainwright - Cameron Elementary Principal

Appointed Shela Strother - LPN at Hackberry High School.

Accepted resignation of Glada Guidry - sweeper at South Cameron High School, effective May 28, 2004.

Community meeting set at G. Lake

Members of the Grand Lake/Big Lake communities have been invited to attend a meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 23 at the Grand Lake Firemen's Center.

The meeting was called to give residents a chance to meet with the new police juror for that area. Darryl Farque became the seventh member of the police jury in January after a new seat was added under reapportionment.

One of the concerns scheduled to be discussed at the meeting will be a proposed curfew on barge traffic at the Big Lake bridge for certain times in the morning and afternoon when there is heavy school traffic.

All residents of the Grand Lake/Big Lake area are invited to attend the meeting.

Senior dinner

A Senior citizens dinner will be held Sunday, March 28 at 1:15 p.m. by Sweet Lake Methodist Church. There will be food, entertainment, and door prizes.

The church is located on the corner of Hwy. 397 (Helms Rd.) and Robinson Road, just a couple of miles north and west of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

For additional directions contact Wayne Taylor at 598-1000.



THE HACKBERRY girls basketball team won the state Class C championship last week--their third straight state championship. The Lady Mustangs are shown huddling prior to the start of the championship game in Hammond. (Photo courtesy of Mike McCall.)

H'berry girls do it again!

The Hackberry Lady Mustangs last week won their 3rd consecutive state title knocking off Athens 62 to 50.

Hackberry's Tobie Devall scored 13 points in the 4th quarter to break open a close game and help defending Class C state champion Hackberry win their 4th State title in 5 years. Athens finished as runner up for the 3rd time.

Hackberry's Edie Leonards, who hit 9 of 18 field goals for a game high 18 points, was named the most valuable player. Leonards received this honor last year.

Devall had only 1 point before the 4th quarter when Hackberry led by a slim margin 41-38. Three point buckets by Devall and Nikki Perry followed by two Devall layups

gave the Lady Mustangs a 51 to 42 lead. Devall added a team high 7 rebounds and 9 assists.

Hackberry center Desi Picou, who gave up 5 inches to Athens 6 foot center Mary Slaughter, added 17 points for the Lady Mustangs, who managed to outscore the taller Athens 38-34 in the paint.

Picou set the pace for Hackberry by scoring 11 points in the 1st quarter giving the Lady Mustangs a 15 to 8 lead. Leonards 8 points in the second quarter gave them a 29-24 halftime lead.

Hackberry, which lost 7 starters from last year's championship team, never trailed and led by as many as 9 points in the first half, but couldn't pull away until the end.

Court reverses decision on state lands in parish

In a recent appellant court decision, the State of Louisiana stands to receive over \$5.3 million of past oil and gas revenue, plus future oil and gas production from a land-ownership dispute case in Cameron Parish. State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials said in February, the Louisiana Third Circuit of Appeal reversed an earlier district court opinion that awarded private landowners oil production revenues.

The case, Riceland Petroleum Company vs. North American Land Company, Inc., Stream Family Limited Partnership, et al, and the Louisiana Mineral Board, was introduced in the 38th Judicial District Court in Cameron Parish in 2002. The dispute centers on claims by the state and private landowners as to ownership of property along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico. Because of the accretion, the shoreline of the Gulf had moved several hundreds of feet south over the years.

Both parties claimed interests in the oil and gas produc-

tion and the land adjacent to the shore of the Gulf of Mexico. In the district court decision, the federal law giving accretion to the private landowners abutting the seashore was determined to be applicable in Louisiana. In appealing the case, the state's argument prevailed that under Louisiana law since statehood in 1812, private landowners have no right to the accretion that attaches to the shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

Officials at DNR and the Attorney General's Office contend that other cases relied on by the district courts did not apply but that once title to lands is in the state, state property laws, not federal property law applies. Moreover, state officials and attorneys representing the case, adamantly defend the position of the appeals court since there are vast amounts of land and oil and gas revenue from lands that have formed along the coast between the time Louisiana acquired title from the federal government and the present.

Congratulations to the Lady Mustangs! Class C State Champions



ARMY SPECIALIST Cody Styron recently returned from serving twelve months in Baghdad, Iraq. He was honored by the Police Jury and the School Board, receiving a certificate and the key to the Parish. Friday March 12 has been proclaimed Cody Styron Day in Cameron Parish. Shown above are (standing from left) Dot Theriot, Dr. Doug Chance, Scott Trahan, Douaine Sanner, Tina Horn, Pat Howerton, Marvin Trahan, Loston McEvers, Rachel Abadie; (seated) Cody Styron and 'BoBo' Morris.



KAMI DANIELLE SAVOIE, Cameron Parish Eighth Grade Student of the Year, received a certificate from Nancy Boudreaux, Elementary Supervisor at the Monday School Board meeting.



J. C. BOUDREAUX and his wife, Regina, of Cameron were honored guests at a press conference held last Thursday in Lake Charles where it was announced that the movie, "The Louisiana Story" will be shown as part of the McNeese Banner Series at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Boudreaux, who was 13 at the time, had the starring role in the movie that became a film classic. The Boudreauxs are shown with Elemore Morgan, whose father, Elemore Morgan, Sr. was associated with the filming of the movie. The younger Morgan will present a slide show and lecture in conjunction with the April 25 show.

FUNERALS

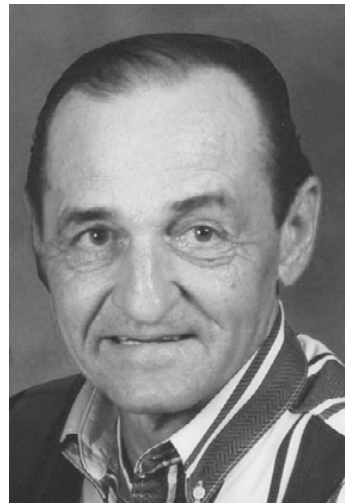
HARRY LEE LABOVE

Harry Lee LaBove, 73, of Creole, died Sunday, March 7, 2004, in his residence.

Mr. LaBove was a lifelong resident of Creole. He was a retired deck hand on the Cameron Ferry and was a member of Woodmen of the World. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Victoria "Vicky" Racca of Cameron, and Melissa LaBove of Grand Lake; one son, Joseph LaBove of Grand Lake; and two grandchildren.

His funeral was held Tuesday, March 9, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole. The Rev. Joe McGrath officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery.



J. D. Miller

JOSEPH DOUGLAS MILLER

Joseph Douglas Miller, "J.D.", Miller, 61, of Creole, passed away at 12:05 a.m.

Friday morning in his mother's home.

He was a native of Creole and lived in the area all of his life where he was a self-employed welder for the past 40 years. He was also a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole.

Survivors are his wife, Lucille Miller of Creole; his mother, Annie Kram of Creole; one daughter, Sonia Andrews of Baton Rouge; two sons, Jaime Miller of Carlyss and Chad Miller of Moss Bluff; four grandchildren, Joshua Andrews of Baton Rouge, Sara Miller and John Miller of Carlyss and Maddie Miller of Moss Bluff; four step-grandchildren, Randall Nunez of Creole, Richard Nunez of Grand Chenier, Jerry Nunez of Hayes and Annette LeBouef of Creole; and four step-great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held Monday, March 8, in Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church of Creole. The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in Our Lady of the Marsh Cemetery in Little Chenier under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole.

DAZILLE M. ROUX

Dazille "Dee" Roux, 65, of Cameron died Thursday, March 4, 2004, in a local care center.

She was a native of Many and had lived in Cameron for more than 40 years.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth J. Roux, Sr.; one son, Kenneth J. Roux, Jr. of Lake Charles; one brother, Charles Maxie of Fresno, Calif. and one sister, Audrey Salter of Florin.

Her memorial service was held Monday, March 8, in Hixson Funeral Home of Creole. Ed Smith officiated.

Birth

HUNTER RYAN ARDOIN

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Joseph Ardoin of Beaufort, S. Car. announce the birth of their child, Hunter Ryan on Feb. 25, at Beaufort Hospital in Beaufort, S. Car. He weighed 8 lbs. and 7 1/2 ozs.

Grandparents are Mitsi and Doyle Taylor of Cameron; the late Elmer Joseph Ardoin, Jr.; and Russell and Crystal Helgren of Chico, Calif.

Great-grandparents are Joyce Ardoin and the late Elmer J. Ardoin of Lake Charles; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leven Abshire.

Memorial books given to Library

The following memorial books have been given to the Cameron Parish Library. Titles, honorees and donors are listed in that order:

The First Christmas, in honor of our great-granddaughter Josie Rhonda Lynn Dunn by Ma Ma Bertha and Pa Pa Thomas;

Shared Spirits, Warren Miller by Frankie and Mary Henry;

A Merry Christmas in Cross-Stitch, Butsey Carter by Frankie and Mary Henry;

Holiday Touches for the Country Home, Theresa Mudd by Frankie and Mary Henry;

A Divine Revelation of Heaven, Gloria Higgins by Charlotte Trosclair family;

2001 Chicken Recipes, Versie "Tou" Vincent, Charlotte Trosclair family;

Book of Ocean Creatures, Joseph "Bubba" Higgins, Jr. by Charlotte Trosclair;

Aircraft Anatomy of World War II, Mr. and Mrs. McWhirter by Whitney Baccigalopi;

The Complete Barbecue Cookbook, Joyce Seay by Bill and Bobbie Darbonne;

Romancing the Rain, Mildred Toups by Bill and Bobbie Darbonne;

The Encyclopedia of Cars, V. P. Sanner by Bill and Bobbie Darbonne.

Computer classes set

The Cameron Parish Library is offering adult education classes in Microsoft Word Levels I, II, and III at the main branch of the Cameron Parish Library on Tuesday nights starting on March 23 at 5:30 p.m.

The classes will be a six-week series that will teach all levels of Microsoft Word. Sowela Community College teacher Susan Nicholson will be the instructor for all the programs.

There is a \$90 charge for the 18 hour course that is payable before the class starts. The class is limited to 12 participants with only a few positions available.

Call JoDee at 775-5421 to reserve a place in the class as soon as possible. Microsoft Excel (all levels) will be taught starting in May. To be included in that list, please call JoDee at the above number.

Funds are available for youth

Cameron Parish youth, ages 14 - 21, may apply to the Cameron Community Action Agency for Workforce Investment Act funds.

Funds are available to low income individuals in categories such as school dropouts, homeless, pregnant, offenders, deficient in basic literacy skills or needing assistance to complete an educational program or secure employment.

Applicants must provide documentation to verify age, social security number, selective service registration, citizenship, residence, and proof of family income for six months prior to application.

The program is sponsored by the Calcasieu Police Jury, Workforce Investment Board, and funded by the Workforce Investment Act.

Please contact Dinah Landry at 775-5668, or Lana Miller at 598-5158 for more information.



LEROY AND LOIS MEYERS of Hackberry celebrated their birthday Saturday, Feb. 28th along with their sister, Sr. Lea Meyers, who turned 77 on Jan. 12. The gathering included four generations of loved ones and a good time was had by all. Leroy, a retired oilfield driller, still works as a security guard. Lois, a retired nurse, is enjoying retirement and has recently returned from a two-week visit with her son, Gary Desormeaux, and his family in San Antonio, Tex. Sister Lea is a member of the community of the Most Holy Sacrament of Lafayette and continues to work as librarian at the Lafayette Public Library.

Hackberry FBLA hosts district conference

On Feb. 4, Hackberry High School hosted the FBLA District Conference. Hosting the conference were Lance Pearson, District IV Vice President, and the Hackberry High chapter of FBLA.

Congratulations goes to the following who placed at the District Conference.

Placing Superior and eligible to participate at the State Conference - Kendra Byler, FBLA Principles and Procedures; Mandy Michalko, FBLA Principles and Procedures; Carly Fountain, Introduction to Business; and Kevin Orgeron, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure.

Placing Excellent - Malorie Shove, Banking and Financial Systems; Colleen Doucette, Business Law; Kayla Backlund, Business Procedures; Nick Wolfe, Computer Concepts;

Wiley Clement, International Business; Kevin Orgeron, Intro to

Business Communication; Carolyn Rose, Intro to Business Communication;

Nick Moore, Intro to Parliamentary Procedures; Malorie Shove, Marketing; Clay Billedeaux, Mr. FBLA;

Kendra Byler, Ms. FBL; and Morgan Hicks, Java Programming.

Lance Pearson was re-elected the District Vice President. He and the Hackberry High Chapter will be the host for next year's conference.

Hackberry FBLA members will attend the state conference in Baton Rouge March 28 - 30.

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CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS recently presented a check for \$5,000 to Bryan Feather of the Boy Scouts of America to support Boy Scout Council programs in Southwest Louisiana's five parishes. Shown above, from left, are: Gary Hightower, Cameron Communications; Bryan Feather, Boy Scouts of America; Jim McGough, Whitney National Bank; and Denny Arnold, Cameron Communications.

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes



By GENEVA GRIFFTH

Our little prayer group that meets here every Monday morning at the club house is growing. Last Monday, we had 17 in attendance, the largest we have ever had. The village van even went to the nearby nursing home and picked up our two men attendees, Bill and a preacher who had been injured by falls and were recuperating.

I attended the 88th birthday party with my next door neighbor, Geneva Puschaka, this week at the Nicholson Post #38, which is the largest American Legion Post in the state. I noticed that there were very few young people there, only older folks of World War II vintage.

Beau and I have enjoyed our daily walks around the Village with the azalea and

camellia bushes now in full bloom. Now that the trees in the woods have shed all their leaves we can count the bird nests that adorn the branches. I am also keeping watch over my magnolia tree just off my patio for the first bloom.

I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of my great-grandchild, McCall Matt, who will be visiting us for a week with her mother, Janay Matt, from Natchitoches. Grandma and grandpa, Cherie and Pat Giblin, are planning on spoiling her while she is here.



Drilling rig tax exemption approved by voters here

Cameron Parish voters Tuesday approved a proposition that could bring substantial business and employment to the parish.

By a 716 to 109 vote, voters approved a tax exemption on drilling rigs that are brought into the parish for repairs. In the past most of this work has gone to Texas where rigs are not taxed while being repaired.

Louisiana voters last fall authorized parishes to call a local referendum on exempting the taxes on rigs used exclusively to explore and develop on the Outer Continental Shelf that are being stored or stacked while they are waiting to be converted, reworked or repaired and on property where the work is being done.

The West Cameron Port Commission estimated that the typical rig repair job costs \$250 million and employs between 300 and 400 people.

Voters also approved renewals of taxes in Waterworks District 7, the Hackberry Fire Protection District, Gravity Drainage District 9, and the Cameron Fire Protection District 1.

A 7.86-mills property tax for Consolidated Garbage District 1 passed 746 - 107, or 87 percent to 13 percent.

The \$800,000 it generates can be used for both garbage

and trash collection and disposal.

The 6.68-mill property tax for Waterworks District 7 passed 100 - 8, or 93 percent to 7 percent.

Hackberry voters approved a 4.71-mill property tax for fire protection 97 - 10 votes, or by 91 percent to 9 percent.

They also passed a 4.50-mill property tax for Gravity Drainage District 9, 81 - 27 votes, or 75 percent to 25 percent.

The tax for Cameron Fire Protection District 1 passed 131 - 2, or 98 percent to 2 percent.

The district hasn't collected the tax for several years because it has had no major projects to fund.

In the Republican presidential preference primary Bush got 71 votes, or 95 percent, while his opponent Bill Wyatt got 4 votes, or 5 percent.

On the Democratic ballot Kerry got 385 votes, or 63 percent.

Here is a list of the other Democratic candidates on the ballot, John Edwards - 148 votes; Howard Dean - 34 votes; Wesley K. Clark - 22 votes; "Bill" McGaughey - 11 votes; Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. - 9 votes; and Dennis J. Kucinich - 7 votes.

Do You Remember?

Cameron Pilot, March 12, 1971) SERVICES HELD IN NEW CHURCH

(Sam Tarleton-American Press)

"We are all happy today because it is like a dream come true that we are in our new church building," Jimmy DeRouen, president of the parish council of Our Lady Star of the Sea, told the congregation and guests who attended the first Mass to be said there.

The formal dedication will be held when special statues arrive and new pews are installed at an early date.

DeRouen and the Rev. A. W. Coody, pastor of the First Methodist Church here, joined with Father Alcide Sonnier, pastor, for the first Mass in this modern brick, reinforced concrete, glass and wooden structure.

Rev. Coody addressed the congregation on the fullness of worship and the gratification of the parish with its new church.

DeRouen spoke on the church's history from the humble beginnings as a mission of Sacred Heart Parish of Creole, back in 1893.

He told of the creation of the parish by Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of Lafayette on June 21, 1958, following the devastating loss suffered here through the 1957 Hurricane Audrey.

At that time, the Rev. A. L. Gilbert, then pastor of Sacred Heart, planned for the new church.

Following a request from the Bishop, the land for the new Our Lady church was purchased through a relief fund of the Diocese of Lafayette and locally contributed funds.

First pastor of the new parish was the Rev. Eugene Senneville who remained here until June 15, 1968. In that time a rectory was built and two plots of land additionally bought and a mausoleum established in the cemetery.

During Father Senneville's pastorate here a building fund was established and some \$43,000 raised by members of the parish and friends of the parish.

On June 15, 1968, Father Senneville was transferred to Port Barre and his place was filled temporarily by the Rev. Whitney LeBlanc until Aug. 10, 1968, when Father Sonnier was named Pastor.

He picked up where Father Senneville left off in generating the work and dreams of building a new church and in 30 months has seen that job done.

Under his leadership and through the untiring efforts of the congregation and friends of the church in the parish \$77,000 was raised and poured into the construction costs. Today the parish owes but \$25,000 on the church.

A visitor here will see a man in khaki pants, t-shirt and a baseball cap, putting finishing touches to the magnificent church on the main highway through here.

The fellow is the pastor. He

Youth rodeo set Sunday

The Cameron Riders Rodeo Club will have their first 2004 rodeo Sunday, March 14, at the Cameron Rodeo Arena. Books open at 9 a.m. Rodeo starts at 10 a.m.

Age groups are: Peanut, 0 - 5; Peewee, 6 - 9; Jr. Girls, 10 - 13; Jr. Boys, 10 - 13; Sr. Girls, 14 - high school; and Sr. Boys, 14 - high school.

is a carpenter, like the one of early biblical days in Bethlehem and Nazareth. He and two other carpenters did all the carpentering in the new church.

Father Sonnier designed the church and did all the electrical work. He did much of the plumbing. The cement and bricklaying work he had done by contractor.

Featured in front of the modern Audrey Memorial monument is a special water fountain which automatically begins operating a 5 p.m. every day. At 6 p.m. the colored electric lights beneath the water are turned on automatically.

When the inaugural Mass was held the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of Cameron served as the Honor Guard, and a new era in Christianity and the brotherhood of man began with Catholic Pastor and Methodist Pastor joining words of prayer in the pulpit.



Rep. Frith sides with shrimpers on excise tax

State Rep. Mickey Frith, D-Abbeville, said that he anticipates that the special session which began Sunday, March 7, in Baton Rouge will be a productive one. However, Frith strongly objects to one of the items on the agenda.

The special session contains a 15 item call by the governor, mainly tax and salary measures to be considered by the Legislature which can't be included in the regular session that begins March 29.

Rep. Frith said that one of the items in the governor's business package is definitely not in the best interest of the shrimpers and voiced his strong disagreement with the item.

"Item No. 13 seeks to increase the excise tax on shrimp and dedicate the proceeds to the promotion and protection of domestic will caught shrimp" Frith said. "Our shrimpers are on their last legs, financially. We need to try to put something into the hands of the shrimpers now, and not into the hands of the Louisiana Shrimp Promotion Board. Shrimpers are in dire need of assistance, and I believe that this measure is going to hurt them further," Frith said.

Frith said, "I support and comment the shrimp promotion board and their efforts to promote our domestic live-caught shrimp industry and to protect the industry from foreign imports and unfair trade practices. But the board needs to find some other funding mechanism rather than increase the excise tax on domestic shrimp. This tax increase on our own shrimp is no way to do the job. It doesn't make any sense at all."

Look at the cost of foreign shrimp in the supermarket. The cost is not even competitive with the price of domestic shrimp. Tell me which shrimp product the consumer is going to choose. Then tell me who is going to get hurt."

Chief items in Gov. Blanco's business package include Item No. 1, which would repeal or suspend state sales tax exemptions that businesses now pay on utilities. Legislators will be asked to approve and make permanent "temporary" business taxes on business utility bills. This tax is expected to generate \$160 million, according to the governor's office.

Item No. 2 is a seven-year phase-out of sales tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment. Item No. 3 is a one year phase-out of borrowed capital as a basis for the assessment, imposition, and collection of corporate franchise tax. These two taxes together are expected to generate about \$260 million.

Item No. 4 would end the sales tax on residential fuels used for heating and cooking. The remainder of items on the call are of a house-keeping nature and local tax measures.

Rep. Frith serves as state representative of House District 47 which includes most of Vermilion Parish and all of Cameron Parish and may be reached at his district office in Abbeville at 893-5035 and during session at the Legislative Acadiana Caucus at 225-342-0352.



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BIG BURN TO OPEN

The Miami Corporation Permit Fishing opens this Saturday, March 13 at Sunrise. This includes the Big Burn. Remember you need to buy a \$20 permit, sold at local convenience stores, as well as fishing tackle stores. Be sure and read your permit carefully, as the rules and regulations are on the permit.

The Ducks Unlimited (DU) will hold their 3rd Annual Bass Fishing Tournament in the Big Burn on opening day, March 13. Entry fees are \$50 per boat, 1 or 2 man teams, and \$10 per boat for Big Bass (optional).

Teams can register at the Big Burn Launch under the Gibbstown Bridge on the South Side, starting at 5 a.m. There will be three bass weigh-in per boat. No dead fish will be weighed. The first bass weighing exactly five lbs. will win a D. U. camo 22-rifle.

The first place team payout is \$500, second and third places will receive cash. The largest bass will receive a trolling motor and all entries can win a D. U. 12-gauge double-barrel shotgun.

There will also be a \$5 trash fish pot per boat (optional). Remember, you'll get the rules and regulations with registrations. Some of the local outlets have these entry forms.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB

The Lemesche Bass Club held their yearly open tournament last Saturday, fishing out of Rockefeller Refuge. A full moon, north winds, and high pressure make it sort of tough fishing, along with murky waters.

These are the top four results. First place team winners were Darren and Barry Richard with 5 bass weighing in at 10.45 pounds.

Second place team: Scooter Trosclair and J. M. Boudreaux with a weight of 10.05 pounds and second place largest bass weighing 3.7 pounds.

Third place team: Carl Broussard and Loston McEvers with 9.25 pounds. They had theunker of the day to take first place Big Bass honor with a 4.45 bass.

Fourth place team: Tom Hess and Shannon Saltzman with 8.15 pounds and fourth place largest bass of 2.9 pounds.

This was a tough day, but beautiful, warm and a bounty

from Mother Nature.

The club will hold their first club point tournament in the Big Burns on Saturday, March 21. The drawing of names for partners were: Trey Wilkerson and Carl Broussard; Jeb Linscombe and George Melancon; Loston McEvers and Richard Duhon; Ricky Canik and Rod Richard; Tom Hess and Chance Doxey; J. M. Boudreaux and Corey Broussard; Darren Richard and Johnny LeDoux. Scootie Trosclair was the old man and will be fishing by himself.

LIMITS FOR TROUT

The Speckle Trout limits have changed again, all within a 90 day period for Southwest Louisiana Anglers. Remember five large trout 25 inches long or longer after a proposal of only one large trout. It seems our friends to the east needed the five large trout for tournament reasons. Now the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission sort of compromised and the five large trout rule is down to a two fish rule. As of now it is a 12 inch minimum length, 25 speckle trout daily and only two trout measuring 25 inches long of longer per day.

I'm very pleased with the fish rule, since the start that was my wish. I think the Wildlife Commission is right this time and should stick to the two fish rule. I know the commission is still taking comments until April 1, but let's hope this is not redone again. This new law will only pertain to waters south of I-10, from the western shores of the Mermentau River to the Texas state line and that's Southwest Louisiana.

Comments can be made to: Marine Fisheries Division, La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, La. 70898-9000. For more information, call Randy Pousina at 225-765-2366.

BEST FISHING TIMES

Friday, March 12 - 6:26 a.m. and 6:19 p.m.
 Saturday, March 13 - 6:25 a.m. and 6:20 p.m.
 Sunday, March 14 - 6:23 a.m. and 6:21 p.m.
 Monday, March 15 - 6:22 a.m. and 6:21 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 16 - 6:21 a.m. and 6:22 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 17 - 6:20 a.m. and 6:23 p.m.
 Thursday, March 18 - 6:19 a.m. and 6:23 p.m.

H'berry Jr. 4-H Outstanding 4-H club for 2nd year

The Farmer's Rice Milling Company has recognized the Hackberry Jr. 4-H as the Outstanding 4-H Club in Cameron Parish along with six other rice producing parishes for their efforts in community service and club leadership activities. Hackberry Jr. 4-H Club received a check for \$250 from the Farmer's Rice Mill at their February 4-H club meeting.

Throughout the year, the club has written pen pal letters to the elderly; wrote letters and gave gifts to our soldiers; conducted and participated in the school's Veteran's Day program; maintained their school's courtyard; cleaned school playgrounds; brought teachers lunch during National 4-H Week; made and delivered pumpkin pies to elderly shut-ins; written Christmas cards and Valentine cards with treats for the community shut-ins; clean the beaches for the Louisiana Beach Sweep; and collected Christmas gifts and food for the needy.

Congratulations to the Hackberry Jr. 4-H club members and to their wonderful club leaders, Ms. Margaret Shove and Ms. Kathy Helmer for their outstanding efforts "to make the best better."

The 4-H Youth Development Program is a part of the L.S.U. Ag Center's Cooperative Extension Service. For more information on how you can be a part of 4-H, call 775-5516 for Penny Thibodeaux and Jake Fontenot, 4-H Agents.



Hackberry Jr. 4-H Club receives Farmers' Rice Mill Award

Baseball clinic told

The Cameron Little League will hold the first annual Tarpon Baseball Clinic Sunday, March 21 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Cameron Recreation Center Ball Fields. The fee is \$20 per player.

The clinic is for ages 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and will be conducted on throwing, base running, hitting, and fielding.

All proceeds from the clinic will go to the South Cameron High School Boys Baseball Team.

Forms were sent to local schools today and will be available at the Little League Sign Up. Forms are due by Thursday, March 18th.

For more information call Angelia Conner 542-4011 or Jeff Duhon 794-2925.

School lunch menus

Lunch menus for Cameron Parish are as follows:

Thursday, Mar. 11 - Beef nachos, tomato cup, ranch beans, hash brown patty, cinnamon rolls, and catsup.

Friday, Mar. 12 - Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pear halves, cornbread, and catsup.

Monday, Mar. 15 - Chili dog, chili sauce, Tator Tots, buttered corn, chocolate chip cookies, catsup, and hot dog bun.

Tuesday, Mar. 16 - Chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread, and sliced bread.

Wednesday, Mar. 17 - Meatballs, brown gravy, rice, green beans, chilled peach slices, peanut butter spread, and yeast rolls.

All meals served with milk.

Baseball Roundup

BASEBALL RESULTS

South Cameron 7; Lake Arthur 5 - Jordan Istre and Ryan LeBleu were on the mound for the Tarpons. Andre Savoie, Justin Picou, Jesus Vasquez, and Marcus Mudd had a base hit each and scored a run. John Paul Trosclair was 0-0 with 2 RBIs.
Westlake 4; Grand Lake 3 - Heath Romero pitched for Grand Lake.

SOFTBALL SCORES

St. Louis 8; South Cameron 1 - Amber Trahan went the distance for the Lady Tarpons. Santana Conner and Christian McCall hit safely. The Lady Tarpons fall to 4-2-1 on the year.



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HELP WANTED

THE CAMERON Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 is accepting applications for the following position: Nighttime Mosquito Control Spray Truck Driver - Applicants must have their own transportation, a clean driving record, good eyesight and be willing to work weekends and holidays. Starting salary \$6 per hour. Applications must be filled out in person at Mosquito Control Headquarters at 149 Leblanc Road, Creole, La. Phone: 337-775-5942. We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, the presence of a non-job-related medical condition or handicap, or any other legally protected status. 2/26-3/11c.

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GIZ GUILBEAUX IS SHOWN teaching a rosary making class at the Cameron Parish Library Main Branch. The first two classes teach how to make a traditional chained rosary with the last two classes teaching how to construct a rope rosary with beads being taught by Kathy Guilbeaux. Shown in the photo are a few of the participants of the first rosary class. Please call 775-5421 if you are interested in taking any quilting, crochet, rosary, or computer classes.

Parish students named to McNeese State Honor Roll

The McNeese State University Honor Roll for the 2003 fall semester has been announced. The honor roll lists undergraduate students earning at least a 3.0 or B average while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

Honor roll students from Bell City are:

Stephanie Lynn Arceneaux, Renee Michelle Vincent Aucoin, Brandon M. Pitkin, David Justin Foreman, Casey Lauren Fruge, Jessica Colleen Gary, Jessica Elaine Guillory, Haley Jill Howerton, Mark Tyler Pederson, Denee Kathleen Poole, Matthew Patrick Schultz, and Cheree Dawn Theriot.

Cameron: Christopher Ryan Billings, Brenda Lee Brown, Jennifer Diane Conner, Lysni Kaitlyn Conner, Christopher Joseph Dupont, Jeremy Wayne Furs, Melissa Rene Este Guidry, Jennifer Nicole Higgins, Jessica Nicole Landry, Jessica Lynn Murphy, Ashley Elise Reyes, Lacey D. Rodrigue, Misty Oliver Romero, Jill Anne Simon, Kendall Dain Styron, and Bronwen LaLonde Theriot.

Creole: Terri Lynn Conner, Courtnie Lynn King, Bethany Nicole Nunez, David Blake Trahan, and Leslie Ann Trahan.

Grand Chenier: Ashley Michelle Kelley, Robert Kristopher McKoin, and Lyndi Rachelle Stewart. Grand Lake: Barry Jennings Reed and Melissa Kaye Sonnier.

Hackberry: Leah Karli Billedeaux, Catherine M. Cabbage Broussard, Meagan Elizabeth Broussard, Jake Danten Buford, Lindy Sue Delome, Trevor Lee Duhon, Jessica L. East,

Miranda Marie Hicks, Shannon Dale LaBove, Jessica LeAnn Landry, Lori L. Sanders, Paige LeAnne Sanders, and Micah Aaron Silver.

Audubon Society seeks new bird sanctuary here

(EDITOR'S NOTE - The following article is reprinted from the recent issue of the Barred Owl, the newsletter of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society.)

A deal is in the works with the closing planned for the end of February. The Louisiana Nature Conservancy (LNC) is in the final stage of negotiations for a 54 acre tract of land, 28.5 of which is chenier woods and 25.5 is marsh.

The property is in Grand Chenier on Highway 82, east of Cameron. The Baton Rouge Audubon Society (BRAS) is considering buying a conservation easement on the property. The easement is a perpetual (forever) lease that will be written by LNC and

agreed upon by the landowners and BRAS.

It will protect habitat for birds by disallowing cattle grazing, logging, hunting, and development. Birdwatching by the public will be allowed.

The advantage of an easement over ownership is that BRAS will not be responsible for paying taxes, insurance, or maintenance. Another bonus in the deal in that LNC and the La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries will work together to restore a portion of the chenier by planting trees.

BRAS could not accomplish habitat protection without the help of LNC. They secured matching funds from the National Wildlife Foundation which significantly leveraged our spending power. They have been scouting out land and cultivating landowners in Cameron over 4 years, specifically to partner with BRAS.

We appreciate their willingness to work on our behalf to protect habitat for birds as well as sites for birdwatchers. We hope to continue this relationship in the future and to protect additional sites as they are located and as funding allows.

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RUN: Mar. 11 & 18 (M-33)



CAMERON PARISH LIBRARY is offering Crochet Classes, Quilting Classes, and Rosary Making Classes this month along with Computer Classes at the Main Library. Shown above at the Crochet Class is Susan Toureaux assisting her daughter Jamie with her crochet stitches. Please call if you are interested in attending any of these classes as class sizes are limited.

GED classes being held

Grand Lake GED classes are held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Head Start Building.

Cameron GED classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays

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Market Report

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE

The following Cameron Parish residents have been summoned to appear in Cameron District Court on Monday, April 12, 2004 to serve as prospective petit jurors:

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Bennett, James M., Cameron; Benoit, Stephanie A., Cameron; Berb, Starsky J., Cameron; Bergeron, John A., Lake Charles; Boudreaux, Joseph N., Creole;

Boudreaux, Sheri Lynn, Cameron; Brister, Joseph A., Lake Charles; Burleigh, Joseph R., Cameron; Colleda, Anita A., Hackberry; Conley, Andres J., Cameron;

Conner, Diana E., Cameron; Daigle, Michael W., Hackberry; Davis, Sandra Jean, Cameron; Dayries, John Curtis, Bell City; Dennis, Charles K., Hackberry;

Domingue, Sally J., Grand Chenier; Drummond, David O., Lake Charles; Duffey, Jeremiah Shawn, Creole; Dupont, Kenneth J., Cameron; Dykeman, Valerie L., Hackberry;

Ezell, Nila F., Lake Charles; French, Marla Danette D., Hackberry; Fouselier, Melanie J., Hackberry; Gossen, Della M., Grand Chenier; Greathouse, Wendell G., Lake Charles;

Grijalva, Ruben Martinez, Cameron; Hardie, Harold W., Cameron; Hasha, Thomas H., Hackberry; Hebert, Lois J., Cameron; January, Deric K., Creole;

Kiffe, Curlen J., Cameron; LaBauve, Jackie R., Hackberry; LaBauve, Stanford L., Hackberry; LaBove, John H., Hackberry; LaLande, Sonja L., Cameron;

Lambert, Nona Carol, Cameron; Landry, Patrick G., Creole; LeBleu, Lorraine M., Lake Charles; LeBleu, Michelle D., Grand Chenier; LeDoux, August B., Lake Charles;

Lute, Wilfred Charles F., Cameron; McDaniel, Ray P., Cameron; McElfresh, Rhonda E., Cameron; Meadows, Shawn D., Hackberry; Meaux, Ernest, Cameron;

Melum, Troy L., Cameron; Menard, Alvin J., Hackberry; Menard, Bobby Jinks, Cameron; Monceaux, Eullie A., Jr., Lake Arthur; Monfils, Josephine M., Hackberry;

Morales, George T., Cameron; Morrison, Todd G., Cameron; Murphy, Wendell C., Cameron; Oblance, Adam P., Cameron; Pascasio, Ricardo Antonio, Creole;

Pearce, Mona R., Bell City; Poole, Becky A., Lake Charles; Poole, Helen D., Lake Charles; Porche, Cyril A., III, Bell City; Precht, Charles H., III, Bell City;

Primeaux, Garry J., Grand Chenier; Reasoner, William E., Jr., Hackberry; Regnier, Trudy P., Cameron; Richard, Karen G., Cameron; Roberts, James L., Grand Chenier;

Roberts, JoDee R., Cameron; Rowland, Katherine A., Cameron; Rozas, Jessie L., Lake Charles; Savoy, James H., Lake Charles; Savoy, Lauren E., Lake Charles;

Schroeder, Thane C., Gonzales; Seay, Glenda A., Hackberry; Sellers, Wayne W., Cameron; Skipper, Margaret A., Cameron; Smith, Emma, Cameron;

Southern, Rudy E., Cameron; Stewart, Vickie Lynn, Cameron; Stringer, Elizabeth H., Lake Charles; Thibodeaux, Dana Lynn, Cameron; Touchette, Alicia, Lake Charles;

Toups, Dinah N., Hackberry; Trahan, Hubert R., Cameron; Trahan, James B., Cameron; Troclair, Phillip L., Grand Chenier; Vaughan, Bruce L., Cameron;

Vincent, Allen R., Lake Charles; Vincent, Harry, Gueydan; Vincent, Rebecca N., Hackberry; Weaver, Charlotte M., Bell City; Welch, Eric J., Hackberry;

Wheeler, Timmy, Cameron; Williams, Angelina I., Hackberry; Willis, Candace M., Cameron; Wright, Merline K., Sulphur; Yerby, Irvin M., Jr., Cameron. RUN: Mar. 11 (M 29)

PUBLIC NOTICE
(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL -- HLS 04-1029)

Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with Section 13, Article III of the Louisiana Constitution, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on March 29, 2004, a bill to include a portion of the Sabine River and Sabine Lake within Cameron Parish as a designated river or designated waterway for the purpose of conducting riverboat gaming; and to authorize referendum elections on the following propositions: to approve the inclusion of a portion of the Sabine River and Sabine Lake within Cameron Parish as a designated river of designated waterway for the purpose of authorizing the berthing of a riverboat upon which gaming is conducted; and to allow the holder of a riverboat gaming license to conduct gaming, gambling, or wagering operations or activities at a specified berth of docking facility in Cameron Parish; and to provide for related matters. RUN: Mar. 11 & 18 (M 30)

CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 11 PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 13, 2004

There was a meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Andre Abadie, Gerald Richard, Grace Robideaux, Billy Johnston

ABSENT: None
OTHER ATTENDEES: Darryl Farque, District 7 Police Juror

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeffrey

Jouett.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston, and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the minutes for the December 4, 2003, the December 9, 2003, regular meeting, and the December 22, 2003 special meeting were approved as previously mailed out.

Hebert's Trailer Park will be installing their own meters at each lot. No changes will be made in the billing process for the trailer park at this time. The owners of the property will need to address the board before any changes will be made.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, Jeffrey Jouett was re-elected as President of the board.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, Andre Abadie was re-elected as Vice-President of the board.

Mr. Darryl Farque, District 7 Police Juror addressed the board to thank them for their service and discuss plans for the future.

There was a discussion regarding customers blocking access to meters. The board will contact the District Attorney's office to get an opinion of how to handle this problem. A certified letter will be sent to the customer in question to ask them to rectify the problem.

There was a discussion regarding two party meters. There are two customers that want to put one meter at the road and run a separate line to each house. There is currently policy in place that does not allow any additional multiple party meters. The request was denied based on this policy.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the 2004 Budget was adopted as attached to these minutes.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the board gave approval to buy a 2004 1 Ton Ford Pickup Truck.

The compliance questionnaire was tabled until next meeting.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the board gave approval to buy a 2004 1 Ton Ford Pickup Truck.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the board gave James Cox the authority to sign the contract with Pace Analytical for thm testing.

The issue of outside use of the Waterworks building will be tabled until the next meeting with the input of Darryl Farque, District Police Juror and Charles Precht, District 3, Police Juror.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried we will enter into a one year contract with All Pro Paging for pager service.

The board decided that work on Bazile Daigle Road would begin the week of February 2, 2004.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, the board will contract Janco to complete the Vincent Road project at a cost of \$4,000.

A financial report was given for the month ending December 31, 2003.

The board reviewed the projects priority list.

The Superintendent's monthly report was given by James Cox. His report included the following items:

- Overtime report
- Usage report
- Production Costs
- Delinquency Report

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, all bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, on motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: /s/ Jeffrey Jouett
Jeffrey Jouett, President
ATTEST: /s/ Helen Williams
Helen Williams
RUN: Mar. 11 (M 31)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation (SLEMCO) has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, all requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and all requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and all requirements of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, or solely by reason of such person's handicap, or on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program or the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, solely by reason of such person's handicap, or on the basis of age, in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including employment, rates, conditions and extension of service, admission or access to or use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization. The person in this organization

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

75TH BIRTHDAY

Lily Buford of Hackberry celebrated her 75th birthday Saturday, March 6. Sunday, March 7, her children and grandchildren helped her celebrate.

Others celebrating birthdays in March are Annie Welch, 72, March 6; Dorothy Seay, 79, March 29; Deltria Meyers, 64, March 8; and Carl Johnson, 80, March 29.

SERVICE

Sgt. Edward Morris in the Army at Fort Hood, Tex. left Sunday, March 8 for Iraq. He will be gone 15 months. He is married to Caryn, daughter of Pat and Roland Kershaw of Houston and granddaughter of Irene Kershaw and Grace Welch of Hackberry.

DINNER & BINGO

The KC's of Hackberry will have a pot luck dinner Sunday, March 14. Serving time is 10 a.m. and bingo at 12:30 p.m.

MCNEESE HONOR ROLL

Hackberry: Leah Billedeau, Catherine C. Broussard, Megan E. Broussard, Jake D. Buford, Lindy S. Delome, Trevor Duhon, Jessica East, Miranda M. Hicks, Jessica Landry, Shannon D. LaBove, Micah A. Silver, Lori L. Sanders, Page Sanders
Carlyss: Keith Welch, son of Robert "Bo" Welch and grandson of Grace Welch, both of Hackberry.

Hackberry 4-H News

By KYLE FONTENOT

BEACH SWEEP

Hackberry Sr. 4-H attended the International Beach Sweep Sept. 20 and cleaned two miles of beach. Members attending were Kyle Fontenot, Sarah White, Kayla Backlund, Amber Kelly, Natasha Hicks, and Carly Fountain. All enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs.

TRASH BASH

Hackberry Sr. 4-H members attending the local Trash Bash were Kayla Backlund, Kyle Fontenot, Natasha Hicks, and Sarah White. Areas cleaned were from the Kelso Bayou Bridge to Joe Dugas Road. They then enjoyed hot dogs.

4-H WEEK

Hackberry Sr. 4-H celebrated National 4-H Week Oct. 6 - 10 by having emblem day, cookie contest, button day, teacher appreciation day, and a decorated clover contest. Natasha Hicks placed 1st in the cookie contest and Kayla Backlund placed 2nd. In the decorated clover contest Natasha Hicks placed 2nd and Kayla Backlund placed 3rd.

OFFICER TRAINING

Officer training for the Hackberry Sr. 4-H Club was held Oct. 3. Those attending were Natasha Hicks, Kayla Backlund and Sarah White.

VISIT PATIENTS

Hackberry Jr. and Sr. 4-H Clubs made 31 decorative pumpkins to be distributed to shut-ins and nursing home patients. Attending was Sr. member Kayla Backlund and

responsible for coordinating the nondiscrimination compliance efforts of this organization is Tim Neal. Any individual, or any specific class of individuals, who feels subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, by the Age Discrimination Act or by the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture may personally or through a representative, file with the Office of Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; the Office of the Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250; the Office of Advocacy and Enterprise, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purpose of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
RUN: Mar. 11 (M 32)



CAMERON ELEMENTARY School 4-H Club held a record book workshop at the library. Attending the workshop were club members Jadah Primeaux, Tyler Richard, Ethan Nunez, Daryan Richard, and Kristin Broussard. Giving the workshop was 4-H Jr. Leader member Melissa Nunez and club co-sponsor Dede Nunez. The 4-H club members got help with project books and learned how to put together a record book. Another record book workshop is planned for March.

Identity theft to be subject of classes

Hackberry 4-Hers busy

By SEAN HICKS

The Cameron Parish Sheriff Department in conjunction with the Cameron Parish Library are working hard to keep parish citizens informed about identity theft.

The Sheriff's Department is holding educational seminars in the different library branches to inform citizens about how to keep their identity safe and what to do if it is stolen.

Classes are scheduled at the Hackberry Branch Library for March 22 at 6 p.m., the Johnson Bayou Branch Library on March 25 at 6 p.m., and the Grand Lake Library on April 1 at 6 p.m.

The 1990's generated a new variety of crooks called identity thieves. Your everyday transactions, which usually reveal bits of your personal information: your bank and credit card account numbers; your income; your social security number; or your name, address, and phone numbers is their objective to gather and steal.

Identity theft is a serious crime. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years along with their own hard earned money cleaning up the mess the thieves have made of their good name and credit record. Some victims have lost job opportunities, been refused loans, or even been arrested for crimes they did not commit because of the identity thieves.

Sheriff Elect Theos Duhon and Sheriff Deputy Milton Collins are conducting the classes telling how identity theft occurs in many places, as well as in our area. The Sheriff Department is also handing out brochures in the class telling how to tell if you are a victim of identity theft.

Special care should be taken with managing personal information. Social Security numbers and credit card numbers are especially valuable to

the thieves. Many personal records mailed to your home have this information in their contents.

Deputy Collins recommends picking up your mail immediately after the rural postman delivers to your unsecured mailbox, never tossing your ATM or credit card receipts in the trash can located outside the bank, paying close attention to people around you when in the check out line, shredding any paperwork containing personal information when not needed, and never giving out your personal information to anyone over the phone unless you initiated the phone call.

Deputy Collins also showed a short video of actual victims of identity theft. Collins also told how tiny scanners worn on a necklace or a regular camera phone can be used to steal your identity when you are shopping.

Sheriff-Elect Duhon told how some area people had been victims of identity theft and had suffered from the devastating effects. He recommends monitoring the balances of your financial accounts, looking for unexplained charges or withdrawals, denial of credit for no apparent reason, failing to receive bills or other mail, receiving credit cards for which you did not apply, studying W-2's to make sure that it matches the amount you made from your employment for the year.

For more information on the Identity Theft Workshops, please call the Hackberry Library at 762-3978, the Johnson Bayou Library at 569-2892 or the Grand Lake Library at 598-5950. These free classes will provide you with many brochures and handouts that will make dealing with identity theft easier.



25 Jr. 4-H members. These were also used to decorate the stage for the Hackberry Little Miss and Mr. Contest.



JOHNSON BAYOU Branch Library held a "No-Sew Friendship Quilt" class on Tuesday, March 9 taught by JoAnn Nunez of Creole. The quilt is made by placing two large pieces of fleece together, strips cut and tied to make the Friendship Quilt. It is dubbed so because friends can get together to make it in one afternoon. Shown above are, from left: Penny Trahan, Joyce Fogleman, Eula Mae Griffith, JoAnn Nunez, Belinda Simon, and Elsie Erbeling in the lobby of the Johnson Bayou Library with the Balloon Friendship Quilt they made at the library. Another free "Friendship Quilt" class is scheduled to take place at the Hackberry Library on March 16th. Please call 762-3978 to register or ask questions.