



Dupont retires after 40 years on the job

By CONWAY LEBLEU

Dan Dupont, who has served as the manager of the Cameron Waterworks District 1 office for the past 40 years, was honored at a retirement party by the board last Saturday at board's office.

Dan, who was ill and unable to attend, was represented by his wife and son, at the affair attended by all of the water and sewer board members.

Bobby Doxey, president of the water and sewer board, presented a plaque to be taken home to Dan.

I and Larry Dyson were the only two members of the original board present but I am sure that Hadley Fontenot, a third member, would endorse Dan's faithfulness to the water board.

The water and sewage election failed the first time around but a water system was subsequently passed with the boundary being the ship channel on the west and the Rupert Doxey home on the east.

We charged \$5 a month for homes and \$10 a month for businesses.

With a little help from the Police Jury, Dan Dupont



Dan Dupont

made the system what it is today. Water is provided for all homes from Jim Daigle's on the east, through the town of Cameron and to businesses on the east pass.

Dan used local labor and high school students and he was right there with them stabbing pipe in all operations.

He also was on the job when a new well was drilled just to the north of Cameron.

I give most of the credit for Cameron's water and sewer systems to retiring Dan Dupont.

Happy retirement, Dan. You've earned it.



Michael Dupuis

Dupuis is candidate for P. J.

Michael Dupuis has announced his candidacy for the Police Jury District 7 seat in the Oct. 4 election.

He is a native of Grand Chenier and a 1976 graduate of South Cameron High School. He has lived in the Big Lake area with his wife Adrianna and their son Trenton for 4 years. Michael also has four older children Cody LeMaire, Mike J. Dupuis, and Shondell Purvis. He has three grandchildren.

He is employed by Abundant Life Fellowship Church where he is also a member. He owns Dupuis Music Productions and has been a DJ for about 20 years. He is the current president of the Grand Lake Football Association and has coached for three years.



THE HACKBERRY Lady Mustangs beat Calvin 70-30 Saturday, March 8 to win the Class C State Basketball Championship. (Photo by Mike McCall.)

Lady Mustangs win state championship

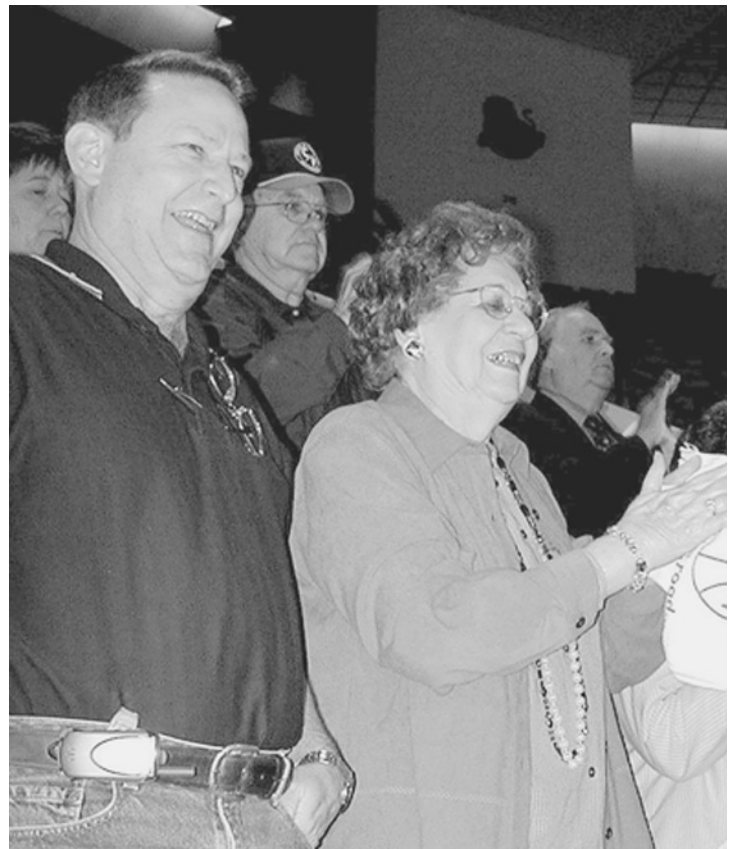
The Hackberry Lady Mustangs knocked off Calvin last Saturday to capture their 3rd Class C state title in 4 years. The Lady Mustangs steamrolled Calvin 70-30 in the Sweet 16 finals Saturday at the University Center on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana.

The Lady Mustang Dynasty finished the season with a 41-3 record losing only to larger schools Washington Marion, class 5A champion Southwood and Pearl River. The Lady Mustangs won last year's state championship as well.

Junior guard Edie Leonard lit up the nets with a game high 21 points and was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Senior forward Leah Billedeaux scored 15 points and added 11 rebounds. Tobie Devall scored

13 points and Megan Broussard pitched in 11 points to help pace the Mustangs.

The tough Lady Mustang pressure defense forced 26 Calvin turnovers that led to 34 points.



ANNIE MAE SANNER of Hackberry and 80+ years old attends every Hackberry game. She is shown above at the championship game Saturday, March 8. The Lady Mustangs won 70-30. This is the second year in a row the Lady Mustangs have won the Class C State Championship. (Photo by Mike McCall.)

Donations received for Sabine Lighthouse

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The Cameron Preservation Society has received a number of special donations to help fund its campaign to restore the old Sabine Pass Lighthouse near Johnson Bayou.

The Smokey Mountain Flame Keepers Lighthouse club of Clinton, Tenn., sent a \$500 donation.

One of the club's members is the great-great-granddaughter of Gowen Wilson Plummer, the second Sabine Pass Lighthouse keeper, who served from 1859-1862.

A tribute to Louisiana musician Bobby Charles last year netted \$15,000 for the

lighthouse. This event was sponsored by the Gulf Coast Museum and the Port Arthur, Texas Historical Society.

The Houston, Texas, Lighthouse Keepers held a fundraiser and presented the society with a check for \$4,205.

Lauren Broussard, architect, reports that the Historic Record has been completed and will enable the Association to apply for various grants.



Benefit set

A benefit to aid Kitty Askew, cancer survivor, will be held Saturday, March 29 starting at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman's Center.

There will be a meal, auction, and door prizes. Breaking Ground will play for a dance.

Admission will be a \$10 donation.

For more information call Caren Ewing at 598-2407 or Charlyn LeJeune at 598-4159.

The first blood bank was established March 15, 1937.



School board to meet Mon.

The Cameron Parish School Board will hold its monthly meetings Monday, March 17 with the finance committee meeting at 3 p.m. and regular meeting at 5 p.m.

Mrs. Nancy Boudreaux will recognize the Students of the Year and Mrs. Stephanie Rodrigue will recognize Student Council members from the high schools.

The District Attorney will report on property issues and actions may be taken by the board.

Refuges plan birthday celebration Sat.

Sabine and Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuges will celebrate the 100th Birthday of the National Wildlife System on Saturday, March 15. Refuge Manager Chris Pease invites everyone to join us for this historic occasion at one or both refuge.

Celebrations will occur from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Sabine NWR visitor center and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cameron Prairie NWR visitor center.

There will be second day issue stamp cancellations of the National Wildlife Refuge System Commemorative First Class Stamp by the U.S. Postal Service and two new Gators on the Geaux will be unveiled and introduced to the public. Bring your family to enjoy birthday cake, interactive exhibits, free giveaways, live animals, and

much more.

The National Wildlife Refuge System was born one hundred years ago on March 14, 1903. It began with one man protecting pelicans on a tiny five-acre island in Florida during the Teddy Roosevelt era, and has evolved into the world's largest and most diverse network of lands dedicated to the protection and management of a vast array of wildlife.

America's National Wildlife Refuge System now encompasses over 94 million acres on 538 refuges and thousands of waterfowl production areas. Three of those refuges are located in Southwest Louisiana: Sabine NWR, Cameron Prairie NWR, and Lacassine NWR.

Gators on the Geaux enthusiasts won't want to miss two of Southwest Louisiana's newest Gators

which have been decorated and located at Sabine and Cameron Prairie NWR visitor centers to commemorate the 100th birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Gators on the Geaux is a public art exhibition established by the Lake Charles Symphony in 2001.

The U.S. Postal Service will set-up a temporary philatelic station at Sabine NWR from 10 am -12 p.m. and at Cameron Prairie NWR 1 p.m. -3 p.m.

Unique postcards designed for each Refuge will be given free to each person who buys one of the commemorative Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge stamps.

Visitors will be able to purchase the 37 cent commemorative stamp, attach it to a unique Refuge postcard and have it cancelled with a special refuge station cancel-

lation stamp at the Sabine and Cameron Prairie NWR visitor centers during the Celebrations.

Stamps will also be available for purchase at all local post offices after March 14th and can be cancelled with the special refuge station stamps from March 17th through April 12th at the Hackberry and Bell City Post Offices.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

For further information about either of these Celebrations please contact the Sabine NWR office at 337-762-3816 or the Cameron Prairie NWR office at 337-598-2216.

Migration bird festival to be held at L. Arthur

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System at the third Annual Migration Sensation festival to be held on April 10-12 in Lake Arthur.

The refuge non-profit support group, "The Friends of Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge" and Lake Arthur Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the event promoting migratory birding and nature activities in the Jefferson Davis, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes.

Outings will include a Holleyman-Sheely/Peveto Woods field trip, Lacassine Bayou Cruise, Swamp Tours and Seminars.

The Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge will hold two

7-12 a.m. bird walks on the refuge (Friday and Saturday) and will promote family-oriented environmental education and entry-level naturalist programs at the Refuge headquarters from 10-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12.

Events to be promoted that Saturday will include a mist-netting demonstration, a wildlife rehabilitator bird show, and children activities to include bird identification, bird walks, and an introduction to the Jr. Birder Program.

For more information for the event call 337-774-3453 or contact Dawn Zirrillo at the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge for additional information about this and other refuge programs by calling 337-774-5923.



Sabine National Wildlife Refuge



Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge

FUNERALS

MRS. BILLIE BETH SIMMONS HOOKS

Funeral services for Mrs. Billie Beth Simmons Hooks, 65, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 13, in Hixson Funeral Home in Moss Bluff.

The Rev. Ed Rose will officiate; burial will be in Ritchie Cemetery.

Mrs. Hooks died Monday, March 10, 2003, in Navasota, Tex.

She was a native of Lake Charles.

Survivors include her mother, Lois Reynolds Simmons; her husband, Bill M. Hooks, Navasota; two sons, Curtis Dean Long Jr., Baytown, Tex., and Anthony Craig Trahan, Gillis, Tex.; four daughters, Regina Talley, Navasota, Julie Hawrylak, DeQuincy, Mishelle Nations, Navasota and Daphnie Perry, Navasota; two brothers, Marvin Simmons, Iowa, and Rodney R. Simmons, Hackberry; and five grandchildren.

MRS. MINNIE J. NUGENT

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie J. Nugent, 79, of DeRidder, will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 13, in Hixson Funeral Home of DeRidder.

The Revs. Melvin Smith and John Reynolds will officiate; burial will be in Beau-

regard Cemetery in DeRidder.

Mrs. Nugent died Tuesday, March 11, 2003, in her home.

She was born in Longville and had lived in DeRidder since 1946. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church in DeRidder. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Lonnie C. "Buckie" Nugent Jr. and James D. Nugent, both of DeRidder; one daughter, Pam Carroll of Cameron; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

MRS. HILDA L. STERLING

Funeral services for Mrs. Hilda L. "DaDa" Sterling, 64, were held Wed., March 12, from Christ the King Catholic Church.

Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sterling died Monday, March 10, 2003, in her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Sterling Sr., one son, Henry Sterling Jr., one daughter, Teresa Bertrand, all of Sweet Lake; two sisters, Marie Hebert, Lake Charles, and Sue Breaux, Sweet Lake; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



ENJOYING THE SNOW during their recent trip to Cambridge, Maryland are Kathryn Reina, Deb Miss Cameron Parish, Justin Trahan, and Dylan Conner. The trio are all students at South Cameron Elementary. (Photo by Ruby Dupuie)

Grand Chenier is an old area

By Bernice Stewart

(Cameron Pilot, March 12, 1970)

The history of a people can never be separated from the geography of the land in which they dwell. Grand Chenier, in the extreme southeastern part of Cameron Parish, is now exception. Geologists believe that it had lain there over 1200 years--a stranded sea beach--before the inquisitive eyes of the first white explorer beheld its pristine beauty.

And beauty it was!! The enormous groves of majestic oaks, producing rich crops of acorns and bearing their wealth of Spanish moss, supported strong vines that, in turn, yielded their harvest of luscious, purple muscadines.

There were clumps of wild plums and scattered groves of walnut and pecan. In the springtime, dewberry and blackberry vines ran rampant. Lesser shade trees and wild flowers contributed their share to the overall picture of rustic beauty.

The gray Mermentau River and the opalescent waters of marshes and bayous encircled and caressed the island. They, rich with life, harbored fish and crabs. The deeper marshes were the habitat of monstrous alligators. All manner of wild fowl, including migratory birds, found sanctuary there. Turtles, frogs, and snakes were equally at home.

In the woods there were deer, bear, and smaller animals. Songbirds, seemingly thousands upon thousands, blended their notes with the chant of other creatures, with murmuring breezes, and with the moaning of southeast gales; or they were silenced by the discordant, tearing thundering roar of hurricanes or the high-pitched, piercing tones of nor'westers.

Insects were aplenty, from the gorgeous butterfly to the obnoxious mosquito, some of the latter carriers of dreaded malaria.

There are strong reasons for supposition that wild cattle and hogs were on the Chenier before the white man discovered it.

All in all, it was a land of abundance, unique in formation, fertile in soil, rich in beauty, and overflowing with life. Its advantages far outweighed its drawbacks.

Grand Chenier, as it came to be called in reference to its great groves of live oaks (cheniere, a French term meaning grove of oaks, and grande, another French word signifying great or large), was easily accessible by schooner from the Gulf of Mexico up the Mermentau River a short distance, or as happened later, by boat down the river.

During droughts it was possible to travel from its eastern end across the marsh to Pecan Island.

Grand Chenier has been a part of five different parishes. It was first within the Attakapas region. In 1807 it was included in the formation of St. Martin. In 1828 it became a part of Lafayette Parish, which was carved from the southern part of St. Martin.

When Vermilion Parish was formed from the southern part of Lafayette in 1844, Grand Chenier lay in its boundaries. Finally, with the creation of Cameron Parish in 1870, Grand Chenier was separated from its original political block and was made a part of the parish.

The incorporation of Grand Chenier into Cameron Parish was a sensible step, for by that time the very woof and warp of its existence had become intricately interwoven into the fabric of what had been the southern part of old Imperial Calcasieu.

There is no specific information on early Indian tribes that presumably roamed the Chenier. It is possible, even probable, that the Lafitte brothers and their pirate crews were on the ridge. Legends abound to that effect. In 1930 a large brick vault, that may have been made by them as a cache for their loot, was uncovered in western Grand Chenier.

Tradition tells us that the first white settlers on Grand Chenier were a family bearing the name of Phillips. They lived at the western end of the ridge beside the bank of the Mermentau in a shack built of poles covered with palmettos. A lone Indian attached himself to their household.

Origin of Parish's name is disputed

(Cameron Pilot, March 12, 1970)
By Archie Hollister

The origin of the name of Cameron Parish is the subject of some speculation and more disagreement. Several theories have been advanced, and lacking research material, I have been unable to find the true explanation as yet.

One writer links it with the Cameroons in Africa, holding that both are derived from a French word meaning a marshy place. Certainly there is enough marsh in Cameron to satisfy any reasonable man who loves such terrain, but no French dictionary in my possession seems to be acquainted with this word.

Neither do the local inhabitants, largely of French extraction, use this or a similar word. In the vernacular, it is "meshe" or at least that is the way it sounds to me. I think that we may safely dismiss this opinion as simply and interesting sidelight on the workings of the human brain and imagination.

I have also publications to the effect that the parish was named in honor of Simon Cameron of Abraham Lincoln's war cabinet. Although Louisiana was under carpet-bag rule at the time the parish was created, it is hardly likely that the estimable secretary was chosen as a godfather. That, to me, is stretching the matter pretty thin.

On the other hand, the Louisiana Almanac and Fact Book of 1949-50, page 235, flatly states, without any question or doubt, that: "The parish was named after Robert Alexander Cameron. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army and took part in Bank's Red River Expedition. He later commanded the district of Lafourche." I am inclined to accept this as the true explanation of the origin of the name.

Governor Warmouth signed the bill creating the parish on March 16, 1870. The organization followed shortly thereafter, most likely before the end of the summer.

Registration

Registration for children entering Cameron Elementary kindergarten next fall will be held on Monday, March 17, at 9 a.m. in the school library.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2003-04 session must have been born on or before September 30, 1998.

Parents who plan to register children must bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and proof of residence to the registration. Parents who do not yet have these records should begin now to secure them.

Mrs. Laurie Jones, R.N., Cameron Parish School Nurse, will attend the registration.

Boating class

A Boating safety class taught by members of the LDWF Enforcement Division will be held March 24 and 25 from 6-10 p.m. at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries office at 1213 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles.

To pre-register call 491-2588 during regular work hours.

tration to talk with parents about immunizations now required by law before a child begins school.

It is not necessary that the child you are registering be brought to school on the day of registration.

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TWINS LEROY AND LOIS Meyers of Hackberry were 75 years young on February 28. Lois is a retired nurse and Leroy has retired from the oil field and now works security at Burton Shipyard. Leroy has three daughters; Sheryl Badon and Connie Badon of Johnson Bayou, Pauline Willis of Cameron, and one son, Alan Meyers of Piedmont, OK. Lois has one daughter, Denise Alford of Hackberry; two sons, Brian Desormeaux of Hackberry and Gary Desormeaux of San Antonio, TX.

Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

75TH BIRTHDAY
Leroy Meyers and his sister Lois D. Meyers of Hackberry celebrated their 75th birthday Feb. 28. Leroy has four children: Sheryl Badon, Connie Badon, Pauline Willis and Allen Meyers. Lois has three children: Brian Desormeaux, Gary Desor Meaux and Denise Alford.

HONOR STUDENTS
National honor roll students from Hackberry are: Amanda Abshire; Colleen Doucette; Lynn Guillory; Angelica Hebert and Malorie Shove. Honor students from Johnson Bayou are Natalie Griffith and Christopher Welch.

BUCKLE UP



Mrs. Ronald Doshier

Miss Thompson, Mr. Doshier wed March 8

Connie Marie Thompson and Ronald "Ronnie" Doshier, II, were married Saturday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Prien Lake Park Pavilion in Lake Charles. The Rev. Edgar Stevens officiated the double ring ceremony. Parents of the Couple are Ron Doshier of Gillis, Jackie LeDoux Trouard of Moss Bluff, and the late Odis and Marie Thompson. The grandparents of the couple are Charles and Adrienne Doshier of Cameron; Marvin and Bessie LeDoux of LeBleu Settlement; Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Merryville; and Charlie and Olivia Ayres of Many. Given in marriage by her brother, the bride wore a floor length gown of white satin,

with a halter bodice that was covered in sequins and pearls. She carried a bouquet of dark burgundy roses. Vicki Parker served as the matron of honor.

The attendant wore a floor length, burgundy, satin, sleeveless, waisted dress with rhinestone accents, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The flower girl and ring-bearer were Victoria Cornett and Hunter Thompson.

Bestman was Ricky Williams and ushers were Dylan Thompson and Blake Odom.

A reception followed at the pavilion. Servers included Melissa Anderson and Amie Proctor. The bride is a graduate of Merryville High School. The groom graduated from Sam Houston High School. The bride is employed by Mere's Trucking and the groom is employed by Parker Drilling.

After a wedding trip to New Orleans, the couple is making their home in Moss Bluff.

Johnson Bayou Recreation Center News

These events are planned for March:

Monday nights will be reserved for women's volleyball; must be out of school to play. Games will begin at 6 p.m.

Skating will be held on Sunday, Mar. 9 and 23 from 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Teen Talks will be held on Sunday, Mar. 9 and 23 from 4 - 5 p.m. A hot meal will be served. You must be 12 years of age to attend.

Homework Help and tutoring will be held Monday - Thursday from 3 - 5 p.m. Except when school is out.

Martial Arts classes are held every Thursday night at 6:30 at the Johnson Bayou Community Center for children. Adult classes have been changed to Wed. nights at 6:30.

We will also be offering group guitar lessons for beginners. The lessons will be on Monday nights at 7 p.m. You must provide your own guitar.

CHAT SESSIONS

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center's Keep It Real program will be offering group chat sessions every Thursday at the Johnson Bayou Fire Station. If you are interested contact Stacey Badon @569-2699, Christen Trahan @569-2611 or the recreation center.

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center kitchen will be open on Sunday's from 3 - 8 p.m. and Monday nights from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

SCHEDULE

Monday: Women's volleyball 6 p.m., guitar at fire station at 7 p.m.

Tuesday 18: Free throw contest K-12 at 4 p.m.

Wednesday: Adult martial arts classes at community center at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Chat sessions at fire station, children martial arts at community center at 6:30 p.m.

Friday 15: Dance. Sunday 9 & 23: Skating 2:30 - 4 p.m. and teen talks 4 - 5 p.m.

Mon. - Thurs.: Homework help and tutoring 3 - 5 p.m.

H'berry 4-H members place in livestock show

Members of the Hackberry Jr. 4-H Club recently participated in the Southwest District and Louisiana State Livestock Shows. Their placings are as follows:

DISTRICT SHOW

Swine - Whitley Reed, purple; Alex Backlund, purple; Shawn Eubanks, purple; Megan Swire, 2 purples; Mason Hicks, 1st in class and 1st in division; Nicholas Wolfe, 1st La. bred; Annie Alexander, 2nd and reserve La. bred; Thomas Ducote, 1st in class, 1st in division, and grand champion; Colin Reed, 1st in class.

Goats - Kelsey Helmer, end and two 9th in class; Lori Beth Shove, two 5th in class.

Beef - Lori Beth Shove, 1st Hereford heifer.

District Showmanship

Swine showmanship - Whitley Reed 1st; Alex Backlund, 11th; Nicholas Wolfe, 2nd; Annie Alexander, 4th; Thomas Ducote, 1st; Colin Reed, 1st; Shawn Eubanks, 4th.

Goat showmanship - Lori Beth Shove, 9th; Kelsey Helmer, 9th.

STATE SHOW

Swine - Thomas Ducote, 8th; Annie Alexander, 7th and 2nd; Nicholas Wolfe, 6th; Mason Hicks, 1st; Megan Swire 8th and 7th La. Bred;

Alex Backlund, 7th; Whitley Reed, 2nd; Shawn Eubanks, 5th and 4th La. Bred; and Colin Reed, 1st.

Goats - Kelsey Helmer 2nd, 12th and 13th; Lori Beth Shove, 4th and 9th.

Swine Showmanship - Whitley Reed, 9th; Alex Backlund, 8th; Megan Swire, 4th; Annie Alexander, 7th; Thomas Ducote, 2nd; Shawn Eubanks, 4th; Colin Reed, 4th.

Goat showmanship - Lori Beth Shove, 9th.

Lori Beth Shove, Reporter

Restoration report available

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources' Coastal Restoration Division has recently completed its annual review of coastal restoration projects in the state. The report gives a brief overview on how the state operates the coastal restoration program. In addition, the 96-page book features information on project costs, the type and status of a project, and its scope and benefits.

The report is available on the Internet at <http://www.savelawetlands.org/site/AnnualProjectReviews/2002> or contact the DNR Coastal Restoration Division at 225-342-4123.

Dear Citizens of Cameron Parish,

It is with regret I have to inform you that I will not seek the Office of Sheriff of Cameron Parish. This is due to Medical Retirement Benefits. While it was difficult to make this decision, I think it was the best decision for my family in the long run. I am still working hard for you in the Sheriff's Department and hope to continue to do so.

Thank you so much for your support and encouragement. I hope you understand. Please call me if you have any questions about this, or if I can be of any help to you with other law enforcement matters.

I would like to congratulate each of the candidates for running a clean race to this point and encourage you to continue to do so. I have enjoyed talking to each candidate and every citizen I had the pleasure of meeting.

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2003-2004 TARPON Varsity Cheerleaders are: (kneeling, from left) Mercedes Lassien, Shylyn Nunez, Katelyn Reina, Lexie LeBoeuf, Haley Willis, Brittany Nunez; (standing) Christian McCall, D'Nae DeSonier, Mika Benoit, Santana Conner, Courtney Conner, Cassandra Trahan, Lauren Roberts, and Melaina Welch. Laken Mock is the mascot. Tryouts were held on Feb. 26 at South Cameron High School.

Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

BASS FISHING OPENS

Bass fishing in our state Rockefellow Refuge is fairly good, redfish slow, crabbing slow, catfishing fair. Rockefellow Refuge opened last Saturday, Mar. 1 and is open from sunrise to sunset. Closure will be Dec. 1.

Our three national wildlife refuges will open this weekend, Saturday, Mar. 15.

Sabine Refuge - March 15 through Oct. 15. You need to get the regulation pamphlets because there are changes of boat launches, boat lifts and like pool 3 will be open to boat fishing, but this will be a catch and release for largemouth bass, to try and build up the population of this species. Other fish taken are to be under state regulations. There will be creel cards for anglers to fill out, to survey the fishing pressure and the success rate of fish caught. There will be available at the northwest boat lift. The east boat lift is closed. Info - 762-3816. (sunrise to sunset).

Lacassine Refuge opens Saturday, Mar. 15 thru Oct. 15. The pool opens April 28 for catch and release only on

largemouth bass, all other species may be kept after the pool opens, remember state regulations for these species.

All other refuge waters opens March 15 for all species including largemouth bass, again all state regulations apply. The late opening will give the largemouth bass in the pool time to spawn. (30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset). Info - 774-5923.

Cameron Prairie Refuge opens March 15 to October 15, for boat and bank fishing. Remember if you are wanting to enter the boat bays, East Cove and Grand Bayou, check to see if the structures on Big Lake are open. Call 598-4235 and they will give you this information. Again get the pamphlet at Cameron Prairie Headquarters. For more info call 59892216. Sunrise to sunset.

Miami Corporation Permit Fishing opens Saturday, Mar. 15 thru Aug. 24. Remember a permit of \$20 is needed and allows only one guest. When you buy your permit, all rules and regulations are on the permit. All

state regulations apply to all species taken. Sunrise to sunset.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB NEWS

The Lemesche Bass Club held an open tournament on Rockefellow Refuge. The morning started out with heavy fog and yes muddy water. I would say to those who caught fish, it was a good day, to those who didn't do so well, it was a bad day. There were 10 teams entered and five teams weighed in fish, so I guess with half and half, it was a fair day.

These five teams all had five bass to weigh in: 1st. Cory Broussard, J. M. Boudreaux, 9.14. (Largest bass 2.61.) 2nd. Darren Richard, Barry Richard, 8.47 (4th largest bass, 2.06). 3rd. Richard and Jordon Duhon, 8.30 (5th largest bass 1.72). 4th. Scootie Trosclair, Jeb Linscombe, 7.99 (3rd largest bass, 2.28). 5th. George & Lorie Melancon, 7.71 (2nd largest bass, 2.51).

There were no redfish weighed in. Only one team caught a redfish, Cory Broussard and J. M. Boudreaux, and they released it as it was a little under the 16 inch minimum legal length.

The club will hold their first club tournament on

Rodeos to begin here March 16

The 2003 Cameron Parish Rodeo Series will begin Sunday, Mar. 16 with rodeos also on Sunday, April 13 and May 11. Saturday rodeos will be July 5 and Aug. 2.

Age groups are 0-5 peanut, 6-9 peewee, 10-13 Jr. boys and girls, 14- high school Sr. boys and girls.

Events are stick horse barrels, poles and flags; goat ribbon pulling and tying; dummy roping, barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway, tie down and team roping.

Prize money is awarded at each rodeo. Champion and reserve champion buckles and other prizes are awarded at the end of the rodeo series.

Contact any rodeo member or club officer for more information.

National honor roll members

A number of area high and middle school students have been inducted into the National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high school students who have achieved exceptional academic success. The 2002-03 edition, which was released in December, honors students who did outstanding academic work in the 2001-2002 school year.

Those from this area listed in the book include:

Grand Lake High - Kelly Cline.

Hackberry High - Amanda Abshire, Colleen Doucette, Lynn Guillory, Angelica Hebert and Malorie Shove.

Johnson Bayou High - Natalie Griffith and Christopher Welch.

Baseball action

Grand Lake 8; **LaGrange 3** - The Hornets improve to 3-1 as they knocked off the Gators in the St. Louis Tournament.

Westlake 2; Grand Lake 1 - This game was scoreless until the bottom of the 6th inning when the Hornets scored. Westlake scored 2 runs in the top of the 7th as they went on to defeat Grand Lake.

Softball action

Grand Lake 7; **Centerville 0** - Cherie Sammis pitched for the Lady Hornets in this five inning game that was called due to darkness. Top hitters were Katy LaVergne, 2-3 with 2 triples; Lauren Courville, 2-3 and 2 runs scored; Sarah Brister, 2-2 with a run scored; and Sammis, 1-3 and a RBI. The Lady Hornets improve to 4-3 on the year and open district play with a win.



Sunday, Mar. 23, which is a pick your partners tournament. Fishing will be out of Amoco, launching at Superior Bridge landing and 3 p.m. deadline at the landing. Weigh-in will be at the Rockefellow Trappers shack.

Remember, members who have not paid their dues of \$35, this needs to be paid before fishing. Bring your money at the launch and also those who haven't paid their entry fees, bring entry fees at launch. Entry fees are \$20 per member or \$40 per team. (Sunday, Mar. 23 - Sunrise at 6:13 a.m.)

Each team weighs in five bass and there is a payout for the largest choupique. Next meeting April 2.

GOOD FISHING TIMES
Friday, March 14: best, 8:30 a.m.; good 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 15: best, 9:30 a.m.; good 3:45 p.m.

Sunday, March 16: best, 10:30 a.m.; good, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17: best, 11:30 a.m.; good, 5:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18: best, 12:30 p.m.; good, 6:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19: best, 1:30 p.m.; good 7:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20: best, 2:30 p.m.; good 8 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.

Best fishing days for March: 20, 21, 29. Good fishing days: March 17, 27, 28, 30, 31.



2003-2004 TARPON Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are: (kneeling, from left) Kaley Boudoin, Erika Pickett, Ali Beth Conner, Kami Savoie; (standing) Ashley Thibodeaux, Kassie Benoit, Keyara Lassien, and Rachel Fountain. Tryouts were held on Feb. 26 at South Cameron High School.



LYNSI CONNER, South Cameron 4-H member, showed the Grand Champion Yorkshire Market Hog at the Louisiana State Livestock Show in Baton Rouge on Feb. 8. Shown above, from left, were: Mr. Robert E. Conner, Mrs. Conner, Lynsi, and the judges.

School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for all schools in Cameron Parish for the week beginning Mon., Mar. 17 - Mar. 21 are as follows:

Mon., Mar. 17 - Barbecue burger, oven fries, baked beans, chocolate cake, chocolate cream frosting, hamburger bun, catsup.

Tues., Mar. 18 - Chicken fajitas, fixings cup, baked potato, banana split dessert, flour

tortillas.
Wed., Mar. 19 - Stromboli, Tator tots, baked beans, chilled peach slices, catsup.

Thurs., Mar. 20 - Sloppy joe, corn on cob, oven fries, oatmeal cookies, catsup, hamburger bun.

Fri., Mar. 21 - Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, steamed broccoli, chilled pear halves, cornbread, catsup.

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CAMERON PARISH Mosquito Control is accepting applications for part-time spray truck drivers. All applicants must be mature, dependable and have a clean driving record. Starting pay is \$6/hr. Applications must be filled out in person at Mosquito Control headquarters in Creole. For more information, call 775-5942. 3/13-20c.

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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: Multi Family, Friday, March 14, Noon - 6; Saturday, March 15, 7 - noon. Men, women and childrens clothing, household items, toys, arts and crafts, lots more. 120 H. Picou Road, Cameron across from PHI. 3/13p.

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FOR SALE: 1995 GMC LS Extended cab pick-up with automatic, tilt, radio/cassette, U-Haul tractor hitch, tonneau cover, good tires. Call or see Bill Morris. Phone 542-4670. 3/6-12c.

Earned Income Tax Credit gives relief to lower-income workers

Uncle Sam offers tax relief to low-income families, especially those with children, in the form of the Earned Income Credit (EIC). In 2002, reports the Society of Louisiana CPAs (LCPA), several tax law

changes make the EIC more valuable and easier to qualify for. That's because credit amounts and income-eligibility limits have been increased for inflation and benefits have been expanded for married families. Here are some of the frequently asked questions to help you determine if you meet the criteria and how you can claim the credit.

What is the earned income credit?

The EIC is a special refundable tax benefit for workers earning low to moderate incomes. Refundable means you not only get a credit to reduce your tax, but, if the credit exceeds your tax liability, you receive a refund from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Who qualifies for the earned income credit?

"This tax credit is called the 'Earned Income Credit' because you must work and have earned income," explains Daryl V. Burckel, LCPA Lake Charles chapter president. "Earned income includes wages, salaries, tips, and net earnings from self-employment. To qualify, you must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien for the entire year, have lived in the U.S. for more than half of the year, and have a valid Social Security number."

Are there additional requirements?

If you are married, your filing status cannot be "married, filing separately." You cannot be a qualifying child or be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return. Additionally, if you do not have a qualifying child, you must be at least age 25 but under age 65 at the end of the year in which you claim the credit.

What are the income levels for 2002?

If you have no children, your adjusted gross income (AGI) or earned income, if greater, must be less than \$11,060 (\$12,060 if filing jointly).

If you have one qualifying child, your income must be less than \$29,201 (\$30,201 for joint filers).

With two or more qualifying children, the amount must be less than \$33,178 (\$34,178 for joint filers). The income limits may rise each year to keep pace with inflation.

What about investment income?

To be eligible for the EIC, your investment income (interest, dividends, capital gains, etc.) must be \$2,550 or less in 2002. Also, you cannot claim the EIC if you file Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income, or Form 2555-EZ, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion.

What is the maximum credit available?

For 2002, the maximum credit amount is \$2,506 for taxpayers with one qualifying child, and \$4,140 for filers with two or more qualifying children. If there are no qualifying children, the maximum EIC is \$376.

Who is a qualifying child?

A qualifying child may be a son or daughter, adopted child, grandchild, stepchild, or foster child. The child must be (1) under age 19; (2) under age 24 and a full-time student; or (3) any age if the child is permanently and totally disabled. The child, including a foster child, must have lived with you in your primary residence in the U.S. for more than half of the tax year. (Prior to 2002, a foster child had to live with you for a full year to qualify.) In addition, you must specify the name, age, and Social Security number of each qualifying child. Do I have to wait until I file my return to get the credit?

If you have a qualifying child and expect to be eligible for the EIC this year, you can complete Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advanced Payment Certificate, and submit it to your employer, who then gives you part of the basic credit in each paycheck.

Whether you have one or more qualifying children, the maximum amount of advance payment is 60 percent of the maximum credit available to

an individual with one qualifying child. You will receive any additional EIC credit when you file your required tax return. You cannot receive the entire EIC as an advance payment.

How do I apply for the earned income credit?

To claim the credit for the prior year, attach Schedule EIC to your tax return. Most people can use the worksheet included in the instructions for Form 1040, Form 1040A or Form 1040EZ to compute the credit. (You can claim the EIC on Form 1040EZ only if you do not have qualifying children. People with complex returns must figure their credit using the worksheet in IRS Publication 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC).)

If you choose to have the IRS figure the credit for you, carefully follow the steps in the instructions for your form or refer to Publication 596.

CPAs Can Help

Unfortunately, the rules and regulations governing the EIC are complex. As a result, it's likely that many taxpayers are unaware of their eligibility. If you or someone you know is a lower-income worker, consulting with a CPA may bring a much needed tax break.

To find a CPA who can help you with your personal tax and financial matters, visit the LCPA's Web site (www.lcpa.org) and take advantage of the CPA Locator Service.

Benefit set

A benefit to aid Kitty Askew, cancer survivor, will be held Saturday, March 29 starting at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman's Center.

There will be a meal, auction, and door prizes. Breaking Ground will play for a dance.

Admission will be a \$10 donation.

For more information call Caren Ewing at 598-2407 or Charlyn LeJeune at 598-4159.

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Baton Rouge Mensa to hold public testing

On Saturday, April 5, from noon to 2 p.m., Baton Rouge Mensa will host a public testing session at the Cadillac Cafe, 5454 Bluebonnet Center in Baton Rouge.

The Mensa Admissions Test includes two tests that feature questions involving logic and deductive reasoning. A person who scores at or above the 98th percentile on one of these tests qualifies for membership in the international organization. A certified Mensa proctor supervises the testing session.

"One in 50 people qualify," says Heather Miller, president of Baton Rouge Mensa. "Chances are, if you think you might qualify, you probably do."

Baton Rouge Mensa includes 118 active members and is one of 137 local Mensa groups nationwide. Test takers should arrive at the test session to register fifteen minutes before testing and should bring a photo ID. The testing fee is \$30. American Mensa also offers a selection of culture-fair, non-language tests.

Based in Arlington, TX, American Mensa is an organization for anyone who scores in the top two percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test. For more information or to apply for membership, call testing coordinator Shane Thurman at (225)752-1640.



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Bids will be opened on March 27, 2003 at the Water and Wastewater Meeting held at 7 p.m.

All bids must be turned in by March 27, 2003 before 4 p.m. at the office located at 126 Ann Street in Cameron, La.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

RUN: March 6, 13, 20 (M-12)

LEGAL NOTICES
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DISTRICT NO. SIX
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ELECTION DISTRICT SIX IS COMPRISED OF PRECINCTS P2, P14 & P15.

DISTRICT NO. SEVEN
BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST BANK OF CALCASIEU LAKE AND THE SWEETLAKE CANAL, THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION FOLLOWING THE SWEETLAKE CANAL TO THE GULF INTRACOASTAL CANAL, THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FOLLOWING THE GULF INTRACOASTAL CANAL TO THE BIG LAKE PONTOON BRIDGE ON STATE HIGHWAY 384, THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION FOLLOWING STATE HIGHWAY 384 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE HIGHWAY 385, THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FOLLOWING STATE HIGHWAY 385 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH PARISH LINE ROAD, THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE PARISH LINE TO THE EAST BANK OF CALCASIEU LAKE, THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EAST BANK OF CALCASIEU LAKE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ELECTION DISTRICT SEVEN CONSISTS OF PRECINCT P5 ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of February, 2003.

APPROVED: /s/Charles Precht, III
CHARLES PRECHT, III, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
ATTEST:

/s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the January, 2003 bills.

It was moved by Mr. Sandifer, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the following items shall be added to the agenda:

- 22a. Office of Justice Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant - Hayes Picou, Jr.
- 22b. Advertise for Bids - Pine Pasture Rd.
- 22c. Resolution - Monkey Island Bridge

It was moved by Mr. Sandifer, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize, empower and direct Hayes P. Picou, Jr., Civil Defense Director, as follows:

a. To accept a grant in the amount of ninety-seven thousand, four hundred, eighty-eight and 61/100 (\$97,488.61) from the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

b. To purchase equipment, as deemed allowable by said grant. Said equipment shall include the purchase of two (2) radios for each fire district.

It was moved by Mrs. Pinch, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for Project 2003-123, Pine Pasture Road Improvements.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Sandifer and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, present law provides that effective July 1, 2003, no state funds shall be appropriated for operation and maintenance of the Monkey Island Ferry; and

WHEREAS, a plan for a bridge to Monkey Island, replacing the ferry, has not been approved; and

WHEREAS, Monkey Island is being developed at the present time; and

WHEREAS, losing transportation to Monkey Island would halt future development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby request Senator Gerald Daniel Flavin to file a bill in the 2003 Regular Session that would extend the date for state fund appropriations for the operation and maintenance of the Monkey Island Ferry until July 1, 2005.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED

this 3rd day of February, 2003.
APPROVED:
/s/Charles Precht, III
CHARLES PRECHT, III, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
ATTEST:

/s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Sandifer, seconded by Mrs. Pinch and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize two (2) security lights to be placed at the following locations:

- a. At the corner of Buccaneer Boulevard and Mallard Street in Holly Beach
- b. On the north side of Francis Circle in Cameron

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Sandifer and carried, that the Jury shall go into executive session to discuss personnel.

The President called the meeting back to order.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Pinch and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: /s/Charles Precht, III
CHARLES PRECHT, III, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
ATTEST:

/s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
RUN: Mar. 13 (M 23)

CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 11
PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 10, 2002

There was a meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 5:00p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

Present: Jeffrey Jouett, Gerald Richard, Billy Johnston, Ricky Guidry.

Absent: Andre Abadie.
Other attendees: Charles Precht III, Police Juror; Myron Goleman, C & L Aqua Professionals.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeffrey Jouett.

On motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and the minutes from November 12, 2002 meeting were approved as previously mailed out.

Ms. Myron Goleman with C & L Aqua Professionals presented a chlorine safety training class. She also touched on the testing.

The issue of a policy to handle customer leaks was tabled until the next meeting. We will obtain policies from other water systems to use as a guideline.

The invoice for the waterline broken on Labor Day has not been paid. A letter will be sent to the customer in an effort to resolve this matter.

On motion of Ricky Guidry, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the testing will be completed in late April, 2003.

A financial report was given for the month ending November 30, 2002.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the Financial Statements for the month ending November 30, 2002 were approved.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Ricky Guidry and carried, the Bookkeeping fees will be increased to \$900 per month.

On motion of Ricky Guidry, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the 2003 Budget was adopted. A copy has been attached for the record.

On recommendation of Charles Precht III, the scheduling of the Fireman's Center will be handled at the waterworks office.

The board gave permission to contact J. Delafield to be considered as our bonding attorney.

The issue of dual hookups was tabled until the next meeting. We will ask Cecil Sanner to come to our next meeting for legal advice in this matter.

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

- Leonard discussed field day he attended in Carlyss on electronic meters.
- Update on Operations Manual
- Cellular telephone service
- Delinquent accounts
- Usage Report
- Contract Grass Cutting
- Update on well repair
- Overtime Report

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, all bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, on motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: /s/ Andre Abadie, Vice-President
ATTEST: /s/ Gerald Richard, Board Member
RUN: Mar. 13 (M-24)

CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 11
PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 30, 2002

There was a special meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 30, 2002, at the Grand Lake Waterworks Office.

Present: Jeffrey Jouett, Gerald Richard, Billy Johnston, Andre Abadie.

Absent: Ricky Guidry.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jeffrey Jouett.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, the 2002 maintenance budget was increased by \$20,000 to cover an additional tower maintenance invoice that was not budgeted for by the previous administration.

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

APPROVED: /s/ Andre Abadie, Vice-President

Parish grants received here

The Cameron Parish Police Jury recently received two grants. The first is for Parish Road Repair, \$19,091 from the Governor's Office of Rural Development. The road repair will be done in the Sweet Lake area, Pine Pasture Road.

The second grant is from the Office of Community Development Block Grants, \$561,000, and will be used by Fire Protection District No. 7 and Waterworks District No. 7. A water tower and water line upgrade will be included in the project.

Free colon cancer kits

Lake Charles Memorial Hospital's Cancer Support Center is offering free screening kits to the public in March for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. These kits can determine whether a person is at risk for colorectal cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 147,500 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed this year. An estimated 57,100 people will die from it.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer for both men and women. Ninety percent of people diagnosed with colorectal cancer are over 50 years old.

Also, approximately 90 percent of all colorectal cancer cases and deaths are preventable with proper screening.

But, despite available screening tools, fewer than half of people aged 50 or older have either had a fecal occult blood test (FOBT), a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy within the last five years.

As a result of low screening rates, just 37 percent of colorectal cancer is diagnosed in its early stages, when it is still localized and has not yet spread to other parts of the body. When diagnosed in its early stages, colorectal cancer has a five-year survival rate of nearly 90 percent.

Those interested in picking up LCMH's free screening kits can do so at the Cancer Support Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays from March 24 through March 28. At that time, they will be given instructions on how to conduct the screening and how to return the kits for evaluation. Supplies are limited.

For more information, call the LCMH Cancer Support Center at 494-2355.

ATTEST: /s/ Gerald Richard, Board Member
RUN: Mar. 13 (M-25)

CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 10
159 BERWICK ROAD
CAMERON, LA. 70631
(337) 569-2110
PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 6:15 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Waterworks Office in the Village of Johnson Bayou, Louisiana. Members present were: Mr. J. P. Constance, Mr. Lloyd Badon, Mr. Nathan Griffith, and Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr. Members absent were: Mrs. Connie Trahan. Guest attending were none.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Simon, and carried to call the meeting to order.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mr. Constance, and carried to have the wells tested by Stamm Scheele.

It was moved by Mr. Constance, seconded by Mr. Simon, and carried to purchase 8 loads of dirt for the treatment plant.

Rhonda gave an update on the sinking fund. Once the District Attorney compiles the remaining data, the information will be presented to the board for approval.

President Nathan Griffith signed the contract with Hercules. Once the job is complete, the board will inspect the job and payment will be remitted within 10 days.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Constance and carried to purchase 4 "110 surge protectors" for the sensaphones.

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mr. Simon, and carried to make changes to the rate table due to the recent tax changes with the Stelly Plan.

There being no further business to discuss on a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Badon, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next Waterworks Meeting will be held on April 8, 2003 at 6:15 p.m. at the Waterworks Office.

APPROVED: /s/ Nathan Griffith, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ J. P. Constance, Secretary
RUN: Mar. 13 (M-26)



THE ST. JOSEPH'S Altar will be held March 19 at the home of Terry and Melinda Hicks of 1431 Mustang Circle in Hackberry. The Mass will be celebrated at the home at 10 a.m., followed by the traditional "Feeding of the Saints." Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Public veneration will continue until 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to contribute in any way should contact Melinda Hicks at 762-4279 or call St. Peter's Rectory at 762-3365.

Jack Johnson - first black heavyweight champion

By W. T. Block

Certainly one of the most controversial figures of his day was Jack Johnson, the first black heavyweight boxing champion. Probably Johnson's first 25 bouts were "bare knuckle" fights like those of John L. Sullivan, for fighting with boxing gloves did not come into vogue everywhere until about 1905.

Arthur John, called Jack, Johnson was born in Galveston on March 31, 1878, and attended school through the fifth grade. In 1890 he quit school, ran away from home, and signed aboard a steamboat as a cabin boy, bound for Sabine Pass. Even as a teenager, Johnson stood six feet tall and weighed about 170 pounds.

Bob Bowman in "The 35 Best Ghost Towns of East Texas," (pages 17-18) observed: "...During its latter years, Belgrade basked briefly in its national glory, when one of its residents, Jack Johnson, the great black heavyweight boxer, gained fame with his exploits. Most accounts say Johnson came from Galveston, but he also lived as a logger, dockhand, and riverboat hand in Belgrade in 1891-1892...." The ghost riverport of Belgrade was 8 miles south of Bon Weir in Newton County and about 5 miles across Sabine River from Merryville, LA.

My grandmother, Lou Ellen Smith Sweeney of Cameron Parish, told stories to us about Jack Johnson working on the

docks in Cameron, LA., in 1893 before he returned to his family and friends in Galveston.

While Johnson was working as a school janitor in Galveston, he fought his first "bare knuckle," 16-round fight in Galveston with John Lee. Altogether Johnson fought 23 fights in Galveston between 1894 and Oct., 1900, three with 'Klon-dike,' and all with black fighters. After the Johnson-Choyinski fight in Galveston on Feb. 25, 1901, both boxers were arrested, for boxing was still illegal in Texas.

On Feb. 3, 1903, Johnson won the Colored World Championship when he knocked out "Denver" Ed Martin in 20 rounds in Los Angeles. He defended that title for 40 times between 1903 and 1908. However, white fighters such as John L. Sullivan and Jim Jeffries refused to fight Johnson because he was black. On July 7, 1904, he knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons, the former heavyweight champion, in 2 rounds.

On Dec. 26, 1908 Johnson fought Canadian Tommy Burns for the World's Heavy-weight Title in 14 rounds in Sydney, Australia. Loss of the title to a black man began a series of "the great white hopes," for with every bout the white population hoped that someone would unseat the black man and return the championship to a white fighter.

In that age when movies were in their infancy, and there was no radio or TV, today's public perhaps can not understand the extreme popularity of cham-

pionship boxing, which always attracted huge audiences, paid large purses for that age, and witnessed large bets.

During the first 7 years, he defended his title 18 times before Jess Willard knocked Johnson out in the 26th round in Havana. In July, 1910 Johnson knocked out Jim Jeffries, who earlier had been champion and had refused to fight a black man, in 15 rounds. His victory sparked race riots everywhere, and some states outlawed the filming of Johnson's wins over white fighters.

In Oct. 1912 Johnson was indicted for violating the Mann Act, with a white woman that he soon married. Convicted, he was sentenced to a year in prison, but he escaped to France, and continued to defend his title overseas. In 1920 he returned and served a 1-year prison term in Leavenworth.

Johnson continued fighting professionally until 1928, when age forced him to quit. He continued to box exhibition matches up until World War II, and many 1-round matches at War Bond Rallies until 1945. During his lifetime he fought a record 113 bouts, with 79 victories, 8 losses, and several draws and "no-decisions."

Johnson married 3 white women during his career (at that time usually illegal), which along with his arrogance and flamboyance, continued to anger many white persons during that age of extreme racial prejudice. At various times Johnson operated cafes and nightclubs in Chicago and New York, and he was killed in a car wreck in North Carolina in 1946. Johnson was admitted to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1954.



ON THE WEEKEND of Feb. 28-Mar. 2, twenty-two members of Assumption-Holy Trinity CYO youth group of Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach, along with five adults, attended the Diocese of Lake Charles Youth Conference in Beaumont. Those attending were: Gerald Touchet, Travis Romero, Dani Storm, Katrina McGee, Wade Conner, Cheyenne Hanks, Kayla Barentine, Stephanie Cox, Sarah Conner, Justine Trahan, Jody Trahan, Rustin Trahan, Lynn Griffith, Michael Fewall, Dominique Sandifer, Sunny Trahan, Adam Trahan, Crystan Badon, Jake Trahan, Beau Rodrigue, Anne Trahan, Katrina LeJeune, Brandon Trahan, Shelley Trahan, Lauren Griffith, Jeremy Trahan, and Mikey Merritt.



ON MARCH 3 Knights of Columbus Council 8323 of Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach sponsored a Mass with blessing of marriages and renewal of wedding vows for married couples in the community. The ceremony was performed at Assumption Church by Chaplain Rev. Roland Vaughn. A social followed the Mass in the Renewal Center. Couples who participated are, from left: Linda and Gerald Touchet, Brandy and Heath Jinks, Tonya and Robby Trahan, Angie and Glenn Trahan, Rev. Roland Vaughn, Cindy and Sonny McGee, Alberta and Edmond Trahan, and Susan and Ricky Romero.



MISS CAMERON PARISH, Trisha Semien, is shown above with the newly crowned Miss Outdoors, Katlyn Glessner. Trista, along with the other members of the Fur Festival group, were guests of honor at the 58th Annual National Outdoors Show in Golden Hill, Maryland. The Outdoors Show was held on February 21.

(Photo by Ruby Dupuie)

Do You Remember?

By Keith Hambrick

(Cameron Pilot, March 12, 1970) ROBERT S. GUICE

Robert S. Guice, 71, former principal of Audrey Memorial High School for 16 years, died Feb. 27 in San Augustine, Texas. He was the first principal of Audrey when schools were consolidated in 1948. Services were held March 4 in San Augustine.

A native of Texas, Mr. Guice moved to Creole after employment and lived here until last year.

Mr. Guice loved singing. He organized the "Ebenezer Four," a singing group which consisted of local talent.

After retiring in 1964, Mr. and Mrs. Guice lived on the Front Ridge near the Audrey School. On Nov. 15, 1969, the couple moved to San Augustine. He is survived by his wife, Viola; four sons--Robert, T. J., Edgar, and Burnet Roy; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

OAK GROVE TREASURE

By Mrs. Geneva Griffith
Approximately 53 years ago, Manuel Nash discovered a round peg sticking in a stately oak tree near his house. He took out his pocket knife and gently dug it out. He took it out, examined it, and since he could not understand its meaning, threw it away.

Manuel was only 16 at the time and lived with his grandfather, John Williams, who was a farmer for Amedy P. Welch farming Sea Island cotton. As he grew older and told his story to different people, he finally realized that what he had so carelessly thrown away was, indeed, a treasure map.

Many people have dug and probed for the treasure around the oak tree. At least one "Money Hunter" has used his "Money-finding Machine" which has plainly pointed to the tree as hiding a treasure.

Lightning always seems to strike the tree, which some say is a sure sign of metal being buried there. In fact, it has been struck so many times that it is dead, and only the dead bark remains of a once beautiful oak. It is located just east of the D. W. Griffith property on Oak Grove.

CHENIER CLUB COMPLETES DRIVE

Mrs. Guthrie Perry, president of the Grand Chenier HD Club, announced that \$171.66 was collected in Grand Chenier for the Cameron Parish Heart Fund Drive.

J. B. Jones is parish Heart Fund Chairman. Grand Chenier HD members participating in the drive were Mesdames LaRose Dupuis, Nancy Nunez, Lida Miller, Rosalie Perry, and Hilda Crain.

Kindergarten registration set at Cam. Elem.

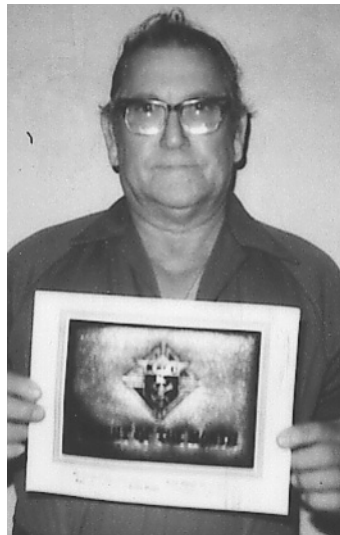
Cameron Elementary Kindergarten Registration as announced by Mr. Carol Wainwright, principal:

Registration for children entering Cameron Elementary kindergarten next fall will be held on Monday, March 17, 2003 at 9:00am in the school library. Children entering kindergarten for the 2003-04 session must have been born on or before September 30, 1998.

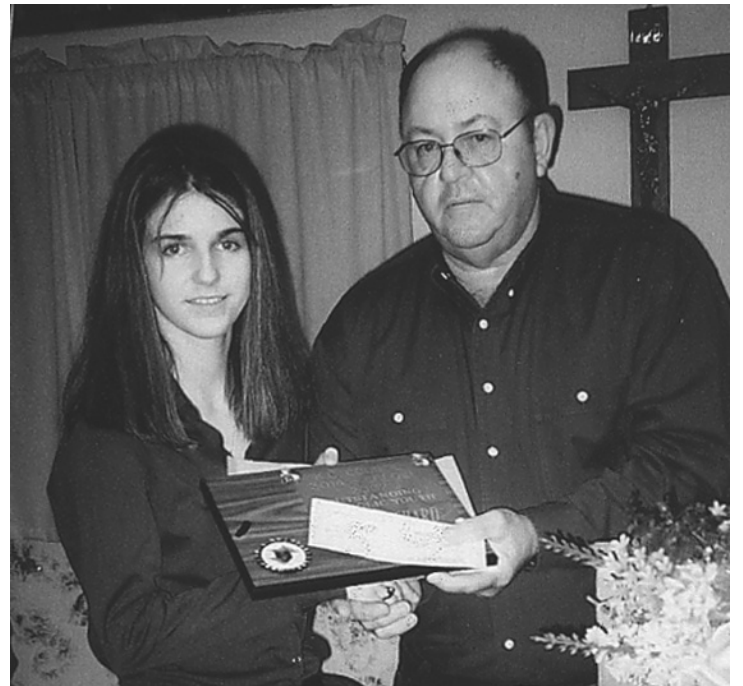
Parents who plan to register children must bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and proof of residence to the registration. Parents who do not yet have these records should begin now to secure them.

Mrs. Laurie Jones, R.N., Cameron Parish School Nurse, will attend the registration to talk with parents about immunizations now required by law before a child begins school.

It is not necessary that the child you are registering be brought to school on the day of registration.



OUR LADY STAR of the Sea Catholic Church K. C. Council named Howard Lancon, left, as Knight of the Month, and Calvin Boudreaux, right, and wife Irene, Family of the Month for February.



GINA RICHARD is shown receiving the Catholic Youth Award and a \$100 check from Youth Director Charles Glenn Theriot at the J. P. Boudoin K. C. Council in Creole.

HONOR ROLLS

Mr. Carol Wainwright, principal at Cameron Elementary announces the Honor & Banner Roll for the 4th Six Weeks ending: February 25, 2003.

First Grade Honor Roll: Joseph Burroughs, Chance Coulombe, Terrence January, Henry McCall, Nikolas Navarre, Darian Picou, Jeffery Racca, William Wittmann.

First Grade Banner Roll: Kylie Davidson, Emily Lamb, Cody Morvant, Laney Primeaux

Second Grade Honor Roll: Ashley Bowers, Kent Doxey, Christopher Guillot, Karlee Primeaux, Jada Skipper, Kaleb Stoute, DeVaughn Thompson, Jonathon Smelley, Kara Wigley

Second Grade Banner Roll: Marcus Doxey, Shawnda Guidry, Alayna Trahan

Third Grade Honor Roll: Donovan Darby, Dina Mendez, Matthew Morgan, Andrew Mudd, Raj Patel, Paige Trahan

Third Grade Banner Roll: Heather Wittmann

Fourth Grade Honor Roll: Jada Primeaux

Fourth Grade Banner Roll: Kelly Guidry

Fifth Grade Honor Roll: Molly Alexander, Jolie Boudreaux, Kerri Cooke, Barrett Doxey, Katrina LaSalle, Mikalee Mooney, Dex Murphy, Marshella Ramirez, Ross Rowland, Chris Trahan, Travis Trahan, Meagan Wigley

Fifth Grade Banner Roll: Katelyn Horn, Hallie Wittington

Sixth Grade Honor Roll: Nikole Coulombe, Shawnee Mock, Joseph Trosclair, Blair Willis

Sixth Grade Banner Roll: Kayla Dronet, Lakasha Lassien

Seventh Grade Honor Roll: Amanda Benoit, Kayla Bertrand, Daniel Roberson, Jody Thomas

Seventh Grade Banner Roll: Rachael Fountain, Erika Pickett, Kami Savoie, Thomas Trosclair.

S. Cam. Elem.

Barry W. Richard, principal at South Cameron Elementary announces the honor, banner roll and most improved students for the fourth six-weeks period.

*denotes all A's.
Grade 1 - *Haley Duhon; *Corbet Dupont; *Amber Guilbeaux; *Alex Jones; *JaMarcus LaSalle; *Andrew Bonsall; *Trevor Mouton; Joey McEvers; Tyler Nunez; Haydon Sturlese; Jaron Theriot; Shyla Conner; Andres Jasso; Logan Manuel; Carl Trahan.

Grade 2 - *Jensen Bertran; *Becka Richard; Savannah Baccigalopi; Skylar Barnett; Kayla Cockrell; Joshua Wicke; Brendan Boudreaux; Sierra LeJeune; Alexandra Moore; Brayden Romero; Jason Theriot.

Grade 3 - *Channing LaLande; Taylor Canik;

Patrick Clark; Sam Dominique; Myli Hay; Carolina Jasso; Chelsea Nunez; Cami Richard.

Grade 4 - Javen Little; Racissa Savoie; Caitlin Theriot; Brendan Trahan; Shelby Wolfe.

Grade 5 - *Sara Dupre; *Devon Richard; *Bailey E. Richard; *Jonathon Richards; Alan Myers; Hunter Canik; Laikin Canik; Lauren Carter; Kristen Hebert; Kelsey Mudd; Bailey Richard; Ty Savoie; Kathryn Reina.

Grade 6 - *Tony Baccigalopi; *Gabe LaLande; Melanie Hardy; Alex Bonsall; Kimily Bourriaque; Collise Dupont; Kyle Little; Haley McCall; Jade Miller; Brett Richard; Kobi Richard; Amanda Wicke.

Grade 7 - *Kaley Boudoin; *Daniel Dupre; *Tony Johnson; *Colby Nunez; *Jonathan Trahan; Lucy Abrahamsen; Jacob LaBove; Cynna Little; Barrett Hebert; Whitney Richard; Ashley Thibodeaux; Lyndi Vincent.

Most Improved - Hallie Boudreaux; Nykki LaBove; Cody Boudreaux; Jordan Duhon; Zachary LaFleur; Destiny Gaspard; Samuel Dominique; Jarrett Nunez; Thomas Brown; Blake Payne; Kristen Hebert; Jennifer Unger; Kyle Little; Dominic Miller; Ashley Thibodeaux.

S. Cam. High

The South High School honor rolls and banner rolls for the fourth six weeks is as follows:

*Denotes Banner Roll.
Grade 8 - Adonise Abshire, Jr.; Earet Bercier; Alex Broussard; Dixie Desonier; Jordan Istre; Patience January; Dylan Leidig; Shylyn Nunez; Mary Jo Portie; Katelyn Reina; Chance Savoie; Jacob Trahan; *Katherine Wicks.

Grade 9 - *Theresa Baccigalopi; D'Nae Desonier; Brandi Jo Fontenot; *Paul Nguyen; Lauren Theriot; *Meagan Trahan; Melaina Welch; *Barton Vidrine.

Grade 10 - Nick Alpin; Kendall Broussard; Jared Cherie; John Paul Delaunay; *Dane Dupont; Jessica Frerks; Lexie LeBoeuf; Matt Miller; *Cambrelle Primeaux; Jonathan Rutherford; Kayla Rutherford; Paolette Swire; *Cana Trahan; Wes Treme; Ashley Wells.

Grade 11 - *Michael Bercier; *Beau Duhon; Erin Dinger; *Lacey Deroche; *Lyndi LeBoeuf; Tara LeBlanc; Sha'Da LeBlanc; *Raphiel Heard; Joseph Treme; Cassandra Trahan; Tyler Theriot; Justin Theriot; *Nicole Roux; *Joby Richard; Ann Richard.

Grade 12 - *Lynsi Conner; Claudia Dupuie; Edmon Hill; *Ashley Kelley; Casie McDaniel; Sabrina Miller; Brittany Mudd; *Jessica Murphy; Bethany Nunez; *Chelsi Styron; Travis Swire; Joshua Walker; *Lynsey Willis.

H'berry High

The Hackberry High School honor roll for the



MR. AND MRS. Parry LaLande, Sr., are shown receiving a Catholic Youth Award on behalf of their son, Parry Jr., at the annual J. P. Boudoin K. C. Council's annual banquet in Creole. Parry Jr. was unable to attend as he was attending a youth retreat in Beaumont. Youth director Charles Glenn Theriot made the presentation.

LDEQ seeking nominations

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking all Louisiana residents to nominate private citizens, businesses, groups or organizations that are taking positive steps to keep the Gulf of Mexico and associated coastal water habitats healthy, beautiful and productive. Entry forms for the 2003 Gulf Guardian Award are available on line at: <http://www.epa.gov/gm/gulf-guardian.html>. The deadline is set for April 15.

In 2000, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program created the Gulf Guardian Award. The award was developed as a way to recognize and honor businesses, universities, and community groups that are actively involved in the preservation of the Gulf. Each year, first, second and third places are awarded in six categories. These are business, government, civic/nonprofit, youth/education, partnerships, and individuals.

The Gulf of Mexico Program is consortium of local, state and federal government agencies, representatives of the business and agricultural community, fishing industry, university scientists and environmental and community leaders from all five Gulf Coast states. It was started in 1988 to protect, restore and maintain the health and productivity of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem in a way that was cooperative and non-regulatory, and economically sustainable.

To fill out the form, click on the second button after entering the site. Download and complete the form, and then email it to: gulf.guardian@epa.gov. The entry form is designed as an expanding table. You will note that as you type information in the block it automatically expands. For assistance with the application process or for more information call Terry Hines-Smith with the Gulf of Mexico Program at 228-688-1159 or Dugan Sabins with DEQ at 225-765-0246.

fourth six weeks period has been announced as follows: *denotes all A's.
Grade 2 - Katelin Ancelet*; Job Backlund; Tate Buford*; Kourtlyn Fuselier*; Samantha Little*; Forrest Menard; Khoury Raffield; Madison Shove*; Gabriella Trahan; Colyn Walding.

Grade 3 - A. J. Deville Jr.; Meagan Johnson*; Holley Landry; Matthew Little; Marcie Michalko; Lesley Sanner*.

Grade 4 - Erica Duhon; Jenna Granger; Devan LaBove; Dereck Pearson; Colton Sanner*.

Grade 5 - Alex Backlund; Trace Buford; Garrett Guidry; Sean Hicks; Paul Kershaw; Logan LaBauve; Meghan Shipp; Megan Spicer*.

Grade 6 - Lauren Broussard; Clinton Granger; Kelsey Helmer; Lauren Johnson*; Kylie Leonards; Jacob Poole.

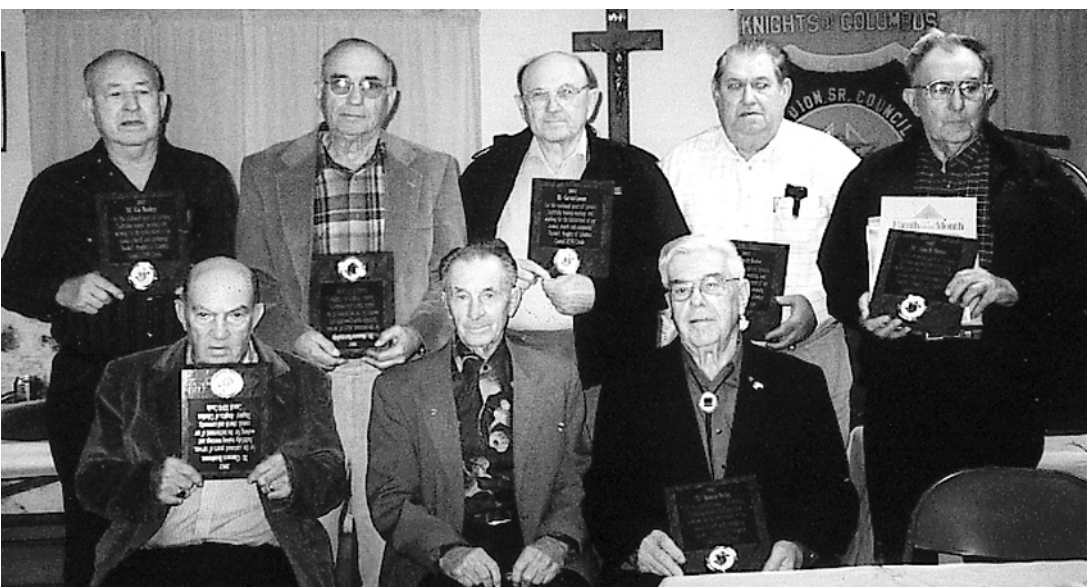
Grade 7 - Jacob LeJuine.
Grade 8 - Leah LaFleur*; Carolyn Rose.

Grade 9 - Clay Billedeaux; Kendra Byler; Darra East; Morgan Hicks*; Mandy Michalko*; Jill Poole; Jena Sanner.

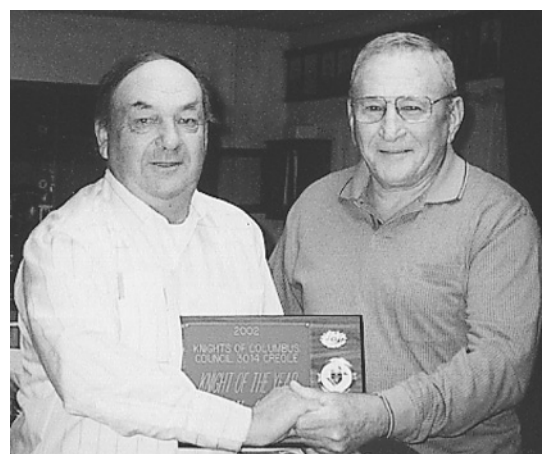
Grade 10 - Jarin Brown; Nathan Hebert; Hillary LaBove; Desi Picou.

Grade 11 - Amanda Abshire*; Ashley Austin*; Tobie Devall*; Colleen Doucette*; Edie Leonards*; Lindsey Mire; Jody Savoie; Alexis Simon; Lori Spicer; Brett Stansel.

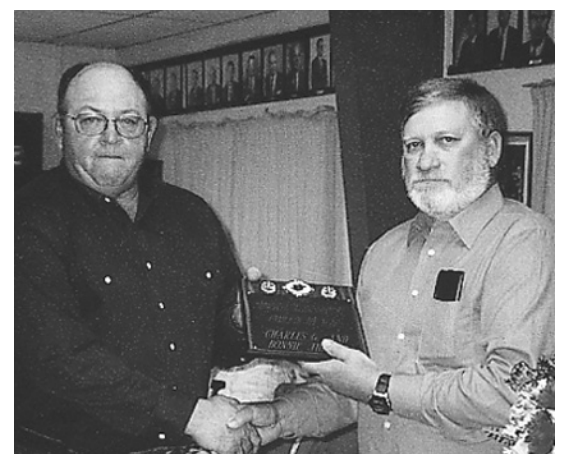
Grade 12 - Jamie Alford; Leah Billedeaux*; Meagan Broussard*; Jesse Brown; Marcus Bufford*; Layn Buford; Shelli Busby; Chase Courmier; Lindy Delome; Nicole Fenetz*; Aaron Granger; Lynn Guillory*; Angelica Hebert; Miranda Hicks*; Chelsie LaBove*; Lindsay LaBove*; Laura Largent; Jeffrey Moore; Bethany Richard*; Paige Sanders*; Matthew Spicer*; Amanda White.



THE OLDEST MEMBERS of the J. P. Boudoin K. C. Council of Creole were recognized at the recent banquet and were presented plaques. Seated, from left, were Clarence Boudreaux, J. Burton Daigle, and Monroe Wicke. Standing were Ray Hendrix, Whitney Baccigalopi, Gervis Conner, Kenneth Montie, and John "Man" Theriot.



IN THE LEFT photo Terry Conner, left, receives the Knight of the Year award from Clifford Conner at the annual banquet of the J. P. Boudoin K. C. Council in Creole. In the right photo, Charles Glenn Theriot receives the Family of the Year award on behalf of himself and his wife, Donnie, from Jerome Rutherford.



All District honors told

The state champion Hackberry Lady Mustangs dominated the 10-C All District squads with head coach Eddie Michalko capturing the Coach of the Year award and Tobie Devall was named Most Outstanding Player.

Named to the first team was Tobie Devall, a junior guard who averaged 9 points per game and 3 rebounds with 5.4 assists. Joining her were junior guard Edie Leonards, 10 points per game, 3.2 rebounds and 4 assists; Meagan Broussard, a senior center with 15 points per game and 5.8 rebounds; and senior forward Leah Billedeaux, who averaged 14.3 points per game with 6.7 rebounds and 3.5 assists. Hyatt's Kim Joyce rounds out the first team.

Second team honors went to Hackberry's Nicole Fenetz and Bethany Richard and Johnson Bayou's Megan Roberts.

The Johnson Bayou Rebels grabbed the top two spots on the boys All District squad. Kyle Badon, a senior forward who averaged 17.5 points per game with 9 rebounds, was named the Most Outstanding Player. Rebels coach Terry Murphy was named Coach of

the Year.

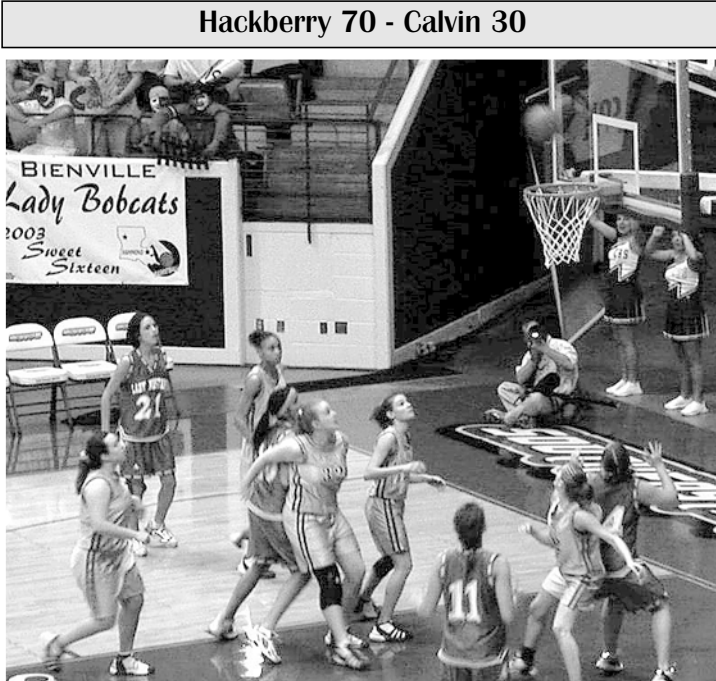
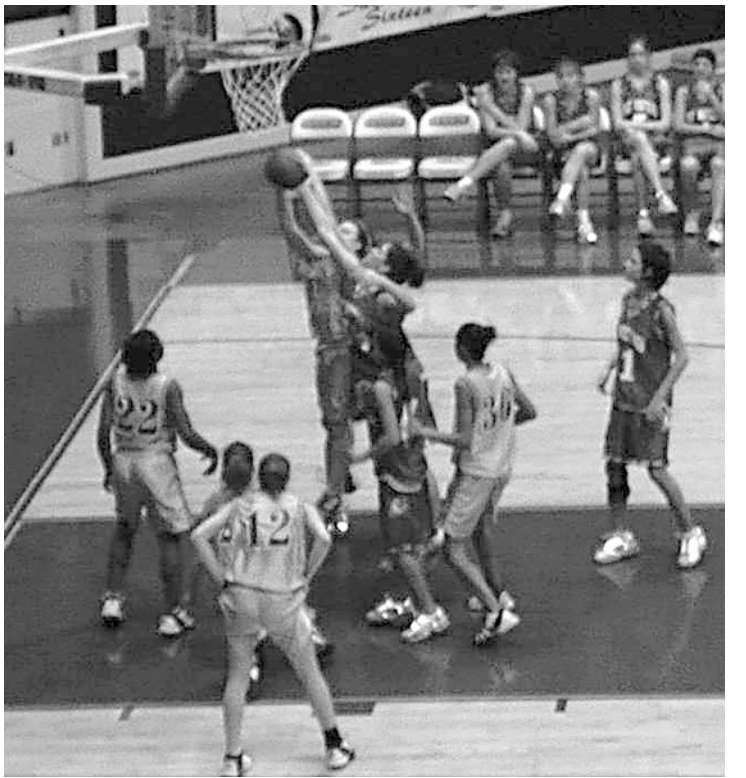
Joining Badon on the first team was Rebel teammate Dominique Sandifer. Sandifer, a senior forward, averaged 17.6 points per game with 3 rebounds. Hackberry juniors Wade LaBove and Brett Stansel were also named to the first team.

LaBove averaged 12.5 points per game with 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Stansel averaged 14 points per game with 9 rebounds and 2 assists. Hyatt's Cody Coleman was also named to the first team.

Named to the second team from Johnson Bayou were Jared Trahan, and Adam Young, Chase Hicks and Jesse Brown, both from Hackberry, were also named to the second team.



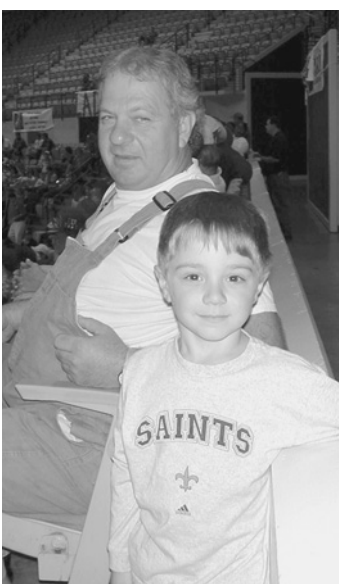
Congratulations to all!!!



Hackberry 70 - Calvin 30



All game photos courtesy of Mike McCall.



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