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Population grows by 8 percent

Cameron Parish had a growth of 8 percent in the decade between 1990 and 2000, according to the U. S. Census Bureau. In addition, the parish is now third from the bottom among other parishes, a jump from second from the bottom.

According to Census figures, Cameron's population grew from 9,260 in 1990 to 9,991 in 2000, an increase of 731 persons.

Tensas parish remains as the least populated parish--6,618 persons, down from 7,103 in 1990. East Carroll is second from the bottom with 9,421 persons, down from 9,709. However, Cameron, as the third least populated, showed an increase during the 10 years.

Cameron's neighboring parishes of Calcasieu had a 9 percent increase. Jeff Davis Parish was up 2 percent and Vermilion was up 7 percent.

Cameron parish's population, while small, has held steady over the past 30 or 40 years, with the construction of new homes in the Grand Lake-Sweet Lake area helping to offset the decline in population in lower Cameron.

Pesticide certification is set

There will be a pesticide recertification on Wednesday, Mar. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Building. If you are already certified as a private applicator, check the expiration date on your card. If your certification expires March of 2001, you are eligible for re-certification. If your card expired prior to March of 2001 you will have to take a closed book examination. The examination can be taken at my office any time during regular business hours.

At the conclusion of the Private Applicator Training, those in attendance will reapply to the Department of Agriculture for a Private Applicator's License. This license is valid for three years, and will permit you to purchase and use restricted pesticides.

The cost of the license, which is \$10 must be paid the day of the certification. Cash or check will be accepted. Tommy Shields at the Calcasieu AgCenter (County Agents Office), 7101 Gulf Highway in Lake Charles will also have a re-certification meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 20, 2001 at 4 to 6 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Gary Wicke at 775-5516.

\$1509 worth of pennies collected

South Cameron high School students collected \$1509 worth of pennies to support research and Louisiana patients with leukemia. Pete Picou's homeroom class raised \$988.

The program was sponsored by Domino's Pizza and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Louisiana Chapter, which serves the entire State of Louisiana.

South Cameron and other Louisiana schools were encouraged to scrape together all of their pennies in an effort to the effect.

Leukemia & lymphoma is a form of cancer that strikes the blood-forming tissues in children and adults. Leukemia and related cancers will strike some 94,2000 each year.



THE 50-CAR Cameron Ship Channel ferry is back from dry dock where it has been undergoing repairs for the past eight months. It will go back into operation as soon as a Coast Guard inspection is completed. A smaller, side-loading ferry has been in use in its place.

Fishing Vessel Safety Fair set Mar. 28

By KEVIN SAVOIE
 Area Fisheries Agent
 Commercial fishing is one of the most hazardous industries in the U. S. today. Over the last decade many fishing vessel safety regulations have been implemented in an effort to reduce accidents and deaths.

The first annual Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Fair will be held in Cameron on Wednesday, March 28, from 7:30 a.m. to noon at Cameron Seafood Processing. The U. S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office will conduct the program in cooperation with Cameron Seafood Processing, the LSU AgCenter and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

All fishermen are urged to attend the program in order to learn about safety practices, federal regulations, dockside exams, using dewatering pumps during distress situations, and much more.

Bridge still out on La. 384

The pontoon bridge on La. 384 across the Intracoastal Canal was still out Wednesday as highway department workers worked on a broken gearbox. The bridge was opened temporarily to permit school buses to cross but remained closed to the general traffic.

The bridge, which is located near Boone's Corner, went out last Friday. Local traffic is being detoured around by the Black Bayou bridge.

Awards told

High school senior students of 15 Southwest Louisiana high schools will be honored this spring by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Grand Lake High School is among the 15.

"The Louisiana District of the Fourth Degree sponsors an annual patriotic awards program to identify and recognize those young adults who have displayed outstanding qualities of leadership in their academic and personal endeavors, both at home and at school," explained J. Cliff McCain of Keithville, Master of the Fourth Degree for the District of Louisiana.

Criteria for the award: High school officials will be asked to nominate one senior student (boy or girl) to receive this award, McCain explained.

G. Chenier hit Thurs. by twister

by GENEVA GRIFFITH

A tornado that blew out of the Gulf touched down in Grand Chenier last Thursday night and did a considerable amount of damage.

There were downed trees, roof shingles and tin blown off of boat and trailer houses, and on a horse trailer blown on top of D. L. Brasseaux's pick-up truck.

The tornado hit first the complex around Larry Boudreaux's lounge, taking the tops out of trees, uprooting a gas tank and dumping it into the Mermentau River, and driving an oak tree into a house trailer nearby. Luckily no one was inside. It then traveled across the river to the Pumpkin Ridge Road where it played havoc with the old oak trees, topping many of them and uprooting others.

School fate to be told

The proposed closing of the Grand Chenier Elementary School will be one of the main items on the Cameron Parish School Board's monthly agenda when it meets at 4 p.m., Monday, March 19 at the School Board offices.

Because of declining enrollment in the small school, the board will consider a proposal to close the school and send its students to the South Cameron Elementary School, which is located about 11 miles to the east in the Oak Grove community.

Grand Chenier residents have expressed strong opposition to the proposed closing and a meeting to discuss the matter

was to be held Wednesday night at the Grand Chenier fire station. In addition, many of the residents are expected to attend the board's meeting Monday.

One of the residents, Billy Doland, a former police juror, is on the agenda to speak about the closure.

In other business, the board will:

*Consider a request from Tommy Stoddard, Louisiana Alligators, to obtain alligator eggs on School Board property.

*Hear comments for Rich Merchant, Cameron Association of Educators president.

*Consider the hiring of a Food Service Supervisor.

Fishing opens Thurs. on parish refuges

Refuge Manager Chris Pease would like to inform all anglers that the interior canals, bayous, ponds of the Sabine and Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuges will open for public sport fishing on March 15. The refuges will remain open to fishing until October 15. Legal hours for public access on the refuge are sunrise to sunset.

Freshwater Impoundments (Units 1A, 1B, and 3) of Sabine NWR will be closed to bank and boat fishing this season. Recent sampling efforts within Management Unit 3 yielded a catch rate of only three fish per electrofishing hour. Only bluegill were captured. Largemouth bass were absent during the sampling effort.

Drought conditions from last summer has decimated the sport fishery. Bluegill restocking has been initiated already with largemouth bass stocking anticipated in a few months. All

impoundments will remain closed until a healthy fishery is restored to these areas.

Sabine anglers are reminded the freshwater boat launch at West Cove will be temporarily open. The Hog Island Gully Boat Launch will be open for anglers wanting to obtain access to the interior portions of the refuge or Calcasieu Lake.

Anglers interested in fishing opportunities at Cameron Prairie NWR will be able to access the Gibbstown Unit and East Cove. Fishing is permitted year round at East Cove, except when the Grand Bayou Boat Bay is closed. Anglers can check accessibility to East Cove by calling 337-598-4235.

Anglers can obtain a 2001 Fishing Regulations brochure at the headquarters or at one of the recreation areas of Sabine and Cameron Prairie NWR's. Please practice good boating and safety habits and respect the rights of fellow fishermen and refuge visitors.

March 15, 1937
 The first blood bank
 was established.



CAMERON BEACHES will soon be attracting visitors to beachcomb, to look for shells, and, in a few months, to go swimming. The picture of this young beachgoer was taken by the late Bill Turnbull several years ago.

Beach walkway to be built at pier site

The Cameron Parish Police Jury has been approved for a 50-50 grant by the La. Dept. of Natural Resources to build a 555 foot timber walkway from the Jetty Fishing Pier parking lot to the Gulf.

Tina Horn, Cameron parish administrator, said the state will put up half of the money for the \$46,000 project with the police jury providing its matching share in labor. Bids will be taken on the materials for the walkway.

The walkway will permit visitors to reach the beach without having to wade through the marshy area between the parking lot and the beach.

Although the beach is not suitable for swimming, there are

plenty of attractions for bird-watchers, shellers and beachcombers. There will be steps leading down from the end of the walkway to make it easy to reach the beach.

The \$1.4 fishing pier was completed last year paralleling the rock jetty along the east bank of the ship channel and has attracted many fishermen since then. The jury plans to seek another grant to extend the pier further into the Gulf.

In the meantime, an RV park has been completed next to the pier with 38 hookups for RVs and trailers. The park will open April 1. There will be a \$10 charge for overnight parking. Fishermen will be charged \$2 to fish from the pier.

Scenic Byway head visiting the parish

By VANESSA EVERETT
 Southwest Daily News
 Rob Draper, the head of the National Scenic Byway program, is visiting Southwest Louisiana this week, taking a tour of the Creole Nature Trail scenic highway.

The Creole Nature Trail, 180 miles of roadway through Calcasieu and Cameron, is a designated state scenic byway as well as a national scenic byway. It is the only national scenic byway in the state.

Monte Hurley, chairman of the board of commissioners for the Creole Nature Trail National Scenic Byway district, said, "We are very excited to host him and we hope to learn from his expertise how to take advantage of our resources in marketing this trail to the nation and the world."

Draper will be treated to a tour of the region as well as a reception at the Cameron Parish Police Jury building and a seafood boil in Big Lake.

Although Draper visit is not any kind of inspection or test of the Creole Nature Trail National

Scenic byway district as it works toward its next distinction, an All-American Road.

The distinction does not offer any additional grant opportunities, but it does give the roadway a high honor and some increased marketability.

In order to be named an All-American Road, the Creole Nature Trail must meet certain requirements. In addition to the qualifications to be a national scenic byway, it must also be able to accommodate full size tour buses, demonstrate enforcement measures in place for conservation and show that user facilities are available.

The Creole Nature Trail which begins near Sulphur on La. 27, goes through or near four wildlife refuges. They are the Sabine national Wildlife Refuge, the Lacassine National Refuge, the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and the Cameron Prairie National Refuge.

Information about the Creole Nature Trail and other national scenic byways is available at www.byways.org.

Hackberry open house set for Tuesday, Mar. 9

An open house will be held in the computer lab of Hackberry High School on Tuesday, March 20, beginning at 9. Parents and friends are invited to visit in the computer lab and see students at work.

The lab will be opened all day and a workshop for parents is scheduled for 1:45 p.m. Peggy Benoit, Title 1 and technology coordinator, for the parish will answer questions and conduct the workshop on internet use.

Other programs such as Passkey, Plato, Act, Microsoft Word, Access, And Excel are all programs available for use by students and can be explored by

guests.

Parents of students grades 1-12 are encouraged to visit the school on that day.

Registration

April 4 at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to register to vote in the May 5 election in Cameron Parish, according to Ruby Kelley, registrar of voters. Several tax issues are on the ballot.

Registration may be done in the Registrar's office in the basement of the courthouse.

Saturday, March 17th, is St. Patrick's Day



KENT LITTLE is shown cleaning up trees in a yard at Grand Chenier following a tornado that touched down on Grand Chenier last Thursday night. (Photo by Geneva Griffith.)

Funerals

DUFFY J. DESORMEAUX

Billings of Westlake; two sisters, Adele Couvillion of Sulphur; one brother, Dewey DesOrmeaux of Baton Rouge; one grandchild; and five great-grandchildren.

ROYCE R. DUHON

Private memorial services for Royce R. Duhon, 82, of Hackberry will be announced at a later date.

The body was cremated under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Mr. Duhon died Friday, March 9, 2001 in a Lake Charles care center.

A native of Hackberry, he had lived in Fort worth, Texas, most of his life. He moved back to Hackberry 10 years ago. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Pitts Duhon of Hackberry; one brother, Gerald Duhon of Port Barre; and four sisters, Doris Parker of Sulphur,

Dolores O'Malley of Brenham, Texas, and Fleta Mayes and Loraine Veron, both of Lake Charles.

J. D. WILHITE

Funeral services for J. D. "Johnny" Wilhite, 78, were held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 12, in Hixson Funeral Home.

The Rev. Gery Vanhorn officiated. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery.

Mr. Wilhite died Saturday, March 10, 2001, in a local hospital.

A native of Eros, he had lived in Cameron for the past four months. He had lived in Westlake for 11 years. He was a member of Moose Lodge and Insurance Underwriters. He served in the Merchant Marines. He was Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle J. Wilhite of Cameron; one son, William Kenneth "Billy" Wilhite of Carlyss; two daughters, Kathy Marti of Westlake and Debbie Stutes of Cameron; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren

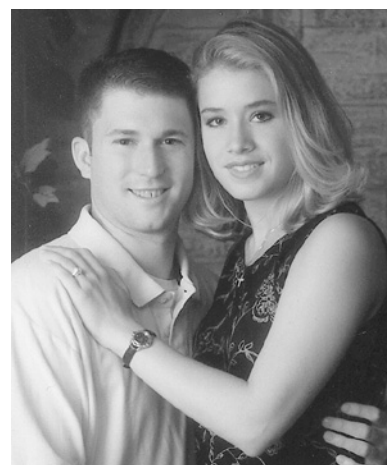
Memorial books given to library

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

Grandfather's Journey, Adam (Jodie) Savoie by Corrine Willis; If You Find A Rock, John Paul Benoit by Corrine Willis; Armchair Travels, Joseph Reed (Joe) Luquette by Terry and Monica Gipson; Small Mouth Bass, Dallas L. Domingue by Richard Brothers Post 0176, American Legion;

For the children, Lillian Mouton by J. B. and Betty Nunez; Birds Of America, John Paul Benoit by Omega Protein; Titanic, C. M. Daniels by J. T. and Bobby Primeaux and family; A Child's Book Of Angels, Jodie Savoie by J. T. and Bobby Primeaux and family;

Handle With Prayer, Monsignor M. J. Bernard by Hibernia National Bank,



Gerald and Christine Soileau

Our Lady Church sponsors youth workshop here

Gerald and Christine Soileau of Lake Charles will conduct a youth workshop, "Sex and Abstinence" at the mini-retreat for teens to be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron, according to Rev. Al Volpe, pastor.

Gerald and Christine met at the Catholic Student Center at McNeese State University in 1998. They were married July 9, 1999 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Lake Charles and are currently parishioners of St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Moss Bluff.

Jerry is from Eunice, and is a student at McNeese State University majoring in Liberal Arts. He is striving toward a goal of teaching Catholicism and coaching.

He is currently working for the Governor's Program on Abstinence. he is working with the state of Louisiana to set up abstinence clubs in high schools and to promote abstinence among teenagers. Jerry also serves on the Core Team for the Life Teen Program at St. Theodore's and is a member of the Life Teen Band. He has been involved in youth ministry for four years.

Christine is from Ragley, and received a Bachelor of Science from McNeese State University in Food and Nutrition in May of 1999. She completed a dietetic internship in May 2000 and is currently working as a registered dietitian at Christus St. Patrick Hospital in Lake Charles. She is also a eucharistic minister and a member of the Life Teen Band at St. Theodore.

Cameron Branch Employees; All Night - All Day Angels Watching Over Me, Rev. Charles Fontenot by Hibernia National Bank, Cameron Branch Employees.



WANDA LEBLANC was named the Black History Month sweetheart by the Cameron NAACP Chapter. She is married to Carlton LeBlanc and has two daughters. She has been the director of the Cameron Recreation Center for eight years. She is also a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and a Cursillos Sister.

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- Estate Planning
- Investing for College Education
- Portfolio Asset Allocation
- Tax-deferred Annuities

Presented by: Gary Bailey

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REPRESENTING THE Cameron Parish Chapter of the NAACP at the recent state meeting in Baton Rouge were Louise Cole, president; Charles Cole, secretary; and Chris Platum, youth delegate. Shown at left is Ernest Johnson, state NAACP president.

South Cameron Elem. Honor Roll announced

Barry W. Richard, principal at South Cameron Elementary School, announces the honor, banner roll and most improved students for the fourth six weeks: *denotes all A's.

Grade one - *Sarah Basco, *Wesley Ducote, *Tyler Fontenot, *Jamari Fretwell, *Myli Hay, *Bryce LaBove, *Channing LaLande, *Jenna Leanna, *Cami Richard, *Joey Gaspard, Jaysa Alleman, Shannon Landry, Karl Miller, Jarrett Nunez, Xavier Theriot, Joshua Wicke, Jamie Gaspard.

Grade two - Matthew Baccigalopi, Lakin LaBove, Javen Little, Jonathan Quinn, Shelby Wolfe.

Grade three - *Lauren Carter, *Bailey Richard, *Devon Richard, *Camelia Ducote, *Janice Trahan, *Kelsey Mudd, Ty Savoie, Blake Payne.

Grade four - *Anthony Basco, *Kobi Richard, *Anthony Baccigalopi, *Gabriel LaLande, *Jade Miller, Collise Dupont, Kyle Little, Rufus McEvers, Amanda Wicke, Kyle Benoit.

Grade five - *Tony Johnson, *Jaylon Ball, Kaley Boudoin, Briegle Comeaux, Chynna Little, Jonathan Trahan, Lyndi

Vincent, Lucy Abrahamsen, Jody Thomas.

Grade six - *Jennifer Duhon, *Deil LaLande, *Katherine Wicke, Mary Jo Portie, Katelyn Reina, Jacob Trahan, Alex Broussard, Kade Conner, Kaysha Fontenot, Dylan Jouett, Chelsi King, Drew LaBove, Kyle LeBoeuf, Travis Treme.

Grade seven - *Bart Vidrine, *Meagan Trahan, *Theresa Baccigalopi, Chance Richard, Byron Quinn, Justin Payne, Heather Benoit.

Most improved: Kaleb Miller, Brendon Boudreaux, Xavier LeBlanc, Ryan Owens, Janice Trahan, Samantha LaBove, Cody Jouett, Angela Trahan, Ali Conner, Dominique LeBlanc, Jennifer Duhon, Namon Lute, Imanni Fretwell, B. J. Primeaux and Randy Nance.

Menus told for schools

Cameron parish school lunch menus are as follows:

Mon., Mar. 19 - cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, apple-sauce crunch, hamburger bun, catsup.

Tues., Mar. 20 - taco salad, fixings cup, ranch beans, baked potato, yellow cake, chocolate glaze.

Wed., Mar. 21 - spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, peach cobbler, buttered corn, garlic toast.

Thurs., Mar. 22 - oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, green beans, fresh fruit cup, biscuits.

Fri., Mar. 23 - fish strips, macaroni and cheese, oven fries, chilled pear halves, cornbread, catsup.

Milk is served with each meal.

Deadline to submit classified ads: 10 a.m. Wednesday to be printed that Thursday. Ads must be prepaid.

Hackberry High honor roll

Amanda Abshire, Joseph Abshire, Amanda Atwell, Ashley Austin, Drew Beard, Lauren Broussard*, Meagan Broussard*, Jarin Brown, Josie Brown, Marcus Bufford, Layn Buford, Trace Buford, Trent Core*, Lindy Delome*, Belary Deville, Tabitha Deville, Brandy Doucette*, Colleen Doucette, Whitney Drounett*, Brennan Duhon, Erica Duhon, Shantel Dykeman.

Christopher East, Darra East, Drew East, Jessica East*, Justin East, Melissa East, Zachary Esthay*, Jon Gibbs*,

Josh Gibbs*, Clinton Granger, Jenna Granger*, Garrett Guidry*, Lynn Guillory, Angelica Hebert, Dustin Hebert, Heath Hebert, Kelsey Helmer*, Miranda Hicks, Morgan Hicks, Sean Hicks, Lauren Johnson*, Zackary Kibodcaux, K. J. Kovach, Matthew LaBauve, Aaron LaBove, Cheisie LaBove*, Devan LaBove*.

Haley LaBove, Hillary LaBove, Lindsay LaBove*, Leah LaFleur*, Jessica Landry*, Monica Landry, Taylor Landry, Laura Largent, Jacob Lejuine, Joseph Lejuine, Edith Leonards,

Mandy Michalko*, Steven Miller, Kevin Orgeron*, Anna Orth*, Dereck Pearson, Levi Pearson, Rebecca Perrodin*, Jacob Poole*, Jill Poole, Bethany Richard, Paige Sanders*, Allyson Sanner, Colton Sanner*, Shelby Sanner, Meghan Shipp, Lori

Shove, Malorie Shove, Micah Silver, Alexis Simon*.

Suzanne Simon, Lisa Smith*, Lori Spicer, Megan Spicer*, Hunter Stansel, Dillon Thibodeaux, Bashby Thomas, Curtis Welch, Keith Welch and Penni Wing.

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HUGE MOVING Sale: 165 Francis Circle, Tammy Conners Home, Saturday, March 17, 7 a.m. til. Lots of everything, come early for best selection. 3/15p.

FOUR FAMILY Garage Sale: 128 Dan St. in Cameron across from Cameron Elementary School. Lots of everything. Saturday, 3/17/01, 8 - 11 a.m. 3/15p.

GARAGE SALE: Friday, March 16, 8 - 5 and Saturday, March 17, 8 - 2. Bonsall Street, Cameron. 3/15p.

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KATELYN REINA of South Cameron Elementary 4-H exhibited the **Grand Champion Duroc, Grand Champion Breeding Gilt, and Grand Champion Parish-bred Gilt** at the Cameron Parish Livestock Show. At the District Show she placed **Reserve Champion Duroc and Reserve Champion La. Bred,** and at the State Show she placed **Reserve Champion La. Bred.** Pictured with her are **Kristopher and Kathryn Reina.**

G. Chenier 4-Hers meet

Several Grand Chenier Elementary 4-H members presented demonstrations to the club at the February meeting. Cara Olivier and Lakin Canik showed the club how to make a feeder for birds using a pine cone, peanut butter, and bird seed. Melania Welch and Christian McCall showed members how to make the valentine potpourri jars that would be sent to the swing bed patients.

Shylyn Nunez recognized club members who attended the 2001 District Livestock Show. They were Dylan Conner, Brett Richard, Bailey Richard, Shylyn Nunez, Barrett Hebert, Christian McCall, Tamara Jo Nunez, Haley McCall, Danica Mhire, Buddy Miller, Emily Primeaux, Jake Boudreaux, Colby Nunez, James Richard, Dixie DeSonier, Jess Broussard, Shyron Broussard, Matthew Styron, Hunter Canik, Lakin Canik, and Alex Bonsall.

Cara Olivier and Shyron Broussard told club members that the club was still collecting eyeglasses for the Lions club and

S. Cam. Elem. 4-H has contests

The South Cameron Elementary 4-H club held a cookie and candy contest. The cookie winners were: 1st. - Dustin Boudreaux, 2nd. - Dylan Jouett, 3rd. - Sarah Boudreaux and 4th. Jamie Primeaux.

The candy winners were: 1st. - Cody Jouett, 2nd. - Katelyn Reina, 3rd. Keaton Boudreaux, and 4th. - Kathryn Reina.

The 4H Club members used the cookies and candy for refreshments at parents night at the South Cameron Elementary School.

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CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD like to personally thank all our many friends and family for your prayers, love and support during my recent hospital stay. The visits and phone calls made us feel very blessed and encouraged us greatly.

Thank you all very much, Ron, Mary, Amanda, and Jacob Johnson

Grand Lake 4-Hers win

Several members of the Grand Lake Sr. 4-H Club exhibited livestock at the District Livestock Show at Burton in Lake Charles. They placed as follows:

Kelly cline - swine breeding (Yorkshire) - 2nd place, Swine Breeding (Spot) - 3rd place, market steers - 8th place, and beef showmanship - 6th place.

Trinity Cline - swine breeding - red ribbon and market steers - 7th place.

Matthew Guintard - beef breeding (Santa Gertrudis bull) 1st place, beef breeding (Santa gertrudis heifer) - 2nd place, and market swine - purple ribbon.

Justin LaBove - market swine - purple ribbon.

Holly Manuel - swine breeding (Hampshire) - champion gilt and champion LA bred gilt, swine breeding (Yorkshire) - champion LA bred gilt, market swine - purple ribbon, and swine showmanship - 2nd place.

Ashley Picou - market swine - purple and blue ribbons and swine showmanship - 5th place.

Lindsey Pool - market lambs - 4th place.

Mandi Richard - market swine - purple and blue ribbons.

Brett Wickes - market swine - 2nd place and 1st place LA bred, market steers - 2nd place and 2nd place LA bred, commercial hiefers - 4th and 5th places.

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Applicants must meet all qualifications at the time of application for this position.

**Contact: Judith Jones, Superintendent
Cameron Parish School Board
P. O. Box 1548
Cameron, LA 70631
Phone: (337) 775-5784**

The deadline for submitting a letter of application and a resume will be Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 1:00 P.M.

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Do You Remember?

By KEITH HAMBRICK

Cameron Pilot, Feb. 22, 1968 POULTRY MEETING

Three Louisiana 4-H Club members were among the 100 delegates who attended the 15th annual Junior Poultry and Egg Fact Finding Conference held in Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 8-11. One of them was John E. Duhon of Grand Lake.

LIONS FIRST MEMBERS

The Cameron Lions Club last week honored the two charter members still active in the club--Alvin Dyson and Charles Hebert, both members for 23 years.

"Sew With Cotton"

Kathy Hensley, Johnson Bayou 4-H Club at Johnson Bayou High School, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hensley.

Kathy was accompanied to Alexandria by Darlene Guidry, Grand Lake, and Cathy Lowery, Hackberry.

Cherie Kay Griffith, Oak Grove (2nd place) and Rosalie LaBove, Oak Grove (3rd place) participated in the parish contest which was judged by Mrs. Conway LeBleu, President of the LSU Economics Alumni Association.

GEORGE JONES COMING

George Jones, western music entertainer, will head the May 14 fund-raising program of the Cameron Lions Club. President Ray Champagne said the program will be staged at the South Cameron High School. Money raised will be used in the club's projects.

BOAT RACES

Boatracers from Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana will again compete in the annual spring boat races, to be held in the Mermentau River at the Grand Chenier State Park, Sunday, May 5. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady Star of the Sea Council of Cameron, in cooperation with the Cameron Boat Club.

the K. of C. Council will also sponsor a barbecue in conjunction with the races at the park, at the K. of C. Home in Creole, and

at the VFW Home in Cameron.

GRAND LAKE COUNCIL

A parish council has been organized at the St. Mary of the Lake Church Parish. Officers elected were: Alfred Duhon, President; and Mrs. Lena Guidry, Secretary.

Other members of the council are: Msgr. M. J. Bernard, administrator; Lyon Breaux, McKinley Broussard, Alverd Duhon, Ann Nell Doucet, Mrs. Polus Doucet, Mr. Johnnie Farque, Dupre Guidry, Mrs. Agnes Hebert, Mr. Jasper Ogea, and Jim Young.

MURPHY IS TEAM CAPTAIN

McNeese State' jumping and pole vaulting participants are expected to make a leap in the right direction for the cowboy track team this year.

Ronnie Murphy from Cameron is the only experienced performer returning in any of the three jumping events and he will be entering the triple jump and the broad jump this spring.

A record setting triple jumper last year in the GSC (Gulf States Conference) meet when he leaped 49-7 1/2, Murphy was the Cowboy's second leading point scorer of the season, collecting a total of 51 points.

NEWS NOTES

The men of the Big Lake St. Joseph Society met at the Big Lake Catholic Hall, Sunday to elect new officers. They are Johnnie Farque, President; John B. Duhon, vice President; and Alverd Duhon, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Sweetlake St. Joseph Society met Thursday evening at the Sweetlake community center to elect new officers. They are Ray Beard, president; Clyde Ledoux, Vice President, and Gilfred Richard, Secretary-Treasurer.

The two cold fronts which moved through Cameron Parish two weeks ago helped trappers. The cold frosty weather caused fur bearing animals to move around more. Trappers are now getting about 50 cents more for their nutrias and around 35 cents more for muskrats.

Grand Chenier Elementary Honor students are told

Principal Carol Wainwright announces the fourth six weeks honor and banner roll at Grand Chenier Elementary:

First grade honor roll: Jacob Landry, Courtney Mhire.

First grade banner roll: Patrick Clark, Angela Nguyen.

Second Grade honor roll: Clint Miller, Brennan Norred, Laney Theriot.

Second grade banner roll: McKayla Fountain, Brendan Nunez.

Third grade honor roll: Kody

Willis.

Third grade banner roll: Matthew Bui, Sara Dupre', Bailey Richard, Jonathon Richards.

Fourth grade honor roll: Alex Bonsall, Hunter Canik, Laikin Canik, Shyron Broussard, Buddy Miller.

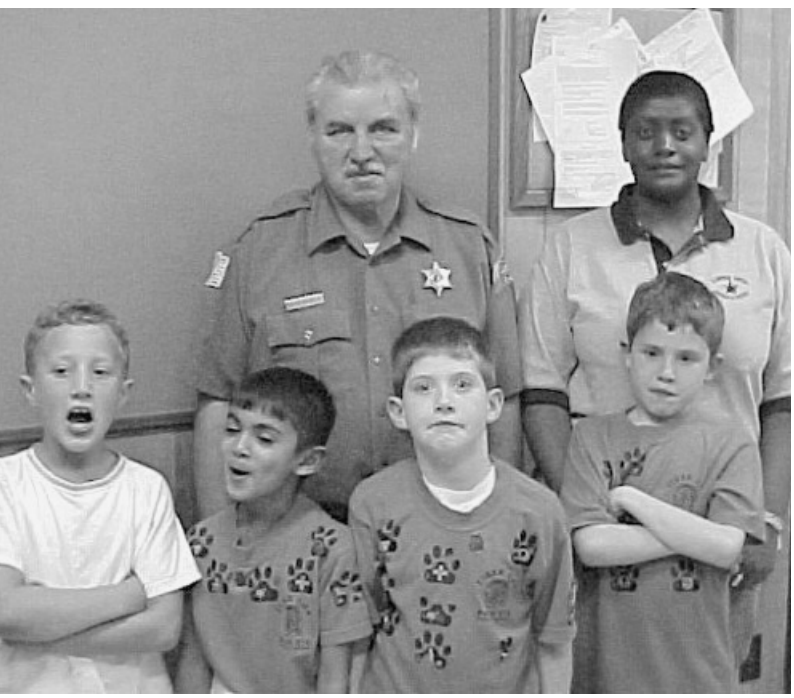
Fourth grade banner roll: Haley McCall, Cara Olivier, Brett Richard.

Fifth grade honor roll: Barrett Hebert, Colby Nunez.

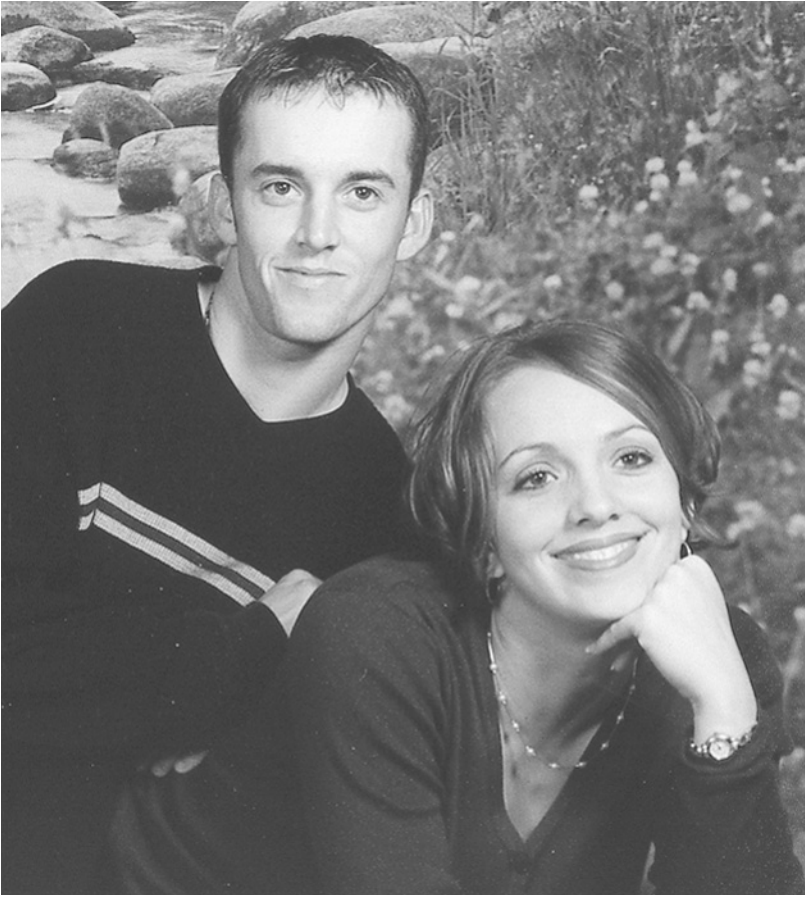
Fifth grade banner roll: Daniel Dupre', Alize Hguyen.



SHOWN ABOVE ARE 4-H Junior Leaders Melissa Nunez, Angelina Campbell, along with Camy Savoie who attended a project book and record book workshop given by Melissa, Angelina and Mike LaVergne at the Cameron Library.



THE CAMERON TIGER CUBS toured the Cameron Parish jail with Deputies Warner Daigle and Bessie Fountain. The boys were shown above, from left: Matthew Morgan, Raj Patel, Andrew Mudd, and Kade Pierson. Ethan Nunez also attended.



MR. AND MRS. Magnus (Sonny) McGee of Johnson Bayou announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Selina Nicole, to Justin Wayne Trahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Trahan of Johnson Bayou. The wedding is set for Saturday, March 24 at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Johnson Bayou at 7 p.m. A reception will follow in the Johnson Bayou Community Center. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.



DALE AND MIRIAM Poe of Hicks announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Anna Denise Poe, to William Joseph Daigle, son of Warner and Brenda Daigle of Cameron. The wedding is set for Saturday, April 7 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Charles at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the Boarding House Catering at 7th and Hodges Streets in Lake Charles. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

LETTERS

Don't close G. S. School

Dear Editor,

The Cameron Parish School Board is contemplating closing the Grand Chenier Elementary School at its March 19 meeting. We as concerned citizens, taxpayers and residents of Grand Chenier urge that you voice your opinion on this proposed closure.

The Grand Chenier Elementary School has had a long history of excellent education in this rural community in Cameron parish. This school is the center of community development, pride and progress. Our school promotes academic excellence and is ranked the highest in Cameron parish by the School Performance Scores.

Social skills and interaction are evidenced by the LSU Cooperative Extension Services 4-H program by winning outstanding Junior 4-H program for the parish four out of the last five years. The Grand Chenier Program has also won the community service award for the past three consecutive years. Student athletics at Grand Chenier have always been competitive and the elementary boys track team has won the parish championship for the past two years.

Five boys in 2000 competed and won the title of State Champion Wrestler. These accomplishments accentuate the fact that academic, social and athletic skills are being taught and mastered at Grand Chenier Elementary School.

The economic impact of a school closure is devastating on a community. Young people plan

Sixth grade honor roll: Jill Duddleston, Kaysha Miller.

Sixth grade banner roll: Jess Broussard, Dixie Desonier, Shylyn Nunez.

Seventh grade honor roll: Michael Dowd, Jodi Dyson, Ben McAllister, Ashley Menard, Tamara Jo Nunez, Jennifer Schwalbe, Matthew Styron.

Seventh grade banner roll: Christian McCall, Melaina Welch.

their lives to provide for the education of their children. Even the threat of closure of the Grand Chenier Elementary School can affect economic and population growth. The Grand Chenier Elementary School is a positive component of economic growth in Cameron Parish. The quality of the school in all aspects has attracted students from their school attendance zone in Cameron Parish.

Many children have been transported to Grand Chenier Elementary School for their education for many years. These students were transported by private means, by parents and relatives, so that a top quality education could be attained. These parents and relatives could have been complacent but they felt the best education is available at Grand Chenier Elementary School. In business you don't discard your best product; in education you don't discard your best school.

Our legislative delegation has unanimously supported keeping Grand Chenier Elementary open. It is stated in this letter of support that, "It is our feeling that the benefits of keeping this school open to the residents of Grand Chenier and the Parish as a whole far exceed the fiscal impact of the closure".

The Grand Chenier School District accounts for a large share of the economic tax base of the Cameron Parish School Board. By the threat of school closure, the Cameron Parish School Board jeopardizes the financial well being of the school system in Cameron Parish. Economic development and the tax base are integral parts of the community and are at risk when school uncertainties are proposed.

Professional opinion regarding small schools is changing. Recent studies have shown that small schools are more productive and effective. "Students make more rapid progress toward graduation, they are more satisfied, fewer drop out, and they behave better." Small class sizes have recently been shown to improve learning especially when implemented in elementary grades.

"Bipartisan education reform will be the cornerstone of

my Administration." This quote by newly elected United States President George W. Bush, accentuates this administrative commitment to quality education. His blueprint for American education includes a number of goals for schools, teachers and students. Grand Chenier Elementary is safe, accountable, promotes widespread parental involvement and encourages freedom through education and accountability.

A number of alternatives regarding a method to equalize school districts have been entertained. School attendance boundary lines are not mandated by federal order in Cameron Parish. The school district lines can be moved by the School Board to more equally balance the enrollment in Cameron, Creole and Grand Chenier.

A middle school in the central part of the parish could also be an option. This option would allow a middle school program (sixth, seventh and eighth grades) to be instituted in lower central Cameron Parish and enrollment of elementary schools be for grades K through five at the Grand Chenier and Cameron Schools. These options should be entertained to insure that quality education is maintained and improved in Cameron Parish.

We ask that citizens of Cameron Parish join with us Monday, March 19, 2001, at the Cameron Parish School Board office to voice your support of Grand Chenier Elementary as an integral part of this parish and the parish school system. Please contact your school board member to make certain that this school closure issue is defeated.

Sincerely,
/s/Dorothy M. Theriot
& Concerned Citizens



The first American kindergarten opened in Wisconsin in 1856.

They're trying to take our pets

Dear Editor:

Once again the government is trying to infringe upon our Rights as Americans, this time it is in Louisiana for Ownership of Dogs. (officially called House Bill #8).

Rep. Robert Fauchaux, Jr. of LaPlace is trying to make owning certain dogs illegal.

They are: Bulldogs (the Mack Truck mascot seen on thousands of trucks). Bull terriers; American Staffordshire Terriers; Staffordshire Terriers and all dogs with 1/4 of the above listed breeds in its lineage! Imagine paying thousands of dollars for a pure bred dog, loving it for years and then being ordered to sell it or destroy it because one person hates a certain breed! That is exactly what Robert Fauchaux is trying to do to us.

As a resident of Louisiana for 40 yrs. I can't believe I have to fight to have my dogs left alive.

Now is the time to stand up and be counted for dogs and our right to have any dog we want.

Call Dan Flavin if you live in Calcasieu or Cameron parish at 477-1334. Tell him to oppose House Bill #8.

You can also call Rep. Robert Fauchaux, Jr. at 1-800-462-5017 and let him know what you think of his House Bill.

A dog lover,
/s/Pam Dronet
Cameron

Retired teachers to get 2% cost-of-living

The Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana has announced that retired members of the system will receive a 2% annual cost-of-living adjustment to be effective July 1, 2001.

To be eligible for the increase, a retiree must be at least age 55 by July 1, 2001. A beneficiary will be eligible if the retiree would have been eligible.

A state law enacted in 1999 allows the retirement system to grant an annual percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumer.

This is the third year that retired teachers have received an increase authorized by this legislation.



KAMIE ELIZABETH PORTIE recently won the Beauties of the Bayou Queen title. She is also the reigning Baby Miss Marshland Festival Queen. Kamie is the daughter of Keith and Anjanette Portie of Hackberry.



THE CAMERON PARISH 4-H and FFA exhibitors who won Champion honors at the District Livestock Show in Lake Charles were: (back row, from left) Cody McDaniel, Lance Guidry, Nick Boudreaux, Michael Boudreaux, Ryan Bourriague, Jeremy McDaniel, Nick Pinch, Chance Baccigalopi; (second row) Amber Trahan, Julie Trahan, Holly Manuel, Trey Wilkerson, Chance Doney; (third row) Malorie Shove, Kelsie Kiffe, Shylyn Nunez, Joel Rogers, Santana Conner, Katelyn Reina; (front row) Kimily Bourriague, Dylan Jouett, Barrett Hebert, Dylan Conner, and Lex Theriot.

Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

REFUGE CLOSURE

The Lacassine Refuge Pool will not open on March 15, as the two years of drought has taken its toll on this one's great fishing hole. Water's still too low and lots of bass, crappie, perch as well as other fish as died.

A two day shocking effort in the pool showed only 6 bass, with the largest only 13 inches in length. Two years ago when they shocked, they found 78 bass up to eleven pounds. In fact bank fishing will not be allowed either. If the water level changes, maybe it could open, but only as a catch and release static. Talks of restocking all in the making.

Something else that came up is the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Services under the outgoing Clinton administration, the federal agency published a draft policy in the Federal Register on January 16 recommending a ban on all tournaments fishing on National Wildlife Refuge waters. Whether this takes place or not, is yet to be seen.

SCOUTING

I had an invitation to speak to the Pack 210, Bear Cubs, Cub Scouts in Cameron last week. I really enjoyed these young folks. Their scout leader, Roland Roux of Cameron asked me to talk about newspaper writing, but we also discussed hunting, fishing, boating & camping, Bear Scouts present were, Jarred Racca, Caleb Roux, Travis Trahan, Joel Racca and Jordan Hanks.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB

The Lemesche Bass Club held their March meeting with a catfish supper prepared by club member Ricky Canik. The club roster now stands at 20 members, with more wanting to join. 7 & 7 anglers are welcome and the dates list your time off.

The club will have 6 tournaments, 3 pick partners and 3 drawn by number. Each club member has a number. Dues are \$35, and each tournament entry is \$20 per team and \$4 for choupique pot.

Members will pick partners in the club, but cannot fish with the same partner but once during the year. All six tournaments counts as points, each tourna-

ment will be a team only fishing, unless you're odd man on drawing, and each individual in the team will divide the weight of 5 bass team stringer, and get those points. Top angler will be chosen at year's end.

These are the tournament dates and where to fish. The first tournament will be on March 25, Big Burns and a draw tournament; then April 29 - Amoco - pick partners; May 20 - Big Burn - pick partners; June 24 - Amoco - draw; July 15 - Big Burn - draw and the last tournament will be August 5 - Amoco - pick partners.

Remember anyone may still join, contact Scooter Trosclair or Darren Richard. 538-2442 or 542-4310.

Remember, meeting night has changed and starting in April, meetings will be on Mondays at 6 p.m., the first Monday of each month.

These following are the partners drawn for the March 25 tournament in the Big Burn:

1. Tony Conner, George Melancon; 2. Ricky Canik, J. M. Boudreaux; 3. Scott Hess, Greg Mudd; 4. Shane Suratt, Todd Morales; 5. Carl Broussard, Chad Mudd; 6. Jeb Linscombe, Rod Richard; 7. Scooter Trosclair, Loston McEvers; 8. Cory Broussard, Rudy McEvers; 9. Tom Hess, Richard Duhon; 10. Darren Richard (was odd man). He may be paired off if a new member joins before tournament time.

FEEDING TIMES

Best - Friday, Mar. 16, 4:50 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.; Saturday, Mar. 17, 5:40 a.m. & 6:05 p.m.; Sunday, Mar. 18, 6:25 a.m. & 6:50 p.m.; Monday, Mar. 19, 7:10 a.m. & 7:35 p.m.; Tuesday, Mar. 20, 7:55 a.m. & 8:20 p.m.; Wednesday, Mar. 21, 8:35 a.m. & 9 p.m.; Thursday, Mar. 22, 9:20 a.m. & 9:40 p.m.

Good - Friday, Mar. 16, 11 a.m.; Saturday, Mar. 17, 11:50 a.m.; Sunday, Mar. 18, 12:20 p.m.; Monday, Mar. 19, 1:10 p.m.; Tuesday, Mar. 20, 2:05 p.m.; Wednesday, Mar. 21, 3:30 p.m.; Thursday, Mar. 22, 4:50 p.m.

The Big Burn opens March 17. Be sure to get your permit. Enjoy the outdoors and take a kid fishing!

Avoid investment fraud beware of claims

Americans lose more than a billion dollars each year to fraudulent investments.

But LSU AgCenter family economist Dr. Jeanette Tucker says potential investors can avoid losing money by learning to recognize a phony sales pitch. Tucker says to beware of these claims:

- A "ground floor" opportunity to realize outstanding returns on investments.
- Guarantees of big profits in a short time.
- Claims that no risk is involved.
- Lots of pressure to act now because the "market is moving."

She also says following some basic guidelines can help you to protect yourself. "Invest in opportunities that you know something about," Tucker advises, saying, "It's unlikely you will make money in a business deal that you don't understand or can't verify. Don't rely on the seller's portrayal of the investment's value."

Tucker also says to be skeptical of unsolicited phone calls about investments and to be especially leery of calls from

out-of-town salespeople or companies you've never heard of. "If the deal goes bad, you may find it very hard to get your money back," she cautions.

Another recommended step is to get all the information you can about the company and verify the data.

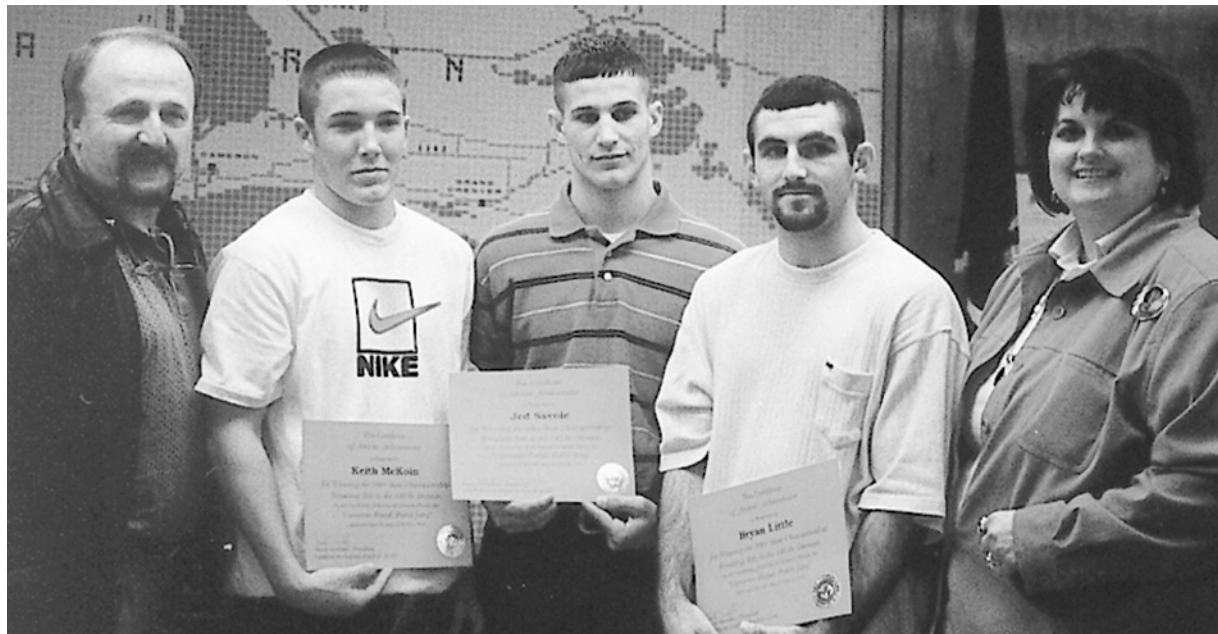
"Before investing with any company, check the seller's materials with someone whose financial advice you trust," Tucker says, also cautioning that you should beware of testimonials.

"Fraudulent companies often hire references to claim that the firm's investments yielded them sudden wealth."

Tucker's final advice is "if in doubt, don't invest."

"Before you invest, ask tough questions and get information from a variety of sources," she says, adding, "If you can't get solid information about the investment firm and the investment, it's best not to risk your money."

For more general information on managing your personal and family finances, contact an agent in your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office.



THREE SOUTH CAMERON wrestling team members who won first places in the recent state tournament are pictured above at the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting where they were presented with certificates. The youths are Keith McKoin, Jed Savoie, and Bryan Little. They are shown with their coach, Pete Picou, and Police Juror Norma Jo Pinch.

(Photo by Geneva Griffith.)

Sports Roundup

Lady Tarps win meet

The South Cameron Lady Tarpons track team finished in first place with 105.5 points in the South Cameron High School track meet. The boys team finished 10th with 19 points.

The Lady Tarpons placed in the following events: shot put - 1st K. January, 2nd K. Baccigalopi; discus - 1st S. Booth, 2nd D. Menard; triple jump - 2nd K. Richard; pole vault - hurdles - 2nd C. Carter. For the Tarpons Gary Chaisson placed 2nd in the high jump and Jed Savoie placed 3rd in the 110 hurdles.

The boy's team from Grand Lake finished in 5th place with 49 points. Placing for Grand Lake were M. Griffin, 3rd in the javelin; Joseph Johnson - 3rd. Grand Lake girls track team finished 8th with 23.9 points.

Tiffany Breaux and Cheri Babineaux placed 1st and 2nd, respectively, in the javelin.

BASEBALL

Hackberry 12, Starks 3 - Jeff Moore, Brett Stansel, and Brian Brown struck out 16 batters en route to a season opener victory. At the plate Devin Blue went 3-5 with 3 RBIs to lead the Mustangs. Moore was 1-3 with a RBI and Whitney Dronette, Blake Murphy, and Brown had a hit and RBI apiece.

Hackberry 7, Hamilton Christian 3 - Sharing pitching duties for Hackberry were Devin Blue, Jeff Moore, and Brian Brown. Top hitters were Moore who went 2-3 with a RBI; Blue, 2-2 and 2 RBIs and a double; Jake Buford, 1-3; and Brett Stansel, 1-3 and 2 RBIs. The Mustangs moved to a perfect 2-0 on the young season.

Grand Lake 11, Lake Arthur 1 - Terrance Tradewell gave up 1 hit and had six strike-

outs as Grand Lake improved to 3-2. Anthony Hidalgo went 2-4 with 2 RBIs. Josh Carlisle went 2-4 with a triple and Ryan Poole went 2-4.

Grand Lake 6, Vinton 3 - Grand Lake improved to 4-2 and won their own tournament. Josh Carlisle went the distance for Grand Lake. Carlisle was 1-4 with a 3 run homer. Russel Faulk went 2-4.

SOFTBALL

South Cameron 9, Kinder 2 - Brittany Mudd gave up two hits as the Lady Tarpons district record improved to 1-1. Julie Trahan and Katie McKoin went 2-4 and scored a run each.

Grand Lake 11, Starks 1 - Tiffany Breaux had a triple and 5 RBIs to lead Grand Lake to a district win. Kristen Howerton also had a triple and Cheri Sammis went 2-2. On the mound for Grand Lake was Cheri Sammis.

Soft drinks can make kids fat

An extra soft drink a day gives a child a 60 percent greater chance of becoming obese, new research suggests.

"Do you know what your children are drinking?" LSU AgCenter nutritionist Donna Montgomery asks. "Instead of drinking milk, water and 100 percent fruit juices, which are healthier and more nutritious, children are consuming sweetened beverages and getting fatter."

The U.S. study, published February 15 in The Lancet medical journal, says the link between soft drinks and obesity is independent of the food children eat, how much television or videos they watch and the amount they exercise, Montgomery points out.

"Experts have long believed that sweetened drinks were contributing to the rising obesity epidemic among children, but said there has been no evidence of a link," she says. The prevalence of obesity among children in the United States increased by 100 percent between 1980 and 1994. "The added weight they are gaining poses a real health risk, because childhood obesity leads to adult obesity and chronic health problems such as heart disease and diabetes," the LSU AgCenter nutritionist stresses.

The soft drink study involved tracking 548 children ages 11-12 from public schools across Massachusetts for two school years. The researchers monitored how many sweet drinks the children consumed and changes in their body mass

index (BMI), a standard method used to measure body fat. If they increased their daily soft drink intake, each extra soft drink made them 60 percent more likely to become obese, regardless of how many sodas they were drinking before, according to the study. Only 7 percent of the children did not change their soft drink intake over the two-year period. Fifty-seven percent increased their intake, with a quarter of them drinking two or more extra cans a day, the study said.

The researchers found that adolescent boys were the biggest consumers of soft drinks. Soft drinks tracked in the study included regular sodas, Hawaiian Punch, lemonade, Kool-Aid, sweetened iced tea or other sugared fruit drinks. Pure fruit juice intake also was tracked, but that did not account for the effect, the study said.

"The odds of becoming obese increased significantly for each additional daily serving of sugar-sweetened drink," the study concluded. On the other hand, an increase in diet soda consumption made the children less likely to become obese. Dr. Philip James, chairman of the International Obesity Task Force, an independent worldwide scientific organization that was not connected with the study, said the evidence so far indicates that sugar is slightly less fattening than fat, but that sugar in drinks can be deceptive because the beverages are less filling than food.

He said one explanation

might be that while people tend to eat less at a meal if they have overeaten at a previous sitting, evening out the calories, they don't tend to do that if the extra calories came from drinks. They tend to eat a normal-sized meal despite having loaded up on sugar from soft drinks. "The average teen-ager is getting 15 to 20 teaspoons a day of added sugar from soft drinks alone. Consumption rates among children have doubled in the last decade," the researchers said.

Sugary drinks are not the only cause of the alarming rise in childhood obesity. Studies have shown that children also are less active and eat diets higher in fat than previously.

"Another concern is that soft drinks don't provide the nutrients so important to growing children," Montgomery says. "Parents and caregivers should be providing nutrient dense drinks such as milk and 100 percent fruit juices."

"Adults also should set the example of drinking milk and fruit juices with meals," the LSU AgCenter nutritionist adds.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend choosing beverages and foods to moderate your intake of sugars.

"Sugar in itself is not bad," Montgomery says, explaining, "It does not cause hyperactivity in children or cause obesity or diabetes. The problem is that it too many soft drinks add empty calories without the nutrients needed. That's why moderation is important."

Wrestling tournament wins told

South Cameron High School wrestlers won the Cameron Parish wrestling tournament with a score of 59. Grand Chenier was second with 53 points; Cameron 48 and Grand Lake 4.

Winners in the two divisions and in various weight classes were:

DIVISION I

45# John Comeaux, S.C.; Joshua Wicke, S.C.; Channing LaLande, S.C.

50# Jacoby Landry, G.C. Marcus Doxey, Cam.

55# Kent Doxey, Cam.; Corey Miller, S.C., Haden January, Cam.

60# Travis Trahan, Cam.; Brennan Norred, G. C.; Scotty Nunez, G. C.

65# Clint Miller, G. C. 72# Dex Murphy, Cam.; Clint Miller, G.C.

77# Barrett Doxey, Cam. 85# Barrett Doxey, Cam.;

Brendon Nunez, G.C. HWT Trevor Nunez, S.C.

DIVISION II

60# Hunter Canik, G.C.; Cody Willis, G.C. 65# Brett Richard, G.C.; Ty Savoie, S.C.

72# James Cormier, Cam.; Jade Miller, S.C.; Dillian Conner, G.C.

77# Daniel Dupre, G.C.; Kyle Little, S.C.; Marcus Lavergne, G.L.

85# Jody Trosclair, Cam.; Jonathon Trahan, S.C.; Justin Payne, S.C.

90# Blake Payne, S.C. 95# Jordan Rutherford, S.C.;

Blake Payne, S.C. 103# Justin Picou, Cam.;

Josh Pilotti, Cam.; Dylan Jouett, S.C. 112# Colby Nunez, G.C.;

Justin Gordon, Cam.; Justin Trahan, S.C.

119# Byron Quinn, S.C. Matthew Miller, S.C.

135# James Richard, G.C. 150# Matthew Styron, G.C.;

Charles Landry, G.L.; James Richard, G.C.

HWT Chance Richard, S.C.; George Hernandez, S.C.; Chad LaBove, S.C.

126# Bart Vidrine, S.C.; Thomas Trosclair, Cam.; Jake Boudreau, G.C.

Team scores: South Cameron 59; Grand Chenier 53; Cameron 48 and Grand Lake 4.

Care of Clothing Increases 'Mileage,' Saves Money

How you care for your clothing is directly related to the "mileage" you'll get from each garment, says LSU AgCenter clothing and textiles specialist Dr. Evva Wilson.

Taking proper care means garments last longer - and you, in turn, save money, Wilson stresses.

The specialist also provides this advice to help you make buying decisions and to extend wear-life of your clothing:

- Before purchasing, read the care label. Knowing the fiber content and care procedures provides clues about wear-life and durability.
- Think about the cost of maintenance, particularly the cost per wearing of washable garments compared to ones that require dry cleaning.
- Brush garments after each wearing.
- Promptly handle each spot and stain. The longer a spot or stain is left untreated, the harder it is to remove.
- Repair any problems before returning an item to the closet or drawer.
- Promptly hang clothes on an appropriate hanger or fold and store.

"No matter how you look at it, how a garment is cared for and the cost of that care should be considered in the ultimate price of the garment," Wilson says.



AN OAK TREE was blown down on this trailer home in Grand Chenier Thursday night when a tornado touched down. No one was inside at the time. (Photo by Geneva Griffith.)



DO YOU REMEMBER? This old house, which was badly damaged and left uninhabitable in Hurricane Audrey in 1957, was still standing nearly 20 years later when this picture was taken. The old house was located on the Front Ridge Road.