



REPRESENTATIVES of the Sabine and Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuges are shown receiving the 2004 Rhea Barnes Travel Industry award at a ceremony held last week at the Southwest Louisiana Visitors and Convention Bureau in Lake Charles. From left are Diane Borden-Billiot, outreach coordinator for the Sabine Refuge; Darienne Wilson, assistant secretary of the Louisiana Office of Tourism, who made the presentation; and Glen Harris, manager of the Cameron Prairie Refuge.



CALLIE NICOLE BREVELLE, 7-year-old daughter of Mark and Laurie Brevelle of Grand Lake, recently was crowned Little Miss Contraband at the Contraband Festival in Lake Charles. She is a second grade student at Grand Lake High School and is the granddaughter of Richard and Cindy Foreman of Grand Lake and Ted and Ouida Brevelle of Grapevine, Tex.



FIVE GRAND LAKE High School students who won a national science award during World Space Week are shown above with *NSYNC star Lance Bass at a ceremony in Los Angeles where they traveled to receive their award. From left are Ryan Monceaux, Corey Broussard, Lance Bass, Lucas Gaspard, Brett Griffith, and Cody Benoit.

They gave Lance Bass a hand

Last October, five 8th grade Earth Science students at Grand Lake High School researched and created a report for "Lance's Lab" during World Space Week. The purpose of the report was to explain how Lance Bass would live and work on the International Space Station for three months. Under the supervision of Mrs. Bobbye Delaney, the students

described the features of a Space Station module where Lance could live, record music, do experiments for educational purposes, and communicate with people on Earth. The group's report placed 3rd in the Middle School Division in national competition. These five students, Corey Broussard, Lucas Gaspard,

Cody Benoit, Ryan Monceaux and Brett Griffith, were the only winners from Louisiana. With funds the students raised themselves and generous donations from the community and businesses, the students traveled to Los Angeles to receive their award at the World Space Week Educational Award Event on April 13.

Two wildlife refuges honored for tourism

Two National Wildlife Refuges located in Cameron Parish were given a special honor at a ceremony held Wednesday, May 5 in observance of National Tourism Week. The Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau presented the 2004 Rhea Barnes Travel Industry Award to the Sabine and

Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuges for "giving generous amounts of land for the Creole Nature Trail overlooks and turnouts." Accepting the awards for the refuges were Glen Harris, manager of the Cameron Prairie Refuge, and Dianne Borden-Billiot, outreach coordinator for Sabine Refuge.

Trahan represents jury at erosion meet in Capitol

Steve Trahan, Cameron Parish Police Jury President, represented Cameron Parish at a meeting hosted by Senator Mary Landrieu Tuesday in Washington to make the case for coastal restoration funding before congressional leaders. Scott Angelle, secretary of the Louisiana Dept. of Natural Resources, and representatives of 11 other coastal parishes attended. In meetings with Sen. Pete Domenici (R-N. Mex.), chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Joe Barton (R-Tex.), new chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Rep. Ralph Hall (R-Tex.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, the Louisiana leaders said the state deserves a greater share of revenue from offshore oil production, and called for direct funding that could be used for coastal erosion projects. "Nobody can talk about how coastal erosion affects Louisiana like the people who live in these parishes that are literally disappearing into the Gulf of Mexico," Sen. Landrieu said. "They can speak from first hand experience about how urgent it is that we fund the restoration projects necessary to save the coast. Since many of these parishes are part of the onshore platform that supports the offshore oil and natural gas industry, they can

also argue persuasively about the importance of protecting that infrastructure that provides a quarter of the nation's oil and gas supply."

Sr. Citizen Day is well attended

The Cameron Council on Aging Sr. Citizens Day held on May 6 was very well attended. The day was pretty and everyone seemed to be feeling fine. Over 100 seniors attended the day's events. The "Medicare Playboz" band played and Elvis Presley was even in attendance to bring back some of his favorite hits. Bingo was played and door prizes given out. Special thanks to all of the service providers who attended and set up booths for the seniors to visit. Thanks to LouEtta Nunez, Entergy, Jeff Davis Electric and the Cameron Parish Police Jurors for donations of door prizes. The next big senior party will be our Christmas party held in December.

Grand Lake woman gets appointment

Dr. Cathy Denison-Wicke of Grand Lake has been named to the Women's Advisory Council of the National Association for the Self-Employed to provide feedback to the Association on the needs of women micro-business owners. She is a native of Iowa, La. and received her MBA from McNeese and PhD from LSU. She lives in Grand Lake with her husband, Gary, and son, Devin.

Denison-Wicke is President and Senior Consultant for CDW and Associates, Inc. in Lake Charles, which provides strategic planning, project management, grant writing, public/governmental relations, and business consulting services. She has expertise in developing and managing projects that focus on Telemedicine, Telepathology, Telehealth Education, Distance Learning, Adult/Continuing Education, Technology Education and rural economic development.

Senior Citizen luncheon set

All Senior Citizens are invited to attend a luncheon on Sunday, May 16, at the M. J. Bernard Life Center at 12 noon. The center is located behind Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole. The meal and entertainment is being sponsored by the Sacred Heart and St. Rose Altar Societies and Court Mary Olive Catholic Daughters. Entertainment will be provided by local musicians.

May is National Book Month



SHERIFF-ELECT Theos Duhon welcomed a crowd of about 50 to the National Day of Prayer observance May 6 at the Cameron Court House. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Students, faculties given praise for achievements

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Congratulations were in order all around at Monday's School Board meeting. Many students were honored for winning athletic and academic contests, principals were recognized for the outstanding achievements of their schools, and the school district received excellent results on its 2002-2003 district accountability report.

Early results of BESE's District Accountability Report for 2002-2003 rank Cameron Parish 12th in Louisiana and 3rd in Region V in District Performance and 16th in LA and 4th in Region V in District Responsibility. Cameron Parish's District Performance Score was 96.0, compared to a state average of 80.6. The score is derived from LEAP/GEE and IOWA test scores, attendance, and dropout rates. Region V is considered the most progressive in the state.

The district's Responsibility Index was 99.3, compared to a state average of 80.5. It is derived from School Improvement (growth) measurements, LEAP21 passing rate, summer school passing rate, and percentage of certified teachers.

Principals Eddie Benoit (SCHS), Austin LaBove (HHS), David Duhon (GLHS), and Doug Welch (JBHS) accepted plaques recognizing the achievements of their schools in academics in the 2002-2003 school year. South Cameron, Hackberry, and Johnson's Bayou all received the Two Star performance label, while Grand Lake was named a Three Star school. South Cameron High School received a banner proclaiming its status as a School of Recognized Academic Growth for 2003. May 12 was proclaimed School Nurse Day and the contributions of Laurie Jones, Cameron Parish School Nurse were acknowledged. Several teachers who took

the initiative to write for grants for their schools were also recognized. One grant received for Grand Lake totaled \$146,142.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The results for the school uniform survey sent out last month are in. Of the 597 families who responded, 386 (65%) were in favor of continuing the current policy, and 212 (35%) were opposed to mandatory school uniforms. The board voted to continue the current policy for three years.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

A new principal has been appointed for Johnson Bayou School. He is H. E. "Gene" Reynolds, currently employed by the Webster Parish School District as principal of Lakeside High School near Minden. Lakeside is a class 2A school with 422 students. Reynolds is familiar with the area as he has had a camp at Holly Beach for years. He looks forward to relocating here. Supt. Doug Chance said that no certified applicants from Cameron Parish applied for the position.

- Other appointments made were:
- Matilda LaBove, Janitor, Cameron Elem.
 - Shannon Jinks, Instructional Aide, Johnson's Bayou (provisional)
 - Brandy Jinks, Cafeteria Technician, JBHS
 - Resignations:
 - Carol Granger, Custodian, GLHS, July 1
 - Rick Merchant, Teacher, SCHS, Oct. 15
 - Jerry Fontenot, Teacher, HHS, May 28
 - Janie Turnbull, Teacher, SCHS, May 28
 - Ginger Boudreaux, Teacher, CES, May 28
 - Mary Richard, Librarian, CES, May 29
 - Leave without pay:
 - Rachel C. LeBleu, Teacher, HHS, 2004-2005

OTHER MATTERS

Bids were awarded for summer maintenance work to

Lake Charles Painting for work at SCES, SCHS, and CES; to A&L Painting of Grand Lake for work at GLHS, and to Mire Painting of Hackberry for work at HHS.

Carpet Land was the sole bidder on a group of small flooring projects at CES, HHS, and SCHS.

The board voted to receive proposals on bus maintenance and grounds maintenance/cleanup.

Shrimping to start here on May 31

With recent heavy rains and cold weather in April, Louisiana fisheries officials were forced to open the spring shrimp season slightly later than they had hoped to.

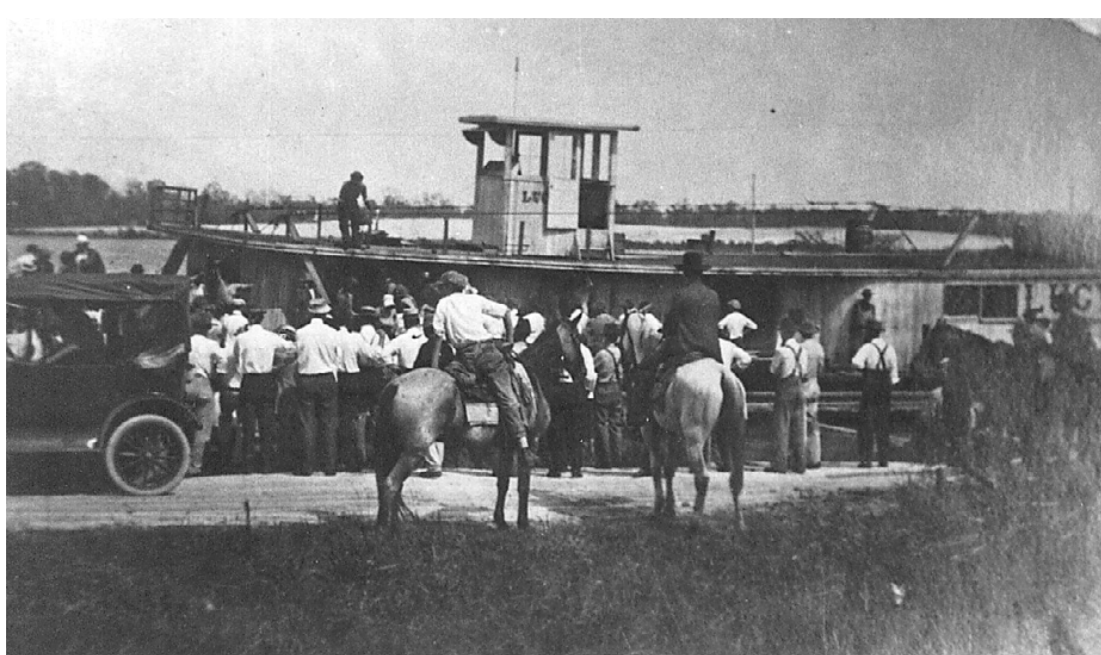
Last Thursday, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries commission voted to allow shrimping to start on May 24 in Zone 1, on May 14 in Zone 2, and on May 31 in Zone 3.

The commission also opened the closed portion of Louisiana offshore territorial waters from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal of May 14.

Zone 1 includes waters from the Mississippi state line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River. In that zone, however, shrimping will be allowed in the open waters of Breton and Chandeaur Sounds on May 14.

Zone 2 is made up of waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island.

Zone 3 encompasses waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Texas state line.



THIS PHOTO shows a crowd gathered at the docks to either greet or send off the Steamer Lucy, which hauled produce, cotton, and cattle from Johnson Bayou to Orange, Texas between 1905 and 1915. Note the old car on the left--probably a Ford Model T or A. (Photo courtesy of W. T. Block)

FUNERALS

VIOLA MARIE BROUSSARD

The funeral for Viola Marie Broussard, 73, of Hackberry, was held Tuesday, May 11, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. The Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in the New Hackberry Cemetery.

Mrs. Broussard died Saturday, May 8, 2004, in her residence.

Mrs. Broussard was born in Grand Chenier. She was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church and was employed with Brown's Grocery in Hackberry for 20 years as produce manager.

Survivors include three sons, Ernest Broussard of Kinder, Gary and Victor Broussard, both of Grand Chenier; three daughters, Wilma Feliz of Alvin, Tex., Debra Broussard of Grand Chenier and Barbara East of Sulphur; two brothers, J. B. and Carrol Nunez, both of Hackberry; four sisters, Mable Heitz of Bastrop, Tex., Lona Hindricks of New Roads and Virginia Jinks and Marie Little, both of Hackberry; 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emile Nolan Broussard; and son, Carl Broussard.

ETHEL OCTAVIA GUILBEAU

Ethel Octavia Murphy Guilbeau, 89, died Friday, May 7, 2004, in a Lake Charles care center.

She was a native of Cameron and had worked as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service until her retirement in 1969, when she moved to Lake Charles.

Survivors include one son, James K. Burton of Sulphur; one daughter, Rose Burton Schram of Lake Charles; one stepson, Rodney Guilbeaux of Sulphur; seven grandchildren; five step grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rodney Gilbeau, Sr.; two brothers, Guy Murphy, Sr. and Arnold Murphy; and four sisters, Allie Henry, Evelyn McCelland, Marguerite Tate and Opal Styron.

Her funeral was held Saturday, May 8, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Monsignor Harry Greig officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery.



Susan Mitter

Mrs. Mitter graduates from academy

Susan Mitter, the daughter of Larry and Orelia Abshire of Grand Chenier, graduated from the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Academy on March 19.

Bernalillo County is the county in which Albuquerque, N. Mex. is located. Susan will be on patrol as an officer for Isleta Pueblo Reservation. Susan placed fourth in firearms qualification.

She had her husband, Deputy Thomas Mitter, pin her badge on her at the graduation ceremony.

Shoemaker named DAR Regent

Calcasieu Chapter, Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the Lake Charles Carnegie Memorial Branch of the Calcasieu Public Library at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. Ms. Deborah Williamson presented a program entitled "A Tour of Three DAR Buildings." Chapter officers for 2004 - 2007 were installed. Mrs. Colby L. (Lenora W.) Shoemaker of DeQuincy was installed as Chapter Regent.

Other Calcasieu Chapter officers installed with Mrs. Lenora Shoemaker were: from Lake Charles, First Vice-Regent, Mrs. Terry (Ruth P.) Cleland; Chaplain, Mrs. Erma S. Sellers; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Troy (Sylvia H.) Parsons; and Historian, Mrs. William (Katherine P.) Walker.

Also installed were: Treasurer, Mrs. Donald (Leavon R.) Ladner of Welsh; Recording Secretary, Mrs. March (Virginia H.) Oliver, Ph.D., of Sulphur; and Registrar, Mrs. Buford (Alice M.) Pippin of Sulphur.

Purposes of the National and Louisiana Society, Daughters of American Revolution, are to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, to promote the development of an enlightened public opinion and to foster patriotic citizenship.

Membership in LSDAR is open to women who submit genealogical proof of kinship to a soldier or patriot ancestor who displayed unflinching loyalty and support to the cause of American independence from England during the 1700's. Calcasieu Chapter provides assistance to women who have heard of patriot ancestors through oral family histories and need guidance in gathering documentary evidence. The officers named above may be contacted to begin such procedures.



THESE WERE some of the participants in the National Day of Prayer observance held last Thursday at noon on the Cameron courthouse lawn. A number of ministers and public officials took part in the event.

Memorial Books are given here

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

Birder's Journal, Gloria and Bubba Higgins by LeAnn Stewart and Kade;

The Complete Low-Fat Cookbook, Lucille Pearce by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;

100 Years of Hunting, Nolan Savoie by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;

Dimensional Quilts, In Honor of Velma (Kato) Picou's Birthday by Ethelyn Kebodeaux;

The Quilted Cottage, In Honor of Roberta Rogers by Ethlyn Kebodeaux;

Pasta, Dee Roux by George, Marie and Evelyn Kelley;

The Louisiana Shrimp Story, Bolo Trosclair by John (Bud) and Una Mae Rollins;

The Revolutionary War, Gloria Higgins by Elaine and Bill Powell;

The Complete Cooking Light Cookbook, Geneva Conner by Ricky and Kimberly LeBoeuf;

Harley Davidson Motorcycles, Mark Ducote by Ricky and Kimberly LeBoeuf;

Daigle family to gather in Nova Scotia

The May meeting of the Association de la Famille Daigle will take place in the main building at Vermillionville in Lafayette. If you would like to participate and contribute ideas, please come to the meeting on Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m. We will be planning our reunion, which is Aug. 8 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

If you have questions, visit our web site at familledaigle.com.



Nick Saban's Tiger Triumph, T-Bolo Trosclair by Ricky and Kimberly LeBoeuf.

LSU football tickets now on sale

LSU Football tickets are on sale until June 15. This year's game is against Arkansas State on September 11. Tickets are \$15. If we order early we can get seats in the South End Zone. For more information call the 4-H Office at 775-5516.

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Awards presented to South Cameron athletes

The South Cameron High School Tarpons Athletic Banquet was held Monday, May 10, with numerous athletic awards being presented.

The Allen Wayne Vincent Memorial All-Around Athlete Awards were presented to Courtney Conner, Oliver Primeaux, John Paul Troscclair and T-John Henry.

Other award winners were: Scholastic Award - Cassandra Trahan and Michael Bercier.

Rod Landry Memorial Award - Mika Benoit and Justin Theriot.

Academic All-State Award - Brett Baccigalopi and Michael Bercier.

Wrestling Awards: Outstanding Lightweight - Dane Dupont; Outstanding Light Heavyweight - John Paul Troscclair; Outstanding Performance - Justin Picou.

Softball Awards: Outstanding Outfield - Erin Dinger and Lauren Roberts; Best Infield - Laken Mock; Kim Savoie Award - Courtney Conner; Coach's Award - Cassandra Trahan.

Baseball Awards: Coach's Award - John Paul Troscclair and Brett Baccigalopi; Outstanding Infield - Jonathan Trahan; Best Outfield - T-John Henry; Utility Player - Jordan Istre; MVP - Ryan LeBleu.

Girls Track: Outstanding Track - Courtney Conner; Outstanding Field - Christian McCall; Kim Savoie Award - Erin Dinger; Coach's Award - Rachael Fountain.

Boys Track: Outstanding Track - Dane Dupont; Outstanding Field - Oliver Primeaux and Chase Horn; Coach's Award - Jonathan Rutherford and Joe Treme.

Girls Basketball: Best Offense - D'Nae Desonier; Best Defense - Kayla Rutherford; Most Improved - Rachael Fountain; Coach's Award - Jeni Cormier.

Boys Basketball: Best Free Throw - John Lute; Coach's Award - Oliver Primeaux and Dane Desonier; Best Defense - Nick Boudreaux; Best Offense - Gerry Lane Thomas.

Football Awards: George Sturlese Award - Matt Miller; Outstanding Offensive Lineman - John Paul Troscclair; Outstanding Defensive Lineman - Beau Duhon; Kim Savoie Award - Andre Savoie; Outstanding Offensive Back - Kris Benoit; Outstanding Defensive Back - T-John Henry; John Mark Montie Kicker - Nick Boudreaux; John Mark Montie Punter - Nick Boudreaux.

The coaches would like to thank these corporate sponsors for their gracious donations throughout the year:

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Donors of trophies and food were Mrs. Deil LaLande, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landry, Ms. Joyce Sturlese, Jones and Alexander, Southern Screen Printing, Cameron Food Mart, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Montie, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Savoie, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mudd and Coastal Landry.

South Cameron Elementary Athletic Banquet

The banquet will be held on Sunday, May 23, at 6 p.m. at the Creole Multi-Purpose Building (Fire Station).

All football players, basketball players, wrestlers, cheerleaders and pep squad members will be presented with their awards Sunday night. Anyone who hasn't turned in their uniforms need to bring them to the banquet to be able to receive their trophy. A meal will be served for all participants and their families.

Please make every effort to attend this years banquet.



BRONCOS PLAYED their first game this past weekend at Funday. They are shown above with their coaches (kneeling, from left) Christopher Guillot, Tre Cormier, Jonathan Smelley, Chan LaLande, Josh Hackler; (standing) Coach Nunez, Garrett Mock, Corey Miller, Gage Richard, Garrett Duddleston, DeVaughn Thompson, Jarrett Nunez, and Coach Barrett.

South Cameron High School News

FBLA NEWS
In reference to National FBLA Conference, in Denver in July, Glenn Trahan is also eligible to compete by placing first in Business Calculations. His name was inadvertently left out of last week's story.

AWARDS NIGHT
South Cameron Annual Awards Night will be Thursday, May 13, beginning at 6 p.m. All Seniors will be in attendance. This night is to honor outstanding academic students along with presentation of senior awards and scholarships.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS
Ring Ceremony will be Friday, May 14, at 6 p.m. Juniors and their parents should be here by 5:45 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS
Memorial Books have been given in memory of Allie Lillia Murphy, "Fabulous Cookies" donated by Jerry, Leslie, and Grant Alan Trahan. In memory of Allie Lillia Murphy, "Mom's Best Desserts" by Keith, Katie and Kaleb Trahan. In memory of Allie Lillia Murphy, "Foods and You: A Guide to Healthy Habits for Teens" by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Trahan, Tanya, Marcus, Tricia, and Lilly.

FAVORITES
SCHS has named Mr. and Mrs. SCHS - John Paul Troscclair and Cassandra Trahan. Most Beautiful is Kaylee Jo Canik and Most Handsome is John Henry.

The following students were elected by their classmates:

Most Athletic - John Paul Troscclair and Courtney Conner.

M/M Personality - Beau Duhon and Kaylee Jo Canik.

Most Involved - Joby Richard and Cassandra Trahan.

Most Studious - Raphiel Heard and Lyndi LeBouef.

Most Spirited - Jacob Johnson and Cassandra Trahan.

Most Unpredictable - John Theriot and Cassandra Trahan.

Junior Class Favorites - John Paul Delauney, Dane Dupont, Matt Miller, Brad Pregeant, Kendall Broussard, Robyn Doney, Lexie LeBouef, Gambrelle Primeaux and Cana Trahan.

Sophomore Class Favorites - Byron Quinn, Chance

Richard, Matthew Styron, Kyle Trahan, D'Nae Desonier, Christian McCall, Kelli Styron and Meagan Trahan.

Freshman Class Favorites - Alex Broussard, Arlis Duhon, Dominique LeBlanc, Marcus Mudd, Jacob Trahan, Jill Duddleston, Amanda Hackler, Jaclyn Higgins and Haley Willis.

Eighth Grade Class Favorites - Lancey Richard, Ruston Smith, Jonathan Trahan, Thomas Lee Troscclair, Blair Belanger, Kassie Benton, Rachael Fountain, Keyara Lassien and Erika Pickett.

CALENDAR
May 13 - Senior Finals (2nd and 3rd hours); Awards Night - 6 p.m.

May 14 - Senior Finals (1st hour), Senior Breakfast, Graduation Practice, Ring Ceremony - 6 p.m.

May 20 - Spring Football Game (home)

May 22 - Graduation - 2 p.m.

May 24 - 27 - Final Exams

School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for Cameron Parish are as follows:

Thursday, May 13 - Beef nachos, tomato cup, ranch beans, hash brown patty, cinnamon rolls and catsup.

Friday, May 14 - Fish portion, baked beans, oven fries, banana pudding, catsup and hamburger bun.

Monday, May 17 - Chili dog, chili sauce, Tator Tots, buttered corn, chocolate chip cookie, catsup and hot dog bun.

Tuesday, May 18 - Chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread and sliced bread.

Wednesday, May 19 - Meatballs, brown gravy, rice, green beans, chilled peach slices, peanut butter spread and yeast rolls.

All meals served with milk.

List of some preferred items for the Troops:

- *Fly strips
- *Fly swatters
- *Sunscreen
- *Baby wipes
- *Antibacterial lotion / wipes
- *Skin moisturizer
- *DVDs / videos
- *Disposable cameras
- *Magazines
- *Pencils and pens
- *AA Batteries
- *Inexpensive watches
- *Peppermints / Gum
- *Individually wrapped pieces of hard candy
- *Cookies
- *Peanuts, pretzels, and other snack foods
- *Microwavable popcorn
- *Wet wipes
- *Lip balm
- *Foot powder
- *Wrap-around sunglasses
- *Batteries
- *Small pencil sharpeners
- *Kool-Aid and other drink mixes
- *Blank greeting cards (birthday, anniversary, etc.)
- *Toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shower soap/gel
- *Videos, DVDs, music, CDs and cassettes
- *Playing cards
- *Recent paperback books
- *Puzzle books
- *Magazines

Lagniappe 2

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The magnolia tree, just off my patio, is in full bloom, and I know when to expect each blossom. I guess that I have never had time to count blossoms. I was always busy with more important things, or so I thought...

I read somewhere that "scrapbooking" is sweeping the country. I don't know why, but I immediately thought of "Miss Gladys" McCall. She believed in keeping things and scrapbooks and had such an influence on me. She believed in preserving memories. Maybe this was the artist influence in her because she was wonderful painter. I had a beautiful magnolia blossom picture that she painted for me.

I am learning so much about the Bible these days from attending our weekly Bible class at the clubhouse. Our teacher, Kathryn Carpenter, is the most devout Christian I have ever met and knows the Bible from cover to cover.

I live on Mockingbird Lane, between Oriole and Cardinal Drive. Other streets are Dove Court, Robin Court, Hummingbird Court, and the entry is on Buttercreek Lane, which is off Summa Lane, five miles from Essen Lane. The Cabana, swimming pool and beauty shop are located in the center of the "Village."

The guard is located at the gate house on Quail Drive. He roams the village at night, keeping track of what is going on, and checking on locked doors.

Several couples from "Up North" spend the winter down here. I met a couple last week who just bought a place here and were headed back home to spend the summer with her 94-year-old mother.

Board to meet

The Cameron Area Agency on Aging advisory board will meet on May 18 at 12 noon at the Cameron Senior Center. All members are urged to attend. The meeting is open to the public.

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DYNEGY EMPLOYEES, who helped to put on the benefit last Saturday for Clifton "BoBo" Morris, are pictured above at the skeet shoot location.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



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HACKBERRY GIRLS

Katherine Atwell and Ruby Lee Ellender will represent Hackberry May 17, at the Cameron Parish 4-H Club Achievement Day at Creole in the junior demonstration team event in which they will give a demonstration on "A 4-H Girl's Own Room."

The Hackberry 4-H Club is also entering the song and yell contest, with the selection "I Am An American." The club also plans to enter the dress revue and several other contests.

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CATTLE DRIVE HELD BY GENEVA GRIFFITH

Cameron's semi-annual cattle drive was held last weekend when a score or more of Creole area cattlemen and riders drove their cattle from winter ranges at Johnson Bayou to summer ranges in the Creole area.

The Creole to Johnson Bayou trek started in 1940 when the Creole area cattlemen organized to make the 3-day trip and transport their approximately 1250 head of cattle, on foot, to the lush winter range on the extreme western end of the parish. Most of the land is leased from Crain Bros. of Grand Chenier.

Prior to the Johnson Bayou trek, many of the cattlemen drove their cattle to Chenier Teague, on four sections of land which belonged to the McIlhenny family of Tabasco fame. The drive took eight days down the beach to the eastern marsh range. Many of the cattle were lost on high tides along the way.

At night the cowboys would camp out and sleep on the beach. Boats were rented along the many bayous they would have to cross to aid in getting the cattle across.

Some of the oldtime cowboys who drove their herds in these drives from the lower part of the parish were John Meaux, and the late Ojst Richard, Arceneaux Miller and Amedy Welch. These drives started in the late 1800's and continued until around 1956.

Prior to that time, many of the Creole cowboys drove their cattle to St. Martinville. The followed Grand Lake at Catfish Locks until they hit shore close to Lake Arthur. The drive would take about two weeks. Mostly steers would be in the herd, and after being pastured over the

winter they would be taken to the sale in St. Martinville.

There were usually around 600 head and Lynex Richard remembers his grandfather saying that \$17 a head was considered a very good price for a steer. The main cowboys in the drive, all now deceased were Armelien Richard, P. B. Boudoin and Ursin Boudoin.

Richard recalls hearing his grandfather, Armelien tell that they were paid for their cattle in gold which they put in money belts around their waists for the return trip home. The belts were so heavy they blistered the skin.

The alligators were so bad in the marshes they had to ride through they lost many calves. He tells of Adolph Theriot's stirrup being broke in two by an alligator but he managed to escape. Some of the Kaplan helpers on the trip were: Russ Green, Sam Green and "Choppy" Marceaux.

The practice of moving the cattle back and forth between the two ranges help the ranchers in carrying out conservation of their rangelands. The modern rancher is very conscious of good conservation.

The high point of the weekend trip back to "Home range" in Creole took place Saturday morning when the herd reached the Calcasieu River for the swim across from the Holly Beach area to Cameron.

CREOLE TEAM SECOND

The Creole 4-H Club cattle judging team composed of Larry Myers, Cecil Myers, Toby Landry and Russell Savoie placed second in the state contest at the Louisiana Junior Angus Field Day held Saturday at the Reiner Newsom Angus Farm near Tickfaw.

Larry and Toby are 4-H Club members at South Cameron Elementary and Cecil and Russell are members at South Cameron High School.

RADIO SYSTEM TO BE EXPANDED

The first phase of a new \$14,000 communications system in the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department will be started immediately, according to Sheriff Claude Eagleson.

Sheriff Eagleson was presented with the first part of the grant this week by Travis Whatley, District Director of the Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council. The funds are part of the Omnibus Crime Bill

which help small police departments improve their systems.

The main concern in setting up the communications center is to be sure the department will always have a means of radio contact in cases of emergencies such as storms, hurricanes, and power failures. Cameron is in such an isolated area there would be an extreme emergency during a power failure if there were no emergency generator.

MEET THE CHEERLEADERS

The Cameron Elementary School cheerleaders are Yvonne Mouton, Wendy Boudreaux, Patricia LaLande, Rhonda Nunez, Kim Roberts and Christine LaLande.

The cheerleaders were recently judged by Ramona Benoit and Beverly Thomas of South Cameron High School.

A summer cheering session is planned for the pep squad and cheerleaders by their leader, Donna LaLande.

ROUNDOABOUT THE PARISH

The Grand Chenier Kindergarten pupils were taken on a field trip to the Rockefeller Refuge Tuesday. Hank Ratcliff took the children around to see the animals, birds and buildings. Chaperones were Mesdames Hulane Kelly, Lorraine Baccigalopi and Mabel Miller. The children also enjoyed the ride in Mrs. Baccigalopi's bus van.

Mrs. Leona McWhirter was elected as Fifth District President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW. The McWhirters reside in the Creole area. They have a daughter, Maude, who is secretary at the Calcasieu-Marine National Bank in Cameron and a son, Mike, who is serving in the Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier, Kitty Hawk.

PFC Jeffery L. Saltzman, presently on leave, recently finished school at Fort Lee, Vir. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilman Saltzman of Cameron, will leave for duty in Alaska on May 30.



SENIOR CITIZENS were entertained by Elvis Presley, courtesy of Keith Estille of Acadian On Call, at the Senior Day festivities May 6.

Library's summer program will be a little "Buggy" here

The Cameron Parish Library is going "Buggy" over their upcoming 2004 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme of "Buggy about Books," features a theme of bugs of all kinds. Cameron Parish Library is joining libraries all across the state as they are buzzing this summer with activities for children.

Weekly activities and performers will feature activities about insects and spiders will have youngsters just itching to read. T-Shirts and book bags are available starting at \$3 each.

Posters, bookmarks and displays about the programs feature lively, colorful bees, ladybugs, ants, butterflies and other insects created by Louisiana artist Steve Shamburger will be popping up all over the parish soon. The library will be offering something different this year. Besides the regular Summer Reading Program performers, each branch library will now offer a library StoryTime each Wednesday at 10 a.m. featuring library staff reading their favorite books about bugs along with crafts, and puppets.

Each branch of the Cameron Parish Library will offer different Summer Reading Programs at different times and dates. A schedule of the "Buggy about Books" programs are listed below:

Main Library:

Monday, June 7, 10 a.m., Pastiche - Musician/ Storyteller
 Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Monday, June 14, 10 a.m., The Yarnspinner- Storyteller
 Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Monday, June 21, 10 a.m., Hobgoblin Puppets
 Wednesday, June 23, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Wednesday, June 30, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Wednesday, July 7, 10 a.m., Harvey Rabbit Puppet Show
 Monday, July 12, 10 a.m., Magic of David LeBouef

Grand Lake Branch:

Monday, June 7, 2 p.m., Pastiche - Musician/Storyteller
 Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Monday, June 14, 2 p.m., The Yarnspinner- Storyteller
 Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Monday, June 21, 2 p.m., Hobgoblin Puppets
 Wednesday, June 23, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Wednesday, June 30, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Wednesday, July 7, 2 p.m., Harvey Rabbit Puppet Show
 Monday, July 12, 2 p.m., Magic of David LeBouef

Johnson Bayou Branch:

Tuesday, June 8, 10 a.m., Pastiche - Musician/ Storyteller
 Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Tuesday, June 15, 10 a.m., Storytime

Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Tuesday, June 22, 10 a.m., Hobgoblin Puppets
 Wednesday, June 23, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Tuesday, June 29, 10 a.m., The Yarnspinner- Storyteller
 Wednesday, June 30, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Tuesday, July 6, 10 a.m., Magic of David LeBouef
 Thursday, July 8, 10 a.m., Harvey Rabbit Puppet Show

Hackberry Branch:

Tuesday, June 8, 2 p.m., Pastiche - Musician/ Storyteller
 Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Tuesday, June 15, 2 p.m., Storytime
 Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m., Storytime
 Tuesday, June 22, 2 p.m., Hobgoblin Puppets
 Wednesday, June 23, 10 a.m., Storytime

Tuesday, June 29, 2 p.m., The Yarnspinner- Storyteller
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 Families are urged to contact the library at any branch to learn more about enriching, entertaining and educational programs available free of charge this summer at the "Buggy about Books" Summer Reading Programs.

The Summer Reading Program "Buggy about Books" is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the Arts & Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana.



ONE AND A half tons (3000 pounds) of crawfish were boiled and consumed at the benefit held last Saturday in Johnson Bayou for Clifton "BoBo" Morris, who has Lou Gehrig's disease.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



EDMOND TRAHAN, left, was selected as Knight of the Month for April by F. J. Pavell Knights of Columbus Council 8323 of Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach. Ricky Romero, right, and his wife, Susan, were selected as Family of the Month.



MICAH BENOIT has been named to the varsity cheerleading team at McNeese State University. She is shown with her parents, Eddie and Peggy Benoit, at the Cameron Parish School Board meeting Monday.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



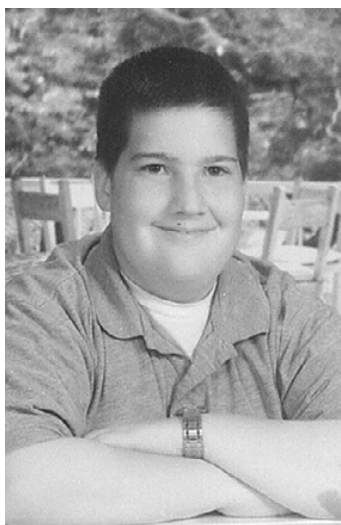
THE CAMERON PARISH Ministerial Alliance hosted a Law Enforcement Luncheon Tuesday, May 11, at the Outrigger Restaurant. Three ministers, Rev. Tom Beeler, Rev. Lannis Joseph, and Rev. Alton Hodnett, along with Sheriff-elect Theos Duhon and 16 other law enforcement personnel attended.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SPECIAL EDUCATION students who won medals at the Special Olympics shown above are, from left: B. J. Primeaux, Hope Morvant, Catina Rogers, Raeligh Primeaux, and Joel Racca, along with supervisor Willyne Kestel and teachers Sharon Parsons and Pam Theriot.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



KEVIN JOHN ORGERON, Hackberry High School student, has been named an All-American Scholar and his photo will be in the All-American Scholar Yearbook. He is the son of Rameaux and Karen Orgeron of Hackberry and the grandson of Evelyn Turner of Hackberry and Lilly Orgeron of LaRose. He was nominated for the award by Randall Von Rosenberg.

Teachers appreciated at Hackberry

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated this week at Hackberry High School with many daily activities.

Monday, school employees enjoyed donuts for breakfast, sponsored by the Sr. 4-H club.

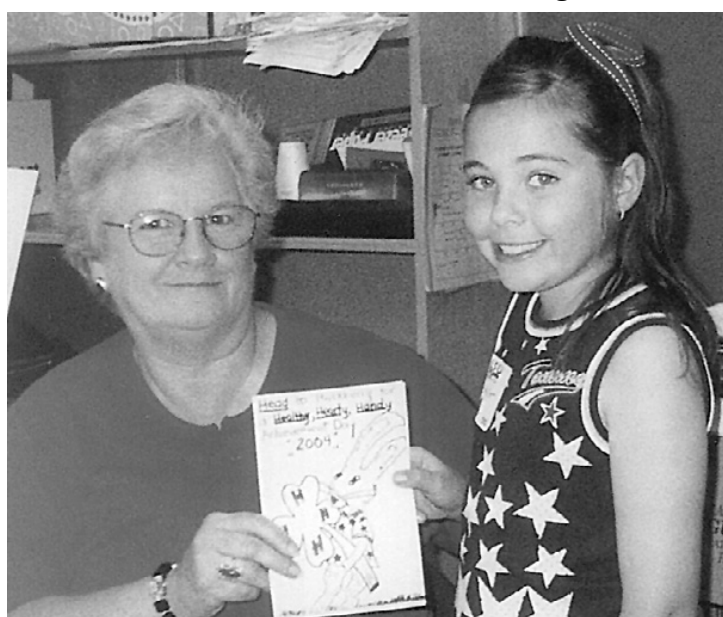
Tuesday, school employees were treated to a baked potato lunch sponsored by the Jr. 4-H club.

Wednesday, employees participated in the Rice Cookery contest by sampling the entries for lunch and casting a vote on the dishes.

Thursday, the school personnel were treated to seafood trays sponsored by Dynegey, and salads from the Jr. 4-H.

Friday, the week was concluded with tuna salad sandwiches, chips and desserts from the 4-H clubs.

All employees got a small appreciation gift from the office each day and received a thermal bag for Navarre Chevrolet.



MRS. MARGARET SHOVS, Hackberry 4-H club leader, congratulated **Abby Miller** for winning the Program Cover Contest for the 2004 4-H Achievement Day that was held at the Hackberry School. Abby is a South Cameron Elementary School student.

Cameron Parish should have the right to have a riverboat

Dear Editor:

Representative Mickey Frith's House Bill 186 is a simple bill that will bring economic development to Cameron Parish. The bill designates the lower Sabine River as a gaming river.

Who has a horse in this race?

The Lake Charles Port Commission? I think not. The Lake Charles Port felt that they had to oppose HB 186 to show their support for Pinnacle. As the lesser to Pinnacle, the Port should pass a positive resolution in support of Pinnacle but not a negative resolution opposing HB 186. The port commission shouldn't care one way or the other about gaming on the lower Sabine River.

The city of Lake Charles also felt the need to oppose gaming on the lower Sabine River. I cannot figure that one out. The city won't lose a thing if the lower Sabine River is designated a gaming river. Where is their horse in this race?

The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury also opposed HB 186. We are talking about our sister parish. The parish that Cameron Parish residents support the most. We spend all our money in Calcasieu Parish.

Our take on the matter is threefold: (1) we can attract gaming from Texas along the coast (Port Arthur and Galveston), not the I-10 corridor; (2) we can create jobs and diversify from the oil and gas economy and (3) when Pinnacle opens their doors, these boats are looking for another location anyway. Believe it or not, some of the boats are going to leave Lake

Charles. Why not let them come to Cameron Parish? Give us a piece of the pie for a change.

I must hand it to the Pinnacle lobbyist and the Lake Charles legislative delegation. They are powerful and they were already going to vote against House Bill 186. The Lake Charles Delegation didn't need any more support on this. They do the voting and, believe me, they have already made up their minds.

So why did the Port, the city of Lake Charles and the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury get involved in something that they didn't need to get involved in? Why did they slap Cameron Parish in the face? We know that Calcasieu Parish and its future should come first, but when they can stay out of something that affects their sister parish, shouldn't they? Especially when the outcome is going to be the same whether they say yea or nay?

We have a great place for riverboat gaming on the lower Sabine River. Gaming on the lower Sabine River is not going to affect Pinnacle's success. Pinnacle is now in construction and they aren't going to pull out of Lake Charles at this point.

Meanwhile, Cameron Parish is going to ride this horse to the end of the race.

Tina Horn
Creole

Hackberry 4-Her's sell strawberries

By SEANS HICKS

Nurse Sheila Strother spoke at the April meeting of the Hackberry 4-H Clubs on the members' self esteem.

Lori Beth Shove gave a project talk on Rice Cookery, and announced that the local clubs will have a rice cookery contest on May 5. This contest is the conclusion of her citizenship project. In her project, she did a study on Louisiana customs and products.

Reports were also given on strawberry sales by Kayla Vincent and Awards Day by Colton Sanner. The Hackberry Club won the pizza party for selling the most strawberries. They will have their party at their Awards Day on May 12.

The awards will be presented at a meeting of both clubs at 9:30 a.m. with the pizza party for club members following. Parents are invited to the awards assembly in the school auditorium.

The Hackberry Club sold 332 flats of strawberries. Jonathan Nunez sold 56 flats and was presented with a gift certificate for selling the most berries.

Also recognized for selling over 20 flats were Torri Stansel, Lori Beth Shove, Rachel Wilkins, and Colin and Whitley Reed.



IN SERVICE--Brad Ellender of Hackberry is presently serving with the 256th Delta, 2-54th Infantry, 1st Platoon, Fort Benning, Ga. and mail can be sent to him at that address.

Mayhaw Butter

With 8 lbs. of mayhaw pulp, cook over low heat until thick enough to round up in a spoon. As pulp thickens, stir frequently to prevent sticking. Add:

- 5 cups sugar
- 1 Tbs ground cinnamon
- 1 Tbs ground nutmeg
- 1 Tbs ground cloves

Continue stirring frequently over very low heat until thick, about 1 hour. When mixture flakes from the spoon, pour the butter into sterilized jars. Seal and process in boiling water bath for 15 minutes.



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A Salute to the Armed Forces Day will be held Saturday, May 15, at 9 a.m. at the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1205 N. Lakeshore Drive. The public is also invited to support the armed forces overseas by bringing preferred items to the bureau to send over to the troops as a way of saying "thank you." Organized by the State Office of Tourism, the collected goods will be sent to the troops at the conclusion of National Tourism Week. For more information, please contact the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at (337) 436-9588.

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Trosclair Canning Company will be closing May 31, 2004, after being in business since 1948.

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Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

CHURCH NEWS

There will be a Mass Sunday, May 16, at 8 a.m. A meal will be served at 6 p.m.

KC MEETING

K. C. meeting will be May 19. Rosary 6:15 p.m. and meal at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to follow at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Hall.

SENIOR CITIZENS BIRTHDAY

Senior Citizens celebrating birthdays in May include Horach Goodrich, Lillie Mae Ducote, William E. Reasoner, Will DarBonne, Catherine Kyle and don't forget Geneva Griffith of Baton Rouge, former correspondent of Cameron Pilot.

Mayhaw Wine Pound Cake

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup butter (softened)
- 6 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp soda
- pinch of salt
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tps rum extract
- 1 tsp orange extract
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- 1/2 tsp lemon extract
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup Lynn Creek Mayhaw Wine

Combine sugar and butter; cream until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each egg. Combine dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream, beating well after each addition. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour batter into a well-greased and floured 10-inch bundt pan or tube pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 20 minutes, or until cake tests done

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