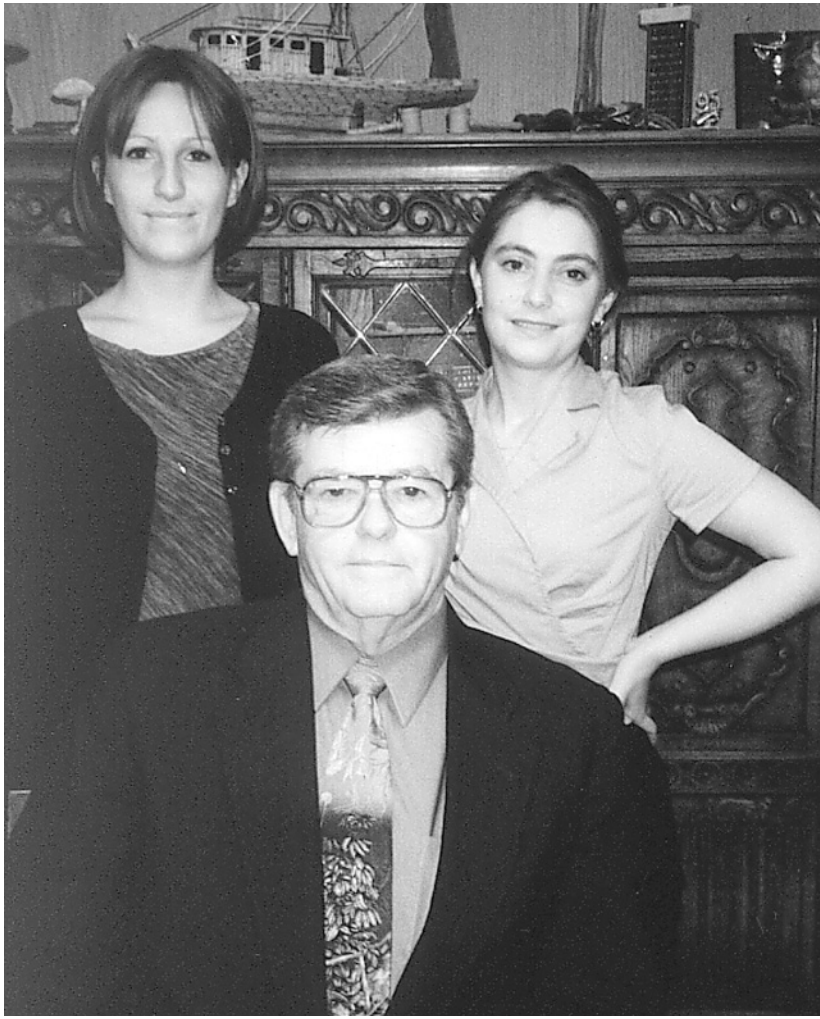
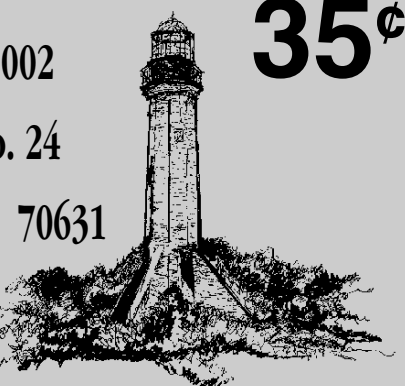


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DISTRICT JUDGE H. Ward Fontenot is pictured with two law interns who have been working as law clerks for him in Cameron District Court in preparation for taking the Louisiana State Bar examination. They are Veronique Marty and Celine Moguen.
(Photo by Geneva Griffith.)

French lawyers learn on the job in Cameron

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

Two young lawyers from France recently spent a week working as law clerks for Judge H. Ward Fontenot in 38th Judicial Court in Cameron in preparation for taking the Louisiana State Bar examination.

Veronique Marty and Celine Moguen have been studying law for the past year in New Orleans under the tutelage of Attorney Louis Koener focusing the study of Louisiana law.

Because the judicial system in Louisiana is quite different from that of France, they took the opportunity to spend a week as law clerks in a district court. This experience gives them

exposure to the many kinds of cases which are handled by a judge of general jurisdiction like Judge Fontenot.

The two attorneys explained that having a license to practice law in the United States will be an invaluable asset to them when they return to France. Persons with a license to practice law in more than one country are in demand by both government and businesses.

Also if they choose to stay in Louisiana, their experience in French law and the French language will be very useful for American interests looking to do business in Europe.

They said the pay for attorneys in the United States is much higher in France.

Lady Tarpons honored

The South Cameron Lady Tarpons softball team was well represented on the All Southwest Louisiana Small Schools Softball team.

Head coach Ryan Nash was named Coach of the Year. He led the Lady Tarpons to the state semi-finals for the second straight year.

Pitcher Brittney Mudd was named Player of the Year. She went 22-4 on the year with a 0.62 ERA. Joining her on the All Southwest Louisiana team were catcher Courtney Conner and outfielder Nicole Higgins. Grand Lake's Cheri Sammis was named a utility player.

The Hackberry Mustangs placed two players on the All Southwest Louisiana Small

Schools baseball team. Jake Buford was named at first base and Curtis Welch was named a utility player.

Benefit set for Mr. Dickinson

A benefit barbecue and cake sale will be held Sunday, June 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grand Lake Faith Temple to help defray medical expenses for Junior Dickinson. Barbecue plates are \$5 and cakes will be sold. Dinners may either be taken out or eaten there.

Call 598-2314 to purchase tickets.

School Board to reconsider redistricting

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The Cameron Parish School Board will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 18 to consider a plan of action considering reapportionment.

At its regular monthly meeting Monday, the board agreed to restudy its earlier reapportionment plan and to consider new options. The board had earlier adopted a 6-member plan that had drastically changed the boundaries of the voting districts and left the present Cameron and Johnson Bayou board members in the same district.

Some members of the public have been urging the school board to adopt a 7-member board plan similar to the one adopted by the Police Jury which leaves the present districts almost the same as present but creates a new district in the Big Lake Area.

Howard Romero, Johnson Bayou board member, said he had no objection to any plan, but does think that a person from one community could not know the needs of the other communities.

Cameron parish is unique in that it is the largest, in land area, in the state, and with the smallest population.

Cecil Sanner, Assistant District Attorney explained the board should remember that this reapportionment will last 10 years.

If a new plan is rejected, a federal judge would have to reapportion the parish. The school board decided on the special meeting to discuss a plan of action.

Application made for new H'berry plant

An application to construct a storage facility for natural gas at Hackberry was presented by Dominion Resources Services, Inc. at a meeting of the Cameron Parish Industrial Development Board Monday.

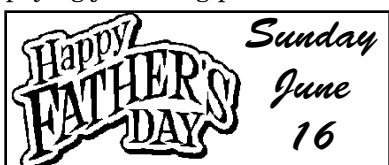
The board approved the application which will be sent to the Police Jury for its review at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 1.

Dominion plans to make an investment of about \$139 million in the plant.

Cameron parish will realize about \$500,000 annually in taxes from companies that own the gas to be stored at the facility.

The company will use several salt domes to store the natural gas for residential and industrial gas users. The company has purchased 187 acres of land at the Hackberry site.

About 300-500 construction jobs will be created by the project with eight permanent, well-paying jobs being provided.



Sabine Causeway Bridge is getting old

By SHANE GRABER
The Beaumont Enterprise

The old bridge was about to twist away.

A few minutes before noon, the cars would have to wait. They couldn't leave Louisiana. they couldn't leave Texas.

The Laguna Madre had the right of way.

The alarm sounds, and the Sabine Lake Causeway Bridge swings open clockwise. Almost 50 years old, it moans and wails from below as it moves.

"You got to baby it now," Gary Soileau says. "It's no spring chicken."

About four minutes later, the bridge is fully open.

The guy in the Laguna Madre, a Texas Parks and Wildlife research boat, waves as he passes through.

Soileau, 45, and Matt Butler, 53, are two of the three bridge

tenders at this unique structure on the south end of Pleasure Island.

They work long and sometimes lonely hours. The marine traffic is mostly shrimpers, crabbers, and pleasure boats coming to or leaving the Pleasure Island Marina.

The bridge is staffed from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day including holidays. Only in emergencies will it open outside those hours.

the bridge is smack dab on the Texas-Louisiana border. it's the only bridge of its kind in Southeast Texas, and one of only two in the state.

Construction on the bridge began in 1957 by the T.L. James Louisiana Paving Co. It opened for business at 8 a.m. Oct. 25, 1958. Jefferson County and Louisiana's Cameron Parish owned the bridge.

It's composed of 32 concrete

spans -- 16 in Texas, 16 in Louisiana.

Tennessee's Nashville Bridge Co. made the swing bridge. It's a standard suspension design, with one major difference: A 32-foot diameter concrete cap under the center of the bridge allows it to swivel open so boats can get in and out of Sabine Lake.

Today, Texas owns one half of the bridge. Louisiana owns the other half.

On Feb. 12, 1976, the Texas Department of Transportation agreed to operate and maintain the bridge. Louisiana pays half the costs.

In the early '60's, Ottis Billiot manned the old control house. One day, a tugboat pushing a barge out of the lake hit the pilings that supported the house and knocked it into the water. Billiot was inside and he died in the accident.

Anyone in a watercraft can



THIS LARGE BARGE and dragline has arrived at Constance Beach in preparation for a \$20 million shore restoration project in the Holly-Beach-Constance Beach area. The breakwaters currently in place will be built up and sand will be pumped on to the beach.
(Photo by Geneva Griffith.)

Beach work begins

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

A barge and dragline has been moved to the Constance Beach area of Cameron Parish to begin pumping sand on to the land to shore up the beach which has been badly eroded in past years. The \$20 million project is under the supervision of the Dept. of Natural Resources.

The work will be done in two

phases with the first being the pumping of sand on to the beach and the second the capping of the rock barriers which have been in place for some years. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The rock barriers will be reinforced with additional rocks, which it is hoped will help save the coast and the threatened Highway 82 between Holly

Beach and the Texas border. Cameron Parish has also lost several beach roads to the erosion of the beach during hurricanes, and evidence of this can be seen in the area.

The project is expected to slow erosion along the highway which serves as a natural barrier between the Gulf of Mexico and the marsh.

Man convicted of attempted murder here

A 32-year-old Shreveport man was convicted by a Cameron Parish Jury on Thursday, June 6, of attempted 2nd Degree Murder. Carl Dennis Dale, III, was convicted after a four-day trial that began on Monday, June 3.

The trial ended Thursday after the 12-member jury returned a 10-2 guilty verdict after approximately 2 hours of deliberation, District Attorney Glenn Alexander said. Dale was also charged with armed robbery, but the jury returned a verdict of not guilty for this charge.

The crime occurred on April 28, 2001, on Highway 27/82, east of the Holly Beach area. Dale cut the victim's throat and left him on the side of the road where he was later picked up by passing motorists, Alexander said. The crime was investigated by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department.

Sentencing has been set for Aug. 15. District Attorney Alexander said Dale may be sentenced to hard labor for not less than 10 years nor more than 50 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence for the attempted 2nd Degree Murder conviction.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Jones was the lead prosecutor, with Assistant District Attorney Cecil Sanner assisting. The Cameron Public Defender's Office defended Dale, who remains in custody in the Cameron Parish Jail.

Senior citizens to be feted

The Catholic Daughters of Our Lady Star of the Sea will sponsor a dinner for the Senior Citizens of Cameron Parish on Sunday, June 23 at 12:30 p.m. at the Monsignor Curtis Vidrine Educational Center. There will be a barbecue dinner and bingo. All senior citizens of Cameron Parish are welcome.

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Jones - (337) 775-5714.

Legislators oppose Cameron race track

by HEATHER REGAN
Daily News Editor

A resolution asking the Louisiana State Racing Commission to oppose a multi-million-dollar racetrack proposed for Cameron by former Delta Down owner Shawn Scott cleared the floors of both House and Senate Tuesday.

The resolution was authored by Rep. Ronnie Johns and Senators Willie Mount and Gerald Theunissen.

It was sponsored in the House by Representatives Dan Flavin, Vic Stelly and 26 other representatives and in the Senate by Senator James David Cain and 10 others.

The resolution requests the Louisiana State Racing Commission to study the economic and legal impact of licensing additional racing facilities in the area.

For example, the resolution questions whether another racetrack would limit funds available for special breeder awards for Louisiana-bred horses.

The resolution also suggests that another track may lead to the LRC setting race meeting dates because of the close proximity of Delta Downs and the proposed facility. This would disturb long-established racing

dates at Delta Downs. The LRC must set meeting dates for tracks within 100 miles of each other.

The proposed facility would be located off of La. 82 between the Texas border and Johnson Bayou. To move forward Scott must get approval from the LSR for the track.

Johns said he is afraid the request for a license is a ploy to get slot machines.

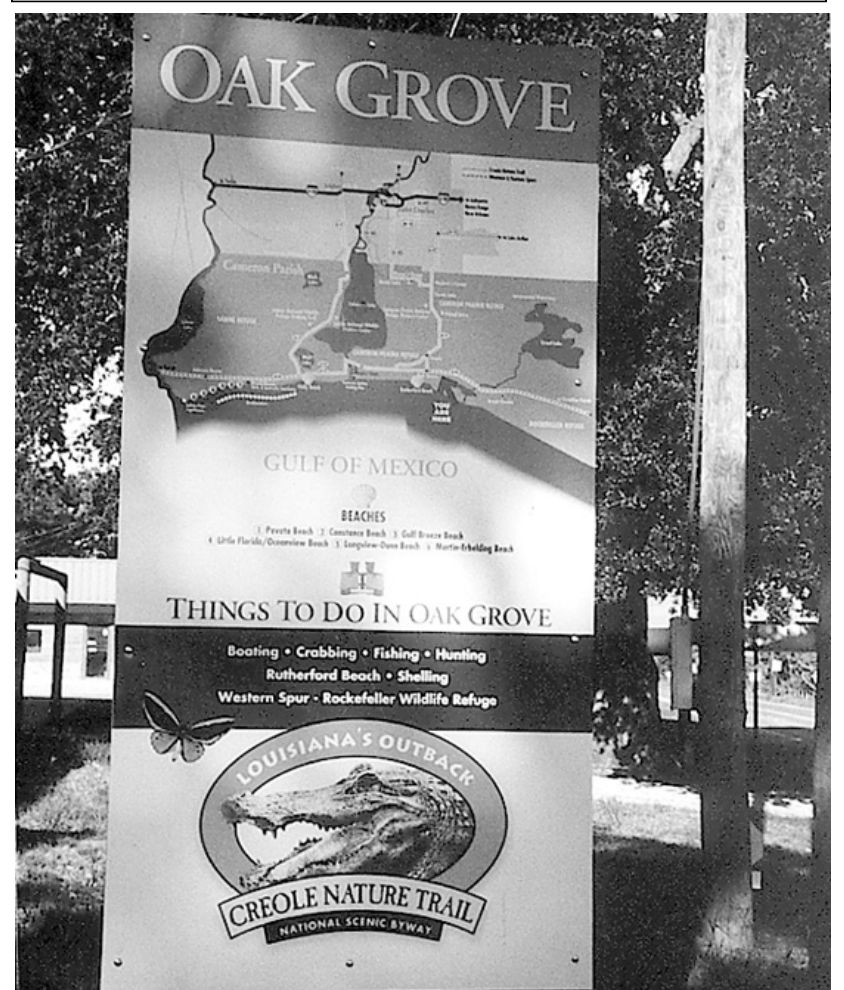
For that to happen, the track would need legislative approval for the machines and also for off-track betting if that is requested. There would have to be a local option election to allow the slots and final approval would have to come from the Gaming Control Board.

Pool hours told

The new hours at the Creole swimming pool are from 1 to 7 p.m. Water aerobics will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. The pool is closed for parties on Monday and Saturday.

If you have any questions about aerobics or want to book a swimming party please contact Candy Mudd at 542-4348.

June 18, 1983 Dr. Sally Ride became the first U. S. woman in outer space.



THIS IS ONE of the many new signs erected along the Creole Nature Trail National Scenic Byway instructing visitors about the things to do and see in the area. This sign was placed at Oak Grove south of Creole.
(Photo by Geneva Griffith.)

Major announcement set Fri.

A major announcement concerning the Creole Nature Trail National Scenic Byway which circles Cameron Parish will be made at a news conference at 12:30 p.m., Friday, June 14 at the Lake Charles Regional Airport.

Speakers, just returning from a special Federal Highway

Administration Ceremony in Washington, D. C. will include Shelley Johnson, director SWLA Convention & Visitors Bureau; Monte Hurley, chairman, Creole Nature Trail National Scenic Byway District; and Capt. Sammie Faulk, chairman, Cameron Parish Tourism Commission.

Funerals



MRS. OLIVE V. CASTAINE

Funeral services for Mrs. Olive V. Castaine, 80, of Cameron will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 13, from Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Monsignor Louis Melancon, the Rev. Joseph McGrath and Deacon Roy Nash will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole.

She died Monday, June 10, 2002, in a Lake Charles hospital.

She was a native of Gueydan, and she had lived in Cameron for 65 years. She was a receptionist at the Cameron Hotel from 1982 to 1989.

She was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters, the Altar Society, the Legion of

Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Survivors include one son, Bobby LaLande of Cameron; one daughter, Brenda Nash, Cameron; 13 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.



MRS. ANNIE THERIOT GUILBEAUX

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Theriot Guilbeaux, 98, of Port Arthur, Tex., were held Saturday, June 8, at Broussard's in Nederland with Rev. Bennie Patillo officiating. Entombment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves.

Mrs. Guilbeaux died Wednesday, June 5, 2002 at the Senior Rehabilitation Center in Port Arthur.

Do You Remember?

by KEITH HAMBRICK

(Lake Charles American Press, June 14, 1939) BOYS AND GIRLS VISIT PRESS

Boys and girls of 4-H clubs,

Mrs. Guilbeaux was a native of Creole, and had lived in Port Arthur for 80 years. she was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Nederland.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Girty Prejean of Port Arthur; one brother, Eugene Theriot, DeQuincy; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

MRS. LURLIE M. BROUSSARD

Funeral services for Mrs. Lurlie M. Broussard, 71, of Lake Charles, were held Tuesday, June 11 from Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Monsignors Irving DeBlanc and Ronald Groth and the Rev. Keith Pellerin officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery.

Mrs. Broussard died Saturday, June 8, in her residence in Lake Charles.

She was a native of Cameron Parish and had lived in Lake Charles for 45 years. She was an alumna of Creole High School and Matthew's Business College. She worked at Wilson Motor Company and J. C. Penney for several years.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Russel Broussard of Lake Charles; four sons, Kirk Broussard, Katy, Tex., Mark Broussard, Sugarland, Tex., Todd Broussard, New York City and Blane Broussard, Lake Charles; three daughters, Lisa Louviere, Carluss, Tina Fontenot, Taylor Lake Village, Tex., and Michelle Stone, Dallas, Tex.; one brother, Pierre Thibodeaux, Hot Springs, Ark.; one sister, Ena Adams, Lake Charles; and 12 grandchildren.

MRS. GEORGIE L. MATTE

Funeral services for Mrs. Georgie L. Matte, 37, of Hackberry were held Wednesday, June 12, in Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Gerald Little officiated. Burial was in Granger Cemetery.

She died Sunday, June 9, 2002, in a local hospital.

She was a native of Vinton and had lived in Hackberry for eight years. She was employed as a clerk of court for the Calcasieu Parish court system.

Survivors include her husband, David Matte of Hackberry; five daughters, Paula Collins, Sulphur and Brandy Doucette, Coleen Doucette, Megan Doucette and Laura Payne, all of Hackberry; one brother, Darrell Cormier, Vinton; one sister, Terrie Payne, California; and her parents, George and Burlene Courmier of Vinton.

numbering 244, with their parish agents and assistants visited the Lake Charles American Press office Tuesday morning and were shown over the building.

All were interested in the telegraph printer and wire that the Associated Press used to send its news from all parts of the world into the office of a newspaper every minute of the day.

Those from Cameron Parish were: C. M. McCall, agent; Sophie Bernard, home demonstration agent; R. E. Storey and Agnes Broussard as leaders; and these children: Bettie Hebert, Fern Demarets, Dorothy Hebert, Loriner Hebert, Annette Sannier, Peggy Arceneaux, Audrey Bourg, Winfred Bourg, Helen Nobles, Alice Little, Elma Richard, Gloria Miller, Lorena Miller, Ina Theriot, Lorie Boudoin, Gooch Sturlese, Maxine Miller, Francis Meaux, Alogisia Carter, Verda Mae Doxey, Gordon Miller, Malcolm Hebert, Lawrence Arceneaux, Russell Vincent, Roy Ellender, C. J. Gray, Ovia Peveto, Kenneth Peveto, Francis Erbeling, Martin Richard, Stephen Carter, G. C. Sweeney, George Miller, Adam Sturlese, Lee Miller, Edwin Mhire, Jimmie Trahan, and Huey Primeaux.

(Cameron Pilot, June 12, 1969)

LOAN AND GRANT OKED FOR SEWERAGE

A \$581,000 loan and a \$230,000 development grant have been approved to the Cameron Sewerage District #1 to provide a sanitary sewerage system for some 600 families in the town of Cameron, according to the Farmers Home Administration.

This loan will enable the sewerage district to install a collection system, a lift system, and an oxidation pond.

THE BARRACUDAS

The 1968-69 football Barracudas of Cameron Elementary School, who finished their season with a second place, winning four games and losing two, are: Terry Dronet, Bobby Schwark, Bobby Joe Doxey, Roland Roux, Gregory Henry, Jamey Guthrie, Glenn Walker, George Wolfe, Dennis Taylor, Ronald Gaspard, Terald Gauthier, Murl Racca, Clay Richard, Doyle Taylor, Val Mouton, Joe Dupont, Everett Wolf, Gregory Boudreaux, Eric Dinger, Everett Burleigh, Robin Tanner, and John Rice. Coaches are Ruben Morales, Warner Daigle, and Ladd Wainwright.

CHEVROLET FIRM NOT YET CLOSED

F. O. Theriot, the Chevrolet dealer for Cameron, said this week that Golden Chevrolet,

Inc., in Cameron has not yet closed for business and still has a few cars for sale.

He explained that he is in the process of closing the business, but that he is still the Chevrolet dealer for Cameron.

CHEERLEADERS AT CLINIC

Seven cheerleaders from South Cameron High School are among the 395 students who will participate in the first session of the Northwestern State Cheerleaders Clinic, which began Monday and continues through Friday.

South Cameron cheerleaders participating are: Myra Cheramie, Donna Duddleston, Carla Howerton, Rosalie LaBoue, Nancy Richard, Mitze Savoie, and Margaret Savoie.

JUNIOR ATHLETIC BANQUET

Receiving awards at the recent Cameron Junior Athletic Banquet were the following boys: Dennis Taylor, Gregory Boudreaux, John Rice, Eric Dinger, George Wolfe, Jamey Guthrie, Glenn Walker and Gregory Henry.

SWEETLAKE HD CLUB

The Sweetlake Home Demonstration Club held their monthly meeting June 3 at the home of Mrs. Charles Hebert. Mrs. Clem Demarest presided. Mrs. Hebert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mrs. Wasey Granger the Club Collect. Mrs. Joe Fruge gave roll call.

Mrs. Elwood Robicheaux chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following nominations and they were elected to office: president, Mrs. Albert Guidry; vice president, Mrs. J. D. Fruge; 2 vice presi-

dent, Mrs. Elwood Robicheaux; 3 vice president, Mrs. Clem Demarest; secretary, Mrs. Larry Eagleson; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Precht; reporter, Mrs. Wasey Granger; and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Clem Demarest.

Hostess Mrs. Charles Hebert, assisted by 4-H'er Laura Lynn Hebert and Brenda Taylor, and Debbie Precht served the group homemade ice cream and cake.

PASS TO BE DREDGED

The New Orleans District Corps of Engineers, has awarded a civil works contract to Mike Hooks, inc. of Lake Charles, in the amount of \$56,825 contract for maintenance dredging in Calcasieu Pass.

The company will dredge from the upper entrance of the pass to Cameron, a distance of slightly over a mile. From this 12-by-200-foot channel, approximately 210,500 cubic yards of shoal material will be removed.

NEWS BRIEFS

Army Private First Class Roger D. Dyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Miller of near Cameron, was assigned April 22 to the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam as a rifleman.

Representing the Cameron Lions Club at the State Lions Convention in New Orleans last weekend were Sheriff Claude Eagleson, Ed Swindell, Ward Fontenot, and E. J. Dronet.

Two Sweetlake 4-H members took part in the Southwest district winter-grazed calf project. They are James and Terry Cox. James had the best project in the area using cross-bred calves. Cathy Greathouse's seven angus steers had the best performance of the 13 projects conducted in the district.

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LETTERS

Good samaritans save man's life

Dear Editor:

On April 28, 2001, Michael Morrison, a resident of Lucedale, Miss. was working in our parish at the Omega Protein plant. Alone and without his family, he went to Holly Beach and introduced himself to a group of people playing pool at a local bar. At about ten that night, Michael left the bar with his new friends, expecting a ride back to a travel trailer in Holly Beach where he was staying with a fellow crewman. Before he reached home, his throat was slashed and he was left on the side of the road between Holly Beach and the ferry. He attempted to flag down passing vehicles, but not surprisingly, no one stopped for the stranger, waving frantically, covered with blood.

Then Michael finally got lucky.

Jerome and Sylvia Picou were returning to their home in Cameron from a rodeo in Hackberry. They saw Michael standing in the road, blood streaming from an open wound to his neck.

They stopped to help. They put this total stranger in the back of their SUV and Mr. Picou sped to the Omega guard shack for help. Meanwhile, Mrs. Picou climbed in the back seat and held a towel to Michael's neck to staunch the flow of blood. She prayed with him, she

sang to him, she got as much information as she could about his attacker. The Picous brought Michael across the ferry to meet the ambulance.

Michael was taken to South Cameron Memorial, where his condition was stabilized by Dr. Roy. That night, he had surgery at Lake Charles Memorial. The doctors all agreed that Michael would have bled to death on the side of the road had he not received help when he did. Michael was left with a scar reaching nearly from ear to ear, but he recovered.

Does this story sound familiar? It should. Look at the Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 10, verses 25 through 37. It is the story of the good Samaritan.

Michael's assailant was arrested within 24 hours. This week, the man who cut Michael's throat was convicted of Attempted Second-Degree Murder. At trial, Dr. Roy testified that Michael had a life-threatening injury, but the first aid rendered by Sylvia Picou saved his life. Sylvia Picou testified on behalf of the prosecution, providing critical evidence. I felt it was inappropriate for me to comment on this event until after the trial was concluded, but I now feel compelled to bring the actions of Mr. and Mrs. Picou to the attention of the public.

The Good Samaritan also rescued a man left for dead on the side of the road, but the good

Samaritan didn't have to worry about diseases carried by blood which are the scourge of our modern society. The Good Samaritan didn't have to be afraid that the man who was disabled was only pretending to be hurt, so that his confederates could jump from behind the bushes and carjack his SUV. The Good Samaritan didn't have to worry about getting caught up in the legal system. But the Picous had to consider all these things, and they still helped this man. He was a stranger to them, not a friend or neighbor.

Or was he? When you read the story of the good Samaritan, you find that Jesus told this parable in response to the question of an expert in the law, who asked Him, "Who is my neighbor?"

The actions of this couple from our town provide a stellar example of many virtues: bravery, compassion, and good citizenship, to name just a few. But most of all, Jerome and Sylvia provide an example of what it really means to be a Christian. They expressed a selfless love for their neighbor. That's what it's all about. I am so proud that they live in our community.

/s/Jennifer Jones
Jennifer Jones
Assistant District Attorney
38th Judicial District
Cameron, La.

La. may lose land to Texas

Dear Editor:

On May 29, Fox 29 broadcasted a piece concerning the deepening and widening of the Sabine-Neches ship channel. A gentleman representing the Corps of Engineers or Jefferson County Navigation District said, "the Corps of Engineers is going to expropriate approximately 1800 acres of properties of which belongs to several citizens of Louisiana and is located in Cameron Parish." These properties would be taken away from the state of Louisiana and given to the state of Texas.

What these people are trying to do is deepen and widen the Sabine-Neches ship channel to give access to the larger ships (mostly super-tankers) to the ports and refineries in Texas. These people are wanting to take Louisiana properties, build a levee around this land, pump spoil or mud and call this property Texas.

If the government believes that the channel needs to be enlarged, and that the marshes that the government is now spending millions of dollars on because of salt water intrusion, can now withstand a greater daily surge of saltwater, the we the people can live with that.

What we the people of Louisiana and Texas must understand is that most of these properties to be expropriated are on the Louisiana side of the Sabine River across from Sabine Pass, Texas. The largest portion of this property is some of the highest in elevation in southwest Cameron Parish. These properties can be developed both commercially and residentially. If the plan of the Corp and Jefferson County Navigation District goes as is, then the two

groups mentioned will be assured that Louisiana will never develop our side of the Sabine River south of Goat Island (across from Sabine Pass).

The people of Louisiana and our good neighbors in Texas must realize that future jobs for both states, for generations to come, will be buried in the mud if these groups get their way. These properties will be developed in the very near future if left alone. What our good neighbors in Texas must realize is, if one thousand jobs were available, probably nine hundred of these jobs would be filled by Texas residents, because of the location of these properties next to the Texas border (Causeway Bridge). Some people across the river are led to believe that these land owners want to develop this property to take industry out of Texas, as I said earlier Southwest Louisiana has the real estate but not the people to man any kind of large scale employment.

What we as citizens must also be aware of is that some of the property to be taken away borders the Sabine Pass Lighthouse. About three years ago, Mr. Malcolm (Butch) Crain purchased a large portion of the properties mentioned above and developed the first and only road from Hwy. 82 to the lighthouse at his expense. After the road was provided for access by automobile, the Cameron Preservation Alliance was developed and began a long process of restoring the Sabine Lighthouse. The lighthouse is on the National Historical Registry and is listed on the top ten list of endangered historical sites in the state of Louisiana. If these properties are taken away, so goes every person in this free country's right to visit this historical monument.

We the people must realize as I do (thanks to a good friend of mine) that the expropriation law is a good law and must be used in many occasions when no other options are available. However, in this situation, there are many other options of which the channel can be dredged and the property saved.

To our good neighbors in Texas, if the tables were turned and the Jefferson County Navigation District proposed to the Corps to cover the Sabine Pass in mud, and then give it to Louisiana, so that the property could be economically developed, you as good citizens would not allow this. If the politicians of Texas stand by the plan as proposed on Fox 29, then they will end up with a reputation like the politicians Louisiana has had in the past, and we know how that is.

It now seems that the hands of the land owners are tied. After spending thousands of dollars to stop this horrible political disaster, their attorneys have run into a brick wall. We the people need to call our local, state, and federal politicians as well as our governors, to stop this horrible act. Use other

Cameron State Bank Breaks ground for new main office

Cameron State Bank, whose Main Office is located at 2901 Ryan Street in Lake Charles, has broken ground today for the construction of a multi-story Main Office on the corner of W. McNeese and Nelson at a cost of \$3.5 million.

The new Main Office will be a full service location including teller stations, drive-up lanes, a drive-up ATM, safe-deposit boxes, and will provide consumer, commercial, and mortgage loan services. The first floor will house offices of the President & CEO, the Chief Lending Officer, Commercial Lenders and their Administrative Assistants, new Accounts, the Teller Line and a Conference Room.

The second floor will have a state-of-the-art meeting room that will seat 100 and will be

used for meetings, presentations, conferences, and educational programs and seminars. Adjacent to the conference room will be the Board of Director's meeting room. This level will also include the Marketing Department and Human Resources, as well as the Auditing and Compliance and Security Departments.

Cameron State Bank is a locally managed, independent bank with 22 offices in Calcasieu, Cameron, and Allen parishes. CSB has been the most aggressive bank in Southwest Louisiana for the past 10 years. With a total number of customer loan and deposit accounts increasing to over 37 million, the bank has grown to over \$340 million in assets.

CSB has eight offices in Lake Charles, including two super market offices. The bank also has three offices in Sulphur, as well as offices in Moss Bluff, Westlake and Vinton. There are five offices in Cameron Parish located in Cameron, Creole, Grand Chenier, Hackberry, and Grand Lake. The Allen Parish offices are located in Kinder, Oberlin, and Oakdale.

A new office will be opening next month in DeQuincy. The building has a design in keeping with the appearance of the DeQuincy Railroad Museum, the old KCS depot built in 1923, which is on the National Register.

options we know that are available, dredge the channel if needed, develop the property, bring in business and opportunities for our children and grandchildren, let Louisiana as well as Texas enjoy the benefits instead of one side take all.

For those people that were blessed with having a friend or just knowing of Mr. Butch Crain of whom worked very hard against these parties to develop the land for the future, please contact whomever it takes to help these landowners. Also please contact the property owners and thank them for putting up a very strong and expensive battle for the future generations to come. To all the politicians whether local, state, or even from the federal levels, as well as anyone in the great nation of ours that can help save this property and would like to come and see what could be going to waste, I urge you to call the number below and arrange a visit to this beautiful real estate before it is buried in mud!!!

/s/ Keith Courville, 129 Jinks Lane, Cameron, La. 70631 (409)673-0608.

Swim lessons set at J. Bayou

Swimming lessons for non-swimmers will be held at the Johnson Bayou recreation center from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18 and 19 and Monday and Tuesday, June 24 and 25. The lessons are free to residents of the recreation district. For more information call 569-2110.

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Valarie Parker, RN of DeQuincy Memorial Hospital Home Health was awarded Nurse of the Year by Ortho-Med Equipment of Louisiana. Jack Hartman of Ortho-Med presented Valarie with a lovely gift basket and a card that read "In recognition of her outstanding performance in the field of nursing."

2002 Nurse of the Year

The presentation took place Wednesday May 15, 2002 in the home health department. Those present included Mr. J. Matheson, CEO; Dr. J. Joudeh, Medical Director; Dr. J. Chadha; Rehab Hospital of DeQuincy staff; DeQuincy Memorial Hospital and Home Health staff.

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Nutria control meetings

The LSU AgCenter's Sea Grant agents will be hosting a series of public meetings in late June and early July to provide information and receive public input about the Coastwide Nutria Control Program to be implemented during the 2002-2003 Louisiana fur trapping season.

"The goal of the program is to reduce or eliminate damage to marsh habitats caused by overpopulation of nutria - an invasive species," said Michael Liftmann with the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program, which is jointly administered by the LSU AgCenter and LSU. "Nutria are plant-eaters and, if left uncontrolled, could denude the marsh, causing enormous problems for our coastal erosion prevention efforts."

Liftmann said the five-year control program will be directed

by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, with funding and oversight provided by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The program will provide incentive payments to registered participants.

To register, a person must possess a 2002-2003 Louisiana fur-trapping license and have written permission to harvest nutria from a landowner owning property in Louisiana south of Interstate 10 and Interstate 12. Registration is anticipated to begin in September 2002.

The fur trapping season begins in November and runs through March each year. Additional information can be obtained by attending one of the following meetings. All start at 6

p.m.:

- June 24, Cameron, Police Jury Annex. Contact Kevin Savoie, (337) 491-2065, or ksavoie@agcenter.lsu.edu.

- June 25, Abbeville, LSU AgCenter Extension Office. Contact Mark Shirley, (337) 898-4335, or mshirley@agcenter.lsu.edu.

- June 26, Patterson/Morgan City, Patterson Civic Center. Contact Sandy Corkern, (337) 828-4100, ext. 300, or scorkern@agcenter.lsu.edu.

- June 27, Houma, Houma Municipal Auditorium. Contact David Bourgeois, (985) 873-6495 or (985) 632-6852, or dbourgeois@agcenter.lsu.edu.

- July 1, Chalmette/St. Bernard, Islenos Center. Contact Rusty Gaude, (504) 682-0081, ext. 1242, or agaude@agcen-ter.lsu.edu.

- July 2, West Bank

Memorial books told Committee named to select superintendent

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The Cameron Parish School Board appointed a committee to make plans for the selection of a new parish school superintendent to replace Judy Jones who is retiring at the end of the year.

Named to the committee were Pat Howerton, board president; Glenda Abshire and Tony Johnson.

Miss Jones stated that she would stay on the job after Jan. 1 if the school board wished to delay the appointment of the superintendent until the new board takes office in January. She said she is state bonded until Jan. 1, 2003 and will not leave the parish without a superintendent.

The board recognized Adam Trahan as a state winner (3rd place winner - shotgun and 1st on black powder in 4-H club shooting event) and now is eligible for national competition.

The board is calling a special meeting on Friday, June 28, to adopt the final budget revisions for the 2001-2002.

The board revised its policy regarding class size to include the following:

"The school board further directs that any class in grades K-3 that reaches 25 students split into two separate classes only if the enrollment numbers are reached on or before the end of the first two weeks of the spring semester."

The board received a report from the three supervisors on the 2002 test scores.

Stephanie Rodrigue, Supervisor of Curriculum and

Instruction, reported that Cameron parish students were the second highest in the state.

Cameron Parish Iowa results show that all grade levels are above average and students scoring in 40th percentile and below will be targeted for assistance during the 2002-03 school year.

Students in summer school are required to wear uniforms and no student is allowed to be dropped off at school before 8 a.m. School is from 8:30 - 12:30.

MEMORIAL DAY
Three World War II veterans appeared before the board, Lee Nunez, Jr., Roland Primeaux, and Bud Broussard, to request that the board reinstate Memorial Day as a school holiday, which the board approved.

Vickie Little, representing a baseball committee, asked the board to start a baseball program at South Cameron High School. She said that parents are very interested in getting this started and will help with fixing up the fields and furnishing of equipment. The board tabled the matter until it could look into it.

PERSONNEL
Tonya Harrison was appointed a sweeper (8hrs./day) - Johnson Bayou High School.

Leave: Aimee Young - teacher at Grand Lake High School was granted maternity leave.

Resignations were announced by Jana Watson, talented teacher, South Cameron Elementary School and Angela Ardoin, teacher, Grand Lake High.

Do You Remember

By Keith Hambrick

Cameron Pilot May 1, 1969

BIG CATTLE DRIVE
The big cattle drive from Johnson Bayou to Creole took place last weekend. The drive started Saturday from Johnson Bayou where the Richards, Theriot, Boudins, and Boudreaux from Creole had driven the cattle for the winter approximately 900 head of cattle crossed the Ship Channel and Calcasieu River at Monkey Island near Cameron Monday about noon.

The swimming cattle are quite a sight to behold. The cattle arrived Monday at the "Big Pasture" at Burton LaBove's where they will be separated and driven to their respective ranges.

CREOLE 4-H CLUBBERS VISIT LIBRARY

Creole 4-H Club members visited the Cameron Parish Library during National Library Week. Those touring the library were: Sterling Vaughn, Becky Morris, Cynthia Premeaux, Vicky Savoie, Larry Myers, June East, Cindy Morris, Susan Baccagalopi, Joelle Premeaux, Debra Conner, Alice Savoie, Cheryl Baccagalopi, Maureen Johnson, Marty LaBove, Tony Ledano, Russell Savoie, Cecil Myers, and Vernon Premeaux.

HACKBERRY FHA OFFICERS

The Hackberry FHA Club held an executive meeting April 23. The officers for 1969-70 are: President-Roxanne Hughes; Vice-President-Gwen Reasoner; Secretary-Glenda Schexnider; Treasurer-Yolanda Seay; Reporter-Linda Ravia; Historian-Lynn Cornay; Parliamentarian-Becky Hughes; Song Leader-Gale Cuvillier.

CAMERON ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP

Lake Charles was the focal point of a field day for the fifth grade classes of Cameron Elementary School.

Friday morning the students with their teachers Wayne Kershaw and Warner Daigle, and mothers, Mrs. Claude Hebert, Mrs. Wilbert Miller, Mrs. Gary Kelley and Mrs. Billie Walker boarded Mrs. Joe laBove's bus.

The students visited the Calcasieu historical Museum on Lake street. They viewed the steering wheel of the old stern-wheeled steamer, the Boreal Rex. The girls especially enjoyed the picture of the lady sitting on a stool with her hair (four feet long) hanging down.

The Port of Lake Charles was the next stop. There they boarded a sight-seeing train and

toured the warehouses. Of special interest to the children was watching the ships being loaded with a Cameron Parish crop-rice to be delivered to Vietnam, Cambodia and other ports in Southeast Asia.

The final stop was the McNeese farm and dairy center. One of the agricultural students took them on a tour of the farm.

BLUEBIRDS PICK OFFICERS

The Helping Bluebirds met at their leaders house last Wednesday. Refreshments were served by Vanessa Kelley. The group chose these officers: Ann Cunningham, President; Rhonda Nunez, Vice president; Melody Begley, Secretary; Tanna Clay, treasurer; Cathy Broussard, Reporter; Becky Reeves, Sergeant at Arms; and Kim Roberts, Clean-up Chairman.

NEWS BRIEFS

Surprisingly this weekend the Aurtis Gaudets arrived on Little Chenier with a brand new gold Ranger Ford pickup. Mr. Gaudet even had gold colored overalls to match his new truck. The Gaudets are from Lake Charles and own a ranch in Little Chenier next to Aristile Benoit. They came to work their cattle.

Audrey's seven seniors attended a Seniors' Day meeting in Baton Rouge on the Southern University campus, last Friday. Seniors attending the meet were Mary and Laura January, Kathy LaSalle, Gilda Bargeman, Harriet Washington, Chester Senegal and Willie Martin. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Nash Moss and Henry Griffin.

Open meetings cards available

The Public Affairs Research Council (PAR) has released its updated "A Citizens' Rights Card on Open Meetings and Public Record," a pocket-sized, fold-out card that clearly explains the public's rights in accessing public records and meetings. The Louisiana Press Association underwrote the printing of the card.

PAR has published the "Citizens' Rights Card" since 1978, providing updates periodically. The latest update includes changes to laws through the 2001 regular session of the Legislature. It provides a summary of the open meetings law that explains which meetings must be open to the public, the procedures public bodies must follow in posting notice of meetings and keeping minutes, and the reasons for which a public body may legitimately hold a closed meeting. The card tells citizens what action they can take if they believe a public body has violated the law.

The card also includes an overview of the public records law and explains generally which documents are public records and which are exempt, how to obtain access to a public record and how to enforce the law if unreasonably denied access to a public record.

A copy of the new "Citizens' Rights Card" is available free of charge to anyone who sends a self-addressed stamped envelope to PAR, P.O. Box 14776, Baton Rouge, LA. 70898-4776 or by visiting PAR's website at www.la-par.org

Tax refunds are waiting

The State Treasury wants to return roughly 157,000 unclaimed state income tax refunds worth more than \$7.6 million, according to State Treasurer John Kennedy. The refunds cover tax years 1987 to 2000 and range from a penny to more than \$558,000.

"A refund is about the only thing citizens look forward to when dealing with taxes," said Treasurer Kennedy. "If government requires you to pay your taxes on time and in the correct amount, it should be held to the same standard when it has your money."

Citizens can look for their state tax refunds using Treasury's unclaimed property search page at www.latreasury.com. The web site has an automatic claim feature where citizens can file for their money completely online.

"Chances are you need this money a lot more than government does," said Treasurer Kennedy. "If you think you might be owed a refund, take a few seconds to check your name. Be sure to try different streets, towns and cities where you may have lived, because the money could be listed at an old address."

Wrong addresses are the main cause of unclaimed state tax refunds. If an individual moves without a forwarding address, or if an address is not written clearly on a tax form, the refund will become unclaimed property.

For more information or to search for your unclaimed state tax refund, visit www.latreasury.com, or call the Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division toll-free at 1-888-925-4127.

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

Shakee Style, James Elmo Reon by Kenny, Polly and Penny Dupont; Angels, Angels All Around, Bryan Morales by Barbara LeBlanc; Recipe: Hall of Fame Dessert Cookbook, Lois Watts by Elsie Theriot;

The Majesty Of The French Quarter, In Honor Of: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller's 60th Wedding Anniversary by Charlotte Trosclair and family;

The Most Beautiful Villages & Towns Of The South, James Derouen by Charlotte Trosclair; Raising Sheep The Modern Way, Bryan Morales by Charlotte Trosclair and family;

The New Millennium Spiritual Journey, Bryan Morales by John, Lori, Tara and Brittany LeBlanc;

Quilting Made Easy, Vivian Murphy by Don Wagner;

Freemasonry, Butch Crain by Don Wagner;

2002 Annual Recipes, Lois Watts by Don Wagner.

Meetings to be held at MSU

McNeese State University is hosting the 82nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists June 15-19.

Approximately 500 members, including scientists, university faculty and students from all 50 states and several countries will be on campus to present research papers and seminars on mammals, according to meeting coordinator Dr. Gale Haigh, MSU assistant professor of zoology.

The public is invited to a free workshop from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 15, in Stokes Auditorium of Hardtner Hall entitled "Wildlife Capture, Handling and Release—Large and Small." Mark Johnson, DVM, of Montana who is a national expert in this area will make the presentation.

Pre-registration is requested and interested persons can call (337) 475-5667 or 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5667.

Information sought on homebound

The 2002 Hurricane season is here. The Cameron Parish EMS, which serves the Cameron, Creole, and Grand Chenier area would like to ask bed-bound citizens or their families to fill-out the application below and return it to: Cameron Parish EMS, P. O. Box 248, Creole, LA 70632.

This application will provide our personnel with information needed to perform a safe and thorough evacuation in case of an emergency.

1) Name; 2) Physical address; 3) Phone Number; 4) Explanation of medical problems; 5) Requested destination



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11,001-unlimited gallons, \$1.30 per thousand, plus tax.
RUN: June 13 (J-39)



Family fun on a budget

By Kathy Scott

"We're bored!" say your children. What can you do with your family this summer that's relatively inexpensive, but fun for everyone? The ideas are flying through your mind right now, aren't they?

Bicycling is a favorite sport among families. Parents and children can hit the road together no matter what their ages. As always, safety comes first so make sure that each family member wears an approved helmet. Younger children can usually ride about five to eight miles without tiring too much. If you have an infant, you can place them in an approved carrier that attaches to your bicycle. There are even special kits that can turn a regular tandem bike into a tandem for an adult and a child. Check out all of your options at the local bicycle shop.

Fishing is a relaxing sport that rejuvenates your peace of mind and inspires conversation. Take your family to a quiet lake or riverside beach. You can use a boat or just set up lawn chairs or blankets on the sand or grass. The quiet moments spent waiting for a fish to bite can inspire some in-depth conversation. The non-threatening setting should help make these conversations possible. Besides the aforementioned advantages of a fishing escapade, it's simply a good time. Catching a fish and eating it for dinner gives one a

sense of accomplishment and that fish tastes mighty good.

Although it requires some pre-planning and preparation, camping is still another very popular family activity. Get away from the normal routine and the pressures of home. Gather enough food to last for a couple of days, pack some old clothes in a bag and pull your tent out of storage. There are campsites available with electrical hookups, bath facilities, swimming pools and even night-time videos. With that kind of campsite, you can enjoy nature without leaving the comforts of home behind. For campers who would rather rough it, there are secluded places in wooded areas where they can just pitch a tent and be completely happy. Whatever camping style suits you, your family will appreciate the time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

For those of you who you have very little time and a small budget, you can still get out together as a family. Go for a walk around your neighborhood or favorite park. It doesn't have to be a 20-block marathon; just take a walk around the neighborhood and talk with each other.

Do things outside this summer with your family. The complaints of "I'm bored" will be a thing of the past. You'll like the extra time with your kids and they'll love the extra fun.

Connect the dots

Fun summer crafts

By Kathy Scott

Do you want to know who your child's friends are? With just the right amount of energy and creativity, you can be the house everyone wants to visit.

Stepping Stones

This is a fantastic craft to make with little ones because they serve a dual purpose. They can enhance the pathway to your garden and serve as a permanent cast for tiny handprints or pictures that children have created.

- Things you'll need:
- Stepping stone mix or cement mix
 - Spoon
 - 10 disposable aluminum round cake pans
 - Stick or pencil
 - Pebbles or plastic jewels for added decorations

Mix the stepping stone or cement mix. Then fill the cake pans to the rim. Using a stick or pencil let your child's imagination run wild. For a lasting keepsake, put your child's hand in the wet stepping stone mix. Dig a hole for each stone in your yard. The hole should match the diameter and depth of the stone. Place each stone in its hole and tamp down with your foot so that the stone is flush with the ground.

Whirly Gigs

Colorful, plastic whirly gigs can brighten your lawn and teach a science lesson about wind and energy. Most of the supplies you already have in your home, so you won't go broke making this craft.

- Things you'll need:
- Acrylic paints in three or four bright colors
 - Paper plates, one per color
 - 1/2 inch craft paintbrushes or sponge brushes
 - 2-liter bottles, labels removed
 - Washable marker

- Small sharp scissors
- Long straight sticks or dowels, thinner than bottle opening

Cover your workspace with newspaper. Pour a different color of paint onto each paper plate. Paint the bottles with designs. The wilder and brighter the better! Let them dry for about 15 minutes. Once the paint is dry use a marker to draw three vertical semicircles facing the same direction, vertically around the bottle. Draw between the curved top and reinforced bottom so that the plastic bends back more easily, and leave about an inch between semicircles. Cut along the curve of each semicircle with scissors. Wipe off the marker. Now fold back each semicircle to a 45-degree angle. Push the stick or dowel into the ground and slide the bottle on top. Let the wind whirl the bottles.

Bowling with Balloons

If you love to see children squeal with delight, this is the game for you!

- Things you'll need:
- Five or six bath toys or plastic bowling pins
 - Balloons

Line up the five or six toys or plastic bowling pins on a level surface. Fill enough balloons with water so that each player has five. Stand a few feet away from the pins and try to knock down as many as you can with one balloon. Set the pins up after each person's turn. Give each person a turn and then start again. The one who has knocked down the most pins after five rounds is the winner.

These games aren't for the faint of heart. Where children are involved there is going to be lots of questions and lots of energy. So get a good night's sleep, take your morning vitamins and put your running shoes on.

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Hide And Seek

- Find four chocolate muffins.
- Find the muffin with a cherry on top.
- Find three blueberry muffins.
- Find two muffins with birthday candles.
- There are two dozen muffins. How many in all?

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

Fun recipes

Purple Cow

Here's what you will need to make it:

- grape juice
- vanilla ice cream
- ice cream scoop or large spoon
- tall glass

Here's what you have to do:

- Pour grape juice into a glass.
- Scoop some vanilla ice cream and plop it in.
- Drink up!

Edible Spiders

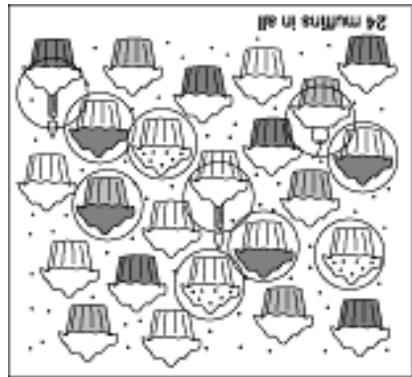
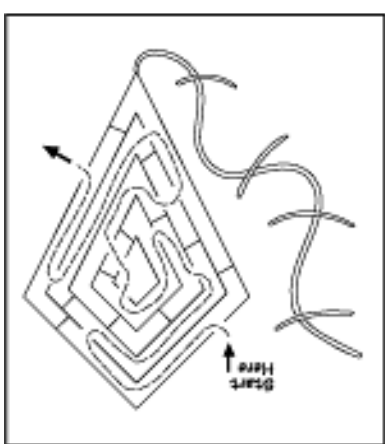
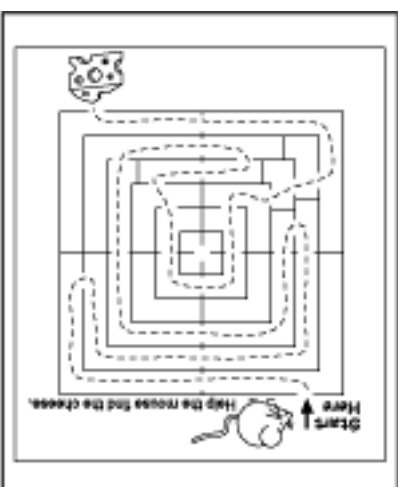
Here's what you will need to make it:

- round crackers
- peanut butter
- chocolate chips
- mini-pretzel sticks
- knife
- bowl

Here's what you have to do:

- Check with a grown-up before you start this.
- Take 1 round cracker and spread peanut butter on it.
- Put 8 pretzel sticks on top of the peanut butter for the 8 legs of the spider.
- Then, put the other cracker on top so that it makes a sandwich.
- Using peanut butter as glue, stick two chocolate chips on top of the crackers. These are the spider's eyes.
- Eat your spider!

Answers



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Start Here ↓ Help the mouse find the cheese.