

MILITARY TRUCKS have been seen daily traveling to and from Grand Chenier's Rockefeller Refuge, creating much speculation about their mission. They belong to National Guard units building an airstrip at the refuge as part of their training. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

National Guard building Rockefeller R. airstrip

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

For three weeks or more, military vehicles have been constantly traveling to and from the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Grand Chenier, prompting speculation and rumors as to their mission.

Well, the troops are not building a military base for homeland defense or "black ops" missions, says Guthrie Perry, refuge director.

National Guard units from around the state are taking part in a training exercise in cooperation with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Each unit is spending its two week summer training camp building an airstrip for the refuge.

The mission of these units in actual combat situations is to repair or build critical infrastructure such as airfields in support of air and ground troops, and this project gives the guardsmen (and women) valuable practice in operating heavy equipment. Some of the units have already been to Iraq and returned, others have yet to be called up. The units are based in West Monroe, Ruston, Baton Rouge, and Alexandria.

Many local people have met the soldiers as they shop at local stores. They find them very polite and well-spoken. Knowing some of them have served tours in Iraq makes the experience even more meaningful.

The runway will be 3500' in length by 60' wide, asphalt paved, with a soil over-run area at the end and built-up soil sides. It is being constructed on an old levee along a canal at the boat launch near the east end of Grand Chenier.

The facility is being located

Two officials completing first year

Two new Cameron Parish public officials will complete their first year in office on July 1.

Theos Duhon became sheriff last year succeeding James. "Sono" Savoie, who retired after 24 years on the job.

Suzanne Sturlese took over as the Registrar of Voters last year succeeding Ruby Kelley who had held the office for 22 years.

Clerk of Court Carl Broussard and Assessor Bobby Conner both have been in office for some years.

on the northern edge of the refuge, so there should be minimal disturbance to wildlife, Perry said. The base is clay, filter cloth, and limestone. The base soil for the project, purchased on bid from a local firm, is coming from Sweetlake and being hauled by National Guard and local private carriers.

While working on the airstrip, the soldiers are being housed in the refuge dormitory, using army cots. Perry explained that each unit provides its own cook and food, and covers its own expenses, like any other training mission, and all other project costs are funded from refuge self-generated funds, not tax money. "Without the National Guard's assistance, it would be hard to afford such a project," he said.

According to Perry, this project came about as a result of a conversation he had with Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Dwight Landreneau concerning the need for an airstrip at the refuge. DWF planes based in Baton Rouge fly all over the state on search and rescue, bird and wildlife counts, and enforcement missions.

Cameron Parish, although the largest in the state, has no hard surfaced airstrip, only a few grass or dirt strips.

For many years Rockefeller was able to rent a private grass airstrip nearby, but the drilling of a gas well and placement of a tank in the middle of the field put a stop to that. Personnel who are called to other areas of the state now have to drive to Abbeville to catch a plane.



NIKKI JOHNSON of Grand Lake, formerly of Cameron, was recently voted by the readers of the Times of SWLA as Best Trainer. She is shown above with her golden retriever, George. Nikki trained at PetsMart for 8 months and is now training privately outside of Lake Charles.

Audrey Day observance is Monday

Hurricane Audrey Memorial Day, a Cameron Parish holiday, will be observed Monday, June 27 with most parish offices closed.

The holiday affects only parish offices and the Post Office will be open as usual.

The holiday was approved by the Legislature years ago in memory of the nearly 500 persons who died in Hurricane Audrey on June 27, 1957. This will be the 48th anniversary of the storm.

No public observance is planned for the day but there will be a public meeting at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 29 at the Cameron Police Jury Annex to discuss the Hurricane Audrey Museum/Interpretive Center that is being planned.

Interested persons can pick up a questionnaire concerning the center at any Cameron State Bank location.

Fun Day & Tourney set at G.C.

K of C Council 8324 will hold its annual Family Fun Day and Fishing Tournament Saturday, June 25, at the Grand Chenier Park, beginning at noon.

Events include children's games, balloon jump, cake walk, raffle, auction, sweet sale, food, music and fireworks display.

Registration for the stick horse rodeo and the sack race is at noon with events starting at 1 p.m., First thru third place medals will be given for each age group.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn dogs, French fries, cold drinks and snow cones will be sold.

Music with Terry Beard and "Breaking Ground" begins at 4 p.m.

The fishing tournament has two separate divisions: fresh water bass and choupique and saltwater redfish with the deadline for weigh-in at 3 p.m. at the park.

A fireworks display at dark thirty will conclude the day. Proceeds will benefit the church and community needs.

For more information contact Garry Primeaux, 538-2415, Denton Vincent, 538-2206 or Walt Richard, 538-2443.

S. Cameron players will report Thurs.

South Cameron High School football players and their parents are asked to attend a meeting at 5 p.m., Thursday, June 30 at the school gym to organize the 2005 season, according to Coach Parry Lalande.



THIS CENTURY PLANT is blooming at the Bartie home on Trosclair Road near Oak Grove. Century plants, varieties of the succulent agave, are said to bloom only once in 100 years, but the average is 25 years. When it blooms, the plant dies, since it takes all its strength to support the 20'-40' bloom stalk. However, it sprouts "pups" before it dies to continue the species. The leaves of the plant grow up to 6' long and 10" wide, with sharp spines, so a homeowner needs to give it plenty of room. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

New Parish directory has been published

The Cameron Parish Police Jury and Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce has just published a new Cameron Parish Business Directory and Information Guide.

The 48 page directory contains a list of all businesses and professional offices in the parish, listing them by categories.

There is also a listing of every public official, governmental offices, libraries, fire departments, and special districts in the parish along with telephone numbers where officials can be contacted.

A four-page history of the parish also is included. Copies of the directory may be obtained from the Police Jury and Chamber of Commerce offices.

For more information on the directory contact the Police Jury at 775-5718 or the

Chamber at 775-5222.

The directory was published primarily to attract new businesses and industries to the parish.

Steve Trahan, Police Jury president, and Carl Broussard, Chamber president, point out in the directory some of the advantages in locating a business in Cameron Parish including:

- *No local sales taxed.
- *Low land and energy costs.
- *Deep water port on the Gulf of Mexico.
- *Complete compliment of public services including water, ambulance, hospital, schools, health center and garbage services.

Anyone interested in learning more about business opportunities in Cameron Parish is urged to contact either the Police Jury or Chamber of Commerce.

Swim advisories lifted

The swim advisories issued for water at Martin Beach and two sections of Holly Beach were lifted this week by the La. Dept. of Health but advisories remained in place for Constance, Gulf Breeze, Hackberry, Rutherford and three sections of Holly Beach remain in place.

The advisories were issued because of high levels of potentially unsafe bacteria

were found in the posted beaches.

Beach facilities were never closed as a result of these advisories because conditions were acceptable for boating and fishing activities.

Beach conditions are monitored by the Health Dept. weekly and advisories on all 13 Louisiana beaches can be found on website: www.oph-beachmonitoring.com



WORK HAS BEGUN on the Grand Chenier Branch Library. The contractor has raised the building to meet FEMA guidelines and removed the small back porch restroom. The next step will be to remove the old roof material and add a meeting room and new back porch onto the rear of the building. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SHERIFF THEOS DUHON is working to get his dispatcher's office set up in the Civil Defense (OEP) office on the third floor of the court house, in preparation for the plumbing work set to begin next week. The sheriff is asking that all complaints be called in during the six weeks of repair, especially at night when the court house will be locked. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

FUNERAL

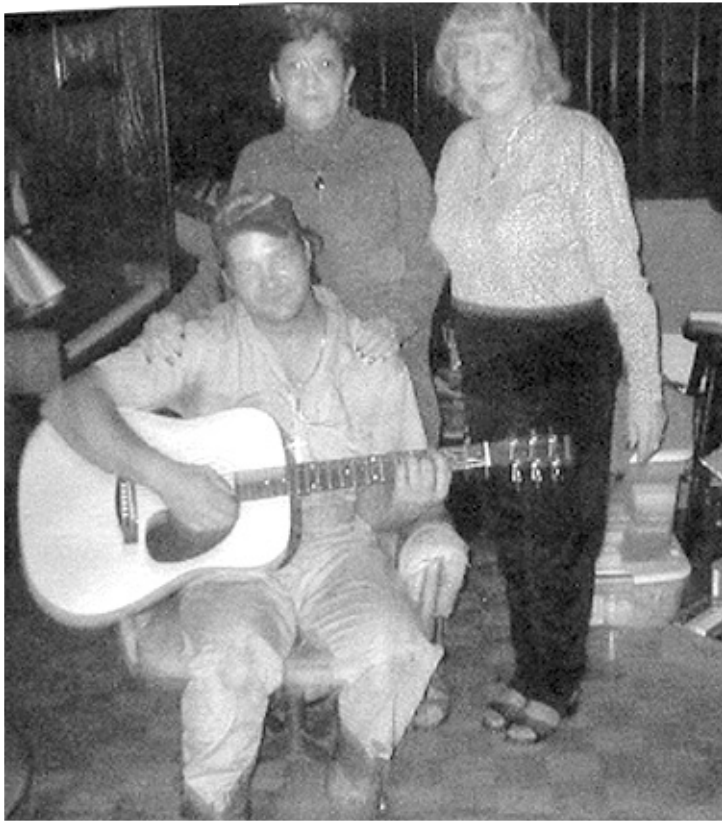
HUGH P. DELANEY

Hugh Pershing Delaney, 78, of Big Lake died Sunday, June 19k 2005.

He was a lifelong resident of Big Lake. He retired from Olin Chemical Plant in 1982, and was a member of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Beverly Theriot Delaney of Big Lake; four sons, John Delaney and wife Marsha and Darrell Delaney and wife Kathy all of Big Lake, Bryan Delaney and wife Kathy of Tyler, Tex., and Ancil Delaney and wife Bobbye of Sweet Lake; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held Wednesday June 22, from Christ the King Catholic Church. Monsignor Harry Greig officiated. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.



LORETTA THERIOT and Mary S. Palmer, authors of the locally set novel, "The Callings," are pictured with Johnny Mouton of Cameron who died recently. Mouton helped the authors with their book and was included in the novel as "Curtis Lamb."



PICTURED ABOVE ARE the newly installed officers of Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council 5461. They are (back row, from left) D. D. Paul Farnell, Ashburn Roux, Lorie Broussard, Ira Rodrigue, Calvin Boudreaux, John Portie, Roy Nash, Milton Theriot; (front row) Fr. Kingsley Nonis, Earl Mouton, Sip Duhon, and Joe Dyson.

Who's Who

The Cameron Pilot will publish its annual Who's Who section on Thursday, Aug. 11.

It will feature stories and photographs on parish businesses, professionals, churches, organizations, etc.

Space reservation deadline for advertisers is Friday, July 29. Call Jeffra DeViney, adv. mgr., at 1-800-256-7323.

K. C. officers installed

Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council 5461 of Cameron recently installed new officers. District Deputy Paul Farnell assisted by Msgr. Louis Melancon and Ronald Gaspard installed the following officers:

Chaplain, Fr. Kingsley Nonis; Grand Knight, Lorie Broussard; Deputy Grand Knight, Tony Porche; Chancellor, Milton Theriot; Recorder, Ira Rodrigue; Financial Secretary; Rev. Roy Nash, Treasurer; John Portie, Lecturer; Joe Dyson, Advocate; George Conner, Warden; Clifton Hebert, Inside Guard; Joseph Sip Duhon, Outside Guard; David Lodrigue Jr.; Trustees, 3 yr., Robert Bobby Stutes; 2 yr., Earl T. Mouton Sr.; 1 yr., Terry Beard.

Msgr. Louis Melancon, who is retiring in July, introduced the new pastor, Father Kingsley Nonis, who will serve as Chaplain.

Ladies were in attendance for the covered dish supper and the installation, held Tuesday, June 14, in the Cameron K.C. Hall.

First Baptist Hackberry service set

Darry Lisemby, evangelist and international speaker, will appear in concert at the First Baptist Church in Hackberry at the 10 a.m. service, Sunday, June 26.

He has been in traveling evangelism for over three decades and has had numerous performances on stage in Branson, Mo.

Dinner on the ground will follow the service. The public is invited.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot, June 22, 1972)

LEBOEUF NAMED GRAND KNIGHT

James R. LeBoeuf was elected Grand Knight of Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council No. 5461 in Cameron. He is a charter member of the Council.

Other officers elected were: Ruben Morales, deputy grand knight; Ray Theriot, chancellor; Berton Boudreaux, warden; Michael Styron, recorder; W. H. Carter, advocate; E. J.

Dronet, treasurer; Claude Hebert, three-year trustee; Oscar Reyes, inside guard; and Olan Saltzman, outside guard.

Berton Boudreaux, manager of the KC softball team, presented the council with the second place trophy earned at the softball tournament at Sweetlake recently.

Rev. Alcide Sonnier, council chaplain, asked members to assist in the on-shore activities for the upcoming Tarpon Rodeo, to be held in Cameron, July 1, 2 and 3. He stated that proceeds from this will be

improvements and maintenance of the Cameron recreation center building and ball fields.

RICHARD HEADS LEGION POST

Lynex J. Richard of Creole was elected commander of Richard Bros. Post No. 176, American Legion, for 1972-73. Richard, a veteran of World War II, served with the Coast Guard beach patrol. He succeeds Jules Dronet who served as commander for three years.

Other officers are: First Vice Commander, Floyd Baccigalopi; Second Vice Commander, Woodrow Bertrand; Third Vice Commander, Edras Nunez; Adjutant, D. W. Griffith; Chaplain, Dallas Mouton; Judge Advocate, Jules Dronet; Finance Officer, Preston Richard; Service Officer, Roland U. Primeaux; Publicity Officer, J. Berton Daigle; Sergeant-at-Arms, Phirma LeBoeuf; Color Bearers, Clarence LaBove and Murphy J. (Pete) Theriot.

DOLAND FILES FOR CONVENTION

Robert E. Doland of Lake Charles, and a Grand Chenier native, was the first person in Southwest Louisiana to file as a candidate for the Constitutional Convention.

Doland filed papers with the Secretary of State seeking the seat from the 36th Representative District which is composed of the south portion of Ward 3 of Calcasieu Parish and Cameron Parish.

4-H CLUBBERS, AGENT TOP IN ANGUS JUDGING

Three Cameron Parish 4-H Club members, working as a livestock judging team, won first place in the overall judging contest at the Louisiana Angus Field Day at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston.

The three youngsters, all members of South Cameron 4-H Club, are Cecil Myers, Toby Landry, and Larry Myers.

Their victory over teams from all over Louisiana won for them a trip to the National Field Day in Indiana in July, where they will represent Louisiana.

Clifford Myers, Cameron Parish County Agent and the father of Cecil and Larry, was the coach for the team.

Two honored

Cameron Parish students Jake D. Buford and Ashley N. Price were among the 5,900 students who graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette during spring commencement exercises.

FOUR FILE IN SCHOOL RACES

Two persons had qualified for each of the two Cameron Parish School Board posts when the qualifying period ended at 5 p.m., Tuesday, according to Garner Nunez, secretary of the Cameron Parish Democratic Committee.

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Riggs of Hackberry, Ward 6 incumbent, received opposition when Mrs. J. A. Lowery, also of Hackberry, qualified just before qualifying period ended.

Qualifying in Ward 2 were the incumbent school board member Lee Conner of Creole and Patrick Doland of Grand Chenier.

HOUSE PASSES ROCKEFELLER BILL

The House Thursday passed a bill by Rep. Conway LeBleu of Cameron to set up a \$5 million trust fund to improve the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and Game Preserve in Cameron and Vermillion parishes.

The act requires all funds received by Louisiana as royalty, rental or bonus from mineral leases of the preserve lands, except those already dedicated to be deposited in a special fund.

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lee Welch

Welch-Harger vows said in Hackberry

Keith Lee Welch and Leyhanna Nicole Harger of Carlyss were married Saturday, June 11, in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hackberry with Father Roland Vaughn officiating. Monica Harger was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Katie Welch, Samantha Miller, Shelly Thomson and Stacy Fike. Curtis Welch was best man and groomsmen were Brad Welch, Micah Silver,

Christopher Miller and Chad Vanasselberg. Madison Harger was flower girl. The bride is the daughter of Mark and Monica Harger and the granddaughter of Marvin and Maxine Harger, all of Carlyss. The groom is the son of Robert (Bo) and Tammy Welch of Hackberry and Dottie and Percy Monceaux of Sulphur. His step father is David Currie of Hackberry.



Mrs. Jeff Corbello

Corbello and Suratt nuptials announced

Jeff Garland Corbello and Leslie Shannon Suratt exchanged wedding vows May 28 in St. Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa. The Rev. Anthony Fontenot officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick (Leslie) Suratt of Cameron, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy (Sheila) Corbello of Iowa. The bride is the granddaughter of Les Welch Jr. of Gallman, Miss., and Patsy Suratt of Water Valley, Miss., and the groom is the grandson of Lee Anna McGee of Lake Charles. Maid of honor was Bea

Talbot, and matron of honor was Sarah Suratt. Bridesmaids were Karen Jongbloed, Nicole Higgins, Shelly Miller and Sheryl Roberts. Flower girl was Sady Roberts, and the ring bearer was Zack Jongbloed. Miniature bride and groom were Jacey Miller and Gabe Roberts, and junior bridesmaid and groomsmen were Cassie Miller and Tyler Roberts. Best man was Brady Rutledge, and groomsmen were Jevon Natali, Brent Dugas, Scott Suratt, Cody Hayes and Kent Armentor. Ushers were Shane Suratt, Scott Miller, Joey Roberts and Mike Jongbloed. The bride is a graduate of South Cameron High School, and the groom, a graduate of Iowa High School, is self-employed. Both are former students of McNeese State University. After honeymooning in San Antonio, the newlyweds will reside in Iowa.

Council on Aging events

Monday, June 27 - Cameron, pokeno, 9 a.m.; Creole, cards, 9 a.m.; Grand Lake, bingo, 9 a.m.; Hackberry, puzzles, 9 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, crafts, 9 a.m.; Audrey Memorial Holiday offices closed, sites open. Tuesday, June 28 - Cameron, pokeno & exercise, 9 a.m.; Grand Lake, dominoes, 9 a.m.; Grand Chenier, bingo, 1 p.m.; Hackberry, puzzles, 9 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, pokeno, 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 29 - Cameron, bingo, 9 a.m.; Creole, bingo, 9 a.m.; Grand Lake, dominoes, 9 a.m.; Hackberry, bingo, 9 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, crafts, 9 a.m. Thursday, June 30 - Cameron, pokeno, 9 a.m.; Creole, cards, 9 a.m.; Grand Lake, dominoes, 9 a.m.; Hackberry, puzzles, 9 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, bingo, 9 a.m. Friday, July 1 - Cameron, pokeno and exercise, 9 a.m.; Creole, cards, 9 a.m.; Grand Lake, dominoes, 9 a.m.; Hackberry, puzzles, 9 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, puzzles, 9 a.m.

His grandmother is Grace Welch of Hackberry. A reception was held at the Hackberry Community Center. Music was by Travis Welch.



A "SWEET 16" party was held June 13 at Babe's Cafe in Hackberry for Bertha Lee Parker Pescheret. Although the party was 62 years over-due, everyone attending had a great time. Attendees were: Bertha Lee, Ursula Allain and Suzanne Olivier from New Orleans; Amy, Kirby, Dustin and Alys Hebert, Velma Lowery, Margaret Pitts, and Cynthia Carpenter, all of Hackberry. A "Sweet 17" debutante coming out party is in the planning stages for next year.

Birth told

KATHERINE "WREN" MARIE GAY
Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Amy) Gay announce the birth of their child, Katherine "Wren" Marie, May 24. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 ozs. Grandparents are John and Winni Gay, John and Carolyn Douglas, and Toby and Dinah Landry.

Dept. of Trans. accepts bids

The La. Dept. of Transportation recently accepted bids on a number of area projects including electrical and hydraulic work on the Grand Chenier highway bridge. C.E.C. Inc. of Lafayette was the low bidder with a \$341,000 bid.



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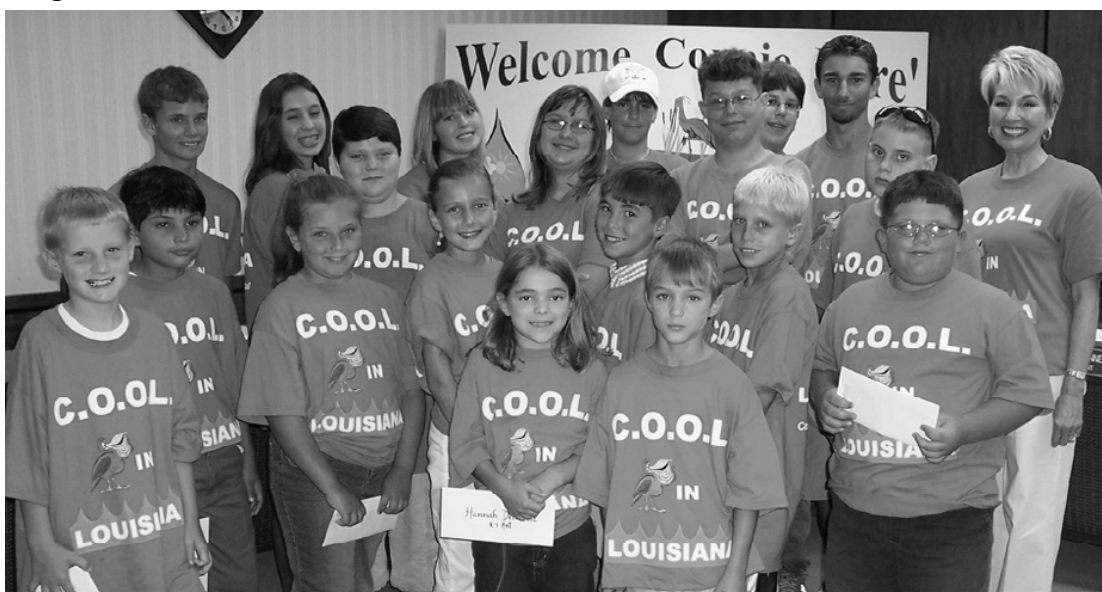
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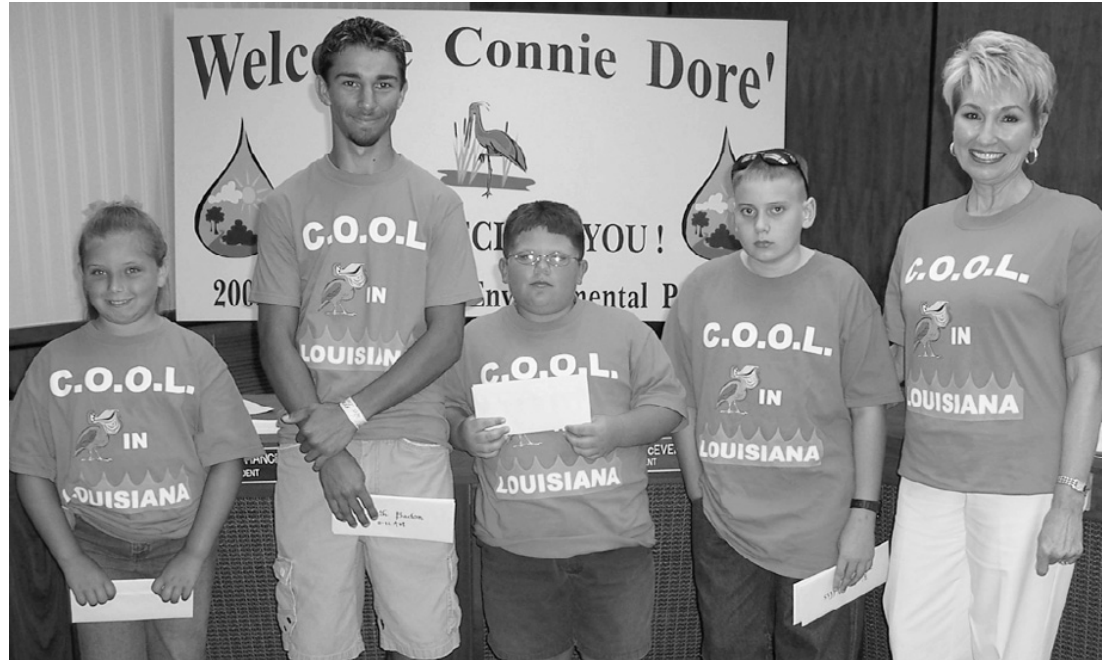
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SCHOOL WINNERS OF the Connie Dore' Environmental Project poster and slogan contest received their \$50 awards at the School Board meeting Monday afternoon. Pictured with Mrs. Dore are Jose Castillo, Dave Richard, Matthew Rodrigue (CES); Hannah Demarest, Samantha Williams, Kody Willis, Lacey Broussard (GLS); Anais LaFleur, Sean Hicks, Jolie Trahan, Hunter Stansel (HHS); Dakota Baccigalopi, Keith Badon, Cade Badon (JBS); Luke Miller, Shelby Wolfe, Brandon LeBeouf, Dylan Broussard (SCES); and Chad Benoit (SCHS). Not present were: Travis Trahan, Erin Martarona, Brook Stracener, Samantha Miller, Kenton Leonards, Alexis Call, Christe Rarick, and Jamie Primeaux. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



MS. CONNIE DORE, far right, awarded \$100 each to the parish-wide winners of the Environmental Project Poster and Slogan Contest. They are, from left: Anais LaFleur - Poster/Art Grades K-3, Keith Badon - Poster/Art Grades 8-12, Brandon LeBeouf - Slogan Grades K-3, and Kody Willis - Slogan Grades 4-7. Not pictured are Travis Trahan - Poster/Art Grades 4-7 and Jamie Primeaux - Slogan Grades 8-12, who were both overall winners as well. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Cameron Parish Library announces new books

MEMORIAL BOOKS

1) All Things Bright and Beautiful, 2) A First Look: The Bible, 3) Learning About Prayer, Lisa Savoie by Lance Mudd family;

1) Lab Rules, 2) Caleb's Ride on Noah's Ark, Milton "Mickey" Harper by Lance Mudd family;

Biographies: God At Their Sides, Lisa Savoie, by John, Lori, Tara and Brittany LeBlanc;

Everyday Angels, Lisa Savoie by Eric and Claudette Dinger;

A Soldier's Place In History, Joseph Asa Nunez by Floyd and Earline Baccigalopi;

1) Indian Ocean, 2) Atlantic Ocean, 3) Pacific Ocean, Alton Trahan by VFW Doxy Vincent Post #10019;

1) Arctic Ocean, 2) Southern Ocean, 3)Mediterranean Sea, James LeBoeuf by VFW Doxy Vincent Post #10019;

The Duke, Hadley Fontenot by Berton and Audrey Daigle;

Garden Tools, Thomas L. Broussard by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese;

Step By Step Vegetables, James LeBoeuf by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese;

Best Ever Cookie Book, Nita East by Joey, Roni, Kristin and Jody.

NEW NOVELS

Act of War, Dale Brown; The Black Angel, John Connolly; Lone Calder Star, Janet Dailey; The Twelfth Card, Jeffery Deaver;

Never Call Retreat, Newt Gingrich; Not a Girl Detective, Susan Kandel; Velocity, Dean R. Koontz; Marriage Most Scandalous, Johanna Lindsey;

Rogue Warrior, Richard Marcinko; McKettrick's Choice, Linda Lael Miller; Appaloosa, Robert B. Parker.

Action agency board to meet

The Cameron Community Action Agency will have their board meeting June 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cameron Sr. Center, 723 Marshall Street in Cameron. All board members are urged to attend and the meeting is open to the public.

Aerobics class to be offered

The Creole Swimming Pool is offering Water Aerobics for ladies on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. The classes are from 7-8 pm. There is no monthly fee for the classes, you pay \$2 a class.

Library and hospital to hold TeleMedicine program

Cameron Parish Library and Lake Charles Memorial Hospital TeleMedicine will present "Girl Talk: Adolescent Gynecology" Wednesday, July 13, at 7 p.m. This free, interactive videoconference will be broadcast from Slidell Memorial Hospital to the Johnson Bayou Library Branch and the Hackberry Branch Library.

Growing up isn't easy, but it can be a little easier on pre-teens and their parents with the help of "Girl Talk: Adolescent Gynecology" presented by Ann Lobello, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"Girl Talk" is a free seminar designed for girls aged 9 and older, who may encounter physical and emotional changes that can affect their

personal development. Dr. Lobello will discuss pre-teen stages of physical development and the varying changes that usually occur during puberty.

This seminar for girls and their moms also features a short video and a lot of time for questions and answers.

Dr. Lobello, a Louisiana native, received her MD from Tulane University and did her residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is a diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG).

Members of the community are welcome to attend; however, seating is limited. Please call Penny Trahan at 569-2892 or Mae Simon at 762-3978 for reservations.

Magician to perform at libraries June 28 and 29

Storyteller and Magician David LeBoeuf will be performing at the Cameron Parish Library and its branches. Because all of the libraries will be closed on Monday, June 27 for Hurricane Audrey Memorial Day, the Summer Reading Programs will be pushed back a day.

On Tuesday, June 28 at 10 a.m., David LeBoeuf will perform at the Main Library Branch in Cameron and at 2 p.m. he will perform the same show at the Grand Lake Branch. The Magic of David

LeBoeuf will be at the Hackberry Branch Library on Wednesday, June 29 at 10 a.m. and at Johnson Bayou at 2 p.m. the same day.

The free performances are supported by a grant from the LA Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the LA State Arts Council as administered by ArtsNet, the Arts Council of Southwest Louisiana.

For more information on this and any other program at the library, please call 775-5421.

Weatherization assistance available to parish residents

Cameron Community Action Agency will be accepting weatherization applications for residents in Cameron Parish starting immediately. Applications will be taken by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call Vernon Christy at 775 5145 in Cameron or Lana at 598-5158 in Grand Lake.

The Weatherization program is designed to help low income families to overcome the high costs of energy through conservation. If your income limit falls at or below 60% of the estimated state median income for fiscal year 2005 as shown below you may qualify:

Household Size - Monthly Gross Income	Amount
1 -	\$1332
2 -	\$1742
3 -	\$2152
4 -	\$2562
5 -	\$2972

6 -	\$3381
7 -	\$3458
8 -	\$3535
9 -	\$3612
10 -	\$3689

For households with more than 10 members, add \$77 for each member.

Applicants will be required to submit the following:

- current utility bills,
- documentation of current SS, SSI or VA benefits,
- last 4 check stubs or current food stamp sheet dated within 30 days.

Rules for acceptance and participation in the weatherization program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, age, handicap, sex or national origin. In some areas where demand for service is great, you may be placed on a waiting list.

For further information contact Dinah Landry at 598-5800. Deadline is August 1.

Former librarian, teacher comments on J. B. library

Dear Editor:

As a former student, teacher, and librarian of Johnson Bayou High School I am appalled at the recent attempt to reduce the JBHS librarian's position to part time. I am assuming this means that students and teachers will have access to the library for only half a day.

The main purpose of the library is to enhance and supplement the curriculum by providing materials and services to every student from K-12. The LEAP, ITBS, and GEE tests all test library skills and the school library provides a source for students to put those skills to use. Students will benefit much more from actually using library skills rather than practicing sample questions in a textbook.

The support of teachers and administrators will greatly improve a library program. Rather than trying to decrease the library's importance, more should be done to encourage student use through research, reading incentive programs and teaching of library and related study skills.


As important as technology is in our society today, students still need to be taught about the vast resources available in the library. Too many of our students want only to use the Internet for research because they can simply "copy and paste" the information or ideas of others and call it theirs.


Research using books and other print material requires student to use higher order thinking skills to synthesize the information they gather.

The Cameron Parish School Board's philosophy is to provide a quality education to every student in Cameron Parish. If that is the case, then reducing the librarian's position to part time denies the students of Johnson Bayou the same education provided to the rest of the students in the parish.

This matter will be considered again at a special meeting to be held June 30. I ask that parents of JBHS students contact board members and attend this meeting to voice their objections to reducing student use of the library to part time.

Sincerely,
Peggy Boudreaux

 **Read a good book this summer; visit your local library!**

 **Katherine "Wren" Marie Gay**
Katherine was born May 24, 2005 weighing 8 lbs., 3 ozs. and was 19 3/4 inches long. She was welcomed home by her parents, Paul and Amy, sister Gabby, grandparents, John and Wini Gay, John and Carolyn Douglas, Toby "Poppy" and Dinah "Nanny" Landry, Uncle John and Aunt Tina Gay, Uncle Andy and Aunt Jennifer Gay, cousins, Ashlei Douglas and Kaitlyn Gay.

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CHRIS DIMAS of Cameron was recently visited by family and friends in San Diego, where he is stationed. Chris returned to California after serving two years in Iraq. He was able to return to Cameron on leave for two weeks.

Simeon Broussard's hotel remembered by grandson

Dear Editor:

Mr. Warner Daigle, deputy sheriff of Cameron Parish, sent me clippings from The Pilot that are of great interest to me. The reminiscences of Mr. Louis K. Broussard, Sr., about the Broussard Hotel near Cameron on Broussard Beach are directly about mother's father, my paternal grandfather, Simeon D. Broussard, who died during Hurricane Audrey in 1957.

Like Louis K. Broussard (a distant cousin of mine, I suppose), I spent a number of weeks during the summers of 1946-1956 with my PaPa and was shocked when he died in the storm. My family mainly lived in Beaumont, Tex., during those years; in 1957 my parents were living in Orange, Tex., and I was an undergraduate student at Baylor University where I serve as a professor of history today.

If you have a good address for Louis K. Broussard of Abbeyville, La., I would appreciate it greatly if you would share it with me. I would like to thank him for his excellent writing about my grandfather and the Broussard Hotel and beach.

Keep up the fine work in The Pilot. I look forward to other articles on the above subject.

Regards,
/s/ Thomas L Charlton, Ph.D.
Director
The Texas Collection
Baylor University

Dean's List

Joby Len Richard of Creole was among 882 at Northwestern State University named to the Dean's List for the spring semester for having a grade average of between 3.5 and 3.99.

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith



"Rain, Rain, go away. Come again another day, little Beau wants to play." That old nursery rhyme we used to say has certainly rang true these days in our Village Woods. It has rained almost every day, and comes so suddenly it doesn't give you any warning. We have not been able to take our daily walks around the village. Beau really looks forward to his walks and can't understand why we are not taking them.

We are planning an all day picnic July 4th at the clubhouse and swimming pool. Most of the village will attend.

We have just elected three directors who run the village. Everything that happens here must go before the board to be approved, such as the fence I had erected around my patio for my little dog.

Our Red Hatters group went out to eat this week and enjoyed a lot of laughter. The society was formed in 1998 by a group in California with very few rules, only to have fun and to wear red hats and purple apparel to all their meetings. It draws the attention of everyone around when

we come storming into a restaurant laughing and having fun.

Another rule to be a member is to be at least 50 years old. It has spread like wildfire, with units being organized all over the country.

I got a note from Nell and Jimmy Colligan this week telling me that they also had an unseasonal bloom at Christmas.

I am looking at a picture I took in 1977 of B. B. Doxey in the duck calling contest during the La. Fur and Wildlife Festival. It won 1st place in the National Association of Press Women's contest that year. I have it framed on my wall in my office.

I had double worries the other day when the hurricane entered the Gulf, because half of my family was in Cameron Parish and the other half was in Florida attending a convention. I learned the hard way that you cannot depend on where the storm will go, you just have to wait and see. I hope that the weathermen are wrong when they predicted that we will be having a very active hurricane season this year.

Creole Knights install new officers at recent banquet

The J. P. Boudoin Sr. Knights of Columbus Council 3014 of Creole held their installation of new officers for the 2005-06 year last week. District Deputy Gary Primeaux, of Grand Chenier, the installing officer.

The new officers are: Grand Knight, Gervis Conner; Deputy Grand Knight, Ryan King; Chancellor, Terry Conner; Recorder, Robert "Bobby" Conner; Treasurer, Jerome Rutherford; Advocate, Burl LaBove; Warden, Fredman Theriot; Trustees;

Charles Glenn Theriot, Loston McEvers and David Trahan; Inside Guard, Clifford Conner; Outside Guard, J. Burton Daigle.

Serving as Chaplain is Father Joseph McGrath, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Creole.

Kenneth Montie was appointed to serve as Financial Secretary.

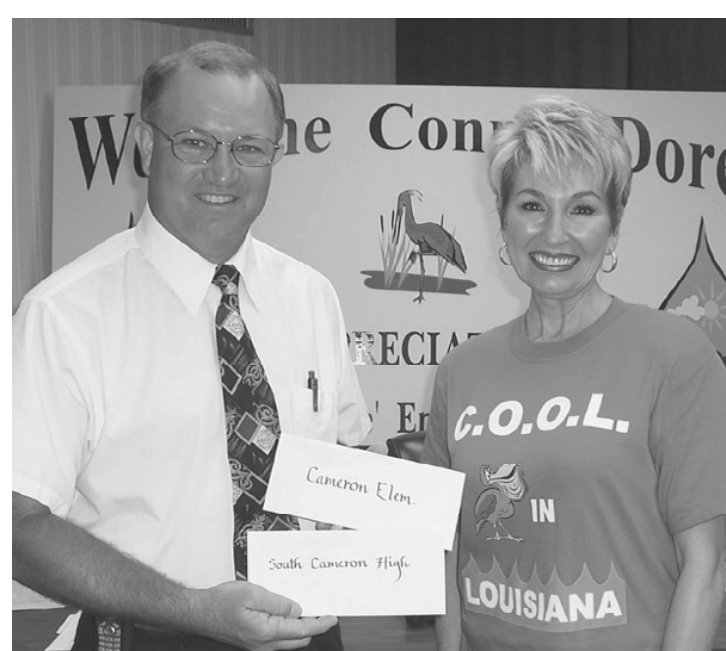
Knight of the Month for May was Gervis Conner and Family of the Month was Fredman and Ethel Theriot.

Knight of the Month for June was Ryan King and Family of the Month was Burl and Donna LaBove.

Honor Roll

Lynn Thuy Nguyen of Cameron was named to spring semester Honor Roll at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Students so honored must have a grade average between 3.5 and 3.899.



EDDIE BENOIT accepted two \$2500 checks from **Connie Dore**, one for South Cameron High School, where he has been principal and one for Cameron Elementary School where he will be principal next year. The checks are prizes for the schools from which the winning entries in Dore's Environmental Project poster and slogan contest came. Travis Trahan, of CES, won the poster contest, and Jamie Primeaux, of SCHS, won the slogan contest. In addition, each student in each winners' class will receive a T-shirt with the slogan COOL (Collect Out Own Litter) in Louisiana.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Dane Dupont

DANE DUPONT, 2005 graduate of South Cameron High School, recently received a \$1000 scholarship from the Willard Johnson/Stamley Moore Scholarship foundation. Applications for The Willard Johnson/Stamley Moore Scholarship are offered worldwide to dependents of employees of Smith International and their subsidiaries. Dane placed in the top ten of 96 applicants.

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CAMERON STATE Bank donated \$2,080 to Johnson Bayou School recently. The monies were used to purchase integrated classroom computer equipment. Shown above, from left, were: Leslie Harless, CSB Marketing Director; Assistant Principal Brenda Sanders; Connie Johnson, CSB Personal Banking Officer; and Principal Harlie Eugene Reynolds.



THREE DONORS have stepped forward to purchase championship rings for the Grand Lake Lady Hornets fast pitch softball team. Pictured with GLHS Principal David Duhon are Brent Clements, left, representing Cameron Communications, and Pat Howerton, right, who contributed along with his wife Debbie. The third donor wished to remain anonymous. The \$3400 price tag for the rings was split three ways.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE GRAND LAKE Branch Library had over 30 children and 18 adults at their first story time on June 15 at the Grand Lake Firemen's Center. The stories were "Swimmy" and "The Rainbow Fish". The group worked on a "Rainbow Fish" craft as shown in the picture. They also did a flannel board presentation "Five Little Seashells" and the kids helped make a swimmy fish (poster where each child taped on a small fish to make one large fish like in the story.) Each child attending the story time received a free "Sponge-Bob" book. There is a different story time each week and a performer who comes into each branch library. This week Grand Lake Branch Library had 73 children sign up for the summer reading program. For more information please call the library at 598-5950.

Using the G. I. Bill

Thinking about attending college or a trade school? Contemplating buying a home? Are you serving or have you served in the U.S. Armed Forces? Then, consider tapping into the benefits of the GI Bill.

June is the 61st anniversary of the GI Bill of Rights, legislation that made college

education and home ownership available to millions of Americans. The GI Bill changed society, and today this act of Congress enables the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to leave a footprint in almost every community across the country. The bill created six decades of opportunity for the men and

women who served in uniform, and continues to do so today.

More than 21 million veterans, service members and family members have received more than \$72 billion in GI Bill benefits for education and training since it was established in 1944. Since the dependents pro-

gram was enacted in 1956, VA has also assisted in the education of more than 710,000 dependents of veterans whose deaths or total disabilities were service-connected.

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The Department of Veterans Affairs administers the GI Bill, which has undergone several major changes over the years. The current version is the Montgomery GI Bill.

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