



**THE CAMERON LIONS Club announced the recipient of this year's scholarship sponsored by the Lions Club is Tiffany Breaux of Grand Lake. Tiffany will attend McNeese State University and major in physical therapy. She is a graduate of Grand Lake High School. Lion Greg Wickie presented the scholarship.**

## Prevention meeting set

The Region V Prevention Coalition will hold a meeting at 1 p.m., Thursday June 27 at the Senior Citizen Center at 723 Marshall St. in Cameron to discuss ways of warning children about the dangers of drugs. The Cameron Community Action Agency will co-sponsor the meeting.

Greg David of DeQuincy, program coordinator stated: "We are a team of not-for-profit organizations dedicated to strengthening community involvement in promoting positive development of youth."

Refreshments will be served.

## Two energy programs told here

Temperatures are rising and energy costs, too. Two programs at Louisiana Housing Finance Agency are underway to assist families and individuals throughout the state with energy expenses. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Energy Assistance Program make available more than \$30 million to eligible families to help defray utility costs.

From May 20 through Aug. 30, 2002, eligible households can receive a one-time \$400 energy assistance payment through the TANF Energy Assistance Program. Families and individuals can use the payment for utility deposits, overdue utility bills, reconnection/disconnection fees, current or future utility bills.

Payments cover electric, gas, propane or wood services. Income and other eligibility requirements apply.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is an ongoing program geared towards low-income households in meeting their home energy costs. Low-income families may receive help with utility payments through a network of Community Action Agencies. Households with elderly, disabled, or children age 5 and under can receive extra benefits through the program. Income and other requirements also apply.

For more information about these and other LHFA programs, call the Cameron Community Action Agency, 775-5145, ask for Tina, 598-5158, ask for Gail.

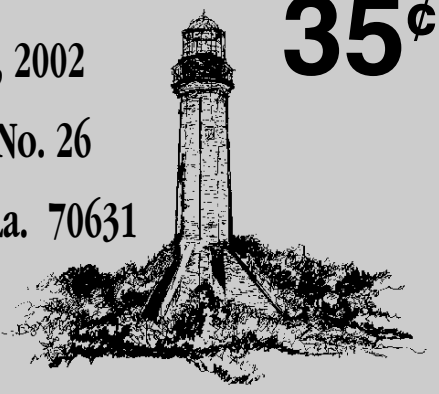
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# Pilot



## P. Jurors stick with their plan

The Cameron Parish Police Jury plans to stick with a recent adopted seven-member plan even though they were warned by a Cameron Parish assistant district attorney that the plan could generate an expensive law court fight.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Jones told the jurors Monday that while a 5 percent deviation from district populations are allowed by law, the jury's new plan deviates almost 70 percent in some areas.

She said that even if state and federal government approves the seven-member plan, any residents who believed their interests were not being served could file a suit against the jury.

"These types of lawsuits can be extremely costly," she told the jurors.

Police Juror Dusty Sandifer said the jury would take its chances. "We feel we've come up with a plan that will benefit each resident of Cameron and we plan to stick with it," he stated.

However, since police jury elections will not be held until the fall of 1993, jurors will still have plenty of time to change their minds if they wish to do so.

The Cameron Parish School Board, which last week voted to try to come up with a similar seven-member plan, has a much narrow window of opportunity. It must have a plan in place in time for elections this fall.

The School Board had earlier adopted a six-member plan, but now is backing off that plan

## Who's Who set Aug. 15

The Cameron Parish Pilot will publish its 2002 Who's Who edition on Aug. 15.

This special section will contain profiles of Who's Who in the parish, business, service, church, organizations and industry directory.

Persons wishing to reserve advertising space in this section are asked to contact Jeffra DeViney, advertising director, at 786-8004 or 1-800-256-7323. The deadline for ads is July 29.

## Police Jury to meet Monday

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will hold its monthly meeting at 5 p.m., Monday, July 1.

Items on the agenda include a liquor permit, board appointments, acceptance of bids on dock improvements at Sabine Pass, approving a 10 year tax abatement for Dominion Natural Gas Storage, the 2001 audit report, lifting the hiring freeze and an executive session.

The complete agenda can be found elsewhere in this issue.

because it would cause the present voting districts to be drastically redrawn. It would result in the present Cameron and Johnson Bayou board members ending up in the same district.

The School Board last week voted to ask School Superintendent Judy Jones and Parish Administrator Tina Horn to come up with a seven-member board plan.

## Parish to get input on ship channel plan

The Corps of Engineers has agreed to give Cameron Parish a voice, in an advisory capacity, concerning the deepening and widening of the Sabine-Neches ship channel, the Cameron Parish Police Jury was told at its meeting Monday.

Cameron parish property owners have expressed concern that as much as 1800 acres of Cameron Parish property will be expropriated by the Corps of Engineers and the Jefferson Council Navigation district to be used as a spoil site.

Some of the property in question borders on the site of the Sabine Pass Lighthouse which the Cameron Preservation Alliance is trying to restore. It is feared that the deposit of the spoils will cut off the only road access to the lighthouse.

With the Corps of Engineers' agreement to include Cameron Parish in discussions on disposal of the spoils, it is hoped that these concerns can be addressed.

## Hwy. work ceremony set Friday

A ribbon cutting ceremony for completion of improvements to LA. 27 in Cameron Parish, a major hurricane evacuation route, is scheduled for Friday, June 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, according to Dr. Kam Movassaghi, DOTD Secretary.

The ceremony is planned as part of DOTD's Silver Jubilee, celebrating the 25 year anniversary of the reorganization of the Highway Department into the Department of Transportation and Development.

Part of the ceremony will involve presentation of some of the major accomplishments of the DOTD over the past 25 years.

**The interstate highway system was established July 29, 1953**

## Findings on ambulance dists. told

The Legislative Auditor has issued its findings and recommendations concerning the separation last year of the operations of Cameron Parish Ambulance District 1 and Ambulance District 2. The report was sent to the District Attorney and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

A summary of the Auditor's findings and recommendations follows:

From Dec. 1, 2000 to Dec. 1, 2001, through an intergovernmental cooperative endeavor, the two districts were managed by a single director and shared personnel and expenses.

On Oct. 16, 2001, the District 2 board passed a resolution that terminated the agreement with the District 1 board. This action was effective Dec. 1, 2001, and allowed the districts to separate and operate independently of one another. Also, effective Dec. 1, 2001, the director resigned to accept the position of director at District 2.

The Legislative Auditor was requested to review the distribution of funds and equipment between the two districts, upon their separation, to ensure that the assets were distributed in a manner consistent with the dedicated tax which originally funded the assets.

"The District 1 board of commissioners authorized an apparent improper payment to a former District 2 employee for services not rendered to their district," the audit statement said.

"We suggest that the following actions be taken relating to the financial reimbursement and equipment exchange issues between District 1 and District 2:

District 2 should reimburse \$3,543.21 to District 1 for costs relating to office supplies, a paramedic pack including medical supplies and equipment, ambulance parts, employee medical costs, employee wages, and employee T-shirts.

District 1 should reimburse \$4,475.00 to District 2 for costs related to the billing software and a computer.

District 1 should return four low-band radios to District 2.

An inventory should be taken of the ambulance equipment that was stored at the Holly Beach ambulance station and the equipment should be divided equally between both districts."



**JOHNSON BAYOU youth are shown helping harvest watermelons at Johnson Bayou. The grower, who is from north Louisiana, leases land from the Gray Estate and grows a large number of melons each year on the Bayou. The melons, which are said to rival those grown at Sugartown, are shipped out to retail sites around the country. (Photo by Geneva Griffith.)**

## Nutria control plans are told at local meet

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The first in a series of public meetings to provide information and receive public input regarding the Coastwide Nutria Control program was held Monday night in the Cameron Police Jury meeting room. The program will be implemented during the 2002-2003 Louisiana Fur trapping season.

The goal of the program is to reduce or eliminate damage to marsh habitats that is being caused by overpopulation of nutria. The program will be implemented by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, with funding and oversight provided by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The program will provide incentive payments (harvest bounties) to registered participants. To register for the program, one must possess a 2002-2003 Louisiana fur trapping license and have written permission to harvest nutria from a landowner who owns property in Louisiana, south of Interstates 10 and 12. Registration is anticipated to begin in September 2002.

Kevin Savoie, LSU Ag

Center Extension Service Agent, and Michael Carlross, explained the program.

Nutria, a native of South America, spread in coastal Louisiana resulting from escapes from nutria farms in the 1930's. The decline in fur trapping activity since the mid-1980's has resulted in the over population of nutria.

Annual surveys have revealed that approximately 100,000 acres of Louisiana coastal wetlands can be impacted at this point.

The Nutria have been eating out the good grass in the marsh and causing tremendous loss to the ecosystem, literally leaving behind nothing by water in the low lying areas.

The coastwide Nutria Control Program will consist of an economic incentive of \$4 per nutria tail, delivered by registered participants to collection centers in coastal Louisiana.

The goal of the program is to encourage the harvest of up to 400,000 nutria annually from Louisiana coastal marshes.

By October 1, 2002, participants must submit a completed Nutria Control Program, participant application, and a tax receipt for the property to be trapped/hunted. Applications will be available in August 2002.

## The last voyage of the Two Sisters

By W. T. Block

Providence smiled on the farmers of Grand Chenier, La., that second week of October in 1881. The limbs of Valsaint Montie's satsuma orange trees sagged to the ground with luscious fruit, and Valcour Miller's steam cotton gin was processing 30 bales of ginned cotton every day. And during that season it required two schooners, Capt. Emanuel Sturlese' Two Brothers and Capt. Charlie Sturlese' Two Sisters, just to haul all the produce to Galveston.

And my Uncle Andrew Sweeney's face was lit up all that week too. Miller had just finished ginning 18 bales of Sweeney's cotton, which became a part of the 56 bales of cotton stored in the hold of the schooner Two Sisters. And on

the deck of the schooner. Capt. Sturlese had loaded aboard 60 sacks of Montie's oranges.

Uncle Andrew's face was all aglow as he walked out of the gin house that day. He was betrothed to Margaret Doland, and for the previous two weeks the lovers had discussed their impending wedding. Sweeney needed only to accompany Sturlese to Galveston, where he would sell his cotton, and then buy his wedding suit, a cook stove, a table, and some pots and pans for their pantry. He kissed his beloved one goodbye as he walked up the gangplank of the boat.

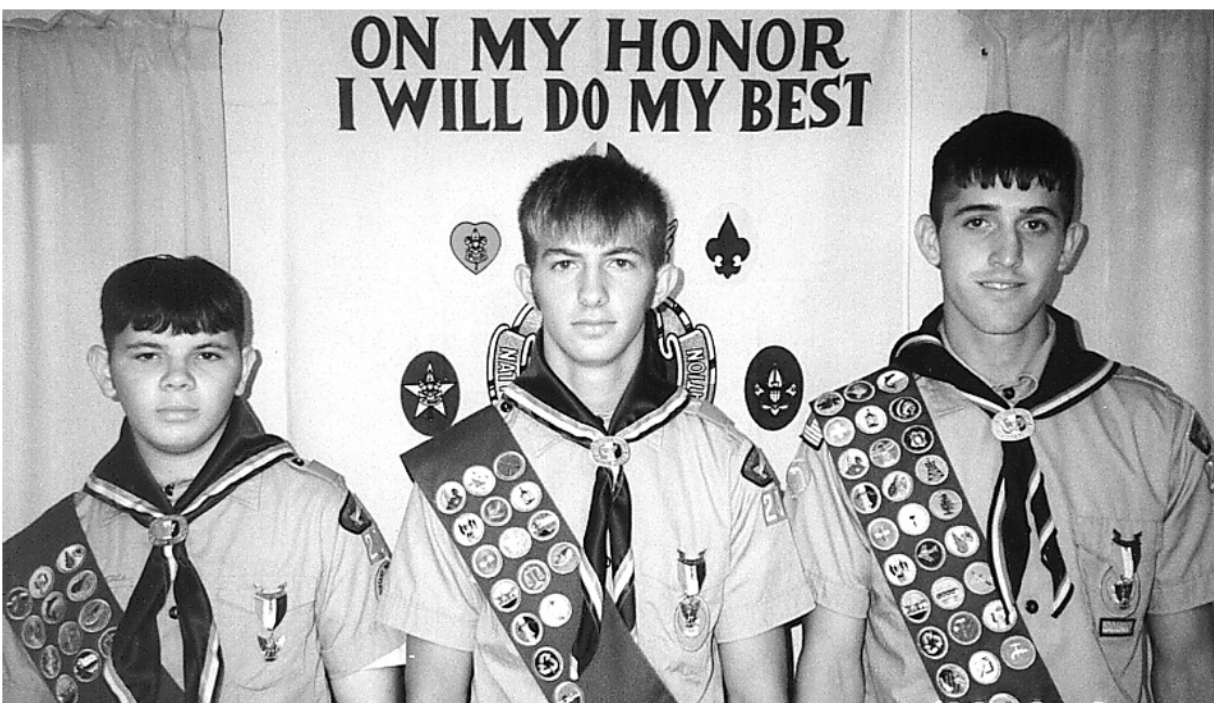
As the 3 passengers embarked on the Two Sisters that morning, they failed to note that there was neither a lifeboat nor pumps aboard. The crew

consisted of Capt. Sturlese and his unnamed deck hand. The passengers other than Sweeney included John Miller, a pioneer Grand Chenier merchant, bound for Galveston to purchase his annual stock of merchandise, and Alphonse Guidry, a sailor. Miller carried \$500 in gold in his money belt.

At first the schooner was becalmed, but during the afternoon a brisk norther churned up the waters. As night approached and Sturlese reefed his sails somewhat, he heard a gurgling sound down in the hold and realized the schooner has sprung a bad leak.

"We ain't going to make it into Galveston," Sturlese startled everyone. "The boat is filling

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**THREE BOY SCOUTS from Troop 202 of Creole who received their Eagle Scout Awards at a recent Court of Honor held at the Creole KC Hall were, from left, Derrick Waguespack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Comeaux of Creole; Kris Benoit, son of Kent Benoit of Creole and Renee Jones of Lake Charles; and Jared Cogar, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cogar of Grand Chenier. The Eagle Scout is the highest award that can be achieved by a Boy Scout and signifies several years of dedicated work and achievement. It requires completion of work in such areas as citizenship, outdoor living, first aid, swimming, lifesaving, camping, cooking, hiking, emergency preparedness, personal management, and the successful completion of an Eagle project of considerable magnitude.**



**DO YOU REMEMBER? This photo of the old Intracoastal Canal ferry north of Hackberry was taken some time in the 1930s--note the old cars on the ferry. The ferry was replaced about 40 years later by a high level bridge over the canal. The ferry at Gibbstown on the other side of the parish was replaced at the same time.**

# Funerals

## LORA O. LEJEUNE

Lora O. LeJeune, 80, died Monday, June 24, 2002, in a Lake Charles hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 26, from St. John Catholic Church of Lacassine. Monsignor Charles Dubois officiated. Burial was in Broussard Cemetery in Lacassine.

She was a native of Welsh, and had lived in Cameron for 26 years. She was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph "Sam" LeJeune of Cameron; three sons, Lawrence Mallett, Billy Mallett and Ray Mallett, all of Cameron; eight daughters, Carol Bettis of Moss Bluff, Ruby Jordan of Sulphur, Nadine Doucet of Vidor, Tex., Laura Theriot of Baytown, Tex., and Sherry Crumb, Debbie LeJeune, Carla Mallett and Stephney Mallett, all of Cameron; four stepsons, Joseph Sammy LeJeune Jr. and Phillip LeJeune, both of Cameron, Michael LeJeune of Creole and Gordon LeJeune of Elton; three stepdaughters, Debra Hanks and Phyllis Oglesby, both of Gueydan, and Darlene Tingler of Johnson Bayou; one brother, Lindsey O'Blanc of Oklahoma; one sister, Dora Bellard of Welsh; 35 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren and step-great-great-grandchildren.

## JAMES "JIMMY" NOBLES

Funeral services for Mr. James Nobles, 63 of Hackberry, were held Monday, June 24, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hackberry. Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direc-

tion of Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Nobles died Friday, June 21, 2002 in a Lake Charles hospital.

He was a native of Hackberry. He retired from Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas as an electronics technician after 30 years of employment. He moved to Hackberry in 1989. His prior residence was in Terrell, Tx. for 25 years. He was a member of the catholic faith. While in Terrell, he was affiliated with the First United Methodist Church. He as a member of the National Forestry Registry. He served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict and Vietnam at Red Stone Arsenal.

Survivors include two daughters, Teresa N. Daseler of Dallas, Texas, and Nona Leigh Palmer of Lynnwood, Wash. Two sisters, Helen Allie Saucier of Roanoke, NC., Margaret Emily Pitts of Hackberry and six grandchildren.

## RALPH THIBODEAUX

Funeral services for Mr. Ralph Thibodeaux, 76 of Hackberry, were held Monday, June 24 from St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hackberry. Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in the New Hackberry Cemetery under the direction of Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Thibodeaux died Saturday, June 22, 2002 at his residence.

Mr. Thibodeaux was a native of Vinton and had lived in Hackberry for 63 years. He was a WWII Army Veteran and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He was retired from the Hackberry Waterworks.

Survivors include one daughter, Connie Thibodeaux of Hackberry; two step-daughters,



CAMERON PARISH Youth League "Wildcats" are pictured above with their coaches: Phillip Richard, Lee LaLande, and Shantelle Richard. Team members are Fred Dronet, Kaleb Stoute, Gage Richard, Garrett Duddleston, Jason Theriot, Jarrett Nunez, Brendon Boudreaux, Christopher Guillot, Cami Richard, Chan LaLande, and Kent Doxey.

## Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

Last week we spoke of fish records, well a giant blue marlin was taken off the Mississippi Gulf Coast weighing at 1,054.6 pounds measuring 138 inches in length. Caught some 90 miles or so in the Gulf of Mexico, this could not only be a Mississippi Classic Record, but a Gulf of Mexico record. The Louisiana record caught in 1997 is 1013.5 pounds.

Speckle trout fishing in Big Lake has been good early in the mornings up until around 8:30 to 9 a.m. We tried to see what late afternoons would do, but only managed to catch one trout around 5 1/2 pounds, still with eggs and one large fish which broke a new line, not ever seeing what it was, but if it was a trout, it had to be a big one. We were fishing out of Hebert's Marina to the southeast over reefs using She Dogs. Speaking of Hebert's Marina, it's all remodeled, paved parking and really nice launch, store and cafe.

Thing are stirring up, as Saturday, June 29 is the largest single speckle trout only, 17th Annual Lake Charles CCA "trout shootout." You may find registrations at Cajun Fast Mart, Lake Charles Tackle, Cormier's and Hebert's, or call Mike Fraser 337-491-5352.

Registration fees for adults is \$20, kids under 16 fish free with an adult. The weigh-in will be at Burton Coliseum from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., but the boat show opens at noon.

There's 20 places in the adult division with 1st place being a Kenner boat w/75 hp Mercury. The youth division has 40 places with 1st place being a \$2000 savings bond.

### LEMESCHE BASS CLUB NEWS

The Lemesche Bass Club will hold their 4th monthly tournament of the year this Sunday, June 30, fishing out of Amoco, with weigh-in at the Superior Bridge Landing at 3 p.m. This is a draw tournament and these are the partners fishing: Todd Morales and Loston McEvers, Tony Conner and Richard Duhon, Rod Richard and George Melancon, Ricky Canik and Darren Richard, Johnny leDoux and Jeb Linscombe, Scootie Trosclair and Tom Hess, Rufus McEvers and Carl Broussard, and Corey Broussard odd man.

### GIBBSTOWN DOGFIGHT

The results of the June 17 Monday night dogfight at Carolyn Swire and Sheila Nidecker, both of Hackberry; two step-sons Ronnie Nunez of Hackberry and Carl Venable of Cincinnati, Ohio; three brothers, Calvin Thibodeaux of Hackberry, Charles Thibodeaux of Lake Charles, and Larry Thibodeaux of Vinton; 7 grandchildren, 98 great grandchildren and a number of step grandchildren.



CAMERON ELEMENTARY School first graders went on a field trip with their teacher, Ms. Angie Weldon. They went to the Millennium Park and the Children's Museum in Lake Charles.

## THREE SISTERS

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up with water and I have no pumps."

"Shouldn't we throw some cotton overboard to lighten the load?" Miller inquired.

"It's too late for that! Sweeney, your cotton and my schooner are going under the water," Sturlese continued. "We need to tie together five bales into a raft, and when the boat goes under, we can float away on the raft."

Finally, as water filled the schooner's hold, the men launched and floated away on the cotton raft, as the Two Sisters went under amid a froth of bubbles. However it happened, the raft soon broke apart, and each of the castaways floated away on a single bale of cotton.

The next day, Capt. Sturlese woke up on the Bolivar beach, vomiting water, but still alive. A few days later, John Miller's and the deck hand's bodies were found, but some beachcomber had already looted their wallets and Miller's money belt. The bod-

ies of Sweeney and the other sailor were never found.

A month later Capt. Sturlese returned to Grand Chenier, but he never went back to sea during the remainder of his life. For two weeks, Margaret Doland kept a lantern burning in her bedroom window, awaiting her fiancée's return, and still unaware that he had drowned. Finally Margaret met and married a man named Lindstrom, but she never forgot her lover who did not return for his wedding.

## Coop sets its annual meeting

The Jefferson Davis Electric Coop will hold its annual meeting Monday, July 8 in the Jennings High School auditorium in Jennings. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

There will be 22 door prizes, including a big screen television and two prizes just for children.

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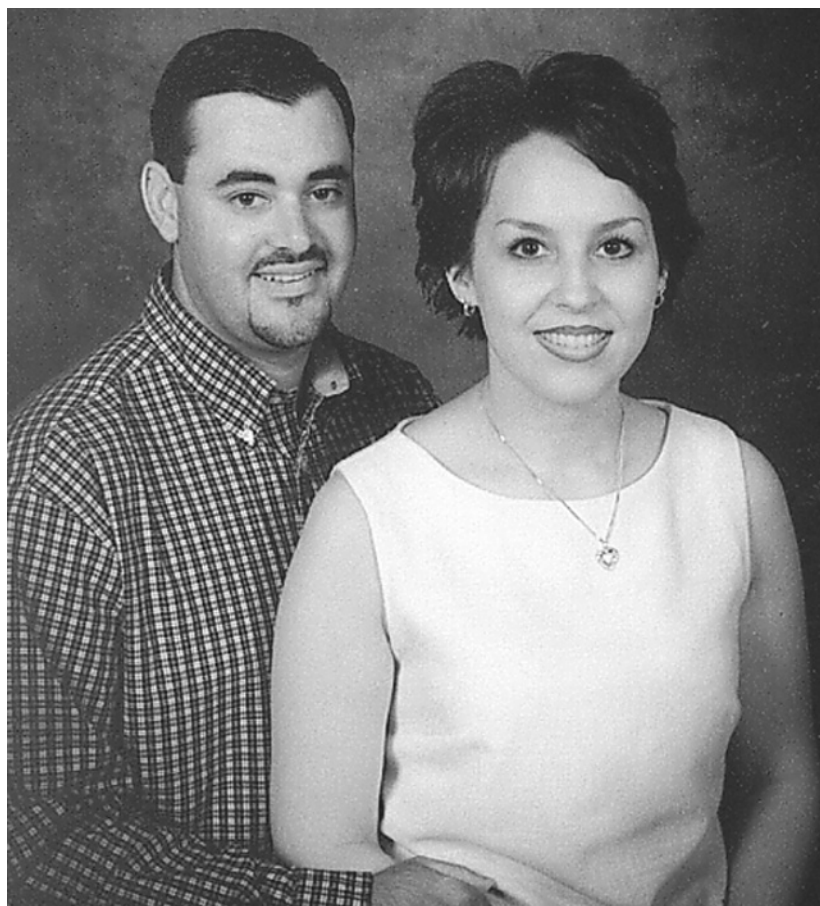
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MR. AND MRS. Gene Constance of Johnson Bayou announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Benji Jean Constance, to Brady Joseph Duhon, son of Joey and Debra Duhon of Creole. The wedding is set for Saturday, June 29 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Holly Beach at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the Cameron KC Hall. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## Cameron Parish Junior League plans canoe trip

The 4-H Junior Leader Project is an opportunity for older members to develop and utilize their leadership skills for the benefit of the 4-H Program. Members must be in grades 7-12 and age 13 or older by January 2003.

Junior Leaders assist the 4-H Program in many ways. First and foremost, Junior Leaders help out with their local 4-H Clubs and their communities. They assist their Adult Club Leader with preparing and conducting club meetings, working with younger members as mentors, doing project demonstrations and more.

Junior Leader members also help out with various parish wide 4-H activities such as giving record book workshops, Parish Officers Training and a variety of parish community service activities.

4-H members have the option of joining the Junior Leader Project Club. In addition to the other activities, club members participate in a various Community Service Projects and work the Fur Festival teen and elementary school dances.

The proceeds from the dances are used to help pay for the Junior Leader Completion Trip at the end of the year. Completion trips have included Galveston and San Antonio, Texas and several other shorter trips. This year's completion trip will be to Gulf Shores, Alabama in August.

The Cameron Parish Junior Leaders are also planning to have a new recruitment-canoeing trip in July along with Grant Parish Junior Leaders.

Anyone meeting the requirements and interested in joining Junior Leaders should call the



LELAND AND GENELLE Crochet will be married 50 years on July 5. They will celebrate their anniversary July 6th at the M. J. Bernard Life Center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole at 6 p.m. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend. The smaller picture was taken on their wedding day.

## HACKBERRY NEWS

By GRACE WELCH

### DEVALL BABY

Mike (Jr.) and Leslie Devall of Hackberry announce the birth of a son Michael Roy III June 21 at Women's and Childrens Hospital in Lake Charles. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

Grandparents are Mike and Francis Devall of Hackberry and Johnny and Karen Broussard of Sulphur.

Their other child is Gracie Renee, 2 1/2.

### BASKETBALL

Basketball players from Hackberry attending a game in Kenner last weekend were Allison Sanner, Desire Labove and Carly Fountain.

### AGAPE RETREAT

An Agape Retreat for students will be held July 12-14 at St. Charles Center. For more information call Wanda Veasey at 478-91020.

## Barties will observe 50th anniversary

There will be a 50th anniversary celebration at the Ebenezer Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Saturday, June 29 at 6 p.m. in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bartie Sr. By this means friends and family are invited to attend.

## Cheerleaders tell dance here

The Cameron Elementary School cheerleaders will hold a dance from 7 to 11 p.m., Thursday, July 4 at the school gym for students K-8th grade.

Chance Doxey will be the DJ. Admission is \$3.

## Memorial books told

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

Chocolate Fantasies, Hilda Miller by Ronald and Ina Gaspard; Storey's Guide to Raising Rabbits, Bryan Morales by Laurie Bonsall and Jared Montagino; Duck Country, Butch Crain by Jeffery, Brenda, Nichales and Tredeale Boudreaux.

1) Transformed Cell, 2) Essential Exercises, 3) Woman to Woman, 4) The Cancer Dictionary, Debbie Sword by Bertha Duhon; Duck Country, Bryan Morales by Cecil Sanner; Tiger Woods: How I Play Golf, Bryan Morales by Kenny, Polly and Penni Dupont; Camping with Children, Bryan Morales by Elma Hebert.

1) Soccer, 2) Go-o-o-all, Rustin D. Fruge by Dorothy Collins and Mrs. Emma L. Theriot; Home Gardener's Problem Solver, Gordon Nunez by Hilda Crain; Greatest Fishing Locales of North America, Hubert "Barro" Boudreaux by Hilda Crain and Patches of Godlight, Robbie LeBlanc by Cameron Parish Library Director and staff.

## Birth told

GRANT JACKSON GREGORY Mr. and Mrs. Beau Gregory (nee Catherine Rosegrant) announced the birth of a son, Grant Jackson, on June 21, 2002 in Women and Children's Hospital in Lake Charles. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 ozs.

Grandparents are Dr. C. L. Gregory, Carthage Tex.; Analee Gregory, Lake Charles; and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rosegrant, Olathe, Kan.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gregory, Sulphur; Rodney Guilbeau, Constance Beach; Lula Richard, Orange, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosegrant, St. Louis, Mo.

## Thompson takes refresher course

Tommie Thompson of the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office completed the refresher course at the Calcasieu Parish Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy recently. The class is required of officers previously certified who had experienced a break in law enforcement service.

The Academy provides accredited training for law enforcement agencies in five parishes.

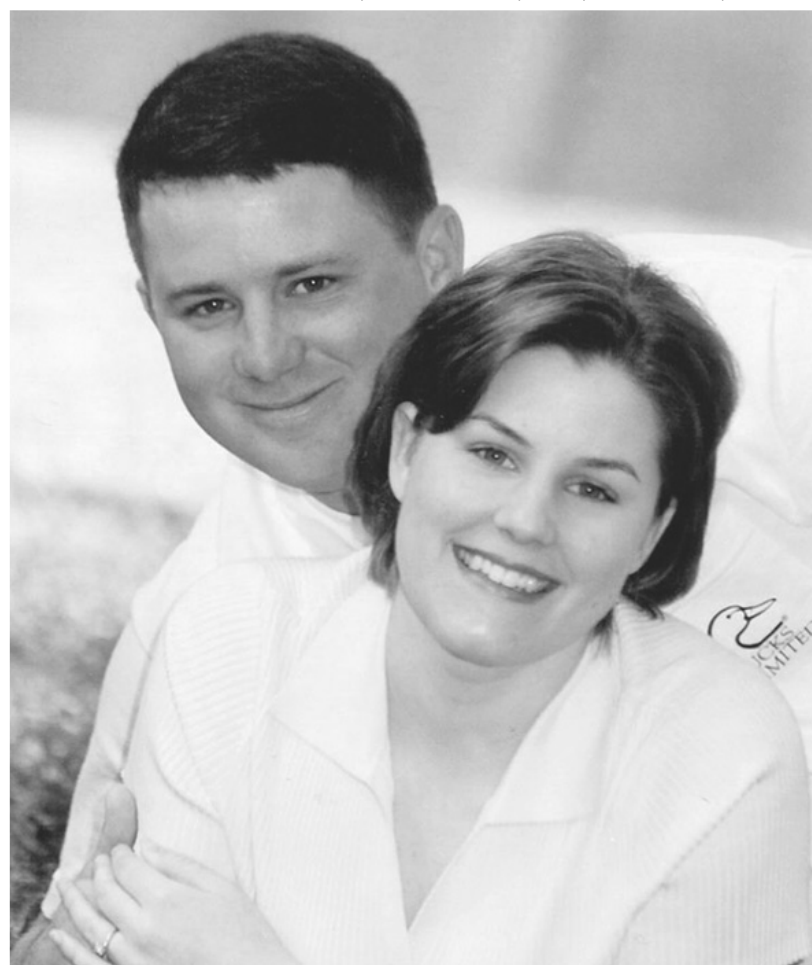
4-H office to let know that you are interested in attending the canoe trip.

Many activities take place at meetings. Some of these include volleyball games, cookouts, and tours of various Cameron and Calcasieu Parish government bodies, charity organizations, and businesses.

Junior Leaders are eligible to serve as counselors at 4-H Camp, participate in State Junior Leader Conference, attend 4-H Workshops, attend Louisiana Co-Op Camp, serve as counselors at Challenge Camp, and attend the 4-H Short Course in Baton Rouge.

Any one wishing to join Cameron Parish 4-H Junior Leadership Club or have questions about what Junior Leaders do should contact the 4-H office at 775-5516 or Ms. Dede at 775-8239.

Reported by Melissa Nunez



MR. AND MRS. Jason Billings of Cameron announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sara Lynn, to Ronald Dale Nunez, son of Evelyn Nunez of Creole and Mr. and Mrs. John Nunez of Iowa. The wedding is set for Saturday, July 6 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the Cameron KC Hall. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## Gerstner Air Field is featured on phone book

Like a mirror into the past, cover art commissioned for the 2002 User-Friendly Phone Book accurately captures a moment in aviation history. Stan Stokes, world renowned aviation artist, painted "Training Flight At Gerstner Field" to commemorate the WWI fighter pilot school in operation on the Gulf Coast, 1917 through 1920. Cameron Publishing is now distributing 130,000 User-Friendly Phone Books to residents and businesses in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes.

Stokes composition for the cover features a Handley-Page 0/400 Bomber in flight over Gerstner Field. The Handley-Page was designed in England and built in the United States. It was America's first truly "heavy" bomber.

"Training Flight At Gerstner Field" also depicts a Curtiss JN-

4 Jenny Trainer preparing for take off. The Curtiss Jenny was the principal U. S. Army trainer for the WWI years. It is best remembered as the little airplane used for barnstorming and air circuses of the 1920's.

Gerstner Field graduated 499 pilots during WWI and ranked 7th among the nation's first 30 Army Aviation Service Training fields. At its peak, it housed over 2,000 military cadets, service personnel and civilian workers. Today an historic marker and concrete building foundations are all that remain of Gerstner Field.

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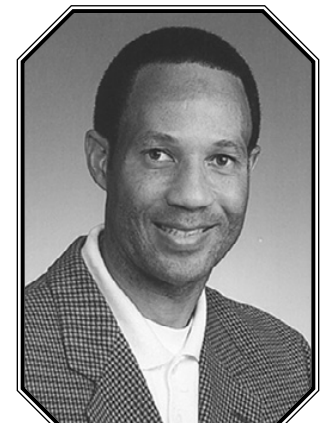
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## Caladiums are made for shade

By Dan Gill  
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

Caladiums are an indispensable part of shady summer gardens. They're easy enough to grow that the casual gardener can expect routine success, but their elegant beauty also makes them a staple in the most accomplished gardener's landscape.

Native to tropical South America, caladiums thrive in the heat and humidity of Louisiana's long summers.

Caladiums are grown for their attractive foliage, which is produced from knobby brown tubers. Gardeners often call them "heart-shaped leaves" because the heart-shaped leaves emerge from the ground on arching stems that are generally 1-2 feet tall.

The foliage may be splashed with combinations of white, pink, rose, red, burgundy, chartreuse or green — often with several colors combined in wonderful patterns. These bright leaves embellish our shady gardens with their bold texture from May until October, when the tubers go dormant. Better yet, they are remarkably free from major insect or disease problems.

Caladiums grow best in shade to partial shade (two hours to four hours of direct sun, preferably morning). In these conditions, they produce lush growth with large, colorful leaves. Some cultivars are tolerant of sunnier conditions and are successful in beds receiving partial sun to full sun (six hours or more of direct sun), but you still must avoid hot, dry, sunny locations.

Caladiums you purchase at nurseries usually have been grown in shady greenhouses, and the foliage will often scorch or burn if you plant them into beds that receive too much direct sun. This results in brown areas and holes literally burned into the leaves. If the cultivar is sun tolerant, new foliage will emerge adapted to the sunnier conditions, but I still think caladiums planted in full sun always seem to look stressed.

You can buy caladium tubers now and plant them directly into well-prepared beds. Some nurseries have caladium tubers on special sales now, and since our growing season is so long, it is not too late to plant them.

Caladium plants also are available in 4-inch to 6-inch pots. They will provide immediate color in the landscape when planted 8-12 inches apart, and they will grow larger and more beautiful through the summer.

Careful bed preparation will ensure healthy, robust plants. Turn the soil in the area to be planted and then incorporate a 4-inch layer of organic matter such as compost, rotted manure or peat moss. Next, lightly sprinkle the area with an all-purpose fertilizer according to the package directions and rake it into the upper few inches of the soil. As an alternative, a little slow-release fertilizer can be placed around each tuber as it is planted into the bed.

Caladium plants should be planted with the top of the root ball level with the soil of the bed. Once they are planted, mulch the bed with 2 inches of your favorite mulch and then water them in.

Plant unsprouted tubers about 1 inch to 1½ inches below the soil surface. You should see growing points or even pinkish-white sprouts on the knobby side of the tuber. That side is planted up. The smoother, rounded side is the bottom of the tuber. When you plant unsprouted tubers, wait until shoots from tubers have grown several inches tall before mulching them.

Always keep beds of caladiums well watered during the summer, especially those receiving lots of sun.

The colorful, tropical foliage of caladiums combines beautifully with impatiens, begonias, torenias, liriopsis, ferns, achimenes, ginger and other shade-loving plants.

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