



MEMBERS OF the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Emergency Preparedness Chief Pete Picou, and Sheriff Sono Savoie are pictured above with the new Cameron Parish Mobil Communication van. The unit was formerly the parish bookmobile and was donated by the Cameron Parish Library Board. The unit now contains computers, radios, a generator, and cell phones and will be put into use in disaster situations around the parish.



PETE PICOU, Cameron Parish Civil Defense Director for many years, is shown in action during a past hurricane watch. Picou says he is planning to retire from the position at the end of the current hurricane season.

## Hurricane preparedness chief plans retirement

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

Hayes "Pete" Picou, Civil Defense and Hurricane Defense director for Cameron Parish for many years, told the Cameron Parish Police Jury Monday that he is considering retiring next year.

At his request, the Jury agreed to hire Freddie Richard as assistant director this year and to name him director when Picou retires.

The Civil Defense and Hurricane Defense program has played an active part in Cameron Parish since 1957 when nearly 500 people died here in Hurricane Audrey.

In other business jurors agreed to hire local law firm of Mudd and Bruchaus to handle any reapportionment challenges the jury might have.

Liquor permits were approved for Estelle Mudd doing business as SnowMobiles at Grand Lake and Debra Monceaux, owner of Klondike Country Mart at Klondike.

Tunie Dunaway was reappointed to the IMCAL board.

Joe McCall and Brenda Rodrigue were reappointed to the Fire District 9 board and Johnson Bayou Recreation

board respectively.

Gwen Constance was named to replace Charlie Seay on Ambulance District 2 board and the resignation of Blaine Johnson from the Fire District 9 board was accepted.

Howard Romero was named to the Interagency Coordination Team.

The jury also approved the application of Dominion Resources for a natural gas storage facility at Hackberry and also for a 10-year property tax exemption as an economic incentive to locate here.

The company plans to make an investment of about \$1.99 in the facility and the parish is expected to collect about \$500,000 a year in taxes from companies which store gas in the facility.

The Cameron Parish Pilot was named as the jury's official journal. The Pilot has served in this function for the past 44 years.

Jurors were advised that their 2001 audit showed the body was in compliance with all state statutes.

Jurors lifted the hiring freeze long enough to hire another permanent secretary.

## S. Board to seek a new school supt.

The Cameron Parish School Board will hear a report at its monthly meeting Monday at 4 p.m. from a committee named to set up a selection process for a new parish school superintendent.

Judy Jones, superintendent since 1998, announced recently that she plans to retire on Dec. 31, 2002. However, she said she would stay on the job longer if the board needed more time to name her successor.

The committee is expected to announce a time period for the receipt of applications for the position and approve advertising for applicants.

The board also will consider a proposal to establish a baseball program at South Cameron High School (at no cost to the board.)

A request to add capri pants to the school approved dress code will be considered.

The board also will receive a report on the proposed new reapportionment plan which was adopted at the June 18 meeting.

The board also will consider adoption of changes in the student code of conduct and lice control policy and consider adoption of the new Parental Involvement in Education Policy.

## Nominations are sought

The Cameron Council on Aging will accept until July 31 nominations for the Older Worker Award.

Nominations should include the nominee's name, age, job title, employer's name, length of time in present position and number of years in the work force.

Nomination forms may be secured by calling the Council on Aging at 775-5668.



THE PROJECT to widen Hwy. 27 between Hackett's Corner and the Gibbstown Bridge has been completed and was dedicated last week. The expanded highway will provide for an additional lane of traffic to be used in the event of a hurricane evacuation from lower Cameron Parish.

## GIBBSTOWN TO HACKETT'S CORNER Hwy. improvements are dedicated

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

A ceremony marking the completion of improvements to Hwy. 27 to aid in hurricane evacuation from lower Cameron Parish was held Friday morning at the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge.

The project, which cost \$8.2 million, was begun two years ago and consisted of widening nearly five miles of the highway between the Gibbstown bridge and Hacketts Corner. The route was overlaid and will provide an

additional lane for emergency evacuations.

The ceremony also was held to recognize the designation of La. 27 and the Creole Nature Trail as an All American Road.

The 180-mile trail begins near Sulphur and loops through Cameron Parish with side routes to the Texas line from Holly Beach and another at Oak Grove, heading East to Rockefeller Refuge.

The road loops back up to Lake Charles, with signs along

the way telling people what can be seen in the communities along the way.

Bill Temple, DOTD Highway Engineer said that the highway improvements are a very important part of the hurricane evacuation route out of Cameron Parish.

Other speakers were Elsie Guillory, District 34 Representative, Gerald Theunissen, Senator District 25 and Charles Precht III Cameron Parish Police Jury President.

## Parish golf tournament announced

The 12th Annual Cameron Parish Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Grand Lake Scholarship Committee, will be held at Gray Plantation Golf Course Aug. 10 with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

There will be a 2 man best ball format (each player plays own ball), \$70 per person. Entry fee includes tournament fees, green fees, cart rental, and meals.

This tournament is open to everyone and the teams are flighted by handicap.

Deadline for entry is Aug. 1. Flighted team prizes are \$200 low gross, \$100 second gross, \$200 low net and \$100 second net. prizes will be per flight and based upon number of entries. All prizes are gift certificates from the pro shop.

An additional \$100 prize to low gross individual of tournament as well as low gross individual from Cameron Parish if different. Trophy awarded to low gross individual from Cameron Parish.

For information call Ricky Guidry at 540-2825.

## 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.

## Early "money detectors" used by treasure hunters

By W. T. Block

For a century and a half, buried treasure hunters have plodded the marshes and meadows of Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, searching for money reputedly buried by Lafitte's pirates. And in the course of plying that avocation, money hunters developed a variety of tools or instruments, supposed to point out where the money was buried.

Buried treasure hunters were most common during the 1920s when I was a small boy. I often came in contact with them because my Dad, who was a farmer and stockman, owned inboard motor boats, skiffs, and cattle barges at our boat landing on Block's Bayou, only a short distance from Neches River, at Port Neches.

And at least once weekly, some money hunter rented one of our boats while he searched for buried treasure. The shores of Sabine Lake and the Neches and Sabine Rivers were favorite sites. And as early as 1850, a surviving letter told of the pot holes on Calcasieu River at Barb Shellbank, Cidony's Shipyard, Money Island, or Contraband Bayou, left by the money hunters' shovels.

Although Dad was always glad to accept rental money for his boats, he did not hold money hunters in high esteem. Dad claimed that there was plenty of money to be found underground, but that one needed a turning plow instead of a shovel to bring it to the surface.

I remember one money-hunting gadget called a "divining rod," but being quite small, I don't remember enough to describe it. I do remember, though, one machine that greatly intrigued my father. It was the earliest radio device, which today is called a metal detector, but in 1930 those earliest metal detectors were cumbersome

things that weighed about 40 pounds. The first such machine that I ever saw was about 1932, and had been made by a ham radio operator, whose part-time avocation was hunting buried treasure.

In 1930 there were no transistors, which today operate on perhaps a single flashlight battery. There were then only vacuum tubes, which had a filament that lit up, and also needed 100 volts or more of electricity to function.

The heart of the earliest electronic money-hunting machines consisted of a couple of vacuum tubes, other radio parts, a tuning condenser, and a coil of wire, which created a "tuned circuit." When the circuit was tuned to resonance, it left no sound in the headphones. The coil of wire which passed over the ground was at the bottom of a hand-held rod, and when it passed over underground metal, it "detuned the circuit," creating a musical tone in the headphones. The electronic device, along with the heavy battery pack in those earliest machines, might weigh as much as 40 pounds.

By 1942, instruments of the same description were used in front of advancing soldiers and marines to detect enemy mine

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## South Cameron football players to report July 16

South Cameron High School students going out for football this year are asked to report to the high school gym at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 16, accompanied by a parent. Coaches are asked to report at 1 p.m.

Plans for the 2002 season will be discussed.



MEMBERS OF Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron are shown praying in front of the church and of the monument erected in memory of the persons who lost their lives in Hurricane Audrey on June 27, 1957. (Photo by Geneva Griffith.)



THIS LARGE gazebo pavilion was completed this week in front of the Holly Beach Christian Resort and will be the center of Christian presentations during the Fourth of July observance, Thursday-Saturday. The resort is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Robichaux.

# DEATHS

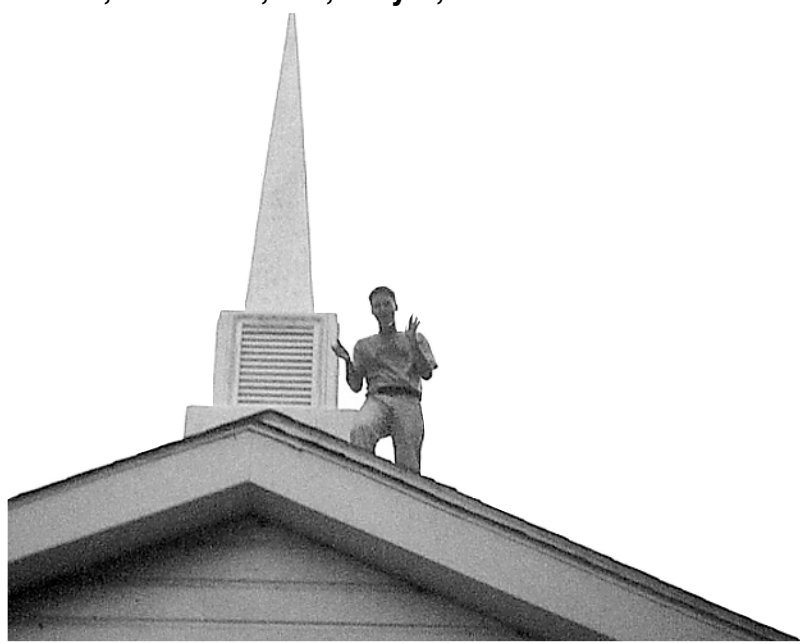
## MRS. MATHILDA B. STANLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mathilda "Pinkylee" Stanley, 90, of Starks, were held Thursday, June 27, in Lunita Pentecostal Church. Rev. Walter Morgan officiated. Burial was in Hyatt Cemetery under direction of Snider Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stanley died Tuesday, June 25, 2002 in the Beauregard Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cameron Parish, Mrs. Stanley was a resident of Starks for the last 60 years. She was a homemaker and member of Lunita Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are: one son, Ervin Stanley of Starks; one daughter, Peggy McCullough, Merryville; two sisters, Ophilly Marshall, Johnson Bayou and Sophia Burch, Sulphur; 31 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.



**REV. JOHN REYNOLDS, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, sings a song on top of the church after promising to do so if the Vacation Bible School had more than 100 attendees. The total was 127.**  
(Photo by Geneva Griffith.)

## Pastor sings from church roof as attendance goal surpassed

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

If you happened to observe a man on the roof of the Oak Grove Baptist Church Thursday night and wondered what he was doing there, it was Pastor John Reynolds paying off a bet.

The church was holding its annual Vacation Bible School, and the pastor had bet the participants that they could not get 100 to attend. In fact, he said that if they could reach that goal he would sing a song on top of the church.

So, when 126 persons attended the Thursday night school he was forced to pay off his loss.

He ascended the roof at 8:15 p.m. and proceeded to sing. The children watched from below and joined in.

The theme of the Bible school this year was the jungle. Colorful exotic birds, animals and others were climbing trees in the sanctuary, and lily pads and fish were swimming on the

Sunday school rooms.

Mrs. Pam was in charge of the school aided by 19 helpers.

The commencement exercise was held Friday night and participants were presented certificates.

## Mosquitoes are coming!

By DONALD MENARD  
Director, Cameron Mosquito Control

Heavy rains which occurred all of last week have flooded mosquito breeding grounds throughout Cameron Parish. Our surveys are finding tremendous amounts of mosquito larvae everywhere, which are now emerging as flying, biting adults.

Large broods of both day and night time mosquitoes will be present in most areas from July 4, throughout the next week, as mosquitoes continue to migrate in from the marshes and pastures. Since some species migrate 30-40 miles or more, repeated spraying will be necessary before populations will be brought under control.

Mosquito Control will be checking the entire parish and spraying throughout the holiday weekend to try to hold down numbers to as low as possible, but with broods constantly moving back into areas, several sprayings will be necessary.

The public can help by emptying all water holding containers around yards, such as old buckets and tires, flower pot reservoirs, pet dishes, bird baths and any other container which holds water. Mosquitoes which breed in these containers are weak flyers and it takes only a few containers breeding in a yard to produce many thousands of mosquitoes which will infest an entire neighborhood.

To help reduce mosquitoes which harbor in barns, dog houses, garages and other sheltered areas where our spray can't reach, people can spray with permethrin, which is both an insecticide and a repellent.

It is available at most feed stores and will kill and help keep mosquitoes away for two weeks or more. It is very safe, available to the general public and is labeled for spraying directly on livestock and pets. Always follow the label directions.

If you have to be outdoors when mosquitoes are present, wear light colored clothing, avoid fragrant smelling colognes and perfumes and wear repellents. Since mosquitoes are highly attracted to lights and will travel great distances at night to reach them, you can lessen their numbers in your yard by turning off all outside lights that are not absolutely necessary or switching to motion detector lights.

Summer is also the prime time for encephalitis to occur, so if you haven't done so yet, contact your veterinarian soon to have your horses vaccinated for Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus. The vaccine takes several weeks to become effective. Unfortunately, no vaccine is available for humans.



Happy 4th of July

## Do You Remember?

By Keith Hambrick

### Lake Charles American Press, July 3, 1925

#### AGRICULTURAL CROPS

Ulysses Benoit destroyed the caterpillars in his cotton crop by a daily morning worm hunt and slaughter. Mrs. Benoit and the family of eight young experts helped. It took two weeks, but it saved the crop.

Teto Lacombe did the same, with similarly good results, and he has a fine crop. The corn crop of this family is an unusually fine one. About 45 acres are in cotton and corn. The cotton is full of blooms and little squares and the corn is remarkably free from worms and has large, full ears.

A small patch of sorghum cane was also planted and Mr. Moore has a pan made. There will soon be syrup boiling at Lakeside. If it all turns out as well as the present outlook warrants, a large acreage will be planted here next season.

### Cameron Pilot, July 3, 1969

#### OIL COMPANIES' ASSESSMENTS

The Cameron Parish Police Jury Tuesday voted to investigate the possibility of having an independent agency make an inventory of oil and chemical companies' properties at Hackberry to see if these have been properly assessed.

The motion to seek an investigation was offered by Hackberry Juror C. A. Riggs, who blasted the companies with large holdings in Hackberry who have become party to a suit trying to stop the sale of water district bonds in Hackberry.

The three companies were also involved in an unsuccessful suit a few years ago trying to declare the Hackberry Recreation District and bond issue illegal.

#### THE MERMETAU MATTER

The Cameron Parish Police Jury again took up the matter of furnishing acts of assurance to

the U. S. Corps of Engineers on the upper Mermentau River project and again declined to take action on the matter.

The project would consist of improvements to the river north from the Intracoastal Canal to Jennings and would include a new bridge at Lake Arthur.

The jury has declined to sign the acts on the grounds that the project will be of little benefit to Cameron and could be of great expense to the parish.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Kevin and Michael Mudd celebrated their birthdays recently. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ray Mudd of Creole.

Attending the party were Rebecca and Dana Conner; David, Renee, and Mary Boudreaux; Arlo, Shad, and Aaron Savoie; Deloras Guillory; Craig and David Dupont; Kent Mudd; Mrs. Tom Mudd; Mrs. Terry Conner; Mrs. John Fred Boudreaux; Mrs. Wade Dupont; and Mrs. Willard Savoie.

#### CREOLE HD CLUB

The June meeting of the Creole Home Demonstration Club was held at the home of Mrs. John M. Theriot. Mrs. Robert Ortego and Mrs. Raymie Broussard were co-hostesses. There were 13 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Election of officers was held and the following members were elected to serve for two years: Mrs. Robert Ortego, president; Mrs. Clifford Conner, vice president; Mrs. Bill Morris, treasurer; Mrs. John M. Theriot, secretary; Mrs. P. H. Montie, parliamentarian; Mrs. Harold Carter, reporter; and Mrs. Robert Mudd, publicity book.

#### H'BERRY CHEERLEADERS

Seven Hackberry High School students are participating this week in the final session of the Northwestern State

## Cameron Elem. 4-H Club News

By JODY TROSCLAIR

The April meeting was called to order by president Haley Willis.

David Vincent led the pledge of allegiance and Kerri Cooke led the 4-H pledge.

The club donated an Easter basket to a student at Cameron Elementary and the winner was Darian Picou.

The club also had a fundraiser selling pickles for recess.

Erica Pickett talked about achievement day, Rachel Fountain discussed the first annual 4-H awards night.

Jody Troscclair told members about 4-H camp.

Our educational program was given by Thomas Lee Troscclair, Brian Doxey, and James Cormier on proper flag etiquette.

At the May meeting the pledge was led by Jody Troscclair and Mikalee Mooney led the 4-H pledge.

Ross Rowland, club CRD discussed bringing food for Teacher Appreciation Day May 17.

Jody Troscclair gave a report on first annual awards night.

Dex Murphy talked about 4-H camp.

Shelby Willis talked about the winners trip to Astroworld-Waterworld, June 26. Rachel Fountain and Kami Savoie gave a talk on Summer Fun and Swimming Safety.

A game was played on Swimming Safety and Rachel Fountain won the prize.

Mr. Mike discussed the clover and distributed achievement day ribbons.



College cheerleader school.

They are: Lynne Cornay, Theresa DeVall, Dianne Ducote, Melinda Hantz, Susan Poole, Gail Riggs, and Glenda Schexnider.

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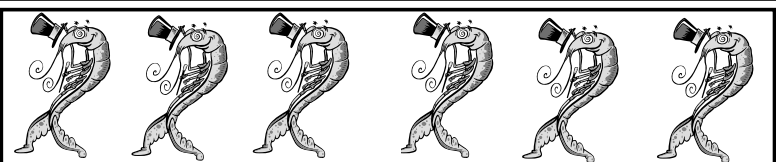


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# Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

## RETIREMENT PARTY

A retirement party was held Sunday, June 30 at the Hackberry Community Center in honor of Uretta Frazier who retired as Secretary at St. Peters Rectory.

About 60 guest attended and she was given several gifts. Also receiving gifts were Earline Hantz and Donna Frey. Both used to be secretaries at St. Peters.

## FIRE SCHOOL TRAINING

A Fire School Training held at Texas A & M College Station Texas this past week. Attending from Hackberry were Curtis Fountain, Mark Granger, Scott Benoit, Mike LaFleur. Attending from Sulphur were Paul Lopez, Westlake, Ruth Lucius and Paul

Louviere from Starks.

## HACKBERRY BASEBALL

The 11-12 year old Mustang Team members are Nathan Berwick, Ian Blue, Travis Cain, Tyler Dybasco, Drew East, John Edgefield, Allen Kibodeaux, Aaron LaBove, Christopher (Chris) Miller, Steven Miller, Austin Moore, Whitney Reed, Tommy Spell, Hunter Stansel and Dillon Thibodeaux. They are coached by Guy Stansel.

The 9-10 year old Stingray team members are Joseph Abshire, Jade Berwick, Trace Buford, Garrett Guillory, Dustin Kelly, Zackary Kibodeaux, Logan LaBauve, Devon LaBove, Derick Pearson, Colin Reed, and John Eric White. They are coached by Ricky Pearson.

# Cameron Parish Library News

## MEMORIAL BOOKLIST

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

The Book Of World-Famous Music, Joseph Hubert "Baro" Broudreux by Charlotte Troclair and family; Great Garden Companions, Jules Dronet by Charlotte Troclair and family;

The Field & Stream Fishing Handbook, Gordon Nunez by Charlotte Troclair and family;

1) Managing For Excellence  
2) Everyone's Money Book, James L. Derouen by Claude Eagleson, Yvonne Mhire and

Margaret Saltzman; Fish & Seafood Cookbook, Gordon Nunez by Arlene and Rickey Miller;

Heirloom Vegetable Gardening, Edmund Roach by Charlotte Troclair family; Fly Fishing Equipment & Skills, Edmund Roach by Gail Mudd;

The New North American Trout Fishing, Gordon Nunez by Bridgett Roux Ogelsby; The Encyclopedia Of The Harley-Davidson, Amos and Louverta Vincent by Lyndi and Myli; 1) Classic American Decorating 2) The Complete Book Of Redecorating & Remodeling, Patricia Hebert Payne by Hilda Crain.



Mrs. Brady Duhon

## Constance-Duhon wedding is held at Holly Beach June 29

Brady Joseph Duhon and Benji Jean Constance were married Saturday, June 29 at 2 p.m. in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Holly Beach. The Rev. Roland G. Vaughn officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Gene (Georgia) Constance of Johnson Bayou. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Joey (Debra) Duhon of Creole.

Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. Hazel Hebert of

## Miss Booth is Miss Congeniality

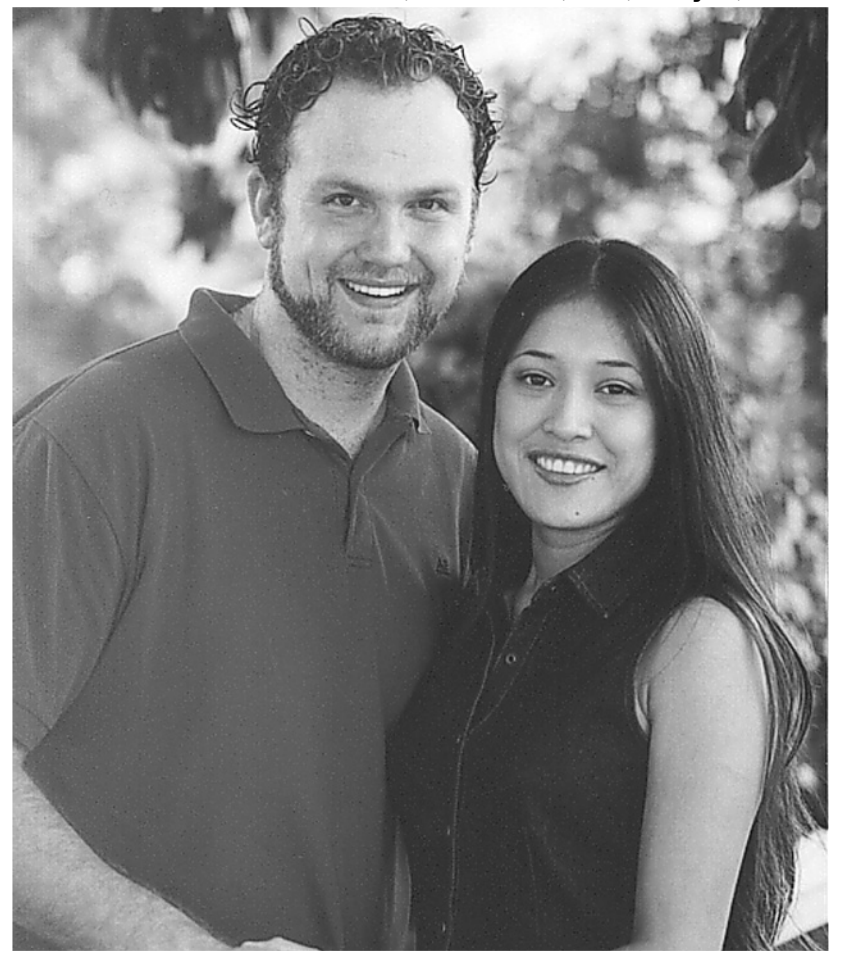
Stacie Lynn Booth, daughter of Bernice and Arthur Booth of Grand Chenier, was named "Miss Congeniality" in the Miss Farm Bureau Pageant held June 29 in New Orleans during the annual Farm Bureau convention.

Bailey Dirmann of St. Tammany was named queen.

## NEW NOVELS

Deadly Affairs, Brenda Joyce; Paradise Bay, James Michael Pratt; The Cranefly Orchid Murders, Cynthia Riggs; Wish You Were Here, Stewart O'Nan; Mortal Allies, Brian Haig; Summer In Eclipse Bay, Jayne Ann Krentz;

Hazard, Jo Beverley; In This Mountain, Jan Karon; Deadly Desire, Brenda Joyce; Courting Trouble, Lisa Scottoline.



RICARDO I. LEIJA and Herminia Leija of Cameron announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Martha Alicia Leija, to William "Billy" Joseph McMillan, son of Charles McMillan and Gena Evans of Lake Charles. The wedding is set for Saturday, August 3 at Abundant Life Fellowship in Lake Charles at 7 p.m. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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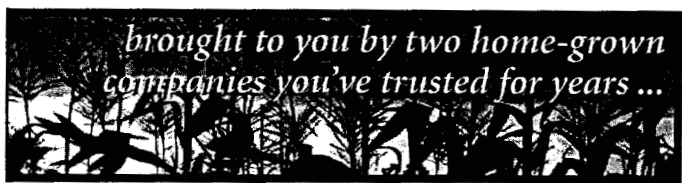
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## Creative arts to be taught at Cameron Parish Library

Deirdre Robertson will be the first in a series of talented artist to teach creative arts and humanities at the Cameron Parish library this week. She is a teacher of 25 years in St. Martin Parish of special needs students in all subject areas and instructor of private art lessons.

She is the co-author and co-illustrator of a book entitled, "Evangeline and Gabriel" Some of her students were winners in the International Art contest that was a traveling art exhibit worldwide.

Deirdre will teach children how to draw faces at the Cameron Library Monday, July 8 at 10 a.m. and at the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center at 2 p.m. For more information on these and other Summer Reading Special Programs, please call the library at 775-5421.

Tuesday, July 9 Deirdre will also teach a beginning watercolor painting class at the library at 10 a.m. and at the Grand Lake Fireman's Center at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10 Steve Holt's Magic Show will be at the Cameron Parish Library at 10 a.m. and the Hackberry Recreation Center at 2 p.m.

Steve is a magician from South Carolina. He has performed all over the United States. You can check out more of Steve's Magic at his web site at [stevholtmagicshow.com](http://stevholtmagicshow.com).

Thursday, July 11 Deborah Weeks will teach dancing for the boys and girls at the Cameron Parish Library at 10 a.m. and the Hackberry Recreation Center at 2 p.m.

Deborah is from Lake Charles and has previously taught line dancing for adults at the library. She is the owner of "The Perfect 10 Salon" in Lake Charles and has been dancing for most of her life. She has won numerous awards including the UCWDC World Championships.

Finishing of the Arts Week at the Library will be the Young Adult Librarian from Calcasieu Parish, Susan Gerhart. Susan will be teaching Pop Up Paper Crafts at the Library at 10 a.m. and again at the Grand Lake



Deirdre Robertson

Fireman's Center at 2 p.m. Susan is one of the leading Young Adult Librarians in the state of Louisiana. She has innovated many new programs at the Calcasieu Parish Library that teens love.

Please phone in your registration at 775-5421 so that enough supplies can be purchased for the different arts and crafts locations.

All Summer Reading Programs are free to the public. Class sizes are limited and registration is requested so that enough supplies can be purchased. Phone registration will be taken by calling 775-5421.

The Cameron Parish Library's Summer Reading Program is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the Arts & Humanities Council of SWLA.

## Hackberry now Entergy Team City

Hackberry has become a Team City Member through Entergy Corporation which will provide the town access to education and funding for economic development and improvement.

For further information, log on to [ENTERGY.com](http://ENTERGY.com), click on Economic development and then click Team City. Hackberry also now has its own web site at [HackberryTeamCity.com](http://HackberryTeamCity.com). To share a recipe, news, old pictures of the town of Hackberry, etc. please contact Marsha Oakes at 762-4459.



TY KEEGAN VINCENT, son of Shane and Cyndi Vincent of Hackberry, is home on leave. He recently completed basic, airborne, and infantry training, and jump school at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is in the 82nd Airborne Division and will leave for Fort Bragg, N. Car., July 20. He is a graduate of Hackberry High School.

## Jr. leadership program told

In 2002 the 4-H program celebrates its 100th anniversary as America's premier youth development organization. Reflecting its historic vision, 4-H is commemorating this event through conversations that brought together our nation's youth, youth leaders, and communities to create youth development strategies for the future.

Cameron Parish held its conversations meetings last year and sent the findings on to the Louisiana Conversations Meetings and then on to Washington, D.C. The goal of these meetings is to find the needs of our community, state, and nation, and then do something to address those needs. Youth volunteers can make a difference in the world.

Kodak has donated a camera and film to each parish and county in the nation so that 4-H programs can document in pictures what their members are doing to help their communities, state, and nation. These pictures will then be made into a picture quilt to be displayed around the nation.

Cameron Parish Junior Leaders Club was recently con-



LOUISIANA HIGHWAY officials and dignitaries, including Senator Jerry Theunissen and Rep. Elsie Guillory, are shown here cutting a ribbon marking the completion of improvements to Hwy. 27 between Hackett's Corner and the Gibbstown Bridge and also the designation of the Creole Nature Trail as an All American Road. (Photo by Geneva Griffith.)

## Pleasant Hall to close its doors at LSU after 45 years service

After years of service housing visitors ranging from parents of prospective students to international police officers from the Czech Republic, LSU's Pleasant Hall Hotel finally closed its doors on Friday, June 28.

The major programs housed inside Pleasant Hall, including the Continuing Education Center, the Domestic Preparedness programs, Short Course Division, Government Programming and the Office of Independent Study, will continue to reside there.

"Pleasant Hall shall continue to serve the University and Louisiana in yet another new chapter of its long life," said Daniel Walsh, dean of continuing education. "Originally constructed as the first women's

dorm on the LSU Campus, the facility has gracefully served many University needs. "For over 45 years the accommodations provided in Pleasant Hall witnessed many groups and individuals as guests. From ambassadors and congressmen to 4-H, the hotel provided moderate overnight accommodations and related

guest services." In the past, visitors to the LSU campus would stay in Pleasant Hall Hotel in order to be close to the campus, and because it provided an alternative to staying in a more distant local hotel. Now visitors will stay in the Lod Cook Center Hotel, located next door to the Lod Cook Alumni Center.

Once guests made their homes in Pleasant Hall during the football season, often booking years in advance.

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