



MYRNA CONNER of Creole was named President of the Board of Councilors for Christus St. Patrick's Hospital at their recent meeting held at the Pioneer Club. She is an insurance associate for AFLAC.

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Harold Savoie

Savoie is candidate in Dist. 3

Harold Savoie of Sweet Lake, has announced as a candidate for Police Jury District 3 in Cameron Parish. He is a 40-year resident of Cameron Parish, with 31 of those years spent in the Sweet Lake area. He and his wife, Margie, have been married for 51 years and have five daughters, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Mr. Savoie is retired from Hymont and has served on the water board for the past 20 years, Action Alliance for the past five years, and is a member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

He was a charter member of the Cameron Parish Economic Development Board and has over 50 years in scouting. He was the first Fire Chief in the Grand Lake-Sweet Lake area.

Refuge tells closure for gator hunt

Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge at Grand Chenier has announced a partial closure of the refuge to fisherman and other recreational users beginning Wednesday, Sept. 3.

The refuge will be closed until 10 a.m. daily for a short period in connection with the 2003 alligator harvest.

After 10 a.m. fishermen may enter the refuge but are cautioned not to interfere with the set lines that the trappers have left.

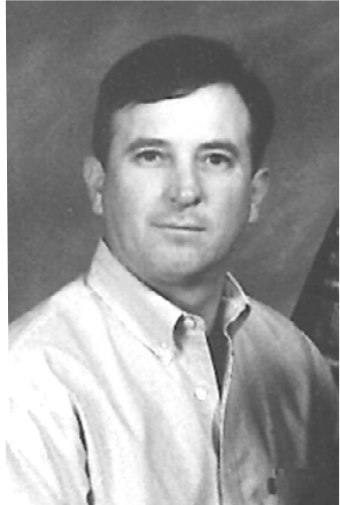
All other refuge regulations remain in effect.

Blood drive set Friday

LifeShare Blood Centers is hosting a Cameron Community Blood Drive at the Police Jury Annex on Friday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To be eligible a donor must be in good health, be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. A donor may give blood every eight weeks. Most medications will not prevent blood donation.

Donor may choose a total cholesterol screen or a colorful T-shirt or cap as a gesture of appreciation.



Douaine Conner

Conner tells candidacy for P. Jury

Douaine P. Conner of Creole has announced that he will be a candidate for the District 4 position on the Cameron Parish Police Jury in the Oct 4 election.

Mr. Conner had previously served three terms on the Police Jury up until 2000.

He is married to the former Shiela Broussard and they have three children, Jobe, Lancey and Santana and one grandchild.

Mr. Conner has worked for the past 24 years for Amoco Production (now Apache Operations.) He is a graduate of Cameron High School.

He has been active in youth sports and is past president of the Creole Softball League. He is a volunteer coach for the girls fast pitch team at South Cameron High School and has coached other youth teams.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council, Msgr. Fourth Degree Knights and Farm Bureau. He is also a cattleman.

Mr. Conner is co-owner of Superior Pigs, Inc.

New firm opens here

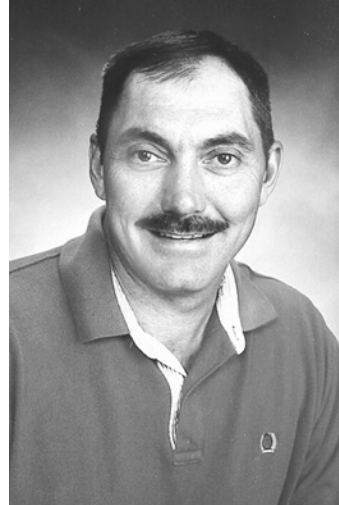
Cameron Steel, LLC recently opened operation at 139 Bobbie's Lane in Cameron.

Owners are Thunia and Buddy Hardie, Brian and Cherie Hardie and Mitzi Savoie. They have a combined experience of 48 years in the steel business.

The firm carries a wide variety of steel products--angle, flats, channel, beams, seamless and welded pipe, black iron, etc.

The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and has a 24-hour call service.

The telephone number is 337-775-5130.



James Doxey

James Doxey is seeking re-election

James Doxey, 43, is seeking his second term for the Cameron Parish Police Jury District Six Seat. He is a life-long resident of the community of Cameron, and is the son of Robert and Barbara Conner Doxey.

He is married to Debbie East Doxey. They have two children, Derek and Chance, and are members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

He has worked for the Parish of Cameron for 15 years; seven years in road maintenance and eight years with Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 1. He is presently self-employed.

District Six now includes the area from the Calcasieu Ship Channel, east to Jim Daigle's corner. The election is set for Oct. 4.

Mrs. Griffith has moved to Baton Rouge

Geneva Griffith, Cameron Pilot reporter for more than 40 years, has moved to a retirement community in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Griffith, who suffered an injury to her eye a year ago, has had to give up driving and decided to move to Baton Rouge to be near her daughter and her family.

A resident of Cameron Parish for more than 50 years, Mrs. Griffith formerly worked for the District Attorney's office and was active in many parish organizations and function. She was one of the original board members for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival.

Anyone wishing to write Mrs. Griffith may do so to: 5323 Blair Lane, #FF4, Baton Rouge, La. 70808-3677.

The motorcycle was patented on Aug. 29, 1885.

Tricycle race kicks off United Way drive

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Sheriff's Candidate Tricycle Race was the centerpiece of the Cameron Parish United Way Kickoff Friday evening. Chairman Scott Trahan said the evening's events were designed to attract more of the public so they could learn about United Way and the agencies it supports in Cameron Parish.

A free hotdog supper and music by the Little Chenier Playboys filled the time between races and speeches.

Three candidates entered the race: Theos Duhon, Wendell Wilkerson and Lance Mudd. Jerry Nunez was called away on a family emergency and Jerry Constance was unable to race due to a knee injury. Gene Constance and Ann Badon did not compete.

The heavy-duty tricycles proved tricky to ride as the smooth floor of the Cameron Multipurpose Building provided little traction.

Wilkerson took an early lead with Mudd having trouble at the starting line but closing. Duhon, in a surprise

move, wheeled slowly around the course throwing candy to the crowd. Final result: Wilkerson, 1st; Mudd, 2nd; Duhon, 3rd.

In a hard-fought relay race, the Williams team beat the United Way team and two pickup youth teams.

Representatives of United Way Agencies, who spoke were Dinah Landry, Cameron Council on Aging Director; Angela Jouett, Calcasieu Women's Shelter Outreach; and Denise Matin, Samaritan Counseling Center Director. United Way Director Tom Morris was also on hand to lend his support. Cameron State Bank sponsored the event and Williams Field Service provided door prizes.

Cameron Parish's United Way goal is \$30,000 of which 31% has already been raised. Williams employees held a golf tournament in June that, together with equal matching funds from the company, netted \$9,444.00. In the next few months businesses and employees will be encouraged to make their pledges to the 2004 United Way Campaign.



CAMERON PARISH sheriff candidates were shown taking part in a tricycle race last week to kick off the United Way drive here. Candidates who were unable to participate were Jerry Nunez, Jerry Constance, Gene Constance and Ann Badon.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Qualifying held for elections

Four Cameron public offices were settled Thursday when the incumbents had no opposition for the Oct. 4, election. However, there will be an election for sheriff and for six police jury seats.

Re-elected without opposition were Bobby Conner, assessor; Carl E. Broussard, clerk of court; Dr. Richard Sanders, coroner; and Steve Trahan, police juror, district 2 (Hackberry).

Seven persons qualified to run for sheriff to succeed Sheriff Sono Savoie, who is retiring. The candidates are:

Ann Badon of Holly Beach; Gene Constance, Cameron; Jerry W. Constance, Hackberry; Theos Duhon, Grand Lake; Lance Mudd, Sweet Lake; Jerry W. Nunez, Grand Lake; and Wendell Wilkerson, Creole.

Candidates for six police

jury seats being contested are: (I=incumbent)

Police Jury District 1 - Magnus "Sonny" McGee, Johnson Bayou; Charles A. "Dusty" Sandifer (I), Johnson Bayou.

Police Jury District 3 - Harold Savoie, Grand Lake and Charles Precht III (I), Sweet Lake.

Police Jury District 4 - Douaine Conner, Creole; Norma Jo Pinch (I), Grand Chenier; Jerry Theriot, Creole.

Police Jury District 5 - Phyllis S. Pinch, Creole; Scott Trahan (I), Creole.

Police Jury District 6 - James Doxey (I) and Keith F. Hebert, both of Cameron.

Police Jury District 7 - Michael Dupuis, Darryl Farque and John "Buck" Stephenson, all of the Grand Lake area.

Registration to end Wed.

Cameron Parish residents who have not registered to vote in the past have only to Wednesday, Sept. 3 to do so to be able to vote in the Oct. 4 election.

Most residents who have voted in the past are covered by permanent registration and do not need to re-register. However, residents just coming of voting age or new

parish residents need to register.

You must be 18 by Oct. 4, 2003 to register to vote in the October election.

Suzanne Sturlese, deputy registrar of voters, said registration hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday in the registrar's office on the bottom floor of the courthouse.

Public forum to be held featuring sheriff candidates

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce, at its monthly meeting Aug. 20, decided to sponsor a public forum for candidates for Cameron Parish Sheriff. The forum is set for Sept. 23, at 6 p.m., in the police jury annex.

The format, which is still being prepared, is expected to include a brief statement from each candidate followed by a prepared list of questions presented by a moderator, with a time limit on answers.

Public input is being sought on what questions should be asked. Anyone who has a question may submit it in writing to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, P.O. Box 1248, Cameron, La. 70631, by Sept. 17.

The Chamber plans to send letters to all area legis-

lators requesting that all of Cameron Parish be included in the New Orleans District of the Army Corps of Engineers. Presently the dividing line cuts off the extreme western end of the parish along the Sabine River, and places it in the Galveston District. The Chamber believes administering all of the parish together would give Louisiana businesses a better chance for developing the east bank of the Sabine.

Chamber President Carl Broussard said it will be difficult to change the district, but it is important to keep trying.

The Chamber's fall membership drive is underway. Individuals and businesses interested in joining the Chamber may call 775-5222 for a dues schedule and membership form.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I have a dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963 in Washington, D. C.



CAMERON PARISH received a check for \$188,596 from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the annual Refuge Revenue Sharing Payment for fiscal year 2002. Sheriff James R. "Sono" Savoie received the money that will be divided among the governmental units of the parish. Savoie accepted the check on behalf of the parish on Monday, August 4th, from Terence Delaine, Acting Refuge Manager of Sabine National Wildlife Refuge.

Beach Sweep to be held Sept. 20th

The 2003 Louisiana Beach Sweep will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, according to the La. Dept. of Environmental Quality which coordinates the events.

Beach cleanup will be conducted on Cameron beaches and in the Fourchon, Grand Isle and Lake Pontchartrain areas.

Nathan Griffith is the Cameron Parish coordinator and he may be contacted at 569-2484 for information on the Cameron Parish efforts.

Last year 2,247 Louisiana citizens joined forces to collect over 27,887 pounds of debris and covered over 38 miles of beaches and waterways.

Now in its 18th year, the Louisiana Beach Sweep is part of "The International Coastal Cleanup", the oldest and largest beach and waterway cleanup in the world with data collection. Information from previous sweeps indicates that about 65% of the trash collected can be recycled. The number one form of litter continues to be cigarette butts.

Who's Who is this week

The Cameron Pilot's annual Who's Who special section can be found in this issue of the Pilot.

The section carries numerous stories and photos of parish businesses and organizations.

Anyone who was missed this year and would like to be included in the 2004 Who's Who edition can contact Jeffra DeViney at 1-800-256-7323.



DINAH LANDRY, left, and **ANGELA JOUETT**, representing the Cameron Council on Aging/Community Action Agency and the Cameron Parish Outreach, were speakers at the kick-off of the Cameron United Way campaign. The agencies receive funds from United Way. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

FUNERALS

MRS. ORA MAE HARRIS LASALLE

Funeral services for Mrs. Ora Mae Harris Lasalle, 67, of Creole, were held Saturday, Aug. 23, in Bargeman Church of God in Christ. The Rev. Charles Porter officiated. Burial was in Bargeman Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lasalle died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, in her residence. She was a native of Morgan City, and had lived in Cameron since 1958. She was a member of Bargeman Church of God in Christ. Survivors include her husband, Gilbert Lasalle of Cameron; two stepsons, Leroy Lasalle and Jerald Lasalle, both of Lake Charles; one stepdaughter, Greta January, Cameron; one brother, Richard L. Brown, Port Arthur, Tex.; two sisters, Joyce F. Jenkins, Lafayette and Debra D. Banks, Port Arthur; seven grandchildren.



MRS. THERESA T. MYERS

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Theresa T. Myers, 68,

of Jennings, formerly of Cameron, from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Saturday, Aug. 23. The Rev. Jude Brunnert officiated. Burial was in St. Anthony Cemetery under the direction of Matthews and Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Myers died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, in Jennings American Legion Hospital.

She was born in Lowery and was raised in Lake Arthur. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She had belonged to the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Mary Olive 1463 of Creole, Our Lady Queen of Peace 1985 Jennings, Homemakers of Creole and Jeff Davis. She was a Campfire Girls' Leader in Creole.

Her honors include Catholic Daughter of the Year in 1974, with Court Mary Olive 1463 and 2001, with Our Lady Queen of Peace 1985, Catholic Daughter Regent 2001 and 2002 Our Lady Queen of Peace 1985.

She was employed as a telephone operator in Jennings and Baton Rouge and as a secretary with Cameron Rental and Cameron Oil Filter & Supply. She was also a substitute teacher with South Cameron High School.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford P. Myers of Jennings; two sons, Cecil Myers, Minden, Neb., and Larry Myers, Jennings; two daughters, Roxanne Hoke, Crowley and Dianne LaFleur, Grand Lake; two sisters, Brenda Thibodeaux Tucker, Pineville and Roxanne Thibodeaux Long, Houston; seven grandchildren.



ALLYSSA SELLERS was commissioned as a Semester Missionary at a service held at the First Baptist Church in Cameron Sunday. She is shown with others who took part in the service. From left are Rev. Lawrence Hidalgo, Miss Sellers, Todd Strain, and Rev. Wallace Primeaux, Jr.

Miss Sellers is called as a Semester Missionary

Alyssa Sellers, daughter of Paul and Cyndi Sellers of Cameron, was commissioned as a Semester Missionary at a service held Sun., Aug. 25, at First Baptist Church of Cameron. McNeese Baptist Collegiate Ministry Director Todd Strain, Rev. Lawrence Hidalgo, and Rev. Wallace Primeaux, Jr., participated in the service along with family and friends.

Miss Sellers will leave Sept. 1, for Portland, Ore., where she will work with the local Baptist Association in developing campus ministries at Portland State University and various community colleges in the area. Her initial team of service will end June 15.

The Semester Ministry program is part of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. College students or recent graduates may volunteer for one to four semesters of service in a variety of settings around the country.

Miss Sellers chose collegiate ministry in the Pacific Northwest and of several available locations was assigned to Portland.

Coincidentally or not, her assignment places her at the university from which her mother graduated in 1976 and in the city where her brother Michael was born. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers lived in the Portland area from 1974 to 1980.

Booklet has details on 15 Constitutional amendments

The Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Inc. (PAR) has released the "2003 Guide to the Proposed Constitutional Amendments," which objectively explains the potential impact of each of the 15 proposals facing the public at the Oct. 4 election.

"The 'Guide' is designed to help voters understand the propositions and determine for themselves whether to

vote for or against each amendment," said Jim Brandt, president of PAR.

Heading the list are three proposals dealing with potential funding sources for coastal restoration. Others deal with the state takeover of failing schools, project changes in the TIMED highway program, dedication of the lottery proceeds, the administrative law system, use of public funds for economic development (two), workers' compensation corporation board membership, undoing drafting problems (two), legislative auditor political activity and judges' retirement age.

"In order to make an informed decision on these proposals," Brandt said, "voters will have to familiarize themselves with a variety of topics that, in some cases, involve complex and technical legal issues."

The "Guide" provides a background for each of the proposals, describes the proposed changes and presents a commentary that includes the arguments of the proponents and any opponents of the proposal.

The 15 current proposals bring to a total of 184 the number of amendments Louisiana voters will have considered since the 2974 constitution was adopted. Thus far, voters have approved 111 amendments adding detailed language that has often undermined the concept of the constitution as basic law.

PAR members will receive a free copy of the "Guide to the Proposed Constitutional Amendments." Others may order copies of the guide for \$3.50 each by writing PAR at P.O. Box 14776, Baton Rouge, La. 70898-4776, or by calling 225-926-8414. Special pricing is available for bulk orders. The "Guide" may also be accessed on PAR's Web Site at: www.la-par.org.



SHOWN HERE displaying one of the two 24-foot extension ladders recently donated by Jeff Davis Electric Co-op, Inc., to the Cameron Volunteer Fire Dept. are Mike Johnson, Co-op employee, and Fire Dept. Capt. Ron Johnson.

Youth musical is set

A youth musical and extravaganza will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Cameron on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.

Youth choirs, praise dancers, drill and cheer teams will be presented.

On Sunday, Sept. 21 at 3

p.m. Minister Aaron LaSalle, associated minister, will deliver the message.

Any area youth ministries interested in participating should contact the church at 775-7720; Sandra DeShields-Ford at 775-3138; or Jennifer Bartie at 775-7049.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury has changed the date of its September meeting to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2003.
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FIVE GENERATIONS - Mrs. Aurelie Suire, 92, of Jennings, is shown with her newest great-great-granddaughter, Emma Elise Reeves of Sweetlake. Also pictured are great-granddaughter, Alexis Nicole Reeves, granddaughter, Darlene Taylor, great-great-granddaughter Heather Reeves, and daughter Lena Guidry, all of Sweetlake.

Do You Remember?

By Keith Hambrick

(Lake Charles American Press, Aug. 23, 1940)
BLACK BAYOU PARTY
 Activities at the Black Bayou WPA recreation center included games and refreshments which were enjoyed by the following:
 Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Higgenbotham, Misses Marie and Lillie Mae, and James and Wayman Higgenbotham, Mrs. Napoleon Courmier, Billie Lee, Bennie Joe and Russell Ray Cormier, Mrs. Nora Bourque, Della Joyce Bourque, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Granger, Mrs. Mentor Benoit, Forest, Carroll and Louis Benoit, Miss May Benoit, Elton Benoit.
 Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Gary, Andrew Young, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Delahoussaye, Ray Delahoussaye, J. C. Snider, Charles Cormier, Miss

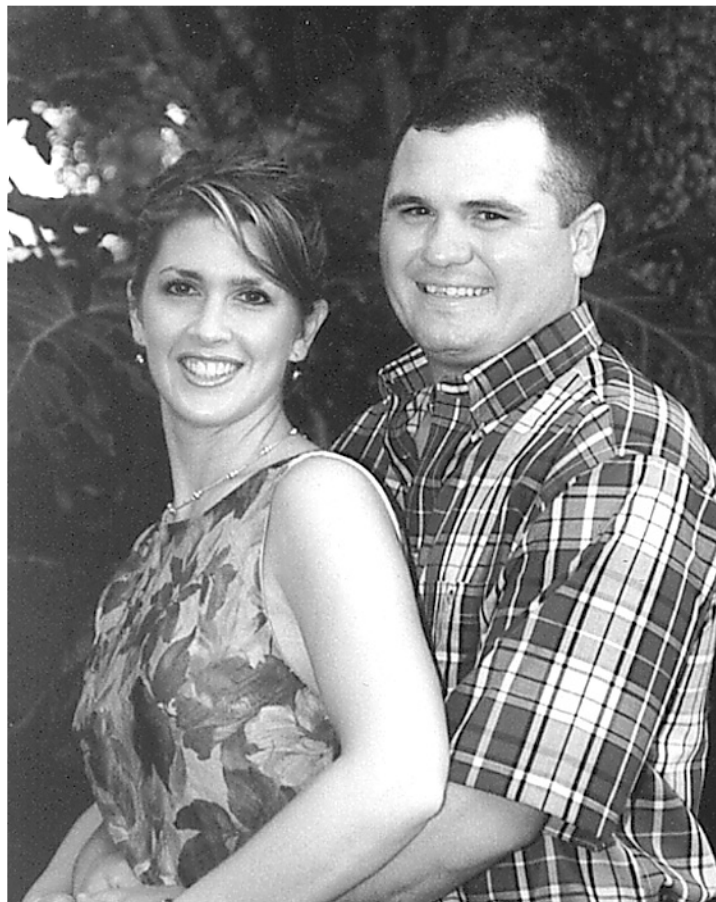
Genevieve Sutherland, Joe Powell, Miss Oreal Mahaffey, Henry Powell, Irma Dautel, Oscar Powell, and Vivian Hebert.
(Cameron Pilot, Aug. 28, 1970)
ENGLISH PEOPLE FETED
 Three English visitors were named honorary Cameron Parish citizens Wednesday as the Cameron Lions Club held its annual Tourist Appreciation Day.
 Mrs. Martha DuMerton, of Thorpe-LeSoken and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Woodgett of Wallsend-On Tyne were picked as the honored tourists and taken on a tour of the Cameron harbor on the sheriff's boat after a morning coffee held in the Police Jury annex.



MR. AND MRS. William O. Morris of Creole announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Derinda, to Valian Mouton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mouton of Cameron. The wedding is set for Friday, Sept. 12, 2002, in a private ceremony at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole.

The silver coffee service was presided over by Mrs. Braxton Blake, representing the Cameron Parish Home Demonstration Council and the Cameron Sheriff's Department.
 Bags of gifts donated by Cameron merchants were presented to both Mrs. Woodgett and Mrs. DuMerton. They were also feted at the Lions Club Luncheon.
 The honored guests are completing a month's visit in Cameron as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woodgett. Mrs. Dumerton and Jim Woodgett are sister and brother of Henry Woodgett and this was the first reunion of the three in 58 years.

are coached by Gary Lavergne and the Yankees are coached by Barry Richard.
SOUTH CAMERON MAJORETTES
 Meet the South Cameron High School Majorettes for 1970-71. They are: Celeste Hopper, Ann Tarter, Candy Henry, RoRisa Reina, Ruby Nunez, and Felice Durdeau.
EAGLE SCOUT RANK TO BE AWARDED
 On Sept. 1, Boy Scout Troop 202, Creole, Troop 210, Cameron, and Explorer Post 211, Cameron, will hold a joint Court of Honor in the courtroom of the Cameron Parish Courthouse.
 The Court of Honor will be the first held in Cameron at which Scouts will be awarded the coveted Eagle Scout Rank.
 Scoutmaster Harold Savoie, Troop 202, and Scoutmaster Warner Daigle, Troop 210 and Post Advisor O'Neil Roberts, Post 211, urge everyone to attend this important event in the history of scouting in Cameron Parish.



JUDY GUTHRIE of Lake Charles and Curtis Thibodeaux of Cameron announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dana Lynn Thibodeaux, to Jobe Dwain Johnson, son of Douaine Conner of Creole and Cynthia Jones of Lafayette. The wedding is set for Saturday, Sept. 27 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the Cameron Recreation Center behind the Courthouse. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

held Wednesday at the school. Mothers attending the meeting were Mesdames Peggy Mhire, Lidian Richard, Mae Ann Hebert, Mable Miller, Loraine Baccigalopi, Howerton, Laura Rose Dupine, Louana Guidry, Hilda Miller, Mona Theriot and Nita East. A schedule for the coming year was discussed. The new kindergarten teacher will be Mrs. Shirley Boudreaux.
LOWERY ON 4-H TOUR
 Patrick Lowery, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lowery of Hackberry, attended the 4-H Wildlife Tour held at the Rockefeller Refuge in Grand Chenier, Aug. 19-21.
 Patrick, along with 11 other boys and girls from throughout Louisiana, were

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NEW BRIDGE BRINGS TEXAS VISITORS
 The opening of the new Gulfgate Bridge on Pleasure Island in Port Arthur, brought a heavy influx of Texas people to Cameron Parish over the weekend. The novelty of the new bridge accounted for the traffic which is expected to level off.
 Crossings over the Lake Sabine Causeway from Saturday at 8 a.m. up until Tuesday morning totaled 2,909 vehicles. Of these, there were 1,404 automobiles and six trucks crossing from Louisiana and 1,498 autos and one truck crossing from Texas.
 During the years that the Port Arthur Pleasure Island bridge service was out, causeway traffic was stopped, cutting off tolls which were the primary base of funds used to retire the \$1 million revenue bonds which built the causeway.

KINDERGARTEN
 A meeting of parents of pupils beginning kindergarten in Grand Chenier was

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 The Cameron Dodgers, coached by Michael Faulk, finished first in Cameron Parish Little League play with a 10-2 record. Members of the team are: Wayne Walker, Mike Benoit, Joe Higgins, Lane Wolfe, Gregory Boudreaux, Wendell Wilkerson, Danny Shay, Ronnie LaFosse, Richard Kiffe, James Wilkerson, Kent Benoit, and David Broussard.
 The Mustangs of Hackberry, coached by J. B. Nunez and Harold Frey, finished second with a 9-3 record.
 The Grand Lake Hornets Pee-Wee team claimed first in the Pee-Wee Division by defeating the Cameron Yankee team in a play-off game Saturday. The Hornets

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I humbly thank you for re-electing me to the unopposed position of Assessor for Cameron Parish.

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May God bless each and everyone of you. Thank you.

Robert E. "Bobby" Conner, CLA
Assessor - Cameron Parish

Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

It seems this summer has pasted us by, like a teal duck flying south to migrate. September has creep upon us, like this Monday, Sept. 1 marks Labor Day, this is also the date that the Coastal Conservation Association (C.C.A.) S.T.A.R. Tournament and rodeo ends at 5 p.m.

We see our first cool front begin to come in, which gets the movement of flounders, redbfish, sheepshead and black drum from marshes to the deeper waters. We'll see teal ducks begin to come in and hunting seasons begin on dove, teal, gallinules, rail, crow, nutria, deer and alligators. Quails will begin mesting and need to start a practice on your bow hunting skills for archery season on Sept. 13 for Area 3. For all us grandparents, we'll celebrate Grandparent's Day on Sept. 7.

We'll see the tree ducks migrate in our marshes and we'll celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day Sept. 27.

While shrimp begin migrating to the Gulf as water temperatures cool. I've seen some nice large white shrimp already being caught in our Gulf waters off the Cameron coast.

It's time to plant winter wheat and clover food plots for October deer still hunting.

We will see peak spawning of redbfish, while gopher tortoise eggs hatch, mussel season will close on Sept. 30. This is also peak hurricane season.

A Louisiana fish record for Sept. is Donald M. Marion's 11 pound white trout caught in 1973, and ranks first in the saltwater species division.

DECOYING DOVES

Have you ever hunted doves with dove decoys I've been having dove decoys now for about 12 years. Just a dozen and they do work. Oh, it's not like calling ducks and putting decoys on the ground and the dove come land. It's like putting doves on top fence wires or tree branches, even hanging them with a string on tree branches. They have a clothespin snap on the bottom of the decoy to put on fence wire. You can also use a lead weight to throw over a branch and a little wind helps move the decoy. They may not come to lite, but it brings them in gun range many times, as doves have keen eyesight. This is good when hunting along, especially if you find the path doves are taking, especially to a water hole in the afternoon or to their roosting place in late spring.

FISHING NEWS

The 7.85 speckle trout that was in the lead for August here in our western division for the C.C.A. tournament was bumped from first place with a 8.4 pounder, weighed in by Larry Vaughn for the month of August.

Here are other weights to beat by 5 p.m. Sept. 1. Flounder 5.95, dorado 52-65, sheepshead 9.8, red snapper 30.10 and cobia 70.10 lbs.

Speckle trout fishing in Big Lake is fair with 1 to 3 pounders being caught, mostly on live baits, cork fishing, and even larger trout in the deeper waters, running 4 to 5 pounds.

LACASSINE REFUGE

Lacassine National Refuge will hold a meeting in the



JODY THOMAS of Creole attended the recent New Orleans Saints Black and Gold scrimmage held at Cajun Field in Lafayette. He is pictured here with three of the Saints cheerleaders, the "Saintsations."

Chalkley Room of Burton Coliseum at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4.

This meeting is to gain input from anglers on the Lacassine Pool Fisheries Program. This is a public meeting and people are needed to participate and discuss issues about the pool. Some of the most important issues I think is, should they continue tournament fishing for bass and stocking programs. To keep the water levels up, even in a drought. There's ways to pump water to help this issue. Keeping the boat trails open, keeping 25 h.p. motors at least nothing larger. There should also be a limit on large fish and maybe even a slot limit, maybe even cut the limit to 5 fish daily.

If you're interested, attend the meeting or call Dawn Zirrillo at 762-3816 before the meeting.

GIBBSTOWN DOGFIGHT

The last of the Gibbstown Dogfights was held last week. All the anglers who had qualified to fish the regionals fished.

Two of our local Cameron Parish anglers had the winning team stringer. Shane Surratt and Allen Thibodeaux had 3 bass weighing in at 9.61 pounds. Allen caught a 6.61 lunker bass, the largest during the dogfight season and probably one of the largest caught in the big Burns this year. He caught this lunker on a worm.

Scott and Rick Surratt had 5.77 pounds, with their largest bass weighing 3 pounds. Harris and Matt O'Blanc had 4.36 pounds.

FISHING TIMES

Friday, Aug. 29: Best, 1:30 p.m., Good, 7:15 a.m.; Saturday: 2:30 p.m., 8 a.m.; Sunday: 3:15 p.m., 9 a.m.; Monday: 4:15 p.m., 10 a.m.

SUNRISE-SUNSET

Sept. 1 - 6:49 a.m. & 7:36 p.m.
Sept. 2 - 6:50 a.m. & 7:35 p.m.
Sept. 3 - 6:51 a.m. & 7:33 p.m.
Sept. 4 - 6:51 a.m. & 7:32 p.m.
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Johnson Bayou Recreation News

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Thursday, 2:30-9 p.m.
Friday, 2:30 - 10 p.m.
Saturday, 2-10 p.m.
Sunday, 2 - 9 p.m.
Swimming pool (3-7 p.m.) and kitchen (3-8 p.m.) will be open on Saturday and Sunday until further notice.

INCREDIBALL

Anyone interested in playing coed incrediball may sign up at the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center, 569-2288. Games will be played one night a week and will start in September. For details, contact Stacy Badon at 569-2699 or 569-2815. Deadline is Aug. 31; must be 18 years of age and out of school to play.

Womens' volleyball will begin in October. Sign up sheet is at the Rec Center. Deadline is Sept; must be 18 and out of school to play.

Starting in September, the Center will have a free throw competition once every month. Anyone in school may participate. Dates will be announced later.

BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE

A back to school dance will be held at the Rec Center Fri., Aug. 29, from 8 to 11 p.m. Students through 12th grade may attend. At 9:30 students under 10 years of age must leave. There is no admission charge.

The DJ is Deep South Productions.

School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for Cameron Parish Schools are as follows: Thursday, Aug. 28 - Barbecued chicken, rice dressing, sweet peas, fruit salad, and biscuits.

Friday - Baked ham, lettuce cup, cheese potato casserole, applesauce cake, and sliced bread.

Tuesday - Breaded chicken patty, lettuce cup, hash brown patty, pickle wedges, carrot cake, hamburger bun, and catsup.

Wednesday - Sausage on a bun, buttered potatoes, baked beans, apple/orange wedges, and hot dog bun.

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Tarpons to play Vinton in the Iowa Jamboree

By CHRIS MUELLER

The South Cameron Tarpons will play Vinton at 6:00 pm Thursday in the first game of the Iowa Jamboree. Iowa will play DeQuincy in the second game of the jamboree. Both games will consist of two 12 minute halves.

The 2003 version of the South Cameron Tarpons will have a tough act to follow after back to back 12-1 seasons. The Tarpons lost to Sterlington in the quarterfinals of the playoffs last year.

They lost seven seniors to graduation, but the biggest blow came last week when the Tarpons lost district MVP quarterback Brett Baccigalopi to a broken leg suffered in practice. Baccigalopi threw for 1688 yards and 22 touchdowns last season.

Despite that the Tarpons return 11 starters including 3 all starters and 5 all district players. Expectations remain high in South Cameron with 20 seniors on the squad.

Running back Kris Benoit, who ran for 1246 yards and 18 scores last season, is back. T-John Henry, 19 catches 320 yards and 3 touchdowns, is back at receiver and defensive back.

The offensive line returns 3 starters but lost All-State lineman Parry LaLande, Jr to graduation. All state place-kicker Nick Boudreaux (40-46 pats last year) also returns.

The Tarpons defense, which allowed only 175 yards per game and 8.8 points per game, returns six starters. They are led by linebacker Beau Duhon, who had over 100 tackles, and noseguard John Theriot, who contributed 6 sacks.

Tarpons head coach Parry LaLande has been head coach for 21 years and has led his troops to a 176-70-1 record. The Tarpons have lost twice in the state finals during LaLande's tenure.

LaLande admits the loss of his star quarterback is huge but still intends to run the same wide open offense as last year. Junior Andre Savoie will take Baccigalopi's place.

With plenty of depth, the Tarpons are still the over-

whelming favorites to win district 5-1A. The Tarpons have not been beat in district in 2 years. Look for South Cameron to be right there in the thick of things when it comes to post season play.

The South Cameron Football schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 4 vs DeQuincy
- Sept. 12 vs Kinder
- Sept. 19 at Vinton
- Sept. 26 at Basile
- Oct. 3 at Westlake
- Oct. 10 vs St. Edmund
- Oct. 17 at Merryville
- Oct. 24 vs Elton
- Oct. 31 at E. Beauregard
- Nov. 7 vs Oberlin

Creole KCs have meet

The J. P. Boudoin Sr., Knights of Columbus Council 3014 of Creole, held an insurance night at the last meeting, according to Grand Knight Loston McEvers. Paul Rice, Insurance Field Agent, reviewed new insurance options.

Fredman Theriot was voted Knight of the Month for all the maintenance work done to the K of C hall.

Fredman Theriot and Ethel Theriot were voted Family of the Month for their work for the council and church. They are also helping collect pull tabs from cans. This is to help a young child get free medical attention at the St. Jude Hospital for Children. They now have a half drum of these pull tabs. Anyone saving these who wish to donate them to Fredman and Ethel, please call them at 337-542-4435.

The Council meets the second Wednesday of each month, with a rosary at 6:15 p.m., supper at 6:35 and meeting at 7 p.m.



South Cameron High School News Roundup

HELP US EARN CASH

Students, parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to help us participate in the box tops for education program by collecting labels from all General Mills, Old El Paso, Betty Crocker, Green Giant, Totino's, Yo-plait, and Pillsbury products. Each label will be worth 10 cents to the school. Students collecting over 200 labels will qualify to win a monogrammed Tarpon duffle bag.

YEARBOOKS IN

The 2003 yearbooks are in. The cost is \$35 each. Please contact the school for your copy. The books will be handed out to the student body Sept. 2.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Fall school pictures will be taken Monday, Oct. 6. A

Tarpons hold scrimmage

The South Cameron Tarpons and the Iowa Yellow-jackets took part in a pre-season scrimmage last Thursday.

The Tarpons and Yellow-jackets each ran 30 plays with first team offenses and defenses and 24 plays with the second team.

South Cameron used the scrimmage to help new quarterback Andre Savoie learn the offense. Savoie takes over for Brett Baccigalopi, who suffered a broken leg last week in practice, a huge blow for the Tarpons.

New novels at Library

New novels at the Cameron Parish Library are:

- Cover Girls - T. D. Jakes;
- Exit Wounds - Judith A. Jance;
- At The Stroke Of Madness - Alex Kava;
- Street Dreams - Faye Kellerman;
- A Man To Call My Own - Johanna Lindsey;
- Die In Plain Sight - Elizabeth Lowell;
- Ghost Riders - Sharyn McCrumb;
- Presumption Of Death - Perri O'Shaughnessy;
- Fatal Harvest - Catherine Palmer;
- Lawless - Diana Palmer;
- Bare Bones - Kathy Reichs.

MDA drive

The Cameron Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual boot drive Fri., Aug. 29, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All money received will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Grilling Tips

* Choose meats for cook-outs that are low in fat to prevent smoke and flare-ups caused by dripping fat. To release some of juices that may cause flare-ups, you can precook the meat in the microwave before grilling.

* Avoid marinades or basting sauces that contain excessive fat.

* To protect some foods - especially fish and vegetables - from smoke while grilling, wrap them in foil.

* Cover the grill with aluminum foil. Punch holes between the grids to let the juices drip out.

* If dripping fat causes heavy smoke, move the food to another section of the grill, rotate the grill or reduce the heat.

* Control the fire. Cook meat until it is done but do not char it. Remove any charred or burned material from the food's surface. Do not eat the charred parts.

price sheet will be handed out to the students two weeks in advance. Seniors cap and gown and formal pictures will be taken at the school. These pictures will be for the yearbook and the paper. A date will be set later in the year for these pictures. More information to follow.

COFFEE SYMBOLS

The school is collecting Community Coffee UPC symbols. Please send the symbols to the school office.

SPONSORS SOUGHT

We are looking for sponsors for American Press newspapers in the classrooms. Please contact the office on how to become a sponsor.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 28 - Iowa Jamboree, 6 p.m.

Sept. 1 - Labor Day holiday.

Sept. 2 - Handout yearbooks.

Sept. 4 - JV game DeQuincy, away.

Sept. 5 - DeQuincy, home.

Sept. 6 - Elementary Dance Camp, contact Toni Kay Sibille.



SHOWN ABOVE is Melissa Nunez of Cameron who won First Place in the Light Weight Division of the Louisiana Junior Goat Association Show held on August 16 with her goat Hawk. She also placed Reserve in her class of Medium Weight Goats with her other goat Max.

CAMERON PARISH BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE	
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER, 2003	
Creole - Monday	Sept. 8, 22 Oct. 6, 20 Nov. 3, 17 Dec. 1, 15, 29 (Holiday)
Cameron - Monday	Sept. 1 (Holiday), 15, 29 Oct. 13, 27 Nov. 10, 24 (Holiday) Dec. 8, 22 (Holiday)
Grand Lake School - Tuesday	Sept. 9, 23 Oct. 7, 21 Nov. 4, 18 Dec. 2, 16, 30 (Holiday)
Hackberry - Wednesday	Sept. 10, 24 Oct. 8, 22 Nov. 5, 19 Dec. 3, 17, 31
Grand Lake School - Tuesday	Sept. 13, 27 Oct. 14, 28 Nov. 11, (holiday) 25 Dec. 9, 23
Hackberry School - Wednesday	Sept. 3, 17 Oct. 1, 15, 29 Nov. 12, 26 (Holiday) Dec. 10, 24 (Holiday)
Johnson Bayou School - Thursday	Sept. 4, 18 Oct. 2, 16, 30 Nov. 13, 27 (Holiday) Dec. 11, 25 (Holiday)
South Cameron Elem	8:30-11:45 7 X Square11:50-12:20 Dr. Sanders Office .12:25-12:40
Grand Lake Branch	.12:50-1:05 Boone's Corner1:15-1:35 Bonnie Chaisson1:55-2:10
Francis Tauzin9:00-9:15 Waterworks9:20-9:35 James Ducote9:45-10:00 Nathalie Hebert10:05-10:25 Ernest Fontenot10:40-10:55 Mrs. Alford11:00-11:15 Dorcil Albair11:20-11:35 Browns11:40-12:00 Hackberry Branch .12:05-12:10
Crain Brothers8:30-8:45 Loretta Smith8:50-9:10 Priscilla Clark9:20-9:35 Betty McCall9:50-10:30 Lisa Dyson10:35-11:00 Fire Station11:05-11:30 Leonard Little11:45-12:00 Floyd Baccigalopi . .12:30-12:45 Mosquito Control . .12:50-1:05

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JOB AD

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for an Interpreter of the Spanish Language for Cameron Elementary and South Cameron High Schools. College degree preferred.

Contact Carol Wainwright, Principal, Cameron Elementary School at 337-775-5518. The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, September 2, 2003, at noon.

RUN: Aug. 21, 28 (AU-40)

NOTICE

The Cameron Parish School Board will have available for public inspection a proposed budget for the 2003-04 Fiscal year on August 28, 2003 through September 8, 2003 during office hours at its Administrative Office located at 246 Dewey Street, Cameron, Louisiana.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed budget of the Cameron Parish School Board on September 8, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at its Administrative Office located at 246 Dewey Street, Cameron, Louisiana.

RUN: Aug. 28 & Sept. 4 (AU-48)

JOB AD

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for the following positions at Grand Lake High School:

- Food Service Technician (5 hrs. per day). High school diploma or GED preferred.
- School Secretary

To make application contact: David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake High School, Phone: 337-598-2231.

The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, September 2, 2003 at noon.

RUN: Aug. 21, 28 (AU-23)

JOB AD

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for Computer Lab Aide (part-time) at Johnson Bayou High School.

Contact Doug Welch, Principal, Johnson Bayou High School, Phone: 337-569-2138

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and meet the criteria of paraprofessionals noted in "No Child Left Behind."

The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, September 2, 2003 at noon.

RUN: Aug. 21, 28 (AU-39)



THE YOUTH For Arts Program, sponsored by the Cameron Parish Library and Camp Fire USA, held its recital and awards program Aug. 21 at the First Baptist Church in Cameron. The students who completed the program are shown above with their teacher, Leatrice Hebert, and program director, Jessica Ballance.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Youth for Arts program held

The Youth for Arts program, co-sponsored by the Cameron Parish Library and the Camp Fire Council of Sowela, held its recital and awards ceremony Thurs., Aug. 21, at the First Baptist Church in Cameron.

Camp Fire executive director Kathleen Arceneaux and program director Jessica Ballance, along with piano instructor Leatrice Hebert, presented eleven students who performed selections they had prepared during the sixteen week program.

The students are: Kristen Broussard, Andrea Shipman, Kent Doxey, Jared Racca, Karlee Primeaux, Barrett Doxey, Daryan Richard, David Vincent, Angelina Campbell, Garrett Shipman, and Aaron Doxey, who also performed a vocal selection.

Senior citizen dinner told

The monthly senior citizen dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 6 at the Barge-man Memorial Church located at 141 Isaac St. in Cameron.

Unemployment report told

Cameron Parish had an unemployment rate of 6.6 percent in July as compared to the statewide rate of 7.4 percent.

The La. Dept. of Labor's monthly report showed there were 220 persons unemployed out of a parish workforce 3,200.

Cameron's July rate was higher than that of a year ago when it was 5.7 percent.

The nation's jobless rate for July was 6.2 percent.

Wildfires are out on Sabine R.

The last of the wildfires started by lightning Tuesday, August 19th, on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge went out. Late Saturday afternoon water drops were made onto the fire by helicopter. This effort followed by rain and high humidity throughout the night eventually extinguishing the fire.

The total acreage burned by the fire over a 4.5 day period was 3,492 acres. The total acreage of all five fires started on August 19th was 4,772.

Vegetation has already begun to sprout back up in the areas that burned early on in the fires last week. For more information or a map of Sabine National Wildlife Refuge go to www.sabine@fws.gov or call 337-762-3816.

Alligator tags to be given out

The Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission has set the 2003 wild alligator harvest season to open at sunrise on Sept. 3 and to close at sunset on Oct. 2.

Alligator hunters are asked to check in at the Rockefeller Refuge at Grand Chenier to get their 2003 tags and licenses. No tags will be issued after Sept. 2.

The schedule for check ins is as follows:

Tuesday, Aug. 26 - Miami Corporation hunters, 7-8 a.m.; Rockefeller Refuge hunters, 8-9 a.m.; Federal Refuges, 9-11:30 a.m.; Mermentau Mineral, 11:30-12 noon; Vermilion Corporation, 1-2:30 p.m.; Johnson Bayou/Hackberry, 2:30-4 p.m.

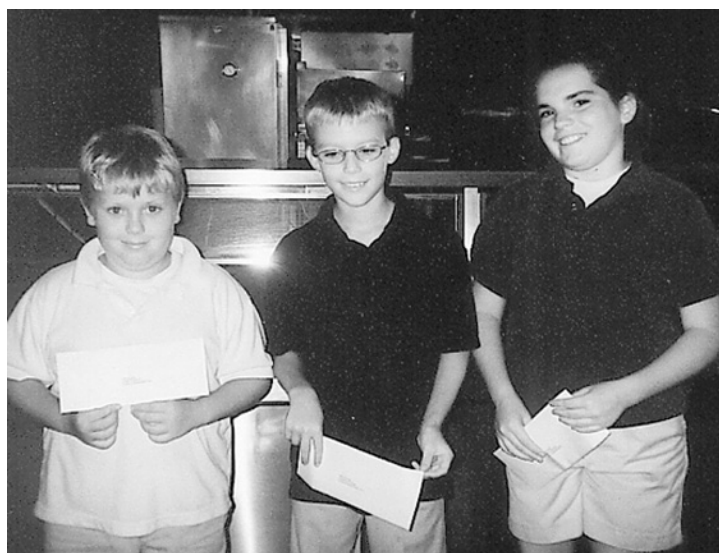
Wednesday, Aug. 27 - Vermilion Parish hunters, 7-12 noon; Big Lake, Lake Arthur, Little Chenier, Grand Chenier, Calcasieu Parish, Cameron, Creole, 1-4 p.m.



GRAND LAKE Jr. Varsity cheerleaders attended camp at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. They received several superior ribbons and brought home three trophies. Sydni Dunn was named as an All Star. Members shown above are: (back row, from left) captain Sydni Dunn, captain Nicole Harris, Amber Taylor, Lacy Hayes; (middle row) Lacie Broussard, Megan Bridges, Tori Nunez; (front row) Halee Young.



ON AUGUST 8TH Cameron Parish was well represented at the LA Junior Goat Association Show held in Baton Rouge. Participants were Remington Gaspard, Brandt Poole, Cody LeMaire, Melissa Nunez, Megan Morgan, Kaziah Gaspard, Krystian Miller, Paton Poole, Hagen Poole, and Ethan Precht. Also attending but not pictured are Kelsey Helmer and Ethan Nunez. Cameron Parish had the most parish participants at the show.



THE GRAND LAKE Jr. 4-H club had a pizza fund raiser. The members who sold the most pizzas were awarded a prize. The winners were Cade Theriot, Austin Styron, and Amber Trahan. (By Jordan Poole.)

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