



Historical marker to remain in place

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Louisiana State Historical Marker at the center of a controversy will remain in its place on the Cameron Court House grounds following a public hearing on the matter at Monday evening's regular Police Jury meeting.

Members of the Cameron and Lake Charles chapters of the NAACP were present to protest the marker, and a number of speakers also spoke in support of it.

Louise Cole, President of the Cameron Chapter of the NAACP, stated simply that the Jury did not advertise its intent to place the marker and did not ask for public input, and therefore it must be moved to a private place.

She was supported by Rosie Glapion, President of the Lake Charles NAACP chapter, who spoke on the fairness issue of no public input and the arbitrary nature of the choice of site.

She said a private site would have been more appropriate than a public one because even though she was not against the placing of a marker to a soldier's bravery, certain aspects of the word "Confederate" are offensive to some people and create more of a racial divide than unity.

Jury President Steve Trahan noted that the public input issue was being addressed by this meeting.

Eula Bartie, of Cameron, spoke to ask whether the parish intends to place a marker commemorating another part of history that many would like to forget, when 59 years ago black people were not allowed to be in the town after 9 p.m. and her brother was beaten and killed by sheriff's deputies in front of the courthouse for that offense. She said he was a soldier who was wounded in World War II but was shot three times, twice in the back, for resisting a beating. He is listed on the Veteran's Wall as killed in the line of duty.

Joanna Pate, President of the Louisiana Society Order of the Confederate Rose, explained the process by which the marker was placed. She said the state no longer has the funds to place historical markers, but any group wishing to sponsor a marker can raise the funds themselves. A marker costs \$1400. The state specifies the number of words and the design, and every fact and word must be documented and submitted to the Louisiana Office of Historical Preservation for approval.

The Society raises money each year to erect one historical marker to teach Louisiana history. The location was chosen because the Court House square was part of the location of the Battle of Calcasieu Pass, a significant battle in this area.

The marker commemorates Confederate Medal of Honor Recipient Pvt. William Guehrs who "sustained a serious wound to his leg while serving as gunner during the Battle of Calcasieu Pass. Guehrs refused medical aid and remained with his gun although compelled by his wound to swab and load the piece from his knees. Despite a deadly crossfire from two



AT THE CENTER of a controversy is this state-authorized historical marker which has been placed near the Veteran's Wall in front of the Cameron Court House. The marker was proposed and paid for by the Daughters of the Confederate Rose, and its content was verified and approved by the Louisiana Office of Historical Preservation. An earlier historical marker noting the location of the Battle of Calcasieu Pass was stolen soon after its placement on Hwy. 27 near the Monkey Island ferry crossing.



YANK SAVOIE was named Older Worker of the Year for Cameron Parish. He is shown above with COA Director Dinah Landry, accepting his award.

Ellender bridge out until Sunday

Ellender Bridge over the Intracoastal Canal north of Hackberry was closed to traffic Tuesday morning and will be closed at least through Sunday, Dec. 12 according to the highway department.

The bridge was closed to replace major damage caused by a recent collision by a barge.

Pedestrian traffic was allowed across the bridge on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The bridge will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians, Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 9-12 while damaged bridge supports are replaced.

Devall Towing, local tugboat operators, volunteered to ferry people across the Waterway free of charge Thursday through Sunday.

Persons using this service should park their vehicles at the West Calcasieu Port on the north side of the bridge and at the Intracoastal Parks on the south side.

On Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 14, one lane of traffic will open during the day and regular two-lane traffic will be allowed at night.

Play to be given here

South Cameron High School drama students will present "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary School Auditorium.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$3 at the high school or from any cast member in the play.

Poster contest is told

This year the Fur Festival is honoring the menhaden industry. The Festival is sponsoring a poster contest for grades Kindergarten thru 7. The posters must have a title and be done on regular size poster board. Completed posters are due to the school

offices by Wednesday, Jan. 4. Each poster should have the child's name, phone number, grade and school written on the back. Winners will receive awards at the Little Miss and Mr. Cameron Contest held Thursday night, Jan. 6.

Hackberry Holiday Festival is Saturday

Final preparations are underway for the 1st Annual Hackberry Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center.

Hackberry Team City in cooperation with Cameron LNG, LLC/Semptra Energy LNG, will sponsor this fun family event. The cost of admission is one canned food item per child for the Hackberry Christmas Baskets.

The fun will begin when Santa Claus arrives on the back of a Hackberry Fire Department engine along with his good friend Gumbo Gator. During the two-hour event, children will have an opportunity to have their picture made with Santa and enjoy holiday crafts, games, refreshments, balloon art and great toy giveaway door prizes, along with lots of Christmas music. Parents will have a chance to win special holiday decorations.

"Semptra Energy has announced that in addition to underwriting the Holiday Festival on Saturday they will also make a matching contribution to the Hackberry

food basket program," said Julie Benoit, Cameron Parish Economic Development director.

According to Benoit, Semptra will make an additional contribution of \$1 per item for every canned food item collected at the Festival up to 1000 items.

"This is a very generous offer and we hope it will serve as an added incentive for the community to support this event," said Benoit.

If you are interested in volunteering with decorating the community center or helping the day of the event contact Cele DeVall at 762-3520 Julie Benoit at 762-3375 or Johnny Poole at 370-1402.



PICTURED AT a memorial and marker dedication for three Confederate veterans from the Hackberry area were the above members of the Calcasieu Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy and descendants of the veterans. From left are: members Lisa Reed, Delma Briggs, Jan Craven, Brenda Reed; descendants Willard Darbonne and R. D. Landry; member Charline Martin; and descendants Lois Doucet, Ann Welch, and C. J. Lowery. Other descendants attending were Donna Lynn (Ellender) Lowery and Carl Darbonne. The photo was taken at the newly placed bronze marker for Private Joseph P. Landry.

Civil War veterans honored

A memorial and marker dedication was held for three Confederate veterans buried in Landry Cemetery in Carlyss on Dec. 4. Calcasieu Chapter 1519, United Daughters of the Confederacy, placed the markers for the three Confederate soldiers earlier this year.

Soldiers honored were Privates Washington E. Ellender, Joseph P. Landry and Joseph Oquain. Washington E. Ellender and Joseph P. Landry served in Company A of the 7th Louisiana Cavalry, and Joseph Oquain served in

Louisiana King's Special Battalion, C.S.A.

Calcasieu Chapter members donned period mourning clothing for the event. A presentation of "The Flags of Our Gray" was followed by a eulogy and marker dedication for each soldier.

Wreaths made of magnolia leaves were placed at each grave, and Confederate Battle flags were presented to three descendants: R. D. Landry of Hackberry, and Willard Darbonne and C. J. Lowery, both of Carlyss.

Family members joined Calcasieu Chapter 1519 in the placement of cotton bolls

at the newly dedicated markers of each soldier. The cotton boll is the official flower of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The ceremony concluded in prayer.

Pension records show that Private Joseph P. Landry was wounded during his service to the Confederate Army. While on detail in Morgan City he had been assigned to determine if bridges previously burnt by the Confederates, were being rebuilt by enemy forces. Upon spotting him, the Yankees fired upon Private Landry wounding him in the right hip and disabling him for approximately one month.

Boustany elected as new congressman

Retired Lafayette surgeon Dr. Charles Boustany Jr. was elected to the 7th District seat in the U. S. House of Representatives Saturday in a runoff election.

Boustany got 75,035 votes, or 55 percent; Mount got 61,483 votes, or 45 percent.

The vote was closer in Cameron Parish with Mount getting nearly 52 percent of the votes and Boustany getting 48 percent.

Mount, who is a state senator from Lake Charles, carried Calcasieu Parish, as well as Cameron, Evangeline, Jeff Davis, but lost to Boustany in Lafayette, Vermilion, St. Landry, and Acadia parishes.

The campaign had been one of the most bitter races in history with both the Republican and Democratic national parties pouring millions of dollars into the campaign to pick up an additional seat in Congress.

Boustany will replace Chris John, a Democrat from Crowley, who has served for eight years. He gave up his seat to make an unsuccessful race for the U. S. Senator,

which was won by Republican David Vitter.

However, Mount will retain her state Senate seat.

Permit asked for erosion control here

A Coastal Use Permit has been applied for by a Texas resident to install rip-rap along 2,500 feet of Long Beach Subdivision to stop erosion from the Gulf of Mexico.

The applicant is Stacy L. Johnson-Downs, of Montgomery, Tex., who owns property in the subdivision located west of Constance Beach near Johnson Bayou.

The permit states that about 3,400 cubic yards of material will be hauled in and used as erosion control material. About .02 acres will be impacted as a result of this activity.

This activity was given an emergency authorization by the Corps of Engineers and other agencies involved in issuing Coastal Use Permits.

Community gumbo, Santa visit planned

The Cameron KC's council 5461 will be hosting a community gumbo and visit from Santa. It will be held this Sunday, Dec. 12 at the KC hall in Cameron. Everyone is invited for the free gumbo which will be served at 11 with a visit from Santa at 11:30. Please join us for our annual community gathering.



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LOUISE COLE, President of the Cameron NAACP Chapter, addressed the Cameron Police Jury Monday night in opposition to the placement of a historical marker on the Court House grounds. The marker recognizes a Confederate Medal of Honor recipient, Pvt. William Guehrs, who was wounded in the Battle of Calcasieu Pass and later died of his injuries.



THE LITTLE Mr. and Miss Hackberry pageant was held Nov. 7 at the Hackberry High School Auditorium. The newly crowned Little Miss Hackberry is Kennedy Darbonne and Little Mr. Hackberry is Bailey LaBove. Kennedy is the daughter of Kent and Michelle Darbonne and is in the third grade. Bailey is the son of Christy and Travis LaBove and is in the first grade. Destiny Simon is first alternate Miss and Laci Stansel is second alternate Miss. Brett Bird is first alternate Mr. and Cody Fountain is second alternate. Kennedy and Bailey will compete in the Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish pageant at the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival in January.



HIBERNIA BANK STAFF is shown above presenting Bar-B-Que Pit to Lions President Jodee Roberts. From left are Nanette Daigle, Milissa Boudreaux, Amanda Chaumont, Lions Club President Jodee Roberts, Hibernia Branch Manager Yvonne Mhire, Monique Harper, and Misty Mallett.

Cameron Lions to hold annual charity raffle here

The Cameron Lions Club is now holding its annual charity raffle. This year the Club will add something new to its prize giveaway. Instead of only giving away a Remington 3 inch 12 gauge shotgun, the club is adding a second and third place prize. Through the generosity of Hibernia Bank, a New Braunfels Bar-B-Que Pit/Smoker shall be given as the second place gift. The third place will prize will be \$50 in cash.

The drawing will be held during the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival queens' pageant on Saturday, Jan. 8. Tickets are available for purchase from any Lions Club member or from any of the

following locations:

Carl Broussard, Clerk of Courts Office- 775-5316, Penelope Richards' Law Office- 775-8131, Hibernia Bank-Cameron Branch, William Daigle, D.A.'s Office- 775-5713, Jodee Roberts-Cameron Library.

Lions Club members will also be selling raffle tickets on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Jerome's store in Creole, from 6 a.m. till 1 p.m.

All proceeds collected from this raffle shall go towards various civic and community projects in Cameron Parish and to help support the Lions Crippled Children's Camp in Leesville and Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation.

Cameron KC calendar

Our Lady Star of The Sea Knights of Columbus Council 5461 of Cameron announce the following events to be held at the KC Hall, according to Grand Knight Bobby Stutes.

Friday, Dec. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. the Senior Citizen Christmas Mass Party.

Sunday, Dec. 12 Santa Claus will visit at 11:30 a.m. Free gumbo, etc. will be served by the KC's. The community is invited to bring their children and join in the events.

Sunday, Dec. 12 Brown's Grocery employees Christmas Mass party.

The Council will assemble and deliver the Christmas food baskets to the needy Thursday, Dec. 23.

The regular KC meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.



DURING FIRE prevention week, local clowns visited Cameron Elementary School and Cameron Head Start. Cuddles (Rhonda Coleman) and Patchez (Rusty Stewart) along with Cameron Parish Ambulance District Two, Louisiana Clowning for Safety, Cameron Volunteer Fire Department and Cameron Parish Sheriff's D.A.R.E. Officer David Hebert, sponsored clowning skits about fire safety and calling 911.

Nominations are sought

The Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Citizen of the Year and Memorial Awards. These awards will be presented on Jan. 17 at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Nomination forms are available at the Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce.

Applications are due by Dec. 31. Please mail to Dinah Landry, 191 LeBoeuf Road, Sweet Lake, Bell City, LA

70630 or fax to 598-94560 or email to dblandry@aol.com.



Toys being collected for kids

Would you like to put a glowing smile on a needy child's face this Christmas?

If this sounds like a good idea to you, then please consider donating a toy to the "Toys for Tots" program, right here in Cameron Parish.

This nationwide program, created by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, allows needy children to experience the joys of Christmas through the generosity of those that donate toys and their time.

Toys must be new, unwrapped, and left in one of the drop boxes in our area before Dec. 22.

Drop boxes are as follows: Gaspard's and Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole; Family Dollar, Dollar General, and Brown's Grocery in Cameron; T & T Grocery in Holly Beach; Bayou Convenience Store in Johnson Bayou; Brown's Grocery in Hackberry; and Boone's Corner Store and Miller's Feed and Farm Supply in Grand Lake.

These toys will go directly to a needy child in our Cameron Parish community.

Questions can be directed to Scott Trahan at 542-4745 or to the regional coordinators at 1-800-542-7074. If anyone is interested in donating their time for distribution day, please contact Michelle Mudd at 775-7368.



Welcome

James David Reina
Johnny & Chantal Reina are proud parents of their new son, James David Reina was born Oct. 7, 2004 and weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs. He is welcomed by his brother, John Anthony, grandparents, Madge & J.C. Reina of Grand Chenier; Mrs. Anthony Mayeux and the late Anthony Mayeux of Lake Charles.

James David was christened at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Lake Charles Nov. 28, 2004.

His godparents are Ro Risa Reina Pearce of Breaux Bridge, La. and Rocky Mayeux of Houston, Texas.

A reception was enjoyed by all at the home of his parents.

2005 gardening calendar announced by AgCenter

The LSU AgCenter's 2005 Get It Growing Calendar offers Louisiana gardeners something special, and it's available for holiday gift-giving.

Packed with gardening hints and tips specifically written for Louisiana's growing conditions and climate, the calendar is a unique gift for anyone who enjoys the outdoors - or who simply enjoys beautiful garden photos.

The full-color, 32-page calendar features a special section on azaleas, gardening tips for each month of the year and photos of beautiful flowers, vegetables and plants. Its gardening tips were written by LSU AgCenter horticulturist Dan Gill, who is known across the region for his expertise on Louisiana gardening and is the author of Month-by-Month Gardening in Louisiana and coauthor of the Louisiana Gardener's Guide.

The calendar, which is designed as part of the LSU AgCenter's popular Get It Growing educational campaign on home lawns and gardens, also has an illustrated how-to section on successfully building landscape beds.

It sells for \$11.95 and is available for online orders at www.lsuagcenter.com/GetItGrowingCalendar. Sample photos and more information also are available through that site.

In addition, phone orders can be placed by calling (225) 578-2263. The calendar also is available through a variety

of bookstores, garden centers and gift shops across the state.

Proceeds from calendar sales will support horticulture scholarships for students, as well as horticulture research and educational efforts of the LSU AgCenter.



Evangelist to speak Dec. 18

Evangelist David McDonald David of Australia will speak at the Bayou Lighthouse, Johnson Bayou Community Center, at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18.

Born in South Africa, Mr. David has traveled to over 40 nations.

For more information call Rev. Denny Vincent, 558-5640, or Debby Griffith, 569-2571.

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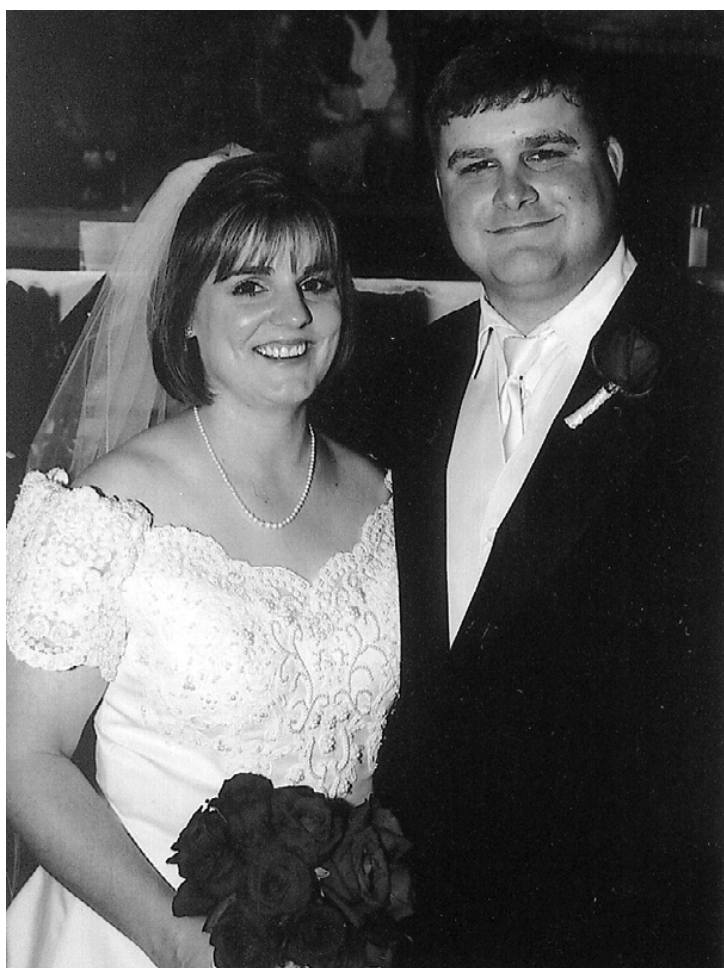
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Fontenot-Nunez wedding held at Grand Chenier

Jacob Paul Fontenot and D'Juana Jill Nunez exchanged wedding vows at 3 p.m. Nov. 23 in St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier. Officiants of the nuptial mass were Father Vincent Vadakkedath and Monsignor Irving DeBlanc.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Charlotte) Nunez Jr. of Grand Chenier, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory (Katie) Fontenot of Lake Charles.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Ruby) Nunez Sr. of Grand Chenier, and Mrs. Dorothy Duddleston of LeBleu Settlement. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Wanda) Jones, and Mrs. Aline Fontenot, all of Lake Charles.

Matron of honor was

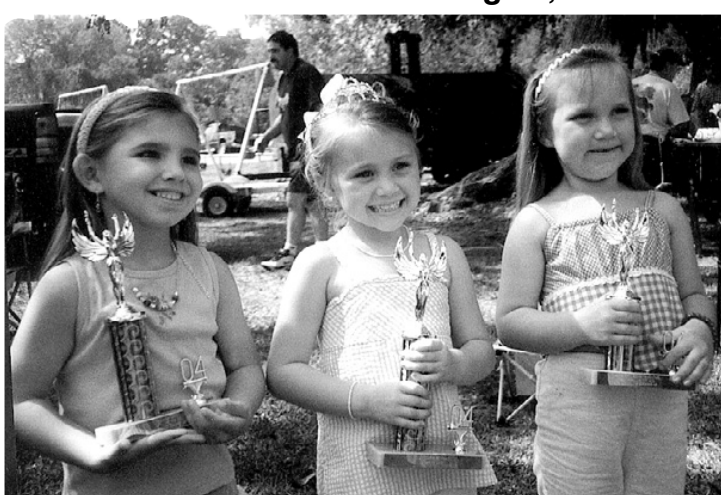
Katherine Fontenot Burr. Flower girls were Blake Margaret Nunez and Mary-Katherine Burr.

Best men were Brendan Tyler Trahan and Dwayne Paul Nunez.

A dinner followed at The Harlequin in Lake Charles.

The bride is a graduate of South Cameron High school and McNeese State University, and is an employee of the Cameron Parish School Board. The groom is a graduate of St. Louis Catholic High School and McNeese State University, and is an employee of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.

After honeymooning at Cypress Bend Resort on Toledo Bend Lake, the newlyweds will reside in Grand Chenier.



PETITE MISS winners at the recent Alligator Festival pageant in Grand Chenier were: Olivia Hebert of Cameron, Queen; Maressa Dupont of Cameron, first runner-up; and Madison Huffman of Grand Chenier, second runner-up.



LITTLE MISTER WINNERS in the recent Alligator Festival pageant held in Grand Chenier were: Kasen Goulas of Johnson Bayou, King; Kristopher Reina of Oak Grove, first runner-up; and James Dupont of Cameron, second runner-up.



TINY MISTER WINNERS in the recent Alligator Festival pageant held in Grand Chenier were: Lucas Trosclair of Grand Chenier, King; Luke McCourdle of Grand Lake, first runner-up; and Ty Trosclair of Grand Chenier, second runner-up.



TINY TOT winners at the recent Alligator Festival pageant in Grand Chenier were: Ava Mudd of Cameron, Queen; Kerrigan Vincent of Grand Chenier, first runner-up; and Keri Poole of Cameron, second runner-up.



TODDLER MISS winners at the recent Alligator Festival pageant in Grand Chenier were: Anna Dupont of Cameron, Queen; Brynlee Boudreaux of Grand Chenier, first runner-up; and Marlena Rutherford of Grand Chenier, second runner-up.



BABY MISTER WINNERS in the recent Alligator Festival pageant held in Grand Chenier were: Logan Helms of Cameron, King; Luke Smith of Grand Chenier, first runner-up; and Holden Jordan of Grand Chenier, second runner-up.



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By Geneva Griffith



I am ready now for the Christmas season, my Christmas tree is up, decorated and lit. In fact it is so pretty I have left the drapes open all night and the tree lit all night for everyone in the village to enjoy.

This is thanks to my daughter who did my decorating for me. We are starting off with a Christmas play we are going to Saturday night called "The Twin Christmas Tree" put on each year by a local Baptist church. My daughter and one of her friends have invited many of our friends from the village to go.

Our monthly newspaper "The Scam" contained a neat household hint this month that I thought was neat. "If a container in your garbage can gives out a bad smell it can be eliminated by adding some crushed newspaper to the container."

We have some interesting news this week. My little dog "Beau" has become a dad of four puppies this week but don't know yet what gender they are. He is 12 years old, and slowing down considerably, so you can see why this is such a memorable occasion, since Cherie and I made a special trip to Natchitoches for him to mate with his girlfriend, a beautiful lady dachshund, she is a multi-colored brown and Beau is solid brown.

I just heard over the television that the renovation to Tiger Stadium is running ahead of schedule, so Cherie and Pat can stop worrying, and they will have new seats next year during football season. These seats have been in the family a mighty long time.

Private Trahan is graduated

Army Pvt. Jeremy J. Trahan has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Trahan is the son of Camille Trahan of Cameron. He is a 2002 graduate of Johnson Bayou High School.



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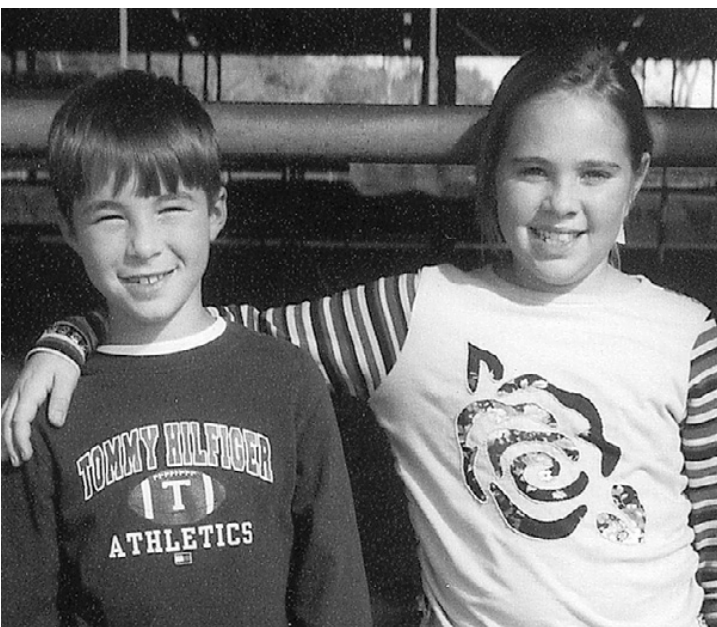
RECENTLY THE Family and Consumer Sciences I class of Grand Lake School made pillows for local troops serving in Iraq. The students also monogrammed each pillow with the troops' name. The pillows were sent as part of the care packages containing toiletries, snacks, cards, and letters collected by the school. Mrs. Brenda Smith and Mrs. Karen Wheat extend their appreciation to all from the Grand Lake community who contributed items for the care packages.



COACH ANCIL DELANEY is shown above with members of the Grand Lake Cross Country team who competed at the state cross country meet in Natchitoches on Nov. 15.



PICTURED ABOVE are the members of the newly formed Wrangler Division of the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association. Representing South Cameron High Jr. Wrangler Division are Jade Miller, Ty Savoie, Ross Rowland, and Lexie Canik. Jacob Wilkerson is also a team member. The program consists of seven qualifying rodeos, a State Final, and National Finals.



PICTURED ABOVE are winners of the PeeWee Division of the Cameron Riders Club Rodeo. All Around Cowgirl was Abby Miller and All Around Cowboy was Luke Miller.



PICTURED ABOVE are the winners of the Peanut Division of the Cameron Riders Club Rodeo. All Around Cowboy was Hunter LeBouef. Runner-up was Noah Mhire; third place was Ava Mudd; and fourth place was Alivia Mudd. They are pictured with Scott Nunez, president of the Cameron Riders Club.



WINNERS OF the Junior Division of the Cameron Riders Club Rodeo are pictured with their awards. They are Jade Miller, Junior All Around Cowboy; Charles Wilson, runner-up; Ross Rowland, third place; Trevor Nunez, fourth place; and Lexie Canik, Junior All Around Cowgirl. Also shown is Scott Nunez, president of the Riders' Club.

South Cameron High News

TARPON SWEATS

Students can get order forms from the coaches' office or Southern Screen to get this year's Tarpon Sweats.

SENIOR NEWS

Mr. Broussard has information about the AFL-CIO Scholarship and LA JCI Senate Scholarship, and the LA Young Bankers for students who will be majoring in business. Northwestern State University Leadership Scholarship and LA Rural Water Scholarship for seniors interested in pursuing a career in water or wastewater field (environmental science) and for students desiring to major in Agriculture.

Seniors can order senior t-shirts and hoods. All order must be pre-paid. Senior portraits will be taken on January 6. All seniors are required to take this picture.

BASKETBALL NEWS

The Cameron Parish Basketball Tournament will be hosted by Hackberry HS on Dec. 14 and 16 sponsored by Cameron Communications.

On Dec. 14 SCH girls will play GLH at 3:30 p.m. and SCH boys will play GLH at 5 p.m. The tournament finals will be on Dec. 16.

FUR FESTIVAL APPLICATIONS

Students can pick up applications for Deb, Teen, Jr. and Miss Cameron Parish in the school office.

BASEBALL NEWS

Baseball players will be attending MSU Baseball Camp on Dec. 18 and 19. Players are to pay fees and turn in permission slips by Dec. 17. Players will be leaving SCHS on Dec. 18 at 7:30 a.m. from the school.

WRESTLING NEWS

SCH began the 2004-05 wrestling season Wednesday, Dec. 1 with a dual meet scrimmage at Sulphur High. SCH won 12 bouts, 9 of those being pins, and lost 8 matches.

SCH Tarpons competed in the Rayne High Duals on Saturday, Dec. 4, beating Carencro High (45 to 36 team points) and also defeating Teurlings (48 to 36 points)

while losing to Rayne High (12 to 57 points). Senior Dane Dupont and Sophomore Justin Picou were undefeated and awarded "Outstanding Wrestler's tee shirts in their respective weight classes.

Justin Landry and BJ Abshire were also undefeated in the Rayne meet, with 2-0 records.

The Tarpons will be wrestling in Geismar at Dutch Town High on Saturday, Dec. 11, and will host Basile High on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

4-H NEWS

SCHS 4-H members and Jr. Leaders are collecting can goods and toys for the Women's Shelter and Toys for Tots. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this community service project. Toys can be dropped off in Ms. Janna Kay's room. The can goods can be dropped off in the school lobby.

SCHOOL PLAY

Tickets for the SCHS production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" are on sale. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased from any cast member. Performances are Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 9 - Basketball Lake Arthur - girls (home). Hackberry - boys. JV 4 p.m.

Dec. 11 - Wrestling Meet - Dutch Town Tourney.

Dec. 14 - Six Weeks Test (7th hour). Speech Play, 1 p.m. Cameron Elementary Parish Basketball Tournament (Hackberry).

Dec. 15 - Six Weeks Test (3rd and 6th hour). SCH Wrestling Meet - Basile (home).

Dec. 16 - Six Weeks Test (2nd and 5th hour). Parish Basketball Tournament (Hackberry).

Dec. 17 - Six Weeks Test (1st and 4th hour). School Dismisses at 2 p.m.

Dec. 18 - Wrestling Meet - Lafayette Tourney

Dec. 20 - Basketball Basile (home).

Dec. 20 - 31 Christmas Holiday.

Dec. 23 - Sulphur Duals. Jan. 3 Return to School.



SHOWN ABOVE are members of the Grand Lake Swim Team, Samantha Poole, Jordan Poole, and Tyler Poole. The three competed in the state swim meet in New Orleans Nov. 17th and 18th.



SOUTH CAMERON High School FBLA members are shown preparing to deliver over 150 cans of food to elderly citizens through the Council on Aging. From left are Thomas Trosclair, Barret Hebert, Jacob LaBove, and Ivan Harmon. (Alex Broussard, reporter.)



SOUTH CAMERON FBLA officers for 2004-05 are shown above, from left: Dane Dupont, president; Jonathan Rutherford, vice president; Cana Trahan, secretary; Linzie Hession, historian; Nick Aplin, parliamentarian; Alex Broussard, reporter; and Shylyn Nunez, treasurer.

Basketball Roundup

BOYS

Hamilton Christian 77; Hackberry 56 (Championship Game- Hackberry Tournament) - Jay Sanner and Lance Person chipped in 13 points each as the Mustangs finished second in the Hackberry tournament. Clay Billedeaux added 10 points. Both teams combined for 51 fouls.

Grand Lake 60; Vinton 44 (Third place- Hackberry Tournament) - Brett Griffith led all scorers with 19 points. Deon Bergeron chipped in 15 and Justin Howerton added 11. Marcus Harris scored 10 points as the Hornets improve to 9-9 on the year.

Johnson Bayou 77; South Cameron 55 (Consolation game- Hackberry Tournament) - Blaine Trahan and DJ Conner poured in 24 points each for the Rebels. John Lute led the

Tarpons with 19 points and Desmond Scott added 13.

Hamilton 61; Grand Lake 41 - Brett Griffith scored 10 points for the Hornets.

Hackberry 65; South Cameron 41 - Caleb Hicks led the Mustangs with 15 points. Wally Clement added 13 points. Aaron Peacock scored 11 points for the Tarpons and John Lute scored 10 points.

Grand Lake 69; South Cameron 37 - Justin Howerton paced the Hornets with 20 points. Matt Cradeur added 15. John Lute scored 15 points for the Tarpons.

GIRLS

Hackberry-Marion 50; Washington- 33 (Championship- Hackberry Tourney) - The 12-5 Lady Mustangs were led by Desi Picou with 29 points and 14 rebounds. Kylie Leonards

and Mandy Michalko added 10 points each.

Westlake 31; Grand Lake 18 (Consolation- Hackberry Tourney) - Elizabeth Reon led the Lady Hornets with 9 points.

Westlake 42; Johnson Bayou 36 - Brittani Oswalt led the Lady Rebels with 21 points.

Hackberry 47; South Cameron 34 - Desi Picou was the leading scorer for the Lady Mustangs with 15 points. Hillary LaBove added 12 points. D'Nae Desonnie scored 11 points for the Lady Tarpons. Rachael Fountain added 10 points.

Sam Houston 41; Hackberry 38 - Desi Picou scored 19 points for the Lady Mustangs and Amanda Miller added 11.

Grand Lake 43; South Cameron 37 - Leading scorers for the Lady Hornets were Elizabeth Reon, 15 points; Elizabeth Kingham, 13 points; and Sonia Lavergne, 10 points. D'Nae Desonnie led the Lady Tarpons with 14 and Rachel Fountain added 12 points.

School Lunches

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning Dec. 9 are as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 9 - Barbecued chicken, rice salad, sweet peas, fruit dressing, cheese cake, sliced bread, milk.

Friday, Dec. 10 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, cheese potato casserole, applesauce cake, toast, milk.

Monday, Dec. 13 - Breaded chicken patty, lettuce cup, hash brown patty, pickle wedges, carrot cake, hamburger bun, catsup, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Lasagna, tossed salad, buttered corn, brownies, garlic toast, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Sausage on a bun, buttered potatoes, baked beans, apple/orange wedges, hot dog bun, milk.





CAMERON ELEMENTARY 4-H officers who delivered Thanksgiving baskets to Help Hope during the Thanksgiving holidays were Jadah Primeaux, Kade Pierson, Molly Alexander, Shelby Willis, and Ross Rowland. They are pictured with Theresa Abrahamsen, store clerk.



CAMERON ELEMENTARY School Mathcounts team are shown above: (front row, from left) James Cormier, Kami Savoie, Patrice LeBlanc, David Vincent, Erika Pickett; (Back Row) Jody Thomas, Jody Troclair, Rachael Fountain, Lakasha Lassien, and Kayla Dronet.

Library Memorial Books

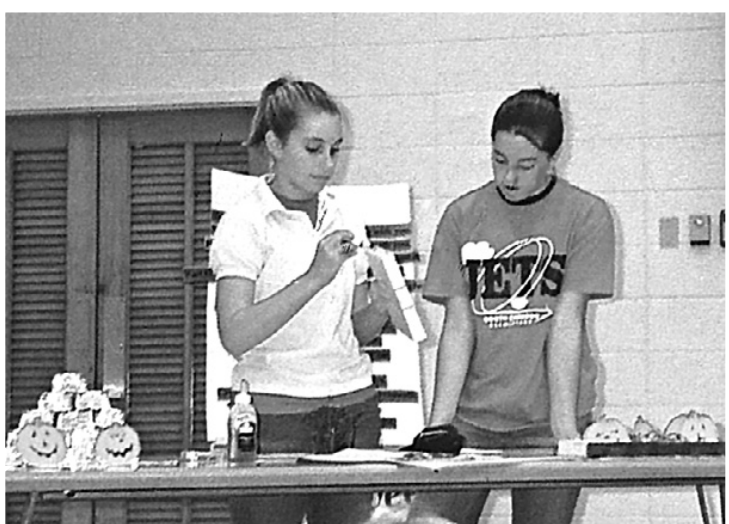
Chapels, Churches & Cathedrals In Louisiana, Curtis Portie by Virginia "Tookie" Dupont and Jaimie Boudreaux family; My Very First Prayers, Joel Olivier by Janie Turnbull; The Family Dog, Kent Mudd by Kerri Anders; Improve Your Golf IQ, Kent Mudd by Mrs. Kent Mudd and Kerri Anders; Vanishing Paradise, Kent Mudd by Mrs. Kent Mudd; Square Dancing Tractors (Video Tape), S/Sgt. Adam Gooch Sturlese and PFC Sidney Baccigalopi by Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Baccigalopi; The Family Cow, Mary Jane Miller by Alvin, Ruby and Phyllis Murphy; The Crochet Stitch Bible, Kathleen Duhon by Alvin, Ruby and Phyllis Murphy; Metallic Conversions, Alfred Vaughan by Alvin, Ruby and Phyllis Murphy;

Gardening In The South, Wayne Montie by Creole Homemakers; Louisiana Proud Vol. II, Claude Eagleson by Bobby and Bernice LaLande.
NEW NOVELS
The Collected Short Stories Of Louis L'Amour - Louis L'Amour.
The Complete Western Stories Of Elmore Leonard - Elmore Leonard.
When Christmas Comes - Debbie Macomber.
Green Thumb - Ralph M. McNerny.
Citizen Girl - Emma McLaughlin.
The Butler Did It - Kasey Michaels.
The Falls - Joyce Carol Oates.
Winter House - Carol O'Connell.
The Stupidest Angel - Christopher Moore.
London Bridges - James Patterson.
The Rottweiler - Ruth Rendell.

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gunboats Guehrs continued to load his cannon until help arrived and both enemy gunboats were surrendered." Four months later Guehrs died from his wounds. Linda Pittillo, of Vinton, said that Pvt. Guehrs was not a symbol of racism but of bravery and to remove the marker would "dishonor every man who died on either side in that war." She also pointed out that since 1914 Confederate soldiers can be buried in Arlington Cemetery. In that year Congress enacted legislation recognizing Confederate veterans as American veterans and extending all benefits to them, including grave markers and VA benefits. After hearing from several other speakers, the jury voted unanimously to leave the marker where it is.
OTHER BUSINESS
The jury moved quickly through the rest of its agenda, adopting a number of resolutions to be sent to the 2005 Legislature for action. One would allow Cameron Parish to create a planning and zoning commission to enact land use zoning for the parish. Another creates the Lake Calcasieu Oyster Task Force in order to appoint a member to the state Oyster Task Force. A third requests the board of Beachfront Development District #2 be increased to six members, since the territory has been enlarged to include Grand Lake. The jury adopted a "no frills" budget for 2005 which cuts some areas while adding a \$100,000 appropriation for the West Cameron Port Board

to cover possible legal expenses. The Port is contesting the position of the Lake Charles Port regarding fees charged to ships in Cameron Parish. Juror Darryl Farque requested and was granted an appropriation of \$12,000 in 2004 special projects funds to install a playground at Granger Cove. There being no comment at the hearing on the enlargement of the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District, the jury voted to go ahead with the enlargement, which will bring more tax dollars to the district. The northern boundary was extended to the Intracoastal Waterway. Ronald Nunez was appointed to Water and Wastewater District #1, replacing Vergie Hebert, who resigned. Scott Poole resigned from the Grand Lake Cemetery Board, but no replacement was named. In other actions the jury voted to:
Advertise to abandon the last 100' of Carter Rd./PR 3144 in Cameron so that MI Drilling can close it off for homeland security.
Grant a liquor permit to Jonathan Trahan for Ne-Ne's Kitchen in Cameron.
Place Grand Lake waterworks projects into the next Community Development Block Grant proposal for 2005-2006.
An attempt to enter into executive session to discuss policies and procedures relating to job classifications failed when District Attorney Cecil Sanner explained that only personnel matters, with the person being discussed having 24 hours notice, and litigation matters could be discussed in closed session.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY rules were the subject of this demonstration given by Kathryn Reina and Abby Miller at the October meeting of the South Cameron Elementary 4-H Club.

Folks and Memories

By W. T. BLOCK, JR.

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Jabez B. Watkins had great plans for Southwest Louisiana, although he lived in Lawrence, Kansas. His plan was to build the St. Louis, Watkins and Gulf (later the Missouri Pacific Railroad) from Alexandria and Lake Charles to the Gulf, and make Cameron into a great seaport. However, railroad engineers talked him out of it, explaining to him that the marsh terrain and projected cost made it impractical to build.
Watkins was born in 1845 in Punxsutawney, PA., and he served briefly in the Union Army. After the Civil War, he worked his way through the University of Michigan, where he earned a law degree in 1869. He practiced law in Champaign, Ill., for four years, before moving to Lawrence, KS., where he resided permanently until his death in Feb. 1921, at age 76.

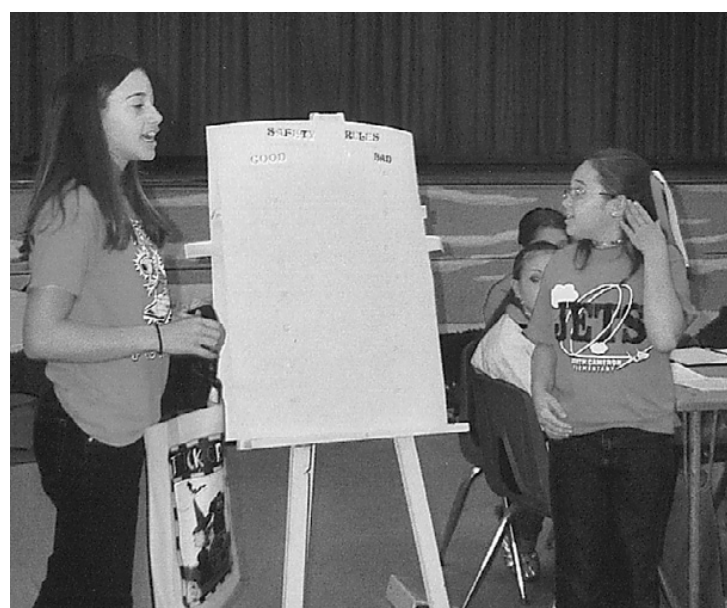
Having been a staunch Grover Cleveland Democrat, the Lawrence Republicans at first looked upon Watkins with distrust, memories of the Jayhawker Quantrell's raid upon Lawrence being fresh in their memory.
The biography of Watkins is truly a Horatio Alger story. With the few hundred dollars he had saved from his law practice, he founded the Watkins Land and Mortgage Company. Thereafter until 1894, the economic circumstances as well as his uncanny business acumen, and with some good luck tossed in, catapulted Watkins into the millionaire ranks.

Although the writer has not found an exact dollar figure, he was probably worth \$25,000,000 by 1890, which, with inflation factored in, would be equal to a half-billion dollars today.
Watkins chartered the Kansas City, Watkins, and Gulf Railroad under Louisiana laws on June 7, 1887; the firm was eventually reorganized as the St. Louis, Watkins and Gulf on May 28, 1902, and was sold to the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad in 1909. That line today passes through Monroe, Alexandria, Oakdale and Kinder en route to Lake Charles, and in 1947 I rode over the full length of that line in an air-conditioned passenger car.
Watkins maintained offices in Kansas, Dallas, Lake Charles, New York and London. He purchased 1.5 million acres of Louisiana land, including pine forests, and bought or built spur and mainline railroads all over the state. He founded several banks, but his home bank remained the Watkins National Bank in Lawrence. When he died he owned a controlling interest in seven corporations.
Between 1873 and 1894, Watkins financed about 5,500 farms in four states. Ultimately about 20 percent of those farmers deserted their land, and Watkins' loan company had to foreclose, recovering 36,000 acres of land. However, Watkins suffered badly himself during the 1893 financial panic, and he lost about half of his wealth.
Jabez Watkins' largest land purchase in Southwest Louisiana was the 160,000 acre tract, bounded by the Sabine and Calcasieu rivers on the east and west, and south of the Intracoastal Canal, which in 1920 became the Orange-Cameron Land Company, which firm employed 250 trappers there to trap muskrats. Watkins bought that tract about 1880 for \$16,000, and he sold it in 1903 to the John Deere Company for \$96,000. In 1913 The Texas Company (now Chevron-Texaco) bought the land and later sold it to Lutch Stark of Orange.
When Watkins was age 64 in 1909, he married his private secretary of more than 30 years, 48-year-old Elizabeth Miller, the daughter of a physician. Since the couple had no children, they agreed to leave most of their wealth to the University of Kansas.
As a result, before his wife died in 1939, her benevolences to her town and university included the Watkins mansion, the Watkins Museum (said to be currently valued at \$20,000,000), Watkins Hospital, also seven buildings on campus, including the health unit, student center, and some girls' dormitories, as well as a host of scholarship and chair endowments.

Turkey hunting dates are ratified by Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission voted unanimously at their Dec. 2 meeting to ratify the proposed turkey hunting season dates for 2005. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries made the initial proposal to the commission in September and following a public comment period, the dates were ratified unaltered. For the 2005 turkey season, Area A will open on March 25 and close on April 24, Area B will open on Area 25 and close on April 17, and Area C will open on March 25 and close on April 3. The commission also announced that beginning with the January meeting, which was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 4, their meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. They will be held in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building in Baton Rouge, unless otherwise announced.
In other actions from the commission, a notice of intent was accepted to allow the LDWF Secretary to waive license fees for members of the outdoor press, develop-

mentally disabled persons and charitable organizations, youth groups and schools. Another notice of intent was accepted that would require members of the public to complete comment cards before addressing the commission. These two issues will be available for public comment until the commission votes to ratify them.
The December meeting also marked the final meeting for outgoing Chairman Bill Busbice. Busbice, a Lafayette resident, has served on the board since 1998. LDWF Secretary Dwight Landreanu presented Busbice with a plaque and thanked him on behalf of the department for his service and cooperation.



KELSEY MUDD and Devon Richard showed South Cameron Elementary 4-H members how to make Halloween decorations at the club's October meeting.



JOHNSON BAYOU School recently received a \$2,000 check from Pitco. Principal Gene Reynolds was presented the check by company representative Glenn Trahan at the "Meet and Greet" gathering in the school's new cafeteria.

Costume winners named at St. Mary's Church

The following were winners in the costume contest at the Halloween party held Oct. 31 at the St. Mary of the Lake Church hall.
In the 0-3 year old group: spookiest - Kyle Wannage, Heaven Manuel; cutest - Emma Lou, Anna Savoie; most original - Mo Broussard, Jessie Broussard.
In the 4-6 years: Cavan and Hope Duhon - 1st. funny; Alanah Theriot - 1st. original; Alexis Reeves - 2nd. original; Jeri Theriot - 1st. spooky.
Age 7-9 years: Katelyn and Coryn Vincent - 1st. spooky; Karissa and Seth Theriot - 2nd. spooky; Lynsey Mhire - 1st. funny; Peyton Lannin - 2nd. funny; Tori Thomas - 1st. original; Katie Deshotel - 2nd original.
Age 10 & up: Julianne Lannin - 1st. funny; Haley Hebert - 1st. original.
In the 4-5 year old group: spookiest - Alexis Reeves, Jayleigh Young; cutest - Caitlyn Meche; most original - Alanah Theriot.
6-8 year old group: spookiest - Cloie Broussard Joseph Broussard; cutest - Ally Thomas, Emily Babineaux; most original - Katie Deshotel, Darien Boudreaux.
9-12 year old group: spookiest - Kevin Delaney, Chanler Borel; cutest - Blake Madison Jaide Landreaneux; most original - Trevor Russell, Zane Fontenot.
The following were winners in the pumpkin decorating contest:
Age 4-6 years: Cavan and Hope Duhon - 1st. funny; Alanah Theriot - 1st. original; Alexis Reeves - 2nd. original; Jeri Theriot - 1st. spooky.
Age 7-9 years: Katelyn and Coryn Vincent - 1st. spooky; Karissa and Seth Theriot - 2nd. spooky; Lynsey Mhire - 1st. funny; Peyton Lannin - 2nd. funny; Tori Thomas - 1st. original; Katie Deshotel - 2nd original.
Age 10 & up: Julianne Lannin - 1st. funny; Haley Hebert - 1st. original.

The Gumbo Pot

Jacked Shrimp
By Jerald Horst
LSU Extension Service
1 cup heavy cream cooking oil
1 cup flour
Peel, devein and butterfly each shrimp
Sprinkle with Old Bay and Creole Seasonings, salt and pepper to taste. Place most of a slice of pepper cheese in the split of each butterflied shrimp. Pinch the shrimp closed and wrap each shrimp in a half slice of bacon. Pin closed with a toothpick. Whip eggs and cream together. Add salt and pepper to taste to the flour. Dip each shrimp in the egg wash and dredge in the flour. Fry in cooking oil until golden brown. Remove toothpicks before serving. Serves 4.
This month's recipe comes from one of our Mississippi readers, Jack Rauenhorst of Sumrall. I had eaten bacon-wrapped, breaded, and fried shrimp before, but not with cheese on them. This is a very good dish.
1 1/2 lb. 10-15 count shrimp tails
Old Bay Seasoning
Creole Seasoning
salt & white pepper
1/2 lb. sliced pepper jack cheese
1/2 lb. bacon slices, halved
2 eggs

Limits adjusted on bass

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission accepted a notice of intent at their Dec. 2, meeting that would adjust the limits on spotted and yellow bass fishing on Toledo Bend Reservoir. Bennie Fontenot, Inland Fisheries Division administrator for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, presented the proposal to the commission. "This proposal is a result of our work with the state of Texas and is designed to benefit anglers by clarifying regulations," Fontenot told the commission.
The changes deal specifically with the size limit for spotted bass and the creel limits for yellow bass. Under the proposal, there would not be a size limit for spotted bass caught on the reservoir, and there would not be a creel limit on yellow bass. The notice also includes a statement that would disallow the possession of any filets of any fish species while on the water.
There will be a 120-day public comment period before the commission meets to vote on the ratification of the proposal.

Freshwater shrimping rules

At their Dec. 2, meeting, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission issued a notice of intent that would clarify the rules for freshwater commercial shrimping. The improved rule will be up for final ratification this spring after a period of public review and comment. The document indicates legal freshwater commercial shrimping areas and gear.
Earlier versions of the rule inadvertently omitted legal gear other than the freshwater shrimp trap. The new rule refers to a list of previously authorized gear that is still acceptable. The rule also states that freshwater commercial shrimping is legal anywhere in the state unless otherwise prohibited.
Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments to Inland Fisheries Division Administrator Bennie Fontenot at Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 before 4:30 p.m., Feb. 5, 2005.





SOUTH CAMERON Hospital Swing Bed Christmas Party was held Sunday, Dec. 5. Santa Claus is shown with: (top left photo) Mrs. Claus and Marie Conner; (lower left photo) Thomas Sanders and (top right photo) Eviola Andrus. Many volunteers and hospital staff worked to make the season bright for the swing bed patients.



VIRGIE HEBERT, (top photo) Cameron COA volunteer, and Grace Welch (left photo) delivers commodities to the sick and shut in, in Cameron Parish.



AMERICORPS workers Darla Eaves, Donna Nunez, and Vernon Primeaux are shown distributing commodities to the needy in Cameron Parish.

Florida man tackles gator to save his faithful dog

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The following Florida newspaper article, which we reprint here in part, was sent to the Pilot by Glenn Hebert of Sweet Lake who thought it might be of interest to our readers due to the large number of alligators in Cameron Parish.)
Sugar, a bloodhound/Shar-Pei mix, bears the marks of her run-in with an alligator at Kanapaha Park off Tower Road.

wouldn't try and bite me," he said.
Both Sugar and Goff, who received some scratches in the scuffle, were in good shape Thursday after trips to a veterinarian and a doctor.
As of late Thursday, an alligator trapper was continuing to hunt for the wounded gator, which had been spotted earlier in the day. The knife was still imbedded in his head, said Karen Parker with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Because of the animal's behavior, it will be destroyed after it's captured.

Two months ago another alligator attacked a dog that jumped into Bivens Arm. Onlookers also fought off that gator.
Parker said this year there have been about six gator attacks on dogs reported to the commission's Lake City office covering Nassau County west to Taylor County and south to Citrus County.

But the four to five puncture wounds in her left leg, plus cuts to her head and ear, don't seem to have dampened her enthusiasm for a walk along the reed-lined water bank of the park's pond where she was attacked Wednesday evening while sniffing at the water's edge.
Back at the park Thursday the dog left the worrying to her owners, Jamie Carroll, 24, and Matthew Goff, 29, of Gainesville. Goff eyed the water, covered in green film, where the day before a 6-foot gator had lunged for his dog.

And, although the commission's statistics don't show a steady increase in alligator attacks on people, the number of attacks per year in the past 14 years generally have been higher than the annual number of attacks reported from the late 1940's until 1988.
About 1 million alligators populate Florida, Parker said. Since 1973, 14 people have died in Florida from alligator attacks, the commission reported. Eight of those attacks involved a child or teenager. In several cases, the individuals were swimming.

Faced with the loss of his beloved pet, Goff took a pocket-knife and stabbed the gator, forcing it to let go of Sugar.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission doesn't recommend others follow Goff's example.
But, looking back, Goff said he'd do it again.

A 6-foot 6 alligator, similar in size to the one that attacked Goff's dog, killed a 2-year-old girl in Polk County in 2001.
And in September 2002, the director of Kanapaha Botanical Gardens off Archer Road lost his right forearm to an 11-foot-4-inch, 400-pound alligator that had taken up residence at the gardens. He was bitten while scooping algae out of one of the water garden ponds.

"My options were to just stand there and watch this alligator kill my dog in two feet of water. I didn't want that to happen," Goff said.
After he grappled with the animal and stabbed it twice, Goff said the reptile let go of Sugar. Then he dragged himself and the gator near shore, let go and got out of there, following his fleeing dog as she made a beeline for Goff's nearby home.

"I tried to kind of toss him to the left. I just closed my eyes and ran away from him, just hoping that he would be freaked out enough that he

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Lake Charles American Press, Dec. 9, 1941. COTTON VOTE
A list of polling places at which the farmers of Cameron Parish may cast their ballots in two important farm elections was announced this week by Mr. Ray B. Pevoto, chairman of the parish Triple A. Committee.

Approximately 725 cotton farmers are eligible to vote in the cotton quota referendum next Saturday, Dec. 13, Mr. Pevoto said. They may cast their ballots at the following places:
Grand Chenier school, Johnson Bayou school, Creole dance hall, Big Lake school, Cameron courthouse, Louis Dupuy's Place, Klondike schoolhouse.

LITTLE MISS TO BE NAMED
The Cameron Parish Development Association will hold the annual Little Miss Cameron Parish contest Friday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Cameron Elementary School auditorium in Cameron.
The contestants are: Grand Chenier-Barbie Duncan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Duncan, escorted by Timothy McCall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny McCall.

Cameron - Becky Conner, the daughter of Mrs. Bernice Lalande and Terry Conner escorted by Dean Desonnieir.
Hackberry - Toni Dennis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dennis, escorted by Sterling Constance, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Constance.

Cameron Pilot, Dec. 9, 1971. COURTHOUSE TO BE PAINTED
Bids on repairing, remodeling and repainting the Cameron Parish Courthouse will be received by the police jury at the Jan. 4 meeting.
Police Jury President W. F. Henry, Jr., said that walls inside the building would be repaired and repainted and that the outside of the building also would be painted if bids were acceptable.

Grand Lake - Cheryl Bellard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bellard, escorted by Ricky Crador, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crador.

NUTRIA SEASON DELAYED
The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has postponed opening of the nutria trapping season from Dec. 1 until Dec. 15. The action was taken at the regular public meeting of the commission held in New Orleans.

In other business: Police Juror Lyle Crain asked for construction of a new 3 1/4 mile road in the King's Bayou area which would provide a shorter route between East Creole and Little Chenier. The jury agreed to start the planning work on the project.

On Monday Dec. 6, at the request of Jerry Jones, chairman of the commission and a resident of Cameron Parish a hearing was held on the postponement.
Jones told the commission that the postponement would work a hardship on many of the trappers of Cameron Parish who had already left other jobs to begin trapping.

The jury's 1972 budget was approved with revenues and expenditures of \$38,329,250 set for the general fund and \$235,000 for the road and bridge fund.

However, a motion by Jones to allow the season to open Dec. 1 in Cameron, Vermilion and Calcasieu parishes died for a want of a second.
Reason for the postponement, according to commission director Clark M. Hoffpauer is that nutria populations statewide are down as a result of hurricanes along the gulf coast in recent years.

Police Juror Crain asked the jury to contact the Crops of Engineers to see if some aid could be obtained on raising the roads in the Little Chenier area which have been flooded because of the heavy rains. He said that the flooding was due to the fact that a large amount of water was being held in the Mermentau basin.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
A Hackberry mother and community worker, Mrs. Margaret Shove, was named "Citizen of the Year" and presented the citizenship award by Commander Ladd Wainwright of the Cameron VFW Post Saturday night.
The Gold Star Mothers were paid special tribute by overseas veterans of Doxey-Vincent Post through its commander and nearly 200 guests who attended the 12th annual banquet to honor the dedicated citizenry of the parish.
Gold Star Mothers attending were Mrs. Mathilda Doxey, whose son is memorialized in the post name and whose military decorations were on display at the banquet; and Mrs. Nita Williamson, Mrs. Clopha Baccigalopi, Mrs. Christina Nunez and Mrs. Dora Provost.
Mrs. Susan Watts accepted an award for her father, G. B. Kornegay, who often financially aided students to obtain higher education, and Mrs. Ethel LaBove accepted one for the late Dewey LaBove for his civic activities and his work on remodeling the VFW home.

The J. Bennett Johnston U. S. Senate campaign began on a parish level in Cameron Parish this week. H. Ward Fontenot was appointed to head the campaign.

ROUNABOUT THE PARISH
Yolanda Seay of Hackberry spent last week at the 50th national 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Ill. Yolanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Seay.
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Fifth District Commander Eugene Eddy of DeRidder presented a gold lapel button of the past office to Ray Stevens, past post commander, and District President, Mrs. Ellis McWhirter presented the past Auxiliary president's pin to Mrs. Azelia Mier.

The Cameron library this week is featuring a display of Avon bottles collected by Mrs. Frank Brown of Cameron. Mrs. Brown has over 100 different bottles in her collection.

Stay safe during the holidays

(NAPSA)-Changing seasons does not mean a change in the need for electrical safety awareness. Keep the following safety tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International in mind to prevent devastating property loss, injury or death due to electrical accidents.
Electric blankets
• Make sure electric blankets are in good repair, certified by an independent testing lab such as UL, CSA or ETL, and power cords are not worn or cut.
• Do not tuck your electric blanket into mattresses or under children and don't put comforters or bedspreads on top of the blanket while in use.
• Never allow pets to sleep on electric blankets.

Holiday lighting, decorations and costumes

• Ensure holiday lighting and extension cords are in good repair and are certified by an independent testing lab such as UL, CSA or ETL. Use them as rated for indoor or outdoor use.
• Never connect more than three strands of lights and extension cords together. Make sure all connections are tight and protected from inclement weather, including the outlet. Unplug the lights from the outlet during daytime.
• Make sure spotlights used to highlight decorations are well-ventilated, protected from weather, and a safe distance from flammable items.
• Keep power and extension cords out of walkways.
• Do not coil power cords or extension cords while in use. Do not tuck them under rugs, carpets, curtains or other flammable materials.

• Check tools and their power cords for unusual wear and tear. Repair or replace worn tools or parts right away.
• Unplug and safely store battery chargers that won't be in use until spring.
• Use weatherproof electrical devices for outside activities. Protect them from moisture and keep dry leaves away from electrical items.

• Keep power and extension cords out of walkways.
• Do not coil power cords or extension cords while in use. Do not tuck them under rugs, carpets, curtains or other flammable materials.
"Electrical accidents can be lethal," says Michael G. Clendenin, executive director of ESFI. "It's better to take one too many precautions than one too few."
For electrical safety tips, visit ESFI's Web site at www.electrical-safety.org or call 703-841-3229.

Ten reasons it's 'great to be old'

By **KELSEY ANDERSON**
(FeatureSource) Every 7.5 seconds, a horrified Baby Boomer turns 50. True, the generation that grew up with the Berlin Wall, transistor radios, hula hoops and "The Mickey Mouse Club" is facing middle age.
"Fear not," says humorist Jim Dale, author of "It's Great to Be Old" (Meadowbrook Press, \$8.00; www.meadowbrookpress.com). Dale contends there are lots of advantages to old age. "It took a long time to get here, but it was worth the wait," he says.

For the same price as little kids, except you get to see the R-rated shows.
6. It takes less to make you full. Half a sandwich, half a banana, half a piece of pie. This explains why there's always half a sandwich, half a banana and half a piece of pie in your refrigerator.

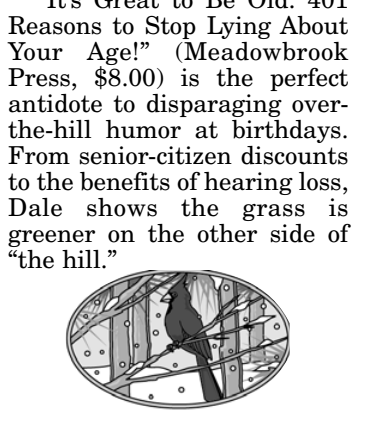
Here are Dale's top ten reasons "it's great to be old."
1. You're smart. By now, you know everything. And what you don't know, you can make up.
2. You don't have an irrational fear of aging. It's a rational fear.
3. Young people give up their seats for you. They feel guilty about sitting in a comfortable seat while you're standing, especially if you're moaning.
4. It's too late to get in shape. Being out of shape is part of your personality.
5. You get discounts for being old. You get into movies

8. It's too late to get rich, so you can relax about it. Why invest for old age when you're already old?
9. You have hobbies now. Instead of dealing with jobs, responsibilities and errands, you can putter, play, tinker, assemble, construct, collect and display.
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