



## 2003 CHRISTMAS PARADE!

The 2003 Pineville Christmas Parade is set to roll up beautiful Main Street in Downtown Pineville, **Friday, December 12th, at 7:00pm.**

This year's Grand Marshal is **U.S. Congressman Rodney Alexander**. In his first term in Washington, the Quitman native has made quite a name for himself voting with both fellow Democrats and Republicans, when he feels it best serves our district.

The Pineville Christmas Parade is one of the largest in Central Louisiana, and one of the few night parades...and parade marchers will enjoy marching under the new KCS Underpass, which was a trail of dirt at this time last year. Get there early and enjoy the beauty of the Pineville Christmas Parade.

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## Congratulations International Paper Mill

Pineville Mayor **Clarence Fields** and Alexandria Mayor **Ned Randolph** joined forces to proclaim Tuesday, August 12th “International Paper’s Pineville Mill Day” in honor of the mill’s 35th Anniversary in Pineville. The proclamation was presented at a luncheon honoring 33-employees who have been with IP from the start of the Pineville Mill.

International Paper has been a valued part of the Central Louisiana, and has shown itself to be a good corporate citizen, dedicated to establishing community partnerships and respecting the environment and natural resources. The Pineville Mill employs approximately 285 people, but its outreach and purchasing impact more than 11,000. The plant uses virgin southern pine, and two-thirds of its fiber supply is purchased from private, non-industrial landowners in central Louisiana. The combined wages, taxes, purchases and charitable contributions of the mill now amount to \$90 million a year.



# P.U.R.E. BMX Open!



[Pineville's Ultimate Racing Experience BMX Track](#) is now open! Officials from the City of Pineville, including (from left to right) Public Works Director **Charlie Moore**, District 4 City Councilman **Tom Bouchie**, Mayor **Clarence Fields**, District 2 City Councilman **Kevin Dorn** and District 5 City Councilwoman **Carrie Broussard** joined Track



Director **André Martin** for the Ribbon Cutting at the Grand Opening on Saturday, July 19.

Riders from around the state came to Pineville for the two-day festivities that had originally been planned for the 4th of July weekend but were rained out. More information about PURE BMX and BMX Racing is available at the [PURE BMX website](#).

## Louisiana Archery Opens!

The City of Pineville was pleased to help cut the ribbon for the new Louisiana Archery and Sports Center. Owners David and Bubba Cross have opened the doors at 2600 Highway 28 East to offer great gear and service for the sportsman. The Louisiana Archery & Sports Center is located in front of the Fads & Frames, and now occupies their old building.



## The Hardware Arrives!



Like a proud papa, Pineville Mayor **Clarence Fields** gladly accepted the plaque noting Pineville as the State's Cleanest City for 2003. The **Louisiana Federation of Garden Clubs** selected Pineville in Category D for cities with population between 8,000 and 16,000. Pineville won its district back in April, and beat Rayne (defending champ), Bogalusa, and Morgan City in the state finals. Pineville's entry was sponsored by the **Alexandria**

**Garden Club**, which includes many Pineville ladies in its membership. Local club members who joined the Mayor to receive the award were (L-R) **Anna Claire Keeth**, **Sybil Colicchio** (State Judging chairperson), **Nancy Thomas**, Mayor Fields, **Elaine Hicks**, **Mary Sue Colvin** (State President of the La. Federation of Garden Clubs), **Diane Lawton** and **Marjorie Hicks**. The ladies



also hosted a reception to honor workers from the Public Works Department for a great team effort in winning state.

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## Another Award!!!



For the 3rd year in a row, the City of Pineville was a recipient of a "Community Achievement Award" from the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association. The runner-up award was in the category of "Community Development" for cities with a population between 10,001 - 25,000, and was for the 2002 opening of the Lee J. Broussard Public Building & the new Office of Motor Vehicles, in Downtown Pineville. The announcement came

August 9th at the LMA's 66th annual convention at the New Orleans Marriott. The convention drew some 1,500 delegates, spouses, dignitaries, exhibitors and guests. Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields' re-election as District "E" Vice-President on the LMA's Executive Board was officially recorded and recognized by his seat at the head table for the annual banquet.

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## Mayor Fields Re-elected!



Area Mayors have elected Pineville Mayor **Clarence Fields** to a second term as District "E" Vice President in the Louisiana Municipal Association. Mayor Fields will again represent 6-parishes on the LMA's executive board. LMA's District "E" includes Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides and Winn parishes. The LMA is made up of over 300 cities, towns and villages in Louisiana, and acts as a lobbying arm for the interest of local city governments. LMA officials will ratify

Fields' election at the 66th annual convention in New Orleans in August. Left to right are **Ronnie Harris**, Mayor of Gretna (LMA President-Elect), Mayor Fields, **David Riggins**, Mayor of Vinton (LMA 2nd Vice President-Elect), **Jimbo Petitjean**, Mayor of Rayne (LMA First Vice President-Elect), **Tom Ed McHugh**, LMA Executive Director.

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## Tree City USA – Again!



The City of Pineville received Tree City USA status for the second year in a row by The National Arbor Day Foundation. Pineville is one of just 23 cities in Louisiana to achieve this designation. Tree City USA, sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in Cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 93 million Americans call home.

In order to qualify for Tree City USA, a city or community must meet four standards, including forming a Tree Board. The Pineville City Council approved the Tree Board and its members more than two years ago. Since then, the Tree Board has landscaped the boulevard leading to Huey P. Long Hospital, landscaped Kelso Park, sponsored an educational field trip for fifth graders to Red Dirt, and sponsored and participated in several Arbor Day activities.

The other Tree City USA standards include implementing a tree care ordinance, supporting a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.