
Fireworks Over Buhlow!

The City of Pineville, [CLECO](#) and Clear Channel Radio invite you to the 5th Annual “Fireworks Over Buhlow”, Saturday, July 2nd, by beautiful Buhlow Lake in Pineville. Gates will open at 5:00pm. Music begins at 6:00pm with the band Cypress City. At 7:45pm till the start of the fireworks, the featured band on the grandstand will be the [Harmon Drew Super Group](#).

Admission is free! The entire event is underwritten by sponsor support and economic development funds. No ice chests please, as the Pineville Fraternal Order of Police will have a concession stand under the stage area. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket as the concert grandstand by Buhlow Lake will give you a great view of the music and fireworks.

Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields says that “Fireworks over Buhlow” is a nice, family-friendly gift for the community. “We have always strived to do our event before July 4th, to allow our employees and our citizens to be with their families on the actual holiday. This way you can enjoy Independence Day with your family on the 4th...and welcome in the holiday with us on July 2nd!”

Parking will be allowed along the highway by Buhlow Lake and by the gift shop on Central State grounds. No boats will be allowed on the lake July 2nd. The only entrance to “Fireworks Over Buhlow” will be the gate closest to the lighted marquee.

Appreciation Day

Area public service departments will be participating in a [Fire and Police Appreciation Day \(pdf flyer\)](#), Saturday June 25, 9am-1pm in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot on Hwy. 28 East. The departments that are participating in this event will be:

- Pineville Fire Department
- Pineville Police Department
- Rapides Parish Sheriff Department
- Holiday Village Fire Department
- Alpine Fire Department
- Ruby-Kolin Fire Department
- Deville Fire Department
- Ball Fire Department
- Louisiana State Police
- 911 Center
- Acadian Ambulance

We'll be giving away hotdogs, chips and cokes. There will be fingerprinting of the children, a dunking booth, and an air jumper. Smoke detectors will be available for those who are in need of them. The fire safe house will be there with firemen teaching the children about fire safety. Activity books, pencils and magnets will be given out by the Pineville Fire Department. Sparky (the fire dog) will be greeting the children. Y'all come!

Walgreens Ribbon Cutting

The City of Pineville is pleased to welcome its second [Walgreens](#), with the May 27th ribbon cutting of the new store located at the intersection of La. Highway 28 East and Edgewood Drive Extension in Pineville. The newest Walgreens is between [Advance Auto Parts](#) and [Red River Bank](#). The 28 East Walgreens is the fourth new Walgreens Drug Store in the Alexandria-Pineville area and is the 2nd in Pineville. The other "North of the River" location opened last October on the corner of Pinecrest Drive and Monroe Highway (Hwy. 165).



Walgreens' officials were on hand to show off their new \$80,000 automated prescription dispenser, a first in this area. (pictured around the new machine are Pharmacy Supervisor **Paula Belle**, District Manager **Lee Jones**, Mayoral Chief of Staff **Rich Dupree**, Mayor **Clarence Fields** and new store manager **Lance Young**) The Parata (robot) machine can hold 252 different medications and dispense as many as 180 per hour. The other three-area Walgreens will have this new technology by October. Another first for Pineville's newest Walgreens is an Agfa photo-printing machine, said to be the Porche model of such equipment. Aside from having photographs

ready within an hour, the machine can be programmed to send copies to relatives in other states where they can pick them up at their local Walgreens,

Walgreens is the nation's largest drugstore chain and 11th largest retailer. It operates more than 4,000 drugstores in 44 states and Puerto Rico, including approximately 90 stores in Louisiana. Walgreens is returning to Central Louisiana after leaving the market several years ago.



The Pineville Police Department has united with traffic safety advocates across a five state region in a concerted drive to convince pickup truck drivers and passengers in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and the Indian Nations to **"Buckle Up in Your Truck."**

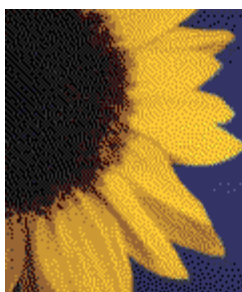


State observation surveys show that well over a million pickup drivers and passengers in the five state region are still not buckling up, resulting in more than 1,000 pickup occupants dying in the five states every year in traffic crashes. Safety belt use in pickup trucks is 5 to 15 percentage points lower compared to all other passenger vehicles in the five states. Pickups are twice as likely to roll over as passenger cars in fatal crashes. About one out of every four pickups in fatal crashes involves a rollover. Wearing your safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a rollover crash by 70 to 80 percent. And buckling up is your only defense against being ejected from your vehicle, one of the most deadly things that can happen to you in a crash. National research showed that of the partially or completely ejected occupants in the rollover crashes studied that 81 percent were not using safety belts compared to only 18 percent who were.

From May 23 – June 5 (including the Memorial Day weekend), Pineville Police officers will also be out in force, participating in the **"Buckle Up in Your Truck"** campaign and safety belt enforcement mobilization. For driving tips on how to avoid rollover crashes and injuries, visit the web at <http://www.actsinc.org/rollovers.cfm>. For more information of the value of Buckling Up in Your Truck, visit www.BuckleUpinYourTruck.com.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, May 21, 9-2



HOUSEHOLD hazardous waste collection day

Saturday, May 21, 2005
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

where?
City Complex
2021 Industrial
Parkway
City of
Alexandria

**Do it for a
cleaner, safer
environment.**

**what is
household
hazardous
waste?**
Household
hazardous waste is
any product labeled:
toxic, poison,
corrosive,
flammable,
combustible, or
irritant that is
disposed of.

**PLEASE DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE PROPERLY!**

The health and safety of our families, neighborhoods and environment is threatened when household hazardous waste is stored or disposed of improperly!

things to bring
(new items marked in bold)

Cell Phones and Chargers
Used Motor Oil
Antifreeze
Brake Fluid
Pesticides
Herbicides
Pool Chemicals
Chlorine
Home Hobby Supplies
Paints
Thinners
Corrosive Chemicals (lye, acid)
Photographic Chemicals
Floor and Furniture
Polish
Drain Cleaners
Disinfectants
Gasoline
Spot Removers
Rust Removers
Fluorescent Light
Bulbs
Batteries--Auto, Rechargeable, Alkaline



**how to prepare
your materials**

- Seal the material in its original container, if possible.
- Wrap glass bottles in a cloth, newspaper, or other packaging material to prevent breakage.
- Place material in a cardboard box.
- Place cardboard box either in the trunk of the car or in the bed of a pickup truck.
- Keep material away from passengers.

**Bring your household
hazardous waste to the
Alexandria City Complex
on Saturday,
May 21, 2005,
from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

DO NOT BRING
Ammunition
Lab Waste
Commercial Waste
Explosives

questions?
Call Ann Wilson
City of Alexandria
Recycling Coordinator
441-6251

Pineville is joining with Alexandria to sponsor the annual "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day" on **Saturday, May 21** from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Alexandria City Complex, 2021 Industrial Parkway in Alexandria. The health and safety of our families, neighborhoods and environment is threatened when household hazardous waste is stored or disposed of improperly! Household hazardous waste is any product labeled: toxic, poison, corrosive, flammable, combustible, or irritant that is disposed of. **DO NOT BRING** Ammunition,

Lab Waste, Commercial Waste or Explosives! If you have any questions, please call Ann Wilson, City of Alexandria Recycling Coordinator, at 441-6251.

Sanctuary of Praise

The landscape of Pineville's most traveled thoroughfare, the Pineville Expressway, continues to change with the addition of the new worship center for Pineville's Sanctuary of Praise. Friday, March 18th, Sanctuary of Praise officially dedicated their new 750-seat auditorium with church members, community and friends. The new worship center is located at 1701 Expressway Drive, between the Highway 107 and Highway 28 East exits.



Sanctuary of Praise has been in existence as one of Pineville's churches since the 1950's, beginning as a small white frame building on Berry Street. Since 1973, **David and Edwina Roberts** have served as Sanctuary of Praise's Senior Pastors. **David and Kim Kimsey** were elected as Pastors of Sanctuary of Praise in 2001. Pastor Kimsey has shared the heartbeat of Sanctuary of Praise for many years, previously serving in youth and associate pastor ministry roles. You are invited to worship with them where their motto is, "It's not religion. It's relationship!" You can visit them on the web at www.thesanctuaryofpraise.com.

Laborde named Fire Chief



During his 23-years with the Pineville Fire Department, **Eddie Laborde** has carried numerous titles, but after the March meeting of the Pineville City Council, he is able to carry the one most coveted by a fireman...Chief. March 8th, Mayor **Clarence Fields** recommended Laborde, who has served as the provisional Fire Chief since **Gary Morrow** retired last year. Chief Laborde stated that he was excited about his appointment to Fire Chief and was eager to get started. "We will continue to train and develop

the department to meet the needs of a fast growing city. I also want to thank the Mayor and City Council for having faith in me.” Laborde will now lead the Pineville Fire Department, which has 52-employees, and three fire stations...on College Drive behind City Hall, on Susek Drive and a station at Camp Beauregard.

Pineville Tree Board ONLINE!

The Pineville Tree Board now has an online presence where you can learn lots of great information about the Tree Board, Pineville's Urban Forest, special projects and upcoming events. For more information, visit:

<http://www.pineville.net/treeboard/>

Lock It Up!

Not since Sally’s Food Store occupied 1402 Military Highway, has there been such a change in the facade as there is with the climate controlled self-storage business Lock It Up. Most recently home to Auction World; Lock It Up has transformed the building and grounds for 50-indoor units and 16-outdoor covered RV and Boat storage units around the perimeter of the building. The outdoor units come with individual electricity and lighting. Inside, the climate controlled unit’s range in size from 8 x 12 to 8 x 20. Fully secured and lighted, this is the second location of Lock It Up in Pineville. The first location is just up the road at 2890 Military Highway, across from Super One. For more information, call 451-5543. Receive one month free after you pay for the first month of storage.



A New "Gateway" Into Pineville

The most traveled “Gateway” into Pineville is undergoing a major transformation. The City of Pineville [Tree Board](#) is leading a tree-planting project on the median of the Pineville Expressway from the Purple Heart Bridge to Shamrock Street to beautify the entrance to the City of Pineville. [Cleco Power, LLC](#), is partnering with the Tree Board by purchasing the plants to landscape the



six-foot high, chain-link fence in the median of U.S. Hwy 167 immediately after the Purple Heart Bridge as well as the Shamrock Street exit island. The Shamrock Street exit island project has been completed and the median planting will take place as soon as drier weather prevails.

Volunteers planted 29 little gem magnolia trees on Saturday, February 19 (pictured-Pineville Mayor **Clarence Fields** and Tree Board member **Eric Kuehler**). The fence line in the median will be prepared and planted by city personnel. More than 600 plants and small trees will be planted in

the median. Species include vitex, yaupons, pampas grass and Carolina jasmine. “This project will create an aesthetic gateway into the city, hide the fence, help reduce storm water run-off, and give the public a sense of accomplishment and ownership in their urban forest,” said Eric Kuehler, a Tree Board member and project director.

Pineville gets attention of Congressional delegation

In recent days, two new stars of the Louisiana Congressional delegation paid visits to Pineville to discuss the important issues in the 109th Congress. Senator **David Vitter** and Congressman **Bobby Jindal** paid separate visits to hear what was on the mind of leaders in Central Louisiana.

Vitter made history this past November, becoming the first Republican from Louisiana elected to the United States Senate since Reconstruction. Vitter discussed his new committee assignments in the office of Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields, and promised his focus will be on lowering the cost of prescription drugs and protecting Social Security for the next generation. He also said he will focus on issues vital to Louisiana, such as pushing for funding for coastal restoration and securing funds to complete Interstate-49. This Congress, Vitter was appointed to three Senate Committees: Commerce, Science and Transportation; Environment and Public Works; and Small Business and Entrepreneurship.



First term Congressman Bobby Jindal has made some history of his own. After falling just short of the Governor’s mansion in 2003, Jindal became only the second Indian-American ever to be elected to the House of Representatives and was honored with his selection as the president of the Republican Freshmen Class of the 109th Congress. Jindal (pictured with Alexandria City Councilman **Rick Ranson** (back to camera), Pineville

City Attorney **Jimmy Faircloth** (partially obscured by Ranson), Pineville Mayor **Clarence Fields**, Councilwoman **Carol Van Mol, Jindal** and Councilman **Kevin Dorn**) spoke about the three committees he was assigned to and how they affect Central Louisiana. Jindal has been appointed to the Permanent Committee on Homeland Security; Committee on Education and the Workforce; and Committee on Resources.



TalkBack With The Mayor

The first Tuesday of each month Mayor **Clarence Fields** is a guest on KSYL's TalkBack morning show. On February 1, 2005, Mayor Fields appeared with District 2 Councilman **Kevin Dorn** to be interviewed by **Dave Graichen** and **Bob Madison**. You can hear the interview in your MP3 player by clicking [here](#).

"Hot Off the Grill"

Fire Mountain, the newest concept from Ryan's Restaurant Group Inc, opened in Pineville, Wednesday, January 12th. Fire Mountain of Pineville is located at 3632 Monroe Highway, near Wal-Mart. It will take the place of the old Ryan's that closed on October 2nd to make way for the new innovating changes.

"The name, the concept, the look is a fresh approach for markets that we have been in for a while but want to continue to be an innovator in the casual dining industry," says General Manager **Germaine Lavalais**.

Fire Mountain "Hot Off The Grill" is a casual, family-style restaurant featuring open display cooking. The most significant addition is an exciting display cooking station that features Fire Mountain Grill masters preparing fresh steaks, chicken, pork, fish and specialty items daily on an open grill, along with fresh-baked pizzas, rotisserie chicken and Chinese stir-fry dishes – all for the enjoyment...and entertainment of Fire Mountain guests. Fire Mountain also serves up an array of all-you-care-to-eat hot and cold fresh and prepared foods each day at its six dining stations. Guests of Fire Mountain will also enjoy the all-you-can-eat Bakery Bar in a dining area



that's reminiscent of a mountain lodge with wood, stone and an earth tone color scheme.

"We provide a tremendous variety of food including a large selection of sugar-free and no sugar added desserts." In addition, Lavalais notes, "We'll be offering all-you-can-eat steak every night and all day on Sunday as well as shrimp on the weekends." Fire Mountain will be open 7 days a week from 10:45 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10:45 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Lunch prices will average just under \$8.00 per person, and dinner prices will be around \$10.00. With families in mind, they are offering special pricing for children 12 & under.

Recycle Those Trees

The City of Pineville is joining with the City of Alexandria, U.S. Forest Service, Courtney Companies, IESI and Keep Cenla Beautiful in partnership to recycle Christmas trees in our community.

The City of Pineville will begin the collection of trees for the coastal restoration project as soon as you are ready to discard your tree. Citizens are asked to remove all decorations, plastic netting or bags from trees and place trees on the curb for pick-up by our sanitation department. Trees are being stored at our Hickory Street Ball Park, and you can also bring your trees to the ball park for recycling.

The State of Louisiana encourages communities to recycle Christmas trees through the Department of Natural Resources Christmas Tree Program. The program is designed to protect Louisiana's coastal wetlands against further erosion by using Christmas trees as barriers. Some trees will go to the Kisatchie National Forest to improve fish habitat in Kincaid and Valentine Lakes.

Our Condolences

The Mayor, City Council and employees of the City of Pineville honor the memory of Sgt. Robert Sweeney III, who lost his life on January 10, 2005, serving our nation in Iraq. Robert was a 2001 graduate of Pineville High School and a student at Louisiana College. He served a member of the 256th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) of the Louisiana National Guard.

The [Town Talk](#) had interviewed Sweeney days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks when he was a freshman at LC and



already serving in the Louisiana National Guard. "People like to say our generation are slackers that don't care about anything," he said. "But they'll see that's wrong. If they call me up, I'm ready. Those (victims) didn't sign any papers to die for their country. But I did."

Robert Sweeney III is a true American hero who died fighting for his country. We have lost a brave Pineville son and we honor his memory.

Along with Sweeney, Staff Sgt. Bill Manuel of Kinder was also killed in action when the Bradley Fighting Vehicle they were riding in was destroyed by a roadside bomb. Our condolences to his family and friends and our prayers for all the rest of our brave fighting men and women, for their safety and speedy return to home.

