New Term Begins

The last day of June, before a packed house at the Main Street Community Center, the elected leadership of the City of Pineville took the oath of office for four more years. June 30, 2006 was Inauguration Day for Pineville Mayor **Clarence Fields** and all five members of the Pineville City Council. What was even more special was that Pineville joined West Monroe as the only other municipality in the state, whose entire elected line was returned to office unopposed.



With family, friends and elected officials from across the Parish looking on, the oaths of office were first administered to the City Council (pictured with Mayor Fields in order): District 1 – **Joe Bishop**, District 2 – **Kevin Dorn**, District 3 – **Carol VanMol**, District 4 – **Tom Bouchie**, and District 5 – **Nathan Martin**. Then Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields was sworn in to begin his second full-term.



Dirt Work Begins for New Hotel

The City of Pineville is excited about the announcement of the first Hotel – Convention Center in Pineville. Dirt work has begun on 7.5-acres just off Highway 165, near Word of Grace Church. We welcome H.L. Haynes, the hotel's developer, to Pineville. (Haynes Holding LLC currently operates the Best

Western Hotel and Convention Center in Alexandria.)

Construction is scheduled to begin in the next couple of months on the 50,000-square foot, three-story hotel, with 106-rooms and 125,000-square foot convention center, and should be completed by the end of the year. Obviously, we are anxiously anticipating what this new development will mean to Pineville and all of Central Louisiana.

Molly & Lee's Opens

An old place is being revived by familiar faces as **Molly and Lee Stagg** have opened **Molly & Lee's**, in the old 232 Main Street Restaurant, in Downtown Pineville. With over 30-years in the food business, Molly & Lee Stagg (on the left and right of Mayor Fields at the ribbon cutting) are excited about returning to serving their many friends on Main Street and all of Central Louisiana. After retiring from the daily retail business, the Stagg's have maintained their catering



business, and look forward to being open for lunch daily and bookings for special occasions.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Once again the City of Pineville is joining with the City of Alexandria's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day program on Saturday, May 20, 2006 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. This year the COA is incorporating Electronic Waste Recycling (computers, monitors, two-way radios, cell phones, etc.). For more information click on the graphics below or on the links to the PDF files:



3 out of 4 Years!

The Louisiana Garden Club Federation has named the City of Pineville the "2006 STATE'S CLEANEST CITY". Pineville won District "D", which was for cities with populations between eight and sixteen thousand. Pineville was competing against the Cities of Denham Springs, Thibodeaux and Rayne in the State finals.



The first week in April, Pineville was judged in District competition and advanced to the State Cleanest City Contest finals, which were the first two weeks in May. This is Pineville's third such award in the last four years. After winning their district many times in the past, Pineville was selected as the STATE'S CLEANEST CITY for the first time by the Louisiana Federation of Garden Clubs in 2003, and repeated in 2004. Pineville's entry is sponsored by the Alexandria Garden Club, which includes many Pineville ladies in its membership.

Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields says the victory is a total team effort. "This award is a victory for all city employees and our citizens. Hats off to our Public Works Department,

the Pineville Beautification Committee and the Alexandria Garden Club. It is obvious that our citizens and employees share the same sense of passion and pride in our community and this award validates what can be accomplished when we work together."



Cleanest City Judging

The City of Pineville won the regional judging for the Cleanest City Contest and is now competing on the state level. State judges will be here on Tuesday, May 9. Help

us clean up our fair city and win the state-wide competition to be Louisiana's Cleanest City!!!



The Pineville High Band Parents
Club invites you to attend the band's
spring patriotic concert. The



concert will take place on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pineville High School Auditorium. The theme of the concert is "Red White and Blue: A Salute to Our Country." A special invitation is extended to veterans and active military. The band program consists of 120 students and is under the direction of Mr. Johnny Walker and Mr. Mark Johnson. The band continues its tradition of excellence - one of the best in

the State, it is the recipient of numerous "Superior" award ratings at marching and concert festivals.



PYBA Opening **Ceremonies**

The PYBA invites you to their opening ceremonies on Saturday, May 6 at 10:30 AM.

Opening Ceremonies will be held at the new Ward 9 Recreation Complex on Donahue Ferry Road in Pineville. For more information visit http://pinevilleyouthbaseball.org/.



Please join us for the 4th Annual RiverFest – celebrating Heritage and Arts on the Red River. Festival dates are Friday, April 28th – Saturday,

April 29th. The Cities of Pineville and Alexandria will join our levees and downtowns to provide Central Louisiana with a great weekend of music, food and art.

In the Spring of 2002, representatives of our local governments, businesses, organizations, and community formed River Cities Cultural Alliance, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to promote tourism and the arts through a celebration of Central Louisiana's diverse cultural heritage. The premier event, held the first weekend in May 2003, was RiverFest: Heritage and Arts on the Red. It was a great success with more than 10,000 festival goers attending the day and a half event.

This years event is even bigger, with musical acts including Saving Jane, Rockin' Dopsey, Jr. & the Zydeco Twisters, Jason Ashley, Overflow, Fusebox and Sammy Kershaw among many others. There are three great music stages between Pineville and Alexandria, with a Civil War Re-enactment/Exhibit, food vendors, arts, crafts and so much more. Plus, you don't want to miss the tremendous fireworks display from the Gillis Long Bridge, which is sponsored by the City of Pineville.

Bring your family and join us for great music, food and fun at RiverFest 2006, April 28th thru 29th, on both sides of the Red River. RiverFest Hours: Friday 6pm - 11pm, Saturday 10am - 11pm. Admission: \$3 for Ages 6 & up, FREE for Ages 5 and under. For more information visit www.theriverfest.com.

Buhlow Lake Winter Nationals 2006

MARCH 24-26, 2006
Testing March 24th
Races 25th & 26th
11:00am - 5:30pm
Each Day

Sanctioned by:
APBA

<u>ADMISSION:</u>

\$3.00 for adults \$1.00 for 12 & under







Buhlow Lake Pineville, LA

"Band-aid" for Hwy. 165

The drive past Buhlow Lake will soon become a lot smoother thanks to a much needed overlay of this highly traveled stretch of U.S. Highway 165. The Department of Transportation and Development has scheduled the "mill and overlay" project for February 11 - 12 and February 18 - 19. [UPDATE: the second weekend has been changed to Feb 25-26 due to weather.] DOTD and Diamond B Construction are utilizing two weekend dates to minimize the effect on traffic on this vital corridor. The \$225,000.00 project will stretch from the base of the O.K. Allen Bridge to the base of the railroad overpass on the Pineville High School side of Highway 165. This is a temporary band-aid to what will be the eventual widening and 4-laning of Highway 165 to compliment a new 4-lane bridge. The replacing of the O.K. Allen Bridge has run into several delays, and thus the delay in what to do to the approaches to the bridge. It is anticipated that there will be only a





partial shutdown of the highway while the overpass is being overlaid, but one-lane traffic will be the norm while the current asphalt is lifted and new asphalt is put in place.



Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

Sanitation Schedule

Garbage: Monday's Route on Tuesday
Tuesday's Route on Wednesday

Trash: Monday & Tuesday's Route on Tuesday



Tree Board Public Forum

In celebration of Arbor Day, please join the Pineville Tree Board for a public discussion on

Your City, Your Trees - A Plan to Keep Pineville Growing

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006 5:30 p.m. Kees Park Community Center Hwy. 28 East, Pineville

The Pineville Tree Board and its consultant, Darren Green, will present information on Pineville's community forest and its condition.

The "Community Forest Resource Analysis and Management Plan" gives an overall view of the age, type and health of trees throughout Pineville. In addition, goals to protect and enhance this community forest will also be discussed.

Please plan to join the Pineville Tree Board and the City of Pineville Administration to help decide what the next steps should be to keep Pineville growing.

For more information, call 484-4136.

Pineville Youth Baseball Registration!

Baseball and Softball Boys & Girls Registration

Boys ages 4 – 14 years Girls ages 4 – 18 years

Registration will be held at the old Pineville Ballpark on Prince Street on the following dates:

Early Bird Registration (\$5.00 off)

Friday – February 10, 2006 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Saturday – February 11, 2006 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Regular Registration

Friday – February 17, 2006 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Saturday – February 18, 2006 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday – February 24, 2006 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Saturday – February 25, 2006 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tryouts will be held first week of March! Everyone must bring birth certificate to registration!

To register by mail, visit our website at www.pinevilleyouthbaseball.org for a copy of the registration form. Please make checks payable to PYBA and mail to above address along with a copy of Birth Certificate.

Fees: 1st child - \$55.00, 2nd child - \$50.00, 3rd child - \$45.00, 4th child - \$40.00

Pineville Youth Baseball Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 3523 Pineville, LA 71361-3523 318-449-5678

www.pinevilleyouthbaseball.org



Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Sanitation Schedule

Garbage: Monday's Route on Tuesday

Tuesday's Route on Wednesday

Trash: Monday's Route & Tuesday's

Route on Tuesday