



Welcome Southern Heritage!

The ribbon has been cut on another new bank in Pineville. [Southern Heritage Bank](http://www.shbnet.com) has opened on the corner of Highway 28 East and Stilley Road. [Southern Heritage Bank](http://www.shbnet.com) is an independently owned community bank with a concern for meeting the banking needs of the residents of Catahoula, LaSalle and Rapides parishes. Their corporate office is located at 1201 Fourth Street in Jonesville ... with other branches in Harrisonburg, Jena, Olla, Tullos, Ball, and now Pineville. You can visit [Southern Heritage Bank](http://www.shbnet.com) on the web at www.shbnet.com or call 442-5250.



Police Progress

In the last couple of months...the Pineville Police Department has seen a few changes. Since May 5 when Chief Jay Barber took over, a narcotics dog has been added back to the department. The dog and trained handler are active in assisting officers in investigating traffic stops where drugs are suspected to be in use or inside the vehicle. New computer technology has been added to the department's ability to have quick access to information on active calls and to pull up a criminal history on a suspect. In addition, the detectives division has added computer software

that allows officers to generate crime scenes from the scene. Changes can also be seen in a new look for the department's police cars and motorcycle unit. The car also labels whether the occupant is a community police officer or a supervisor. Barber said he wanted residents to know who is patrolling in their neighborhoods and who is responding to a scene. Reorganization of various departments has also led to assigning one of its senior officers to a job of "Senior Services", which focuses on the protection and care of our "seasoned citizens".



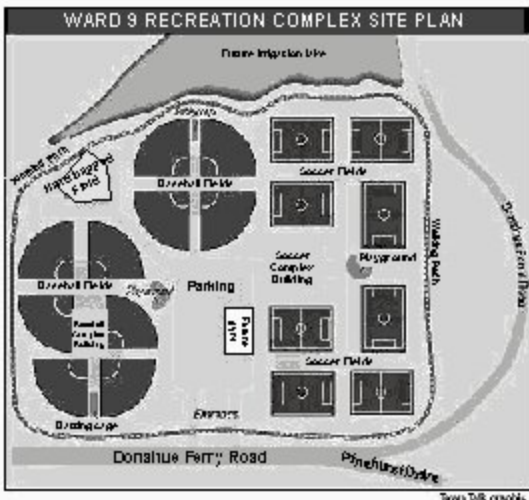
Getting Closer!

We can see the light at the end of the tunnel...and so can the train. Each time a train passes thru downtown Pineville, they can see the KCS underpass project closer to completion. This week, with the cooperation of Mother Nature, cement work is beginning on the on the stretch of Main Street from College Boulevard to Valley Street. The first picture shows the view from Valley Street of the sub-base being spread. The second picture shows the view from the recently opened College Boulevard, and gives you a view up Main Street and what the new underpass bridge looks like. Merrick Construction and the Department of Transportation and Development are working hard toward having the underpass open to "thru traffic" by the start of school ... weather permitting.



New Recreation Complex

The City of Pineville, the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Ward 9 Recreation District have broken ground on a new baseball and soccer complex.



The new complex is located on 165-acres off Donahue Ferry Road on the grounds of Pinecrest Developmental Center. Once complete, the \$6.3 million project will include 10 baseball/softball fields, eight soccer fields, two playgrounds, a jogging path and a parking lot with more than 600 spaces. City Officials are also seeking \$1 million so they can include a baseball field for handicapped children with a surface designed to accommodate wheelchairs – the first of its kind in our area, and possibly the state. A future phase of the development could also include a gymnasium. The land was part of Camp Beauregard during World War I and became state property in

1918. The State of Louisiana is leasing the land to the City of Pineville, who in turn is sub-leasing it to the Ward 9 Recreation District. The dirt work has already begun, with the possibility of some fields being ready for play next spring or summer.

BMX Grand Opening Rained Out

The heavy rains that swept through the Central Louisiana are the weekend of the 4th of July rained out the scheduled Grand Opening of the [P.U.R.E. BMX](#) track. The double-point qualifying race for the 2003 Louisiana State Championship Series and the [American Bicycle Association](#) (ABA) [Race for Life](#) event to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America has been rescheduled to **July 19-20**. More information is available at the [P.U.R.E. BMX website](#).

Fireworks Postponed

Due to the heavy rains on July 3 "Fireworks Over Buhlow" had to be postponed. The city is looking into rescheduling the crowd-pleasing fireworks show for later in the year. We appreciate the great turnout and the encouragement and cooperation of everyone who attended.

P.U.R.E. BMX Track to Open

[P.U.R.E. \(Pineville's Ultimate Racing Experience\) BMX](#) will have its **Grand Opening** the weekend of July 4-6. After outgrowing the former Kees Park location the BMX track was relocated next to Red River, just south of the Purple Heart Bridge (the Pineville Expressway bridge.) This site will allow for regional and national BMX races to be hosted in Central Louisiana as well as allow



Cenla riders to ride on one of the premier BMX tracks in the South.

As part of the Grand Opening, the [P.U.R.E. \(Pineville's Ultimate Racing Experience\) BMX](#) track will hold races each day, including a double-point qualifying race for the 2003 Louisiana State Championship Series and an [American Bicycle Association](#) (ABA) [Race for Life](#) event to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America. P.U.R.E. BMX is also hosting a Pro Rider Clinic with nationally ranked BMX Pro **Colin Stiles**. More information is available at the [P.U.R.E. BMX website](#).

City of Pineville's

Fireworks over Buhlow

**Thursday, July 3rd
Buhlow Lake**

Gates open at 5:00 p.m.

Music begins at 6:00 p.m.

Fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

Bring the entire family out **Thursday Evening, July 3rd** for an evening of Music and Fireworks at Buhlow Lake! **Music begins at 6:00 p.m. with The BB Major, Blues Band! At 7:40 p.m. its Avery Michaels & Exit 209.**

The evening will then be capped off at 9:00 p.m. by fireworks and music that will make you proud to be an American.

ADMISSION IS FREE! Full concessions will be available - no ice chest please. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and come celebrate our Nation's independence under the stars by beautiful Buhlow Lake.

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www.pineville.net



**The BB Major,
Blues Band**

**Avery Michaels
& Exit 209**



New Bank Opens!

The City of Pineville joined the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Red Coats in welcoming the newest branch of [Union Bank](http://www.union-bank.com/) to Pineville. Mayor **Clarence Fields** and Bank President **Darrell Ryland** (center of picture) cut the ribbon to the new branch at 40 Pinecrest Drive, next to the new Goodwill Store. Visit their website at <http://www.union-bank.com/> and let



branch manager **Tommy Young** know you heard about the grand opening on Pineville.net!

New Police Chief

The City of Pineville has turned to a familiar face to lead the Pineville Police Department. Mayor Clarence Fields (center) welcomed Jay Barber (left) as the interim Police Chief. Barber and Assistant Chief Rusty Murdoch (right) announced plans for the future of the department. A Special Response Team, a K-9 unit, uniform and vehicle appearance, as well improved computer technology are on in the making. The position opened up when Chief Stanley Rogers officially retired Sunday, May 4th. Barber is a 28-year law enforcement veteran, 21-of those with the Pineville department. Barber has spent the last 10-years as Division Commander for the Rapides Parish D.A.R.E. unit.



Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields said Barber will be a catalyst in "moving this department into the future." As a part of reorganizing, Barber named Capt. Terrell Paul as the new patrol division commander and Lt. Dana Rachel as the new investigation division commander. Other programs Barber wants to implement include a criminal apprehension police service, which will handle warrants, drug problems and DWI enforcement. Motorcycle patrols will also increased, and the Police Reserve Unit is being reorganized. A warrants division, which will be in charge of collecting fines, also is planned. Another change comes in Barber's motto to his officers of "unity, integrity and loyalty" - those words will be on the new emblem for the department.