



Cooksey in Pineville

U. S. Congressman John Cooksey was in Cenla recently and paid a visit to Pineville City Hall to update Mayor Clarence Fields on Washington happenings. Congressman Cooksey also took a tour of the front office, meeting employees and taking a look at Pineville's new utility software.

Congressman Cooksey and Mayor Fields spent the next couple of hours discussing ways our

Representative from the 5th District can help Pineville with various infrastructure projects. (Click on picture for larger view.)

Pine Notes!

The inaugural edition of the City of Pineville's newsletter, ***Pine Notes***, was very warmly received by citizens across the city! It was so warmly received, in fact, that we've received several requests to post a copy on the web page. So [here](#) it is! Simply click on the graphic at the right and it will take you to an online copy of the newsletter. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and we plan to continue placing archived copies online!.



Louisiana Senate Holds Reapportionment Meeting in Pineville



Tuesday, July 24th, at Pineville City Hall, members of the **Louisiana Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs** held their first of eight state-wide public hearings on "Redistricting 2001". In City Council Chambers were (pictured left to right) Sen. Noble Ellington (D) - Winnsboro, Sen. Jay Dardenne (R) - Baton Rouge, Chairman, Sen. Chris Ullo (D)- Harvey, Sen. Robert Barham (D) - Rayville, and Sen. James David Cain (D) - Dry Creek. (Click on picture for larger view.)

Water Tank Facelift

The City of Pineville's elevated water tank on the Cottingham Expressway is back in operation after a new facelift outside and within. Built in 1952, this half-million gallon tank now promotes two of Pineville's greatest assets...Pineville High School and Louisiana College. In addition to the new appearance, the improvements also insure better drinking water for many years to come.

(Click on the photos for a larger view.)



Sales Tax Rededication Passes

The citizens of Pineville have spoken regarding the rededication of the 1 cent sales tax enacted in 1978. In the July 21st vote **512 (83%)** voted **YES** and **108 (17%)** voted **NO** to allow 1/2 of the tax to be used to purchase equipment such as trash and garbage trucks, tractors and other heavy equipment. This tax was formerly restricted to only be used for capital improvements, such as roads and buildings. The rededication will allow Pineville to upgrade its aging heavy equipment and thus offer better services to all citizens. Final official results can be seen at the [Louisiana Secretary of State's web page](#).

Ward 9 Recreation District

The first meeting of new commissioners of the Ward 9 Recreation District was held Wednesday, July 13th, in the Conference Room of



Pineville City Hall. Originally created by the State Legislature in 1976, this corporate body has never officially been active until **Police Juror Steve Bordelon** and **Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields** began to discuss ways to improve recreation in Pineville. The Rapides Parish Police Jury appointed five new commissioners at their June 11th meeting. They are **William**

Barron, Tony Brossette, Shelia Johnson, Fred Mills and Charlie Moore.

Although the board of commissioners is a political subdivision of the State and independent of the Police Jury or the City of Pineville, both Bordelon and Fields offered their help and support as the group begins the task of planning for the recreation needs of our kids for the next several years.

Pictured from left to right: (seated) Police Juror Steve Bordelon, Mayor Clarence Fields, Shelia Johnson, Councilwoman Carol Cunningham, Chairman of the Council's Recreation Committee...(standing) Fred Mills, Charlie Moore and Tony Brossette. (Click on picture for larger view.)

Fireworks Over Buhlow



Over 4,000 gathered at Buhlow Lake and lined the highway on Tuesday, July 3 as the City of Pineville, along with [CLECO](#), [LA103.5](#) and [105.5 The Fox](#) presented an *"Evening of Music and Fireworks at Buhlow Lake"*



in honor of our nation's independence. Featured musical groups were [Uncommon Man](#) and the [Harmon Drew Super Group](#). Thank you to everyone involved and to all the citizens who came out and made this wonderful family event such a success! (The picture above left is an "early" shot as the festivities were beginning. Above right is just one of the awesome fireworks displays seen over Buhlow Lake! Click on pictures for larger view.)

VISIT KEES PARK!

The **Kees Park Playground** was reopened on Saturday, September 30, 2001 thank to the hard work of ladies from [Moms for Kees Park](#) in cooperation with the City of Pineville.

Phase I is now complete but there's still a long way to go and there's still a way you can help. Various levels of sponsorship are available. Click on the [picture](#) above to find out how you can be an ongoing part of this exciting project that benefits all our children!



[Art Quest Studios](#) is located in a charming cottage tucked away at 117 Reagan Street in Pineville, just around the corner from City Hall. Seven local award winning artists draw from Central Louisiana's diverse culture and beauty to create wondrous works of sculpture, painting, pottery and other art that are often on display inside City Hall. We're excited about [Art Quest Studios](#) and hope you'll visit them, both online and at Reagan Street. Call 767-0650 for more information! (Click on the picture at right for a view of the artists - Back row: Ina Cowen, Ferris Ducker, Helen Chance, Gloria Rabalais - Front Row: Katherine Snyder, Pat Marcantel.)



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Music begins at 6:30 p.m. with [Uncommon Man](#), a combination of Christian Country/Southern Rock sound that will be a big hit. Then at 7:45 p.m., [The Harmon Drew Super Group](#) takes to the grandstand. This 15-member band brings a special mix of R&B music to Pineville, complete with a great horn and rhythm section. The evening will then be capped off at 9:45 p.m. by a tremendous fireworks/music display that will make you proud to be an American.



Admission is **FREE!** Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and come celebrate our Nation's independence under the stars by beautiful Buhlow Lake. (Feel free to bring a picnic basket or refreshments. However, please remember that alcoholic beverages are not permitted.)

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Citizens Group Plans Children's Activities

The Pineville Concerned Citizens for a Better Lakeside/Wardville Community (PCC) is joining with [AmeriCorps](#) to sponsor weekly summer activities for Wardville neighborhood children. Plans are being made for future weekly activities to meet the needs for youth summer recreation activities.

The group also plans to have a barbecue and talent show from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30 at the ball park in Wardville. For more information call PCC president **Angelina Iles** at 561-1238 or secretary **Kathy Stedman** at 483-9465. The next meeting of the PCC is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 25, at Gethsemane Christian Fellowship Church in Wardville. All interested parties are invited.

"Community Police Week"

The City of Pineville has proclaimed the week of May 14-19, 2001 as "**Community Police Week**". At the right is a picture of **Mayor Clarence Fields** (right) reading the proclamation while **Police Chief Stanley Rogers** (center) and **Assistant Chief Rusty Murdock** (left) look on. Click on the picture for a larger version. You can also read a [copy of the proclamation](#).

