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Bayou Blues Rocking to the Music

By Kylie Weeks

The Bayou Blues Choir is planning its annual concert for January 15 at 7 p.m. at the Delta Music Institute on the campus of Delta State University.

The theme for this year's concert is "Top 20 Countdown". The format for the show is that of a radio program. Spence Abraham and Davis Worthey will act as the radio announcers. The

show will feature solo performances by Lauren Bailey, Caleb Holder, Morgan Parker, and Trey Wells. The junior high school choir will be the back-up singers, and Houston Griffith will be

helping with the lights and sound equipment.

Admission to the concert is free. A recording of the performance will be made available on CDs at a later date.

Open House

By Kylie Weeks

This past Thursday night Bayou Academy sponsored its annual Open House for prospective students and their parents. Students presently attending Hayes Cooper and Parks Elementary Schools and Presbyterian Day School were invited to mix and mingle with Bayou students, parents, staff, and teachers. Refreshments were provided for the guests, and each visitor received free admission to the basketball game.



Left to right: Allyson Parker, Ethan Upton, Mykalah Soliz, Tucker Love, Trey Wells, Jessica Wells, Leslie Steadman, Laurel Hayden Bowen, Elizabeth Canalejo, Caleb Holder, Carley Brock, Sarah Davis, Houston Griffith, Morgan Parker, Lauren Bailey, Spence Abraham, Davis Worthey, Michael Iacopelli, and Sam Cooper.

Bayou Academy Students Help Others Around the World

By Kylie Weeks

Students at Bayou Academy have generously donated items to help two distinct causes. First, the annual staff collected items to send to soldiers in Afghanistan. Nineteen boxes were filled and forwarded to American soldiers

stationed in Afghanistan.

Major Eric Owens emailed Yearbook Advisor Mrs. Robin O'Neal to thank her and the students for the donations. He said the soldiers really appreciated the flannel sheets, and the Afghan construction workers assigned to the post were excited to receive the socks.

Students also collected personal items and toys to send to Gina Pambianchi at Spring Hill University in Mobile, Alabama. Ms. Pambianchi will take the donations on a mission trip to Belize. The trip is planned for March, 2010. Mrs. Courtney Howell coordinated the donations from Bayou Academy.



Spence Abraham took this 8 point buck while hunting at Post Oak Hunting Club in Banner MS.



Although not a deer or duck, Rock Jones killed a nutria on his hunting trip.

Hunter's Corner

Hunting in the Delta

By Anthony Malatesta

Here it is the middle of January, and the hunting season for deer and duck is winding down. For some of the Bayou students, this year's season has been a success. Various types of game have been harvested. Yours truly bagged a three year old 6 point deer with my Matthews Reezen bow. Winn Roark shot a nice 8 point deer with his rifle. Trippe Pilgrim harvested a nice

three point management buck at Merigold Hunting Club. Ryan Redditt traveled to Illinois and brought back a beautiful 10 point buck which he whacked with his bow. Winn House is still standing with his early season 4 point buck .

Duck hunters have also had a very good season. Last week's freezing temperatures had all the fields frozen, and the ducks were on the Mississippi River. Duck hunters

were able to make up for all their bad hunts. In fact, many of Bayou's hunters have made numerous early morning duck hunts that turned out to be total successes.

Although we only have about two more weeks left in this year's duck and deer season, don't despair. The wild hogs and smaller game will keep us occupied until spring turkey season. There will be plenty of us hunters out in the woods answering the call of the wild.

Ryan Redditt killed this 10 point buck while hunting with his dad in Illinois.



Winn House, Trippe Pilgrim, Ryan Redditt, and Anthony Malatesta brave freezing weather to call in the ducks.



The Rivalry Continues...

By Tori Braswell

Bayou Academy Colts celebrated a new sports year by hosting the North Sunflower Academy Rebels. Emotions were running high as the NSA Rebels came to play basketball at the Bayou Academy Gym. The emotionally charged atmosphere contributed greatly to the age-old rivalry. The fans participated in the game as much as the players simply because some of the Bayou fans are former students of



North Sunflower Academy. It was almost a clean sweep for the Colts until the high school boys game. The boys suffered a heartbreaking loss in probably the most intense game of the night.

Friday night the Colts had a home game against the Greenville Christian Saints. The junior high boys and high school girls captured wins that night.

This past Tuesday night the Colts traveled to Strider Academy to take on the Rams in the last

conference game. The high school girls picked up a win while the junior high girls and the high school boys' teams lost their games. The big game of the night proved to be the junior high boys who lost a two point squeaker after three over-times.

The Colts next play the Benton Academy Raiders on Thursday, beginning with the junior high girls' game at 4 p.m. on Bayou's home court.

Itty Bitty Ballers

By Peyton Dixon

Unbeatable, unstoppable, and undefeatable, Bayou Academy's Itty Bitty basketball teams rolled into Greenville Christian School on January 16 and pummeled the Saints to bring home a victory.

The Itty Bitty basketball teams are comprised of boys and girls in the 5th and 6th grades. The girls are coached by Mr. Philip Adams and Mr.

Al Cummins. The boys are coached by Mr. Kenny Jones and Mr. Albert Nylander.

January 8, the Itty Bitty teams hosted a fundraiser basketball tournament to raise money for the Bayou Academy teams. Itty Bitty teams from Presbyterian Day School, North Sunflower Academy, Indianola Academy, Kirk Academy, Washington Academy, and Greenville Christian School participated in the tournament.

Bayou Academy welcomed a new faculty member this semester. Will Reed joined the Bayou team as the new jr. high math teacher and assistant coach. Coach Reed will help guide the baseball team to another winning season.

Crack and Pop ... Diamond Fever is on the Way

By Tori Braswell

Once again the crack of the bat can be heard around the Bayou Academy campus. Baseball practice began with the start of the new semester in anticipation of the beginning of the season. The first baseball game will be played February

18 against Tunica Academy.

This season 33 boys have answered the call of the "diamond". There are quite a few young players joining last year's winning team. According to Coach Rodney Martin, "We have a good team, and I

expect good leadership out of the senior players this year. The pitching looks good this year. We are playing a tougher schedule than we have played in the past five or six years. This should only make us stronger going into the playoffs because we will have gained a lot of

experience to carry us through the championship series. This is a good bunch of boys, and it will be a fun year." Echoing Coach Martin's sentiments, junior second baseman Winn Roark is looking forward to a "successful year and another run at the state championship."

Coach Patrick winces in painful anticipation of receiving his H1N1 flu shot. The Bayou Academy students and faculty received their flu vaccinations courtesy of the Mississippi Department of Health.



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Counselor's Corner

ACT TEST DATES

Feb. 26, 2010
 April 10, 2010
 June 12, 2010

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Jan. 5, 2010
 Mar. 5, 2010
 May 7, 2010

- Students check out bulletin board for ACT workshop and test dates and scholarship opportunities.
- Federal student aid application now online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Seniors may take college visit days until Friday, Feb. 26. Seniors must schedule with Mrs. Davis 2 days in advance.

Patrons League Serves Lunch at Bolivar County Ag Expo

By Peyton Dixon

The annual agricultural convention was held at the Bolivar County Expo this past Tuesday and Wednesday. The Bayou Academy Patrons League sponsored a concession stand, and volunteers served snacks, drinks, and lunch to convention visitors.

This is the 36th year that the Patrons League has provided a concession booth. All monies from the food sales will benefit Bayou Academy.



Left: Volunteer Pam Parker assists customer during the lunch rush.



Right: Vice President Diane Chenault helps serve visitors at Ag Expo.