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NCHS SENIOR CLASS RECYCLING PROJECT by Lashondra Jones

BETA CLUB by Kristy Buie

The North Central High School recycling project, which is in its second year, began in Mr. Martel's classroom. Last year Lashondra Pierre, Tasheta Thomas and Reynard Eaglin, Jr. who were juniors, asked Mr. Martel what he was going to do with the bundle of papers that he had collected from his student folders. They suggested that the material should be recycled. With Mr. Martel's help the project began and has continued to the present. Mrs. Velma Hendrix kicked off the year by bringing in 50 pounds of cans on the first day of school. The senior class really appreciates the faculty and also students that have helped support this project. We would like to encourage the rest of our teachers to help the students make a difference by collecting aluminum, and tin cans, plastics, cardboard, papers, used papers, folders, newspapers, and magazines.

The BETA club is sponsored by Mrs. Velma Hendrix. The goals and objectives of her club are to promote excellence in academic, to enhance good character traits, and to promote leadership in wholesome activities. The qualifications for membership are to maintain a 3.0 and above academic GPA, to develop leadership ability, and students willing to do service projects. The project for this club is to attend National, State and Parish activities. The BETA club will be having a candy sale, a BETA pageant, assemblies, and they will be taking a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. Officers have not been selected. If you want to know more about BETA, please contact Mrs. Hendrix.

Pick Up Dates

September 11	October 9
November 13	December 11
January 8	February 12
March 12	April 9
May 14	

4-H by Kristy Buie

The 4-H club is sponsored by Mrs. Tracey Beard. The goals and objectives of this club are to promote self-growth and to provide leadership development to help the students. The other goals are to help students develop into responsible adults. Any student who pays dues is eligible, and also, any that is willing to follow 4-H ideals and standards. Some students who choose project books for all different kinds of projects. And they can also participate in Achievement Day and short course, as well as monthly meetings. If you would want more information about this 4-H club please contact Mrs. Beard.

NCHS FFA Wins National Honor by Reynard Eaglin, Jr.

The North Central Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter has been awarded a one star national chapter rating. Three members of chapter and two group advisors will travel to Kansas City in November to attend the 69th National FFA Convention. Both North Central FFA advisors, Mr. Hals Beard and Mr. Francis Richard, said that the honor the local chapter received is well deserved. Mr. Richard said, "This could be the first time in the parish an FFA chapter is recognized on national level." The FFA chapter was rated a gold chapter at the state level. Attending the convention will be Jason Hutchins, Garrett Schexnayder and Chad Baham.

Art Club by Kristy Buie

The Art Club is sponsored by Mr. Ted Bertrand. The goals and objectives for his club include: To compete in art contests available to high school, to create ideas for new murals for the school, to generate new ideas for "Hurricanes" T-shirts. The qualifications for membership in this club are to have a 2.0 GPA, and have desire to improve the school and their lives, and have a creative spirit and positive attitude! Mr. Bertrand would also like to take a field trip to the Art show or museum. If you want to know about this club, please contact Mr. Bertrand between 1st and 3rd hours.



Profiles

by Valarie Banks

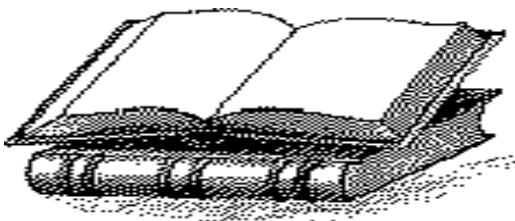


The Upward Bound Summer Program is a program that helps students benefit in many areas of education, such as mathematics, English, science, foreign language, college and career planning. For seven weeks juniors in the Upward Bound program went to U.S.L. while some of the sophomores in the program attended other colleges.

Reynard Eaglin, a senior at North Central High School attended the summer Upward Bound program at U.S.L. When he was asked, "What did you enjoy about the program?" Reynard answered, "I enjoyed my classes and the challenge they presented me with. Also my friends as we kept the bond while having a memorable time at U.S.L." Reynard said that the program has given him an opportunity to feel what campus life is like, while putting him through some college courses and preparing him for a bright future. Reynard says that socially he has encountered beautiful and intelligent people. Reynard was selected "Mr. Upward Bound."

Byrd Lee Adams, a junior at North Central High School, also attended the Upward Bound Summer Program. She chose to attend the University of Texas at Arlington. Byrd says that she really enjoyed her college experience. She got to meet different people of different races. Byrd says that the elective classes she took were Language, Music, Dance, Martial Arts, Spanish and Pop Culture. She also learned how to defend herself by learning Kappawedda, which originated in Africa. She studied pop culture which was much different from ours. Overall, Byrd says that she had a good summer, and she wishes that it would have not ended.

Kenneth Doucet, a junior at North Central High School attended Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. Kenneth says he really enjoyed his stay. He said he got to meet a lot of people and it showed him how college life is and is making some of his high school classes easier this year. Kenneth says he had fun and he met new people and new friends!



Profile on New Band Director

by Reynard Eaglin, Jr.

Our new band director, Mr. Thaddeus Johnson, is a native of Sunset, La and comes to us from Beau Chene High. He has been in the business of teaching for ten years with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from University of Southwestern Louisiana and a Master's Degree in Administration Supervision from Southern University in Baton Rouge. Mr. Johnson has been the summer band camp staff coordinator for three years at Mississippi Valley State University and also a member of the band staff at Grambling State University for nine years. Mr. Johnson has had a rewarding career in St. Landry Parish. He turned Beau Chene High School's marching band into one of national prominence, traveling and competing in numerous contests and competitions in Memphis, New Orleans, Atlanta, New York City, Washington, D.C., Winchester, Va, and Philadelphia, P.a. To illustrate Mr. Johnson's concern and commitment to teaching, he was selected as Teacher of the Year from St. Landry Parish and as Educator of the Year from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in 1993. Mr. Johnson has had a successful career at Beau Chene and says, "All credit goes to God for all accomplishments and awards, because God is the light and in Him is no darkness at all." (1 John 1: 5) Mr. Johnson says that he has high hopes for N.C.H.S. and would like us to have the same type of marching band as did Beau Chene. "I would like to build strong feeder programs that will achieve similar accomplishments. I believe this is possible with the cooperation of the administration, faculty, staff, parents and students", Mr. Johnson said. Most of his day is spent working with the elementary students in Washington, Palmetto, and Morrow. He says that it is a joy to see children learn to play music; it gives them hope for a bright future. Mr. Johnson has one class here at North Central during 5th period. He says that his goal is to expand on the musical knowledge his high school students has already gained and build a sense of pride in their band and school. Mr. Johnson said his transition was easy. He said, "I know some of the faculty here at N.C.H.S. and I also met some students that participated in the Upward Bound summer program. Also, knowing that I would be working under one of the best principals in the parish made it easy for me to leave Beau Chene." Mr. Johnson is a member of numerous professional and social organizations, namely one which he is truly proud - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. I would like to wish Mr. Johnson and the band a successful and productive 1996-1997 school year.



BEST FRIENDS

by Amber Schexnayder

Believe it or not Kristy, Amber, Kasey, Heidi, and Renetta are best friends. They all first met in the process of getting settled in different places, but by coincidence they settled in Palmetto. They have been knowing one another for almost all their lives. What makes these five cuties relationship so "funktified" is that they have the right understanding among themselves such as listening to one another's problems, giving advice, laughter, and just being their typical selves. As you know, a friendship has its ups, but there are also downs in this relationship. Now, Amber is known to be the picky type, while paranoid Kasey is worried about who wants her boyfriend. Renetta just thinks she knows everything about everybody (NOT)! Heidi, Miss Thang, thinks she's the bomb!! Yeah Right! (The Atomic Bomb) Dingy Kristy, that dumb blonde, takes things totally serious. A double DUH!!! goes out to her. Anyhow, after all of our little disagreements, there are our agreements which are hanging out, talking on the phone, skating and going out on weekends.

BEST FRIENDS

by Amber Schexnayder

Who could have ever guessed that Lashondra, Jessica, Denise, and Shawna could ever be best friends? They first met back in 7th grade when they first started school at N.C.H.S.. They have been friends for roughly six years. What makes these four young, attractive ladies so outstanding is their ability to understand one another's feelings and being there to be supportive when there are obstacles one of them may face. Some of the things that help them get along entirely well- are their personality, character, sensitivity, and just keeping one another laughing. Although they act friendly towards one another, they do have things that may cause them to get into static. Now, Lashondra has a quick temper and is momentarily worrying about her grades. Shawna has a problem with calling Lashondra "Thicky", knowing that she's thin. Jessica, that "thang", just aggravates everyone. Last but not least, Denise eats up everything and doesn't grow. Oh! Jessica has a fake hair color, but don't tell anyone. One thing that really tends to give them trouble is not being able to "chill" with one another when they want to because they live so far away from each other. When they do get together, everyone knows, because they go crazy and it's impossible to contain them.



Looking into your future with Lit L

by Lashondra Jones

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your most effective asset today will be your ability to get along with all kinds of people. This can be used to enhance your reputation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will be rewarded for your efforts today if you remain determined. Do not start anything you do not intend to conclude.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Guard against the inclination to blurt out secrets today because your words will have more impact on others than you realize.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strive to help people who have assisted you previously, but don't become so immersed in their affairs that you forget to tend to your own responsibilities.

Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19) A close friend with whom you've been eager to discuss something confidential should be available today. He or she will be interested in the same topics.

Aquarius (March 21-April 19) If you set goals with confidence and enthusiasm, your positive attitude will attract success.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Your friendly and sociable demeanor is magnetic. Organize your work and cash in on your talents.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Don't bother trying to convince other folks of your good intentions. Simply let people think what they want, you can't change them.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You've recently discovered that you must put your ideas into action. Begin to take responsibility for your life because believing in yourself is the key to self-empowerment!

Gemini (May 21-June 20) That fierce, fine fellow who seems too good to be true probably is. Reality check - He's human just like you. If you look and feel good, you'll draw others to you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Do not take anything for granted today. Watch everything closely because you might be able to turn a negative into a positive.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) Try to make the best of things that may seem to get you down. There is always a light at the end of the tunnel.



Hurricane Sports 1996-97

'Cane Scoreboard

The 'Canes Kick Off Season With Win by Duke

The North Central High Football season kicked off Aug. 31 at Donald Gardner Stadium in the Kiwanis Jamboree. The 'Canes opposed the Westminster Crusaders, who showed a little improvement from last year's record 0-10; however, they held the 'Canes only to one score. WCA had 24 offense plays to NC 21. The 'Canes had a total of 138 yards of total offense to the Crusaders 54 yards. Even though the 'Canes fumbled 3 times, they still managed to keep the lead and come out with a victory. The 'Canes scored off a double reverse from Marcus Blueitt to Kevin Tyler for a 70 yard touch down run. As the time was running down, the Crusaders started to panic, rushing their plays, losing the ball etc. But they did give the 'Canes a run for their money. Most importantly, the 'Canes did come out with a win of 8-0.

The 1996-97 Defensive Line and Secondary by Duke

The defensive line will be as good as it wants to be, with Aaron Johnson 6'0" weighing in at 250 pounds and Jeremy Pradia 6'2" carrying 255 pounds. Both players have experience and size (very solid). Secondary 2-All District performers return from last year -Chad Chenier strong safety and Chris Stoner- free safety. Others starters are Clarence Jackson, Bryant Tyler, Eunice Defro and Kevin Tyler. Our lineback corps is made of two returned starters with three years of experience, Marcus Blueitt , Felix Lockett, both all district players. The newcomers in the linebacker position are James Flint and Kevin Tyler. Overall our defense should be very experienced and solid. The ends will consist of new starters, Duke Nevills, Kenneth Rene, Tyrone Labostrie and Heath Duplechain. These players have limited experience but alot of talent.

This year's '96-'97 football team are at their best. The team has a number of players and also good running backs and receivers. Improvements have been made to balance the offense. This year's key players are Marcus Blueitt, James added the final margin in the second half. This happened with a 20 yard touchdown run. The Hurricanes finished with 193 yards rushing while limiting the Warriors to on153 yards overall.



Aug. 31	Jamboree	8-0
Sept. 6	Davidson	12-0
Sept. 13	Sacred Heart	0-39
Sept. 20	Basile	0-13
Sept. 27	Catholic P.C.	8-20
Oct. 4	Northwest	8-20
Oct. 11	Mamou	8-14



Lady 'Canes by Reynard Eaglin, Jr.

The volleyball team is making a headway for themselves as they dominate the court with their expertise and talent. Mrs. Ned is right behind them with the experience to help them be the best on and off the court. These young ladies work hard and have shown the Church Point Bears on September 3, 1996 that they meant business when they stepped on the floor and left them with a score of 15-1('Canes) in the first match and a smile of victory in the second match, 15-0 ('Canes). The J.V. team did their duties and added to the winning smile with a win of 15-4 in the first match and 15-0 in the second. The Lady 'Canes then took their skills and presented the Northwest Raiders with a defeat of 15-12 in the first match and 15-2 in the second match. The J.V. team also had a win of 15-8 in their first match and finished them off with 15-3 in the second match.

On September 12, 1996, the volleyball team then continued their winning streak with no need for home court advantage and gave the Church Point Bears another defeat. The varsity team won the first game with a score of 15-7, second game was won by the Bears, 9-15 and there was a need for a tie breaker. The 'Canes of course won the match with ease and a score of 15-8. The J.V. team won the first match with a score of 15-11 and the second with 15-5. Congratulations!!! & Good Luck !!!

The 1996-1997 Volleyball Team - Mrs. L. Ned, Coach

Kasey Dupre	Marcelina Tanner
Shondra Fontenot	Daphanie Duplechain
Lakeitha Robinson	Mandy Johnson
Cordese Shaw	Natalie Sanders
Naomi Prince	Letha Scott
Latasha Charles	Markisha Haynes
Sharonda Randall	Shawna Offord



SHOT- OUTS

by Danielle Washington

What's up ? Brina here and I would like to send a shot- out to my baby my one and only Kelvin Jackson , Effie and her boy Brandon, Gee-Gee& Cane& Andrian, M.C. Bliss and my big brother "Duke".

What's up? Adrian here and I would like to send a few shot- outs to a few of my friends : Sabrina, Angel, April, Aimee, Darletha, Erica, Falaisha, Andra, and few more I can't think of right now.

What's up? Here 's your girl Erica and I would like to send a shot out to my boy Tyrae, my boy Adrian, my boy Darrell R., to my girl Deonica, my girl Brina, and my girls Robin and Shawndria.

What's up? This is Effie in da house for the '96. I would like to give a shot out to my baby Brandon.

Wz up? I want to give a shot out to the "SENIORS OF 1997 " especially Muff, Shon, Karen, T.T. -N-Chad, Shondra and Daph. I also want to holla at my boys Steele, Gerren, Marcus, Tyrone and Duke. Later! R.E.J./Kappa.

This is your girl "LIL RED" or "NICKI", and I would like to give a shot out to all my girls and boys for that "Morrow Click".

Hi, my name is Dana B.K.A. Dinky and I would like to give a shot out to my sister Niecy & Kiesha , my boy Billy , Mashundra , all my girls Natalie, Byrd, Brandi, Bridget, and especially my girl"Danielle".

Hi, my name is Mickey and I would like to give a shot out to my girl Danielle, me myself Lil Mickey, Casper, Faliashia and Dianna.

I want to give a shot out to all the young ladies and gentleman in the Family and Consumer Science class. Have a good year. Jeremy, Bryant, Kendra, Marvin, Kevin, LouAnne, and Dennis Andrus from Mrs. Hayes.

I would like to give a shot out to all them haters . Love us now! Nikki & Toya

Wz up? Seniors of '97 we all up in here. We got N.C.H.S. "soad up." To my girl Latoya(Toe) and my big brother "Lil Carl". We "bout it ", yall ain't ready for that class of "1997".

I'd like to give a shot out to them ballin' seniors. Yall know we "bout it" and to my daughter Shaquana, my girl Cassandra and my boy Carl Celestine yall in here. Opelousas in the house. I almost forgot my boy "Big Mike Smith".

What's up? Kristain here and I would like to give a shot out to my girl Claudette, Debra and my girl Danielle, Rose, Angela, Ieshia, and my boy Eunice and Keith.

Saying what's up to my boy Lil' Mike, Ronnie, Kenneth, Rodney, Tyrae, Chris Brown, Patrick, Mark, and my boy Khali who isn't with us any more, Sexie Slim.

I'd like to give a shot out to Heidi, Kasey, Amber, Renetta, Stephanie, and to all the others that I missed. Hope to be friends for life. Much Love, Bubble.

What's up? Your girl Byrd here. I would like to give a few shot-outs to the following students: my girls, Dana, Bridget, Natalie, Claudette, my nieces, Angela, Emma, Renee, and April, and my girl Brandi and her boy Kenny, and that special person in my life.you know who you are.

Hi, my name is Alexis and I would like to give a shot out to my sister LaKeisha.

What's up? My name is Ki-Ki and I would like to give a shot out to my girl- Dee-Dee, Gee-Gee, Simba, Dana, Delonda, Natalie and my boyz Patrick, Rayford, TJ, Adrian,and that Melville Click.

First of all I would like to give a shot out to the Senior Class of '97 and that sophomore class we all "bout it"and my baby Gerald Collins all eyes on him from Samantha Duplechain.

I would like to give a shot out to that Washington Posse' and to Shelby to from Peaches.

What's up ? Rose in the house. I want to send a shot out to all the juniors and my girls from Morrow. Peace Out.

What's up? Robin here giving a shot out to all my girls from that Palmetto Click: Deonica, April, Ieshia, Keisha, Lynette, Erica, Lashondra, Rachuel. My girls from Washington, Christian and Frances.

What's up? April Veal here giving shot out to all my girls Robin: Deonica, Frances, Lydia, Christian, Erica, Monique, and my boys Bryant C, Tyrae, and Randall. Don't forget my boyz Rodney and Fredrick Spencer.

What's up? Beebe here and I would like to give a shot out to my Melville Click. Keepin' it real.

What's up? Stress C here and I would like to give a shot out to my girl, the sweetest girl at school .You know who you are From the "Ville" stay up and I'm out.

What's up? I would like to give a shot out to Big Dog#82, Denise Defro, Jessica Dye, and Shawna Offord. Thanks for having my back at all times. Lit' L

The Successful Look

Submitted by Tamesha Labostrie

Success is the goal I'm
Trying to make;
Going the extra mile that is
What I'm willing to take.
Setting fun things to the side
Trying to always stay in my book;
Can be the only way I'll ever
Come close to the successful look.

Success is all I am going for excepting anything else;
I am going to get it one day if I would keep confidence
always in myself.



NCHS SNAPSHOTS



Duke & Val



**Danielle
Reynard**



Kristy & Amber