



Policeman's best friend

The Denham Springs City Council was introduced to the newest weapon in the police department's fight against drugs:

The officer handling Knox is Steven Lovett. Knox demonstrated his abilities by sniffing out a packet of crack cocaine that had been planted in the council chambers.



Greystone hosts City swim meet

The swimmer is Joshua Achord swam for Greystone Country Club at the City swim meet at Greystone's CC. Joshua represented Greystone in the individual 25m freestyle.



Bella Notte Gala huge success

Celebrities participating in the Bella Notte Gala at Greystone July 10 were l-r, Kellee Hennessey Dickerson, Sen. Dale Erdey, Mayor Jimmy Durbin, Marshal Jerry Denton, Sheriff Willie Graves, Mayor Bobby Font, Police Chief Scott Jones, Police Chief Hunter Grimes, Councilwoman Annie Fugler, Assessor Jeff Taylor and Councilman John Wascom.

SmartBoards, from p21

has purchased over 250 SmartBoards for classrooms over the past two years. She said research suggests that the boards boost attendance rates and classroom participation, while decreasing disciplinary incidents.


Holden High School's advanced math teacher Kevin Blount, Ph.D., piloted the technology, and then organized training sessions and prepared other SmartBoard lessons for other teachers in the parish. He has helped math teachers develop SmartBoard lessons for a variety of math classes, including algebra, geometry, advanced math and calculus.

"This technology allows the students to see the material and walk through the steps to solve the problems. We are able to make the subject

colorful and interesting, and it allows us to create an opportunity for students to get out of their desks and actively participate in the lesson," Blount said.

The average cost of the SmartBoard technology for each classroom is about \$3,500, she said. Some schools have purchased individual systems with school money or through school fundraisers. However, the district recently pursued and attained federal and state grants to purchase several systems to be distributed parish wide.

"We're definitely enjoying it," Lazaroe said. "Our kids are excited about learning; even the sleepy ones perk up and participate now. That's definitely a good thing."



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