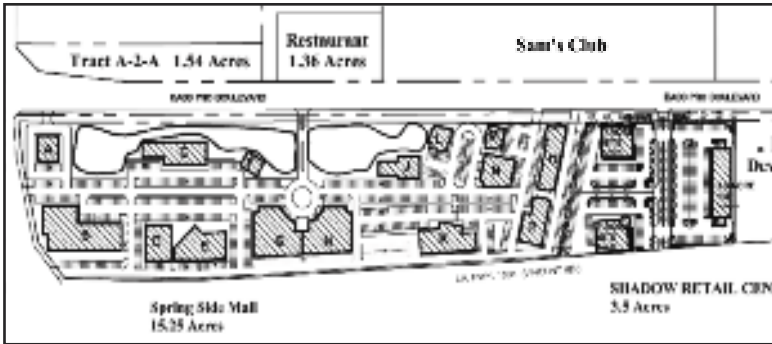


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Developers marketing Spring Side Mall near Sam's

The popular Bass Pro retail complex has more developers jumping on the bandwagon. Joe G. Moore, Re/Max First Commercial Division Director, announced Wednesday that his firm is marketing the properties in the strip of land that runs east and west from 4-H Club Road to S. Range Ave. and between Bass Pro Blvd. and Vincent Rd. in Denham Springs.

The area surrounding Bass Pro has been thriving, benefitting from the Bass Pro traffic, and with a Sam's Club under construction on adjacent property and the widening of I-12, the location's appeal and value has only increased.

Moore says the property is generating inquiries every day, and he anticipates the area will draw a mixture of retail, office, hotels and restaurants although he is not ready yet to confirm any specific tenants. The plan is to call the development Spring Side Mall. He estimates the property's worth at \$14 million.

Pelican State CU pays \$172,000 dividend to members

Pelican State Credit Union announced today that its Board of Directors has approved the payment of \$172,000 in bonus dividends to its membership. The payout, named the Special Member Dividend, is a timely distribution of excess earnings and is based on the

amount of interest members earned on deposits and paid on loans. Members who earned the bonus dividend will see the deposit hit their account on January 20, 2012.

"The Special Member Dividend is the result of a surplus in the credit union's operating budget due to such factors as under-budget expenses, increased efficiencies, and a superior team effort contributed by Pelican's 153 dedicated employees," said Jeffrey K. Conrad, Pelican President/CEO. "This is truly lagniappe and not something we can promise to deliver every year," he said.

"Our Member-owners have demonstrated continued support, usage and faith in the financial strength of Pelican State Credit Union," said David Colvin, Pelican Chairman of the Board of Directors. "We are rewarding them with the Special Member Dividend to thank them for their loyalty throughout the years."

As a credit union, Pelican is state chartered, federally insured, and operated for the benefit of its members who share in the company's performance. This is the third time Pelican has declared a Special Member Dividend. The bonus dividend was distributed two years consecutively in 2007 and 2008 paying out \$300,000 and \$125,000, respectively.

Livingston Parish schools name students of the year

The Livingston Parish School District has announced the winners of this year's Student of the Year competition. A top student was selected for grades 5, 8 and 12. The winners in each grade category will compete against students throughout the region for the opportunity to advance to the state competition. The High School Student of the Year is Daniel Glynn Wendt from Denham Springs High School; the Middle School Student of the Year is Cameron Noel Forbes from North Corbin Junior High;



Wendt

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