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This and That Cambre grandchildren win \$1,200 grand prize at bluegrass contest Hammond Daily Star

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Deputy Susie Cambre of Ponchatoula is justifiably proud these days. Just ask her about it.

She and hubby Lloyd just returned from a trip where they watched Lloyds grandchildren perform in the eighth annual KSMU Youth in Bluegrass Contest in Silver Dollar City, which is near Branson, Mo.

They won the grand prize and \$1,200.

On top of the thrill of seeing them perform and win, Lloyd got to jam with his grandchildren in a packed performance at the Best Western Hotel.

The kids obviously have inherited their musical disposition from their granddad, who is a popular drummer, and their grandmother, Eileen Cambre, a former vocal music major at SLU.

The kids are a handsome-looking bunch of children. Lloyds daughter, Lisa Meyer, and her husband, Paul, have 10 children in all and live on a small farm in southwest Missouri, and they visit Louisiana frequently and play locally as well.

Congratulations, Lloyd, Susie and Eileen on your very talented grandchildren. Read all about it today on page 1D.

Debi Fleming sent in some photos from a recent senior citizens picnic at Fleet Easley Park in Amite.

Notable among the photos is one of George Crawford, a winner of the pretty legs contest, who has had a major heart attack, open heart surgery, a stroke, pacemaker and has survived being hit by a car.

Now theres a senior who deserves a hearty handshake.

See page 2D and decide for yourselves about his pretty legs.

Two grand openings are on tap this week at the new Hammond Square, and I had the opportunity to have a sneak peek inside Santa Fe Cattle Co. and Best Buy.

I havent been able to sample the food at Santa Fe Cattle Co. yet but I plan to. The restaurant manager, George Taylor, took me on a tour Wednesday, and the facility is one of those places where your eyes wander over every square inch.

The walls are covered with animal heads, a complete stuffed alligator, a deer and a raccoon stuck through a wall, head in one room and backside in another. Flat-screen TVs are within view of every table. The place seats 190, so I dont think anyone will ever have to wait in a line outside like you see at popular restaurants elsewhere.

The restaurant is open for business Monday at 4 p.m.

Then on Friday the big blue box store Best Buy will open at 9 a.m. General Manager Chris Rice showed me around on Thursday, and its beautiful and appears to have lots of everything, from banks of cameras and camcorders to car stereo equipment, flat-screen TVs, DVD players, and even washers, dryers, refrigerators and microwaves.

Besides the new shopping and dining opportunities, the two businesses have provided employment opportunities for 162 at one and 100 at the other.

More job opportunities are coming as Target is in the process of hiring 250 and T.J. Maxx hiring 75, all full- and part-time positions.

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In an economic environment where companies around the nation are closing and laying people off, thats 587 new job opportunities for Tangipahoa Parish. Good news for workers and shoppers alike.

Keep reading this newspaper for new developments at Hammond Square.

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