‘Gatoring’ in Acadiana: big thriller

CAMERON — The 1989 alligator season is finding several gator hunters turning in near-record catches.

For instance, the marshes of Cameron Parish yielded up a giant alligator (shown in photograph to the right) last week to members of the Canik family, long-time gator hunters.

The gator measured over 11 feet.

Shown with the prize catch are (from left) Paul, Jerry, Louis and John Canik.

Last weekend in the swamps and marshes of Old North Bayou southwest of Henry, another giant gator surfaced.

Lester “Pee Wee” Gayneaux, his brother Russell and hunting partner Elson Duhon brought in an alligator that measured almost 14 feet.

A special photo-feature on Gayneaux’s hunt appears on page 13 of today’s edition.

Members of Canik family pose with mega-gator.