



THERE WAS A gas well blow out near Hwy. 82 between Oak Grove and Grand Chenier Sunday night. Fortunately there was no oil or gas in the spray and there was no threat to the area. The Cameron Parish Mobile Unit was on the scene to help out.  
 (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Gas well blows out Sunday; no danger to the area

By CYNDI SELLERS

At about 10:30 pm Sunday, Jan. 6, Pioneer Exploration, Ltd.'s Meaux #1 gas well three miles east of Oak Grove blew out, spewing a mixture of natural gas and heated salt water into the air but posing no danger to the surrounding area, according to Cameron Parish OEP Director Clifton Hebert. Hebert said air monitoring

since the blowout has shown a very low level of gas, perhaps only 5%, and officials were not concerned about that level. No evacuations or road closures have been necessary.

Since the blowout, crews from Wild Well Control have been working to cap the well, and Oil Mop, an environmental clean-up company, has been removing and disposing of the salt water.

As of Wednesday, Wild Well Control had stabilized the well head and was moving in equipment in hopes of plugging the well on Thursday.

## L. Chenier movie to be shown in LC

Two years after it was shot in Cameron Parish (just prior to Hurricane Rita) the movie *Little Chenier* will be shown for the first time locally at a theatre in Lake Charles starting Monday, Feb. 18. It will also be shown throughout Louisiana and Mississippi at the same time.

Most of the film was shot in Cameron Parish by Bethany Ashton Wolf and her brother Jace Johnson, who were the writers and producers. They are Lake Charles natives.

Johnson said he isn't sure which of the Lake Charles theatres will be showing the film and said it might be both.

*Little Chenier* has won 16 festival awards. Including Best Picture, Best Ensemble Cast, and Best Actor, at the top 20 Phoenix Film Festival. As well as Best Picture award at several International festivals, such as Honolulu International, Big Island, Solstice, Ace, Salento, and Everglades International, just to name a few. See the Louisiana themed film everyone is talking about.

It is tale of two brothers, which Louisiana Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu called, "The most accurate depiction of Cajun culture," that he had

Snyder, Chelsi L. Styron.

**Creole:** Toni Linn Boudoin, Chelsi M. King, Cana Elizabeth Trahan.

**Grand Chenier:** Kristin Lee R. Bonsall, Dainty Priscilla Little.

**Hackberry:** Leah Karli Billedeaux, Meagan Elizabeth Broussard, Miranda Marie Hicks, Natasha M. Hicks, Jesse R. Kovach, Brett Wayne LaBauve, Amanda Lynn Perrodin, Brett Dailey Stansel, Sean Joseph Vincent, Amanda Erin White.

## McNeese Honor Roll

The McNeese State University Honor Roll for the 2007 fall semester has been announced. The honor roll lists undergraduate students earning at least a 3.0 or B average while carrying 12 or more semester hours.

Area honor roll students are listed below:

**Cameron:** Michael Frederick Bercier, Robyn Leigh Doxey, Lexie Nicole LeBoeuf, Gambrelle Monet Primeaux, Charles David Pugh, Shantelle L. Lancon Richard, John Leonidas

## MSU President's List

The President's Honor List for the fall 2007 semester at McNeese State University has been announced.

To be on the President's Honor List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 system while carrying at least 15 semester hours. A senior eligible for graduation but carrying less than 15 hours is also considered provided that student was on the President's Honor

List the previous semester.

The President's Honor List for area students is as follows:

**Cameron:** Laken Dnae Desonier, Kayla Ann Hay, Lyndi Renee LeBoeuf, Kelli Kristine Styron.

**Creole:** Meagan Gayle Trahan.

**Grand Lake:** Jason Alan Trahan.

**Hackberry:** Phillip P. Karam, Hillary Dale LaBove, Lindsay K. LaBove.

## Sowela Honor Students

Sowela Technical Community College announced the 2007 fall Dean List. Area students are:

**Hackberry:** Amanda Gayle Nunez and Jilleiann Halley Poole.

**Grand Chenier:** Tamara Jo Nunez and Christopher Chance Doxey

**Creole:** Jamie Whitney Primeaux and Cami Lyn Vincent.

**Grand Lake:** Lace Nichole Charlie.

**Cameron:** Erica Joy Water and Jodi Michelle Billings.

## On Dean's List

Cameron Beckman, 2007 graduate of Hackberry High School made the 2007 Dean List at University of Louisiana of Lafayette. Cameron is majoring in Arts.



CHENIERE ENERGY is one of the major corporate sponsors for the 51st Annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival. James Ducote, Cheniere Community Relations Manager, is shown presenting a check to John LeBlanc, Fur and Wildlife President.



CAMERON STATE BANK has announced plans to rebuild the Creole branch. It will be re-located across the canal to the former Farmer's Insurance/Creole car wash site. The modular building will take some 4 months to construct and will then be delivered to the site. Pictured above, from left, are: Jerry Jones, Chairman of the Board; Buster Sturlese, board of directors; Roy Raftery, Jr., CEO and President; Greg Wicke, Vice President and branch manager.  
 (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Fur Festival continues

The 51st Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival pageant events were held last Saturday in Lake Charles and the outdoors events will be held this Friday and Saturday in Cameron.

The festival's pageants were moved to the Lake Charles Civic Center due to the destruction of the Cameron Elementary auditorium by Hurricane Rita.

Last Saturday Lauren Naquin, representing Vermilion Parish, was named the 2008 Fur Festival queen.

John Baccigalopi was crowned as King Fur and Kami Savoie was named Miss Cameron Parish.

Quincy Mudd and Kannon Guilbeau were crowned Little Miss & Mr. Cameron Parish. Also crowned were Cami Richard, Teen Miss Cameron; Mikalee Mooney, Junior Miss Cameron; and Callie Brevelle, Deb Miss Cameron.

The festival's outdoors events will continue this

Friday and Saturday as follows:

### FRIDAY, JAN. 11

All events will take place on the fairgrounds located at the old Cameron Elementary School grounds.

12 p.m. - Fairgrounds will open.

12 p.m. - Trap Shooting will open located on the south end of the Cameron Elementary grounds.

12 p.m. - Carnival will open at the fairgrounds.

5:30-9:30 p.m. - Steel Shot Band

### SATURDAY, JAN. 12

9 a.m. - Fairgrounds and Carnival will open.

11 a.m. - Trap Shooting, Muskrat and Nutria Skinning, Trap Setting, Oyster Shucking

1 p.m. - Parade (parade will start at Cameron Construction yard east of Cameron)

3 p.m. - Duck and Goose Calling Competition

3:30-5:30 p.m. - Jaime Bergeron and the Kickin Cajun's

6:30-9:30 p.m. - Barry Badon and the Bayou Boys

## Methodists tell services here

Sunday, Jan. 6, Wakefield Methodist Church began holding services from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. These services will continue every Sunday.

Weather permitting services will be held outside under the frame of the old church. If not, services will be held inside the Cameron Waterworks building.

## VFW post seeks addresses here

Cameron VFW Post 10019 is seeking the mailing addresses of its members, according to Commander Oscar Reyes.

He said the VFW State Dept. has some funds that it wants to distribute to Post members who were affected by Hurricane Rita.

Members's addresses may be mailed to Oscar Reyes at P. O. Box 639, Cameron, LA 70631, or they may call Berton Daigle at 775-5361.

Commander Reyes said that the information is needed as soon as possible.

## Ball is named All Southwest

South Cameron wide receiver Jaylon Ball was named to the All Southwest Louisiana Small Schools football team. The team is comprised of the areas top players in class 2A and 1A.

The team is picked by the sportswriters of the Lake Charles American Press.

## Fundraiser set

The Grand Lake Little League will be selling barbeque burgers and baked goods at Boone's Corner on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 8 a.m. til

ever seen. The Tempe Emerald Review called it, "Possibly the best film in Park City in 2007."



LT. GENERAL RUSSEL HONORE, left, is pictured with Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach during their participation in September, 2006, in a symbolic cattle drive to mark the start of the recovery of Cameron Parish following Hurricane Rita. Also taking part in the drive, all on horseback, were Gov. Kathleen Blanco and Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter.  
 (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## 'John Wayne dude' retires

Lt. Gen. Russell Honore, who led Army troops into New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, will take retirement Friday in Forest Park, Ga.

Gen. Honore also had a hand in recovery of Cameron Parish following Hurricane Rita and paid several visits here following the storm.

He and Gov. Kathleen Blanco and two senators rode horses in the symbolic cattle

drive held in the parish to mark the beginning of recovery here.

Gen. Honore was a native of Lakeland in Pointe Coupee Parish and was the youngest of 12 children. He was proud to call himself a Louisiana Creole.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin called him a "John Wayne dude."



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS Public Relations Coordinator Trina Johnson donated goody bags to the Creole Fire Department. The fire department and several volunteers delivered the bags and sang Christmas carols to elderly citizens who live in the Creole Fire District. Shown above with Johnson are Vanessa Conner and Chief Tim Dupont with the Creole Fire Dept.



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS Public Relations Coordinators Trina Johnson and Jason LeBlanc presented the Cameron Council on Aging with a check for \$1000 and a Henning House framed print. The donation supported the Cameron Council on Aging's annual Christmas party. Accepting the check was Dinah Landry, Council on Aging director.



# Funerals



**LAURA LEE CHERAMIE**

Laura Lee Cheramie, 82, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008 in a Lake Charles Hospital.

A resident of Cameron Parish from 1951 until 1983, she was a resident of Lake Charles for the past 20 years.

She worked for over 25 years for Calcasieu Marine Bank and Cameron State Bank. She had been active in the South Cameron Athletics and Woodman of the World. She attended St. Margaret Catholic Church.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Norman Joseph Cheramie.

Survivors include her three daughters, Sherry Dinger and husband Jay and Norma Pinch and husband Bobby, all of Lake Charles, and Susan Johnson and husband, Tony of Creole; two sisters, Belle Mayon of Morgan City and Ouida Guidry of Cut Off; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. The Rev. Wayne LeBleu will officiate. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery.

**EARLINE B. HEBERT**

Earline B. Hebert, 74, of Grand Lake died Jan. 2, 2008 in a local hospital.

She was born in Lake Arthur. She was a graduate from St. Charles Academy and was a member of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church.

Survivors include six children, Desiree Hebert of Grand Lake, Richard A. Hebert and wife Jodi of Little Chenier, Duke Hebert of Grand Lake, Carmen H. Million and husband Alan of Lake Charles, Angela H. Sovereign and husband Mike of Grand Lake and Shane Hebert and wife Tammy of Holmwood; four brothers, Ernest Broussard of Grand Lake, Darnell Broussard of Jennings, C. J. Broussard of Lake Charles, and Eric Camel of Westlake; and many grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Richard J. Hebert.

Her funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 5, from St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church. Monsignor Harry Greig officiated. Burial was in Big Lake Cemetery.

**DELLA CORMIER MANUEL**

Della Cormier Manuel, 74, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008.

She was a native of Jennings and lived most of her life in Westlake. She was a member of Catholic Daughters, Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies Altar Society and Rosary Group at St. John Bosco Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary American

## Head Start now taking applications

Cameron Parish Head Start is now taking applications for pupils 3-5 years of age for the up coming school year of 2008-09. Pupils must be three by Sept. 30, 2008.

Applications are available at Grand Lake Head Start Center, 965 Highway 384, 598-4413 or Hackberry Head Start Center, 110 Volunteer Lane, 762-3587.

For more information, call call the head start center in your area.

## G. Chenier Library News

Grand Chenier Library announces the following programs:

"Crossword Daze", 10 a.m. Daily.

"After School Club", "Chess Your Luck", 4 p.m., Thursdays after school.

"La. Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team", Arts & crafts, 1-3 p.m., Friday

Please call 538-2214 for more information.

## Booster meet

The Johnson Bayou/Holly Beach Booster Club will hold a meeting, Monday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou High School Cafeteria.

Legion Post 407.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce J. Manuel, and a son, Michael J. Manuel.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce Chris Manuel and Don Manuel, both of Westlake; five daughters, Margaret Duhon of Singer, Lorena Miller of Big Lake, Theresa Boudreaux of Sweetlake, Elza Velez of Midwest City, Okla., and Patricia Pyle of LeBleu Settlement; 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9, from St. John Bosco Catholic Church. Monsignor Jace Eskind will officiate. Burial will follow in Westlake memorial Park Cemetery.



SHOWN ARE young patrons with Cameron Parish Library Director Charlotte Troclair and Branch Manager Beckie Primeaux celebrating with Santa Claus at the Grand Chenier Library.

## Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

### CHURCH NEWS

On Jan. 13, there will be a second collection for the Bishop appeal.

Knights of Columbus 11476 will hold their KC meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

### FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Candidate classes at St. Peters for 2nd grade started Monday, Jan. 7, right after school until 5 p.m. There will be a parent's meeting Monday, Jan. 14 at 5 p.m.

KC meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month. At 6:15 p.m there will be a Rosary; 6:30 p.m will be a meal; with the meeting at 7 p.m.

CYO Meeting will be on the third Sunday of each month at 5p.m.

## Births told

### COLLIN DEWAYNE AND LANE JOSEPH GRAY

Joey and Becky Gray announce the birth of twin boys, Collin Dewayne and Lane Joseph, Dec. 10. at Women and Children's Hospital in Lake Charles.

Maternal grandparents are Ann and Richard Collins of Hamburg, Ark. Maternal great-grandfather is Paul Collins of Lake Village, Ark. Paternal Grandparents are Donald (Buckwheat) and Ann Gray of Hackberry. Paternal great-grandmother is Annette Byler of Hackberry.

## Be careful what you say -- you may not call it back

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Curt Iles of Dry Creek is the author of a number of books of stories and essays set in Southwest Louisiana. His latest a novel, *Wayfaring Stranger*, has just been published. For information on his books, write him at P. O. Box 332, Dry Creek, La. 70637 or phone 328-7215.)

By CURT ILES

I want to share a funny story concerning the words we speak. It serves as a good reminder for 2008 that our words, once spoken, will either bring harm or blessing. And once spoken, they are out of the bag and cannot be pulled back in.

Any school principal knows that phone calls from about 3:30 p.m. to suppertime are never good. They are usually from angry parents who have just heard their child's (one-sided) story of discipline, trouble, or a fight.

So as I checked the two messages on my home phone this particular evening about twenty years ago, I expected the worst - and that is what I got.

The first message, censored for your ears, loudly began, "Curt, this is Tommy. You'd better get the sheriff's department out to your house because I'm coming to whip you. First of all, I'm going by that bus driver's house and beat him first. Then I'm coming to get you!"

He angrily related some incident that had happened on the bus that afternoon and the corresponding action by the driver. As I erased the message (a terrible mistake) in frustration, my thought was, "What did I do in this to deserve a personal butt-whipping too?"

The next message, recorded about twenty minutes later, was from the same number. Once again, it was my friend Tommy, in a subdued voice, he said, "Curt, this is Tommy again. Uh, Curt, just disregard, ah, that first... message. I found out what really happened and it's all OK."

I quickly erased that message too. (My second major mistake. If I'd kept those two messages, I believe they would have brought me-- and/or Tommy--some fame or money.) But I've enjoyed telling this story over the years.

Here's the thought as I enter 2008: What I say out loud can never be taken back.

Proverbs 10:19 "When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise."

Proverbs 17:28 "Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent."

Jesus' earthly brother, James, also spoke of this. Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry." (James 1:19) Tommy's story is a fine reminder that we cannot "erase" what has been said. (I bet he tried to figure out how to do that before sending the "disregard that first call" message.)

Here are two simple goals I have for 2008:

Carefully guard what I say. Read a chapter daily of Proverbs. There are 31 chapters -- one for every day of the month. By doing this for all of 2008, I'll be pretty familiar with the wise words of Solomon and other writers. Maybe that will keep me from having to ask someone to "disregard that first message."

Pass on the words of this story to our friends.

Happy New Year in 2008!

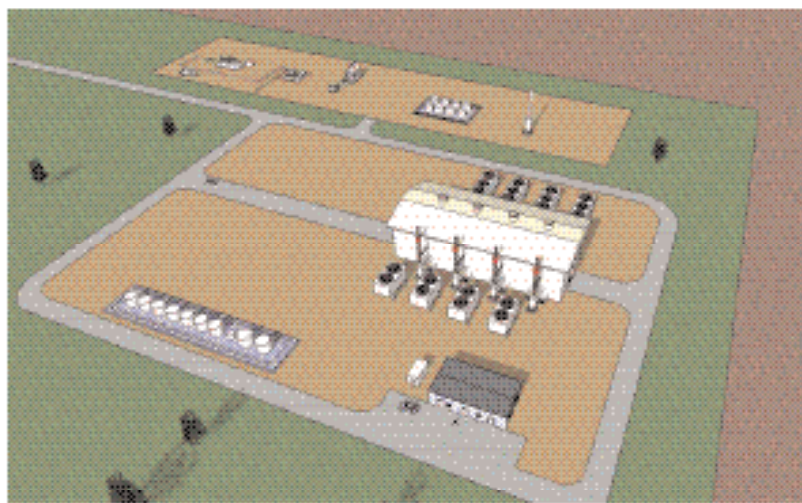


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The expansion project will add approximately 17.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas storage in underground salt caverns, which are located on 160 acres of property owned by Liberty Gas Storage in west Hackberry. Additional land in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes will be required for the expansion.

We invite you to join us for a community open house about this proposed expansion.

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 23, 2008 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Hackberry Community Center 986 Main Street • Hackberry, LA 70645

At the event, you'll get the latest information on the proposed expansion of Liberty Gas Storage, including proposed project facility locations and pipeline routing. In addition, the Liberty Gas Storage project team - including technical and environmental specialists - will be on hand to answer questions and hear your feedback on the project plans. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information on this event, please call us toll-free at 1-877-736-7729 or e-mail SempraCommunity@Sempra.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information on Liberty Gas Storage, please visit [www.libertygasstorage.com](http://www.libertygasstorage.com).



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## Cameron Parish History, Cheniers settled first

**(EDITOR'S NOTE -- The following is a continuation of the history of Cameron Parish that was published on the Internet, author unknown. This history ends with Hurricane Audrey in 1957, and does not include Hurricane Rita, which exceeded Audrey's damages although not the loss of life.)**

It appears from census records that the cheniers were settled before the prairies to the north. Logic indicates the truth of this supposition since the cheniers were more accessible to water travel, and the waterways were the great highways of that day. The pioneer settlers of the prairies were more of French lineage than of Celtic or Anglo-Saxon.

Prior to the Civil War, the settlements were of a typical pioneer nature. Land was cleared; houses built; gardens and fields cultivated. For the most part, each farm was self-sufficient. Mere trails became wagon roads. Money was rare. Bartering was the ordinary means of exchange. Banks were not used until the late part of the 19th century.

From the very beginning of the settlements, education was deemed important. Private schools were maintained long before public schools came into existence. Another priority was religious worship. Missions were established early by the Methodist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, and Baptist Churches.

### CIVIL WAR

Then came the War of the Secession, or the Civil War, the bitterest, the most tragic of all conflicts in which the people of this country have been called to participate. The suffering in what is now Cameron Parish was no exception, although little actual fighting occurred. There were minor battles at

Leesburg (now Cameron, the parish seat) and at Sabine Pass. Federal gunboats patrolled the Sabine the Calcasieu, and the Mementau.

Many families had relatives in the Union States. A few of the men in the cheniers were not only Union sympathizers, but were activists as well. Some of the men hid out in the marshes to avoid conscription and even affiliated with the despised Jayhawkers. Be that as it may, by far the people supported the Confederacy. They believed in their right to govern themselves and to solve their problems locally.

Many of the soldiers died of wounds or illness caused by contagion or exposure. Many a veteran carried a Civil War bullet to his grave after having lived to an old age. Back home during the conflict, the women and children and the elderly men, carried on as best they could. The year 1865 witnessed the surrender of Robert E. Lee and the fall of the Confederacy. Surviving soldiers returned home, some to die within a few months of disease contracted during the war.

### RECONSTRUCTION

The close of the Reconstruction Period ushered in an era of prosperity resulting in the building of new homes, one-room schools and churches. More cattle, cotton, cane, and oranges were raised for outside markets.

Trapping became an important occupation. Boats plied the three rivers of the present parish, and schooners made regular runs to Galveston, Texas, to New Orleans and New Iberia, as well as frequent trips to other coastal ports.

On March 16, 1870, by Legislative Act 102, the new parish of Cameron was created. It was carved from the southern part of Calcasieu

and from the southwestern corner of Vermilion. Henry Clay Warmoth, carpet-bag governor of Louisiana, created Cameron Parish as a favor to his friend, Colonel George W. Carter. The latter, with friends and adroit political manipulation, came down into the newly created parish as Parish Judge. Governor Warmoth had given him carte blanche to appoint the parish officers, sheriff, police jurors, constables, justices of the peace, and registrars of voters.

Governor Warmoth's memoirs read, in part: "The reader will not be surprised that with all this power Colonel Carter was able to fulfill his ambition and my wishes by being elected a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives from Cameron Parish." He was unanimously elected, and when he returned to the city, boasted that he had been elected to the Legislature as a Republican on his Confederate record.

"A remarkable fact was that Carter, who represented Cameron Parish, was never in that parish sixty days. The fact was that I signed the bill creating the Parish of Cameron and sent Carter down there to organize it and to get himself returned to the House."

### CAMERON'S NAME

There is no established record as to why Cameron Parish was so named. According to the March 20, 1902, issue of the "New York Sun," one reads: "The Hon. Samuel P. Henry, 'father of Cameron Parish'... gave it the name of Cameron in honor of his friend, Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania."

Another version of the naming of the parish is that it was given in honor of Robert Alexander Cameron, a soldier of the Confederate army who took part in Bank's Red River campaign. He was prominent in Louisiana politics during the immediate postwar period.

The name Cameron itself is of Scottish origin. In the old Gaelic tongue it meant "Crook Nose." It is derived from the words kam, meaning crooked or bent, and ieron, meaning nose.

### FIRST COURTHOUSE

When the parish was organized in 1870, an already existing building was purchased for use as a courthouse. The building burned in 1874. Tradition has it that this was a clear case of arson, the purpose of which was to destroy certain land records. Neighboring parishes suffered similar experiences about that time. A new building was erected immediately. It served until 1937, when the present courthouse, a steel and concrete structure, was built.

The Spanish-American War of 1898 was scarcely felt in Cameron. Not so were the two World Wars, the Korean Conflict, and the war in Vietnam. Hardly a family was left untouched by these struggles. Some were affected by anguish and apprehension alone; others by death or injury to their loved ones.

Times were hard in Cameron Parish during the Great Depression of the 1930s, but there were no "bread lines" and no person was even threatened by starvation.

The greatest disaster that ever struck the parish was Hurricane Audrey on June 27, 1957. For a time the entire nation was aware of the destruction of life and property. There had been other intense hurricanes, namely those of 1886, 1915, and 1918, but none had wrought the devastation of Audrey.

Cameron survivors showed an indomitable spirit.

## Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



Our second split of duck season is nearing its end. Our blinds next to Rockefeller Refuge in Grand Chenier are not doing well at all. One morning there were nine ducks in three blinds. We can't say we didn't get cold weather to have ducks down, it's just a pattern the ducks are following.

There's not much bird hunting left after duck season, however goose season, (if there's geese on your lease) or property will run through March 9, with dove, rails, gallinules, already closed. Quail (which we don't see anymore) runs through Feb. 29. Woodcock runs through Jan. 3 (again not many in our area) and snipe runs through Feb. 28.

Deer archery season runs through Jan. 15 and our rabbit and squirrel season, runs through Feb. 29. I'd say on those warm days, it's saltwater fishing time in our area, unless you take a little trip to Toledo Bend.

Toledo bend's water is really holding up good at 168.2 feet.

### FISHING NEWS

I'm very interested to see what the Miami Corporation Permit fishing area will be like this year. Last year, it seems like the bass were returning from the north to the south end. I think we'll see a better year for 2008. Lacassine Refuge should be a hot spot in March, as they had a good many large bass caught in 2007.

I think Calcasieu/Big Lake will really be the hotspot for saltwater anglers for 2008. Last year was a good year, but I think we'll see a 10 pounder (trout) this year.

Offshore anglers maybe in for a surprise as Red Snapper fishing. Last year the national Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), reduced the red snapper quota from 9.12 to 6.5 million pounds. But recreational anglers took a big hit, after only being able to take four red snapper, this was cut in half and only two red snappers could be taken daily.

At the same time charter captains and crew could not take a limit at all to bring down the recreational catch to 3.18 million pounds. Now it seems the NMFS has a proposal to reduce the recreational catch to 2.45 million pounds for 2008. They plan on doing the reduction by reducing the number of days of fishing.

Our 2007 red snapper season for recreational fishing was April 21 to Oct. 31, then the proposal was May 15 thru Oct. 15, but then change it to June 1 to Sept. 30. This would mean cutting out 73 days when they had just cut the limit in half one year earlier.

Our charter boat people are not happy at all, as they say give the 1/2 limit a chance, besides they claim there's plenty of red snappers to catch. They claim it's hard

They set out at once to recoup their losses. They worked hard. They succeeded.

## Basketball Roundup

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

### BOYS

Grand Lake (10-17) was led by Brett Griffith with 21 points. Jayce Hebert added 15 and Sam Johnston chipped in 14 points.

### GIRLS

Grand Lake 58, Hyatt 24 - Sonya Lavergne chipped in 17 points for the Lady Hornets (26-4) and Kat Kingham added 14 points. Liz Kingham chipped in 8 points and had 9 rebounds and 9 assists.

Sam Houston 47, South Cameron 38 - Whitney Richard and Shelby Willis chipped in 13 points each for the Lady Tarpons.

Dutchtown 52, Grand Lake 43 - Kat Kingham led all scorers with 20 points.

Dominican 56, Grand Lake 38 - The Lady Hornets' (25-3) winning streak (22 consecutive wins) came to an end with the loss to Dominican. Kat Kingham led the Lady Hornets with 29 points.

Grand Lake 52, St. Thomas Aquinas 36 - Kat Kingham chipped in 16 points for Grand Lake and Sonya Lavergne added 15 points



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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 3rd day of December, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-09: Post Rita Restoration of Holly Beach Drainage Facilities pursuant to the certain contract between K.A.S. Construction, LLC and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 305685 in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY Run: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17 (D 18)

NOTICE OF OWNER OF ACCEPTANCE OF WORK

This is to advise that the contract between Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, and SIMCO Enterprises, LTD. dated July 3, 2007 in the amount of \$571,110.00, which was filed and recorded on July 3, 2007 bearing File No. 305277 of the Records of Mortgages for Cameron Parish Louisiana, is substantially complete and was accepted by Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, on December 4, 2007, and was recorded at the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court on December 7, 2007 bearing File No. 308150.

Any person or persons holding a claim against said contract for Water Line Extension (Gallegos Drive to Sempria Facility - Hackberry); Cameron Parish, Louisiana; LEI Project No. 07-011; should file a claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on or before January 20, 2008.

Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6 /s/ Alton Schexnider, President Run: Dec. 13, 27 & Jan. 10 (D 32)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction for the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Recreation District 7 on Thursday, January 24, 2008 until 2:00 p.m. at the Creole Community Center located at 184 East Creole Hwy., Creole, Louisiana 70632 (337-542-4603 or 337-542-4614)

Project Number: 2007-16 Post Rita Restoration of Creole Ball Park Facility

Bids must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, using ink and in both words and figures, with the unit price for the item or the lump sum for which the bid is made. The bidder shall provide all information indicated on the attached forms. Failure to provide the information indicated constitutes informality in the proposal, rendering it subject to rejection by the owner. All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of th project on which the proposal is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the proposal form, and preferably sent by registered mail.

For the purpose of award, the product of the approximate quantities of each item shown in the proposal by their respective unit prices will be considered the amount of the bid on each item. The correct summation of these products will be the amount bid on the entire work.

Proposal forms will not be issued later 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of: Lonnie G Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Highway 384, Bell City, LA., 70630, 337-905-1079.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Recreation District 7 meeting. Cameron Parish Reception District 7 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive any informality.

Cameron Parish Recreation District 7 /s/ Angela Conner, President Run: Jan. 3, 10, 17 (J 3)

NOTICE

The Cameron Community Action Agency is soliciting bids for the performance of their 2007 audit. Persons interested in submitting a bid of the work should contact Cameron Community Action Agency office at 951 Hwy 384, Lake Charles, LA 70607 or call (337) 598-5158 or (337) 905-6000 to secure an RFP packet. Explained in the RFP are the details of the program and the

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Due to the swearing-in ceremony for newly elected Police Jurors, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will not hold its January voting meeting until 5:30 p.m., January 14, 2008. The meeting will be preceded by a 3 p.m. agenda meeting. All meetings are held in the courtroom of the Cameron Courthouse.

RUN: Jan. 3 & 10 (J-6)

deadlines. Work records may be reviewed by potential bidders on January 17th and 18th 2008, by appointment. The audit proposal is due by January 31, 2008. The final audit is due March 31, 2008. Contact Dinah Landry, Executive Director or Lana Miller, Assistant Director. Run: Jan. 3 & 10 (J 4)

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Water District #1 Building, Cameron, LA.

Members Present: Scott Henry, Lisa Stewart, and Mike Johnson.

Members Absent: A. J. LaBove and Coy Mudd.

Others Present: Paul Alexander.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Lisa Stewart, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2007, regular meeting as written.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Report for the month of October and the following bills for payment:

- 1. A K Construction - \$7,400.00
2. A K Construction - \$7,195.00
3. L & L Oil & Gas Services, LLC - \$1,585.52
4. Ready Rental & Supply, LLC - 927.00
5. Coastal Environmental Operations, Inc. - 924.05
6. Cameron Parish Pilot - \$92.00
7. U. S. Postal Service - \$36.00
8. Paul Alexander - \$4,430.00

Paul Alexander presented to the Board pictures of damages to the North Cameron Flood Protection Levee. It was agreed to send a letter, asking that we be notified when work is finished and an inspection is to be done.

A motion was made by Lisa Stewart, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Cameron Parish Police Jury to use a backhoe recently purchased by the Police Jury.

The proposed Budget for 2008 was presented to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to approve the proposed budget for 2008, pending review by our CPAs.

An election of officers was held. A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried that the following officers be appointed:

E. Scott Henry, President Mike Johnson, Vice President Lisa Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Lisa Stewart, and unanimously carried to approve a permit request for Trans Canada for Murphy Lane.

A letter from the Legislative Auditor was presented, granting an extension for the Audit Report for the year-end 2006 until December 31, 2007. It was agreed that we will contact Stulb & Associates to see if they can make the deadline.

A joint Public Notice was presented to the Board regarding proposed designation of an additional disposal area in Cameron Parish.

Scott Henry presented a letter from Mr. Elray Henry, stating that the culvert from the Beach Road to Bobbie's Lane has been crushed. The Board agreed to replace the culvert. It was agreed to purchase (4) 40" culverts, and various projects were discussed.

Scott Henry advised the Board that he had spoken with Engineer Lonnie Harper and was told that the F.E.M.A. Project Worksheets on bridges may have to be redone. The Project Worksheets did not include new pilings, and the pilings have deteriorated. The Board authorized Mr. Harper to begin work on revising these Project Worksheets.

The Board discussed three projects (properties of Gerald Nunez, Floyd Baccigalopi, and Alvin Mudd) that will require use of the Parish backhoe. It was agreed we request Lonnie Harper to determine what size culverts are needed for these projects, so the culverts can be ordered.

It was agreed that the discharge pipe on W-1 West should be removed for maintenance and to replace the seals. A cost estimate will be obtained from Coastal Environmental Services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ E. Scott Henry, President /s/ Lisa Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer Run: Jan. 10 (J 8)

LAKESIDE FIELD 08-161 LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana

Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st. Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd. Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008, upon the application of LINDER OIL CO. A PART-NEERSHIP.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Fourth Marginulina Howe Sand, in the Lakeside Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate.

2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate for the Fourth Marginulina Howe Sand.

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To designate a unit operator and unit well at a location which is an exception to the well spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E for the unit so created.

5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Fourth Marginulina Howe Sand, shall be exempt from the well spacing provisions for Statewide Order No. 29-E.

6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoirs change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Fourth Mrginulina Howe Sand is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 15,010' and 15,045' (electrical log measurements) in the Linder (Meridian)-SL 15223 No. 1 (WSN 225552), located in Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 5 West.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office Conservation in Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Louisiana.

www.dnr.state.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF: JAMES H. WELSH COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION Baton Rouge, LA 12/28/07;1/04/08 L ck

IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING/DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA. 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE. Run: Jan. 10 (J 9)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 met in regular session on August 22, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. at Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 Office in Creole, Louisiana.

Members present: Guy Murphy, Dale LeBoeuf, Vernon Primeaux and Wilson Conner. Absent: Sandra Ford Guest: Roland Primeaux and Wendy Savoie.

Guy Murphy called the meeting to order, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, and called roll.

Dale LeBoeuf made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes and the financial statement, it was seconded by Vernon Primeaux and carried.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to pay the monthly bills. It was seconded by Dale LeBoeuf and carried.

Dale LeBoeuf made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Wilson Conner and carried.

/s/ Guy Murphy Approved, Guy Murphy, Vice-President Run: Jan. 10 (J 10)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 met in regular session on September 19, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 Office in Creole, Louisiana. Members present: Sandra Ford, Guy Murphy, Vernon Primeaux, and Wilson Conner. Absent: Dale LeBoeuf, Guest: Roland Primeaux and Employees.

Sandra Ford called the meeting to order, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, and called roll.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes and the financial statement, it was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

Guy Murphy made a motion to discuss salary adjustments in January, it was seconded by Wilson Conner and carried. Wilson Conner made a motion to pay the monthly bills. It was seconded by Vernon Primeaux and carried.

Guy Murphy made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Vernon Primeaux and carried. /s/ Guy Murphy Approved, Guy Murphy, Vice-President Run: Jan. 10 (J 11)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 met in regular session on October 17, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 Office in Creole, Louisiana. Members present: Sandra Ford, Guy Murphy, Vernon Primeaux, Wilson Conner, and Greg Comeaux.

Guest: Roland Primeaux and Wendy Savoie.

Sandra Ford called the meeting to order, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, and called roll.

Wilson Conner made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes and the financial statement, it was seconded by Vernon Primeaux and carried.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to give Lonnie Harper and Assoc. approval to let out bids on the office as soon as FEMA gives the O.K., it was seconded by Greg Comeaux and carried.

Guy Murphy made a motion to pay the monthly bills. It was seconded by Wilson Conner and carried.

Guy Murphy made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Greg Comeaux and carried.

/s/ Guy Murphy Approved, Guy Murphy, Vice-president Run: Jan. 10 (J 12)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 met in regular session on November 14, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Waterworks District 7 Office in the Village of Creole, Louisiana. Members present: Sandra Ford, Guy Murphy, Vernon Primeaux and Greg Comeaux. Absent: Wilson Conner. Guest: Roland Primeaux and Employees.

Sandra Ford called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes, it was seconded by Greg Comeaux and carried.

A motion was made by Guy Murphy to accept the financial statement for the month of October, it was seconded by Greg Comeaux and carried.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to charge customer for any parts or material deliberately destroyed to property. It was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

A discussion took place on rates, tap fees and charges. The secretary was instructed to call other districts and compare charges and have ready for January meeting.

A motion was made by Greg Comeaux to pay the monthly bills, it was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

A motion was made by Vernon Primeaux to adjourn, it was seconded by Greg Comeaux and carried.

/s/ Guy Murphy Approved, Guy Murphy, Vice-President Run: Jan. 10 (J 13)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 meeting in the regular session convened on the 8th day of January 2008 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-19: Phase I Restoration of Mermantau River North Bank Spoil Embankment pursuant to the certain contract between B. & J., Inc. and said Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 under File No. 275065, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

By: Darrell Williams, Secretary Runs: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 & Feb. 7, 14 (J 14)

PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 board met for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 15, 2007.

Members present: Curtis L. Trahan, Ivan Barentine, and Ricky Romero.

Absent: E. Carol Trahan, Rogerest Romero

Guests: Marsha Trahan, Scotty Badon

A motion was made by Ivan Barentine, seconded by Ricky Romero and carried to approve the October 18, 2007 minutes.

A finance report was given by Marsha Trahan.

A motion was made by Ricky Romero, seconded by Ivan Barentine and carried to approve and pay bills.

Details of the Cheniere Ceremony were given by Ivan Barentine.

A motion was made by Ricky Romero, seconded by Ivan Barentine and carried to purchase chairs for the office.

A motion was made by Ivan Barentine, seconded by Ricky Romero and carried to purchase a new camera.

A motion was made by Ivan Barentine and seconded by Ricky Romero to have staff gauges installed at Shallow Prong, Deep Bayou, Bristol Bayou, and Holly Beach East and West.

Ivan Barentine voiced concerns on the drainage along Deep Bayou Road. Scotty will inspect it and report to the board next month.

On a motion by Ricky Romero, seconded by Ivan Barentine and carried, the following permits were approved.

- LCUP # 071106 - Shoreline Southeast, LLC
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LCUP # 071110 - Dore Energy Corp.
LCUP # 071114 - John C. Allaire

On a motion by Ivan Barentine, and carried, the board was adjourned.

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Grand Lake man has stab wound

A fight at Hebert's Trailer Park in Grand Lake Friday night resulted in a 19 year old male Grand Lake resident being hospitalized with a stab wound. One arrest has been made so far.

Sheriff's deputies Adam Precht, Ron Shultz, and Michael Middlebrook responded to the call at 10:24 pm. Investigating the case are Joey Babineaux, Kim Nunez, and Terry Faulk.

Several people are said to have been involved as suspects, victims, or witnesses. Kaylem Deroche, 19, of Grand Lake was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated battery, and further warrants and arrests may be forthcoming. The investigation should be complete in a matter of days, according to Chief Deputy Ron Johnson.

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/s/ Curtis L. Trahan, Curtis L. Trahan/ President Attest: /s/ Marsha Trahan Marsha Trahan Run: Jan. 10 (J 15)

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Act #467 of the 1999 Legislature regarding public meeting laws, regular meeting of Cameron Parish District No. Nine, for the year 2008, are to be held as follows:

A. Meetings will be held last Thursday of each month.

B. Time of meeting set at 5:00 p.m.

C. Change of meeting or call for special meeting will be published in offices of the District at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting.

D. In case of extraordinary emergency, such notice shall not be required, however, the public body shall give such notice of the meeting as it deems appropriate and circumstances permit.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. NINE Run: Jan. 10 (J 16)

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Arrests by Sheriff Dept.

The following arrests were made by Cameron Parish Sheriff deputies Jan. 2-8:

Cody Jerrod Ruben, 23, League City, Tex.; Probation violation.

Michael Wayne Siegfried, 54, Houston, Tex.; Expired drivers license, D.W.I., Speeding.

Derrick James Lawrence, 21, 12210 LeBlance Rd, Welsh, Intentional littering, Careless operation, Possession of marijuana.

Wilbert Joseph Dupuy, 51, 149 Donna Rd., Lake Charles; Fail to register as sex offender.

Lee Allen Viator Greene, 27, 155 Deltra Harden Lane, Hackberry; Bench warrant (2 counts).

Rafael Elena Santiago, 38, Illegal alien.

Jose Riener Guerrero, 34, Possession of CDS II, Public intoxication.

Jeremy Dylan Farris, 32, 311 A. A. Meyers Rd, Sulphur, Bench warrant.

Hunter C. Collette, 18, 4533 Ogden Rd., Lake Charles; Bench warrant.

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2008 LOUISIANA Fur and Wildlife Festival Queen Lauren Naquin is shown in full regalia. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Beware of doors at the Civic Center

By CURT ILES

This is a warning: Be careful with the doors at the Lake Charles Civic Center! I was there last week and as I entered the Men's room, I recalled Roy Greene's story.

The Lake Charles Civic Center opened thirty years ago. Amazingly, it was constructed on sand pumped out of the adjacent lake that gives the city its name, Lake Charles.

In keeping with the French background of our area, it was christened "Le Civic Centre" In carrying out this Acadian motif, the restrooms were labeled as "Messieurs" and "Madames."

The thoughtful architect also designed the "Messieurs/Madames" restrooms so there was one entrance door (with no handle on the inside) and a corresponding exit door on the other end of the restrooms. This wisely (or unwisely as our story will reveal) ensured that users moved in one direction.

And that brings us to Roy Greene's famous story. Mr. Roy, a Dry Creek native, loved basketball. He had played on Dry Creek High's famous undefeated 1931 state championship team, coached high school ball, and was the long time principal at Fenton High. He produced a line of great coaches including his son, Larry, and grandsons Mike and Chris Greene.

Mr. Roy loved the Sweet 16 State Girl's Basketball Tournament, and never missed a game. On this particular year, it was held at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

During a halftime break, Mr. Roy, who was near eighty, shuffled to the restroom, hurrying so as not to miss a minute of action on the court. Maybe it was his eyesight, or his preoccupation with the game--

But when he got to the door, he thought it was "Messieurs" but (I know you are ahead of me) instead it was "Madames." However, Mr. Roy did not realize his mistake until he was inside and saw two things: there were no urinals and the room was full of women.

Of course, he did what any man would do: he discreetly retreated to the entrance door. However, there was no handle (there you are, ahead of me again.) He stood not quite sure what to do. . . and then did the only thing he knew to do--He shuffled along right through the restroom, past the throng of gasping women, and out the exit door.

His son Larry, who watched from the lobby, said,



CHARTER MEMBERS of a new Mardi Gras krewe, the Krewe de la Boucaniers, are pictured above at the Twelfth Night program held at the Lake Charles Civic Center last Thursday night. They are (standing, from left) Keith Jagneaux, Albert Broussard, 2007 Jean Lafitte Bob Pelouquin; 2007 Ms. Mardi Gras Courtney Jinks, Donnie Istre, Eddie Langley, and (kneeling) Sherman Corbello.

(Photo by Lori Chehotsky.)



SOUTH CAMERON High School campus greeted Santa Claus as he arrived by fire truck on Dec. 20. He visited the Pre-K through third grade classrooms, giving presents to the students.

*The staff of the Cameron Pilot wishes you all a safe and successful 2008 La. Fur and Wildlife Festival*

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Cameron Parish Head Start is now taking applications for pupils 3-5 years of age for the upcoming school year of 2008-2009. Pupils must be 3 by September 30, 2008.

Applications are available at Grand Lake Head Start Center, 965 Highway 384, 598-4413 or Hackberry Head Start Center, 110 Volunteer Lane, 762-3587.

Cameron Parish Head Start does not discriminate against any race, color, creed, sex, national origin, religious belief, disability, conditions or ancestry.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity, as always it is a privilege to serve you and your family.

*Thank You,*

The family of Alvin Murphy would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, plants, food, cards, calls, prayers and all the comforting words during his sickness and our great loss. Also, thanks to St. Patrick and Cornerstone Hospital's doctors and staff for his care, and Hixson Funeral Home staff.

Special thanks to our family and friends, pallbearers, Denton Roy Nash for the beautiful Rosary and Father Wayne LeBleu for the beautiful services.

Love,  
Ruby & Phyllis Murphy,  
Debbie Billings & Family,  
Patrick Murphy & Family

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1 jar (2 oz) diced pimientos, drained  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)  
1 lb chopped cooked crabmeat or imitation crabmeat (2 cups)  
6 sun-dried tomato or spinach-cilantro flavored flour tortillas (8 to 10 inch)  
1 tablespoon butter or

margarine, melted  
Sour cream and chopped fresh cilantro, if desired

In medium bowl, mix cream cheese, corn, cilantro, onions, pimientos, pepper and red pepper. Fold in crabmeat. Spread 2/3 cup of the crabmeat mixture over each tortilla; fold tortilla in half, pressing lightly. Brush both sides of each tortilla with butter.

In 12-inch skillet, cook 3 tortillas at a time over medium-high heat about 5 minutes, turning once, until light brown. Garnish with sour cream and cilantro.

Variation  
Need a quick appetizer? Cut the cooked quesadillas into bite-size wedges and serve with toothpicks.

Nutrition Information:  
1 Serving: Calories 420 (Calories from Fat 180); Total Fat 20g (Saturated Fat 10g, Trans Fat 1g); Cholesterol 120mg; Sodium 660mg; Total Carbohydrate 36g (Dietary Fiber 3g, Sugars 3g); Protein 24g Percent Daily Value\*: Vitamin A 30%; Vitamin C 20%; Calcium 20%; Iron 20% Exchanges: 2 Starch; 0 Other Carbohydrate; 1 Vegetable; 2 Lean Meat Carbohydrate Choices: 2 1/2

\*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

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## The Diocese of Lake Charles Catholic Schools: An Education you can have Faith In

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Lake Charles as well as across the country is celebrated the week of January 28 to February 1. This year's national theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools Light the Way." There are eight Catholic schools in the Diocese, St. Louis Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven School, Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Katharine Drexel School, St. Margaret of Scotland School, all in Lake Charles; St. Theodore Holy Family School in Moss Bluff; Our Lady Immaculate School in Jennings; and Our Lady's School in Sulphur.)

Choosing a school for a child is one of the most important decisions parents make. From academics and curriculum to school environment and parental involvement, there are many compelling factors to consider when looking at a school. The Diocese of Lake Charles schools provide an education you can have faith in. Diocesan schools meet the academic needs of students by integrating faith, life and culture in a disciplined and safe environment.

**Academics**  
The Diocese of Lake Charles students perform better academically than their counterparts in public schools. In comparing scores from standardized tests, students from the Diocesan schools scored at least 14 percentage points higher than the national average at every grade

level. Statistics also show that Catholic school students are less likely to drop out and are more

likely to go on to college. Catholic schools provide smaller classrooms and more personal attention to every student. With a smaller teacher-to-student ratio, teachers are able to gain insights that enhance the whole learning process for students. Realizing that each child is unique with different learning

styles, teachers are able to utilize individualized plans for classroom teaching. Parents are assured that students receive a strong academic education in an environment structured to have lasting value.

**Environment**  
The Diocese of Lake Charles Catholic Schools provide a disciplined, safe environment in which students can excel both

academically and personally. Self-discipline, responsibility, and self-motivation are among the benefits of an environment that is both nurturing and structured. Catholic schools are able to provide a disciplined environment that fosters responsibility and emphasizes Christian values. Catholic schools also welcome and expect parents to become involved in school programs and daily activities of students. Parents are acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. Catholic school faculties share this responsibility by providing students with equal opportunities for spiritual, intellectual and social development.

**Christian Development**  
A Catholic school education prepares a child for life. At a

Catholic school, students learn much more than reading, writing and arithmetic. Religious education is an everyday part of the Catholic school curriculum. Classes encourage the discussion of faith and Christian values, focused on the total moral development of each child. Students take what they learn and apply it to everyday life through projects, activities and school clubs that emphasize service and social justice.

There are many compelling reasons beyond the benefits of an excellent education to choose The Diocese of Lake Charles Catholic Schools. Diocesan schools strengthen the overall faith of students while they learn the Christian values and morals necessary for a full and productive life. Truly, an education you can have faith in.

## Local youth attend National Catholic Conference

By Laura Adams  
Special to the  
Catholic Calendar  
A group of Catholic youth from the Diocese of Lake Charles boarded a plane for Ohio, unaware of what was awaiting them.

The 85 local teens joined more than 20,000 Catholics, 18,350 of which were youth, from 145 dioceses across the country in Columbus, Ohio last November to participate in the 29th biannual National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). The conference consisted of about 200 well-known Catholic musical artists and speakers.

Steve Angrisano, a well-known Catholic musician was the master of ceremonies of NCYC and shared with the youth his love of Christ and his Catholic Faith. Other artists included Matt Maher, Sarah Hart, Righteous B, Josh Blakeskey, Ceilli Rain, and many more. Keynote speakers included Tony Melendez, Father Tony of New Orleans, and many other gifted speakers.

The number of youth in attendance was overwhelming; the youth covered the streets of Columbus Ohio. Masses of Catholic youth came together singing and laughing to praise God and deepen their Catholic faith.

The youth from the Diocese of Lake Charles who attended this conference where very

impressed to see they weren't alone in their Catholic faith.

"I've never felt the Holy Spirit as powerful as I have in these people gathering for one purpose, and I've really felt the presence of Christ in these people," said Jesse Taylor, a student of St. Louis Catholic High School.

"It strikes me to see 20,000 of our nation's Catholic youth gathering in communion to represent not only our future church but, to show we are the church of today," said Peyton Faucett of Kinder.

"My favorite part was the music and seeing so many Catholics gathered together worshipping God," said Vanessa Landry from Hahaway.

"This is my second trip to NCYC and my favorite part is how it shows a physical representation of what the word Catholic is. The word catholic means universality and it really shows its not just the people in your parish, its the whole country not just the USA but the world. It's just a wonderful representation of what it means to be a Catholic in this day and age," said Kaitlynn Ackoury, Immaculate Conception, Sulphur youth director.

The young of the Church are stepping up and taking an active role in the Church today. Knowing sometimes we don't always have a map to show us the way, making us go into



Eighty-five youth and various adult chaperones attended the 29th Biannual National Catholic Youth Conference held last November in Columbus, Ohio. The trip was coordinated by the Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

uncharted territory. This is where the theme of the conference "Discover the Way" came from and throughout the Conference we were encouraged to discover the way to our faith.

When the teens from Louisiana and around the U.S. were asked how they discovered their way these were some of the answers.

"I discovered the way through music in which God has furthered me and allowed me to use my abilities which he has gifted me with," said Blake Bruchhaus of Kinder.

"I discovered the way when Steve Angrisano taught us how to pray with singing. So now I don't just sing the song just to sing it, but to pray the lyrics.

Now I'm able to stand up and be comfortable in my faith," Carolyn Kata, a resident of Chicago, Ill.

"I've never been so proud of my Catholic faith, because we discovered the way through the sacraments of the Catholic Church," said Stephanie Suarez.

Throughout the conference, the teens ultimately discovered

the way, through Jesus and his church. The teens proudly proclaimed this down the streets and in airports of Ohio, singing the words to the conference theme song, "Jesus es el Camino, El es la verdad, El es la vida" - Jesus is the way, He is the truth, He is the life, Discover the way.

### January Forty-Hours Devotion sites, times

- Christ the King, Lake Charles  
Noon to 5 p.m., Friday, January 11.
- St. Theodore, Moss Bluff  
6 a.m. Thursday, January 17 to  
10 p.m. Friday, January 18
- St. Martin de Porres, Lake Charles  
8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 21 and  
Wednesday, January 23;
- 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 22 and  
Thursday, January 24.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day - Tuesday, January 29  
and Wednesday, January 30
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day - Thursday, January 31  
and Friday, February 1

### Catholic Calendar page sporting new masthead

LAKE CHARLES - For longtime readers of the Catholic Calendar, you may have noticed some changes. First, the page is now being printed in full color. Today, we have more with our masthead now in full color, bringing us more fully into the digital age.

The Catholic Calendar was published for the first time in the American Press on Oct. 15, 1982. That printing of the full page, now is published every other week, was the reinstatement of a venerable tradition, begun

in March 1897. The Rev. Cornelius Van de Ven, then pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Lake Charles, launched the first Catholic newspaper in Southwest Louisiana, "The Catholic Calendar."

The Catholic Calendar is published in three other newspapers in Southwest Louisiana - in addition to the American Press - The Beauregard Daily News, The Jennings Daily News, and the Cameron Pilot.



In appreciation for the blessings of life, 48 volunteers from the Church parishes of Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the First Presbyterian Church gave the Monday of Thanksgiving week to help rehabilitate two homes damaged by Hurricane Rita. More than 1,000 homes in Calcasieu Parish are still in need of repair working following the storm of more than two years ago, according to the Rev. Henry Mancuso, Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Pictured here are some of the volunteers who worked on a North Shattuck Street home in Lake Charles.

The Offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21 to honor Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. They will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 8:30 a.m.

(This page paid for by the Diocese of Lake Charles.)

### Did you know ...

Two former pastors of Immaculate Conception Cathedral Church were later raised to the Episcopacy. Rev. Arthur Drossaerts was pastor of Immaculate Conception Church from 1890 to 1892. He was followed by Rev. Cornelius van de Ven who served from 1892 to 1902. Father Drossaerts was elevated to the episcopacy in 1918 as Bishop of San Antonio and raised to Archbishop in 1926 when the See was made an Archdiocese. Archbishop Drossaerts died in 1940. Father van de Ven left Lake Charles in 1902 and was named Bishop of Natchitoches in 1904. It became the Diocese of Alexandria in 1910 when the See moved to Alexandria. Bishop Van de Ven died in 1932.

Several other parishes of the Diocese have been shepherded by priests who were later named Bishops. Do you know which parishes and pastors? Find out in our January 25 issue.