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South Cameron plans for rebuilding in limbo

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

The Cameron Parish School Board's plans for funding the rebuilding of South Cameron High School and other projects are now in limbo, thanks to a last minute announcement from Cheniere Energy regarding the method of advance tax payment they plan to use. In a special meeting called to choose projects to be included in the Cheniere Pilot Plan bond issue, Parish Planner Ernie Broussard relayed to the board that Cheniere has decided it would be in its best interest to pay each taxing entity separately, instead of as a group.

The effect of this decision, which was made on the advice of Cheniere's attorneys, is that each taxing entity must now decide whether to seek a separate bond issue. The funds to support the bond issue would be guaranteed for the first ten years by annual payments of 25% of the expected taxes on the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal. For the next 10 years, the remaining

75% of the taxes would be paid annually, as usual. Then, after 20 years, payments would be 100%.

The School Board can expect some \$950,000 per year for the next ten years under this plan. They can either use that money to support a bond issue to spur rebuilding, or take it annually and use FEMA and insurance funds to pay for recon-

struction. South Cameron High School and the central office are the major rebuilding projects facing the Board, projected to cost millions.

With this unexpected news, the board voted to wait until after a Jan. 17 meeting with Cheniere to decide on a course of action. All discussions of future projects have been postponed.

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Board gets million dollars in grants

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

School Board staff has announced that several million dollars worth of grants have been received by the Cameron Parish School board recently, supporting many areas of education.

The Restart program originally offered \$706,030 for Cameron Parish, to be used to assist in restarting school operations, re-opening schools, and re-enrolling students. That allocation was increased to \$2,753,784, which will be used to fund two special education and two regular school buses, replacement of textbooks, replacement of athletic equipment, cleaning of uniforms, etc., announced Willyne Kestel.

She said the first round went so well an additional \$9 million has been requested.

Cameron Parish will join four other school districts today in accepting the first phase of the Chevron Energy for Learning grant. The allotment will target K-12 math and science learning in a "powered by technology" format.

As part of the First Books BookRelief project, the parish will receive new books throughout the year for libraries, classrooms, and

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MSU grads

Local Cameron Parish graduates from the fall semester at Louisiana State College are as follows:

College of Arts and Sciences - Tomas Alan Johnston, Grand Lake. Graduate School (Masters) - Kayla Victoria Kelley, Cameron.

Firemen to meet in G. L.

The Grand Lake - Sweetlake Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors will meet Monday, Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center for a regular meeting to discuss the USDA grant for fire equipment. The public is invited.



ROYALTY CROWNED at the 2007 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival pageant last Saturday in Lake Charles were, from left: Roland Primeaux, King Fur; Kayla LaVergne, Fur Queen; and Haley Willis, Miss Cameron Parish. The Festival's outdoor events will be held this Friday and Saturday in Cameron. (Photos by Cyndi Sellers.)



Trap shoot to be held at Festival

The Cajun Clay Crackers Youth Shooting Sports Club and the Cameron Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Club will sponsor and administer the Trap and Quail Flush shooting activities at the 2007 La. Fur and Wildlife Festival.

This activity will be held at the Fur Festival grounds at the old Cameron Elementary School site. Shooting will begin at noon on Friday and will begin again at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Winners will be selected after continuous shooting for the two days. Winners will not be chosen for each day. Shooting will be open to all.

Only one Trap field will be open and an official Pat Trap will be used. Six divisions will be held as follows: Youth boys and girls 0-11, Junior boys and girls 12-17 and Adults 18 and over. Prizes for winners will be as follows: 1st place in each division - \$200 and a trophy, 2nd place in each division - \$100 and a trophy and 3rd place in each division - \$50 and trophy.

If time permits, the Quail Flush activity will be held at various times during the two days. There is only one division in the Quail Flush regardless of age or sex.

Shooting Trap will cost \$15 per 25 shot round and the Quail Flush will cost \$20 per round for a two-person team for 15 shots for each team member.

Parade will be Saturday

The Fur Festival Parade is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. Participants are asked to lineup at the old Cameron Construction site by 11 a.m. The highway will be closed at 12 noon. The parade will conclude at the Courthouse Square.

Jennifer Jones, Cameron Parish assistant district attorney, will serve as the Grand Marshal. Jennifer is being honored for her long support of the Fur and Wildlife Festival, as well as her tireless efforts in promoting the re-building of Cameron Parish, especially the hospital. She has dedicated countless hours to the insurance issues for the people of Cameron Parish.

The members of the 2005 Grand Lake Lady Hornets Softball state championship team along with the members of the 2006 South Cameron Lady Tarpons Softball state championship team will serve as Parade Marshals.



THIS PELICAN hitched a ride on the Cameron Ferry one evening last week. Guess he was tired. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Parish fire districts get \$1.2 million

Four fire districts in Cameron Parish will receive more than \$1.2 million in federal grants.

Cameron Fire District 7 will receive \$300,000; Cameron Fire District 9 will receive \$80,000; Cameron Fire District 14 will receive \$550,000; and the Hackberry Fire District will receive \$300,000.

"The firefighters and first responders of Cameron Parish were among the unsung heroes of Hurricane Rita, and this funding is a testament to their dedicated service," said U. S. Rep.

Charles Boustany, R-La.

District 7 will use the money to buy a new pumper truck, apparatus truck and other equipment.

District 9 will buy a command post trailer.

District 14 will buy a ladder truck, hoses, nozzles and communication equipment.

The Hackberry district will buy an emergency response system and vehicle.

The grants are provided through the U. S. Department of Agriculture and are part of the Natural Disaster Funding Initiative.

1438 persons apply for Road Home funds

The Grand Lake - Sweetlake Action Alliance met Thursday, Jan. 4 at the Grand Lake Firemen Center. President Shirley Chesson presided.

Rachel Abadie, school board member, gave a report on board activities. Cheniere Energy has elected to prepay taxes to give the parish a boost in rebuilding. Funds received will be used in capital outlay.

Rachel LeCompte, Road Home Representative, told the progress that the Road Home program is making in Cameron Parish. 1,438 persons have applied from Cameron Parish. Most of those that have applied are in the verification process. If anyone wants to check on their status they should call 1-888-ROAD2LA. She encouraged everyone to visit the Road Home office in Grand Lake on Hwy. 384.

The cemetery committee held a meeting in December. The statue for the cemetery is in and is ready to install. Those serving on the commit-

tee are Charles Precht III, Ricky Poole, Gary Wicke, Shirley Chesson, Lena Guidry, and Jim Dupont. Toni Broussard is assisting the group with the paperwork.

The resource directory was discussed. It was decided to produce the directory this December following elections. The directory will contain information for the parish services as well as history of the parish. It will be mailed to every home in the parish.

The Action Alliance group meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center. The public is invited to attend.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

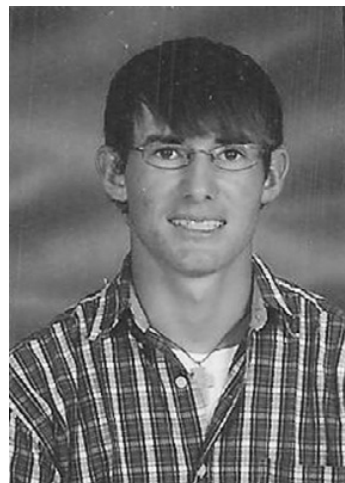
-Booker T. Washington

Howerton resigning

Grand Lake School Board member Pat Howerton has announced his resignation, effective March 1, from the board, for personal reasons. A replacement will be appointed.



ALEXIS CALL, a fifth grader, was named Elementary Student of the Year at Johnson Bayou School.



TRAVIS ROMERO, a senior, was named High School Student of the Year at Johnson Bayou High School.



THE 2006 - 2007 Hackberry High School Students of the Year are, from left: Jolie Trahan, fifth grade; Jenna Granger, eighth grade; and Natasha Hicks, twelfth grade.



GRAND CHENIER'S temporary library building arrived last week and has been set up on the site of the former Bonsall Grocery, which was being remodeled into a library when Hurricane Rita hit. Both Cameron and Grand Chenier branches will be open within the next few weeks, thanks to a grant from the Gates Foundation, administered by SOLINET. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE HACKBERRY ROD and Gun Club was recognized by the Cameron Parish School Board Monday for several activities throughout the school year, most recently an essay contest. Shown are Marketing Manager Buddy Oakes, owners Kirk, Guy, and Bobby Stansel, and School Board member Dwayne Sanner. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



HACKBERRY HIGH SCHOOL student Blaise Leonards, center, was recognized by the Cameron Parish School Board Monday evening for winning the Hackberry Rod and Gun Club essay contest in October. He is flanked by his parents, Theresa and Ludwig Leonards, accompanied by Hackberry Rod and Gun representatives and School Board member Dwayne Sanner. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Cameron Pilot, Jan. 10, 1974.

FUR FESTIVAL - 1974

From the vast cattle and rice-producing prairies of the northern part of the parish, south across the marshes teeming with alligators, nutria, muskrat, ducks, geese and oil facilities, to the coastal ridges where men set out to harvest shrimp, menhaden and oil from the Gulf, Cameronites stop once each year for their annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival.

The 18th annual festival will be held in Cameron on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 11 and 12.

Dogs which have gained practical experience in retrieving ducks from the vast Cameron marshes get a chance to show what they can do in festival competition.

Old and young duck and goose callers, seasoned by many a day of experience in the hunting blind, compete with neighbors and friends showing how they lure the winged ones into gun range. Many calls are even done without artificial devices.

Trappers, seasoned with years, and young ones alike, engage in friendly competition, demonstrating their abilities at setting traps fast and skinning muskrats and nutria at the flick of a wrist.

Even the women get into the act causing many an uneasy moment among wary male competitors, even though the women are in a class by themselves.

Hunters get to show off their abilities by shooting clay pigeons from the sky and filling targets with sharp arrows.

This year the Festival is honored to have visiting royalty. From the French heritage of the parish, it has very close ties with Canada and the Acadians there. This is why the citizens of the parish are so excited that "Miss Dominion of Canada" will be their special guest during the Festival. Miss Deborah Ducharme is from Wainfleet, Ontario. She will arrive at the Mid-County airport in Port Arthur Friday afternoon and will be met by a "red carpet" committee representing Cameron Parish and the Fur Festival.

Another special guest will be "Miss Outdoors" from the National Outdoor Show in Cambridge, Md. She will be accompanied from Maryland by a group of seven dignitaries.

RECREATION FUNDS APPROVED

The Cameron Police Jury Tuesday appropriated \$110,000 from federal ven-

ue sharing funds for the construction of recreation facilities for Ward 3, the Cameron and Creole area.

Ruben Morales, chairman of the Ward 3 recreation committee, has obtained the lease of 3 1/2 acres of land located behind Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Morales said the facilities planned include a swimming pool, bath house, tennis courts, basketball and volleyball areas, a playground area and a softball diamond.

Other members of the recreation committee are Robert Landry, Raphael Bargeman, Mrs. Roberta Rogers, Lynn Miller, Robert Montie and Yvonne Mhire.

POLICE JURY TO SELL BONDS

The Cameron Police Jury voted Tuesday to sell \$1 million worth of road and bridge bonds to be retired with the parish's Royalty Road funds.

These funds are the portion that the parish receives from the royalties that the state receives on state-owned land in Cameron Parish. These revenues have been sizable in the past because of extensive oil and gas production on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

A representative of the Imperial Calcasieu Planning Commission told the Jury that he understood the state was planning to develop the Sabine Lighthouse near Johnson Bayou as a state park at a cost of about \$1 million.

He asked the Jury if they were interested in doing anything with the lighthouse. Jurors said, at that price, they would let the state do the honors.

NO TOLL DURING EVACUATIONS

Cameron Parish residents evacuating the lower part of the parish due to a hurricane threat no longer will have to pay a toll on the Sabine Lake Causeway.

The Cameron Parish Police Jury recently agreed to forego such tolls during a storm threat if the co-owner of the causeway bridge, Jefferson County, Tex., would agree to the measure.

ROUNDOABOUT THE PARISH

Probably the youngest participants in the Fur and Wildlife Parade will be the toddlers of Jay and Joy Dinger's Day Care Center who will greet the crowd from the many windows of a huge wooden shoe. The "Old Lady in the Shoe" will be Margarite Tate who in her real life role as chief nursemaid at the center often has "so many children she doesn't know what to do." work on the shoe-float is being directed by Tommy Eakin and Michael Faulk along with Jay and Joy and parents of the children who attend the nursery.

REBUILDING

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The good news was that FEMA has issued an opinion that pre-paid taxes will not count against PW amounts, because they are not a gift, but rather money owed to the district.

PROJECT REPORTS

Smaller recovery projects are ongoing in Johnson Bayou and at South Cameron. Doug Welch reported that the JBHS gym was ready to use and was to host its first basketball game Tuesday night. Bids on the South Cameron gym refurbishment have not been forthcoming, however.

Welch reported that the building's original roofing contractor has offered to repair the roof at no charge, but has not begun the work. An electrical contractor has shown interest as well, and a plumbing contractor was to have viewed the site on Wednesday to see if he would be interested. But no masonry or heating/air conditioning contractors have so far responded.

Supt. Doug Chance suggested that, since the board is to choose an architect for the school next month, that person be tasked with the gym project. It is hoped that more contractors can be located in this way. Meanwhile, the students at the South Cameron site have no indoor facilities for physical education, assemblies, or rainy day recess.

At Johnson Bayou, the bid for enclosing the covered pavilion was awarded to Bessette Development. The board chose the cinderblock option, fully climate controlled, for \$280,000. The Dallas office of the National Flood Insurance Program waived elevation requirements which might have required a flow-through construction method.

Chance said Bessette is ready to begin work. It is the same contractor that is already working on the school. Progress being made on the school includes windows in the front wing, wall air conditioners ready to go in, and sheetrock being installed. The projected April opening date is no longer certain, and school officials have suggested that it would be better to stay in present quarters, rather than disrupt classes so late in the year.

Walkway and bus loading covers are near completion, with metal on part of the roofs in Johnson Bayou, and soon to be installed at South Cameron.

The board recognized the efforts of several businesses and agencies in constructing a baseball field at the South Cameron Elementary site, in preparation for the spring season. Cameron Communications, Cameron Rental and Tank, Crain Bros., Danny Sanford Fencing, J & R Trackhoe, Roy Bailey Construction, and the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department all contributed to

A hot dog supper served by the den mothers was served to Pack 201 at their meeting at South Cameron Elementary School. The Webelo den opened the program under the direction of Denner Kevin Savoie. Awards were given to David Conner, Greg LeBoeuf, John Sturlese, Shannon Dupont and Mike Morris.

The sophomore class officers at South Cameron High School are Vickie Savoie, president; Deala Trahan, vice-president; Dinah Nunez, secretary; Dolores Guillory, treasurer; and Denise Smith, reporter.

Ricky Guidry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guidry, has been home for the holidays and school vacation. He has now returned to LSU.

the effort, and the dugouts should be completed very soon, weather permitting.

The Board moved forward with recovery plans in certain areas, voting to finalize plans for varsity football at South Cameron in the fall, finalize plans for a central office to be built at 510 Marshall St. in Cameron (the former Cameron Elementary School), and to officially identify the campus at 753 Grand Chenier Hwy., Creole, LA, as South Cameron High School. For 2007-2008, the school will include grades K-12 including a pre-kindergarten. The names of Cameron Elementary and South Cameron Elementary schools will be held in abeyance until a need for their use develops.

Loston McEvers asked that the size of the central office be reduced to cost between \$2-3 million, instead of the \$4.5 million originally projected.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

In personnel matters, the board made the following appointments: David Marcantel - science teacher, Johnson Bayou (provisional); Melissa Poole - special education teacher, Grand Lake (provisional); Elise Stine - special education teacher, Hackberry (provisional); Shirley Bonsall - warehousing, delivery, and other duties (transfer from cafeteria manager).

Extended sick leave was granted to Jamie Williamson, Johnson Bayou, and medical sabbatical leave was granted

GRANTS

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individual students. As part of the Holiday Book Donation in December, every pre-K, kindergarten and first grade classroom in the parish received a 9" TV-VCR combo with videos for classroom use.

The Virtue Foundation, a public charitable organization dedicated to empowering women and children worldwide, has provided 46 Apple laptop computers and Microsoft software bundles to Grand Lake Elementary for use in the fourth grade. LEAP scores will be tracked, with increase expected over four semesters. Supt. Doug Chance said he had hoped the computers would go to South Cameron and Cameron Elementary classes, since they were the most in need, but the foundation chose Grand Lake instead, perhaps because they have higher scores already.

to Roger Miller, South Cameron English teacher.



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THE SOUTH CAMERON High School 4-H collected food and toys for the Women's Shelter. Pictured above are Kyle Little, Bailey Richard and Cody Jouett.

South Cameron High School News

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Ms. Little has the following scholarship applications: Northwestern Leadership Scholarship, Jaycee Senate, LA Municipal Clerks, Rockefeller State Wildlife and a Waterworks Scholarship which is for any student residing in Cameron Parish.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council will have a "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Louisiana to support patient service programs beginning on Monday, Jan. 8 through Friday, Jan. 26. One high school class and one elementary class who raises the most money will earn a pizza party.

BASKETBALL NEWS

The Tarpon Basketball program would like to thank Cameron Communications for the generous donation to the parish tournament. And especially thanks to the parents, the faculty and the staff that contributed in making the parish tournament a great success. These people are very special to us and everything they do is greatly appreciated.

4-H NEWS

4-H Challenge Camp will be held on March 9-11 at Camp Grant Walker in

Pollock. The camp is open to all 4-H 7th grade members. Applications for camp participants and counselors are due Monday, Jan. 29 to the 4-H office.

Farmer's Rice Mill Outstanding 4-H Club Award is due Monday, Jan. 29. Key Club Award and Junior Award of Excellence is due Monday, Jan. 15. These awards recognize members with outstanding leadership ability in their club and in their parish. The object of the program is to encourage project growth, a broad program of 4-H club activities over the years, and the ultimate development of outstanding citizens.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 12 - End of Third Six Weeks, School Dismisses at 11:30 a.m.
- Basketball - Hamilton Christian (Home) 4 p.m. Wrestling - Lee High.
- Jan. 13 - Fur Festival. Wrestling - Lee High
- Jan. 15 - School Holiday MLK Day.
- Jan. 16 - Basketball Elton (Home).
- Jan. 18 - Senior Beta Conference (Lafayette).
- Jan. 19 - Basketball Merryville (Away). Wrestling - Ken Cole.
- Jan. 20 Wrestling - Ken Cole

Lunch menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week are as follows. All meals are served with milk.

- Friday, Jan. 12 - Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookie, hamburger bun, catsup.
- Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Chicken alfredo, tossed salad, orange wedges, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, Jello w/fruit.
- Wednesday, Jan. 17 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, wheat sliced bread, white sauce.
- Thursday, Jan. 18 - Beef nachos, tomato cup, Ranch beans, steamed broccoli, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips.

McNeese honors told

The President's Honor List for the fall 2006 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 is as follows:

- BELL CITY:** Brandy Michelle Guidry, Kathryn Theresa Hoffpauir, Kristopher Patrick Howerton, Adam Brian Precht, Matthew James Reon.
- CAMERON:** Jennifer Diane Conner, Tess Alexandra Dimas, Lyndi Renee LeBoeuf, Gambrelle Monet Primeaux, John Leonidas Snyder, John P. Troclair.
- CREOLE:** Parry Dean LaLande Jr., Cana Elizabeth Trahan, Meagan Gayle Trahan.
- GRAND CHENIER:** Raphael Frank Heard, Ashley Michelle Kelley, Matt Randolph Richard.
- HACKBERRY:** Leah Karli Billedeaux, Lindy Sue Delome, Todd Lee Jinks, Micah Aaron Silver.

McNeese announces Honor Roll

The McNeese State University Honor Roll for the 2006 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.

Cameron Parish students on the list are:

BELL CITY: Casey Lauren Fruge, Jamie Katelyn Fruge, Jacob Layne Guillory, Sarah Lee Ganey Leonards, Ashley Danielle Marceaux, Ashley M. Nunez, Katie Ann O'Blanc.

CAMERON: Michael Frederick Bercier, Laken Dnae Desonier, Robyn Leigh Doxey, Dane Bernard Dupont, Lexie Nicole LeBoeuf, Charles David Pugh Jr., Kelli Kristine Styron.

CREOLE: Toni Linn Boudoin, Brandon Chase Horn.

GRAND CHENIER: Cristy Dell Ballard, Kristin Lee R. Bonsall, Rica Rachelle Canik, Barton S. Vidrine.

HACKBERRY: Meagan Elizabeth Broussard, Jake Danten Buford, Jessica L. East, Miranda Marie Hicks, Michelle Marie Jinks, Hillary Dale LaBove, Sean Joseph Vincent, Amanda Erin White.

Poet to hold workshops

Kenn Nesbitt, poet and entertainer, will conduct writing workshops with the students at Grand Lake Elementary School on Jan. 23. Kenn is the author of six collections of poetry for children. His poems have also appeared in magazines, textbooks, and in anthologies of children's poetry.

Kenn lives in Spokane, Wash. and conducts workshops all over the United States. You can get more information about Kenn Nesbitt at his website www.poetry4kids.com or contact Jan Walker at Grand Lake Elementary School at 905-2231.



Mrs. Evan Edward Lowe

Lowe - Devall vows made January 6th

Mary Ena Devall and Evan Edward Lowe were married Saturday, Jan. 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Sulphur. Father Roland Vaughan and Stephen Cooley officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Michael and Frances Devall and Edward (Ed) and Caryn Lowe.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Rosie Munive served as the matron of honor and Mia Vick served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Marni Lowe, Jana Meaux, Jamie Floyd, Kelli Adams.

The flowergirl and ring-bearer were Gracie Devall,

Roy Devall and Tug Devall.

Candlelighters were Kami Savoie and Drew Devall.

Bestman was John Powers and groomsmen included Aaron Lowe, David Devall, Bruce Alpe, Kyle Ahlgren and Benny Bryant.

Ushers were Michael Devall, Alfred Devall, and Brandon Adame.

A reception followed in Marilyn's Veranda.

The bride is a graduate of Hackberry High School. The groom graduated from Borah High School, Boise Idaho.

After a wedding trip to Sun Valley, Idaho, the couple is making their home in Houston, Tex.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

WEDDING SET

Megan Joy Bellard and Russell Frank Whatman will be united in marriage, Saturday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m.

They will be married at Wesley United Methodist Church, 423 Live Oak St, Sulphur.

Megan is the daughter of Gary and Anna Bruner of Hackberry and Russell is the son of Richard and Ruth Whatman of Groeten.

SOLDIERS ON LEAVE

Army Sgt. Edward Morris, stationed in Iraq, is home for a two week leave. He arrived in Houston, Tex. at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5. He is married to Caryn Kershaw Morris and has two sons, Teddy and

Ricky.

The family is staying with Caryn's parents, Roland and Pat Kershaw of Houston. Grandmothers are Irene Kershaw and Grace Welch of Hackberry. Morris is on his second tour of Iraq.

Sgt. Ty Vincent, US Army, 82nd Airborne Division, 2nd 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment is home for a two week leave from his third deployment to Iraq. He is enjoying being home at his parent's house, Shane and Cyndi Vincent of Hackberry.

Ty is married to the former Rebecca Little of DeQuincy. They have two sons, Michael and Mathew and one daughter, Madyson.

Rebuilding progress is noted by Dinah Landry

By MIKE JONES
AMERICAN PRESS

Dinah Landry sees Cameron Parish's recovery from Hurricane Rita first hand.

"A year ago we were still removing debris," she said. Now, "Cameron is rising again."

Landry, executive director of the Cameron Council on Aging, made the comments Tuesday in a speech to the Rotary Club of Lake Charles.

She said that although progress seems slow, looking back over the past year she has seen much accomplished.

"Now, the Mennonites are helping a family rebuild a home," she said.

Mennonites are building six homes and rebuilding four in Cameron.

Landry said children are doing their regular school work in the parish, a rural health clinic is providing health care locally, and South Cameron Memorial Hospital--destroyed by the hurricane--is being replaced.

She said a lot of people who can't rebuild homes have moved back to the parish in trailers.

The parish is receiving numerous building grants. They will help build elderly housing at Grand Lake, Head Start centers in Hackberry and Grand Lake, and a senior center.

Landry said the people are looking forward to the day when they can help the people who have come down to help them.

She said that last year at this time, there were 5,000 open cases of people needing help. Now, there are 2,000.

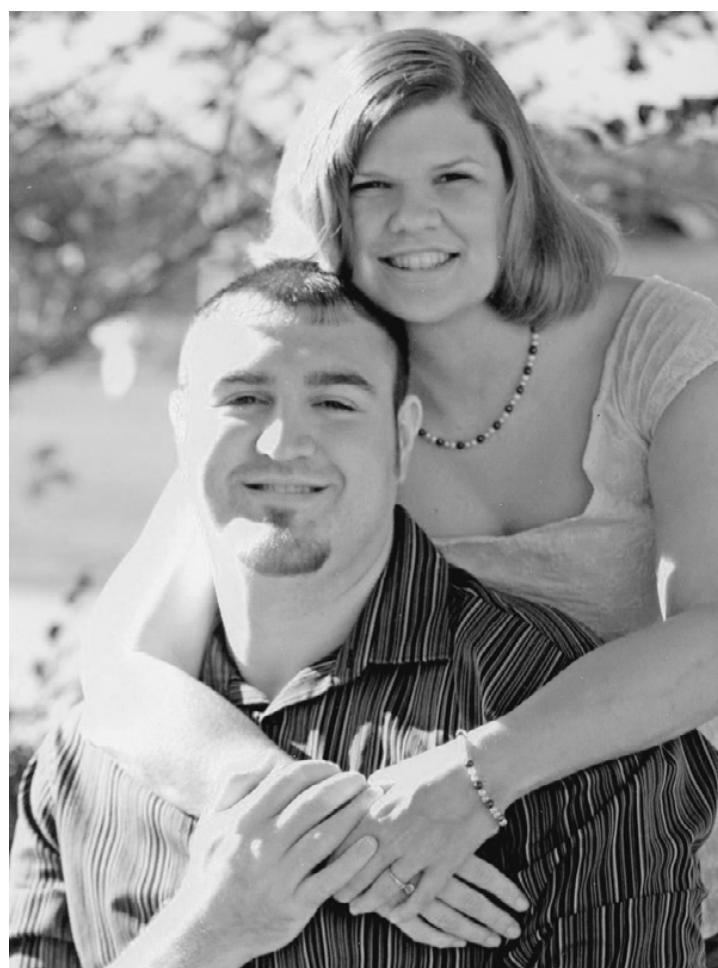
She noted that insurance problems and new building requirements are slowing progress.

She said some residents will have to rebuild houses or put their trailers 15 feet in the air.

Putting a single-wide trailer 15 feet up looks ridiculous - "like a birdhouse" --and is also dangerous, she said.

She said trailers are allowed to be placed at the sites of old trailer parks or on property where there were at least three trailers. Some of those people are getting insurance through the trailer vendors. Landry said.

Landry was commended at the meeting by Tom Morris of United Way of Southwest Louisiana and by Joe Hill of the Salvation Army for her efforts in the Cameron recovery.



ALLEN AND SUSAN Danos of Galliano have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Sue, to Jeremy Thomas Shaw, son of Corbett and Anna Barrios of Cut Off. The wedding is set for Friday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Royal Villa in Raceland. A reception will follow at the Villa. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Jerry and Joy Wise, owners, editors and publishers of The Cameron Parish Pilot.

Millers have 65th wedding anniversary

A 65th wedding anniversary was celebrated by Fletcher and Bonnie Miller recently. Their family includes: John and Jackie Watts, J. A. and Ruby Miller, Donna Labove and Wade and Kathy Miller.

Grandchildren are Christine Mooney, Gabe LaLande, John Jay LaBove, Selika Egloff, Bryan Watts, Gannon Watts, Joey Miller and Jonathan Miller.

Great-grandchildren are Bronwen Theriot, Mikalee Mooney, Tyler LaBove, Jaron

Theriot, Jancy LaLande, Zoe Watts, Avery Watts, John Cole Watts, Gracie Watts, Luke Egloff and Jack Egloff. They are expecting a great-grandson in February 2007.

The Millers are now residing in New Iberia with their daughter, Jackie and Butch Watts, since Hurricane Rita.



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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 3. This year's national theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education." There are eight Catholic schools in the Diocese, St. Louis Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Katharine Drexel, St. Margaret of Scotland, all in Lake Charles; St. Theodore Holy Family, in Moss Bluff; Our Lady Immaculate in Jennings; and Our Lady's in Sulphur.)

Choosing a school for a child is one of the most important decisions parents make. From academics and curriculum to school environ-

ment 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 consistently 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 col-

lege. Catholic schools provide smaller classrooms and more personal attention to every student. With a smaller

plans for classroom teaching. Parents are assured that students receive a strong academic education in an environ-

"Community is at the heart of all Catholic

education, not simply as a concept to be taught, but as a reality to be lived...Your students will learn to understand and appreciate the value of community as they experience love, trust and loyalty in your schools and educational programs, and as they learn to treat all persons as brothers and sister created by God and redeemed by Christ." - His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, Sept. 12, 1987, New Orleans, a speech to elementary, secondary and religious education leaders.

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

ment 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 overall faith of students while they learn Christian values and morals necessary for a full and productive life. Truly an education you can have faith in.



Deacon Patrick LaPoint, right, director of the Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles along with Chad Wright, center, assistant to the director, and Lloyd Nelson, of the Carey Baptist Association, see between 5,000 and 6,000 sailors a year in the Marine Street facility.

Ministry to seafarers quietly does its work

LAKE CHARLES - Many people are aware of the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Lake Charles - whether it's Religious Education, Youth Ministry, the Office of the Tribunal, the Catholic Service Center, or another. They know about them because they have been involved in some way. But, quite possibly, the least known Diocesan ministry happens at the Port of Lake Charles as well as other maritime environs in Southwest Louisiana.

"Most people who have an inkling that there is a ministry to seafarers in ports all over the world, don't realize the extent that that ministry exists right here in Southwest Louisiana," said Deacon Patrick LaPoint, director of the center. "If they do they hear the Port of Lake Charles, they think of the City Docks, located at the end of Shell Beach Drive on Marine Street. We see 100 to 110 ships a month up and down the ship channel."

The Seafarers Center provides aid to thousands of sailors each year.

"We welcome between 5,000 and 6,000 just here in the Center," said LaPoint. "And, we transport probably the same number and not necessarily the same people. We don't just provide help here at the City Docks. On the Lake Charles side of the river we go all the way down Big Lake Road to the LNG (liquefied natural gas) plant and on the west side we go to Bollinger Shipyard in Carlyss.

"Then, they are building another LNG facility in Hackberry so we will cover that one too," he said. "There are 17 facilities and 37 docks that we cover."

The Center provides transportation for sailors from various docking facilities to destinations in the city, mostly for shopping. "Our bus is two years old and it already has 80,000 miles on it," Deacon LaPoint said. "It has only left the area once and that was a trip to Galveston. So those are local miles."

LaPoint, who was ordained to the Diaconate in December 2001 had been named director of the Center in July 2001, originally got involved with the ministry after receiving a phone call that the Center needed rosaries for the sailors, which he made as a hobby.

"I brought them some, they gave me a tour of the place, they told me what they did and I never left," he said. "That was in 1997."

The work continues to be

done with a group of loyal volunteers and a recently hired part-time assistant.

"Chad Wright was hired on a part-time basis and plus, he still volunteers," LaPoint said. "There are just more hours of work than the money available. We pay half of Father Richard's salary (Rev. Richard Adiukwu, the associate pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception). He is the port chaplain. Everyone else is a volunteer.

"We have Lloyd Nelson and Capt. Bill McFatter, both from the Carey Baptist Association," he continued. "There is also Bill Bourgeois, who handles the daytime from 10 to 1, four days a week, and then Matthew Duplantis, and Mandy Robicheaux who helps us with bagging of rosaries and the gift bag program. James and Evelyn Dodd, who do our decorations and support us with other things we need, come over quite regularly.

"But, we could definitely use a lot more volunteers," Deacon LaPoint noted. "Volunteers, particularly at night are hard to get. We could always use magazines and books along with toiletries for our gift bag program." Anyone interested in finding out more should call him at the Center, 436-1315. The Center, open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily, can use many things, according to LaPoint.

"We aren't here all the time," he said. "So call before you come because we may be out visiting ships. We will show you around and explain the ministry."

Providing aid to the seafarers that utilize the Center is an ecumenical effort as LaPoint is aided greatly by the Carey Baptist Association.

"They have been here for many years," LaPoint said. "Lloyd Nelson is a minister and is appointed by the Carey Baptist Association. Captain Bill has been here for what seems like 'forever.' He is a big asset to us, works two nights a week. You can count on him."

LaPoint sees the ministry growing even more with construction projects along the ship channel and in lower Cameron Parish.

"I know that when the other LNG facility opens up in Hackberry we are going to really have to have two vehicles, although it would be great to have two right now," he said. "Then they are looking to build an LNG facility in Cameron which would add a lot of miles."

The new plants would

add about 400 ships a year to visitors rolls. The Cameron facility is probably five years away, still in the permit stage, according to LaPoint.

Bringing the Mass to the men on the ships is also important, even though the Center has a Chapel

"We try to get as many Masses on the vessels as we can," LaPoint said. "You can schedule a Mass in the Chapel when they get off work in the evening but everyone has more of a chance to attend when it is on the ship.

"If they come to the center, the chances of them attending a mass is just less. It is not that their devotion is not strong, but they have not talked with home for a while and that telephone really appeals to them."

Vessels can be in port from just overnight to perhaps three to five days, depending on their cargo.

LaPoint and his volunteers also lend a kind ear to the seafarers.

"We play advocate if they have problems on the ships," he said. "We are the first ones they will tell. We then contact the proper authorities and they handle it from there. But the centers are the first to know."

Complaints might range from pay being withheld by the company or ill treatment by the master of the vessel or unsafe conditions not being repaired on the ships.

"Since I have been here we have assisted men on 17 ships with getting paid, which is a big part," LaPoint said.

LaPoint also works on a national level in the ministry as a member of the Executive Board of the Apostleship of the Sea, U.S.A. He is currently serving a two-year term as treasurer of the group.

Prayer for vocations Sunday

LAKE CHARLES - A Benediction Prayer Service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to celebrate National Day of Prayer for Vocations. The event is sponsored by the Office of Vocations of the Diocese of Lake Charles, according to the Rev. Daniel Torres, Director of Vocations.

Children of local inmates had merrier Christmas

LAKE CHARLES - Like many people Deacon Edward Lavine spent the days before Christmas 2006 hurriedly searching the stores for presents. Not looking for gifts for his family or friends though, the Deacon, who is Director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Lake Charles, was seeking gifts for the children of inmates incarcerated in the Calcasieu Parish Jail.

This is the third year that Deacon Lavine has helped

round up gifts for the children of parents who have been locked up after the deadline for Angel Tree program, which also helps with such gifts, passes.

This year Deacon Lavine received \$2,440 from a number of benefactors to aid in the purchase of 16 bicycles, toys, and gift cards.

Organizations and individuals helping out this year included Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, Sulphur; Truman Stacey; St. Henry Catholic Church St.

Vincent de Paul, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church St. Vincent de Paul; and Joe Stoma.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Abshire, Sr., Sacred Heart of Jesus Outreach, Lake Charles; Immaculate Conception Cathedral Outreach; Dr. and Mrs. Erwin Engert; In Our Company, Immaculate Conception Cathedral; Rev. Leona Benoit, Chaplain Willie Brown and Mrs. Joe House.



Standing among some of the Christmas gifts provided for the children of inmates in the Calcasieu Parish jail are, from left, Diocese of Lake Charles Director of Pastoral Services Deacon Edward Lavine, Warden Jeffery Miller, Chaplain Willie Brown, and Deputy Michael Cuba.



A TRUCKLOAD of washing machines, dryers and sheds to house them was delivered to Cameron recently by a mission team from Valliant, Okla. Some of the machines are shown being unloaded last week. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Basketball Scores

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BOYS
Starks 76, Hackberry 50 - Judd Addison led the Mustangs with 14 points. Nick Moore added 12 points and Travis Spicer chipped in 11 points. Hackberry falls to 14-7 overall and 0-1 in district.

Hyatt 59, Johnson Bayou 51 - Dustin Badon scored 20 points and Blaine Trahan added 11 points as the Rebels lose their district opener.

Hackberry 57, Reeves 37 - Judd Addison scored 22 points for the 14-6 Mustangs. Steven Miller added 11 points.

Midland 67, Grand Lake 31 - Brett Griffith scored 10 points for the Hornets.

GIRLS
Starks 69, Hackberry 39 - Brooke Wing led the Lady Mustangs with 12 points and Allyson Sanner added 11 points. The Lady Mustangs drops to 11-15 overall and 0-1 in district.

Johnson Bayou 49, Hyatt 39 - The Lady Rebels Charmayne Barrentine led all scorers with 19 points.

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trust in our great, prayer answering God."

During his time in Alexandria, Rev. Morgan continued working for the postal service, and was the secretary of the postal civil service board there for several years.

After almost twelve years in Alexandria Rev. Morgan returned to DeRidder to serve as District Superintendent of the South Central District of the Pentecostal Church, Incorporated, a job that included being overseer of all that organization's churches in Louisiana and East Texas.

In addition to his religious assignment, Rev. Morgan also served for a time as DeRidder Assistant Postmaster. There was a manpower shortage during the World War II time period and the postal service was happy to have his assistance.

Later in 1945, he accepted the pastorate of Faith Tabernacle in Port Arthur, Texas, and still served as District Superintendent.

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Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

For the Sale of Jan. 6, 2007. Trading was active with a turnout of 624 Head from 131 Sellers with 64 Buyers Present. All Classes of Cows remained steady.

DeQuincy (Saturday) Jan. 6 Livestock Receipts: Cattle 425, Horses 2 Hogs 22, Sheep 64, and Goats 111. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 50%-75% per HD, Beef 150%-200% per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.): 1.70-1.95 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.40-1.70 per lb., Heifers: 1.25-1.45 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.30-1.50 per lb., Heifers: 1.15-1.50 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.15-1.35 per lb., Heifers: .95-1.25 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: .95-1.15 per lb., Heifers: .85-1.05 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .77-.85 per lb., Heifer: .75-.95 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: 44-50 per lb.; Canners: 40-44 per lb.; Fat Cows: 44-47 per lb.; Thin Cows: 34-39 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: 35-62 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: 47-55 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 800%-900% per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 550%-750% per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: 35-38 per lb.; Medium Barrow & Gilts: 30-34 per lb.; Butcher Pigs: 35-40 per lb.; Feeder Pigs: 50-60 per lb.; Sows 300-500 lbs.: 27-34 per lb.; Boars: .08-.10 per lb. **HORSES:** 28-37 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 35%-175% per HD.

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By LOSTON MCEVERS



Richard gets scholarship

Joby Len Richard of Creole, who is a student at Northwestern State University, was one of 15 education majors who were awarded Tom and Kyle Clausen Scholarships, valued to \$750, at a recognition banquet held in Baton Rouge.

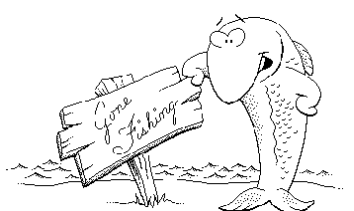
"These honorees represent a higher caliber of new teachers entering classrooms today" said UL System President Sally Clausen. Since 2002, 37 scholarships have been awarded, which were established in memory of Thomas Clausen, Sally Clausen's brother, and his son Kyle. Thomas Clausen, who began his career as a teacher, was Louisiana's Superintendent of Education between 1984 and 1988. Prior to his death from cancer, Clausen and his family established a scholarship fund to recognize outstanding teacher candidates.

temperatures and lower than average rainfall since the flooding rains of late October. Water levels along the coast had dropped low and in November agricultural lands were dry or mud flats, but some pumping for crawfish ponds and other managed habitat help compensate for the loss. Reduce levels in the marsh help improve habitat quality. Now when we see the duck count and see what ducks left because of high water due to almost two to three days each week for the last three to four weeks, there are thousands of ducks that have left, plus again our above average temperature, we are now seeing less ducks in our area, however the Little Chenier area is still giving the best reports. As of today, we only have 20 more days of hunting left (Jan. 21) in our southwest zone.

FISHING

We've seen good catches of redfish and speckled trout on Calcasieu Lake/Big Lake between fronts, and anglers were cheering with the warmer weather, and usually January being a dry month is great for the lake, but things changed and three to five inches of rain again surely won't help out. Lots of anglers are saltwater fishing because of very limited places local to bass, bream or white perch fish.

Things look better on Toledo Bend Lake with the lake 168.19, as well as Sam Rayburn at over 164 feet is back to normal.



DUCK COUNT

The latest duck count survey done Dec. 11 - 14 for the coastal zone: (SW), southeast (SE), Catahoula (CAT):

The figures will be listed as species, SW, SE, CAT, total.

Mallard, 75,000; 8,000; 29,000; 112,000.

Mottled, 44,000; 26,000; - ; 70,000.

Gadwall, 647,000; 337,000; 18,000; 1,002,000.

Widgeon, 14,000; 46,000; 3,000; 63,000.

G. W. Teal, 347,000; 42,000; - 389,000.

B. W. Teal, 276,000; 29,000; - ; 305,000.

Shovelers, 220,000; 18,000; - ; 238,000.

Pintail, 44,000; 65,000; 50,000; 159,000.

Total Dabblers: 1,667,000; 571,000; 100,000; 2,338,000.

Scaup, 11,000; 15,000; - ; 26,000.

Ringnecked, 53,000; 338,000; 57,000; 448,000.

Canvasback, 6,000; 1,000; 49,000; 56,000.

Total Divers: 70,000; 354,000; 106,000; 530,000.

Total Ducks: 1,737,000; 925,000; 206,000; 2,868,000.

Coots, 439,000; 852,000; - ; 1,291,000.

Due to foggy conditions some of the state was not counted, there was also logistical problems, some portions of the state in the northeast and northwest weren't counted, plus some marshes along the coastline near the Mississippi River, so the average by species for the past five years on a line 27, was used to generate the estimate for the southeast area.

The estimate of 2.87 million ducks surveyed is 24% higher than the November's estimate of 2.3 million, 10% higher than the December 2005 estimate, and higher than the three million ducks estimated for December 2000. This estimate is also higher than the five year average of two million and is comparable

to the long term December average of 2.9 million.

All species increased over the past month, except gadwalls and shovelers, with about half the species below long term average like (mallards, widgeon, greenwinged teal, pintails and scaup) and all others are above the long term average. Bluewinged teal are nearly three times the December long term average, mallards is only 1/3 the long term average for the month. All other species were higher in the southwest marshes than in the southeast. Some of these results are the difference in vegetation recovery due to the two hurricanes.

The LDWF conducted a scaup survey on Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Borgne and an estimate 3,000 scaup were seen on Borgne and 1,195,000 on Lake Pontchartrain. This is a great increase over last December's count after Katrina with only a 1,000 scaup estimated on both lakes combined. It's also over twice the highest number of scaup ever estimated on this survey since it began in 1978, there were 459,000 in 1981.

Weather conditions along the Mississippi Flyway caused strong migration into our southern states, numerous Arctic cold fronts caused frozen wetlands habitats and lots of snow piled as far south as southern Missouri pushed the ducks further and faster into our southern area. The coldest temperatures since January 2003 were recorded in South Louisiana on Dec. 8, during a week where average temperatures statewide were 12 degrees below normal. Then follows a week with average temperatures statewide 19 degrees warmer and eight degrees above normal.

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R. E. "Bobby" Conner, CLA
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RUN: Jan. 4 and 11 (J-5)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, January 23, 2007, in the Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District's Office, 1400 Highway 14, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601 (337) 436-5020 Ext. 3, for providing the following materials:

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Hans E. Petersen
Superintendent
RUN: Jan. 4, 11, 18 (J-8)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Community Action Agency is soliciting bids for the performance of their 2006 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 deadlines. Work records may be reviewed by potential bidders on January 18th and 19th 2007, by appointment. The audit proposal is due by January 31, 2007. The final audit is due March 31, 2007. Contact Dinah Landry, Executive Director or Lana Miller, Assistant Director.
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EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana for school purposes (the "Parish"), on December 11, 2006, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
(TAX CONTINUATION)**
SUMMARY: 10 YEAR, 10 MILLS PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR THE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN CAMERON PARISH.

Shall the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, be authorized to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on all the property subject to taxation within Cameron Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of giving additional support to the maintenance, improvement and operations of the public elementary and secondary school system in Cameron Parish?

**PROPOSITION NO. 2
(TAX CONTINUATION)**
SUMMARY: 10 YEAR, 10 MILLS PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR THE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN CAMERON PARISH.

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The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

- Precinct; Location
- 1; Johnson Bayou Recreation Center, 135 Berwick Road, Cameron
 - 2; Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 1222 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron
 - 3; Hackberry Fire Station, 1025 Main Street, Hackberry
 - 4; Hackberry Fire Station, 1025 Main Street, Hackberry
 - 5; Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Center Lane, Grand Lake
 - 8; Lowry Fire Station, 360 Lowry Highway, Lowry
 - 9; Klondyke Community Center, 434 Veterans Memorial Drive, Klondyke
 - 12; Fire Station-E Creole/Muria, 129 Muria Road, Creole
 - 13; Savoie Lumber Store, 153 East Creole Highway, Creole
 - 14; Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 1222 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron
 - 15; Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 1222 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron
 - 16; Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Center Lane, Grand Lake
 - 17; St. Eugene Catholic Church, 5035 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes thereof as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Governing Authority will meet at LSU AG Center, 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007, at NINE O'CLOCK (9:00) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Cameron, Louisiana, on this, the 11th day of December, 2006.

ATTEST:
/s/ Loston McEvers
LOSTON MCEVERS
PRESIDENT

/s/ Douglas Chance
DOUGLAS CHANCE
SECRETARY
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MINUTES

Cameron Parish Recreation District No. 5
The Cameron Parish Recreation District No. 5 held its regularly scheduled meeting on December 21, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Board members in attendance were Anita Kingham, President; Toby Landry, Kim Montie, Kim Nunez, and guest Tammy Groce.

Employees present were Janice Landry.

Toby made a motion to disperse of the reading of the minutes and was seconded by Kim Montie.

Kim Nunez spoke with the legislative auditor regarding serving on the board and serving in a paid position. There is a waiting period of 2 years between serving on the board and serving in a paid position.

Tammy cannot serve as secretary/treasurer unless she has been off the board for 2 years.

Charles Precht will be notified regarding reappointing Tammy Groce back on the board.

Lisa Dupuie was hired to serve as secretary/treasurer starting December 21, 2006.

Kim Nunez motioned to approve resolution on litigation over the assessment and ad valorem taxation of certain pipeline property located in Cameron Parish and was seconded by Toby.

Kim Nunez will check on the status of the ad valorem check.

Toby made a motion to pay bills and was seconded by Kim Nunez.

Tammy will revise the proposed budget for 2006 making it final.

New business for January will include repainting the pool, pool director and life guards, 2007 proposed budget and advertising for disc jockey.

Toby made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Kim Montie.
ATTESTED BY:
/s/ Anita Kingham
RUN: Jan. 11 (J-15)

EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW NOTICE

The Lower Cameron Hospital Service District intends to carry out an action which may affect or be affected by the 100-year floodplain and seeks to involve the public in the decision making process. The Lower Cameron Hospital Service District is considering constructing a new hospital in the same location of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital that was completely destroyed by Hurricane Rita. The new hospital to be constructed would include an emergency room with twenty-five (25) beds, a rural health clinic located at the new hospital and a retail pharmacy. All of the proposed improvements are to occur on the property owned by the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District and will occur on the existing site of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital that was destroyed was located. Pursuant to Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District has determined that the construction of the new hospital is located in the one hundred year floodplain.

The project file with the details available is located at the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District Office and may be examined during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, 1409 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601. Comments may be submitted to the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District until January 29, 2007. No action will be taken before this date.

Jennifer Jones
Environmental Certifying Officer
LOWER CAMERON HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
RUN: Jan. 11 (J 16)

JURY DUTY

The following Cameron Parish citizens have been summoned to appear in Cameron District Court on Feb. 12, 2007 to serve as Civil Jurors:

Leo P. Abshire, Jr., Cameron; Kenneth P. Alexander, Jr., Lake Charles; Michael Jarod Baccigalopi, Creole; John R. Bakert, Cameron; Lula D. Barrilleaux, Lake Charles; Kristi Hope Bearb, Cameron; Deidre A. Bell, Lake Charles; Steven M. Berkeley, Cameron; Lois A. Bernhard, Lake Charles; Amber Boudreaux, Johnson Bayou; Joseph L. Bounds, Jr., Cameron; Wanda M. Bromley, Lake Charles; Douglas J. Broussard, Lake Arthur; Jeffery P. Broussard, Cameron; Diana Bui, Cameron; Cliff A. Chism, Lake Charles; Jacob W. Christie, Cameron; Jeffrey G. Connell, Cameron; Charles L. Conner, Creole; Lelia J. Corley, Lake Charles.

James O. Cunningham, Cameron; Brian L. Daigle, Bell City; Charles A. Davis, Hackberry; Micheal R. Devall, Hackberry; Micheal R. Devall, Hackberry; Dana A. Dickerson, Hackberry; Janet N. Diefenderf, Lake Charles; Sandi L. Dominey, Hackberry; Clyde D. Doxey, Sr., Cameron; Bruce G. Duhon, Creole; Suzanne H. Duhon, Hackberry; Valerie D. Duhon, Cameron; Jessica L. East, Hackberry; Roy Ellison, Cameron; Charolette C. Firmin, Lake Charles; Henry Dean Fontenot, Gueydan; Arlene Pearl Frerks, Creole; Richard R. Gibbs, Hackberry; Delilah V. Godette, Cameron.

Dennis W. Gotcher, Cameron; Benjamin J. Guidry, Lake Charles; David C. Guthrie, Cameron; Chyenne R. Hanks, Cameron; Camille Elizabeth Hebert, Lake Arthur; Cindy F. Hebert, Creole; Elsie R. Hendrix, Creole; William F. Henry, Jr., Cameron; Robert J. Hewitt, Hackberry; Erica Euzelle January, Creole; Casey L. Khoury, Sulphur; James Edward Koester, Cameron; Oscar M. Lambert, Cameron; John J. Landry III, Grand Chenier; Deanne H. LaSalle, Cameron; Melissa L. Lawrence, Hackberry; Sam LeDoux, Lake Charles; Strawberry L. Leger, Grand Chenier; Brenda M. LeLeux, Cameron; Delmer E. Mansco, Bell City.

Carla T. Marcantel, Creole; Heather Nicole Matthews, Lake Charles; Jake S. McCain, Bell City; Geraldine S. McDaniel, Lake Charles; Cynthia A. McGee, Cameron; Theresa H. Merritt, Cameron; Roy L. Miller, Lake Arthur; Ronnie J. Mire, Hackberry; Lawrence Mitchell, Cameron; Brent Morales, Cameron; Patricia R. Morales, Lake Charles; Shouna T. Ogea, Grand Chenier; Tracy L. Peavy, Cameron; Peter A. Posada, Cameron; Cleveland Reed, Jr., Cameron; Brady K. Richard, Cameron; Walt A. Richard, Grand Chenier; Derrick W. Roberts, Cameron; Harlan S. Savoie, Creole; Laura B. Savoie, Lake Charles.

James E. Schiele, Jr., Lake Charles; William J. Sepulvado, Gueydan; Wendy L. Sloan, Hackberry; Douglas B. Smith, Lake Charles; David B. Smithers, Creole; Judith B. Sonnier, Lake Charles; Carolyn S. Sullivan, Cmeron; Richard E. Suratt, Cameron; Jesse S. Theriot, Lake Charles; Robby S. Trahan, Cameron; Suzanne G. Trahan, Hackberry; Vincent Thomas Vadakkedath, Grand Chenier; Kristin L. Vincent, Hackberry; Jimmy R. Walker, Lake Charles; Mark S. Welke, Hackberry; Karen G. Wheat, Lake Charles; Kenneth J. Whittington, Cameron; Donald W. Wright, Lake Charles; Ruby D. Young, Lake Charles; Tamra J. Young, Lake Charles; Orietta Zelik, Cameron.
RUN: Jan. 11 (J-17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 P.M., Thursday, January 25, 2007 in the Police Jury Administrative Office, 10080 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles, Louisiana, for the purchase of office furniture/supplies delivered to the Cameron Parish Health Unit, Cameron, Louisiana.
All bids must be submitted on

bid forms which may be obtained from the Police Jury Administrative Office by calling (337) 905-1189.

BY:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Jan. 11, 18, 25 (J-18)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1 until **3:00 PM on Thursday, 8 February 2007** at the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1 Office, 125 Carter Street, Cameron, LA 70631.

**Project Number: 2007-02
Post-Rita Restoration of
Cameron Waterworks Office**

The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for contractors will apply; the project being classified as:

Building Construction.
Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., Post Office Box 229, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70642-0229, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1 meeting. The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1
/s/ J. C. Murphy, President
RUN: Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1 (J-19)

PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in regular session on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, due to Hurricane Rita. Members present were: Mr. Lloyd Badon, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Mr. Nathan Griffith and Mr. Jim Cox. Member absent was Mrs. Connie Trahan. Guests attending were Sonny McGee, Howard Romero, Darron Granger, Ernie Broussard, Jay Delafield, James Kaucher, Larry Jinks, Tim Dean, Ricky Romero, Greg Trahan, Jim Schulz, Oswaldo Henriquez, and Mike Elliott.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to authorize a provision to the validation suit that has already been signed by the President on the initial resolution.

Sealed bids on the 1981 445 Diesel backhoe were reviewed. The following bids were submitted: Glenn Thibodeaux - \$4,157.00; Tim Foster - \$1,111.00; Buddy Young - \$665.75, & Lee Parker, Jr. - \$188.00. It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Cox and carried to accept the highest bid of Mr. Glenn Thibodeaux at \$4,157.00.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to accept the 2006 budget revisions presented by CPA Mike Elliott.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to accept the 2007 budget presented by CPA Mike Elliott.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to authorize President Nathan Griffith to sign a resolution with the Cameron Parish Assessor's Office authorizing them to hire an attorney to represent us before the tax commission and before the courts on protested taxes.

It was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to authorize President Nathan Griffith to sign the engagement letter with CPA Mike Elliott for the 2006 Audit.

Sealed bids were reviewed for the Official Journal. With Cameron Parish Pilot being the only bid received, it was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to accept said bid.

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mr. Simon with the following votes being cast: Yea - Mr. Cox and Mr. Griffith. Absent: Mrs. Trahan to have D. A. Cecil Sanner prepare an Endeavor Agreement between Waterworks District #10 and Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. pertaining to the construction, donation, and burying of a 6" distribution line to the Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. Facility.

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried authorizing Engineer Lonnie Harper to obtain right-a-ways and permits needed for the distribution line to Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. on behalf of Waterworks District #10.

It was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to approve the bills as paid.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Griffith adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of February 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in Johnson Bayou.

Approved:
/s/ Nathan Griffith
Nathan Griffith, Chairman
Attest:
/s/ Connie Trahan
Connie Trahan, Secretary
RUN: Jan. 11 (J-20)



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS was recognized at the Cameron Parish School Board meeting Monday for its efforts in establishing a baseball field at the former South Cameron Elementary School site. Brent Clements and Tina Johnson received a certificate from South Cameron Elementary School principal Zeke Wainwright.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

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Meanwhile, it was during this time period that the General Boards of the Pentecostal Church, Incorporated and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ began a series of meetings to discuss a possible merger of these two largest Pentecostal organizations. Rev. Morgan served on the Board of the Pentecostal Church, Incorporated.

1945 MERGER

After several meetings and discussions, a merger was formally concluded on Sept. 25, 1945 at a General Conference meeting in St. Louis where both organizations were holding their annual meetings. This merger resulted in the present-day United Pentecostal Church International.

Following the merger, Rev. Morgan was selected District Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas district of the new church. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and was a member of the foreign Missionary Board.

In October, 1951, Rev. Morgan was elected General Superintendent at a general conference meeting in St. Louis and took office on Jan. 1, 1952. As part of his new job, he began traveling extensively to oversee various church activities and to effectively promote the United Pentecostal Church.

After serving with distinction for almost 16 years, Rev. Morgan was taken from his earthly responsibilities on Oct. 18, 1967 while conducting a board meeting in Tulsa, Okla. just before the general conference of the United Pentecostal Church International.

Recipes from previous Fur Festival cookbooks

ALLIGATOR SAUCE PIQUANT

- 1 lb. 1" cubes of alligator
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 1 cup cooking oil
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 1 garlic clove, chopped
 - 1/2 bell pepper, chopped
 - 1/2 cup onion tops
 - 1 large can tomatoes
 - 1 can tomato sauce
 - Salt and pepper
- Cool flour in oil until medium brown. Add onions, cook until onions wilt. Add garlic, bell pepper, tomatoes, tomato sauce, 3 cans of water and cook over low flame 30 minutes. Add meat, salt and pepper to taste and onion tops. Continue cooking until tender.

(This recipe was found in the 1974 Fur and Wildlife Festival cookbook and was provided by John Prescott of Johnson Bayou.)

MY DEER CHILI

- 1 lb. ground deer meat
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 2 - 10 oz cans Rotel tomatoes
 - 2 small cans kidney beans
 - 5 T. chili powder
 - 2 T. vinegar
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 3 T. honey
 - 2 tsps. minced garlic
 - 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
- Brown meat and onion in heavy skillet. Drain off excess fat. Add the rest of ingredients. Stir and cook over low heat for 2 to 3 hours, stirring occasionally. The combination of the honey and garlic takes away the wild taste of the deer meat, but if you like the tasted, it can be omitted.

(This recipe was found in the 1983 Fur & Wildlife Festival Cookbook and was provided by Roberta Broussard of Cameron.)



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Gravity Drainage District #4 will hold its January meeting at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2007 at the temporary office of the Cameron Parish Police Jury 10080 Gulf Hwy., Grand Lake.
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— JOB AD —

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center is accepting applications for an Inside supervisor. Applications may be picked up and must be turned in at the recreation center by Jan. 12, 2007.

For more information contact Stacey Badon @ 337-802-8383.

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