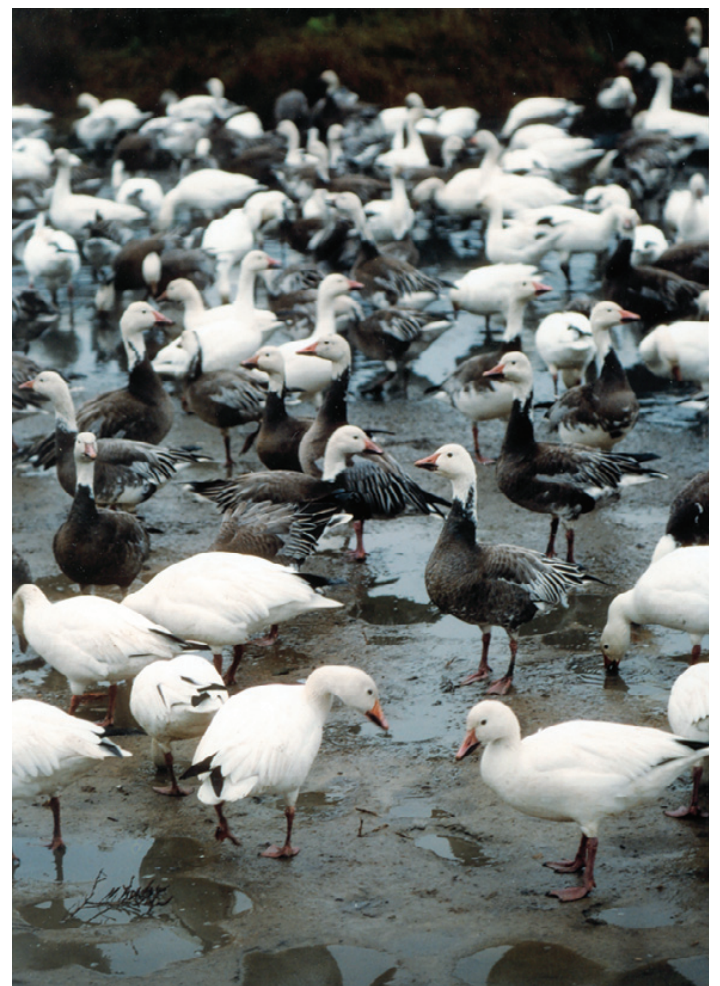




TONY, CHRISTIAN, and (in back) Jonathan Porche, had a good view of the Fur Festival parade in downtown Cameron Saturday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



PERFECT WEATHER probably contributed to the huge crowd in Cameron for the Fur Festival parade on Saturday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THIS PICTURE of snow geese was taken in Cameron Parish a few years back by the late Bill Turnbull, a recognized nature photographer. This is one of the photos included in a book of Turnbull's photos recently published by his wife, Janie Turnbull. Copies of the book may be ordered from Mrs. Turnbull by writing P. O. Box 730447, Norman, OK 73070. Her phone number is 405-701-5184.

## Addresses sought for the military

The Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters office is seeking the addresses of Cameron Parish servicemen and women now serving in the military throughout the world.

"In order for our office to make sure our service members are given a chance to vote we need to know where to send the ballots, so please update the Registrar's Office with the mailing address of your service member," Suzanne Sturlese Registrar, stated.

The next scheduled election in the parish is for Democrat and Republican presidential delegates to be held Saturday, Feb. 9.

The address for the Registrar of Voters office is P. O. Box 1, Cameron, La. 70631. The office is located behind the courthouse.

## Early voting to begin on Jan. 26th

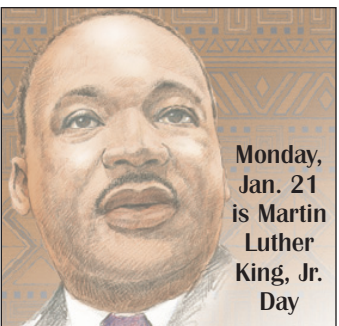
Early voting for the Feb. 9, Presidential Primary election will be held in the Cameron Registrar of Voters office behind the courthouse starting Saturday, Jan. 25, according to Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar.

Republicans will be able to vote for one of the 11 candidates who are presidential candidates. Democrats will vote for either of the two candidates for the State Central Committee from the 47th Representative District.

"Early voting has added another Saturday to the early voting days for the convenience of our voters," Mrs Sturlese said.

Early voting will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Saturday Jan. 26, and the week of Monday, Jan. 28, through Saturday, Feb. 2, when you go vote you must have a picture ID with you.

Any person who feels they need assistance in voting due to a physical disability such as poor eyesight or other must get a physicians certificate confirming the need for assistance in voting and submit it to the registrar prior the election or give the certificate to the commissioners at the polls on Election Day.



Monday, Jan. 21 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## 3 new, 4 returning jurors sworn in for four years

By CYNDI SELLERS

Three new Police Jurors joined four returning ones as the Cameron Parish Police Jury was sworn in Monday afternoon.

Kirk Burleigh of Cameron, Thomas McDaniel of Grand Chenier, and Steve Racca of Hackberry joined Sonny McGee, Charles Precht, Darryl Farque, and Scott Trahan in taking the oath administered by Clerk of Court Carl Broussard. These jurors will serve the parish for the next four years.

Sonny McGee was elected President of the Jury, and Steve Racca was elected Vice-President. Tina Horn was appointed Parish Administrator with one dissenting vote, from Trahan. Bonnie Conner was appointed Secretary and Treasurer.

Jurors got right to work, passing a resolution allocating \$4 million to capital improvements in 2008. Projects will include transportation and other infrastructure needs. The funds consist of \$1 million from the General Fund, \$1.4 million in Community Development Block Grants, and \$1.6 million from the Cheniere PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes).

### ROAD STRIPING

A proposal by Road Foreman Lee Faulk to advertise for bids on parishwide road striping was approved. He said that even if some of the roads were later overlaid, the safety factor made immediate striping worth the money, since it uses a less expensive material than previously planned.

McGee appointed jurors to two advisory boards. Trahan, Burleigh, and Precht will serve on the Strategic Planning Board, and Farque, McDaniels, and Racca will serve on Finance. Trahan and Farque will chair their respective boards.

Other appointments included Byron Gibbs, Gravity Drainage Dist. #9, and the re-appointment of Dwight Savoie and Lynn Hohense to the Harbor Safety Council.

### 911 PROGRAM

Parish OEP Director Clifton Hebert presented a plan, which the Jury approved, to upgrade the emergency 911 program at a considerable savings to the parish. He said the equipment used by the Sheriff's Office to answer 911 calls is 10 years out of date, and the 911 Board doesn't have the money to purchase a new system that would meet the

needs of triangulating cell phone calls and accurately describing homes to responders.

As part of a Homeland Security emphasis on regionalization, Calcasieu Parish, which has a very modern system, has offered to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with neighboring parishes to connect them to its server.

The cost for Cameron Parish will be \$85,000 to install two new 911 stations, which would include the mapping and cell phone features, and to train the dispatchers on the system. A five year contract for maintenance and upgrades will cost \$9300 per year.

"This is a quick fix and a top notch fix for our problems," Hebert said. "The units are easy to move in case of an emergency and can be set up anywhere there is internet access. Calcasieu can even take over if we go down for any reason, and there are no towers needed."

The parish will have to update the 911 maps, since many new homes are not exactly where the old ones were before the storm.

Hebert also asked for and received permission to purchase another command trailer, a 3/4 ton pickup to pull it, and radios, all with

grant funds. He said the new trailer will have more features than the current one, and will allow for a command center on each side of the river.

Jurors approved the hiring of CSI company to help the OEP upgrade the parish hazard plan, using a \$150,000 grant for hazard mitigation. The project will include a complete hazard mitigation and emergency operations plan, as requested by Homeland Security.

### TRESPASS MATTER

The Jury went into executive session and returned with a motion to authorize a trespass complaint on behalf of the parish against Roman Theriot for allegedly building fences on the Rutherford Beach Recreation Area and the front ridge. The parish leases 170 acres at Rutherford Beach from the State of Louisiana for recreational use.

### OTHER MATTERS

A "functionally dependant use" variance was granted to Halliburton for a cargo unloading building next to the water in Cameron. Parish Administrator Tina Horn said that this is the only form of elevation variance available to the Jury.

## Open house set at H'berry

To familiarize the local community with the Liberty Gas Storage expansion project in Cameron Parish, Sempra Pipelines & Storage, a unit of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE), will host a community open house from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the Hackberry Community Center, 986 Main St.

Liberty Gas Storage operates in Beauregard Parish with facilities under construction in Calcasieu Parish. Due to customer interest, Sempra Pipelines & Storage has begun the federal permitting process to expand the Liberty Gas Storage facilities. The expansion will add approximately 17.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas storage in underground salt caverns located on 160 acres of company-owned property in west Hackberry.

For more information regarding this Community Open House event, please call Sempra Energy toll-free at 1-877-736-7729 or e-mail [SempraCommunity@Sempra.com](mailto:SempraCommunity@Sempra.com).

Subject to finalization of

development plans and regulatory approval, the property will be developed into an extension of Liberty Gas Storage under construction near Sulphur.

The Liberty Gas facilities will provide firm storage and related services to customers transporting natural gas on interstate pipelines in the region.

Sempra Pipelines & Storage, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, acquires, builds and operates natural gas pipelines and storage facilities in Mexico and the United States. Sempra Energy is a San Diego-based Fortune 500 energy services holding company with 2006 revenues of nearly \$12 billion. The Sempra Energy companies' 14,000 employees serve more than 29 million consumers worldwide.

January is National Blood Donor Month.



## Cameron State Bank to reopen Creole branch

Creole will soon have a full-service Banking Center. Site inspection took place last week on the corner of Highways 82 and 27 at the location of Cameron State Bank's future Creole Banking Center.

The bank recently signed a lease on the property and dirt work will begin in the very near future. The modular building structure has been ordered and is being built off-site. It will be transported to the site upon completion.

The Banking Center will encompass approximately 1400 square feet and will offer full-service banking, including a drive-thru lane, a drive-up ATM and new state-of-the-art equipment.

Cameron State Bank President and CEO Roy Raftery, Jr. said the new Banking Center demonstrates the bank's strong commitment to Cameron Parish.

"We started in Cameron Parish and are very proud of our ongoing relationships with its residents. After the hurricane, we repaired and reopened our locations in Grand Lake and Hackberry as soon as possible in an effort to meet the financial needs of the community. We look forward to continuing to be a big part of the recovery and growth in this region."

Cameron State Bank is the largest privately-held bank in Allen, Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes.

## New Hackberry subdivision to have 30 home sites

URB Holdings has applied for a Coastal Use permit for the construction of the 6.79 acre North Riverside Drive Residential Subdivision containing 30 home sites and five docks located east of Hackberry adjacent to the Calcasieu Ship Channel.

Approximately 1,418 cubic yards of native material will be impacted by dredging to construct a septic systems, underground utilities, and ditches.

An additional 11,784 cubic yards of fill material will be hauled onsite and placed on most of the site to elevate roads, lots and driveways.

Approximately 3,175 cubic yards of concrete will be poured and 39 cubic yards

of top soil added for improvements to the project site.

The subdivision will be located on North Riverside Drive.

## Movie to be shown Friday

*Little Chenier*, the movie that was shot in 2005 in Cameron Parish, will have its official release on Friday, Jan. 18 and will be shown at both theatres in Lake Charles, as well as a number of other theatres in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The film has won 16 international festival awards and eight best picture awards.



EFFORTS ARE continuing to cap a blowout gas well in the Oak Grove area. The well blew out on Jan. 6 but poses no danger to the area. Equipment is shown above attempting to shut off the well.

## CEP officials continue to monitor well near Oak Grove

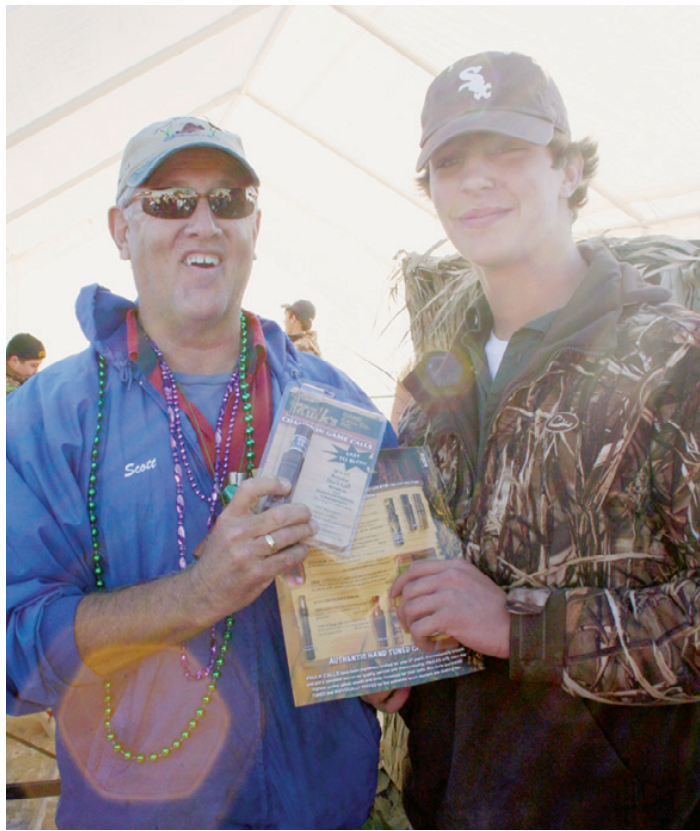
Cameron Environmental Protection officials are continuing to monitor the gas well blowout three miles east of Oak Grove, according to OEP Director Clifton Hebert. The well blew out on Saturday, Jan. 6 but is posing no danger to the area.

Hebert issued the following statement Wednesday: "Wild Well Control is currently running coil tubing

down the hole in hopes of pumping mud in to kill the well. The well continues to release large amounts of hot salt water and a small amount of natural gas. Air monitoring in and around the location as well as the East Creole area continues to be performed and all readings have come back within safe range outside the immediate work area."



CAMERON PARISH Police Jurors were sworn in by Clerk of Court Carl Broussard on Monday evening. Jurors Sonny McGee, Charles Precht, Scott Trahan, Darryl Farque, Thomas McDaniel, Kirk Burleigh, and Steve Racca will serve for the next four years. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



**JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE duck callers received free duck calls courtesy of Faulk's. Scott Henry, one of the contest organizers, is shown here with Jody Trosclair, one of the Intermediate competitors.**  
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Trap shooting winners told at the Fur Festival

Results from the 2008 Fur Festival Trap Shooting events are as follows:

### YOUTH DIVISION

**Boys**  
1st - Tyler Stelley, 2nd - James Hebert, 3rd - Andrew Bonsall.

### JUNIOR DIVISION

**Boys**  
1st - Brandon DeBarge, 2nd - Blake Payne, 3rd - Jacob Vaughan.

**Girls**  
1st - Molly Alexander, 2nd - Jolie Boudreaux, 3rd - Breann DeBarge.

### SENIOR DIVISION

**Men**  
1st - Roman Theriot, 2nd - Justin Payne, 3rd - Charles Vincent.

**Women**  
1st - Darlene Gaspard, 2nd - Tredale Boudreaux, 3rd - Lana Boudreaux.

**Quail Flush**  
1st - Luke Boullion and Brandon DeBarge, 2nd - Roman Theriot and Zavier Theriot, 3rd - Dylan Conner and Brandon DeBarge.



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**CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS employees Tommy Prejean and Donny Nunez carried the Fur Festival banner in the parade Saturday.** (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



**BEN WELCH carefully sets a trap in the 2008 Men's Trap Setting Contest. Ben won the event, but caught his fingers in this trap.** (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Mosquito control agency is criticized at Police Jury meeting

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Mosquito Abatement District was again called on the carpet by the Cameron Parish Police Jury during its Agenda Meeting Monday afternoon, after complaints were received from several residents about a lack of spraying. The last time the Jury investigated Mosquito Control was July, 2006.

Juror Darryl Farque led the questioning, saying, "We need to know what's happening with spraying, with West Nile being reported in Grand Lake, people complaining, and industries still screaming."

Farque produced reports that showed some areas did not get sprayed at all in some months. Juror Steve Racca questioned whether traps were in fact being checked, and said that truck spraying near marshy areas were not as effective as aerial spraying. Juror Charles Precht pointed out that while plane spraying is optimal, the presence of the wildlife refuges "creates a nightmare: because they cannot be sprayed."

Mosquito Control Director Julian Robicheaux repeated earlier explanations that the plane can only go up when conditions are right. He said it tried to fly three times lately but fog sent it back. Truck spraying is also dependant on temperature, fog, rain and wind conditions. He said the number of times a truck is sent out is based on surveillance, which means an employee goes to the reported site and stands outside waiting to see

how many mosquitoes land.

He also said the West Nile report was followed by two sprayings and no further positive results were found.

Residents spoke out to say that surveillance was not being done in the right places or at the right time. Amy Hebert, from Hackberry, said she was told to just stay inside if the mosquitoes were bad.

She said she was very disappointed, when she attended the last mosquito Control Board meeting, to learn that employees were being given large raises. She said one employee got an \$11,300 raise, a 37% increase. Hebert said this clerical employee is now making more than most teachers and deputies in the parish. Hebert also criticized the Director's raise to \$75,000 per year, with only six full time employees to oversee, and questioned why there is even a need for an assistant director, at \$45,000, for the agency.

Robicheaux responded that the raises were to make up for several years when none were given. He also said there are many part time seasonal workers in addition to the six full time ones.

Juror Scott Trahan questioned the report of board members "discussing stuff before the meeting." It was not clear whether a quorum of members participated in the discussions. The meeting was advertised and posted properly, he said, although the agenda on the door was taken down at the beginning of the meeting.

Jurors asked District

Attorney Cecil Sanner what their recourse would be if the district is not performing its duty. He explained that the Mosquito Abatement District is an independent agency which has its own tax base and the right to purchase land, build facilities, hire, fire and set salaries without Jury approval.

The only part the Jury plays is to appoint members to the board. These members cannot be removed except for "just cause," which is very complicated to prove, he said. However, jurors may choose not to re-appoint board members when their terms are up. The Jury may also abolish the district, but the tax levy would be abolished along with it. Jurors said they would consider that option.

Sanner said the only recourse the public has is to attend board meetings and call board members with concerns. Robicheaux said residents should still call in with reports of mosquitoes and he would try to deal with the problems.

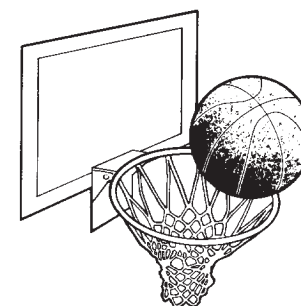
## Parish teams ranked in the top ten

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

Several area basketball teams are ranked in the top ten of the Louisiana Sportswriters Association polls.

In Class B, the Grand Lake Lady Hornets are ranked 5th with a record of 27-5.

The Hackberry Mustangs are ranked 4th in the boys' Class C polls with a 13-8 record.



## Basketball Action

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

### BOYS

**Basile 78, South Cameron 53** - Lance Braxton was the leading scorer for the Tarpons (0-11, 0-2) with Daniel Kelly and Garrett Tyler added 13 points each. Kyle Little scored 8 points.

**Merryville 83, South Cameron 45** - Lance Braxton scored 10 points for the Tarpons. Daniel Kelly added 9 points.

**Lacassine 42, Grand Lake 39** - Brett Griffith led all scorers with 25 as the Hornets lost their district opener.

**Singer 68, Johnson Bayou 45** - Aaron Jinks led the Rebels with 20 points. Dustin Badon added 11 as the Rebels fall to 11-13 on the year.

**Hackberry 60, Bethel Christian 50** - The Mustangs had 13 out 14 players score in the game. Judd Addison led the way with 13 points.

### GIRLS

**South Cameron 59, Merryville 52** - Rachael Fountain scored 15 points and had 15 rebounds as the Lady Tarpons opened district play with a win over the Lady Panthers. Shelby Willis added 14 points and Whitney Richard had 8 points and 13 rebounds.

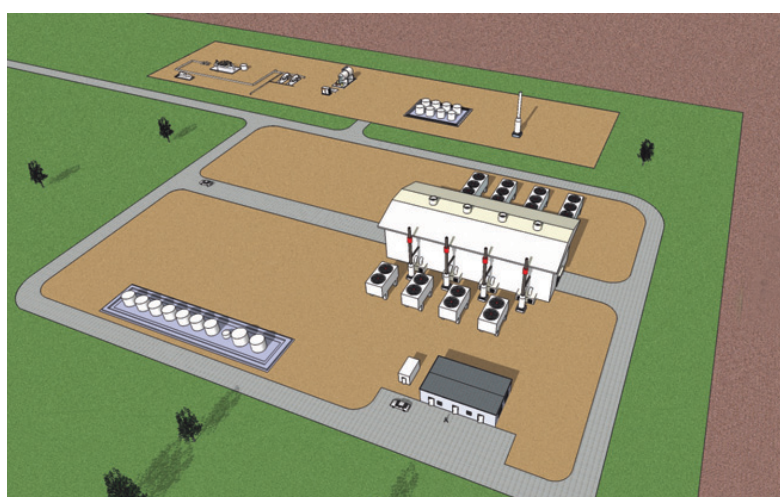
**Basile 65, South Cameron 41** - Haley McCall chipped in 13 points for the Lady Tarpons (7-10,1-1). Shelby Willis added 9 points.

**Lacassine 33, Grand Lake 27** - Kat Kingham scored 14 points for the Lady Hornets and Liz Kingham added 7 in the Lady Hornets district opener.

**Grand Lake 60, Sacred Heart 33** - Liz Kingham scored 20 points for the Lady Hornets. Amber Trahan added 12 points and Lorayne Picou added 9 points.

**Hackberry 50, Bethel Christian 34** - Allyson Sanner led the Lady Mustangs with 16 points and Erica Duhon added 10 points.

## Please Join Us for a Community Open House on the Liberty Gas Storage LLC Expansion



Liberty Gas Storage rendering of compressor station in proposed expansion.

Currently Liberty Gas Storage LLC operates natural gas pipeline facilities in Beauregard Parish with natural gas storage facilities under construction in Calcasieu Parish.

Due to interest by potential customers, we have started the permitting process with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to expand the Liberty Gas Storage facilities. This new part of the project will be located in Cameron Parish.

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  
**LOCATION:** Hackberry Community Center  
**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** 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](mailto: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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# Funerals



**MELISSA ANN HINCH**

Funeral services for Melissa Ann Hinch, 56, of Hackberry, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Hackberry. Father Roland Vaughn will officiate. Burial will follow at Hackberry Cemetery, Hackberry, under the direction of Robison Funeral Home.

Visitation will begin Thursday, Jan. 17, from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 18, from 8 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. A Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday evening.

Mrs. Hinch died on Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, in the Sulphur hospital. She was a native of Lake Charles, and a lifelong resident of Hackberry. She was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church where she was formerly a CCD Teacher.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ivy Jules Ellender and brother, Matthew Harvey Ellender.

Survivors include her husband Robert Hinch of Hackberry; three sons, Jared J. Jinks and wife Amanda of Ragley, Dustin K. Jinks and wife Beth of Hackberry and Kasey R. Jinks of Ft. Riley, Kan.; three stepsons, Robert L. Hinch and wife Charlene, James D. Hinch and wife Deven, all of Sulphur and Nathan W. Hinch of Maryland; step-daughter, Amanda M. Youngblood and husband Darren of Sulphur; mother, Hazel Stutes Ellender of Hackberry; and 14 grandchildren.



**MELANIE ANN PORTIE MILLER**

Funeral services for Melanie Ann Portie Miller, 96, were held Saturday Jan. 12, at Matthews and Son Chapel in Jennings. Rev. Charles McMillin officiated. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery. She was born in Grand Chenier to Mathew Alphonse and Aspasie Primeaux Portie. She was a homemaker, seamstress and past member of the Jennings Homemaker's Club.

She is survived by two sons, Warner D. Miller and wife Julia Maum Miller of Lake Arthur, and John R. Miller and wife Mary A. Gauthier Miller of Harahan; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death: her husband, Dua J. "D. J." Miller.

**BRIAN JAMES BENOIT**

Brian James Benoit, 36, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, in Johnson Bayou.

He was born in Altus, Okla. and lived most of his life in the Lake Charles-Johnson Bayou area. He was a 1989 graduate of South Cameron High School.

He served six years in the Air Force in special ops during the Gulf War, serving in both Germany and England as a crew chief for C-130 and Sherpa airplanes. Brian worked as a carpenter for various local contractors for 12 years.

He is survived by his son, Derek James Benoit of Elton; mother, Geraldine "Geri" Swopes and husband Randy of Westlake; father, Charles G. Benoit Sr. and wife Linda of Morse; sister, Heather Trahan of Johnson Bayou; brother, Lance Benoit of Lake Charles; grandmother, Gracie Guidry of Gueydan; the mother of his child, Aquilla Crochet of Elton; half brothers, Charles G. Benoit Jr., and Robert Benoit all of Jennings.

His funeral was held Monday, Jan. 14, in Johnson Funeral Home. Pastors Paul Raley and Gary Evers officiated. Burial was held with military honors in Gueydan Cemetery.

## LULIA MARIE BERTRAND CONNER

Funeral services for Lulia Marie Bertrand Conner, 82, of Lake Arthur were held Saturday, Jan. 12, at Matthews and Son Chapel with the Rev. Clyde Thomas officiating.

Survivors include her five sons, Edovice "Eddie" Conner and wife Barbara of Iowa, Alvin Raymond Conner and wife Gloria of Lake Arthur, Kenneth H. Conner and wife Diane of Cameron, Berton Lee Conner and wife Yvette of Denham Springs, and Erron Adlar Conner of Iowa; nine daughters, Norma Lee Price and husband Tom of Snellville, Ga., Wendell Welch and husband Sluggo of DeQuincy, Sandra Kelley and husband J. C. of Pride, Marie Higgenbotham and husband Larry of Walker, Tessie Johnson of Florida, Jeanette Conner of Denham Springs, Bertha Fruge and husband Ronald "Fudge" of Bell City, Mona Johnson and husband Charles of Cypress, Tex.; two brothers, Alton John Bertrand and Floyd Bertrand of Lake Arthur; two sisters, Verna Mae Mott of Lake Side, and Lucille Landry of Lake Arthur. She had 27 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

**CLARENCE DYSON JR.**

Clarence Dyson Jr., died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, in his residence. He was born in Cameron.

He worked as a commercial shrimp, oyster and crab fisherman and trapper. He was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Dyson; two stepsons, Doyle Taylor of Grand Lake and Dennis Taylor of Sulphur; one stepdaughter, Deanna Starkey of Reno, Ohio; five brothers, Jimmy, Adley, Phillip and Joseph Dyson, all of Cameron and James Dyson of Lake Charles; nine sisters, Annie Trahan of Lafayette, Ruby Jones of Corpus Christi, Tex. Dorothy Weeks of Baytown, Tex., Marilyn Elizondo of Dayton, Tex., Debra Dyson, Sirley Wilson, Darlene Dyson and Larlene Rodrigue, all of Cameron and Susie Johns of DeRidder.

His funeral was held Sunday, Jan. 13, at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron. The Rev. Vincent Vadakkedath officiated. Burial was in First Baptist Cemetery in Cameron.

## Food for Seniors boxes will be distributed

Cameron Parish senior citizens who have registered previously may pick up their Food for Senior boxes at the Cameron Council on Aging office on Thursday, Jan. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. or on Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Memorial books given to library

The following memorial books have been donated to the Cameron Parish Library with the honorees, donors and titles listed in that order.

Lynn McCall, Adam "Gooch" and Cathy Baccigalopi, 1) Owls 2) Parrots.

Braxton Blake, American Legion, A Thousand Days.

Lumas Broussard, American Legion, The Lincoln's In The White House.

Braxton Blake and Roberta Rogers, Burton and Audrey Daigle, Cajun Country.

Conway LeBleu, American Legion Post 176, Your Calif.

Derek Thibodeaux, Joey and Belinda Dockins and family, A Pocket Guide to Horses & Ponies.

Conway LeBleu, Joey and Belinda Dockins and family, Railroads Across North America.

Conway LeBleu, Floyd and Earline Baccigalopi, Inherit The Atchafalaya.

Braxton Blake, Floyd and Earline Baccigalopi, Your Calif

Lynn McCall, Floyd and Earline Baccigalopi, Sports.

## Johnson B. honor lists announced

Johnson Bayou High School announces the Banner Roll/Honor Roll students for the 1st nine weeks:

### BANNER ROLL

1st grade - Yailin Gracia, Karlee Skeldon, Gaige Trahan.

2nd grade - Dalton Billiot, Jarrett Constance, Drew Kyle, Claire Landry.

3rd grade - Alexander Boudreaux, Enrique Rodriguez, Braxton Hebert.

5th grade - Derek Storm

6th grade - Alexis Call

7th grade - Allison Romero, Kristopher Trahan.

8th grade - Harmony Trahan.

11th grade - Tabitha Harrington.

12th grade - Tiffany Caudill, Aaron Jinks, Destiny Sonnier, Kandace Young.

### HONOR ROLL

1st grade - Jayden Stanley, Laikyn Trahan.

2nd grade - Nicholas George, Riley Trahan, Abigail Tuttle.

3rd grade - Logan Badon, Hunter Trahan.

4th grade - Makayla Garranovic, Haleigh Jinks, Kory Kyle, Noah Trahan.

5th grade - Cade Badon, Kasa Benoit, Kevin Harrington, Daria Jinks, Colin Landry, Hunter, McGee, Keylee Young.

6th grade - Skylar Jinks, Briana Romero, Courtney Travis, Kirsten Webb.

7th grade - Marcus Fontenot, Kaitlin Billiot, Morgan Leger, Dustin Romero.

10th grade - Christiann Rarick, Janice Trahan.

11th grade - Michael Newkirk.

12th grade - Charmayne Barentine, Randy Scroggins, Lexie Simon, Jordan Storm, Kimberly Trahan.



**DO YOU REMEMBER?** The South Cameron Memorial Hospital opened on June 30, 1963. Pictured cutting the ribbon at the opening was Dr. S. O. Carter, who had practiced medicine in Cameron Parish for 63 years. Assisting was Kenneth Hopper, left, hospital administrator, and Alvin Dyson, who was the contractor. The hospital was destroyed in 2005 by Hurricane Rita but recently re-opened in new facilities.

## South Cameron High School News

### BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, Jan. 26, there will be a LifeShare Blood Drive at Grand Lake Faith Temple from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The community is invited to participate. You must provide a picture ID. The drive donations will be deposited into Ms. Carolyn Rutherford's blood bank.

### LIVESTOCK NEWS

SCHS students placed at the Parish Livestock Show.

They are as follows: Colby Nunez, Champion Market Hog; Baleigh Conner, Reserve Champion Market Hog; Amanda Wicke, Reserve Champion Steer; Clint Miller, Champion Swine Showman;

Blake Bonsall, Champion Lamb Showman; Keaton Boudreaux, Champion Beef Showman; Colby Nunez, Reserve Champion Beef Showman; Brendan Trahan, Champion Rabbit Meat Pen;

Bailey E. Richard, Supreme Heifer and Champion Brahman Heifer; Dylan Dowd, Champion Beefmaster Heifer; Justin Trahan, Champion Braford Bull; Gabe LaLande, Reserve Champion Braford Bull;

Jarrett Richard, Champion Braford Base Heifer; Trevor Bertrand, Reserve Champion Braford Base Heifer; Brett Richard,

Reserve Champion Brahman Heifer; Kami Savoie, Champion Brangus Bull.

Matthew Morgan, Champion Hereford Bull and Reserve Champion Hereford Heifer; Cody Jouett, Champion Limonsin Heifer; Kami Savoie, Champion Red Brangus Bull; Alan Myers, Reserve Champion Red Brangus Bull, Champion and Reserve Champion Red Brangus Heifer; Gabe LaLande, Champion Parish Bred Braford Bull;

Richard, Champion Parish Bred Braford Heifer; Braids LaBove, Champion Parish Bred Braford Base Bull; Justin Trahan, Champion Parish Bred Braford Base Heifer;

Dylan Conner, Reserve Champion Parish Bred Braford Base Heifer; Bailey E. Richard, Champion Parish Bred Brahman Bull; Taylor Canik, Champion Parish Bred Brahman Heifer; Lexie Canik, Champion Parish Bred Brahman Heifer; Amanda Wicke, Champion Parish Bred Market Steer

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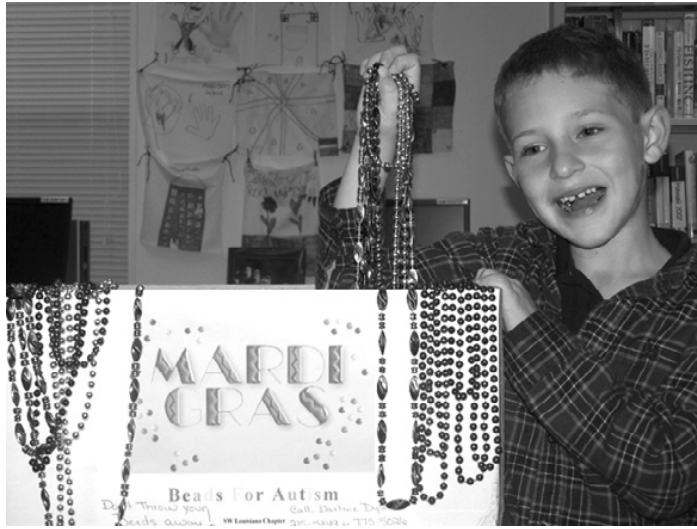
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**PICTURED IS AMERICORP** volunteer, Jeremiah Simmons from Illinois serving coffee to Karen McCall, a livestock exhibitor parent. Jeremiah is just one team member of an AmeriCorp group who lent a hand at the Cameron Parish Livestock show this past weekend. The group helped work the concession stand and worked in the show ring. This group of AmeriCorp volunteers will be in the parish through January building homes in Johnson Bayou, Cameron, and Hackberry, and completing projects for the Cameron Council on Aging.

## School board members sworn in on Monday

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

The Cameron Parish School Board was sworn in for the next three years by District Attorney Cecil Sanner on Monday afternoon. Two new members, Marsha Trahan and Karen Nunez, joined returning members Dwayne Sanner, Scott Nunez, Dot Theriot, Loston McEvers, and Marvin Trahan.

New officers elected for the next two years were Dwayne Sanner, President, and Scott Nunez, Vice-President.

Discouraging news was received from FEMA that the new South Cameron School and Central Office cannot be started until environmental, historical, archeological, etc. studies have been done, a process that could take up to two years.

Billy Crabb, with the Lake Charles FEMA office, wrote that the Rita affected parishes do not qualify for expedited assessments available for Katrina parishes. The school has been changed from a "change of location" to "improved project," but that has no effect on the assessments.

So, even though the school will be built on the same spot, since it will be changed from its previous configuration and function it must undergo these reviews. The Central Office is being

moved to the former Cameron kindergarten and must also undergo these assessments.

District Attorney Cecil Sanner was reported to be progressing on the Johnson Bayou property acquisition, the Corps of Engineer's levee, Wildlife and Fisheries issues, and the Big Lake property swap/purchase proposal. He will have a full report at the Feb. 11 meeting.

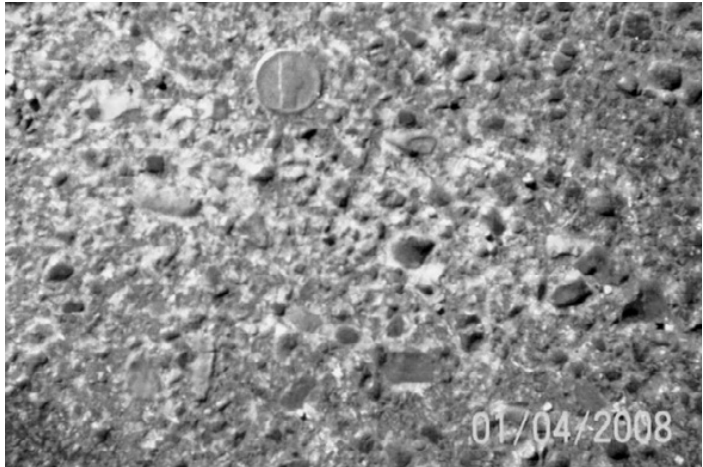
### PERSONNEL

Resignations were accepted from Dinah Billings, Bookkeeper; Christine Gothreau, Grand Lake lunchroom tech; Emily Rutherford, Educational diagnostician; and Lisa Wainwright, Grand Lake special education teacher. Dinah Vidrine, Hackberry sweeper, retired.

Tracy Lannin was transferred from South Cameron teacher to Business Manager, Central Office.

Appointments were: Kim Poole Grand Lake computer lab manager (temp.); Paula Smythe, Business Manager, Central Office; Anna Laurel-Murphy, Central Office clerical.

The Board will continue to advertise for secondary and/or middle school teacher/coaching positions at Johnson Bayou School.



**IF YOU REACHED** down to pick up this nickel you would be in for a surprise: the coin is firmly embedded in the pavement of Devall Road in Hackberry. There were also two pennies and a dime in the concrete. These coins were near the Cameron State Bank but unfortunately are not drawing interest.

(Photo by Coot for Grace Welch.)

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-E.F. Schumacher

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# New juror has questions about several items

By CYNDI SELLERS

Even before being sworn in, three new Cameron Parish Police Jurors began to deal with parish issues at the agenda meeting held at 3 p.m. in the Court House. The meeting was postponed from Dec. 31 because of the holiday, and new jurors Kirk Burleigh, Steve Racca, and Thomas McDaniels sat in to learn the procedure.

Burleigh, incoming Cameron juror, had several items on the agenda. He requested information on Calcasieu Lake cleanup, status on the repair of the Cameron multi-purpose building and fire station, and the Hurricane Audrey Memorial plaque.

He learned that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is working on a new hazard identification program and plans to hire local people to locate debris by GPS. Scott Trahan said the program needs to focus on debris closer to shore.

The Cameron multi-purpose building has a FEMA project worksheet in progress, and the Cameron fire station is ready to advertise for bids. Parish Administrator Tina Horn said there was talk last June of forming a committee to design and raise funds for a monument listing the names of all the Audrey victims, but it was never done. It is still a possibility.

## CAMERON SQUARE PROJECT

Parish Planning and Economic Development Director Ernie Broussard reported on the status of the Cameron Square project. He said the parish is almost ready to acquire the three properties needed for the East Annex building, and it is ready to go to bid as soon as that is done. District Attorney Cecil Sanner was given authority to complete the acquisitions as soon as possible. Plans for the West

Annex are 80% complete, and property is ready to be acquired, Broussard said.

Broussard reported on a \$6.2 million grant application for waterfront infrastructure in Cameron. The project includes private sector funding of \$1 million. The project, if funded, will consist of an ice depot, fuel depot, and receiving and processing building along with demolition of five damaged docks which will be replaced with 9-10 regular sized shrimp boat berths. The facilities will be located at the Miller and Sons site, leased from the Henry family.

The project is proposed as a cooperative endeavor between the West Cameron Port Authority, the Cameron Parish Police Jury, and Cameron Fisheries LLC. A final decision on the grant awards will be made in February.

Broussard also presented a proposed Parish Disposition Plan to outline the procedures the Parish would use with any properties received through the Road Home program. As presented, any properties given to the parish by the program would be first offered to the former owner, then to adjacent landowners, and finally bundled for other uses. Some jurors expressed concern that a homeowner who had sold his land to move away would not use the property for housing if he or she bought it back. An idea to take each property on a case by case basis was discouraged by the District Attorney. In the end, the plan was tabled until next month.

Broussard reported that the West Cameron Port has won in the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals on writs filed by the Lake Charles Port. He said that unless the Lake Charles Port appeals to the Supreme Court, the next hearing will be in Cameron where the merits of the case will finally be heard.

# Sheriff's Report

The following arrests were made in Cameron Parish Jan. 8-15, according to the Cameron Parish Sheriff's office.

Kaylem James Deroche, 20, 112 Donna Rd., Lake Charles, Aggravated Battery.

Danie Wayne Duplechin, 31, 731 W. Lyons, Sulphur, Bench Warrants, (2 counts).

Kevin Conway Duck, 25, Jessieville, Ark., Speed Greater Than Prudent, Aggravated Battery, Simple Criminal Damage to Property, Reckless Operation.

Timothy Adam Morvant, 24, 1209 Marshall St. Cameron, La. Possession of Marijuana, Possession of CDS Schedule II.

Dorcerle J. East, 63, 136 DJ Lane, Hackberry La, Careless Operation, D.W.I.

Brittany Noel Sedlock, 20, 2432 Dolphin Lane, Lake Charles, Simple Obstruction of a Highway.

Michael D. Duhon, 40, 16507 Hargrave Lane, Kaplan, Public Intoxication.

Christina Leija., 21, 120 Lloyd St. Cameron, Phone Harassment.

Frank David Pickett, 26, 1722 Whispering Pines Rd. Lake Charles, Possession of a Legend Drug, Accessory After the Fact.

John Gregory Martin Jr., 19, P O Box 943, Cameron, D.W.I.

Jude Staffus Richard, 52, 5846 W. Creole Hwy, Cameron, Reckless Operation, D.W.I.

Charles Ray Istre, 33, 1011 Holly St. Lake Charles, Speeding.

Brynn Charles LaGrange, 35, Alvin St. Lake Charles, Bench Warrant, (2 counts),



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| Tuesday, Jan. 22 - Spaghetti and meatballs, whole kernal corn, fruit salad, peanut butter cookies, garlic toast, milk | Wednesday, Jan. 23 - Chicken nugget, tator tots, tossed salad, strawberry jello, sliced bread, salad dressing, barbeque sauce, milk  |

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# How to care for your freeze-damaged plants

By **DAN GILL**  
LSU AgCenter  
Horticulturist

## Care for plants that are freeze-damaged

Although winter temperatures in Louisiana are generally relatively mild, they are punctuated by periods of moderate to severe freezes. Freezing weather is often followed by extended periods when temperatures stay above freezing.

Prior to a major freeze, most gardeners will make an effort to protect tender tropical plants in their landscape. So what should be done for the landscape after a freezing episode is over? Here's some general information on what to do and not do.

## Plants in pots

Any container plants that were brought inside for protection may be moved back to their location outside unless you intend to keep them inside all winter. If you will keep them inside, make sure they are close to windows and receive plenty of light. You cannot keep plants inside dark garages or storage sheds for extended periods of time. Plants must have light to create the food they need to live, and they will slowly starve if not provided enough light.

## Covered plants

Many gardeners use a variety of covers to protect plants from freezing temperatures. Remove or vent clear plastic covers on plants to prevent excessive heat buildup if the next day is sunny and mild. The plastic will let in light and trap the heat, just like your car with the windows rolled up.

You do not need to completely remove the cover if it will freeze again the next night. You may leave plants covered with blankets, tarps, opaque plastic or fabric sheets for several days without harming them, but eventually the cover will need to be removed so they can get light.

## Pruning damaged plants

Even though you may see damage immediately, do not prune anything for a few days to a week after a freeze. It often takes several days for all of the damage to be evident.

Damaged growth on herbaceous or nonwoody plants, such as cannas, elephant ears, agapanthus, amaryllis, birds-of-paradise, begonias, impatiens, philodendron and ginger, may be pruned back to living tissue. This pruning is optional but does help keep the winter garden looking neat. Damaged tissue that is oozy, mushy, slimy and foul-smelling should be removed. This decaying tissue is unhealthy for the plant.

Remove the damaged foliage from banana trees, but do not cut back the trunk unless you can tell that it has been killed. It will look brown, feel mushy and loose in the soil and will bleed if punctured. If it's alive, allowing the trunk to remain increases the chances of fruit production next summer.

Dead leaves on woody tropical plants, such as hibiscus, croton, ixora, cassia, bougainvillea and copper plant, can be picked off to make things look neater. If you can clearly determine what branches are dead on a woody plant, you may prune them back. Try scratching the bark with your thumbnail. If the tissue underneath is green, it's still alive. If the tissue is tan or brown, the branch is dead. Start at the top and work your way down to see how far back the plant was killed.

This pruning is optional and will not help the plant deal with the damage. Generally, it's a good idea to delay hard pruning of woody plants until new growth begins in the spring and you can more accurately determine which parts have survived the winter and what is dead.

Another group of plants that are generally severely damaged or killed by freezes are tender perennial bedding plants such as impatiens, wax begonias, pentas, blue daze, scaveola, periwinkle and coleus. Although it's nice when they make it through the occasional very mild winter and provide another year of flowers in our landscape, we must remember these plants are not intended to be permanent. If, or when, yours have been killed by sub-freezing temperatures, remove the dead plants from the bed and mulch over the area to keep it looking neat. You could also prepare the bed and plant hardy cool season bedding plants - such as pansies, dianthus, alyssum, snapdragons or many others - anytime now through early March for an outstanding display this spring.

Remember, there is still plenty of time to see additional - and possibly more severe - freezes before it's all over. Protect what you can when needed. Don't be too quick to dig up and remove tropical plants that have been severely damaged and appear to be dead. Sometimes they may eventually resprout from the base of the plant or the roots in April or May. Despite what comes, remember that our climate encourages rapid growth and recovery.

If worse comes to worse and you do lose some of the tender plants and tropicals in your garden, don't think of it as a tragedy but as an opportunity. How many of us have filled every square inch of planting space in our gardens and have been unable to purchase and plant new types of plants we want to try? When the dead plants are removed, we will have open areas available to plant. Think about that and the loss might not seem so bad.

*Get It Growing is a weekly feature on home lawn and garden topics prepared by experts in the LSU AgCenter. For more information on such topics, contact your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office or visit our Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. A wide range of publications and a variety of other resources are available.*

# It's time to prune your rosebushes

By **DAN GILL**  
LSU AgCenter  
Horticulturist

## Prune roses now

It would be hard to dispute that the most popular summer flowering shrub is the rose. Most roses need at least some annual pruning to maintain an attractive shape, remove dead wood and encourage vigorous growth and blooming. This is generally done from the last week of January (South Louisiana) through mid-February (North Louisiana).

## Hybrid tea and grandiflora roses

Use sharp bypass-type hand pruners, which make clean cuts and minimize damage to the stems. Wear a sturdy pair of leather gloves and long sleeves because no matter how careful you are, thorny roses can painfully puncture or scratch your hands and arms. Should you need to cut canes larger than one-half inch in diameter, you should use loppers.

First, prune out all diseased or dead canes, cutting them back to their point of origin. Weak, spindly canes the diameter of a pencil or less should also be removed the same way. A good rose bush should have four to eight strong healthy canes the diameter of your finger or larger after this first step. Cut back the remaining canes to about 24 inches from ground level.

Newly purchased roses have already been pruned, and no further pruning is required. When you prune back a cane, make the cut about one-quarter inch above a dormant bud or newly sprouted side shoot. Try to cut back to buds that face outward, away from the center of the bush. The new shoot produced by the bud will grow outward, opening up the bush for light, air and orderly growth. This may seem picky, but this really does make a difference.

Pruning back roses takes some getting used to. Many new gardeners have a hard time getting up the nerve to cut their bushes back. If you don't, however, the result will be tall, rangy, overgrown bushes that will not be nearly as attractive. It is far easier for you and healthier for the rose bush if you do this pruning regularly. It is very difficult to properly prune a rose bush that has been allowed to grow for several years without pruning. Don't forget that we also do a second, but not as severe, pruning in late summer around late August.

## Pruning other types of roses

Old garden roses that are everblooming, shrub roses, landscape roses, floribunda roses and polyantha roses may also be pruned now. These roses, in general, have more pleasing shapes without severe pruning. They are only lightly shaped under most circumstances, unless there is a need to control their size. You should still check for any dead wood and prune that out.

Excessively long, vigorous shoots growing out of the bush should be headed back to within the bush to keep the shape attractive. Other

than that, how far back you cut old garden roses depends on the situation, vigor of the bush and the desired size. For old garden roses, shrubs roses and landscape roses, you would typically cut back about a third of their height.

Any roses that are not everblooming, including many climbing and rambling roses (such as Lady Banks, Dorothy Perkins and Blaze) and some old garden varieties should not be pruned now. These roses produce their flowers in one big gush during late spring and early summer on growth made the previous year and then bear few or no flowers the rest of the year. If pruned back hard now, they will produce few, if any, flowers.

If extensive pruning is necessary, it is best done in mid-summer after they have finished flowering. In addition, these types of roses should not be pruned back hard each year like the modern bush roses. Pruning climbers and ramblers is largely determined by how large and on what structure they are being trained. Pruning, when done, is more selective and less extensive.

Most nurseries already have their rose bushes in early, and now through March is a good time to plant. If you intend to plant bare-root roses, get them planted before the end of February. Bare-root rose bushes should be planted before they begin to sprout.

Early planting allows rose bushes to become established before they begin to bloom. This increases the number and quality of flowers, and the bush is more prepared to deal with summer heat when it arrives in May. Plant roses in a sunny, well-prepared bed that has excellent drainage. For more information on growing roses in Louisiana, the LSU AgCenter offers an informative booklet, which is available free at your local LSU AgCenter office.

## On the move

Now is also a good time to transplant roses from one location to another in the landscape. Cool weather reduces the stress of transplant shock brought on by damage to the roots when the plant is moved and increases your chances of success.

Care must be taken to disturb the root system as little as possible when moving roses. Dig plants with a ball of soil around their root system getting as many of the roots as possible. If the soil falls away, do not let the roots dry out. Moisten the roots and wrap them in plastic, a garbage bag or damp fabric, get the plants to their new location and plant immediately. Make sure you plant them in their new location at their original growing depth and water thoroughly after planting to settle the plant in. Be sure to water regularly over the next few weeks and then during any dry periods over the next few months.



# Ten time-saving shopping tips

By **MINDY HERMANN, R.D.**

(NAPSA)-Before heading out on your next grocery store visit, consider these top 10 tips that will help streamline your trip and maximize your time:

1. "Create two shopping lists, one for must-have foods for the week and the other for staples that you keep on hand all the time," suggests Judy Dodd, R.D., L.D.N., an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh. "When you run out of a staple, add it to the list."

2. Take a few minutes each week to scan through circulars for coupons. Plan the week's menu based on foods that are on sale and/or in season; add these menu ingredients to your list.

3. Then, when preparing meals, make a double-size batch and freeze half (date and label). With a well-stocked freezer, your shopping list will be shorter and you won't have to shop as often.

4. Stock up on foods that you and your family eat dur-

ing price cuts and "buy one, get one free" offers. Avoid impulse buys.

5. Plan your big shopping trip during off-hours, such as early in the morning or in the evening while a popular television show is airing.

6. Choose your market based on which one has the foods that you need during that shopping trip; for example, a well-stocked salad bar, ethnic ingredients or fresh baked goods.

7. Buy the largest size of fast-moving, everyday items.

8. Avoid aisles with items that are not on your shopping list or that might be tempting.

9. Shop the perimeter of the market, where you'll find produce, dairy, meats and bakery breads.

10. Bring your reading glasses.

**Q:** Are large packages always the least expensive?  
**A:** No, sometimes smaller packages on sale cost less, especially if you have a coupon. I always compare the unit price (price per pound) before automatically grabbing the biggest box or package. Also, a larger package can cost you more if you don't finish it before its expiration date.

*Mindy Hermann, MBA, R.D., is a nutrition writer for women's, health and fitness magazines. She is the co-author of "Change One" and the American Medical Association's "Family Health Cookbook."*



## — NOTICE —

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be having their monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held on the recreation center grounds in the temporary trailer located at 135 Berwick Road, Johnson Bayou, LA 70631.

RUN: Jan. 17 (J-30)

## POSITION AVAILABLE Cameron Parish School Board

The Cameron Parish School Board is receiving applications for the following listed position.

### Teacher:

Secondary and/or middle school teacher/coaching (boys and girls) positions at Johnson Bayou High School (2 positions available).

4 Day Week Schedule (Mondays through Thursdays)

Starting Salaries

Bachelors.....\$38,564.00

Masters.....\$39,064.00

Masters plus 30.....\$39,164.00

Persons applying for the teaching/coaching positions should call 337-905-5784 ext. 111 in order to request an application. Applications must be presented at time of interview. To schedule an interview, contact: Mr. Gene Reynolds, Principal, Johnson Bayou High School, 337-569-2773 or 337-569-2138.

The application and documents requested must be received by 10 a.m., Friday, February 1, 2008.

RUN: Jan. 17 & 24 (J-29)

How to recognize if some is having a stroke

## Act F.A.S.T.

**FACE** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

**ARMS** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

**SPEECH** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

**TIME** If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 or get to the hospital fast. Brain cells are dying.

## — JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Food Service Technician (8 hrs./day) at Grand Lake High School. High School diploma is preferred.

To make application contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake High School. Phone: 337-905-2231 or 905-5100.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, February 1, 2008 at 10 a.m.

RUN: Jan. 17 & 24 (J-27)

## — JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Sweeper (8 hrs./day) at Hackberry High School. High School diploma is preferred.

To make application contact: Mr. Austin LaBove, Principal, Hackberry High School, Phone: 337-762-3305.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 at 10 a.m.

RUN: Jan. 17 & 24 (J-28)

## EARLY VOTING SOON TO BEGIN

Early voting for the Feb. 9, 2008 election will be at the Registrar of Voters office at 122-F Recreation Ln. behind the courthouse.

Early voting has added another Saturday to the early voting days for the convenience of our voters.

Early voting will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Saturday, Jan. 26, and the week of Monday, Jan. 28 through Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008. Please remember when you go vote, you must have a picture ID with you.

Finally, any person who feels they need assistance in voting due to a physical disability such as poor eyesight or other **MUST** get a physicians certificate confirming the need for assistance in voting and submit it to the registrar prior to the election or give the certificate to the commissioners at the polls on Election Day.

Thanks,  
Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar

RUN: Jan. 17 & 24 (J-26)

# 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)

## 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 the 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)

## 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 1 Restoration of Mermentau 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)

## "EXHIBIT A" NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on November 30, 2007, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Waterworks District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION**  
**SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. TEN TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF FOUR MILLS PER ANNUM ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID DISTRICT (AN ESTIMATED \$208,000 REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE LEVY OF THIS TAX PER ANNUM) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S WATER SYSTEMS WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.**

Shall Waterworks District No. Ten of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of four (4.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District (an estimated \$208,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of this tax per annum) for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's water systems within and for said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Waterworks District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

PRECINCT 1 JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION CENTER ALL JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 4 HACKBERRY COMMUNITY CENTER PORTION HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Ten, Cameron Parish Louisiana, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioner of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage #7 Office, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 18th day of March, 2008, at 6:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Waterworks District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** on this, the 30th day of November, 2007.

Approved:  
/s/ Nathan Griffith  
NATHAN GRIFFITH,  
PRESIDENT  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. TEN

ATTEST:  
/s/ Connie Trahan  
CONNIE TRAHAN,  
SECRETARY  
Run: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar. 6 (J 36)

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**CAMERON PARISH**  
**WATERWORKS**  
**DISTRICT NO. 9**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2007**

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in regular session on Thursday, November 29, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., Waterworks Office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Walt Richard, Thompson McCall, Velma Doland and Wendell Rutherford. Members absent: none. Guest: Jay Rutherford and Dorothy Carter.

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the meeting be called to order.

It was moved by Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mrs. Doland and carried, that budget revisions for year ending

December 31, 2007, be and the same is hereby approved, attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Marked exhibit "A").

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the budget for year ending December 31, 2008, be and the same is hereby approved, attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Marked exhibit "B").

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, that election of the board secretary be tabled at this time.

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the regular monthly meeting scheduled for December 27, 2007, be and the same is to be held December 20, 2007, be and the same is to be held December 20, 2007, all necessary notices will be made public

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, that the regular monthly meeting scheduled for January 31, 2008, be and the same is to be held January 24, 2008, all necessary notices will be made public.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Doland, and carried, that all monthly bills be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved:  
/s/ Thompson McCall  
THOMPSON MCCALL,  
PRESIDENT

CAMERON PARISH  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT #9

Attest:  
/s/ Wendell Rutherford  
WENDELL RUTHERFORD,  
ACTING SECRETARY

Exhibit "A"  
Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 Revised Budgeted Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the year ending December 31, 2007.

## REVISED BUDGET

### Operating Revenue:

Water sales - \$108,000

Installation service - \$5,500

Penalty income - \$4,000

Reconnect fee - \$500

Total operating revenues - \$118,000

Miscellaneous income \$300

Total other revenue \$300

Total revenue - \$118,300

### Operating Expenses:

Salaries - \$92,400

Employee medical - \$20,500

FICA - \$1,400

Medicare - \$850

Pro rata retirement - \$10,500

District share workmen compensation annually - \$400

Per diem - \$4,000

Building maintenance - \$1,000

Rent of land - \$603

General liability insurance - \$2,500

Business and auto insurance - \$2,500

Surety bond - \$400

Shared property adjustment - \$500

Travel/mileage - \$2,600

Property insurance - \$4,700

Errors & omissions - \$600

Professional fees - \$7,000

Maintenance - system - \$23,400

Uniforms - \$1,000

Office supplies - \$3,000

Operation materials and supplies - \$40,000

Vehicle operation and materials - \$11,000

Telephone - \$15,000

Postage - \$4,000

Electric utility - \$12,000

Dues and subscriptions - \$1500

Maintenance contracts - 192

Certification fees - \$350

Official fees - \$750

Pipe - 0-

Advertising - \$900

Bank charges - \$100

Bad debt - 3,714.68

Capital projects - 120

Capital projects - engineer - 0-

Depreciation - 0-

FEMA-PW-566-water district - 29,648

FEMA-PW2515-Chenier pump - 594

FEMA-2578-Well sites - 14,756

FEMA-PW3090-Temp office building - 0-

FEMA-PW2241-Storage tanks - 11,500

Total operating expenses - \$325,977.68

Operating loss - (\$207,677.68)

### Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses):

Ad valorem maintenance - \$222,202

Federal revenue sharing maintenance - 1,130

Federal revenue sharing sinking - 60

Interest revenue maintenance - 15,000

Interest revenue sinking - 100

Interest revenue now account - 750

Gain/loss disposal asset - 0-

FEMA proceeds - 144,904

Deduction from ad valorem maintenance - (6,000)

Total non-operating revenue (expenses) - \$378,146

Net profit - \$170,468.32

Exhibit "B"  
Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 budgeted Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the year ending December 31, 2008.

## BUDGET

Water sales - \$116,000

Installation service - 5,500

Penalty income - 4,500

Reconnect fee - 500

Total operating revenues - \$126,000

Miscellaneous income - \$300

Total other revenue - \$300

Total revenue \$126,300

Operating Expenses:

Salaries - \$92,400

Employee medical - 20,500

FICA - 1,400

Medicare - 850

Pro rata retirement - 10,500

District share workmen compensation annually - 400

Per diem - 4,000

Building maintenance - 1,000

Rent of land - 603

General liability insurance -

2,500

Business and auto insurance - 2,500

Surety bond - 400

Shared property adjustment - 2,600

Travel/mileage - 2,600

Property insurance - 4,700

Errors & omissions - 600

Professional fees - 7,000

Maintenance- system - 23,400

Uniforms - 1,000

Office supplies - 3,000

Operations materials and supplies - 40,000

Vehicle operation and materials - 11,000

Telephone - 15,000

Postage - 4,000

Electric utility - 12,000

Dues and subscriptions - 1,500

Maintenance contracts - 192

Certification fees - 350

Official fees - 750

Pipe - 0-

Advertising - 900

Bank charges - 100

Capital projects - 0-

Capital projects - engineer - 0-

Depreciation - 0-

Total operating expenses - \$265,645

Operating (loss) - (\$139,345)

### Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses):

Ad Valorem maintenance - \$232,202

Federal revenue sharing maintenance - 1,130

Federal revenue sharing sinking - 60

Interest revenue maintenance - 15,000

Interest revenue sinking - 100

Interest revenue now account - 750

Decuction for AD valorem maintenance - (6,000)

Total non-operating revenue (expenses) - \$243,342

Net profit - \$103,897

Run: Jan. 17 (J 17)

## 38TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF CAMERON STATE OF LOUISIANA

CARL BROUSSARD  
CLERK OF COURT  
SUCCESSION OF  
NO. 300-3223,

CLAIRE PATRICIA TOMENY  
FILED: JAN. 10 2008 2:13 P.M.  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO  
SELL IMMOVABLE PROPERTY  
AT PRIVATE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN THAT GEORGE HEARD,  
the duly appointed, acting and  
qualified Independent Executor  
of the Succession of CLAIRE  
PATRICIA TOMENY, deceased,  
has pursuant to the provisions of  
Louisiana Code of Civil  
Procedure Article 3281, petitioned  
this Honorable Court for authority  
to sell, at private sale for the price  
of \$90,000.00, payable in cash,  
the following described property  
belonging to the succession and  
situated in Tammany Parish,  
Louisiana, to-wit:

An undivided but not limited  
to 13,923/82,320 interest in the  
following described property:

A certain tract or parcel of  
land lying and being in the  
Parish of St. Tammany, State of  
Louisiana, being the North Half  
of the Southeast Quarter and the  
North Half of the Southwest  
Quarter of Section 18, Township 6  
South, Range 12 East, St Helena  
Meridian, containing 164.28  
acres, more or less, fifty-two  
acres previously sold to Joseph  
Wagner and described as follows:  
to-wit: The Northeast Quarter of  
the Southeast Quarter and 12  
acres in the Northwest Quarter  
of the Southeast Quarter, also  
less 6 acres previously sold to  
Mrs. E. White and described as  
being in the Northwest Quarter  
of the Southeast Quarter of  
Section 18, Township 6 South,  
Range 12 East, and bounded on  
the East by Joseph Wagner, North  
and West by lands of present  
vendor, and on the South by  
lands of A. A. Cooley, leaving  
106.28 acres, more or less. Being  
the same property which was  
acquired by said Mrs. Mattie L.  
Baldey by purchase from George  
F. Peters on January 17, 1899,  
per act recorded in Conveyance  
Book T, folio 512, et seq. Together  
with all buildings and  
improvements on said property,  
and the rights, ways, privileges,  
servitudes and advantages  
thereto appertaining and  
belonging. Also less 21 acres  
sold Mrs. Mattie L. Baldey by  
Jacob J. Kuhner described as  
follows, to-wit: Situated in the  
Southwest corner of the  
Northwest Quarter of the  
Southwest Quarter of Section 18,  
Township 6 South, Range 12  
East, to commence at the  
Southwest corner of said quarter  
and run North along said Section  
line 130 feet, thence between  
parallel lines 1470 feet. Bounded  
on the West by lands of Columbus  
and S. W. C. Association, North,  
and East by lands of present  
vendor, and South by lands of  
A. A. Cooley, and being the same  
property sold by Mrs. Mattie L.  
Baldey to said Jacob A. Kuhner  
on July 1, 1899, per act recorded  
in Conveyance Book V, folio 270,  
et seq. Less and except any and  
all rights of way or other sell off  
of record.

The above described property  
is now more particularly  
described as follows:

Tract 1:  
From the Quarter corner on  
the line common to Section 13,  
Township 6 South, Range 11 East  
and Section 18, Township 6  
South, Range 12 East, all in St.  
Tammany Parish, Louisiana,  
measure South 89 degrees 36  
minutes East 117.75 feet to an  
iron post in the Southeastly  
right of way line of La. State  
Highway No. 21, the point of  
beginning, proceed thence South  
89 degrees 36 minutes East  
3,510.05 feet to an iron post;  
thence South 00 degrees 03  
minutes West 884.2 feet to an  
iron post; thence South 89  
degrees 28 minutes West 596.5  
feet to an iron post; thence  
South 00 degrees 40 minutes  
East 448.1 feet to an iron post;  
thence North 89 degrees 43  
minutes West 1,546.5 feet to an  
iron post; thence North 630.0  
feet to an iron

Post; thence North 89 degrees 59  
minutes West 1,437.5 feet to an  
iron post in the Easterly right  
of way line of La. State Highway  
No. 59; thence North 00 degrees  
07 minutes West 517.7 feet with  
said right of way line to a  
concrete post marking the right  
of way; thence North 11 degrees  
41 minutes East, continuing with  
the right of way line, 178.9 feet  
to an iron post; thence continuing  
with said right of way line, North  
45 degrees 02 minutes East 40.4  
feet to the point of beginning,  
containing 83.88 acres. All as  
per survey by R. A. Berlin, Registered  
Land Surveyor, dated November  
12, 1963.

Tract 2:  
From the Quarter corner on  
the line common to Section 13,  
Township 6 South, Range 11 East  
and Section 18, Township 6  
South, Range 12 East, all in St.  
Tammany Parish, Louisiana,  
measure South 89 degrees 36  
minutes East 33.3 feet to an iron  
post in the Northwestly right  
of way line of La. State Highway  
No. 21; thence with said right  
of way line South 45 degrees 02  
minutes West 46.75 feet to an  
iron post; thence North 00  
degrees 07 minutes West 33.1  
feet to the point of beginning,  
containing 0.13 acre. All as  
per survey by R. A. Berlin, Registered  
Land Surveyor, dated November  
12, 1963.

The above legal description is  
subject to change as title opinion  
and survey might indicate.

NOW THEREFORE, in  
accordance with the law made  
and provided in such cases, notice  
is hereby given that GEORGE  
HEARD, Independent Executor,  
proposes to sell the aforesaid  
immovable property, at private  
sale, for the price and upon the  
terms set forth, and the heirs,  
legatees and creditors are  
required to make opposition, if  
any they have or can, to such  
course, within seven (7) days,  
including Sundays and holidays,  
from the day whereon the last  
publication of this notice appears.

BY ORDER of the 38th  
Judicial District Court, Cameron  
Parish, Louisiana, on this 10th  
day of January, 2008.

/s/ Debbie Savoie  
DEBBIE SAVOIE, DEPUTY  
CLERK OF COURT  
CAMERON PARISH

Run: Jan. 17 & 24 (J 18)

## PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish  
Waterworks District No. 10 met  
in Regular session on Monday,  
December 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.  
at the Johnson Bayou, Gravity  
Drainage Board. Members present  
were: Mrs. Connie Trahan,  
Mr. James Cox, Mr. Nathan  
Griffith, and Mr. Lloyd Bad

**LEGAL NOTICES**  
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Notice/default.asp and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx).

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server at [http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/oes/listservpage/ldeq\\_pp\\_listserv.htm](http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/oes/listservpage/ldeq_pp_listserv.htm).  
**All correspondence should specify AI Number 154147, Permit Number LA0123463, and Activity Number PER20070001.**  
Run: Jan. 17 (J 22)

**PROCEEDINGS**

Cameron Parish EMS  
Lower Cameron Parish Ambulance Service District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 13, 2007  
Meeting called to order at 4:15 p.m. by President Phyllis Pinch.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer was read by Ms. Pinch.  
Roll call: Present - Loston McEvers, Phyllis Pinch and Jo Ann Nunez.

Ms. Nunez motioned to approve the minutes for the September 19, 2007 meeting. Second by Mr. McEvers. None opposed. Motion carried.

The following amendments to the agenda were proposed:  
- Discuss new building facility  
- Tax millage renewal

Ms. Nunez motioned to approve the amendments to the agenda. Second by Mr. McEvers. None opposed. Motion carried.

Director, Byron Broussard, presented the director's reports for September and October 2007, which included monthly call volume, asset report, tax revenues received, payment report and expense report. Account adjustments were presented, approved and signed by the board president, Ms. Pinch.

Mr. Broussard also discussed the CD which is maturing on Nov. 22, and requested instructions from the board on how to manage the funds. Mr. McEvers motioned to renew the CD in the amount of the CD plus interest accrued to bring the total to \$450,000.00. Second by Ms. Nunez. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. McEvers motioned to approve and accept the director's report. Second by Ms. Nunez. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Broussard discussed the need to renew the 4.44 millage which expired in 2007.

The resolution attached hereto and identified as exhibit A was offered by Loston McEvers, seconded by Jo Ann Nunez and declared duly adopted.

Mr. McEvers opened discussion on the new building. New ideas and options for construction were discussed including possibly purchasing a modular building to be placed on a mound.

Ms. Nunez motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. McEvers. None opposed. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF CAMERON

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT, CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVYING OF A TAX OF FOUR AND FORTY FOUR (4.44) MILLS ON THE DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, COMMENCING WITH THE YEAR 2008, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHIN AND FOR SAID BOND CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioner of the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, as follows:

SECTION 1: Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by Article 6, Section 32 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution and Chapter and Chapter 6-A, Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a special election be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, (the "District"), on Saturday, March 11, 2008, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541), and that at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the United States, the Proposition set forth in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 2: Voting machines shall be used in the conduct of the election, and the Proposition to be submitted on the ballot in said voting machines shall be in substantially the following form:

**PROPOSITION**  
**SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT, CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO COLLECT FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF 4.44 MILLS PER ANNUM ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID DISTRICT (AN ESTIMATED \$357,000 REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE LEVY OF THIS TAX PER ANNUM) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRO-**

**VIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT?**

Shall the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, be authorized to levy a tax of four and forty four hundredths (4.44) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said district, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008, for the purpose of providing ambulance service within and for said District?

SECTION 3: The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana (the "District") is hereby authorized to cause to be published in the "Cameron Pilot", a newspaper published in DeQuincy, Louisiana, having general circulation throughout the Parish, and being the official journal of the Board of Commissioners, the governing authority of the District, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with not less than forty-five nor more than ninety days intervening between the date of the first publication and the date of the election, notice of said election, which notice shall be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth herein in full.

SECTION 4: The polling places set forth in "Exhibit A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election. The commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election are hereby appointed as such election officials by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

SECTION 5: The officers confirmed or designated to serve as commissioners-in-charge and commissioners, of such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S. 18:1287), as amended, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and make due returns to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana and the Board of Commissioners of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law.

SECTION 6: The Board of Commissioners, the governing authority of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's Office Building, Creole, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., and shall then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and count the votes, examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 7: The Secretary of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for the said special election, and to furnish to the said election officers in ample time for the holding of said special election the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election.

SECTION 8: Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law, provided however, that such notice shall be received by the Secretary of State on or before the forty-fifth day prior to the election.

SECTION 9: A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission for its consent and authority to conduct the election herein provided, and in the event the proposition submitted in said election is approved by the voters, for additional authority to levy the tax as provided for in the Proposition.

SECTION 10: A certified copy of this resolution, together with other showings required by Section 5 of the Voting Rights act of 1965 and Regulations pertaining thereto (28 C.F.R. 51.25) be submitted to the United States Attorney General for approval in compliance with the said Voting Rights Act.

SECTION 11: All orders, resolutions, and ordinances in conflict herewith be and they are hereby repealed.

The foregoing resolution was submitted to a vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Loston McEvers, Phyllis Pinch, JoAnn Nunez  
Nays: None  
Absent or Not Voting: Michael Booth, Christine Mooney  
And the resolution was declared adopted on this 13th day of November, 2007.

APPROVED:

/s/ Phyllis Pinch  
PHYLLIS PINCH,  
PRESIDENT LOWER  
CAMERON AMBULANCE  
SERVICE DISTRICT

ATTEST:  
/s/ Christine Mooney  
CHRISTINE MOONEY,  
SECRETARY

"EXHIBIT A"  
NOTICE OF  
SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on November 13, 2007, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the United States, the following Proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION**  
**SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT, CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO COLLECT FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF 4.44 MILLS PER ANNUM ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID DISTRICT (AN ESTIMATED \$357,000 REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE LEVY OF THIS TAX PER ANNUM) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE, WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT?**

Shall Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, be authorized to levy a tax of four and forty four hundredths (4.44) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District (an estimated \$357,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of this tax per annum) for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008, for the purpose of providing ambulance service within and for said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 1  
PRECINCT 2 PORTION;  
CAMERON PARISH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, CAMERON, LOUISIANA;

ELECTION DISTRICT 4  
PRECINCT 17 PORTION;  
GRAND CHENIER LIBRARY, GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA;

ELECTION DISTRICT 6  
PRECINCT 14 ALL; CAMERON PARISH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, CAMERON, LOUISIANA;

ELECTION DISTRICT 6  
PRECINCT 15 ALL; CAMERON PARISH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, CAMERON, LOUISIANA;

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's Office Building, Creole, Louisiana, on Wednesday the 19th day of March, 2008, at 4:00 P.M., and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at

said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, 13th day of November, 2007.

APPROVED:  
/s/ Phyllis Pinch  
PHYLLIS PINCH,  
PRESIDENT LOWER  
CAMERON AMBULANCE  
SERVICE DISTRICT

ATTEST:  
/s/ Christine Mooney  
CHRISTINE MOONEY,  
SECRETARY  
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**PROCEEDINGS**

Parish of Cameron  
December 10, 2007

The Cameron Parish School Board met at its regular meeting on this date, members in attendance are: Rachel Abadie, Scott Nunez, Loston McEvers, Dot Theriot, Dwayne Sanner, Patty Morris and absent was Marvin Trahan.

The prayer was led by Brett Richard and the pledge by Justin Trahan of the South Cameron High School 4-H Club.

On the motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved the agenda.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved the minutes as printed from the November 12, 2007 regular board meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board received the Reports:  
- Recognition of Hackberry High School as Class C "Cross Country State Runner-Ups"  
- Recognition of Grand Lake High School Football Coach Danny Miller on his 800th career victory in basketball.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board received the report on "100 Years of 4-H" report from Cameron Parish LSU Ag Center presented by Mrs. Ruby Miller, and 4-H members: Justin Trahan, Brett Richard, Alan Myers, Devon Richard and Cody Jouett. An award was presented to Stephanie D. Rodrigue, Superintendent, commemorating her status in the original 100 inductees to the "4-H Hall of Fame".

On the motion of Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved the resolution on acquisition of property at Johnson Bayou High School. (See attachment)

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved the payment of bills and acceptance of the financial statement for December, 2007, as presented by Margaret Jones.

On the motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved the adjustments to the Cameron Parish Substitute Pay Scale to reflect longer work days at 4-day schools, as presented by Mr. Sanner.

On the motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved for advertising for bids (one bid with per site pricing) to remove all remaining debris (typically, concrete and/or asphalt, walkways, structural metal) at the former sites of Cameron Parish School Board Central Office, Cameron Elementary School, Audrey Memorial Bus Maintenance Facility, South Cameron Elementary School and Grand Chenier Warehouse as presented by the Superintendent.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved advertising for bids (one bid with per site pricing) to clean ongoing debris and mow Cameron Parish School Board properties at the former sites of Cameron Parish School Board Central Office, Cameron Elementary School, Audrey Memorial Bus Maintenance Facility, South Cameron Elementary, and Grand Chenier Warehouse on a monthly basis, include time frames on the contract, as presented by Mrs. Theriot.

On the motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Nunez, the Board received monthly updates on FEMA Issues, as presented by the Superintendent.

Spreadsheet of current Project Worksheets, Obligations, Payments

Spreadsheet of NFIP Reductions (penalties for lack of flood insurance)

February 1, 2008 - Advertise for contractor bids for South Cameron High School and Cameron Parish School Board office (with approval dates scheduled for February 25, 2008 special meeting)

Project management funding and update

Administrative funding

On the motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board received

a report on the average teacher salaries in Louisiana with Cameron Parish as twelfth of sixty-nine school districts, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved the 2008 Cameron Parish School Board monthly meeting schedule, as presented by the Superintendent. (See Attachment)

On the motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board

Personnel Recommendations: The following personnel items are recommended by the Superintendent.

Stephanie D. Rodrigue, Superintendent  
December 10, 2007  
Personnel Report:  
Resignations:

Dalan Breaux Sign Language Interpreter, Grand Lake High School, effective November 15, 2007  
Dina Eloi Middle School/Secondary Spanish Teacher, Hackberry High School, Johnson Bayou High School, effective January 14, 2008  
Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement:  
Margaret Jones Business

Manager/Accounts Payable  
Cameron Parish School Board, effective on/about April 15, 2008  
Payment of 25 Unpaid Sick Leave Days:

Roxanne Richard Middle School Teacher, Hackberry High School  
Transfer:

Sheila Romine Gifted Teacher, Grand Lake High School, South Cameron High School; Temporary Secondary Library Duties, Grand Lake High School, for remainder of 2007-08 school year  
Appointments:  
Jessica Breaux Sign Language Interpreter, Grand Lake High School, effective December 11, 2007, for remainder of 2007-08 school year  
Temporary Appointments:  
Trevor Hebert Special Education Teacher, Grand Lake High School, effective December 11, 2007, for remainder of 2007-08 school year  
Martha Reynolds Temporary Gifted Teacher, Hackberry High School (home-base) and Johnson Bayou High School, effective December 11, 2007, for remainder of 2007-08 school year (paid as day-by-day substitute)  
Extended Sick Leave/Sabbatical Medical Leave:

Carolyn Rutherford Librarian, Grand Lake High School, effective January 14, 2008, for remainder of 2007-08 school year  
Extension of Spring Semester to Current Professional Improvement Sabbatical:  
Sharon Parsons Special education Teacher, Grand Lake High School, effective January 14, 2008, for remainder of 2007-08 school year  
Leave Without Pay:  
Torrey Bonsall Bookkeeper, South Cameron High School, effective approximately January 11 through March 16, 2008  
Kempa Savoie Computer Lab Manager, Grand Lake High School, effective January 3 through May 5, 2008  
Advertise:

Permission to advertise for current openings  
On the motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved the advertisement of the following:  
Advertise for 2 Business Managers, effective January 15, 2008  
General Fund, as well as other responsibilities  
Federal Funds including FEMA and other special projects, as well as other responsibilities (50% of salary to be paid with FEMA Admin Funds)  
Advertise for 1 full-time clerical, effective January 15, 2008  
Advertise for Construction Project Manager through Request for Qualifications Process (100% FEMA funded and in accordance with FEMA regs)  
Eliminate part-time Federal Programs Bookkeeper position, effective April 1, 2008  
On the motion of Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved entering into executive session for the following purposes:  
Ongoing property insurance litigation  
Routine six month evaluation of Superintendent  
ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Mr. Nunez, Mrs. Abadie, Mr. Sanner, Mr. McEvers, Mrs. Theriot and Mrs. Morris  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Trahan  
On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved returning to the regular board meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
YEAS: Mr. Nunez, Mrs. Abadie, Mr. Sanner, Mr. McEvers, Mrs. Theriot and Mrs. Morris  
NAYS: None  
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March 10, 2008, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 P.M.

April 14, 2008, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 P.M.

May 12, 2008, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 P.M.

June







**KAT KINGHAM** scored 14 points in the season opening game for Grand Lake. The final score was Lacassine 33, Grand Lake 27. It was a disappointing opener.

(Photo by Ron Gilbert.)



**BRETT GRIFFITH** (23) scored 25 points, an awesome performance, in a recent game against Lacassine. Grand Lake was in the game until the very end. This was a game that kept you on the edge of your seats. The final score was Lacassine 42, Grand Lake 39.

(Photo by Ron Gilbert.)

## It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By **KEITH HAMBRICK**



### Cameron Pilot, Jan. 16, 1975 FESTIVAL BIG SUCCESS

The 1975 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will have to go down in history as the "perfect" festival--the weather was beautiful, probably the largest crowds in the festival's 19 years turned out for the parade and night programs, and participation in the various events was excellent.

Alexis Alexander, Miss Jefferson Parish, was crowned as the 1975 Louisiana Fur Queen and Susan Woodgett of Cameron was named Miss Cameron Parish. Jerry G. Jones, Cameron attorney and member of the Louisiana Wildlife Commission, was named King Fur VII.

Miss Woodgett, in addition to being named Miss Cameron, won the Miss Personality Award at the Friday night program.

Runnersup for Miss Cameron were Cindy Morris, Marcia Wilkerson and Theresa Cheramie, 1st, 2nd and 3rd runnersup respectively.

In the Fur Queen contest Saturday night, first runnerup was Belinda Brown of Plaquemines Parish. Second runnerup was Susan Baccigalopi of Cameron Parish. Third runnerup was Jennifer Fincher of St. Mary Parish.

The finals in the trap setting and muskrat skinning contests were held on stage. J. A. Miller was first in trap setting Fletcher Miller second and Pete Trahan third.

In muskrat skinning, J. A. Miller retained his title with five rats skinned in 52.5 seconds. His younger brother Wade came in two-tenths of a second later, 52.7 seconds. Mrs. J. A. Miller retained her title of women's muskrat skinning champion. Second was Mrs. Robert Mudd and third was Mrs. Pete Trahan.

The women's nutria skinning title went to Mrs. Virgie Lege, Mrs. Robert Dahlan was second and Mrs. J. A. Miller was third. It was announced by Ward Fontenot that the Ed Swindell Award for the most outstanding float in the parade was won by the Hackberry Lions Club.

Special guests were introduced by J. B. Jones, festival president. They included James Domengeaux, president of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), who was responsible for helping the festival get Miss Genevieve de LaCasse, Miss Press France, as a guest at the festivities.

Other guests included Father Jean Marie Jammes of Paris, France, special envoy for the French government.

### SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RAISES

The Cameron Parish School Board indicated Monday that it intends to give all school employees a 2.5 percent cost of living raise effective Jan. 1, but action on the raise was delayed until the February meeting.

The motion for the raise was offered by Pat Doland of Grand Chenier who said the employees were suffering because of inflation.

But other board members urged that the final decision be postponed until after the Legislature, meeting now, acts on the proposed 5 percent increase for school personnel.

Despite the postponement of action on the wage increase, all board members indicated they would be in favor of a wage increase at the February meeting. Since the raise would be retroactive to Jan. 1, the delayed vote would not cost teachers any money.

### SURVEY OF SCHOOL IN DISTRICT 10

A preliminary survey of the repairs, remodeling and additions needed at schools in School District 10 were presented to the Cameron School Board Monday by Supt. U. W. Dickerson.

The district includes Cameron Elementary, South Cameron Elementary, and High and Grand Chenier Elementary Schools.

The three board members from the district said there are no plans to ask for any new taxes at this time. The primary purpose was to assign priorities to the various needs of the four schools and to take care of these needs as funds become available.

However, several members of the South Cameron Athletic Association present at the meeting, said their group would support a tax issue if it were dedicated to specific improvements, especially for the sports facilities.

### BUS PURCHASE IS DISCUSSED

Specifications for a new athletic bus for South Cameron High School were presented to the Cameron School Board Monday by Coach Baron Thomas and representatives of the Athletic Association.

The Cameron Police Jury recently agreed to give the school board all of the \$23,000 the jury will receive from the federal government in lieu-of-taxes on incomes of the two federal refugees in the parish. (In the past the jury had given the school board half of these funds.)

The \$23,000 was earmarked to go to a large athletic bus for South Cameron, with the understanding among school board and jury members that such funds will be made available to other schools in future years.

### BARON THOMAS IS 'COACH OF YEAR'

Baron Thomas, who guided the South Cameron Tarpons to within one game of the state Class AA state championship, has become the first Cameron Parish coach to be named the Southwest Louisiana Coach of the Year in the 25-year history of the award.

Thomas outdistanced all of the other nominees in the poll conducted by the American Press among all the coaches of the area. Thomas received a total of 41 votes, with the next highest nominee being Shannon Suarez of Sulphur with 24 votes.

The Winnsboro, Miss., native guided South Cameron in the state finals before the Tarpons were edged by Opelousas Catholic, 10-6.

South Cameron completed the regular season with an 8-1-1 record, finishing second to Marion in District 4-AA chase.

Thomas becomes the third youngest coach ever to win the honor in the award's 25-year history. Only Bennie Ellender, who won the award in 1953 and Bobby Banna, who copped the award in 1966 surpass Thomas.

## Several new programs to begin at local libraries

Representatives from the McNeese Financial Aid and Scholarship and Testing Offices will explain ways to get money for college. How to get aid from federal agencies and from work-study and loan programs, how to obtain a Pell grant, Federal Stafford Loan, Federal PLUS Loans and campus-based programs will be covered.

Pointers on filling out the Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) will be given. Scholarship application tips and where to look for scholarship money will be discussed. A list of web sites will be recommended. McNeese scholarships in particular will be pointed out. Call 475-8795, extensions 21 or 19, or visit the web site [www.calcasieu.lib.la.us](http://www.calcasieu.lib.la.us) for information.

Young Adult Librarians will display books about scholarships and college life and will have a bibliography available for students and parents to take home. This program will be given at the following locations and dates:

Central Library, 301 W. Claude Street - Jan. 29 - 7 p.m.

Sulphur Regional Library, 1160 Cypress Street - Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

Moss Bluff Library, 261 Parish Road - Febr. 25 - 6 p.m.

The Vinton Book Discussion Group will discuss the book "The Sunday Wife" by Cassandra King at the Fontenot Memorial Library, 1402 Center Street, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Black History Month Essay Contest: Middle and

high school students may find entry forms at school and public libraries or at [www.calcasieu.lib.la.us](http://www.calcasieu.lib.la.us) at the present time.

Entries may be turned in to any parish library by Feb. 8. First place winner receives a CD player, and the top three essays will be published in The American Press. For information, please call 475-8792, extension 21.

"Poetry Out Loud" - Central Library, 301 W. Claude Street, Lake Charles, Feb. 7 at 4:30 p.m. High School students are invited to choose a poem for the National Recitation Contest sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation and the Arts and Humanities Council of SWLA.

Poems should be selected from the book, "Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest," located at the reference desk of the Central and Sulphur Regional Libraries or online at [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org). Students are asked to memorize the poems and recite them to a panel of 3 judges.

Early arrivals may practice using the microphone. Judging will begin at 5 p.m. Students will compete on a school or library level, a regional level, and a state level.

Winners from Louisiana will receive \$200 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. to compete in the national championship. The NEA will award \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends to the winners.

Call 475-8792, extension 21, for information.

## Symptoms, causes, and treatments for headaches

(NAPSA) - Pressure around the eyes, throbbing pain, a tight band around your head--we can all recognize the onset of common headache symptoms, but did you know that different types of headaches should be treated differently?

"Headache pain can be disabling and make it difficult to accomplish the simplest of tasks," said Lindsey Stephens, pharmacist and director of best practices for Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. "Consulting your pharmacist with your headache symptoms will help ensure that you select the right medication and dosage to relieve your pain."

Medicine Shoppe Pharmacists offer the following information to help headache sufferers determine the type of headache they suffer from and how to treat it:

### Tension Headaches:

Symptoms: Constant or throbbing pain, often accompanied by tight muscles in the neck or head

Causes: Tension, stress, eye or muscle strain, depression, sleep changes, weather changes, certain foods and medications

Treatment: Over-the-counter (OTC) pain relievers, including aspirin, acetaminophen or ibuprofen

### Migraine Headaches:

Symptoms: Depending on the type of migraine, warning signs include flashing lights, colors and a prickly, hot or weak feeling on one side of the body followed by head pain, nausea, tiredness, depression or restlessness

Causes: Tension, bright

lights, loud noises, strong smells, weather changes, fatigue, missed meals, smoking, emotional upset and certain food triggers

Treatment: OTC migraine medications that include a combination of aspirin, acetaminophen and caffeine and/or prescription medications for migraines

### Sinus Headaches:

Symptoms: Deep and constant pain in the cheekbones, forehead or bridge of the nose that usually intensifies with sudden head movement or straining

Causes: Sinus congestion and inflammation

Treatment: Focuses around relieving sinus pressure and possible infection with antibiotics, antihistamines, decongestants or anti-inflammatory medications

Because headaches can be caused by an underlying health problem, it is important to consult a physician if headache pain persists or becomes severe.

As with all OTC medications, side effects are possible. In some cases, possible side effects can be the same as headache symptoms. Your pharmacist can help you choose a pain reliever that will help relieve your symptoms without causing additional suffering. Your doctor or pharmacist can also counsel you on lifestyle changes, including stress management and relaxation therapy, to help diminish the frequency and severity of headaches.

To access the Medicine Shoppe medication database or to find a nearby Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, visit [www.medicineshoppe.com](http://www.medicineshoppe.com).

## Tips on how to plant a tree for Arbor Day

By **DAN GILL**  
LSU AgCenter  
Horticulturist

Plant a tree for Arbor Day - here's how

The third Friday in January is Arbor Day in Louisiana, a day we set aside to appreciate trees and plant them. If you are thinking about adding some trees to your existing landscape, planting should ideally be done now through early March while it is cool and plants will have a chance to make root growth before it gets hot.

Trees are sold in one of two forms, container-grown or balled-and-burlapped.

Balled-and-burlapped trees are grown in the ground. When they reach the desired size, they are dug up with a soil ball, which is then tightly wrapped with burlap, fastened with nails and wrapped with twine or placed in a wire basket. When they are dug, the plants lose much or most of their root system and are prone to transplant shock, so they are best planted during the cooler months - October through early March.

Container-grown is the most common way people buy trees. These plants have well-developed root systems and suffer less transplant shock when planted. For this reason you may plant them virtually year round. Still, it is best to plant them from October to March during the milder weather we have then. Avoid planting in the stressful summer months.

There is not one perfect tree for Louisiana. All trees have advantages and disadvantages depending on the planting location and desired characteristics. Here are some points you need to consider:

Select a tree that will mature at the appropriate size. I cannot stress this too much. Generally, small trees are those that grow from 15 to 25 feet tall, medium-sized trees grow from 30 to 55 feet tall, and large trees are those that grow to 60 feet or taller.

Decide if you want a tree that retains its foliage year-round (evergreen) or loses its leaves in the winter (deciduous). Deciduous trees are particularly useful where you want shade in the summer and sun in the winter.

Choose trees that are well-adapted to Louisiana growing conditions.

Check the location of overhead power lines, and if you must plant under them, use small, low-growing trees. Also consider underground water lines and septic tanks as well as walks, drives and paved surfaces that may be damaged by the roots of large trees. Locate large trees at least 15 feet away from your house and paved surfaces.

When planting a tree, dig the hole at least twice the diameter of the root ball and no deeper than the height of the root ball. Remove a container-grown tree from its container, and place the tree gently onto the firm, undisturbed soil in the bottom of the hole. A root ball tightly packed with thick encircling roots indicates a rootbound

condition. Try to unwrap or open up the root ball to encourage the roots to spread into the surrounding soil.

Set balled-and-burlapped trees in the hole with the tree is in the hole, remove any nylon twine or wire basket that may have been used, and fold down the burlap from the top of the root ball.

The top of the root ball should be level with or slightly above the surrounding soil. It is critical that you do not plant the tree too deep.

Thoroughly pulverize the soil dug out from the hole and use this soil, without any additions, to backfill around the tree. Research shows that blending amendments such as peat moss or compost into the soil used to fill the hole slows establishment. As a tree grows, its roots will grow out well beyond the reach of its branches. Since the roots will spend most of the tree's life growing in native soil outside of the planting hole, they might as well get used to it from the beginning.

Add soil around the tree until the hole is half full, then firm the soil to eliminate air pockets, but do not pack it tightly. Finish filling the hole, firm again and then water the tree thoroughly to settle it in.

Adding fertilizer to the planting hole is not recommended, although it is all right to use some slow-release fertilizer in the upper few inches, if you like. The use of a root stimulator solution is optional.

Stake the tree properly if it is tall enough to be unstable; otherwise, it's not necessary. Generally, leave the support in place no more than nine to 12 months.

Keep the area 2 feet out from the trunk free from weeds and grass. This encourages the tree to grow faster by eliminating competition from grass roots and also prevents lawn mowers and string trimmers from damaging the bark at the base of the tree.

Water a newly planted tree whenever the weather is dry, particularly during the hot summer months. This is the single most important thing you can do to ensure its survival. To properly water a tree its first year, turn a hose on trickle and lay the end on top of the ground within 6 inches of the trunk. Let the water trickle for about 30 minutes. This should be done once or twice a week during hot, dry weather.

Get It Growing is a weekly feature on home lawn and garden topics prepared by experts in the LSU AgCenter. For more information on such topics, contact your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office or visit our Web site at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com). A wide range of publications and a variety of other resources are available.



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# 2008 Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival Parade



These were some of the Lake Charles National Guard members who rode on a float in the Fur Festival parade on Saturday, Jan. 12.



Employees and their families rode on this float sponsored by Cheniere, Inc. in the Fur Festival parade on Saturday, Jan. 12.



Family members who operate the Hurricane Café in Cameron entered this float in the Fur Festival parade Saturday, Jan. 12.



A perennial entry in the Fur Festival parade is the Bud beer truck driven by Charlie Thomas of Lake Charles. It is a Model T Ford.



These members of the South Cameron Lady Tarpons basketball team, which were state runners-up, rode in the Fur Festival parade Saturday, Jan. 12.



Children representing all of Cameron Parish's schools rode in a school bus in the Fur Festival parade on Saturday, Jan. 12.



Fur Festival President Johnny LeBlanc, left, and Parade Chairman Freddie Richard, right, are pictured before the start of the parade on Saturday, Jan. 12.



Louise Cole, president, and Charles Cole represented the Cameron NAACP chapter in the Fur Festival parade Saturday, Jan. 12.



Registrar of Voters Suzanne Sturlese and Deputy Registrar Michelle Richard were among the many local persons who rode in the Fur Festival parade on Saturday, Jan. 12.



Among the visitors to the Fur Festival Saturday, Jan. 12 were Lindsay Morris, Miss Outdoors, and Zachary Lewis, Little Mr. Outdoors, representing the National Outdoors Show of Maryland. The two festivals have exchanged delegations for about 50 years.



Two of the visiting queens in the Fur Festival parade on Saturday, Jan. 12 were Danielle Morrissey, 2007 Miss Bunny Festival (Iowa) from Lake Charles, and Amy Dupont, 2008 Miss Gulf Coast Cajun Queen from Port Neches, Tex. They were admiring some tigers, also in the parade.



The Fur Festival Grand Marshal Doug Chance is shown with Parade Marshals Yvonne Mhire, left, and Barbara Lou LeBlanc, right, at the parade held on Saturday, Jan. 12.



REFRESHMENTS AND a display in honor of 4-H's 100th birthday were provided after the Police Jury meeting Monday night. Parish Junior leaders Cody Jouett and Ethan Nunez are pictured. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE CAMERON PARISH Jr. Leaders kicked off the 100 Years of 4-H celebration at the Cameron library on Jan. 11. The leaders presented the people of Cameron Parish who were in 4-H when they were in high school with 100 year 4-H buttons and showed them some memories of the past with yearbooks from schools in Cameron Parish. (Photo by Cody Jouett.)

### Wii tournament set at Library

Teens will be taking over the Cameron Branch Library and will host a Wii bowling tournament Friday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. in the library. At that same time Guitar Hero III will also be available for playing on a PlayStation 2 console. Due to the generosity of some local teens donating the use of their gaming consoles for library patron use, the Cameron Branch Library teen programs will feature electronic gaming consoles along with other innovative programs for teens on Fridays at 1 p.m.



THE GAVEL was passed for 2008 - 09 at the regular meeting of the Cameron Parish School Board at the Creole Fire Station on Monday, Jan. 14. Dwayne Sanner, center, Hackberry District 2, was elected president and R. Scott Nunez, left, eastern Grand Lake District 3, was elected vice-president. Mr. Sanner credited the successes of the Cameron Parish School Board to former president Loston McEvers, right, Creole District 5, whose hard work, dedication and leadership moved the school system through the last three difficult years. (Photograph by Tracy Lannin.)



MENNONITE DISASTER Services is building four homes in Cameron Parish this spring, one in Cameron, two in Johnson Bayou, and one in Hackberry. The well organized group is wasting no time. This is five day's worth of work. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

### Grand Chenier Library Schedule

Grand Chenier Library announces their schedule is as follows:  
 "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., Fridays  
 Please call 538-2214 for more information.



### Ladies group to meet at SL Methodist

This Sunday afternoon, Jan. 20, Sweetlake Methodist will begin the "Fill My Cup" Ladies group. Each third Sunday of the month, from 4 - 6 p.m. all women throughout the parish are invited, regardless of religious affiliation. Coffee, tea, and finger foods will be served. The group will discuss topics of interest to Christian women. "Come join us for an informal time of comfort and joy," a church spokeswoman said.

### Two fairs to be held at G. Lake

Grand Lake High School will host their local Science Fair on Feb. 8 and the Social Studies Fair on Feb. 15. Mrs. Felisha Nunez and Ms. Susan Arnold will host a workshop to assist students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades with their science fair and social studies fair projects, and other teachers will be on hand to assist. The workshop will be held on Thursday, Jan. 17 and Tuesday, Jan. 22 after school from 2:30 - 4:40 p.m. in the art room. Each student must provide their own display board and should also bring any research collected for their project. A jump drive is suggested if they would like computer assistance. Any parents that would be willing to assist are welcome to attend. Also, if you've participated in or assisted with fairs in the past, please feel free to drop in and share your expertise with the students.

### Hackberry News By GRACE WELCH

Greg McBride of the American Press congratulated Mona Murphy of Hackberry on being the Grand Prize Winner. The Monday Morning Quarterback Contest for the Lake Charles American Press has been going on for over 17 weeks. Mona won the Grand Prize of \$1500. There were 17 winners of \$150 each.



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