



ON JAN. 26, in Baton Rouge the Louisiana High School Athletic Association chose 74 high school athletes to form the 2004 LHSAA Football Academic Composite Team. Dane Dupont, senior, from South Cameron High School was honored as a member of this team as a 4.0 defensive end.

## Subdivision permit asked

Joe Devall, c/o Arabie Environmental Solutions, Lake Charles has applied for a Coastal Use Permit to construct a 15-lot subdivision, Channel View Harbor on the Calcasieu Ship Channel at Hackberry.

A 1,215 by 60 foot canal will be dredged. On the south side of the canal, the lots were previously authorized under a previous permit but no construction has been done. New lots will be provided on the north side.

## New homes at G. Lake

Calcasieu Lake Home-owners Assoc., c/o Arabie Environmental Solutions, has applied for a Coastal Use Permit for work to be done in construction of ten new homes on Calcasieu Lake in the Grand Lake area.

The work will include constructing a road embankment and providing fill for the lots. Multiple piers and decks also will be constructed in the lake.

## Grand Lake PTA plans Feb. event

The Grand Lake School PTA is hosting a dinner and auction Saturday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. The event will be held in the Grand Lake School gym with entertainment provided by The Little Chenier Playboyz. There will be silent and live auctions, with the live being conducted by Mike Montie.

Tickets are now being sold at the Grand Lake School office, Cameron State Bank in Grand Lake or by contacting a PTA member. The meal includes a choice of chicken and sausage gumbo or crawfish etoufee. Each dinner will be served with potato salad, roll, dessert, and tea.

To donate additional items or for questions, please contact Jendi Benoit at 598-3247.

## Senior dinner

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Daughters will host a senior citizens dinner at the Msgr. Vidrine Educational Building (behind the church) on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. All Cameron Parish senior citizens are invited to attend. Lunch will be served followed by bingo.

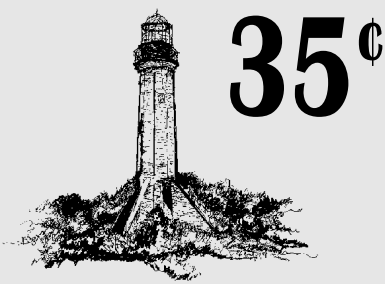
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THIS NORTHERN GANNET found itself in Cameron last week, too weak to fly. It was taken to Heckhaven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lake Charles. The Northern Gannet, a type of booby, is almost the size of a pelican. It has a very powerful and sharp beak, blue eyes, a light brown head, gray feet, and a 70" wing-spread. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Unusual bird rescued after landing on boat

By CYNDI SELLERS

Cameron Sheriff's Deputy Paul Sellers was called out last week to help capture an unusual feathered visitor. A large, angry, white bird with a very sharp beak had landed on a boat about two miles offshore. When the boat landed at AB Dock the bird resisted being moved from the deck, leaving personnel with cut hands and a healthy respect for its space.

Sellers and others managed to subdue the bird and tape its bill shut, then handed it over to Kathy Richard in Holly Beach, who operates a bird rescue station and marine mammal stranding center. Richard tentatively identified the visitor as a type of Booby, related to the well-known Blue-footed Booby of the Galapagos Islands.

It turned out to be a Northern Gannet, the largest of the North American boobies. The Northern Gannet spends its winters over the open sea from Virginia to the central Gulf of Mexico, and is not usually seen this far west. Richard says she rescues two or three boobies a year at the beach, however.

Richard has limited space for large birds, so as soon as possible she sent it to Heckhaven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lake Charles, operated by Suzy Heck. She says she often sends birds to Heckhaven, the only licensed rehabilitation center in the area, where they can receive medical attention and have a large and well-equipped environment in which to recuperate.

Heck often receives birds from Cameron Parish. There are two brown pelicans and two white pelicans presently sharing the center's large, front-yard pond with an assortment of geese and ducks.

She suspects that the hurricanes in Florida last summer have disrupted the feeding grounds, sending the bird

farther afield searching for food. This one appeared to be undernourished, but otherwise healthy. She hopes it will soon feel well enough to fly back to the Gulf.

Cameron Parish residents can help these birds.

Heckhaven is a 501c non-profit agency, which is totally supported by public donations and out-of-pocket contributions. The Center takes any animal, except dogs or cats, which have been orphaned or injured. In 2004 it took in almost 800 wild mammals, raptors, and waterfowl, including the above mentioned pelicans and a Bald Eagle which had tangled with an airplane.

Since feeding all these creatures can be quite a chore (a pelican eats 4-6 pounds of fish a day), Heck welcomes donations of fish and fish parts, meat, poultry, fruits, vegetables, bread, dog and cat food, etc.

Freezer burned or just old frozen food being cleaned out at this time of year can be used at the center. Fishing by-catch and parts leftover from filleting can be frozen and delivered periodically. Heck says, "Whatever you have - let us be the judge as to whether we can use it or not."

The goal of the Center is to release all wild creatures back into the wild as soon as they are ready to survive. Animals receive veterinarian care and medication when called for. More information about the Heckhaven WRC can be found on line at [www.snowhawk.com/heckhaven](http://www.snowhawk.com/heckhaven). Heck can be contacted directly at 477-6129, [Suzy@heckhaven.com](mailto:Suzy@heckhaven.com), or [HECKHAVEN@aol.com](mailto:HECKHAVEN@aol.com). The center is located at 6927 Starboard Drive in Lake Charles, near Graywood golf course.

Kathy Richard can be reached at 569-2603 and located at 2112 Egret St. in Holly Beach. She can use bird cages, pet carriers and food items, as well.

## Creole Trail meeting set Feb. 15th

Cheniere Energy, Inc. will hold a public meeting on the Creole Trail Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal and Creole Trail Pipeline at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15 in the Cameron Multi-Purpose building behind the courthouse in Cameron.

The meeting will provide information on the LNG project for affected landowners and the general public.

Public comments will be welcomed.

Similar public meetings will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16 at the Holiday Inn Express in Sulphur, and on Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Holiday Inn in Jennings.

Ground will be broken in a few weeks on the new LNG facility site which is on the west side of the Calcasieu ship channel between the Cameron ferry landing and the West Fork of the Calcasieu River.

The 1643-acre facility will be the largest North American LNG receiving terminal. The company plans to dock between 300 and 400 LNG ships at the terminal per year. The ships will carry supercold natural gas in large tanks.

THIS MAP shows the proposed location of a meter station and pipeline that Pearl Crossing LNG plans to build at Johnson Bayou. The pipeline will run north along the Sabine Lake to a meter station at Starks in Calcasieu Parish.

## Pearl River LNG permit is sought

The Pearl River LNG Terminal LLC and Pearl River Pipeline LLC have applied for a Coastal Use Permit to construct an LNG terminal near Johnson Bayou and pipelines for the distribution of natural gas.

The terminal will be constructed in federal waters and from that point two 42-inch

lines will be installed to connect with a proposed meter station located at Johnson Bayou.

A 42-inch onshore pipeline will be constructed north along the shore of Sabine Lake to connect with a proposed Transco meter station at Starks in Calcasieu Parish.

## Oyster task force is named by Police Jury

By CYNDI SELLERS

The newly created Lake Calcasieu Oyster Task Force now has seven members, due to action Monday night by the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

The Task Force, created by the legislature to assist the oyster industry, is required to have three members representing oyster harvesters, two oyster buyers, and two retailers.

The jury appointed harvesters Oren DeBarge, Kyle Swoope, and Joseph Dyson; buyers Reuben Doxey and Roosevelt Fountain, Jr.; and retailers Bobby Stutes and Carlton Styron.

The Lake Calcasieu Oyster Task Force will meet once a quarter and will appoint a member to the state oyster task force.

Charles Cole read a resolution by the Cameron NAACP chapter requesting the Police Jury to allow the placement of a marker on the courthouse grounds commemorating the contributions of black soldiers throughout United States history.

The jury agreed to do so, providing the marker was similar to the existing historical marker and the wording was approved by the State Historical Society. Funds for the marker are to be provided by the NAACP.

Grand Chenier resident

Teddy Broussard expressed several concerns to the jurors. He asked the jurors to try to work together and "quit playing politics with the people of Cameron Parish."

He also asked the jury to look into the business dealings of South Cameron Hospital's management company, Pacer, regarding several rumors he had heard.

Broussard's third concern related to new state regulations requiring all new fixed butterfly fishing docks to be at least 1000' apart. District Attorney Cecil Sanner was asked to check into both the hospital and the dock concerns.

### MOTOR GRADER MATTER

The question of the lease-purchase of a new motor grader for the parish was settled, at least for now. Jurors Charles Precht, Scott Trahan, Darryll Farque, Steve Trahan, and Douaine Conner all expressed a desire to reconsider the action in light of the fact that all the parish's graders are currently in working order.

The Grand Lake area grader has recently had its engine replaced and is expected to be back in service in a few days. The Grand Chenier grader has had transmission work done and is also back in service.

All the jurors felt that it would be better to wait until another breakdown occurs and then pay the \$2000 monthly rental on a replace-

ment until a new grader can be advertised for bid again.

Only one provider had bid on the lease purchase: Scott Construction Equipment bid \$100,098 at \$1,916.78 per month for 60 months. Jurors hope to have more bids if it comes up again.

All of the parish's graders are 28-30 years old and in need of frequent repair, according to Parish Road Foreman Ellis Nunez.

Bids were awarded to David Cook Trucks & Equipment - \$400 for the sale of a used fire truck from Fire District #15 - and Louisiana Radio Communications - \$39,904 for the purchase of E-911 console equipment. The 911 equipment will be purchased with a Homeland Security grant.

### LIBRARY BIDS

The jury voted to advertise for bids on the Grand Chenier Branch Library. Bids will be opened March 22. Construction is expected to take 6-7 months following the awarding of the contract.

Library Board members John Calzada and Wanita Harrison, who serve on the building committee, said they are very excited by the prospect of having the Grand Chenier Branch open before the end of the year.

Jurors voted to enter into an interagency agreement with Fire District #10 to pay \$1000 to the district for their used van. The van will be

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## W. T. Block collection is donated to McNeese

Kathie Bordelon, McNeese library archivist, has begun a "W. T. Block Collection" at the library similar one at Lamar University in Beaumont and Steen Library in Nacogdoches.

Mr. Block, who lives in Nederland, Tex., has written historical stories for the Cameron Pilot. He has family connections to Johnson Bayou, Cameron and Grand Chenier.

He has written hundreds of historical stories and books on the history of East Texas and Western Louisiana.

William Theodore (W. T.) Block was born in Port Neches July 29, 1920, the son of W. T. "Will" Block, Sr. and Sarah Jane Sweeney. He was



W. T. Block, Jr.

in the anti-aircraft artillery corps of the U. S. Army early during WW II, and met his

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THIS WHITE PELICAN is also a resident at Heckhaven WRC. The pelicans at the center eat about 4-6 pounds of fish a day. Donations of fish or money are welcome. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



LISA ROMERO celebrated Mardi Gras while working on the Cameron Ferry. She said people kept giving her beads but they got too heavy to wear after a while. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

# Funerals



## JEREMY BLAINE ERBELDING

Jeremy Blaine Erbeling, 33, left this life Jan. 31, 2005 in Missoula, Montana, recently moving there to start a new job.

He was born on January 25, 1972 to J. B. Erbeling III and Elsie Jinks Erbeling. Growing up in Johnson Bayou enjoying all the things that the beautiful Louisiana marshland had to offer. Growing up Blaine loved duck hunting, trapping, alligator hunting and anything else that had to do with the outdoors. Blaine was an accomplished athlete in high school where he participated at the state championship level. After high school Blaine started a career in welding and quickly became a craftsman that was looked to as a true problem solver and man who could be depended on to get the job done when it counted.

Blaine had the heart and soul of a giant and will be missed desperately by all of those who knew him so very much. With his gentle nature, quick smile and wonderful sense of humor, he touched the life of every person who

had the great honor to know him. Blaine was an avid outdoorsman, he was happiest when spending time with family, hunting and fishing. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Some of his favorite times involved cooking for friends, storytelling, and helping anyone in need. When not working, Blaine would be found enjoying the beautiful marshland and the family he loved dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Kera, one daughter, Bryce, and a son, Blaynton; his mother, Elsie Erbeling and grandmother Thelma Jinks of Johnson Bayou, a sister, Pat Jones and husband Roby of Evadale, Texas, two brothers Dwight Erbeling and wife Judy of Johnson Bayou, and Wallace Erbeling and wife Kathy of Sulphur, Louisiana as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father J. B. Erbeling III and grandparents Joseph and Amy Erbeling and Roland Jinks.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 12, 2005 at Johnson Bayou Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers a trust fund has been set up for his family at the following address:

Bryce and Blaynton Erbeling, Account: 947107 C/O Whitefish Credit Union, P. O. Box 37, Whitefish, MT 59937.

(Paid Memorial)

## BARBARA MEYERS

Mrs. Barbara J. Meyers, 68, of Hackberry died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 in a Sulphur hospital. Cremation was under the direction of Robison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Meyers was a native of Corsicana, Tex. and a resi-

# Council on Aging Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 13 - Senior Valentine Party, Lighthouse Mission, 5 p.m., bring finger foods.

Monday, Feb. 14 - Cameron, Pokeno 9 a.m. Grand Lake, Bingo 9 a.m. Johnson Bayou, KC Bingo and Health Screening 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15 - Cameron, Pokeno and Exercise 9 a.m. Creole, Dr. Dent 11 a.m. (dental care.) Grand Lake, Dominoes 9 a.m., Penny Thibodeaux 10 a.m. (heart health), Grand Chenier, Bingo 1 p.m. Hackberry, Bingo 9 a.m., Julie Galley (heart health) 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 - Cameron, Bingo & Health Screening 9 a.m. Creole, Bingo 9 a.m. Grand Lake, Dr. Phillip Conner (heart health) 9 a.m. Hackberry, Rose Doolittle (gambling addiction) 10 a.m. Johnson Bayou, Rose Doolittle 11 a.m. Dominos Pizza, fund raiser in Cameron.

Thursday, Feb. 17 - Cameron, Pokeno 9 a.m. Johnson Bayou, Bingo 9 a.m. Food For Seniors. Dominos Pizza, fund raiser in Creole.

Friday, Feb. 18 - Cameron, Pokeno & Exercise 9 a.m. Johnson Bayou, Puz

dent of Hackberry for the past 21 years. She was a member of United Methodist Church.

She had retired as a nurse.

Survivors include her husband, Leroy Meyers, Hackberry; two sons, Steve Sullivan and wife Shelia, Sulphur and Alton Sullivan and wife Donna, Cameron; step-father, Martin Guidry, Sulphur; step-son Alan Meyers and wife Janet, Oklahoma City; step-daughters, Cheryl Badon and husband Raymond, Johnson Bayou; Connie Badon and husband Gary, Johnson Bayou; Pauline Willis, Cameron; five grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

## FRANK BURNETT PICKETT

Frank Burnett Pickett, 63, of Creole died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005 in his residence.

He was born and lived most of his life in Cameron, was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, and church choir of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Cathedral.

He played taps for military funerals and was a member of the John Leger and the Debris Band.

Survivors include one son, Frank David Pickett of Lake Charles; two daughters, Katrina Noel Pickett of Lake Charles and Erika Danielle Pickett of Cameron; one brother, Billy Pickett of Springfield, Tenn.; three sisters, Ilene Pickett of Austin, Tex., Diane Allen of Houston, Tex., and Charlotte Pickett of Austin, Tex.; and five grandchildren.

His funeral will be at 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Joseph McGrath officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole. Visitation will be Thursday from 8 a.m. until service time.



# Daughter of Rex's captain corrects name spelling

(EDITOR'S NOTE--On Dec. 23, 2004, the Pilot reprinted an article originally written by Mrs. George Nunez of Cameron and published in the Dec. 23, 1971 issue of the Pilot. In the article, Mrs. Nunez, who is now deceased, told about her memories of the old Borealis Rex, the river boat that ran between Cameron and Lake Charles prior to the opening of the roads into lower Cameron. The Pilot has now received the following letter from Mrs. Lorena H. Buckley of Lake Charles, the daughter of the captain of the Rex.)

## W. T. BLOCK

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first wife, Maria Elisabeth Kothe in Germany shortly after the end of the war.

They settled in Nederland, Texas in 1947, where Block became assistant postmaster until 1972, when he was transferred to postmaster at Orange, Texas. He retired from there in 1973 and took over as director of the campus post office at Lamar University where he remained for the next ten year. He retired a second time in 1983.

Block earned his Master's Degree in History from Lamar University and authored a number of books, including Sour Lake, Texas: From Mud Baths to Millionaires, Cotton Bales, Keelboats, and Sternwheelers: A History of The Sabine River and Trinity River Cotton Trades and Early Sawmill Towns of The Louisiana-Texas Borderlands.

After losing his first wife in 1992, W. T. remarried in 1996 to Helga Woods, and continues to be active re-searching and writing about the history of Texas and Western Louisiana. This collection consists of some of the manuscript chapters from his book "East Texas Mill Towns and Ghost Towns" which includes information about sawmills, tram roads and logging camps in East Texas. There are also manuscripts about Louisiana sawmills.

## What is Love?

Here are what some kids ages between 5 and 10 say: **What is the proper age to get married?**

"Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife." (Tom, 5)

**What do most people do on a date?**

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." (Mike, 9)

**When is it okay to kiss someone?**

"You should never kiss a girl unless you have enough bucks to buy her a big ring and her own VCR, cause she'll want to have videos of the wedding." (Jim, 10)

**On what falling in love is like:**

"Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." (Roger, 9)

"If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long." (Leo, 7)

**On the role of good looks in love:**

"If you want to be loved by somebody who isn't already in your family, it doesn't hurt to be beautiful." (Jeanne, 8)

"It isn't always just how you look. Look at me, I'm handsome like anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet." (Gary, 7)

"Beauty is skin deep. But how rich you are can last a long time." (Christine, 9)

Concerning why lovers often hold hands:

"They want to make sure their rings don't fall off because they paid good money for them." (Dave, 8)

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# Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

## KC MEETING

The Knights of Columbus of Hackberry will hold a meeting Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Catholic Hall.

The KC Council 11576 of Hackberry will have Recollection at St. Peter's Church Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Father Jerome Frey.

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Confirmation candidates will be leaving Saturday, Feb. 12 at 8 a.m. from the church to attend the special olympics.

## SENIOR CITIZENS BIRTHDAYS

Senior citizens celebrating birthdays in February are:

Willie Mae Alford; Lois Meyers and Leroy Meyers, twins; Donald Broussard; Alfred Devall; Verna Lee Kyle; Kenneth Ducote; Lawrence Little; Beverly Goodrich; William Little; Norris Schexnider; Lula Mae Swire.

## Pizza sales benefits elderly

Pizza will be sold in Cameron on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at Gulfway Donuts and in Creole Thursday, Feb. 17 at Mac's Shack from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. to benefit the programs sponsored by the Cameron Council on Aging and the Cameron Community Action Agency, serving the elderly and low income families in Cameron Parish.

By LORENA H. BUCKLEY

There were a few errors in my fathers name. My father, Capt. James Hanson was the captain of the Borealis Rex when it went down in the 1918 storm.

I well remember the storm as we were living here in Lake Charles at the time. My mother was Maggie Mae Rogers, born in Cameron.

I well remember the name of Joe Roux, my cousin Maude Bonsall married Emile Roux so there is a big connection in the family.

Yes we had four daughters in our family. I am the last of the girls, Lorena Buckley.

I have several relatives in Cameron, the Hayes Picou family, Pete Picou is my favorite.

I just thought you would like to get the name Hanson instead of Manson. Really I don't know how the name Manson was listed instead of Hanson.

Brenda Picou was the one who brought it to my attention. It was like Mrs. Nunez and I had the pleasure of riding on the Rex with my father. He would let me blow the old whistle on the Rex as it was landing. Happy Memories.

## Correction

The following names were inadvertently left off the recently published Cameron Elementary Honor and Banner Rolls:

First grade honor roll: Alisha Patel.

Seventh grade honor roll: Ross Rowland and Dex Murphy.

Seventh grade banner roll: Alex Bonsall.

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# Cameron district is rated higher

By SHAWN MARTIN  
American Press

Less than a week after the financial risk ranking of the state's 68 school districts was released, the numbers have been revised, putting the Vernon Parish district atop the list as the best statewide.

The revised numbers also resulted in improved rankings for Southwest Louisiana's five remaining school districts.

The risk analysis looks at several factors, including audit opinions, a district's capacity to financially support public schools, and enrollment figures.

In the analysis, the lower the points and the higher the ranking, the better for the school district.

Here's a look at the revised Southwest Louisiana school district risk rankings:

\*Vernon, 0 points, 68th in the state. (Vernon's original score of five points for a decline in student enrollment was removed, resulting in the change).

\*Calcasieu, 10 points, 64th in the state. (Unchanged).

\*Beauregard, 14 points, 61st in the state. (Beauregard received a nine-point deduction).

\*Cameron, 20 points, 56th in the state. (With the revised numbers, Cameron went from 58th to 56th).

\*Allen, 29 points, 48th in the state. (Allen received a five point deduction and moved into a better ranking).

\*Jeff Davis, 35 points, 38th in the state. (Jeff Davis received a nine-point deduction, but its ranking remained unchanged.)

The worst financial risk ranking was assigned to the newly created city of Baker school district, with 340 points; 300 points are automatically assigned to new districts.

Grade Twelve - Stephanie Anne Cox; Natalie Dia Griffith; Marcus Allen B. Jinks; Gene Mitche McKenney; Wesley Glen Roberts.

# Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith



I have spent two days this week playing bridge and meeting new friends here at the village. I love to meet new people, especially those near my age. I was recommended to a new bunch by Annie Laurie Miller. She is an avid bridge player, and is originally from Grand Chenier where she still owns the family home (The Dr. Miller home). Annie Laurie lives in another retirement home here in Baton Rouge, the Williamsburg.

One of the highlights of the Mardi Gras celebration here in Baton Rouge was the "Krewe of Mutts" parade that rolled through downtown Baton Rouge this weekend. This is where the participants sniffed and were sniffed by participants. They were dogs. I'm sure my Beau would have loved to participate, but was unable to do so, because his mistress is not able to walk that far.

I read in the Cameron Pilot that Jennifer Jones was named Cameron's Citizen of the Year for her various services to the community and her activities in the field of law and in her church.

I also saw in our paper that the state Oyster task force is opposing a proposed canal in New Orleans, and their chairman Mike Voisin said "At this time in the his-

tory of our state, I don't see why we need a 9-mile canal. We have a natural disaster occurring before our eyes and I don't see why we should be aiding and abetting it with this kind of project."

The Louisiana Oyster Task Force and the Gulf Restoration Network, have joined forces, including Gov. Blanco to deny the permit.

The state has lost 1900 square miles since 1932 and scientists say about 36 percent of the loss was by digging canals. A lot of this loss has been in Cameron Parish.

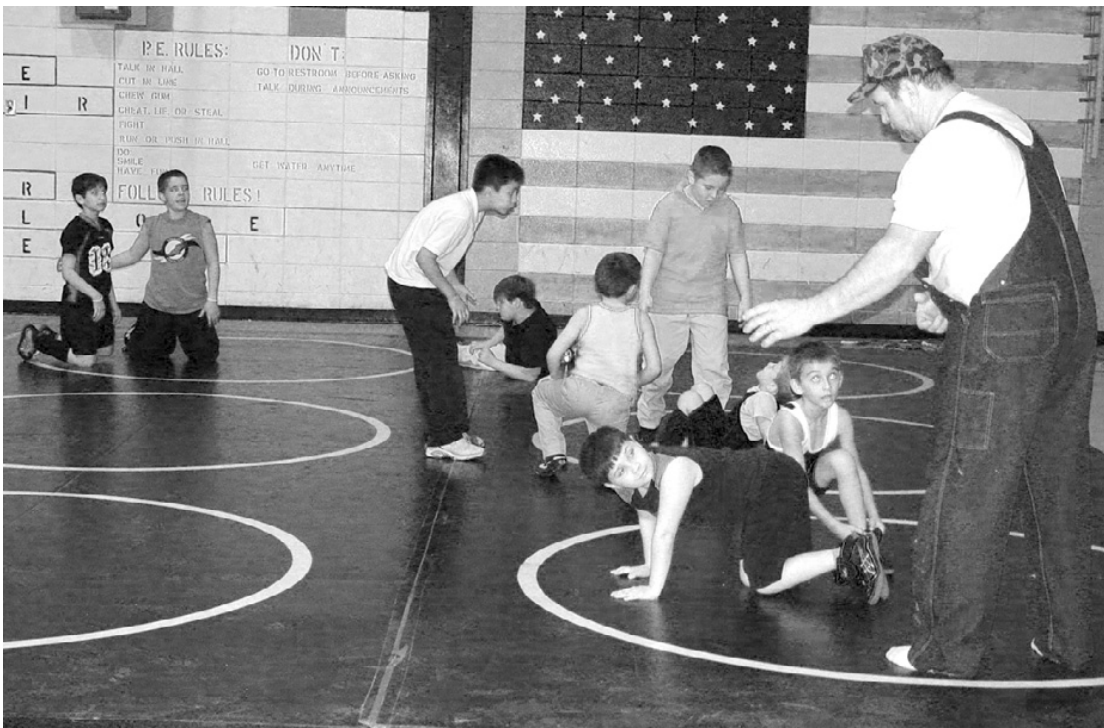
## Birth told

CALEB MICHAEL WOOLDRIDGE

Charles and Tara Wooldridge of Killeen, Tex. have announced the birth of a son, Caleb Michael, Jan. 25.

Grandparents are Sheryl and Charles Wooldridge of Hackberry and Mary and the late Fred Hatt of Bedford, Tex.

Great grandparents are Charles Wooldridge of DeRidder, Theresa Ruth of Florida and James Wells of Richmond, Ind.



CAMERON ELEMENTARY school has begun their new year for wrestling. Coach Doxy is shown getting some of them into shape for their first meet of the year on Feb. 19 in Sulphur.

## Johnson B. honor lists

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Due to a computer error, the Johnson Bayou Banner and Honor Rolls were not complete as recently printed. The following is the corrected list of students.)

### BANNER ROLL

Grade One - Jeremy M. Strickland.  
Grade Two - Catarina Shel Hebert; Derek Quade Storm;  
Grade 4 - Kaitlin Nich Billiot; Allison Renee Romero; Dustin Anthon Romero; Kristopher Al Trahan.  
Grade Nine - Tiffany Lain Caudill; Aaron Joseph Jinks; Randy Alan Scroggins; Destiny Dela Sonnier.  
Grade Ten - Andrew Steven Bant; Bailey J. Oswald; Blaine Peavy Trahan; Justine Nicho Trahan.  
Grade Eleven - Corbett S. Billodeaux; Katrina Marie McGee; Lacci Renee' McNiel; Laura Linn Trahan; Katie Ann Young.

Grade Twelve - Sarah Dawn Conner; Britni Lynn Oswald; Shanna Lynn Romero; Rustin Paul Trahan.

### HONOR ROLL

Grade One - Shae Alexus Cramer; Blake James Hebert; Kaitlyn Hope McNiel; Kahli Jo Peloquin; Noah Steven Trahan.  
Grade Two - Kevin Way Harrington; Daria Jane Jinks; Hunter Gabriel McGee; Neal James Miguez; Tristan Ethan Trahan; Keylee Young.  
Grade Three - Bailey Brooke Badon, Alexis Sierra Call; Ian William Griffith; Richard James Kiffe, Briana Shonte Romero; Breanna J. Strickland; Kirsten Gabryel Webb.  
Grade Four - Blake Anthony Badon; Bailey Jo Bourriague; Cade Randall Cramer; William Josep Cramer; Marcus Scot Fontenot; Zachary Paul Hebert; Colton Blake Jinks;

## Lunch menus for schools

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish Schools for the week beginning Feb. 14 are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 14 - Soft tacos, fixings cup, Ranch Beans, apple crisp, salsa, flour tortillas.

Tuesday, Feb. 15 - Meatballs for gravy, brown gravy, rice, green beans, chilled peach slices, peanut butter spread, yeast rolls.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, buttered corn, tossed salad, peanut butter cookie, garlic toast.

Thursday, Feb. 17 - Baked chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit cup, brown gravy, biscuits.

Friday, Feb. 18 - Fish portion, cole slaw, oven fries, banana pudding, catsup, hamburger bun.

## POLICE JURY Cont. from Pg. 1

dedicated to the Animal Control officer, replacing a seriously worn-out truck.

Another interagency agreement was approved between the jury and Fire District #14 for the use of a playground area.

After a public hearing, and finding no opposition, the jury agreed to abandon the last 100' of Carter Road in Cameron for homeland security reasons.

### ORDINANCE AMENDED

The much discussed dog ordinance and noise ordinance were finally amended. Both ordinances now will state that first offenses can be paid out of court. No other changes were made.

In other business, Edward Racca, Jr. was re-appointed to Gravity Drainage Dist. #3; Tony Trahan was appointed to Fire District #10, replacing Larry Jinks who resigned; Jim Cox was appointed to fill a vacancy on Waterworks Dist. #10; and Martha Reynolds was appointed to Sewerage Dist. #10, replacing Lynwood Trahan who resigned.

Christopher J. Conner was issued a liquor permit for MermentEau Convenience and Seafood in Grand Chenier.

Dylan Gabri Morrison; Chase Aus Schwarzna.

Grade Five - Kascidy Montgo Badon; Britney M. Bourriague; Bethany Rae-L Oswald; Harmony Miche Trahan.

Grade Seven - Michael Jerre Trahan.

Grade Eight - Tabatha L. Harrington; Taylor Dean Romero; Brittany Ayann Smith; Tenikka Rae Stanley; Christian Lyn Viator.

Grade Nine - Charmayne Barentine; Naomi Nichole Conner; Leslie Marie Fincher; Brad Cody Fontenot; Paige Maedale Jinks; Reva Ann Joubert; Christopher C. Romero; Kimberly Nico Tahan; Kandace Brooke Young.

Grade Ten - Keith Michael Badon; Joseph Ash Boudreaux; Shalyn Mic Broussard; Darrel James Conner; Cody Allen Meaux; Travis John Romero; Holly Michelle Simon.

Grade Eleven - Crystan Carol Badon; Katrina Ann LeJeune; Melissa Sue McCrory; Kaitlyn Peavy-Storm; Sabrina Sandifer; Natasha Nicole Smith; Sarah Ann Tingler; Sunny Jean Trahan; Timothy Adam Trahan.

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Over the past 11 years, the Center has provided therapy to hundreds of area children with cognitive, physical and psychosocial disorders such as Multiple Sclerosis, Down Syndrome, Autism, ADHD, and those with developmental delays. Hippotherapy is a medical treatment provided by specially trained horses and therapists in a natural environment. The Center is the first hospital-owned-and-operated center of its kind in America.

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THE JOHNSON BAYOU Rebels played the Hyatt Bulldogs in a district game played Tuesday, Jan. 25. The Rebels' efforts to cage their opponents fell short with a final score of Hyatt 57, Rebels 44.

# Basketball

By CHRIS MUELLER

**BASKETBALL BOYS**

**Elton 81; South Cameron 45** - John Lute led the Tarpons with 12 points. Lance Braxton scored 9 points and Jaylon Balkl added 8 points.

**Bell City 64; Grand Lake 44** - Brett Griffin led the Hornets with 12 points. Deon Bergeron added 10 points.

**Johnson Bayou 67; Starks 47** - Blaine Trahan hauled in 22 points for the Rebels and DJ Conner added 21. Ashton Boudreaux scored 11 points.

**Johnson Bayou 74; Singer 53** - Blaine Trahan led all scorers with 29 points. DJ Conner added 18 and Wesley Roberts scored 14 points.

**Merryville 90; South Cameron 39** - John Lute scored 14 points for the Tarpons and Jaylon Ball added 10 points.

**Lacassine 62; Grand Lake 40** - Brett Griffith was the leading scorer for the Hornets with 14 points and the Hornets with 14 points and Brett Crochet added 8 points.

**Hyatt 41; Hackberry 39** - The 9th ranked Mustangs outscored the 4th ranked Bulldogs 25-17 but fell just short of the upset win. Jay Sanner and Caleb Hicks led the Mustangs with 15 points each.

**GIRLS**

**Elton 57; South Cameron 54** - Whitney Richard scored 14 points and pulled down 12 rebounds for the Lady Tarpons. Kayla Rutherford scored 15 points and Rachel Fountain added 12 points.

**Bell City 50; Grand Lake 31** - Tabitha Nunez was the leading scorer for the Lady Hornets with 11 points. Sonia Lavergne added 8 points.

**Starks 54; Johnson Bayou 41** - Kayla Valentine scored 10 points for the Lady Rebels.

**Merryville 74; South Cameron 37** - D'Nae Desonnier led the Lady Tarpons with 14 points.

**Lacassine 72; Grand Lake 27** - The Lady Hornets were led by Elizabeth Reon with 12 points.

**Hackberry 66; Hyatt 8** - The 2nd ranked Lady Mustangs were led by Amanda Miller with 14 points. Desi Picou added 10 points. The Lady Mustangs kept the Lady Bulldogs off the board until the third period.

**Singer 76; Johnson Bayou 45** - Charmayn Barentine led the Lady Rebels with 21 points. The loss moved the Lady Hornets into a second place tie with the Lady Rebels.



## Aid offered shrimpers

Commercial shrimpers and processors have been fighting the influx of live and fresh frozen shrimp from abroad on state, regional, and national levels. Recently, the Foreign Agriculture Service has certified that increasing imports of frozen and fresh whole shrimp contributed to a decline in the landed price of shrimp in Louisiana during 2003 when compared to 1998-2002 making some Louisiana shrimp producers eligible for training and cash benefits in 2005.

In the short term, Louisiana Sea Grant and the LSU Agricultural Center are providing a workshop to help shrimpers secure federal

financial assistance and in-state training to compensate for losses in 2003 and 2004, and a Web site to make available information and training materials to prevent future losses. In the long term, university scientists, shrimpers, processors, and regulators together are developing a certification program to ensure that the quality of Gulf of Mexico fresh frozen shrimp is so high that it captures and holds the top position on the world market.

A workshop for shrimpers who might be eligible for government payments and training was held Jan. 19.

Shrimpers can apply for TAA benefits between Jan. 10

## Hearings slated on shrimp plan

(LSU AgCenter)

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will be holding three public hearings in Louisiana on Amendment 13 to the Federal Shrimp Management Plan.

Probably the most controversial item in the amendment is a proposal to place a moratorium on the issuance of new federal shrimp vessel permits.

License moratoria usually precede the development of a limited entry plan, something that the Council will very likely pursue. Louisiana's commercial shrimpers have historically been very resistant to change, beating back again and again efforts to establish limited entry or manage for larger shrimp.

This proposed moratorium would only affect those shrimpers who work in off-shore federal waters, so it may not gather as much opposition as a moratorium proposal in state waters would.

Amendment 15 has other proposals. One would require reporting and certification of landings during the moratorium. Another would require shrimpers to keep logbooks or have observers on board to get data on shrimping effort and bycatch.

A third measure would require at least some shrimp vessel permit holders to complete a "Gulf Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Form." Also considered will be requiring separate vessel permits for the royal red fishery.

The one hearing will be held on Thursday, Feb. 24 at the New Orleans Airport Ramada Inn at 110 James Drive East, in St. Rose. Other hearings will be held on Feb. 16 at the LSU AgCenter office at 1105 West Port Street in Abbeville and on Feb. 17 at the Ramada Inn at 1400 West Tunnel Boulevard in Houma. All hearings will begin at 7 p.m.

and April 11, 2005, at a local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. An office in Louisiana is located in Lake Charles, phone 436-5020.

Louisiana Sea Grant and the LSU Agricultural Center have begun to work with shrimpers and processors to develop a shrimp product certification program. Details about the development of this program, and copies of the training materials are now available online at <http://www.seagrantfish.lsu.edu/management/LAshrimp.htm>

For more information contact Kevin Savoie, area Fisheries agent, 491-2065, e-mail: [ksavoie@agctr.lsu.edu](mailto:ksavoie@agctr.lsu.edu)

### Blood drive Monday

LifeShare Blood Center will hold a blood drive Monday, Feb. 14, from 2 - 6 p.m., at Knights of Columbus/Johnson Bayou High School, Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou.

# Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



**HUNTING NEWS**

This is the time of year where there's still cold weather, and some hunting seasons still remain. There's still our goose season open, but the speckle belly season will end Feb. 11. The snow, blue and ross goose also ends, but the conservation order for light geese opens Saturday, Feb. 12.

Only snow, blue and ross geese may be taken under the terms of the conservation order. This will allow the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and it also eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. Shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and extends until one-half hour after sunset. This season runs through March 13.

Hunters may also enjoy a few more days of squirrel and rabbit hunting, as well as quails, these seasons run out Feb. 28. Snipe season is over Feb. 20. If you're a turkey hunter, Area A's season opens on Mar. 27 - Apr. 25, Area B Mar. 27 - Apr. 18 and Area C Mar. 27 - Apr. 4.

This is the time of year to start getting in a little fishing, however we've been getting quite a bit of rain, which messes up the saltwater fishing and still a little cold for some of the freshwater fishing. Catfish fishing has picked up and nice ones reported caught last week. Spring is supposed to be Mar. 20, but what the old "Ground Hog" says, "will it, or will it not."

We've seen our time peak Jan. 11 for a.m. hours and our p.m. hours peak Jan. 1, which means our days are getting longer each day.

Feb. 2 was 98 years that the Ground Hog, has been used to tell us if winter is over or not. Some say that in Punxsutawney, Penn., it originated 117 years ago. This year six teams went out at 2:31 a.m. waiting for Phil the groundhog to come out at 7 a.m. and yes, he did see his shadow. Also in Ontario, Canada the albino ground hog saw his shadow, so they say six more weeks of winter.

There are Cajuns here that don't agree as General Beauregard didn't see his shadow, nor did TeBoy the New Orleans Nutria, nor did Boudreaux the Nutria on Pecan Island and neither did all the nutrias in Cameron Parish for sure, so just maybe we'll be lucky here in the south and start to have milder weather. It was raining so hard we couldn't see the nutria either.

### LEMESCHE BASS CLUB

The Lemesche Bass Club will hold their first meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Creole KC Home. President Carl Broussard stated that anyone 18 years old and older may join the club. Dues will be collected that night. There will be tournament announcements and rules and regulations will be given out. A plaque will be given to the 2004 Outstanding Angler of the Year, Mr. Corey Broussard.

### LIFE JACKETS

We all know that personal flotation devices save lives, so why don't more boaters wear them. One reason may be that the news media often doesn't show boaters and anglers wearing life jackets, this according to a study by the Boat U. S. Foundation.

There are some states that are changing that, they're developing a photo library for the media that promotes life jacket use. They want the best images of people wearing life jackets on the water. It doesn't make any difference how deep the water, if an accident happens, and you are knocked out, just maybe the life jacket will keep your head above water until help arrives. Life jackets are like seat belts in vehicles, some folks wear them and some don't.



**DEER HUNTING**

Deer hunting will be down again this year, as it's been going down since 2000. Louisiana deer kill for 2000 - 245,000; 2001 - 212,000; 2002 - 240,000; 2003 - 222,000; and 2004 - 220,000. This isn't the sign of loss of population they say, it's lots of hot weather, up to 79 degrees during deer season. This makes lots of green food still on the ground and deer not having to travel far for food. Deer didn't have to feed to keep warm even though natural browse remains lush, even the clover stayed green.

The temperatures in November averaged 65 degrees and even the temperatures from Jan. 3 to 9 averaged 59 degrees, 10 degrees above normal.

### WHITE LAKE PRESERVE

The La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries will officially undertake management of White Lake Preserve by July 1, 2005, according to terms specified in a transition agreement entered into between White Lake Preservation Inc., the state of Louisiana and approved by BP American Production.

The property, 71,000 acres, located near Gueydan in Vermilion Parish was donated to the state in 2002. The LDWF will make assessments now that hunting season is over, with staff biologists gathering data for a management plan. Due to the unique features of the preserve, public access to the property will be determined only after staff assessments are complete and the advisory board has reviewed staff recommendations.

## Feb. 26 poker run to aid Riding Center

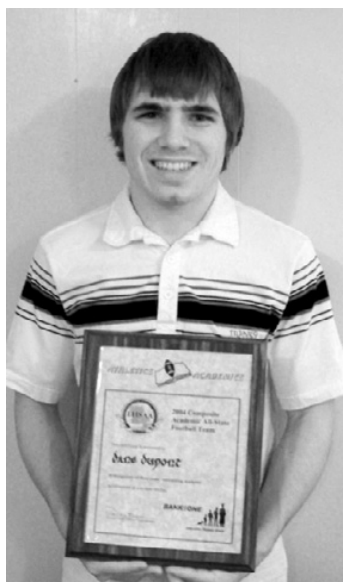
A benefit poker run will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 to help raise funds for the Therapeutic Center of West Calcasieu Hospital. This event will originate at Lake Charles Honda located off I-210 in Lake Charles.

Registration is set for 9 - 10:30 a.m. with departure set for 10:30 a.m. The route will head north to DeQuincy with a stop at DeViney's Iron Horse Pub.

The final destination point is the Lamplighter, in Lake Charles. A meal will be served at the end for all the participants. Door prizes will be awarded.

Entry is \$20 per person. All proceeds generated will help to keep this worthwhile facility in operation.

Over the past 11 years, the



AT THEIR JAN. 17 meeting, Knights of Columbus Council 8323 of Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach selected Barry Badon as Knight of the Month. Chris and Amanda Leger were selected as Family of the Month.

## Cameron Library News

New memorial books at the Cameron Parish Library include:

Forensics True Crime Scene Investigations, Claude Eagleson by Alvin, Ruby and Phyllis Murphy;

Welding Fabrication & Repair, Elvin James LeBoeuf by John Wilton Benoit;

Crime Scene, Claude Eagleson by Mary and Frankie Henry;

A Purpose Driven Life, Mary Jane Miller by Mary Cockrell;

Black Powder & The Old West, Claude Eagleson by Mary Cockrell;

Illustrated Book Of Steam & Rail, Claude Eagleson by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;

Harvest, Claude Eagleson by Michael, Flora, Trista and Michael Semien, jr.;

Family Legal Guide, Claude Eagleson by Cameron Parish Library;

Animals On The Farm, Mary Jane Miller by Oleta Watts, James and Olga Watts and Laura Bonner;

The Illustrated Guide To Forensics, Claude Eagleson by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese;

A Field Guide To Cows, Alfred Vaughan by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese.

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# Calcasieu River channeling history recalled by Mr. Block

By W. T. Block

In a recent article, the writer asked - was the Calcasieu River, when compared to the Sabine River, the unwanted, orphaned stepchild of the Federal Government? When so compared, every aspect of the Calcasieu's development, ie: its lighthouse, channel deepening and rerouting, its jetties, lingered 20 to 30 years behind the same activity on Sabine River.

It could perhaps be said that the arrival of sawmiller Daniel Goos at Goosport, who built the steamer Dan and a small fleet of schooners on the river in 1857, was the earliest commercial activity on that stream. Even so, a few New Orleans schooners, hauling cotton, shingles, and hides, as well as the Jacob Ryan sawmill, preceded Goos. By 1860, Goos' fleet, including the Dan, Cassie, Leh-mann, Lake Charles and Winnebago, as well as the Ryan lumber schooner, Ann Ryan, were hauling cargoes of lumber, cotton and shingles to Galveston.

Between 1870-1880, it was estimated that the Lake Charles-Galveston lumber fleet numbered between 60 and 80 vessels. C. F. Henry once pointed out that at the moment of Calcasieu River high tide, as many as 25 schooners might be waiting to cross the Calcasieu bar.

In 1898 deep water arrived at Port Arthur via a privately-owned canal, that skirted the edge of Sabine Lake. And immediately Port Arthur began loading 3,000-ton deepsea freighters. In 1890 the Union Sulphur Company west of Lake Charles began producing mountains of sulphur via the Frasch process, and from then until 1926, the company shipped a daily train load of bulk, dry sulphur to Sabine Pass to be loaded onto the company ships. And following the crude oil eruptions at Spindletop and Sour Lake, three oil refineries were soon being built in Jefferson County, Texas.

However, between 1901 and 1920, there were suddenly a dozen or more producing Louisiana oil fields, such as Hackberry, Jennings, Bosco, that needed an outlet to the sea. And a lack of deep water at Lake Charles was hinder-

ing greatly the economic development of that city. Sadly, however, the first deep water to Lake Charles had to travel a circuitous route "the long way around," meaning a 73-mile trip through Sabine Pass and the Sabine-Calcasieu intercoastal canal in order to reach the city.

About 1923 the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a \$300,000 bond issue to widen and deepen the 23-mile-long intercoastal canal between the Sabine and Calcasieu rivers. The tortuous journey to the gulf included 17 miles on the Calcasieu River; 23miles through the canal to Sabine River; 18 miles through the Sabine River and Neches-Sabine ship channel to Port Arthur; and 16 more miles from Port Arthur to the Sabine River jetties.

In Feb. 1926, the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District began building 800-foot long docks, which were due to be completed in 6 months. On April 3, 1926, the 6,000-ton freighter Sewalls Point docked at Westlake, to the joyous hand-clapping of a thousand onlookers.

Its cargo contained 8,000 tons of fertilizer (the type not specified) and 15,000 cases of canned corn and tomatoes for the Kelley-Weber Company. It did not matter that the fertilizer was odorous and pungent; like the coastal menhaden plants, its foul scent in the nose meant dollar bills in the Lake Charles pockets. And deep water was exactly what Conoco, Citgo and the other industrial complex needed for shipping their products.

However, the long-awaited dream of the Port of Lake Charles was deep water through the mouth of the river. Bar pilots would then need to know only the intricacies of the river alone. After years of wrangling, the Corps of Engineers finally completed surveys and hearings, and dredging to reroute the Calcasieu River and eliminate the Cameron horseshoe bend soon began. In the same year Congress voted a million dollar appropriation to begin work on the project.

Finally all dredging and construction had ended by June 1941, and about July 1, the 7,000 ton freighter Margaret Lykes arrived at Lake Charles from Galveston, having entered the river

# Cam. Parish Sheriff Log

The Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests during the past week:

Feb. 1: Michelle R. Nunez, 35, 2777 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier - Battery.

Feb. 2: Shirley Conner, 39, and Ronald Conner, 56, 118, Jones St., Grand Chenier - Battery.

Feb. 3: Tabitha Nicole Duhon, 22, 987 E. Creole Hwy., Creole - Simple criminal property damage (warrant); Chasity L. Boudreaux, 29, 140 Joe Rutherford Rd., Creole - Simple criminal property damage.

Feb. 4: Brad K. Ellender, 22, 3551 Rachel Dr., Sulphur - Simple Battery (warrant); Frederick F. Burt, 19, 2600 Gen. Patton, Lake Charles - Simple Battery.

Feb. 8: Charles, L. Temple, 35, 120 Curtis Trahan Rd., Hackberry - DWI.

at its mouth, and shortened the earlier route by more than 30 miles. On July 12, 1941, G. W. Sam Jones, Col. C. Littrell of the Corps of Engineers, and many other dignitaries rode the 40 miles to the mouth of the "new and improved" Calcasieu River, to formally dedicate the finished project.

Truly the Calcasieu River, formerly that unwanted, orphaned stepchild of Uncle Sam, had come of age, had blossomed and flowered; and the Port of Lake Charles no longer needed to take a backseat to anyone. (The generous help of Kathie Bordelon of Frazar Library is gratefully acknowledged by the writer.

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Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, February 22, 2005, in the Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District's Office, 1400 Highway 14, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601 (337) 436-5020 Ext. 3, for providing the following materials:

- 3,000 trade gallons Smooth Cordgrass *Spartina alterniflora* 'Vermilion'

- 2,000 trade gallons California Bulrush *Schoenoplectus californicus*

- 2,000 trade gallons Giant Cutgrass *Zizaniopsis miliacea*

- 150 trade gallons Roseau Cane *Phragmites australis*

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- 100 4" pots Marsh Hay Cordgrass *Spartina patens*

A complete assembly of the bid invitation with specifications may be obtained by contacting the District Secretary at the address shown above.

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- 7,520 4" pots Bitter Panicum *Panicum amarum*

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 24, 2005 at the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage office, located at 205 Middle Ridge Road, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, for the lease/purchase of the following:

A new 2005 Mini Excavator w/trade-in of a 310 D John Deere Backhoe, 1996 model.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Gravity Drainage office at 205 Middle Ridge Road, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, 70631 or by fax: (337)569-2250.

Backhoe may be seen by appointment. Contact Scotty Badon at (337)569-2240 or (337)912-3128.

By: Curtis L. Trahan, President  
RUNS: Feb. 3, 10, 17 - F8

## PROCEEDINGS

Johnson Bayou Recreation District of Cameron Parish Regular Business Meeting Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Johnson Bayou Recreation District of Cameron Parish met on Tuesday, November 23, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Community Center in the village of Johnson Bayou.

Members present: Mrs. Brenda Sanders, Mrs. Khristy Trahan, Mrs. Raedella Peloquin, and Mr. Mike Barrera. Absent: Mr. Layne Boudreaux. Guest: Mrs. Stacey Badon.

Mrs. Brenda Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:20.

It was moved by Mr. Mike Barrera, seconded by Mrs. Raedella Peloquin, and carried to approve the November board meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mrs. Khristy Trahan, seconded by Mr. Mike Barrera, and carried to approve the bills to be paid.

It was moved by Mr. Mike Barrera, seconded by Mrs. Khristy Trahan, and carried to approve the financial statement.

It was moved by Mrs. Khristy Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Raedella Peloquin, and carried to sign the contract for the 2004 audit with Gragson, Casiday & Guillery.

It was moved by Mrs. Khristy Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Raedella Peloquin, and carried to have Vic Sullivan Enterprises come and create a flatter surface to Community Center floor and add an epoxy top coat.

It was moved by Mrs. Khristy Trahan, seconded by Mr. Mike Barrera, and carried to have the community building to be a non-smoking building.

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Mrs. Raedella Peloquin, seconded by Mr. Mike Barrera, and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center.

APPROVED: /s/ Brenda Sanders  
ATTEST: RUN: Feb. 10 (F 11);

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## —NOTICE—

The Grand Lake Recreation Center is accepting applications for certified Lifeguards and a Pool Director for the 2005 summer session. Applications can be remitted to Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Ln., Lake Charles, La 70607. Deadline is April 15, 2005. RUN: Jan. 27, Feb. 10, Mar. 17, Apr. 7 (J 39)

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Southwestern Energy Production Company. Agency Interest Number 99963, have entered into a proposed settlement agreement concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facility in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in Notice of Potential Penalty. LDEQ Enforcement Number AL-PP-03-0403.

The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge LA 70821-4302. Attention: G. Allen Kirkpatrick, Senior Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement may be reviewed at the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Records Management, Room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Affairs division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form FSD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://www.deq.state.la.us/pubRecords/default.ht>.  
RUNS: Feb. 10 - F 19

## Tips for preventing heart problems

Tips for preventing heart problems for women from MayoClinic.com include:

Don't smoke. Smoking is the greatest risk for heart attack. No amount of smoking is safe. Having as few as one to four cigarettes a day can still double your chances of heart disease. The good news is when you quit smoking your risk of heart disease drops dramatically within one to two years.

Stay active. You can reduce your chance of cardiovascular disease by 30 to 50 percent just by staying active. Talk with your doctor before starting an exercise program.

Eat a heart-healthy diet. Try to eat plenty of foods containing heart-protective substances such as antioxidants, omega 3 fatty acids and fiber. Antioxidants are found in green and red peppers, broccoli, tomatoes, strawberries and oranges. Omega 3 fatty acids are found in fish such as salmon, mackerel and herring. Fiber is found in whole grains, dried beans and fruits, such as apples, oranges and grapefruit.

Maintain a healthy weight. Even small reductions in weight can be beneficial. Reducing your weight by just 10 percent can improve how well your heart pumps blood, decrease your blood pressure and lower your blood cholesterol level.

Know your numbers. Regular screenings for blood pressure and lipids (fat) levels are more effective when you know the acceptable range. Your doctor can help you determine your acceptable ranges.

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## RV SALES

FALL CLEARANCE! Only a few 2004's left. Check out our sales on 2005 models. Largest selection ever of Travel Trailers and 5th Wheels on sale. Also check out our motor homes and mini homes. Allegro Motor Homes are in stock! Kite Bros. RV, Hwy 171 N, DeRidder, La. 1-800-456-2724. [www.kitebros.com](http://www.kitebros.com) 12/9tfc.

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## HELP WANTED

SECURITY OFFICERS needed in the Cameron Area. Please contact the office at 1-800-759-3660. 1/13-2/24p.

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## Golden signs with national publishers

David Golden of Carlyss, who recently published a western novel, "My Brother's Keeper," has signed with national publishing company to promote his book.

He will hold a book signing at Currie's in Hackberry, Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10 until noon.

For more information check his website: [www.goldenwesternbooks.com](http://www.goldenwesternbooks.com)



## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Gravity Drainage District #4 has changed its February meeting to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2005. Meetings are held at the Creole Fire Station.

RUN: Feb 10 (F-1)

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Cheniere Energy, Inc. will host several public meetings to provide information on the proposed Creole Trail Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal and Creole Trail Pipeline Projects, located in Cameron, Calcasieu, Allen, Evangeline, St. Landry, Jefferson Davis and Acadia Parishes, to interested groups, affected landowners and the general public. The meetings will also provide the public an opportunity to offer comments on the project now being prepared under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) pre-filing process.

MEETING SCHEDULE:  
Open House - 6:00 p.m.

## DATES & LOCATIONS:

- Tuesday, February 15 - Cameron, LA, Cameron Multi-Purpose Building, 122 Smith Circle

- Wednesday, February 16 - Sulphur, LA, Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 102 Mallard St.

- Thursday, February 17 - Jennings, LA Holiday Inn, 603 Holiday Drive

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## — PUBLIC NOTICE —

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10, serving the Johnson Bayou - Holly Beach area until 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2005 in the meeting room of the Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10 office, 159 Berwick Road, Cameron, Louisiana, for the sale of surplus scrap metal, as is, where is.

Bid forms may be acquired by contacting Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10 during normal business hours. Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 569-2110.

RUN: Jan. 27, Feb. 10, 24 & Mar. 3 (J-43)