

DEBRIS CLEAN-UP crews, such as this one on Dan St., have been working all over Cameron for the past two weeks and neighborhoods are beginning to look a lot better. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

School Board adopts parishwide tax ordinance

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish school board took action Monday to insure the continuation of tax revenue for one more year.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance creating a parishwide school district. This action was necessary to enable the state legislature to grant the board permission to levy its parishwide 10 mill ad valorem tax for one year until a regular tax renewal election can be held.

The current tax expires at the end of 2006 and a renewal election scheduled for last October could not be held

because of the storm. The Board maintains that an election cannot be held this year due to the destruction of polling places and continuing dispersal of the population of some districts.

If the legislature grants permission for the Board to levy the tax, it will only be for one year. It is not a new tax. It is the same 10 mill parishwide tax that has been in effect for 10 years, and a renewal election will be scheduled as soon as possible, according to Dr. Doug Chance, Supt. of Schools.

Johnson Bayou and Hackberry students will

return to a nearly regular schedule beginning Monday, Feb. 20, while Grand Lake and South Cameron students face a return to the longer school days they endured before Christmas.

GOOD & BAD NEWS

This was the good and bad news heard at Monday's Cameron Parish School Board meeting, held in the Hackberry High School auditorium.

The portable buildings purchased by Cheniere Energy for Johnson Bayou School are in place and ready for occupancy on the Hackberry school grounds.

Students could have returned to a regular five-day week, but parents at a special Sunday night meeting asked for less days because of difficulties with storm recovery.

The Board decided to go with a four day week to help children more time to help with recovery at home.

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Two seeking Ward 1 post

Two candidates have qualified to seek the seat of Ward 1 Justice of the Peace in a special election to be held Saturday, April 1.

They are Carrie Broussard and Cecil W. Clark.

The election is being held due to the resignation of Willie Mae Gary.

Ward 1 includes the Lowery and Klondike areas and the eastern portion of the Grand Chenier area.

This will be the second election held in the parish since Hurricane Rita last September. A West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital election was held recently in the Hackberry area.

Rodeo Club

The South Cameron High School Rodeo Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Calcasieu LSU Agricultural Center on Gulf Highway.

For more information call Kathy Rowland at 912-5727.

Town meeting

A Town Meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20 at the Grand Lake Firemen's Center in Grand Lake.

Various items of interest to area and parish citizens will be discussed and the public is invited.

Church to give out supplies

St. Martin's Lutheran Church of Sugarland, Tex. will be coming to Hackberry Saturday, Feb. 25, with groceries, food, cleaning supplies, health and hygiene, paper products and lots more to help the residents of Cameron Parish.

Donations will be given out from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hackberry.

A team from the church will also help with any special needs, such as cleaning, debris removal, etc.

If you are in need of a special request, please call Gwen Bourgeois at 1-800-777-5693. If you would like to volunteer your time or make donations of any kind please call also.

Creole bridge bids opened

Bids were received on one project in Cameron Parish by the La. Dept. of Transportation on Jan. 25.

Guinn Brothers of Jennings submitted the low bid of \$443,607.50 on pavement widening, superpave, concrete slab bridge and related work on the Creole Canal bridge at Creole.

Hospital proposal meet set

A public meeting will be held at the Hackberry Community Center on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. to receive public input on the proposed expansion of the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District and a maintenance tax to include the communities of Holly Beach and Johnson Bayou.

Boundaries of the Hospital Service District may be expanded by an ordinance passed by the Police Jury, but Jurors want to know the public's opinion on this issue before voting. If the proposed ordinance were passed, the Hospital Service District would extend north to the boundary of the West Cal-Cam Hospital Service District and west to the Texas state line.

If the District is expanded as proposed, the residents of this area would then be given an opportunity to vote on a hospital maintenance tax of 3.55 mills, which would help fund operating costs of a Rural Health Clinic in the Johnson Bayou area.

The Rural Health Clinic would be staffed by a nurse practitioner, under the supervision of a physician. If funding cannot be obtained for the construction of the clinic, no maintenance tax would be requested.

The tax is homestead exempt and tax payments would be made almost exclusively by industry.

The Hospital Service District is also proposing that the current maintenance tax in the existing district, set to expire in 2009, be repealed, so that voters in the existing district could have an opportunity to vote on the same measure and the tax would last for the same ten year term which would be in existence for the expanded area, if the tax is passed.

Hospital and parish officials, as well as legal counsel, will be on hand at the meeting to answer any questions. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Police Jury is seeking applications

Elsewhere in this issue is an advertisement from the Cameron Parish Police Jury seeking applications for the position of director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

This position was formerly known as Civil Defense Director and was held for a number of years by Freddie Richard, who recently resigned because of the demands of his regular job.

Parish Administrator Tina Horn said the Jury plans to make the OEP position a full time job-it has been part-time in the past. Salary will be based on experience.

Applicants should have knowledge of emergency planning and operations.

Resumes for the job will be accepted by the Jury until 3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27.

The Police Jury, which lost its offices in the hurricane, is presently working out of offices at the courthouse in Jennings and also from a trailer parked next to the courthouse in Cameron.

Job Fair set at Hackberry

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is an advertisement on a Job Information Fair which will be held Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Hackberry Community Center.

The ad lists a wide variety of job openings in connection with the construction of the Cameron LNG plant.

The Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be conducted by Aker Kvaerner, together with Bay Ltd. and Baker Concrete.



SHOWN ABOVE are the Cameron Parish Students of the Year: (from left) Mandy Lea Michalko, twelfth grade, Hackberry High School; Heather Renee Girlinghouse, eighth grade, Grand Lake High School; and Madison Clare Shove, fifth grade, Hackberry High School. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Kindergarten kids to be registered

Registration for children entering a Cameron Parish kindergarten next fall will be held for the various schools listed below.

Children attending a Pre-kindergarten class in a Cameron Parish school this year will not be required to register for kindergarten. Students attending a head-start program will be required to register for kindergarten at this time.

Children attending kindergarten at this time are not required to register for first grade.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Grand Lake High - Thursday Mar. 2, 9 a.m.

Hackberry High - Friday, Mar. 3, 10 a.m.

Johnson Bayou High (Register at Hackberry) - Friday, Mar. 3, 10 a.m.

Cameron Elementary (Register at Grand Lake) - Tuesday, Mar. 7, 9 a.m.

South Cameron Elementary (Register at Grand Lake) - Tuesday, Mar. 7, 9 a.m.

(Note: Cameron Elementary and South Cameron Elementary registration will be at Grand Lake High School and Johnson Bayou Elementary will be at Hackberry High as the three lower Cameron schools were left in ruins by Hurricane Rita.

Kindergarten classes for the three affected schools most likely will be at the Grand Lake and Hackberry locations this fall.)

Children entering kindergarten for the 2006-07 session

must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2001. Children entering first grade must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2000.

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Tax officials back home

The Cameron Parish Tax Assessor and Tax Collectors have joined the Clerk of Court in the Courthouse.

According to Robert E. Conner, Cameron Parish Tax Assessor, the Revised Post Rita 2005 Tax Roll has been approved.

Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector, Theos Duhon is in the process of converting the tape to print the 2005 Tax notices. He is expecting to mail notices on or before March 1, if all goes well. Taxes are due upon receipt and although the notice has the delinquent date of Dec. 31, taxes can be paid timely within 30 days; with interest due after 45 days.

The Sheriff encourages payment by mail to the Cameron address: P. O. Box 1250, Cameron, LA 70631. If you require a receipt, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and one will be returned to you.

If you have any questions call the Assessor's Office at 775-5416 or the Tax Collector's Office at 775-5826.

"Both offices are grateful to the City of Jennings for their help and hospitality. It is good to be back in Cameron," said Sheriff Duhon.



MARY LOU JOANEN has sent the Pilot these photos of items found after Hurricane Rita in the drift on Big Pasture Road near Big Lake. They include a large alligator head mounted on driftwood and a bench with large sunflowers painted on it. Also found in the area was an orange and white, very friendly dog. The owner or owners may claim their property by calling 598-3236.



THIS WAS AN aerial view of downtown Cameron taken several weeks ago by Southwest Daily News photographer Rodrick Anderson from the helicopter of Max Trost. The courthouse and police jury building can be seen in the upper right corner. (Photo by Rodrick Anderson/Southwest Daily News.)

Funeral

JOHN O. TRAHAN

John O. "Big John" Trahan died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, in the home of his daughter in Grand Lake.

Born in Hayes, he made his home in Grand Lake in 1967.

He is survived by his children, Jeffery Trahan of Las Vegas and Twyla Meistrell and Marcy Duhon, both of Grand Lake; four stepchildren, Janice Alderson of Orange, Tex., John Alderson of Amarillo, Tex., Mandy Munoz of Brookshire, Tex., and Charlie Alderson of Tampa, Fla.; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Floyd Trahan of Sulphur and James Trahan of Grand Lake; two sisters, Mary LaCombe of Lake Charles and Suzie Janice of Aurora, Colo.

A memorial service in his honor will be held at a future date to be announced by his family.



Where are they now?

By NELL COLLIGAN

Let me start by saying how much I enjoyed Bertie Blake's article "Cameron Memories I will never forget..." in last week's Pilot. It is so well-written and so inclusive, it gives a total picture of what Cameron was and what it is now.

The article is worth clipping out of the paper, placing in plastic page protectors, and saving...forever. Thanks Bertie for expressing what so many Cameron people are feeling. You go, girl!

NEWS FROM TONI NOLAN

Toni Nolan, formerly of Hackberry, called from Petal, Miss. Toni was a teacher at Hackberry High School and retired in 1997. Several things have happened in their family since I saw Toni last. In July of 2004, she and her husband Randy lost their precious daughter, Laci to cancer. In August of 2004, Randy's company transferred him to Petal where they have purchased a home, leaving their Hackberry home for their son, Jeremy.

Toni and I spent the good part of an hour reminiscing about Cameron, the uniqueness of the Cameron Parish schools and how they functioned on a daily basis.

On any given day, it was not an unusual occurrence to see the vegetable truck pull up to the entrance of one of the Cameron schools so that the teachers could come out, one by one, to buy their fresh vegetables. These schools

were so small in comparison to urban schools, that as long as someone was watching the kids, this could be done.

If memory serves me right, it was primarily the elementary teachers who were allowed to step out for a moment. When the teacher returned to the classroom, education progressed, as usual. It's a whole new world now, but it was an innocent time—for the teachers and the students—while it lasted.

Toni tells me that the youngsters at the Hackberry school are playing "Hurricane" now, a game they made up after having experienced Hurricane Rita. "Let's hurry," they call to one another. "We have to leave! A hurricane is coming," after which they gather their belongings and run.

This should not surprise us. Kids played that game after Hurricane Audrey. I remember my daughter, Elaine, playing Barbie dolls on Mrs. Emma's back porch with Kathy and Darilyn (Doxey) during the years after Audrey.

When Darilyn was ready to stop playing, she would make the sound of the Cameron Fire Station siren. This was an indication to Kathy and Elaine to hold on to their dolls because the evacuation signal had sounded and the hurricane was coming. Needless to say, Darilyn was the "hurricane."

Getting back to Toni, she recalls that when Rita approached, she and Randy watched the weather forecast and feared for the Louisiana coastline. Toni's sister, Kathy Backlund, had lost her son, John, right before the storm, on Aug. 20, and they were especially concerned for her.

Following the storm, they urged Kathy to join them in Mississippi since she had significant damage to her home in Hackberry. This last December, Kathy bought a house there, having decided to make Petal her home. Like so many Cameron Parish families who have relocated, Toni and Kathy will have family nearby.

Toni and Randy Nolan's address is: 56 Hillsdale Road; Petal, MS 39465 Phone: 601-584-9375. Kathy Backlund's address is: 203 Longleaf; Petal, MS. 39465

EMMA RICE'S FAMILY

Emma Rice called last weekend. She and her husband are living in the Sleep Inn Motel in Lake Charles. They are waiting to have a FEMA camper set up in the trailer park of her daughter, Tammy Gail and husband, Shane Conner, in Grand Lake. Emma's husband works for Omega, the menhaden company near the ferry along the road to Holly Beach.

They plan to return to Cameron and rebuild. Emma reports that her other daughter, Roxanne and husband, Brian, live on Acadian Lane in Lake Charles.

Emma Rice's address is the same as her old Cameron



THIS WAS SOME of the damage left by Hurricane Rita in classrooms at Johnson Bayou High School. (Photo by Rhonda Morrison.)

address: P.O. Box 696; Cameron, LA 70631. Phone: 337-249-6363.

ANITA BURLEIGH IN TEXAS

Ray and Anita Burleigh's daughter, Gayle, sent me an e-mail this morning with news of the family. After Ray passed away in 2004, Anita went to live at Toledo Bend (Zwolle). When she began to need assistance with daily living, Gayle and her husband gladly brought her to live with them in LaPorte, Tex. Gayle's sisters, Jackie and Pam live in nearby communities. All the girls share with the care of their mother.

Gayle writes, "Mom anxiously awaits her weekly paper and pours over it for any news of the Cameron people. She received a call from Flo LeBlanc, who is living with her daughter Judy in northwest Houston. That call delighted mom and gave her the much needed connection to her old friends. We also wrote a letter to Mrs. Adenise Trosclair from the address you printed in the paper."

Gayle ends by saying her mother would love to have mail from some of her old friends in Cameron. Mrs. Anita Burleigh's address is: 621 S. Holmes; LaPorte, TX 77571.

GREETINGS FROM ANNE (SWINDELL) SMITH

Anne wrote to let us know how much she is enjoying the news in the Pilot every week. Anne's parents, Edward and Annie Swindell were our neighbors across the street during the years that we were raising our children. The "kids" still have fond memories of sitting in "Mrs. Annie's well-mowed ditch" to visit and discuss the events of the day. Sometimes, during the summer, they were in Mrs. Annie's ditch until bedtime. (It was just that kind of a grassy, gently sloped, comforting ditch.)

Anne and husband, June, and their two sons moved from Cameron in 1973, but they still subscribe to the Pilot and keep in touch with several friends.

When the Smiths visited Cameron in December, the devastation reminded them of Hurricane Audrey. Anne writes, "Memories of Audrey really came back. We have been in constant contact with Norma and Braxton Blake since we left in 1973 (such a long time ago).

The Blakes have moved to Moss Bluff (Mrs. Roberta Rogers is living with them), and we were there to see them and help them move some stuff."

Anne Smith's address is: 2502 Lennoxville Road; Beaufort, NC 28516

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CELEBRATING THEIR 50th wedding anniversary are Kenneth and Meredith (Giles) Montie of Creole. They are the parents of Mark Montie of Grand Chenier; Pam Montie Tidwell, Santa Fe, New Mex.; Stephanie Montie Benson, deceased; and Phyllis Montie of Lake Charles. They have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Due to Hurricane Rita, Kenneth and Meredith currently reside in Thornwell.

Car safety seats for kids information to be provided

Intensified education and outreach will mark Child Passenger Safety Week Feb. 12-18. Using the right child safety seat or booster seat correctly requires knowledge of the various kinds of devices and how they can be used to protect children of different sizes and ages.

The need to use booster seats is overlooked by the majority of people. In fact only an estimated 10 to 20 percent of children ages 4 to 8 use booster seats. Today grandparents and other relatives transport children on many trips. They need to understand the basics of child safety devices and how to use them correctly.

For maximum child passenger safety parents and caregivers simply need to remember and follow the four Steps for Kids:

1. Use rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year of age and at least 20 pounds;
2. Use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat

from age one to four or 20 to 40 pounds;

3. Use booster seats in the back seat from age four to at least age eight--unless the child is 4'9" or taller; and

4. Use safety belts in the back seat at age eight or older or taller than 4'9".

The Louisiana State Police in conjunction with the Southwest Louisiana Child Passenger Safety Task Force will be conducting child seat check stations in this area this week. One will be on Saturday, Feb. 18 in the parking lot of the LA 14 WalMart in Lake Charles from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Certified child passenger safety technicians will be present at the checkpoints to educate parents and caregivers on the proper techniques to use to install child seats in their individual vehicle.

Child seats will be evaluated to make sure it is the proper seat for the specific child and the seat will be checked to make sure it has not been recalled.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Lake Charles American Press, Feb. 17, 1943. GRAND LAKE 4-H CLUB

James Cox was awarded a medal for being one of the outstanding garden club members, at the last session of the Grand Lake 4-H Club.

Miss Hilda Mae Trahan, home demonstration agent, presented the medal.

The club was then divided into groups, Miss Trahan taking charge of the girls and Mr. Lousteau the boys.

Miss Trahan taught the girls how to use a pattern and how to cut out different garments. The boys learned how to treat chickens for worms.

Cameron Pilot, Feb. 15, 1973. SOUTH CAMERON TO GET ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

South Cameron High School will get an assistant principal for the first time next school session as a result of action taken by the school board Monday.

Ward 2 School Board Member Pat Doland said that the principal, J. C. Reina, now has to supervise more than 30 teachers and school employees and needed some assistance.

Faced by the grim economic facts of life, the Cameron Parish School Board found itself locked in a disagreement Monday over whether to call a school tax election at this time.

Faced by a 50 percent drop in its income from oil royalties on school owned land, board members were told that the alternative to passing new school taxes might be the elimination of school enrichment programs such as kindergartens, band programs, industrial arts, vocational agriculture, etc.

The prospects of having to lay off some school employees and cutting the salaries of others also were discussed.

GAS PURCHASE STUDIED

With an aim to bring natural gas service to every household in Cameron Parish, the Police Jury last

week began a study of purchasing United Gas Corp. holding for domestic service. The jury may make a decision at their March meeting.

The move was disclosed after a meeting of the police jurors, parish secretary Jerry Jones, engineer George Bailey and Fred Bention Sr., Baton Rouge bonding attorney, following the regular police jury meeting.

Police Jury President M. Lyle Crain said the final say would rest with the voters of Cameron Parish if the jury study leads to the calling of an election.

Crain said United Gas now serves some 1,500 customers in the parish in scattered areas and the jury could purchase the service lines and other equipment for \$500 per tap.

CRAIN & NUNEZ NAMED TO POSTS

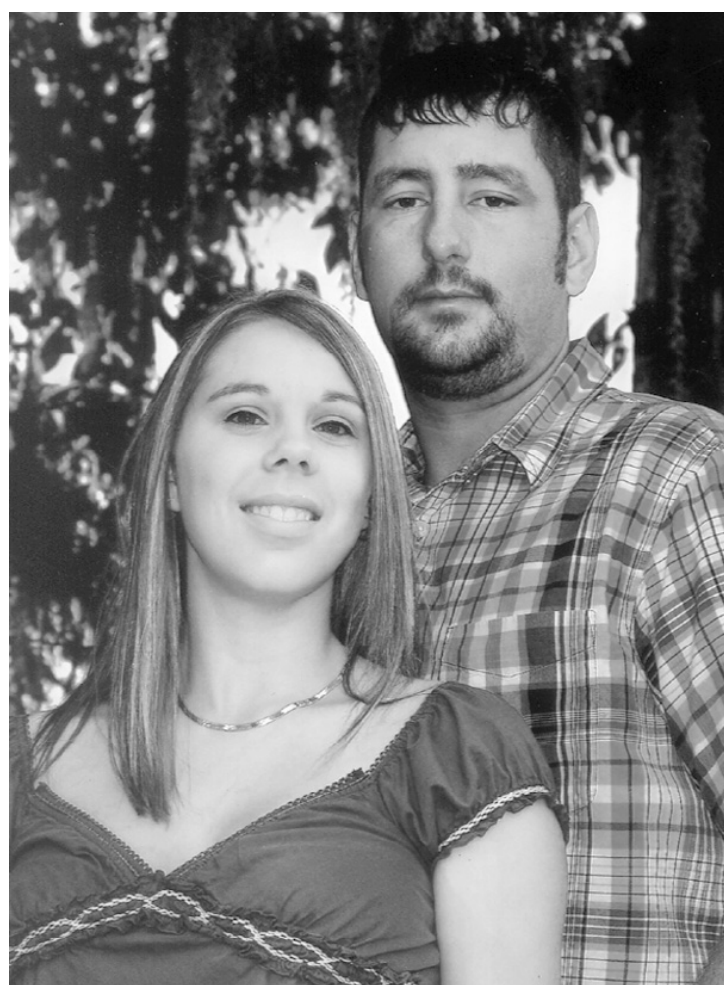
Lyle Crain and Garner Nunez, president and treasurer, respectively, of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, have been named to two steering committees of the National Association of Counties.

ROUNDOABOUT THE PARISH

Antoinette LeBlanc was crowned South Cameron High School FHA Sweetheart Queen at the annual Sweetheart Ball held Monday night in the school gym. She was crowned by the 1972 Queen, Dianne Broussard.

Good news for teachers, principals and pupils from the Cameron Parish School Board Monday was that they will not have to make up the three days recently missed during the big snow and ice storm in the parish. (Jan. 11, 1973 it snowed everywhere in Southwest Louisiana. It was a northern-type snow event.)

The Hackberry Girl Scouts are having their annual cookie sale. Miss Pat Ware is their cookie chairman. Anyone wishing to buy may contact any Girl Scout or Mrs. Rita Walther. At their last meeting Mrs. Joseph East was appointed the new Brownie



MICHAEL AND LADONNA Atwell of Holmwood announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Beverly Atwell, to Lannie Guilbeaux, son of Carl and Sonya (DeeDee) Guilbeaux of Cameron. The wedding is set for Friday, Feb. 24 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Bell City at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Knights of Columbus Center in Iowa. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Heart health seminar set

West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital announces a free seminar on heart health featuring Chris Thompson, MD, cardiologist and Rhett Bellon, Registered Dietitian, to be held Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Large East Conference Room inside the hospital. Guests may use the Stelly Lane entrance.

Dr. Thompson will explain the symptoms and treatment options of atrial fibrillation,

leader.

Mrs. Emma Nunez and Mrs. Garner Nunez will be co-hostesses for the February meeting of the Grand Chenier Homemakers Extension Club. Special guest at the meeting will be Mrs. John Prescott, president of the Cameron Parish Extension Home-makers Council.

or irregular heart beat, which include dizziness, chest pain, and shortness of breath. It can interrupt oxygen and blood flow to the heart and lead to other problems such as a stroke or heart failure.

Diet plays a large part in heart health, and it is one of the risk factors of heart disease that can be controlled. Bellon will explain how foods affect the heart and what kinds of foods are best for people living with heart disease.

Seating is limited for the free seminar. To reserve a place, call 527-4241. Refreshments will be served.



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Volunteers are sought by hospital

The West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital Auxiliary is currently accepting applications for both men and women to serve as volunteers at the hospital. Applications can be obtained at the front desk of the hospital Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The auxiliary's services to the hospital include: Gift Shop, Information Desks, Chapel, Newsletter, Coffee and Book Carts, ICU and Day Surgery Waiting Rooms, Surgery, Admitting, Emergency Room, Meditation Garden, Food Trays, Nursery and Decorations.



Aker Kvaerner / IHI, together with Bay Ltd and Baker Concrete, will be holding a JOB INFORMATION FAIR February 23, 2006 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Hackberry Community Center Hackberry, Louisiana

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- Accounting & Bookkeeping
- Timekeepers
- HSE Inspectors
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- EMT's
- Material Receiving & Control
- Warehousing

Artist rendering of Cameron LNG. Currently under construction, the Cameron LNG terminal will include two unloading docks, three storage tanks, and associated equipment in which to transform LNG back to natural gas.



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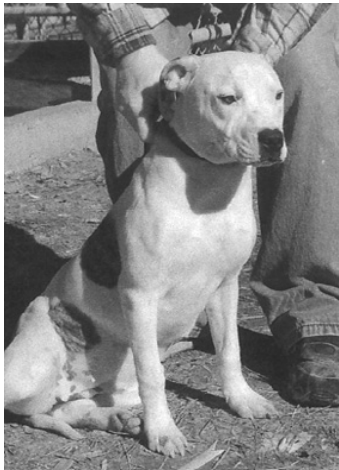
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Restoration project helped save highway near H. B.

AMERICAN PRESS

A coastal restoration project along the Cameron coast helped prevent the destruction of La. 82 by Hurricane Rita, a state Department of Natural Resources official said.

Greg Grandy, manager of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, talked about the receding coastline and about restoration and mitigation measures Friday at the Republican Roundtable meeting.

The Holly Beach Sand Management project, which helped strengthen the beach ridge and the chenier, saved the highway, just as DNR expected, Grandy said.

Other measures that are helping to protect the coast and restore area wetlands are the Sabine Terraces, the Black Bayou hydrologic project and nutria harvesting, he said.

The terraces trap nutrients, rebuild the marsh and protect the shoreline, and the Black Bayou project freshens

the water in areas of saltwater intrusion, Grandy said.

Nutria harvesting, which has been going on for several years, is starting to pay off, he said. The voracious and furry rodents have destroyed marshlands all along the coast.

The Coastal Impact Assistance program, funded by \$500 million appropriated by Congress last year, will pay for new restoration projects this year, Grandy said.

The money will be spent over four years, and extensions would depend on how much money is available, he said. Calcasieu Parish will receive \$9 million and Cameron Parish \$10.5 million, he said.

Jinks given decoration

Army Spec. Kasey R. Jinks has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal for participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The medal is awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

Jinks is a tank crewman assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, Fort Riley, Junction City, Kan.

He is the son of Melissa A. Hinch of Hackberry.

Info sought on Marceaux

The City of Chartres, France is seeking information on descendants of General Marceau of Chartres who died in 1768 at the age of 27.

The city is planning some cultural events this spring centered around General Marceau and sought the aid of the city of Lafayette in seeking descendants here.

It was noted that the name Marceau has been changed to Marceaux in Louisiana and that among the descendants there is a pastor, the Rev. Sydney Marceaux.

Anyone with information on Rev. Marceaux or other descendants is asked to contact: Ann Morgan, LeCentre International, 735 Jefferson St., Lafayette, La. 70501 or phone 337-291-5474.

Birth is announced

KARSON JUDE JINKS Stevie and Michelle Jinks of Hackberry announce the birth of their third son, Karson Jude, Feb. 8. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs.

Grandparents are Karen and Rameaux Orgeron and Florence Kyle of Hackberry and Bernie and Peggy Jinks of Sulphur. Great-grandmothers are Evelyn Turner and Katie Kyle of Hackberry.

The couple's other two sons are Keaton Boyd, 5 and Kade Michael 2.

Clerk seeking copying bids

The Cameron Parish Clerk of Court is seeking bids on digitally copying public records that were damaged by the floodwaters from Hurricane Rita.

Although many of the Clerk's records were not affected by the storm, these were records stored in the basement of the courthouse that were covered by water and silt.

Carl Broussard, Clerk, said it is the intent of the parish to have the recovered records digitized and imported into the Governmental Research & Information Data Systems land record indexing and imaging system currently in use in the Clerk's office.

An advertisement for bids on the records copying can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot.

Banquet set by NAACP

The Cameron Parish NAACP Branch will hold a Freedom Fund banquet at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Martin Luther King Center, 2008 N. Simmons St., Lake Charles.

Guest speaker will be 14th Judicial District Judge Wilford Carter. He will be introduced by Louise Cole, Chapter president.

Others on the program are Mrs. Mary Cockrell and Charles Cole, presentations; Charles Cyprien, organist; Roosevelt Gremillion, president, New Roads NAACP, appeals; Alphonse Hall, Louisiana NAACP chaplain; Rev. Wayne Morris, Sixth Street Baptist Church pastor, invocation.

Due to Hurricane Rita the banquet could not be held in Cameron Parish, according to Mrs. Cole. She said that the monthly meeting of the chapter has been cancelled due to the special program.

Cam. Elem. registration

Registration for children entering Cameron Elementary kindergarten next fall will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 7, at 9 a.m. in the Grand Lake school library. Children attending a Pre-Kindergarten class in Cameron Parish School this year will not be required to register for Kindergarten. Children attending a Headstart program will be required to register for Kindergarten at this time.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2006-07 session must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2001. Children entering first grade must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2000.

Parents who plan to register children must bring a certified copy of their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and proof of residence for each child to be registered. Parents who do not yet have their children's birth certificate or social security card (number) should begin now to secure them.

Mrs. Laurie Jones, R.N., Cameron Parish School Nurse, will attend the registration to talk with parents about immunizations now required by law before a child begins school. Please bring your child's immunization record for review by Mrs. Jones at the time of the roundup.

It is not necessary that the child you are registering be brought to school on the day of registration.



WHILE OTHER debris is being removed at a great rate, boats, such as this one on Dan St., and vehicles are not allowed to be picked up at this time. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Insurance needed on extra stuff

(LA. COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE)

Q. My agent said I should consider adding a scheduled personal property endorsement to my homeowners policy to cover my gun collection and my wife's jewelry. Is this really necessary?

A. When you insure your home, you are insuring not only your house, but your personal belongings as well. However, most policies will only pay a relatively small amount for valuable items such as a gun or coin collection, jewelry, silver, antiques or electronic equipment, such as computers. You do need to consider the possibility of buying additional coverage for your jewelry and gun collection.

Let's look at an example of why you may need special coverage on certain valuable items. Let's say you have a prized Civil War musket and it is stolen during a break-in at your home. Even if the musket was the only item taken, your basic homeowners policy would still only pay a fraction of the cost of the item unless you had specific coverage for your guns.

Before purchasing special coverage for your valuable collections, you will want to have each item appraised, unless you already have up-to-date appraisals. You can usually add the coverage you need as a part of your homeowners policy, or you may find coverage through a company specializing in coverage of certain kinds of collections. Always check out any specialty insurance company before you make a commitment to buy.

While you are looking into the valuable items coverage, take a few minutes to consider other property, such as a ski boat or a computer you use for business purposes, that you may need to insure by special endorsement.

It's important to know what and how much your homeowners policy covers before you have a loss. Review all your insurance policies from time to time to make sure you have the coverage you need.

S. C. Elem. registration

South Cameron Elementary Kindergarten Registration as announced by Mr. Zeke Wainwright, Principal:

Registration for children entering South Cameron Elementary kindergarten next fall will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 7, at 9 a.m. in the Grand Lake school library. Children attending a Pre-Kindergarten class in Cameron Parish School this year will not be required to register for Kindergarten. Children attending a Headstart program will be required to register for Kindergarten at this time.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2006-07 session must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2001. Children entering first grade must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2000.

Parents who plan to register children must bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and proof of residence for each child to be registered. Parents who do not have their children's birth

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In September, 2005 we were hit by Rita. The devastation to our parish was immense. No one seems to know about us because there has been little coverage about our parish, our people, our destruction.

During the storm coverage there were two news reporters who made the same comments, "Hurricane Rita made landfall in the best place it could, a sparsely populated marsh area" how wrong they were. Johnson Bayou is not marsh, it is a location that many senators, governors, doctors, and attorneys have all gone to go hunting, fishing, and just a place to get away.

As others I have encountered problems with FEMA. I called the 800 phone number on a regular basis to check on my claim. In December, I visited a Disaster Recovery Center. I was advised not to call the number but to come back in two weeks to inquire about my claim. I went back and was advised that an Inspector went out Dec. 13 but was unable to do my inspection for my property was not accessible. I explained to this person that my property was very accessible. It seems that this Inspector never visited my property.

I work seven on seven off for our local Sheriff's office, I am a communications officer I am also a 911 operator. I am the voice at the end of the phone to offer you any help or assistance that I can.

I have two families. One is the one I was born in, (which my 85-year-old Mother due to this storm is located in Houston Tex. with my older sister instead of with me). The other one is my work family, who I have been with a very long time. I care deeply for both.

At this time my work family has approximately 40 of us who have lost our homes. We are living with families, friends, hotels, where ever we can as we still have jobs that have to be done. Can you understand my frustration in knowing someone else is controlling my attempt to return to some type of normality?

Anger is not an emotion I want to have at this time as it

does no good, it causes pain and solves no problem.

Another observation I have made in the midst of this time of our lives is that no one knows we exist. We have not had the news coverage that Hurricane Katrina did. We have had to endure having to hear about the levees in New Orleans.

The lower portion of our east side was wiped out. Picture a movie show with a war movie showing a bombed out village, this is what Cameron, Creole, and Grand Chenier looks like. Blue Roof did not have very many roofs to cover. These homes totally destroyed, only tires and frames of trailers left. Some homes are in the marsh areas. Some of our residents could not even salvage their belongings because they could not find their homes or they could not get to them unless they had an air boat.

But again I stress no one knows about us, it is like the news media is so focused on New Orleans/Hurricane Katrina that we just don't exist.

So many benefits were done to assist "Hurricane Katrina" victims. Cameron Parish is not a political nor rich parish. It is obvious a lot have never heard about us and still continue to NOT hear about us.

I would encourage anyone who wants to come in to look at our parish to call the office and ask directions. We are the type of people who welcome strangers, we are a friendly caring parish.

I will be bringing my Mom, Ms. Gracie home just as soon as I have her a place to come back to. She is 85 years old. So many are too old to start over, so many have given up. We have had numerous residents that have passed away, all different ages. I blame Hurricane Rita, the grief and the stress are too much to withstand.

I work also as security at a tent city, we have named Camp Cameron. I may not remember names of the people I have met but I give them what does not cost anything, I give my smile and my friendship. I am one of the many "homeless" people of the parish.

Mary (Coot) McInnis Hackberry

Pedestrian killed when hit by car

On Friday, Feb. 10, at 8:10 p.m. the Louisiana State Police investigated a fatality crash involving one vehicle and a pedestrian. The crash was located on LA 27 just north of Dave Dugas Road in Calcasieu Parish.

The crash occurred when a 2004 Isuzu Ascender, driven by 35 year old Shannon Jinks of Cameron, was traveling south on LA 27. A pedestrian, wearing dark colored clothing, was attempting to cross LA 27 from the west side to the east side. The driver of the vehicle could not see her on the dark roadway and struck the pedestrian.

The pedestrian, 41 year old Rhonda Williams of Sulphur, was transported to West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital and was later pronounced deceased from injuries suffered in the crash. No citations were issued in the crash.





WHERE THE Cameron Jetty Pier, playground, restrooms and RV Park used to be. (Photo by Capt. Sammie Faulk.)



PILOT STATION and the "New" Camp at the Old Coast Guard Dock. (Photo by Capt. Sammie Faulk.)

Hunting season changes announced by agency

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) approved two notice of intents that included amendment changes for the 2006-08 hunting seasons and regulations and the 2006-07 Wildlife Management Area (WMA) seasons and regulations at their meeting on Feb. 2.

The notice of intents included some major changes to past regulations. The following amendment changes are open for public comment until May 4 and will be voted for adoption at the May LWFC meeting.

The season limit for deer is still six. However, of these six deer, only three may be antlered bucks and only three may be antlerless deer. These limits for deer include all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) or the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program (LADT). Property enrolled in DMAP or LADT do not count for the

season bag limit for hunters. One antlered and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day will be accepted, except on some Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where daily limits shall be one deer per day.

LDWF is also recommending a harvest documentation requirement for deer. Each deer hunter, regardless of age or license status, must obtain a deer tag harvest card prior to hunting and possess this card while deer hunting. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must document the kill on the card. All hunters must then file a deer harvest report with LDWF at the end of the season, even if no deer were harvested.

Deer hunters will be able to harvest antlerless deer during the entire season on private lands, except in West Carroll, Plaquemines, St. Bernard parishes and portions of East Carroll parishes. This does not apply to public lands that include WMAs or National Forest Lands and Refuges, which will have

specified either-sex days.

During deer archery seasons, people with a disability who possess a crossbow permit and hunters over 60 years of age may use a bow that is drawn, held or released by mechanical means.

Deer hunters that hunt from concealed ground blinds on WMAs must display a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange above or around their blinds. The hunter orange must be visible from 360 degrees.

The commission proposed an additional amendment to the notice of intents for bobcats. Big game licensed holders will be able to hunt bobcats year round during daylight hours with bow and arrow, shotgun, muzzleloader or a centerfire firearm. No more than two bobcats per calendar year will be allowed. This amendment only applies to property privately owned and does not apply to WMAs and Federally Owned Lands and Refuges.

LDWF proposed no changes to the 2006-07 or the 2007-08 seasons for resident small game or deer. The season for 2006-07 for resident small game hunting seasons are:

Quail - Nov. 18-Feb. 28 with a daily bag limit of 10 and possession limit of 20.

Rabbit and Squirrel - Oct. 7-Feb. 28 with a daily bag limit of 8 and possession limit of 16.

The following is the deer hunting season dates broken down by area:

Area 1 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31

Muzzleloader (Either-Sex): Nov. 11-17 and Jan. 22-28

Still Hunt: Nov. 18-Dec. 8 and Jan. 8-21

With or Without Dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 7

Area 2 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31

Muzzleloader (Either-Sex): Oct. 21-27 and Jan. 15-21

Still Hunt: Oct. 28-Dec. 8

With or Without Dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 14

Area 3 - Archery: Sept. 16-Jan. 15

Muzzleloader (Either-Sex): Oct. 14-20 and Nov. 27-Dec. 1

Still Hunt: Oct. 21-Nov. 26 and Dec. 2-Jan. 7

Area 4 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31

Muzzleloader (Either-Sex): Nov. 4-10 and Jan. 8-17

Still Hunt: Nov. 11-Jan. 7

Area 5 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31

McNeese financial aid day

A Financial Aid Awareness Day for McNeese State University students will be held from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 22 in the McNeese Quad. February is National Financial Aid Awareness Month.

Staff from the McNeese Office of Financial Aid will be available that day to answer questions and provide information to students who need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid form to be eligible to receive financial aid, according to Taina Savoit, McNeese director of financial aid.

Savoit said this event is a reminder to students about deadlines and priority dates involving grants, loans and campus jobs, and requirements for TOPS continuation.

"We are encouraging our students to renew early so they will have their financial aid awarded and ready for the new academic year," said Savoit.

For more information, call the McNeese Office of Financial Aid at 475-5065 or 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5065.

Muzzleloader (Either-Sex): Nov. 11-17 and Dec. 26-Jan. 1

Still Hunt: Nov. 24-Dec. 10

Area 6 - Archery: Oct. 1-15

bucks only and Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex

Muzzleloader (Either-Sex): Nov. 11-17 and Jan. 22-28

Still Hunt: Nov. 18-Dec. 8

With or Without Dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 21

Area 7 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31

Muzzleloader (Either-Sex): Oct. 14-20 and Nov. 4-10

Still Hunt: Oct. 21-Nov. 3 and Nov. 11-26

With or Without Dogs: Nov. 27-Dec. 31

Area 8 - Archery: Sept. 16-Jan. 15

Muzzleloader (Either-Sex): Oct. 14-20 and Nov. 27-Dec. 1

Still Hunt: Oct. 21-Nov. 26

With or Without Dogs: Dec. 2-Jan. 7

Public hearings will be held throughout the state during the weeks of March 13 and 20. Comments will also be accepted at regularly scheduled LWFC meetings from March through May. People may also submit written comments about the proposed notice of intents until May 4 to David Moreland, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Prospective teachers invited to session

An information session for persons interested in Teach Southwest Louisiana and the alternative certification teacher programs available in the Burton College of Education at McNeese State University will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Kinder Library.

Teach SWLA is an initiative to identify exceptional professionals from the community who recognize the challenges and rewards of teaching and want to commit to making a difference in Southwest Louisiana, according to Brandy Fisher, enrollment coordinator for Teach SWLA.

"The goal of Teach SWLA is to recruit recent college graduates and mid career professionals to become new teachers in the school districts of Calcasieu, Cameron, Beauregard, Allen or Jeff Davis parishes," said Dancer. "Teach SWLA is looking for people who are leaders in their community and who possess the commitment, flexibility and drive necessary to achieve success in the classroom."

While Teach SWLA is focused on recruiting new people into the education pro-

fession, Dancer said the organization also serves teachers who are currently employed by a school district and interested in pursuing certification. Program participants can pursue certification in elementary education, secondary education or special education at McNeese. A bachelor's degree and undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 is required.

"Throughout Teach SWLA, participants will have access to a network of ongoing support and professional development resources to help them succeed in raising student achievement in the classroom," she said.

For more information, contact Fisher at bfisher@mcneese.edu or 475-5414 or visit the Teach SWLA Web site at www.teachswla.org.

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Higher elevations are set for floodplain area

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is encouraging building back stronger and safer after major disasters in communities nationwide. FEMA announced today that FEMA-funded mitigation and public infrastructure recovery projects - including those in heavily impacted areas of the Gulf Coast region - are to be tied to new, higher floodplain elevations updated by FEMA using the most accurate flood risk data available.

"FEMA has a responsibility to protect lives and property, and to ensure that disaster rebuilding efforts use the best data available. We also have a responsibility to ensure that Federal tax dollars are spent wisely and cost-effectively. It makes no sense to rebuild using outdated data," said David Maurstad, FEMA's Acting Director for Mitigation and Federal Insurance Administrator.

Communities recovering from disasters in Louisiana, Mississippi and elsewhere will be required to use the new elevations when available. Called Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs), -- the height at which there is a one percent or greater chance of flooding in a given year -- the rebuilding standards will be required for all FEMA-funded mitigation and public infrastructure grant-based recovery program projects. This includes the Public Assistance program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant program, Flood Mitigation Assistance program, and through the implementation of Executive Order 11988 Floodplain Management.

The FEMA grants tied to ABFEs are those for the repair and rebuilding of public infrastructure projects such as schools, public safety

stations, libraries and other shared community infrastructure. Individual homeowners, while encouraged to build back to ABFEs, are not impacted by this FEMA policy unless using a FEMA mitigation grant in the rebuilding process. Homeowners should consult their community ordinances for rebuilding guidance.

FEMA conducted a benefit-cost analysis of typical public assistance recovery projects and found that building to the ABFEs is cost-effective, in addition to being safer, because it provides a greater level of protection and reduces the potential for future flood losses. Another recent independent study showed that, on average, mitigation activities, such as elevation, save the country \$4 for every dollar spent. The "Benefits of Mitigation" study, done by the Multihazard Mitigation Council of the National Institute of Building Sciences, shows that steps taken to make communities stronger before disasters pays off at a much higher rate than ever known.

"By using the ABFEs in FEMA's grant programs, we are leading by example. Gulf Coast communities that rebuild using the ABFEs will be stronger, safer, and more sustainable," said Gil Jameison, FEMA's Deputy Director for Gulf Coast Recovery.

Following Hurricane Katrina, at the request of local and state officials in Louisiana and Mississippi, FEMA conducted new flood risk assessments, incorporating tide and storm data from the past 25 years, to base the advisory elevations on the most current data available.

To date, FEMA has provided ABFEs for Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties in Mississippi; and Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia,

Fishin' Toledo

By Joe Joslin



Hello, Anglers! Toledo is above 164' for the first time in over seven months. It is still basically 7.5' below full pool which is 172' msl (mean sea level). However, the 1 1/2 foot rise over the past three weeks has really made launching and navigating the lake somewhat easier.

Fishing on The Bend is transitioning from winter into early spring (both crappie and bass) and figuring out their movements can be a challenge. However, this season of the year is an exciting one as the chance to catch a really big fish is only a cast away. Check out our FISHING REPORTS section to get some info into what the fish did this week.

LAKE CONDITIONS

Current lake levels continue upward (finally!) and SRA reports the current level is 164.8'. One generator at the dam is currently shut down while the SRA reports the other unit is running from 7-9 a.m. each day. Surface water temperatures range from 52-55 degrees which is slightly lower than last week. North Toledo is stained/muddy, mid-lake is stained and south Toledo is clear on main lake but stained in back of feeder creeks.. There were large areas on the lake that got muddy due to rain run-off along shorelines/low levels and no shoreline vegetation but these areas cleared fairly quickly.

CAUTION TO BOATERS

With the lake rising, I am seeing floating debris in boat lanes. Boaters are urged to use caution at all times but especially in low light situations with poor visibility.

FISHING REPORTS/BASS

Fishing continues to be excellent with both shallow and deep patterns producing bass. Our biggest bass last week was a 7 lb 14 oz lunker that hit a TX rigged Gator Dog and was caught by Rob Prejean of Sulphur. We were

fishing ridges near the Six Mile Creek area. I am finding two patterns working with depths from 6-30'. In the 6-14' areas, crankbaits have been boating some good bass for us. Berkley's Frenzy Series of baits have been good to me for the past 2-3 years. The Frenzy Diver (medium 8-10') in Fire Tiger/Blue Chartreuse/TN Shad worked for us when fished along grass edges in 6-12'. Behind cold fronts DLN and DD22s connected when worked over points that dropped off into 20' (plus).

Carolina Rigs have also been super producers with Berkley Power Lizards, Stanley Wedge Lizards and Wedge Hogs being great choices. In addition, a wacky rigged Berkley Gulp! Sinking Minnow and Senko have been producing in moderate weather situations in depths of 6-14'. Don't rush these... soak'em. I love to fish these on Vanish line which is 100% fluorocarbon. I also have been using 17 and 20 lb Vanish as my main Carolina rig line.

Vanish is a great choice because it sinks better than regular mono, is highly sensitive, minimum stretch, highly transparent and possesses great knot strength. No, it is not cheap line...quality products are usually costly. A 250 yd. spool of Vanish is about \$7.50 retail and will fill 2-3 baitcasting reels. This is about 40% higher than regular quality mono. You have two choices of Vanish...the regular/clear and Vanish Transition which is highly visible to the angler above the water surface and is transparent below the surface.

Also, I am still catching bass in certain conditions in the 30-35' depths on jigging spoon and drop shot. I have been catching yellowbass, crappie, spotted bass (Kentucky) as well as large-

Teacher fair set at McNeese

McNeese State University's Career Services will host its spring teacher fair from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, April 3, at Burton Coliseum.

According to McNeese Career Services Director Kathy Bond, the fair will allow McNeese alumni, spring and summer 2006 education graduating students, as well as students completing teacher certification requirements who have registered online through e-Campus Recruiter, to interview for teaching positions.

Candidates may begin scheduling interviews online Feb. 24-March 19.

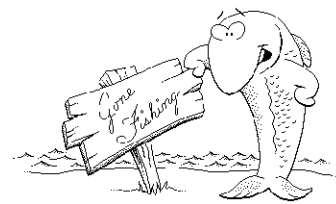
School agencies from Louisiana, Texas and other states will be in attendance. A list of participating agencies may be found on the Web site: www.mcneese.edu/career/.

For more information, contact the McNeese Career Services Center at 475-5612 or 1-800-622-3352 ext. 5612.

mouth on the spoon and D.S.

CRAPPIE

Crappie fishing is still good but not as good as it was from late Dec to late Jan. Noted Toledo crappie guide Noe Garcia told me that it was the best winter crappie season he had ever had on Toledo. Wow! That is some statement. They limited out day after day. There were decent catches reported this past week with several anglers catching 20-50 fish. Most are coming from 20-25' with live shiners. Crappie are moving from deep water to pre-spawn areas. Also, the heavy rains muddied the water and a lot of the crappie left the areas along the river.



Gardeners beware too much sun

(NAPSA)—The sun may be good for gardens, but it's not necessarily good for gardeners. That's why it's important to protect yourself from UVA and UVB rays every time you dig in the dirt.

A good place to start is with a hat. Hats can help protect you by shading your neck, face and head from the sun and wind. An added benefit: They can keep you looking good while you garden.

Not all hats block the sun's harmful rays, though. Some are specifically designed and certified to offer maximum sun protection and to keep gardeners' heads cool. For instance, gardeners can find hats designed to block out 98 percent of UVA/UVB rays.

Two of the many such styles made by Tilley Endurables - the women's TH8 and the unisex LTM6 - are certified with an Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) of 50+. That's the maximum rating given, and is based on the amount of ultraviolet radiation blocked.

In addition, the hats are designed to fit gently and comfortably on the head, and to not put painful pressure on the forehead. The hats are also resistant to mold, mildew and salt water.

Try these additional tips for protecting your head:

- Shade your face with a broad-brimmed hat that is certified to offer protection from ultraviolet rays.
- Apply a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Wear sunglasses with UV filters to guard against strong rays—they will help you avoid getting dirt in your eyes, too.
- Try a hat that fits securely on your head and that has a wind cord. That way, you don't have to worry about a breeze blowing your hat off, and you can focus on your garden.

For more information, visit www.tilley.com.

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF GRAND LAKE - BIG LAKE
 There will be a town meeting held at 6 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2006 at the Grand Lake Firemen's Center, 957 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake.
 Interested persons are encouraged to attend.
 RUN: Feb. 16 (F-13)

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Lafourche, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne and Vermilion parishes in Louisiana. Additional ABFEs are being developed for four Louisiana Parishes, Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines and Jefferson, protected by levees. This includes the city of New Orleans. FEMA is working with State and local officials, and the Army Corps of Engineers, to analyze the situation and continue to assess the flood elevations behind the levees.

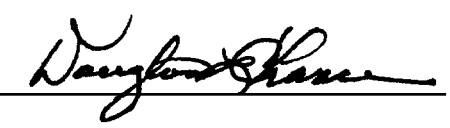
A base flood elevation is the height at which there is a one percent or greater chance of flooding in a given year. It is the minimum building standard of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Advisory Base Flood Elevations are produced to assist state and local officials and those rebuilding in making decisions on how to reconstruct to help minimize vulnerability to future flood events. The release of this guidance is for advisory purposes, and will not increase flood insurance premiums or flood insurance requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

In cases when FEMA funds are not involved, existing NFIP standards will apply. However, FEMA strongly encourages communities to use the ABFEs, when available, in making decisions about reconstruction and elevation requirements across all rebuilding efforts. By applying stricter requirements, communities can ensure a greater level of protection to homes and businesses from future severe storms.

For property owners rebuilding outside of a flood plain, flood insurance is still highly recommended. The ABFEs are designed to represent the 1-percent chance annual flood, but not rare, catastrophic events.

"All Gulf Coast communities affected by last year's hurricanes should use the ABFEs as they go about the task of recovery," said David Garratt, FEMA's Acting Director of Recovery. "Rebuilding to these new elevations will reduce the risk of future flooding and enable the community to recover and be more resistant to the next storm through wise building practices."

- JOB OPENING -
Cameron Parish Police Jury OEP Director
 The Cameron Parish Police Jury will accept resumes for a full-time Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) Director until 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2006. Applicant should possess knowledge of emergency planning and operations. Administrative and supervisory skills are a must. Salary shall be based upon experience. A benefits package is included. Resumes may be mailed to P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, LA 70631 or hand-delivered to 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA. The Cameron Parish Police Jury is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based upon sex, race, religion, ethnic origin, and/or political affiliation.
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• NOTICE FOR BIDS •
ADDENDUM
 The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive sealed bids until the hour of 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 27, 2006, adjusted from February 9, 2006, for the lease, with the option to purchase, of 26 portable classroom buildings and 4 portable restroom buildings to be used by the students of Cameron Elementary, South Cameron Elementary and South Cameron High Schools for the 2006 Spring and 2006-2007 school sessions.
 A detailed bid list and specification packet shall be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 409 East Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles, LA or by calling (337) 475-9167 and asking for the Office of the Superintendent.
 Bid lease price on all items should be the delivery and set-up price at the Grand Lake School site, Grand Lake, Louisiana, with a complete dismantle, transportation, delivery and set-up of some or all buildings at the South Cameron High School site, Creole, Louisiana. All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time.
ALTERNATE #1
 Bid lease price on all items should be the delivery and set-up price at the South Cameron High School site, Creole, Louisiana, with future dismantle and removal. All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time.
 Envelopes should be marked "BID ON PORTABLE CLASSROOMS AND RESTROOMS". All complete licensure data and contact information shall appear on the OUTSIDE of the envelope.
 The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Douglas L. Chance, Superintendent
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