

Domingue benefit set March 6

A benefit will be held Sunday, March 6, at the KC Hall in Cameron for John Domingue who has been diagnosed with liver and colon cancer. Barbeque chicken plates will be sold beginning at 10:30 a.m. along with a live auction, raffle, children's activities, live music, dancing, etc.

Bands scheduled to play are the Medicare Playboys, Midnight Special, Joe Simon and Richard Lebeouf. Raffle tickets are currently on sale at local merchants.

Items being raffled are Aluminum/Stainless Easy Dump Boiling Pot donated by Styron's Welding, LLC on display at Hibernia Bank, a Marlin 22 Cal Rifle Semi Auto Model 60 donated by Omer Smith and a butchered hog, cut and wrapped.

Drawing for the raffle will be March 6, need not be present to win. For more information, call Seacor at 775-5485.

Super Bingo at Creole

The Creole Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold a Super Bingo on Sunday, Feb. 27 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Creole Fire Station. Live and silent auctions will also be held.

Lunch will be served starting at 10:30 a.m. and there will be a live and a silent auction.

Bingo tickets may be secured from Tim Dupont at 542-4807 or Charlotta Boudin at 542-4923. To bake a cake for the lunch call Marilyn Landry at 542-4773. To donate items for the auctions call Mary Francis Richard at 542-4201 or 542-4229.

Proceeds will go to help support the fire department and to keep fire insurance premiums down.

Hearing set on hunting regs

There will be a La. Wildlife & Fisheries Public Hearing meeting in Lake Charles Friday, Mar. 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. to be held in the L.S.U. Agriculture Center at 7101 Gulf Hwy. (building just south of Burton Coliseum and the livestock pens.)

The hearing is meant to inform the public on the proposed 2005-06 hunting seasons and regulations.

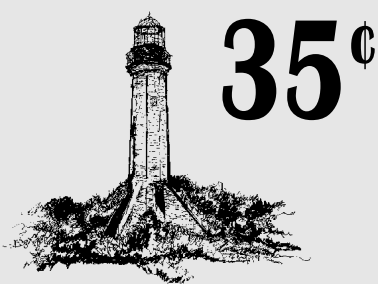
For more information call La. Wildlife & Fisheries at 491-2575.

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ETHAN NUNEZ is shown with the Superintendent of Education Award that he was presented last week at the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show. He is shown with Jake Fontenot, Cameron Parish 4-H agent.

Nunez winner of state livestock award

Ethan Paul Nunez, 4-H club member from Creole, was one of three junior livestock exhibitors to receive the Superintendent of Education Award at the LSU AgCenter livestock show in Gonzales last week.

Sponsored by the Louisiana 4-H Foundation and Louisiana FFA, the awards were based on evaluation of each person's record book or a detailed application concerning his or her involvement with youth livestock projects.

The Superintendent of Education Awards are presented each year to students 13 years of age or younger who have excelled in the livestock program. Those awards this year went to Ryan Cary from Jefferson Davis Parish, Ethan Paul Nunez of Cameron Parish and Cynthia Schilling from Washington Parish.

Nunez is a second-year 4-H member from Cameron Parish and the son of Delia Nunez and Giraud Nunez. His livestock projects include

goats and poultry, and he has two meat goats, two breeding goats, and a cock and hen.

Nunez also purchased a Styrofoam incubator after conducting research through his 4-H project book and the Internet, and he used the incubator to hatch goose, duck and chicken eggs. In addition to those project accomplishments, Nunez is parliamentarian of his local 4-H Club, and he also has worked with service projects for the homeless, several literacy programs and the area's Beach Sweep.

Aid available to elderly

The Cameron Council on Aging has funds available for Cameron Parish residents who are 60 or older who qualify for help paying utility bills, medical bills, rent or food. If you need assistance please call 775-5668 to set up an appointment.

Local teams on their way to playoffs

The Hackberry and Johnson Bayou girls basketball teams begin their quest this week to earn places in the Sweet 16 state playoffs.

Hackberry Lady Mustangs, the District 9 champions, will host Bethel Christians at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, at Sulphur High School. Bethel was third in its district.

Johnson Bayou Lady Rebels will play Pecan Island at 7 p.m., Thursday, at Kaplan. They finished fourth in the district and made the playoffs as a wild card. Pecan Island girls won their district.

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The Cameron Pilot newspaper has quite a few subscribers and we appreciate each one of you.

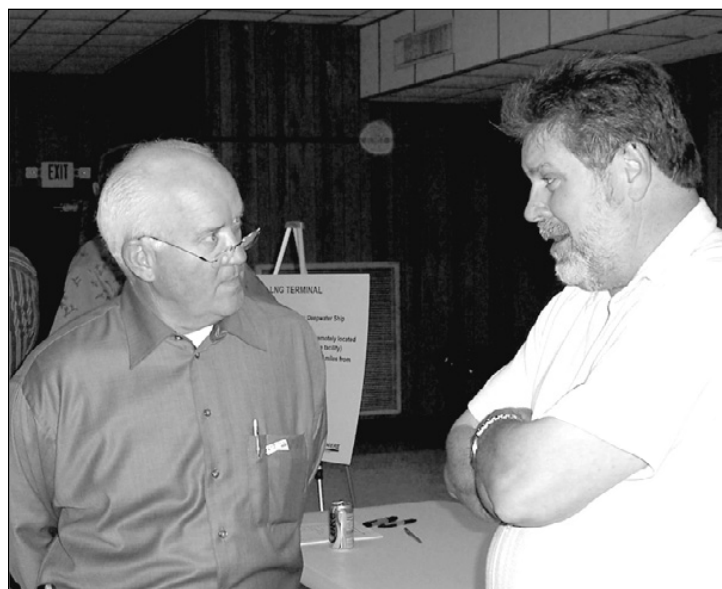
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DARRON GRANGER, Vice President of Cheniere's LNG Technical division, explains the company's plans at the open house Tuesday night in Cameron. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

LNG project discussed at Cameron meeting

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

A large crowd turned out Tuesday night for the first of three open house meetings being held by Cheniere LNG, Inc. to provide information about the proposed Creole Trail Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal and Pipeline project.

Company officials were on hand to answer questions and receive comments from the public concerning the facility. Local residents asked questions about environmental and safety issues, as well as the route of the proposed pipeline and the impact on shrimpers and other interests in the area. All seemed to be satisfied with the answers they received.

Cheniere LNG Vice President for Government Affairs Patricia Outtrim explained the safety of natural gas, as compared to propane for example, to one resident.

She said natural gas is lighter than air and therefore would rise instead of spreading if there were a release. It also does not explode unless the gas is under pressure, although it will burn.

She said the facility has been designed to contain and limit any such release. The four large double-walled storage tanks planned for the site will hold super-cold liquid natural gas, which will not be under pressure.

In addition, the 118 mile, dual 42" pipeline will be buried and will have valves which would automatically close in case of a rupture, thus limiting any potential release. The pipeline's final route is still being studied.

Cheniere plans to use a closed loop warming system to bring the liquid natural gas up to a temperature of about 40 degrees to return it to a gaseous state so it can be sent through the pipeline.

The closed loop system will be completely separate from the ecosystem, re-circulating water in a kind of bath as the LNG is run through coils to warm it.

In fact, the process will produce water as natural gas is burned to warm the water. The company plans to store the fresh water thus produced on site and use it in its plant operations.

Local shrimpers Monroe and Shirley Gray commented that they were satisfied the closed loop system would not harm the marine life in the estuary.

When asked about jobs, Cheniere LNG Vice President Darron Granger said the company wants both their Cameron Parish facilities to be run by Cameron Parish people. He explained that the company plans to hire 16-20 operators about 1 1/2 to 2 years before the facilities actually open, having them work with the construction company throughout the construction process so they will know how everything in the facility works and will know how to fix it.

He said one experienced LNG operator will be needed, but the rest of the jobs would be open to natural gas plant operators.

Other skills which will be needed as each facility comes on line are 26 tug operators, 10 groundskeepers, 3-4 office staff, 7-8 security personnel,

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School board audit favorable

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

The Cameron Parish School Board was pleased to receive a very favorable report on its 2004 financial audit Monday afternoon. Charles Marchbanks, of the independent accounting firm Little & Associates, reported that the school system had been given an "Unqualified opinion", which is the highest possible result.

In its testing, the firm found no material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting or compliance with requirements for major federal programs. There were no "findings" reported in any program.

The audit revealed a

healthy financial condition, with total net assets of \$26,114,164, of which \$20,195,512 in assets are unrestricted. The Board, as of June 30, 2004, had \$705,251 in cash on hand and \$22,329,147 in investments, some of which were restricted for debt service or dedicated to other payables such as salaries.

Marchbanks characterized the assets as a "strong reserve, representing strong growth" and congratulated the Board on its financial management.

Dr. Doug Chance expressed the Board's appreciation to Marchbanks for his work and to Margaret Jones, Board accountant, for her

work year round which resulted in such an excellent report.

Jones reported on the status of pipeline tax litigation which has been ongoing in Baton Rouge. Several pipeline companies are suing the State Tax Commission over the method of assessing taxes on interstate pipelines. Cameron Parish has about \$4 million at stake, of which approximately half would go to the School Board, she said. The case has been heard, and the judge should rule in 4-6 weeks, but appeals can be expected to keep payment tied up for possibly years; meanwhile the taxes are being paid under protest.

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BOBBY JOE DOXEY, Scoutmaster of Boys Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 210, was surprised with a plaque, a key to the parish, and a certificate of appreciation for his many years of community service at the troop's Monday night meeting. Shown above are, from left: Phyllis Doxey (who received a bouquet of roses from the Cub Scouts), Chief Deputy Ron Johnson, Bobby Joe Doxey, Police Juror James Doxey, and BSA representative Mike Moore. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Scoutmaster Doxey honored

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Scoutmaster Bobby Joe Doxey, of Cameron, thought the refreshments were in honor of the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouts in America. When he saw the crowd, however, he knew something was up.

Many friends and community leaders gathered at the Wakefield Methodist Church in Cameron to honor Doxey for his many years of community service through scouting, youth sports, and other activities.

Friends knew they would have to surprise him, because the last time someone tried to give him an award, he refused to attend. He didn't feel he had done anything special.

Those who spoke in his

behalf Monday night begged to differ. Doxey has been involved in scouting in Cameron for 14 years, having revitalized the program after some years of inactivity.

Chief Deputy Ron Johnson, in presenting the key to the parish, said "a lot of boys had earned their Eagle Scout badge because of Doxey's support and leadership."

Police Juror James Doxey noted his support of youth athletics over the years and presented a certificate of appreciation from the Jury.

Charlene Guillot, organizer of the event, presented a plaque commemorating Doxey's "service to children, community and friends."

And Rev. Tom Beeler, pastor of Wakefield, said he felt

blessed to have him in his congregation.

Mike Moore, District Executive for the Cypress Knee District of the Calcasieu Area Council, BSA, spoke of the glowing reports of Doxey's work received from all areas of the community, and announced that he has been nominated for the prestigious Silver Beaver Award, Scouting's highest adult honor.

This year's recipient of the Silver Beaver will be announced at a banquet April 21 at Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles.

The Cub Scouts also presented Mrs. Phyllis Doxey with a bouquet of white roses in gratitude for all her help over the years.



CAMERON PARISH Livestock Exhibitors participated in the Southwest District Livestock Show in Lake Charles held January 25-30. Pictured above are the winners, from left: Kaysha Fontenot, Joel Rogers, Keaton Boudreaux, Dylan Jouett, Andre Savoie, Cody Jouett, Jacob Vaughan, Kyle Fontenot, LaRayne Picou, Channing Beard, Bryce LaBove, Chad Benoit, Kyle Benoit, Brendan Trahan, and Dr. Doug Chance, Superintendent of the Cameron Parish School Board.

Funerals



MRS. ELVERA CHARITY BERKEY

Mrs. Elvera Charity Berkey, 80 of Mena, Ark. died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005 at her home. She was born in Dodds, Alberta, Canada.

In 1955, she and her husband Earl Berkey moved to south Louisiana where they lived for 33 years. In 1988, they retired just east of Mena. She attended the Cherry Hill Baptist Church, and was a volunteer at the Food Mission USA.

Survivors are her husband, Earl Andrew Berkey of Mena, Ark.; three sons, Glen Earl Berkey of Mena, Ark., Lester Eugene Berkey, Sulphur, Paul Edward Berkey, Lake Charles; three daughters, Mrs. Roberta Ann Dockery, Denton, Tex., Mrs. Cheryl Jean Nipper, Cleveland, Tex., Mrs. Mary Jane Racca, Cameron; two sisters, Mrs. Estella Kieffaber and Mrs. Eldora Hartzler; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday Feb. 17 in the Hall Memorial Chapel in Mena with Bro. Grant Geiger officiating. Interment will be in the Cherry Hill Cemetery under the direction of Hall Funeral Service.

ROBERTA FOX

Roberta "Bobbie" Fox, 67, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, in a local hospital.

She was a native of Abbeville and had been a resident of Lake Charles since 1988, coming from Johnson Bayou. She had been a volunteer pink lady with Christus St. Patrick Hospital and was a member of the Retreads Motorcycle Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Tracy Allen and husband, David of Starks, and Therese Mayfield of Atlanta, Ga.; a son-in-law, Edward Glenn, Sr.; one brother, Donald Chauvin and wife, Janet of Abbeville; two sisters, Rosemarie Williams and husband, Ron of Katy, Tex., and Mary Ann Stoutes and husband, R.J. of Abbeville; and five grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Bruce Fox; and a daughter, Tammy A. Glenn.

Her funeral was Saturday, Feb. 12, in Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. The Rev. Brian King will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Council on Aging Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 20 - Senior Valentine Banquet at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 21 - Cameron, Pokeno, 9 a.m. Grand Lake, Bingo, 9 a.m. Johnson Bayou, Crafts, 9 a.m. Hackberry, Bingo and health screening, 9 a.m. Public hearing, 12 noon, Cameron Council On Aging offices.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Cameron, Pokeno and exercise, 9 a.m. Creole, Dr. Sanders 11:30 a.m. (Heart Health). Grand Lake, Dominos, 9 a.m. Grand Chenier, Bingo, 1 p.m. Johnson Bayou, Pokeno, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 - Cameron, Bingo, 9 a.m. Creole, Bingo and health screening, 9 a.m. Johnson Bayou, Crafts, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24 - Cameron, Pokeno, 9 a.m. Linda Chevallier 11 a.m. (Heart Health). Johnson Bayou, Bingo and health screening, 9 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 25 - Cameron, Pokeno and exercise, 9 a.m. Johnson Bayou, Puzzles, 9 a.m.



ENTRIES IN THE Senior Citizen Mardi Gras costume contest, Maria Posada, Margaret Pitts, Ina Boudreaux, and Vernie Trahan.

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith



The clubhouse here at the Village was really rocking the other night at our Mardi Gras Party. It was the 21st year the Krewe here has celebrated the event. Our new queen is also head of our "Red Hatters" unit. Before the party was over we were all dancing in the "Conga Line." My next door neighbor was last year's king and crowned the new king. We had all prepared a dish to take and were loaded with food.

I got a note from Virgie LeBleu telling me about the McCall family reunion to be held on Saturday, April 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the American Legion hall on Grand Chenier. It is being sponsored by the Toby McCall family.

The McCall family was the first settlers on Grand Chenier. My family is descended from Martha McCall, said to be the first one buried in the McCall Cemetery on Grand Chenier.

When my granddaughter decided on the name McCall Marie Matt for her baby girl, she was unaware that the name was in her family, eight generations ago. We have her picture. It happened to be in Port Arthur during Hurricane Audrey when we lost everything. McCall is now walking and running everywhere and will be one year old next week. We are all going to Natchitoches next week to her birthday party. I feel so lucky to have lived long

and chosen as Family of the Month was the John "Man" Theriot family.

enough to be a great-grandmother.

I am reading Dan Brown's book "The Da Vinci Code," which everyone is talking about.

Beau is lying at my feet waiting for me to get through so we can take our daily walk. The road around the village is one mile and I try to walk it. People are out as early as 4:30 a.m. taking their daily walks.

Memorial books told

New memorial books at the Cameron Parish Library are:

Just Labs, J. P. Constance by Jaimie, Tina, Christina and Jolie Boudreaux;

Craft Projects For The First Time, Shirley Welch by Jaimie, Tina, Christina and Jolie Boudreaux;

Miniature Crochet, Kathleen Duhon by Jaimie, Tina, Christina and Jolie Boudreaux;

Remarkable Shrimp, Hayes Picou, Sr. by Jaimie, Tina, Christina and Jolie Boudreaux;

Story Of The Atlanta Braves, Eddie J. Demary, Sr. by Thomas and Barbara LeMaire;

Cajun Creole Cooking, Hayes Picou, Sr. by Gail Mudd;

Cajun Cuisine, Hayes Picou, Sr. by Cecil R. Sanner and Staff;

Crafty Ideas For The Home, Regina Benoit by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese;

Watercolors A Step By Step Guide, Dorothy Boudreaux by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese;

The Passion, Mary Jane Miller by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese;

Costume Jewelry, Kathleen Duhon by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese.



Deceased Knights to be honored

The Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights will sponsor a Memorial Mass for deceased members on Sunday, Feb. 20, celebrated by the Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May in the Church of Our Lady of Seven Dolours in Welsh beginning at 11 a.m. A reception will be held after Mass in the Pere Jules Daigle Parish Center.

The Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of 27 deceased members of the Chapter including:

John Mark Richard and Jimmy Lee LaSalle, of Cameron and Elton A. Bonsall of Creole.

The Pontifical Orders of Knighthood were established by the Holy See and membership in the Orders in conferred by the Holy Father.

Conferral of Knighthood in Southwest Louisiana was first made in 1943 when Frank Eloi Landry of St. Paul Parish in Elton was invested as a Knight of Saint Gregory the Great in ceremonies held in Lafayette and presided over by the Most Rev. Jules B. Jeanmard, Bishop of Lafayette.

A total of 49 men and women of Southwest Louisiana have been honored with Knighthood.

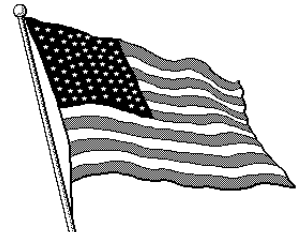
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and 10 maintenance crew. He expects to be able to find nearly all these people in Cameron Parish.

Creole Trail Project Manager Carlos Macias said he is looking forward to this project and is pleased with the positive reaction so far. He hopes all parties can work together to achieve common goals.

The Creole Trail LNG Terminal is in the pre-filing stage of development. Cheniere LNG hopes to file its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) permit by this summer and to be able to begin construction in early 2006.

If all goes as planned it could be in operation in 2009. When the permit is filed, FERC will hold a hearing locally to take public comment before it takes action on the permit.



Creole KCs tell events for Easter

The J. P. Boudoin Sr. Knights of Columbus of Creole held their regular meeting last week.

David Trahan, Grand Knight, said the Council needed to prepare for the Easter Season, and the Easter Egg Hunt for the Sacred Heart Youth after Easter Sunday's 8:30 a.m. Mass.

The K of C, Knight and Family of the Year Banquet will be held Saturday, April 2 with a social at 6 p.m. and meal at 7 p.m. Voting for these two annual awards will take place at the March meeting, March 8. The Easter Egg Hunt is March 27.

Program Director Loston McEvers asked that the past Grand Knights bring him a 8 X 10 picture to complete the pictures on the wall.

Chosen as Knight of the Month was Kenneth Montie

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Group pays visits to refuges

Members of the Partners Outdoor Association toured the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road, as guests of Southwest Louisiana/Lake Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Shelley Johnson, executive director of the bureau; Mayor Randy Roach of Lake Charles; Mayor Ron LeLeux of Sulphur; and Monte Hurley, Chairman of the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road District greeted the group of 150 recreational tourism professionals at the Lake Charles Civic Center before hitting the road.

The Partners Outdoor brings together leaders from the federal government's recreation management agencies, the recreation industry, and recreation enthusiast groups to focus on creative integration of travel, tourism, recreation and planning.

The highlighted topic for 2005 is exploring recreational opportunities at national wildlife refuges. With this in mind, the group toured the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road visiting the Cameron Prairie and Sabine National Wildlife Refuges to gain insight about the possibilities these venues offer for leisure travelers and tour groups alike.



JAYLIN SMITH, 7, was crowned Mardi Gras queen of Mrs. Roach's first grade class at Grand Lake High School last week. She is the daughter of Jason and Kristy Smith and granddaughter of Charles and Linda Smith and T-Man and Julia Racca, all of Grand Lake.



SENIOR MARDI Gras King Rev. Vaughn and Queen Vernie Trahan.



TIM AND ANN Hebert of Lake Charles announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Andrea Monique Hebert, to Michael John Faulk, son of Clay and Diane Benton of Lake Charles and the late Michael Faulk of Cameron. The wedding is set for Friday, April 29 at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Lake Charles 6 p.m.

Rev. Joseph to be honored

Ebenezer Baptist Church will celebrate their Pastor, the Rev. Lannis Joseph's thirteen year anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Ernest Ford, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Lake Charles.

Bullriding event to be held at West-Cal Arena

AMERICAN PRESS
By **BRENDA MERCHANT**

The first Brent Vincent "Bucking on the Bayou" bull-riding event, to benefit the Genesis Therapeutic Riding Center, will be held 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the new West Cal Arena in Sulphur.

Other family-oriented events will begin at 1 p.m.

A Sulphur native, Vincent said there will be 40 bull-riders involved in the event and the top eight riders will be featured again at the end of the show.

There will be cash prizes for the winners.

Vincent said he has been involved in rodeo events for the past 20 years but has been on the professional circuit for the past seven years.

He's competed in PBR World Finals three times and the Ford Built Tuff competition four times.

The Riding Center was threatened with closure late last year by West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital because of budget constraints.

Parents of children enrolled in the therapeutic program have helped raise more than \$70,000 in an effort to keep the Riding Center open.



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Benefit poker run to be held for Sulphur 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 the DeQuincy Railroad Museum and 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 Therapeutic Riding Center of West Calcasieu Hospital has provided therapy to hundreds of area children with cognitive, physical and psychosocial disorders such as Multiple Sclerosis, Autism, ADHD, and those with developmental delays. Hippotherapy is medical treatment provided by specially trained horses and therapists in a natural environment.

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We'll knock the spurs off your boots with an upcoming benefit for the Therapeutic Riding Center of West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital. It's fun for the whole family, and proceeds will go directly to the Therapeutic Riding Center.

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Cameron waterfront fire of 1954 causes great damage

(EDITOR'S NOTE-- Edith Russo, of Abbeville, recently inquired if the Cameron Pilot had run a story on the big riverfront fire in Cameron in July, 1954. The Pilot had not done so as the paper was not founded until 1956. Mrs. Russo sent a copy of the story that the American Press did on the fire noting that her father Dudley Broussard was captain of a Superior Oil Co. tug that fought the blaze. Following is the Press's story on the huge fire.)

BY CLAUDE MALONE American Press

CAMERON, La. -- A quarter-million dollar fire which may have claimed the lives of sleeping fishermen swept a riverfront dock here early this morning and for several hours threatened this entire Gulf coast town.

By mid-morning, police officials probing the charred wreckage still were unable to determine whether any lives were lost. Cameron Parish Sheriff O. B. Carter said it might take two or three days--or even longer--to determine whether anyone perished in the blaze.

Lighting up the night skies for miles around, the fire broke out shortly after midnight and destroyed the Graceland-George, a 90-foot fishing boat, four dockside bunkhouses, an office building, three cars, a dual truck and other equipment of the Louisiana Menhaden Company.

Only fast action by a tug-boat captain who swung out into the stream and pumped plumes of water on the blaze and the surrounding residential area was credited with keeping the entire town from going up in flames.

Cameron has no fire-fighting equipment and the blaze was finally extinguished by airmen from the Lake Charles Air Force Base, when a ferry breakdown and other delays prevented the Lake Charles and Sulphur fire departments from arriving until the fire was under control.

Sheriff Carter said he suspected the fire was started by someone attempting to steal gasoline from the boat's tanks.

Concerning casualties, Carter pointed out that the

company normally employs nearly 500 workers and some of the men sleep on board the boats. He started an immediate check of company records to check for missing persons--but warned that it might not answer the question of possible victims.

Often when such an accident occurs, he said, fishermen feel that the ship is "filled with bad luck" and will leave the port for other sections of the country without giving notice of their intentions. He estimated that it might take several days to determine if any died in the flames.

The Graceland-George was one of a fleet of 12 boats used for menhaden--or "pogy"--fishing, owned by Captain John Santos Carinhas of Patterson, La., it was valued at approximately \$100,000.

G. B. Kornegay, office manager here for the menhaden company, estimated the loss of fishing nets in excess of \$90,000.

Remainder of the estimated total loss involved the bunkhouses, office buildings, dock-structure and equipment.

Other boats in the fleet, tied up four and five abreast, were loosed and towed away from the dock before the roaring flames, fed by exploding gas and oil tanks, could reach them. A gentle northwest wind helped to blow the heat away from the fleet but creating a constant danger to the residential area. The docks, which stretch for four or five miles, are located on the west side of town on the bank of the Calcasieu River, approximately one and a half miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

Sheriff's Deputies D. P. Vincent and Norman LaBove were on routine patrol when the fire broke out. Here is Vincent's account of what happened:

"About 12:10 a.m. we were driving near the docks when suddenly we heard a siren. At first I thought a shrimp boat had come in with a load of shrimp. It is customary for them to blow their sirens when they make a good catch. Then we saw flames shoot upward, I believe it was on the boat.

"I awoke the sheriff, and State Trooper Herbert Courville and we spread the alarm to the Lake Charles fire department asking for

help. "When we returned to the fire, sparks were falling as far away as the courthouse (about five blocks away). Then two explosions ripped the ships and flames leaped high into the air.

"I rushed to the home of Capt. Fletcher Miller, skipper on the Jack T. Styron and brought him back. He started untieing the other boats and towing them away from the fire."

The Graceland-George's captain quit the company, according to Vincent, two days ago and Capt. Carkey Johnson was to have taken command of the ship today. The fleet did not go out to fish Thursday because of rough seas.

The menhaden company specializes in fishing for menhaden, commonly referred to as "pogy". The fish are used to make fertilizer, chicken feed and the oil is used in paints and soaps along with some 55 other products. It is one of the main industries in this town located approximately 30 air-miles south of Lake Charles and with a population of 1,550.

Quick action on the part of Capt. Dudley Broussard, aboard the Sup-Co. a Superior Oil company tug, probably saved the city from a worse disaster and was given full credit for saving one home. He swung his boat into the stream and pumped plumes of water on the blaze and soaked the nearby residences with water.

Wallace Vaughn, a shrimper whose boat is docked behind his home and on the adjacent pier, said, "Thank God Captain Broussard kept the fire from my house. You know I lost my home in 1949 when a cooking stove exploded." The home is now on the same location as that of the one that burned.

An engine from the Lake Charles Air Force base arrived on the scene at about 2 a.m. and with a little help from volunteers standing about, began to fight the fire.

This was the second fire to hit the docks within the past two years. Two years ago a fire broke out when a man was attempting to take gas from a ship's tank. Carter said that the man struck a match to see if his can was full when it exploded causing damages estimated between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Check 21 explained

A new federal law, known as Check 21, makes it easier for banks to electronically transfer check images instead of physically transferring paper checks. Because of Check 21 and other check-system improvements, your checks may be processed faster -- which means money may be deducted from your checking account faster, according to LSU AgCenter family economics professor Dr. Jeanette Tucker.

This acceleration creates a heightened need for consumers, before writing a check, to make sure their checking accounts have enough money to cover the check.

If you are one of the majority of consumers who do not receive their canceled checks with their account statements, you may receive "pictures" (known as digital images) of your checks, a list of your paid checks or a combination of these items.

"Check 21 will have little or no effect on these practices," Tucker says, but adds, "If you do get your canceled checks back in your regular account statements, you may notice some changes under Check 21." For example, your bank may start sending you a combination of original checks and substitute checks in your account statements. You may use a canceled substitute check as proof of payment just as you would use a canceled original check.

Tucker explains that the account agreement you have with your bank governs whether you receive canceled checks with your account statements. If you currently get canceled checks back with your statements, you will continue to receive your checks, unless your bank notifies you that it is changing your account agreement.

You may receive substitute checks in other limited circumstances. For example, your bank may give you a substitute check if you ask to have a particular canceled check back to prove a payment. Also, your bank might provide a substitute check to you when returning a "bounced" check that you deposited into your account.

By law, your bank may not pay a check from your account unless you autho-

rized that payment. In other words, you are protected from having your bank pay the same check from your account more than once or from having your bank pay the wrong amount for a check. Check 21 does not change these protections. Check 21 does give you special rights, however, if you receive a substitute check from your bank.

A substitute check is a special paper copy of the front and back of an original check. The substitute check may be slightly larger than the original check. Substitute checks are specially formatted so they can be processed as if they were original checks. The front of a substitute check should state: "This is a legal copy of your check. You can use it the same way you would use the original check."

Tucker points out, though, that not all copies of a check are substitute checks. For example, pictures of multiple checks printed on a page (also known as an image statement) that is returned to you with your monthly statement are not substitute checks. Online check images and photocopies of original checks are not substitute checks either. You can use image statements and other copies of checks to verify that your bank has paid a check.

"The primary impact of Check 21 on consumers will be faster processing of substitute checks," Tucker says, explaining, "As a result, be certain you have enough money in your account to cover the checks you write."

The family economist offers additional tips for checking account holders:

- Always review your account statement to make sure the charges are correct.
- If you receive something other than a substitute check, be aware of your rights to resolve errors under other state and federal laws.
- Contact your bank right away if you notice an error in your account.

For information on related family and consumer topics, visit the FCS Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com/Inst/Extension/Departments/fcs/. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

Women need to take charge of their health

By DR. BETH REAMES

February is American Heart Month. The American Heart Association's month-long campaign is a call to action for women to take charge of their heart health. It aims to empower women to make heart health a top priority and live a stronger, longer life.

Cardiovascular diseases claim more women's lives than the next seven causes of death combined. That totals almost 500,000 lives a year!

A special red dress pin is available from the association that can be worn to show support for women affected by heart disease and stroke. Call 1-888-MY-HEART to request a pin, plus an educational brochure and wallet card with heart-healthy tips.

Reames says misperceptions still exist that cardiovascular disease is not a real problem for women. Information from the American Heart Association shows:

- Heart disease and stroke are the number 1 and number 3 killers of American women over age 25.
- Heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases kill more than 500,000 women each year -- about one death a minute.
- 1 in 29 women dies of breast cancer. About 1 in 2.4 women dies of heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.
- 1 in 5 women has some form of cardiovascular disease.
- 63 percent of women who die suddenly of heart disease have no previous symptoms.
- Black and Hispanic women have higher risk factors than white women of comparable socioeconomic status.

Reames outlines the campaign's three basic health messages:

1. Know your risk factors for heart disease and stroke, which include obesity, high cholesterol, diabetes, physical inactivity, smoking and high blood pressure.
2. Reduce your risk: maintain a desirable weight; keep body mass index (BMI) below 25 and waistline less than 35 inches; exercise for 30 minutes on most days of the week; don't smoke -- if you do, stop; eat a balanced diet (fruits, vegetables, cereal and grain products, fat-free and low-fat dairy products, legumes, nuts, fish, poultry and lean meat); maintain a total cholesterol level under 200 and an HDL level of 50 or higher; control your blood pressure -- try to keep it below 120/80; schedule regular visits with your doctor.
3. Know the warning signs of heart attack. Call 9-1-1 immediately if any occur: a discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back, an uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain; a pain or discomfort in other areas of the upper body, such as one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach; shortness of breath, which often comes along with chest discomfort, but can occur before the discomfort. Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

For additional information about staying healthy, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office. For information on related nutrition, family and consumer topics, visit the FCS Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com/Inst/Extension/Departments/fcs/.

fits, 401K contributions and cafeteria plan contributions.

Can you deduct tuition and fees?

Those facing skyrocketing college tuition bills will want to learn as much as possible about how the tuition and fee deduction can lower their tax bills. Before filing your 2004 tax return, read the Society of Louisiana CPAs' (LCPA) responses to the most common questions about this deduction.

What is the tax benefit of the tuition and fees deduction?

"This deduction can reduce the amount of your income that is subject to tax by up to a maximum of \$4,000 on your 2004 tax return -- that's up from \$3,000 in 2003," explains Timothy J. Aguilard, CPA, LCPA Lake Charles chapter president. "The tuition deduction is taken as an adjustment to gross income, which means you can claim this deduction even if you do not itemize."

Who is eligible for the tuition deduction?

You may be able to deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for yourself, your spouse, or a dependent. The amount you can deduct depends on your modified tuition deduction adjusted gross income (MAGI). You are not eligible for the tuition deduction if another person can claim an exemption for you as a dependent. Also excluded are married persons filing separately.

What is the amount of the tuition and fees deduction for 2004?

For 2004, you qualify for the maximum deduction of \$4,000 if your MAGI is not more than \$65,000 for single filers and \$130,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly. If you're a single filer and your MAGI is more than \$65,000 but not more than \$80,000,

your deduction is limited to \$2,000. The \$2,000 deduction also applies to joint filers whose MAGI is higher than \$130,000, but not more than \$160,000. No tuition and fees deduction is allowed if your MAGI exceeds \$80,000 for single filers and \$160,000 for joint filers. The \$4,000 maximum deduction remains in effect in 2005 after which it is scheduled to expire.

What education expenses qualify?

Qualified expenses include tuition and fees but not books, personal, or living expenses, such as room and board. The costs of course-related books and supplies are not considered qualified education expenses unless these expenses must be paid to the institution as a condition of enrollment or attendance.

What if I use funds from a Coverdell Education Savings Account to pay for tuition and expenses?

When you pay your tuition with tax-advantaged education funds from a Coverdell Education Savings Account or a state tuition plan, or with the interest on U.S. savings bonds, these amounts must be subtracted from your qualified expenses to arrive at the deductible amount. The same rule applies to any nontaxable employer-provided education benefits you receive.

What about graduate school?

Graduate or undergraduate level college courses can be deducted and you don't have to be a full-time student to qualify. However, the educational institution must be eligible to participate in the student aid programs administered by the Department of Education. Virtually all accredited public, nonprofit, and proprietary postsecondary institutions are eligible.

What if I have two children in college at the same time?

The tuition and fees deduction is \$4,000 total per year, regardless of how many dependents are in school at the same time.

EITC helps lower income families

If you worked last year, even part time, and earned a low income, the Internal Revenue Service could owe you money, according to LSU AgCenter family resource management professor Dr. Ann Berry.

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable federal tax credit for eligible individuals and families who work and have earned income under \$34,458 (\$35,458 for married, filing jointly). The EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe, and it may even give you a refund!

Berry says you may qualify for the EITC if you have a valid Social Security number, you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien and your salary is less than the following: \$11,490 (or \$12,490 if married and filing jointly) with no children, \$30,338 (or \$31,338 if married and filing jointly) with one child, \$34,458 (or

\$35,458 if married and filing jointly) with two or more children.

Qualifying children include son, daughter, adopted child, grandchild, great-grandchild, stepchild or eligible foster child. An eligible foster child is one who lived with you in the United States for more than half of the tax year and by the end of the tax year was under age 19, or under age 24 and a full-time student or permanently and totally disabled at any age during the year.

To get your credit, you must file a federal tax return. If you have children, include Form 1040 or 1040A and Form EIC. The EIC form is not needed if you don't have children. When you file for the credit, it is important that you list correct Social Security numbers for you and your children. If errors are made, your payment could be delayed.

The EITC will not affect most benefits such as food stamps, Social Security Income (SSI), Medicaid or public housing. Types of income that count for the EITC include salaries, wages, military pay, long-term disability payments, strike bene-

Can I take either the HOPE or Lifetime Learning credit and the tuition deduction?

No, you cannot claim the tuition deduction if you also take the Hope or Lifetime Learning credit for the same student in the same year. Be aware that credits are typically more beneficial. So, before you take the tuition deduction, determine whether you can qualify for either of the two education credits. (If so, compute your federal taxes using the education expenses as either a credit or deduction. Also consider your state income taxes under both methods.)

Where can I get more help?

Check the Internal Revenue Service website (www.irs.gov) or consult with a Certified Public Accountant if you would like to learn more about how the tuition and fees deduction can save you valuable tax dollars.

To find a CPA who can help you with your personal or business tax and financial matters, visit the LCPA's website (www.lcpa.org) and use the CPA Locator Service.

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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



FISHING BEGINNING

We've seen a couple of nice sunny afternoons last week, and many anglers were dragging a boat behind the old pickup truck, "Going Fishing."

I have noticed that our marshes are loaded with water, including the Big Burn. In some of the private marsh going north of Creole, there are hundreds of muskrat beds and it seems they're eating up the marsh, as there are more ponds showing up.

If muskrat start in an area, they'll eat up a marsh in just a few years and move over to another. I don't hear of anyone trapping muskrat, however I was told they were only bringing one dollar each by the buyers.

I have noticed traveling along Hwy. 82, the Little Chenier road and east Creole road, a lot of dead nutria, but now I'm also seeing a few muskrats on the highway. The high water in the marsh has got them traveling.

REFUGE OPENINGS

I'm told that our National Wildlife Refuge, Sabine Cameron Prairie and Lacassine will open on March 15. There has been lots of pro and con talk about the pool on Lacassine Refuge. We've seen some great bass fishing in the Lacassine Pool, as well as perch, bream, nice white perch and catfish. Yes we've seen Mother Nature show us what a drought can do, but things now are looking better for the pool. There's a comprehensive conservation plan on-going and public input has been considered. This year the pool will open to the public with state regulations on limits and sizes. We may not see lots of large bass as we used to see, but we need to give it time, as they have restored the pool with quite a few hundred thousand Florida strain fingerlings.

I would say we're lucky to have a great "fishing hole", as we do in Lacassine Refuge. There's good roads, plus two real great launches, along with a rest area. We should all remember when you couldn't even fish the refuge, as it was strictly a migratory waterfowl and bird refuge. I am told that there would be no tournament fishing, but don't quote me on that.

I did talk to the coordinator of our three national refuges here in Cameron Parish, Diane Borden-Billiot, and I think she's trying to do what's best for the welfare of the refuge and when it comes to fishing she's trying to do for the anglers welfare as well. We do have something wonderful sitting in our back yard, so we need to go by their rules and regulations and "Be Happy" that we can fish there at all.

BOATS-SPORTS & RV SHOW

The 20th annual Central Gulf Coast, Boat-Sports and RV show was at the Civic Center for three days last weekend. There were late model boats and lots of RV's plus much sporting gear and accessories for boats. There was an indoor fishing pond stocked with live fish, expert

Deepwater report gets revision

The U. S. Coast Guard and Maritime Administration announced today that they are revising an environmental impact statement to lower estimates for potential impacts to red drum and other fish species of concern due to a proposed Shell USA Oil and Gas liquefied natural gas deepwater port facility in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Coast Guard identified a calculation error after the original environmental impact statement was published that had erroneously placed the potential annual impact to red drum as equivalent to 8.5 percent of the 2002 Gulf of Mexico commercial and recreational harvest. The revision states that the proposed "Gulf Landing" facility could annually cause the death of eggs and larvae equivalent to 0.8 percent of the 2002 harvest of red drum had they grown to harvestable size.

The revised percentage is in comparison to the red drum harvest, not the entire fish stock, and does not predict direct losses to the fish har-

anglers doing demonstrations and giving advice. There were the tanks with bass, catfish, bream, white perch, and rainbow trout.

Exhibits were there for the hunters, deer stands, guide services, all types of tackle, even scuba gear, all-terrain vehicles and lots of other items, even jewelry.

The amazing thing that really had eyes looking, were all the recreational vehicles. Regular bumper pull trailers, fifth wheelers and the motor homes of all colors and sizes as well as prices. The slide out on any of these RV's really gives the traveler lots more room. Can you just picture a million dollar motor home. I can't as I couldn't put the down payment on one, much less afford the monthly notes.

HUNTING

Hunting season still has a few more days for rabbits as this will end Feb. 28 as well as squirrel. The conservation on snow, blue and ross geese is now in effect through March 13.

NEWS BRIEF

Don't forget the upcoming Iowa Rabbit Festival March 18 through March 20 at the Lawrence Toups Memorial Park in Iowa.

The Lemesche Bass Club meeting at the Creole KC Hall is Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

FISHING SOLDIERS

"Off Duty Hours" for a group of American soldiers stationed in Iraq have gotten more enjoyable, thanks to an Alabama sporting goods dealer and other donors. In February 2004, an Alabama Army Captain Black, brought three rods with him from home to fish a 30 acre lake, located in the shadow of one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces. Some of the Capt's fellow servicemen got "Hooked on Fishing". During the summer Capt. Black asked his dad to round up more tackle. An Alabama sporting goods dealer donated 25 rods and 200 lures.

The beginning of this story is good, but by the time Capt. Black returned home on leave in August, his Dad had collected more than 200 rods and reels and 1000 lures from major lure makers, even 500 T-Shirts were donated with the logo "Iraqi Fishing Expedition."

Capt. Black's dad's employer, shipped 500 pounds of tackle to Iraq and paid all the shipping cost.

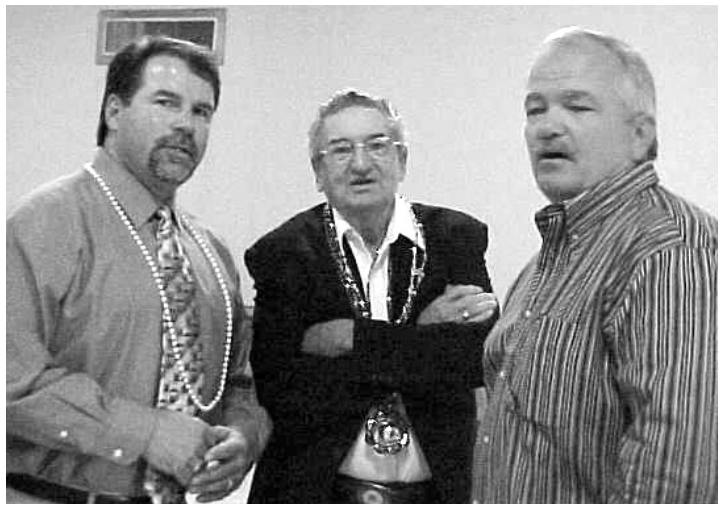
What the ability to go fishing in a combat zone does for a soldier is amazing according to Capt. Black, who wrote to the Birmingham News in an email.

Now, who would have thought that after a hard day of work, or coming off a combat mission, you could kick back and go fishing. The 1st Calvary Division Headquarters and Headquarters Co. at Camp Liberty, which is near Baghdad International Airport did just that. Thanks to all our service men and women who keep us safe here in the states, so we can fish!

vest. Other species studied included red snapper, Gulf menhaden and Bay anchovy, which were found to have impacts of 0.01 percent or less of the 2002 harvest or equivalent.

"It is unfortunate that the error wasn't discovered prior to the release of the final environmental impact statement," said Mark Prescott, chief of the Coast Guard's deepwater port standards division. "We realize some may feel that even these lower values are too high, but it is important that opinions and decisions are based on the best possible and most accurate information attainable."

Fish larvae and eggs would be impacted by the facility's regasification system that warms the liquefied gas from negative 260 degrees Fahrenheit to its natural state for pipeline transport to shore. Larger fish will likely be able to escape the system, either because of screens on the intakes or the fish's ability to swim away from the pumps that feed the system.



POLICE JURORS Steve Trahan and Sonny McGee visited with Mardi Gras contestant Leroy Carpenter at the Senior Mardi Gras party last week.

Cameron Parish youth win honors at state livestock show

Hundreds of youth from across Louisiana were named state champions during a week of competition at the 70th Annual LSU AgCenter Livestock Show in Gonzales.

The competitors qualified for the state show by winning awards at parish and district livestock shows across Louisiana. According to official records, approximately 3,700 young people were qualified to compete with nearly 5,500 animals in the annual livestock show sponsored by the LSU AgCenter.

This year's show was dedicated to the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association -- an organization that has been a dedicated supporter of the LSU AgCenter for many years, particularly when it comes to youth livestock shows.

Cameron Parish youths who won at the show were:

Louisiana-bred Beefmaster Heifer - Jimmy Dowd, Cameron 4-H.

Reserve Champion and Reserve Champion Louisiana-bred Braford Bull-Channing Beard, Cameron.

Reserve Champion Louisiana-bred Braford Heifer - Jake Boudreaux, Cameron 4-H.

Reserve Champion Louisiana-bred Limousin Bull - Linzie Hession, Cameron 4-H.

Reserve Champion Any Other Breed, Brahman Influence, Bull - Chad Benoit, Cameron/South Cameron FFA.

Reserve Champion Louisiana-bred Any Other Breed, Brahman Influence, Bull - Joel Rogers, Cameron 4-H.

Reserve Champion Any Other Breed, Brahman Influence, Heifer - Joel Rogers, Cameron 4-H.

Some Louisiana shrimpers may qualify for Texas funds

Louisiana commercial shrimpers who sold catches in Texas may find themselves qualified to receive Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) funds from Texas as well as Louisiana.

In both states, the biggest hurdle for shrimpers to qualify is proving that their income went down. Louisiana shrimpers must show with their IRS income tax returns that they earned less net income in 2003 than in 2002 to qualify in Louisiana. Texas is different. To qualify in Texas, shrimpers must have netted less in 2003 than in 2001.

If shrimpers find that they are eligible and sold shrimp in Texas in 2003, they may file under the Texas petition for the portion of their shrimp that they sold there. Filing must be done through their own local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. Shrimpers should have a sep-

arate FSA Form 229 for each state they are filing in.

The deadline for filing for Texas TAA is Feb. 28. This is important to remember as it is a firm deadline. It is earlier than Louisiana's deadline of April 11.

The LSU AgCenter's Extension Service will provide the training required to receive TAA. Attendance at the Louisiana session will qualify a person for both states. No dates for training are set yet.

Shrimpers will be limited by the \$10,000 cap, no matter how many states that they file in. The Texas per-pound payment is 28 cents per pound, much more generous than Louisiana's 5.6 cents per pound.

Shrimpers who sold shrimp in Mississippi should stay on the alert, as observers feel that their TAA petition is likely to be approved soon.

Sheriff's Log

A weekend break-in and theft at Cameron Elementary School has resulted in two arrests.

According to the Cameron Sheriff's Office, the crime was discovered on Sunday morning when a maintenance worker arrived at the school to take out the trash. A glass door inside the cafeteria was found to be broken and the Sheriff's Office was called. Investigators found no evidence of forced entry, suggesting the perpetrators had a key.

Cash totaling between \$80 and \$100 was found to be missing from the cafeteria office and a teacher's room.

On Tuesday afternoon, deputies arrested Adam R. Trahan, 17, of 173 Louise St., Cameron, and a juvenile whose name cannot be released on charges of burglary, theft, and property damage relating to the incident.

A Klondike - Lowery man is out on bond after being charged with forcible rape and aggravated incest. On Feb. 9, Donald K. Broussard, 43, of 104 Weekly Rd., Gueydan, was arrested on warrants issued for an incident which allegedly occurred about six months ago in the Klondike - Lowery area, involving a minor child.

After the report was received Feb. 4, the suspect was picked up on an outstanding bench warrant and was still in jail when warrants were handed down for his arrest on the rape and incest charges. He was released on \$20,000 property

bond and \$30,000 surety bond.

On Feb. 11, Joshua H. Habetz, 19, 941 Big Wood Rd., Vinton, was arrested on warrants stemming from two incidents which took place in February 2004 at the west Cameron Ferry landing and at East Mud Lake. Habetz was charged with criminal property damage, illegal discharge of firearm, criminal trespass, property damage, illegal possession of stolen things, and purchase of alcohol under age 21.

In addition, there were five DWI arrests during the past week:

Feb. 9: John A. White, Jr., 75, 3949 Lansing, Port Arthur, Tex.

Feb. 11: Don E. Jones, Jr., 40, 530 Dequeen Blvd., Port Arthur, Tex.; and Thomas C. McBride, 34, Rt. 3 Box 751, Jasper, Tex.

Feb. 12: Kim D. Miller, 36, 115 Kathy Dr., Grand Lake.

Feb. 15: Matthew G. Nichols, 38, 4704 Taimer, Lake Charles.

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POLICE JUROR Darryl Farque handed out beads and danced with the senior citizens at the Senior Mardi Gras last week.

Paul Coreil gets award from LSU

The LSU AgCenter presented four major awards Friday, Feb. 11 recognizing faculty members for their contributions to its diversity initiatives.

These 2004 diversity awards were presented at the conclusion of the LSU AgCenter's Annual Diversity Conference in Baton Rouge.

The individuals who received this year's awards and \$1,200 prizes were Dr. Paul Coreil, vice chancellor and director of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, who won the LSU AgCenter Chancellor's Leadership Award For Diversity; Dr. Pamela Hodson, Southeast Region director for the AgCenter, who won the Diversity in the Workplace Award; and Chantel Williams, 4-H agent in Jefferson Parish, who won the LSU AgCenter Diversity Award for Excellence.

Dr. Coreil, former Cameron Parish resident, was recognized with the Chancellor's Award for his commitment to underrepresented employee populations. "Paul's desire is to make sure that the LSU AgCenter is a beacon of light for all minorities as an organization of inclusiveness, where equal opportunity exists for all," said LSU AgCenter faculty member Gerald Roberts, who nominated Coreil for the award.

"He works to create and maintain an environment of tolerance and acceptance, so that all employees feel valued regardless of differences."

Review car lights

Drivers to understand the warning light icons and colors to insure a relaxing, safe and reliable driving experience. The Car Doctor recommends that you take a few minutes to review your owner's manual about your dashboard warning lights.

Sitting in the driver's seat, gently turn your key in the ignition until your dashboard warning lights come on. Do not start the car. Look at all the icons and symbols and reference them to your owner's manual. They will match. Depending on the make and model of your vehicle, the icons vary in number, appearance, color and size.

"In some vehicles, the lights are designed to progressively communicate with you from green to yellow to red. Familiarizing yourself with their location, meaning and significance could be of vital help in times of an emergency," says The Car Doctor.

Healthy snack

The following are some easy ways to reach your health and nutrition goals by adding things to your diet.

- Eat your breakfast. Many of us are so rushed in the morning that we forget the most important meal of the day. Eating in the morning sets the pace for your metabolism, making it easier to burn calories throughout the day. It is especially important to get enough protein for breakfast, because it fills you up.

- Have a snack. It may sound counterintuitive but snacking actually helps you burn calories. Similar to the way breakfast jump-starts your metabolism, a healthy snack adds fuel to keep your metabolism going strong. An apple is a perfect example of a healthy snack. In addition to being packed with vitamins A and C, they are high in fiber, which helps curb your appetite.

- Increase your calcium intake. Calcium is essential for healthy bones, especially in women, due to the risk of osteoporosis. Milk is full of calcium, but did you know evaporated milk has more than twice the calcium of regular milk? It's also creamier, because it has less water. You can substitute evaporated milk in any recipe that calls for milk. It will not only add extra calcium and protein to your meals but also make them richer and creamier without adding extra fat.

- Load up on fruits and vegetables. Replacing higher-calorie foods with more fruits and vegetables is one of the easiest ways to add nutrients to your diet. An increase in fruit and vegetable consumption can help lower your fat intake by making you feel full on fewer calories.

For a healthy and delicious breakfast or snack that's ready in minutes, you can try this easy fruit smoothie:

Strawberry Swirl Smoothie

1 can evaporated lowfat 2% milk, chilled
2 cups whole strawberries, frozen or fresh

1 container (8 oz.) sugar-free strawberry yogurt

Place evaporated milk, strawberries and yogurt in blender; cover. Blend until smooth.

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South Cameron High School News

FBLA
District FBLA meeting was held on Feb. 2 at McNeese State University. The winners were:

Superior Winners
Wes Treme: Accounting II
Katelyn Reina: Business Math
Theresa Baccigalopi: Business Communication
Aaron Doxey: Computer Concepts
Dylan Leidig and Chad Andrews: Desktop Publishing
John P. Delauney: Economics
BJ Abshire: FBLA Principles
Shylyn Nunez: Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures
Lexie LeBoeuf: Job Interview
Rachel Fountain: Word Processing I
Cana Trahan: Word Processing II
Also placing first and receiving a plaque were Nick Aplini and Wes Treme in Network Design, and Matt Miller, Jared Cheramie, and Andre Savoie in Entreprenship.

Excellent Winners:
Meagan Trahan: Accounting I
Shayla LaBove: Accounting II
Tamara Nunez: Banking
Jamie Primeaux: Business Law
Dane Dupont: Computer Applications
Aaron Doxey: Computer Applications
Deil LaLande, Justin Picou, and Katherine Wicke: Current Events
Christain McCall: Impromptu Speaking
Daniel Dupre: Introduction to Business
Thomas Trosclair: Introduction to Business
Kami Savoie: Introduction to Business Communications
Chandler LeBoeuf: Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures
Cami Vincent: JAVA
Dainty Little: Marketing
Daniel Racca: Technology Concepts
Travis Treme: Visual

Basics
Ivan Harmon: Networking Concepts

SCHOLARSHIPS
Mr. Broussard has applications for the Best Buy, 4-H Scholarship, LA State Farm Bureau Scholarship, Saturday, Feb. 19 is LSU Campus Tour.

ANNUAL STAFF NEWS
Last chance to purchase annuals will be this week. Students need to contact an Annual Staff member to purchase their book. Books will be full color this year. Any business or individual interested in purchasing a book or an ad may contact the school.

WINTER FORMAL
Winter Formal will be from 7-11 p.m. on Feb. 26. Pictures will be from 5-9 p.m. Court will be introduced and king and queen will be crowned at 10 p.m. All students are reminded to pay class dues. Dues must be paid to attend the Winter Formal.

BASEBALL
Come support the Tarpon Baseball Team at the Jennings Baseball Jamboree on Saturday, Feb. 19 at Jennings. SC boys will play Washington-Marion at 10:30 a.m. and then will play Lake Arthur at 12 noon.

STATE WRESTLING RESULTS
SCHS Tarpon Wrestling Team placed third at the State Wrestling Tournament. Individuals placing were: Justin Picou: 1st place and Outstanding Wrestler, Dane Dupont: 2nd place, Byron Quinn: 2nd place, Bart Vidrine: 3rd place, Justin Landry: 4th place, Brett Richard: 4th place, BJ Abshire: 5th place, Jonathan Trahan: 5th place and Ched LaBove: 5th place.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Feb. 17 - Sr. 4-H Meeting; Softball E. Beau (away)
Feb. 19 - Baseball Jamboree (Jennings)
Feb. 22 - Softball Grand

Tarpon wrestlers are 3rd in the state

South Cameron High School scored 139 1/2 points, capturing 3rd place in the double elimination Louisiana State Wrestling Championships, Feb. 11 and 12. The Tarpons entered eleven young men, nine of whom placed in the top five of their respective weight classes. SCH wrestled 38 bouts, winning 21, while registering 12 pins.

Sophomore Justin Picou completed his season undefeated. He won the 152 lb. State title with a 10-3 decision over #2 seed Thomas Cobollero from Brusley High. Picou was also voted Outstanding Wrestler in Division III. He scored 26 team points and finished with a 16-0 record for the year.

Dane Dupont, a senior, and Byron Quinn, a junior, won state runner-up honors.

Dane Dupont, seeded #3 at 135 lbs. defeated #2 seed Nick Hebert of Brusley in the semi-finals. Dupont later lost the championship bout 5-3 to Pearl River's Jimmy Ballantyne, a state champion a year ago. Ballantyne had earlier defeated three opponents in a combined time of 1:46, but only managed to escape with a narrow 5-3 decision over Dupont, who ended his high school season with a record of 28 wins and 7 losses. Dupont scored 18 points during the state meet.

Byron Quinn, seeded #3, reached the 171 lb. finals when he defeated Joshua Roy from Rayne High, 13-11 in the

semi-finals. Quinn ended his season with a 15-6 record and scored 18 team points at State.

Bart Vidrine, seeded #4, placed 3rd place in the 160 lb. class. He scored 16 team points and finished his season with a record of 22 wins and 8 losses.

Justin Landry and Brett Richard each placed 4th in their respective weight classes of 125 lbs. and 103 lbs. Landry, seeded #4, scored 14 team points and ended the season with 18 wins and 7 losses. Richard, an 8th grader, was seeded #6 and ended his season with a 14-11 record.

Jonathan Trahan, a 9th grader, B. J. Abshire, a 10th grader, and Ched LaBove, an 11th grader, all placed 5th in State. Trahan won three bouts and scored 14 1/2 team points. Abshire won twice scoring 13 points for SCH. LaBove also won twice and scored 9 team points.

John Michael Johnson, at 275 lbs. and Garrett Shipman at 130 lbs. both wrestled well but suffered two consecutive tournament losses.

Johnson Bayou's Gene McKenney, wrestling at 189 lbs., placed 6th and scored 9 points for Johnson Bayou High.

Brusley was winner of the meet with 221 points. Rayne was second with 216 points.

Johnson Bayou wrestlers earned 9 points in the meet.

Basketball Roundup

By CHRIS MUELLER

BASKETBALL

BOYS
South Cameron 64, Oberlin 61 - The Tarpons picked up their first district win and second win of the season. John Lute and Lance Braxton scored 16 points each for the Tarpons. Jaylon Ball added 12 points.

Lacassine 67, Grand Lake 52 - Marcus Harris and Deon Bergeron added 12 points each. Matt Crador and Brett Griffith added 8 points each.

Hackberry 57, Singer 53 - Jay Sanner led all scorers with 26 points. Caleb Hicks chipped in 14 points and Jaron Brown added 10 points.

GIRLS
South Cameron 58, Oberlin 29 - D'Nae Desonier led all scorers with 22 points. Kayla Rutherford scored 13 points. Rachel Fountain added 12 points and had 10 rebounds.

Lacassine 61, Grand Lake 20 - Sonya Lavergne scored 8 points for the Lady Hornets. Elizabeth Kingham added 6 points.

Hackberry 62, Singer 57 - The 2nd ranked Lady Mustangs wrapped up a perfect district season by knocking off the Lady Hornets. Amanda Miller led the Lady Mustangs with 18 points. Mandy Michalko added 14 points. The Lady Mustangs lost Desi Picou early in the game due to a knee injury and is listed as day to day.

Boat class to be held

The Lake Charles Power Squadron is holding a one-day BOAT SMART class on Saturday, Feb. 26 at their Clubhouse located next to the I-210 boat launch. The class starts at 8:30 a.m. and will last until 3 p.m.

Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988 must take the class in order to operate a boat over 10 hp. The class is taught for free and covers all aspects of safe boating, equipment, operation, navigation rules, anchoring, trailering and

much more. For more information please call Ship to Shore Co at 474-0730.

School menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish Schools for the week beginning Feb. 21 are as follows:

- Monday, Feb. 21 - Barbecue burger, oven fries, baked beans, chocolate cake, chocolate cream frosting, hamburger bun, catsup.
- Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Chicken fajitas, fixings cup, baked potato, banana bread squares, flour tortillas.
- Wednesday, Feb. 23 - Stromboli, Tator Tots, baked beans, chilled peach slices, catsup.
- Thursday, Feb. 24 - Roast beef, fresh fruit cup, green beans, yeast rolls, rice.
- Friday, Feb. 25 - Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pear halves, cornbread, catsup.

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SPORTS FACILITIES

The School Board voted to advertise three sports projects for bid. Planned are a renovation of the South Cameron High School track, a covered recreation pavilion for South Cameron Elementary, and a new asphalt track for Hackberry High School. The Board's architect recommended all three be included in one package to save money, and the Board will reserve the right to reject any and all bids. The projects will be paid for with Special Projects funds.

In a related matter, Grand Chenier School Board member Dot Theriot shared her concerns about the South Cameron Elementary School facility's use of temporary buildings which presently require seventh grade students to take a route to the restroom, in bad weather, of 550'.

In good weather, the route is 250' and crosses a driveway. She also had concerns about a narrow passageway, with steps, to the computer lab, which likely does not meet ADA or fire marshal requirements.

Theriot also asked the Board to again consider either using the now closed Grand Chenier Elementary School or returning it to the heirs who claim it. She said the building is deteriorating fast and costing the Board for insurance, utilities, and grounds keeping.

A report is expected next month on the effect of moving the attendance zone for Grand Chenier Elementary School to pick up more students.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The Board adopted a parish-wide philosophy state-

ment focusing on the needs of the individual student and a learning environment that fosters "reasoning through problem-solving, cooperative and collaborative experiences, and varied opportunities to comprehend all of the elements encompassing the wholeness of the individual," in order to produce productive citizens.

Goals and objectives to support this philosophy were also adopted which include such items as emphasis on Reading and English Language Arts, allowing students to plan for "early and co-enrollment in post-secondary programs including career development," holistic student development, safe schools, and efforts to establish and maintain a viable music and fine arts program and a viable pre-school program for all students "as soon as financially possible."

OTHER MATTERS

The Board recognized the Cameron Parish Students of the Year. They are: fifth grade - Cami Richard, South Cameron Elementary School; eighth grade - Evan Guidry, Grand Lake High School; and twelfth grade - Tabitha Nunez, Grand Lake High School. These three students will soon represent Cameron Parish at the regional competition.

The Board approved a recommendation from the Superintendent to specify that the principal of each high school would serve as the school's athletic director, and have the ability to name assistant directors. Byron Gibbs would continue to serve since he is an assistant principal.

In personnel matters, the resignation of Jimmie R. Dowd, Jr. was accepted.

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The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, March 7, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.
RUN: Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3 (F-26)

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