

# March 15 deadline set here by FEMA

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Cameron Parish residents should be aware that dead-

lines have been set by the Emergency Operations Center for demolition and debris removal, EOC operations chief Clifton Hebert told the Police Jury Monday night.

The deadline to get paperwork in to the EOC for demolition of structures has been extended to March 15. Any structures that have not been cleared by the Corps of Engineers, and are later condemned by the Police Jury, will be demolished by the Jury at the owners' expense, with the cost added to their tax bill. The EOC urges homeowners, single proprietor business owners, and non-profit agencies to get in touch immediately.

Debris removal from rights of way (the street or road) has progressed so far that a deadline has been set for March 15 to place storm debris by the road. After that day, trucks will no longer be making daily passes. Debris will still be picked up, but only occasionally, until June 1.

Due to issues with the existing Rita dump sites, all new right-of-way debris is being taken directly to the Allen Parish landfill. Decisions on the existing mountains of debris located on six sites around the parish are still being made.

To date, the Corps of Engineers has picked up 650,086 cubic yards of debris, 5478 white goods, 2400 leaning trees and hanging limbs, and 57 large stumps. There were 79 right-of-way crews working last week, with 54 trucks running throughout the parish. Private property debris removal has been completed on 1614 sites, with just over 100 remaining. PPDR should be complete within 30 days.

The final phase of debris removal will be demolition of

structures. The EOC estimates there are 1200 structures that need to be demolished. Only 300 packages have been signed so far. Of these 243 are approved and ready to be executed.

A total of 400 packages need to be finished in order to begin demolition, because the 10 crews which have been lined up need to be kept busy on a steady basis of 20 structures per day.

The final deadline for FEMA assistance is fast approaching. After June 1 any recovery work will have to be done by the parish. Property owners are urged to get their paperwork signed quickly to take advantage of the opportunity for free cleanup.

### VOLUNTEERS COMING

Other free help is on the way. Julie Burleigh reported that several Americorps teams are coming in March to replace the Native American team which just left. Anyone who needs help with cleaning out their house or cleaning up property may call Burleigh at 775-7770 or Dinah Landry at the Grand Lake Council on Aging to apply for help.

The Americorps volunteers will be sent out in teams of nine to clean outside or inside, move debris, and even do some interior reconstruction.

The teams will be staying at Camp Cameron, the base camp set up at the Cameron Recreation Center. Burleigh said the camp needs to have 100-150 residents to stay open, and any volunteer groups or work crews who want to stay there, if over age 18, may do so. Meals, laundry, and shower facilities are provided, as well as tent accommodations or RV parking. The camp is currently slated

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## Hackberry Ramblers' Edwin Duhon dies

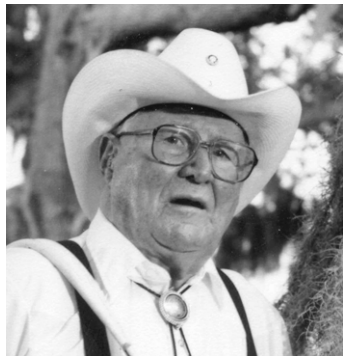
Edwin Duhon, 96, of Westlake, one of the founders of the Hackberry Ramblers band, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, in a Lake Charles hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 1, at the Hixson Funeral Home Chapel in Westlake.

He and Luderin Darbonne, who lives in Sulphur, founded in 1933 the band which was to become one of the oldest bands in the nation. Another band member, Johnny Faulk of Big Lake, who joined the band at a later date, died in 2004.

In addition to Darbonne, the remaining band members are Glenn Coker and manager Ben Sandmel. Both joined the band at a later date.

Edwin Duhon was born in Youngsville. In 1915 his family moved to Vinton, where he spent his early years. In 1940 he moved to Westlake with his wife and family.

When he moved to Westlake, after working in the oil fields, he went to night school and became an electrician from 1944 until 1959 when he was elected as



Westlake's Chief of Police. He was elected to this position for four terms and retired the day he turned 65 to take care of his wife who had become ill. After her death in 1981, he moved to their camp at Bundicks Lake until 2001 when he moved back to Westlake.

He is survived by seven sons and three daughters: Elizabeth and husband, Dudley, of Westlake, Harlan and wife Nell of Westlake, Larry and wife Brenda of Americus, Ga., Lena and husband Bobby of Lake Charles, Rodney and wife Diane of Basile, Glenn and wife Monica, of Moss Bluff, James and wife Paulette of

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SENIOR KAITLIN Peavy-Storm was crowned Johnson Bayou High School's 2006 Homecoming Queen by last year's queen Natalie Griffith.

## Black Bayou ferry down

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 12:44 p.m. the Louisiana State Police-Troop D investigated a one vehicle crash involving an 18 wheeler with an oversize load on La. 384 at the Black Bayou pontoon bridge.

The crash occurred when a 2003 Peterbilt tractor, driven by David Club of New Caney, Tex., was traveling east on La. 384 with an oversize load.

The driver was traveling too fast over the pontoon bridge and the weight of the large crane caused the pontoon to sink lower than the apron ramps.

When the tractor began up the ramps the trailer became unhitched and crashed into the bridge. The tractor and trailer were cleared from the bridge. DOTD advised the bridge will be closed to vehicle and water vessel traffic for at least three to four days.

The driver of the tractor was issued a citation for driving too fast for existing conditions.

## Ferry update

Closing of the Cameron ship channel ferry for hull cleaning which had been scheduled for last Wednesday has been postponed to a later date by La. Dept. of Transportation.

The ferry also had been scheduled to go into dry dock but at this time there is no replacement ferry so this probably will be delayed.

## Bicycles are donated to children

A donation of bicycles has been made to the Cameron Community Action Agency. The bicycles will be given out by appointment only to those who have registered with the agency.

Please call 905-6000 to schedule an appointment to chose a bike for your child. Bikes will only be given out by appointments. Each parent or guardian must pick up their own child's bike.

## Grand Lake center closing for good

The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center in Grand Lake closed its doors Monday. Those who still need help can call FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

## Pool meeting

The Lacassine Pool Public Meeting that was scheduled for March 1 from 6-8 p.m. at the LSU Ag Center has been changed. The re-scheduled Public Meeting will be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center Contraband Room on March 9, from 6-9 p.m., and will cover information about Lacassine, Cameron Prairie and Sabine National Wildlife Refuges.

## Council on Aging is offering assistance

By **DINAH LANDRY**

The Cameron Council on Aging was chartered in 1976 to provide services for persons residing in Cameron Parish who are age sixty and above. The Community Action Agency was chartered in 1987 to provide services to persons living at or below the poverty level and residing in Cameron Parish.

Since the arrival of Hurricane Rita, the agency staff has voluntarily taken on many more duties of servicing all persons affected by Hurricane Rita. These services are being offered through both agencies above and beyond the call of duty. Staff members from the agencies are ready and willing to provide the additional assistance to the people of Cameron Parish.

At this time assistance is offered on a case by case basis. The agencies are working together with UMCOR (United Methodist) in case management. We are asking that all persons affected by Hurricane Rita come and register and be put in the system.

You can visit us at the Grand Lake Center next to the Grand Lake Fireman Center on Highway 384. The form asks all your information concerning your residence and household status and then it asks for a list of your immediate needs. All donations and

distributions will be handled on a case by case basis. There will be no mass distribution of any items.

If you have not registered please contact our office at 598-5158 or 905-6000 to set up an appointment to fill out your registration and be sure to have your FEMA number available. When you list your needs, staff members will seek to put you in touch with agencies to fill these needs and make referrals for you.

All persons affected by Hurricane Rita, no matter what age or income status you are, should fill out the registration in order to be eligible for assistance in any form.

## Cat in the Hat visits parish

The Cat in the Hat, Senator Gerald Theunissen, Rep. Mickey Frith and other well known persons were scheduled to share their favorite Dr. Seuss books with Cameron Parish students Wednesday afternoon at the Grand Lake High School gym.

This was a part of the Read Across America and the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Students from Grand Lake, South Cameron Elementary and Cameron Elementary took part in the program.



## Jury fields several controversies Mon.

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Controversy was back at the Police Jury's agenda meeting Monday night in Grand Lake. Emotions ran high on subjects ranging from the OEP to fish, hospitals, and mosquitoes.

The previously announced resignations of OEP Director Freddie Richard and Assistant Director John Debarge were called into question. The two were said to have resigned during an executive session held in January. Because of the nature of executive session, members of the Jury were not able to discuss precisely what took place, but Richard implied that he and Debarge were misled by FEMA's state administrator Lee Champagne.

Richard said he understood that FEMA funding would be withheld if a 90 day recovery plan wasn't written. Since he was only working part time, and had not been part of the recovery effort for several months, he did not know what needed to go into this plan. The only way to keep the funding for the parish, he understood, was to resign so that the state could be asked to write the plan.

"We never planned to abandon the parish," Richard said. "We said we would do whatever it takes for this parish to be better. We didn't know what was being asked of us. Under no circumstances did we ever mean to let it be said that we aban-

doned Cameron Parish. We never formally signed or sent a resignation, but our salary stopped."

John Debarge said during the executive session they were asked to get a 90 day plan together, but resignation was not asked for or given. He said it was a shock when he found out on Jan. 18 that he had resigned. He asked the Jury "Who decided that we resigned?"

Parish Administrator Tina Horn responded that the Jury had been told that if they wanted the state's assistance in writing the 90 day plan they needed to have no OEP staff at all. "These guys said they would not hold up any money, and if resignations were needed that was OK."

At this point District Attorney Cecil Sanner advised the Jurors against discussing what went on in the executive session.

Milton Collins reminded the Jury that the parish is now without an OEP director, and if a plant has a gas leak or spill, the person to be notified is the OEP director. "It's not just hurricane stuff," he said. The parish has advertised for a full-time OEP director.

James Ducote reminded everyone that it has been frustrating to make decisions on limited information. "We're trusting these people we have to work with, but they change every two weeks. The so-called expert

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**CAMERON COMEBACK** - This new house in Phillips 66 subdivision is being built by Brian Debarge. He has been working on it for 22 days and expects to be finished next week. He said he can't wait to be out of his camper and into a real house. New building codes went into effect March 1, which may delay future housing.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



**THE FORMER Dyson's Lumber Company building was razed last Saturday. The two-story building went through Hurricane Audrey, sheltering people on the second floor. When the water went down, several families found the upstairs a dry place to sleep until evacuation could take place the next day. Owned by former State Representative Alvin Dyson, the company was involved in rebuilding much of lower Cameron Parish after the storm. The passage of time and Hurricane Rita proved too much for the old building, however, and another Cameron landmark is gone.**

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

# Funerals

## ARVEY "BUTCH" HENNIGAN

Arvey "Butch" Hennigan, 58, of Westlake died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, in Fort Worth, Tex.

Mr. Hennigan was born in DeRidder and lived most of his life in Westlake. He was a graduate of Westlake High School. He attended welding school and had been a member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 798 for nearly 40 years.

He is survived by his son, Daren Hennigan of Lake Charles; his daughter, Lisa Duhon and husband Michael of Grand Lake; his mother, Opal Hennigan of Westlake; his fiancée, Bonnie Moran of Fairmont, W.V.; two grandchildren; one sister, Judy Moreno of Houston; and one brother, George "Mike" Hennigan of Westlake.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Finers Cryer will officiate. Burial will be in Westlake Memorial Gardens.

## ETIENNE BROUSSARD

Etienne "T-Boy" Broussard, 78, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, in a local care center.

He was a native and life resident of Cameron and Sweetlake. He was a commercial fisherman and a professional hunting guide for 18 years. He retired after 20 years of being a cook on a production supply boat.

He is survived by his wife, Ella Broussard of Sweetlake; two sons, Stephen (Gloria) Broussard of Sweetlake and Gaylord (Raydessa) of Gueydan; four daughters, Susan (Ray) Mahon of Hamshire, Tex., Irma (David) Breaux and Janet (Andrew) Scott, both of Lake Charles, and Cheryl Powell of Sweetlake; 14 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; seven sisters; one brother; and one half sister.

His funeral was held Sunday, Feb. 26, in Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Charles McMillin officiated.



**JOHNSON BAYOU High School held its Homecoming Jan. 20 at the Sulphur Aquatic Center. The classes of 1965, 75, 85, 95, and 2001 were honored. The Rebels were host to the Northside Christian Academy. The Homecoming Court is shown above: freshman Chelsea Greer, daughter of Gayla Roberts and Chris Greer; senior Kaitlin Storm, daughter of Terri Menard and Kurt Storm; junior Holly Simon, daughter of Belinda and Jesse Simon; sophomore Destiny Sonnier, daughter of Rhonda Morrison and Steve Sonnier; senior Kayla Barentine, daughter of Patty and Ivan Barentine; junior Shaylyn Broussard, daughter of Tracey Erbeling and Shase Broussard; freshman Christian Viator, daughter Shannel and Scott Viator; senior Sabrina Sandifer, daughter of Juanita and Dusty Sandifer; and sophomore Kandace Young, daughter of Trudy and Paul Young.**

## Deadline

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to close March 22 unless there are enough tenants to justify keeping it open.

### SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

The Creole distribution point continues to be open Friday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The EOC is continually working to bring in more food, supplies, and tools. If anyone needs to pick up supplies for an elderly or homebound person, they can get a card from the Council on Aging to present at the center.

All Cameron Parish residents may pick up supplies, but are asked to do so only once per weekend. Some people have reportedly been making several visits to the center every weekend, and this practice will not be allowed.

Volunteers are needed to operate the distribution site, since the Lexington, Ky. firefighters who have been helping are leaving Sunday. Civic organizations and individuals are invited to help.



The Cameron Pilot can be found online at: [www.dequincynews.com/pilot/](http://www.dequincynews.com/pilot/)

It is updated every weekend.

## Controversies--Cont. from Pg. 1

advised you to make this move," he said. "Lee Champagne has told us a lot of things since the storm. A lot haven't happened."

A solution to the problem was suggested by Billy Crabbe, with the State of Louisiana. Saying, "Nobody has intentionally lied to anybody...the intent was to help the parish, not to hurt you," he offered to set up a meeting with the proper officials and Richard to try to resolve the issue.

### HOSPITAL EXPANSION

Saying, "The people of Johnson Bayou are not in favor of having a clinic," Juror Sonny McGee effectively ended the quest of the South Cameron Hospital District to expand operations west of the Calcasieu River. The hospital

board has asked for the expansion in order to take advantage of an opportunity to place a rural health clinic in that area, which currently has no medical facilities.

McGee had asked for a public meeting to discuss the issue, but no residents attended the meeting. McGee said notice was not given in time for people to attend. Jennifer Jones, representing the district, said flyers were placed in the area a week before the meeting.

Howard Romero told the board that a vote taken this summer to fund the operation of a clinic would assuredly fail. "Don't hurry up," he said, "Let us take time to look at other options." McGee said he had been told by the West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital that Johnson Bayou could

operate its own clinic without being attached to any hospital.

Jones pointed out that grant funding is available now, due to the hurricanes, that has never been available before. She said the window of opportunity is narrow for applying for these grants. She offered to help the Johnson Bayou area in any plan they have to get medical care to the area.

### MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT

In response to many complaints about mosquitos, the Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District reported that a new spray plane has been ordered and is currently being fitted with spray equipment. It should be delivered between March 15 and April 1. The cost of the plane is \$579,225, which has been borrowed.

Winter weather conditions severely limit the ability of the district to spray. Conditions that prohibit spraying are: Winds in excess of 10 mph, rain or fog, temperatures lower than 60 degrees, and daylight. Nevertheless, trucks are on the road whenever conditions permit. Even board members have been driving at night to help with the problem.

Rain gauges and light traps have been ordered and will soon be in place. Due to lack of facilities and lab equipment, the district is very limited in the amount of disease surveillance it can perform.

### SPECKLED TROUT LIMITS

How many are too many? That is the question being

asked about recreational speckled trout fishing. Fishing guide Jeff Poe and representatives of Hackberry Rod and Gun Club presented both sides of the issue of whether to reduce the present limit of 25 to 15.

Poe said there are plenty of fish, and a reduction will hurt his business since it is only for Calcasieu Lake, not the rest of the state. Buddy Oaks of Hackberry Rod and Gun said the fishery has declined in the last 4-5 years, and a survey of 3000 of his customers showed that 82% would support the decrease.

The Jury is being asked to take sides on the issue.

### OTHER REPORTS

Road royalty payments were down two thirds in January from last year, reported Darrell Williams, Jury accountant. This was to be expected, he said, since its payment was based on oilfield production at the time of the hurricanes.

The parish has received \$2.2 million in FEMA reimbursements so far; a more complete report is due next week at the regular meeting.

Some insurance money has been received, but many claims are still pending, according to Parish Treasurer Bonnie Conner.

The parish barns that were damaged will need to be advertised for bids. Project Worksheets have been done by FEMA to replace the buildings.

A cooperative endeavor agreement with Cheniere Energy will be voted on at the regular meeting on Monday. It provides for Cheniere to pay the parish \$300,000 per year for three years to fund a parish planning and development department. The Jury expects to hire a planner at the same meeting.

## Dean's List

Kayla Victoria Kelley of Cameron was among LSU students named to the Chancellor's List for have a grade point average of 4.0 for the fall semester.

She is a student in the Ourso College of Business.

## Lampton now in Okinawa

Marine Corps Cpl. William J. Lampton, Jr, a 2000 graduate of Bell City High School, Bell City, recently reported for duty with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, Japan.

Lampton joined the Marine Corps in January 2002.

## Propane Service



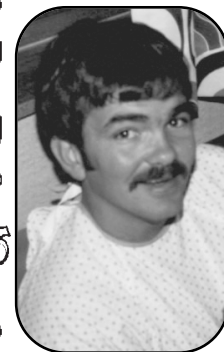
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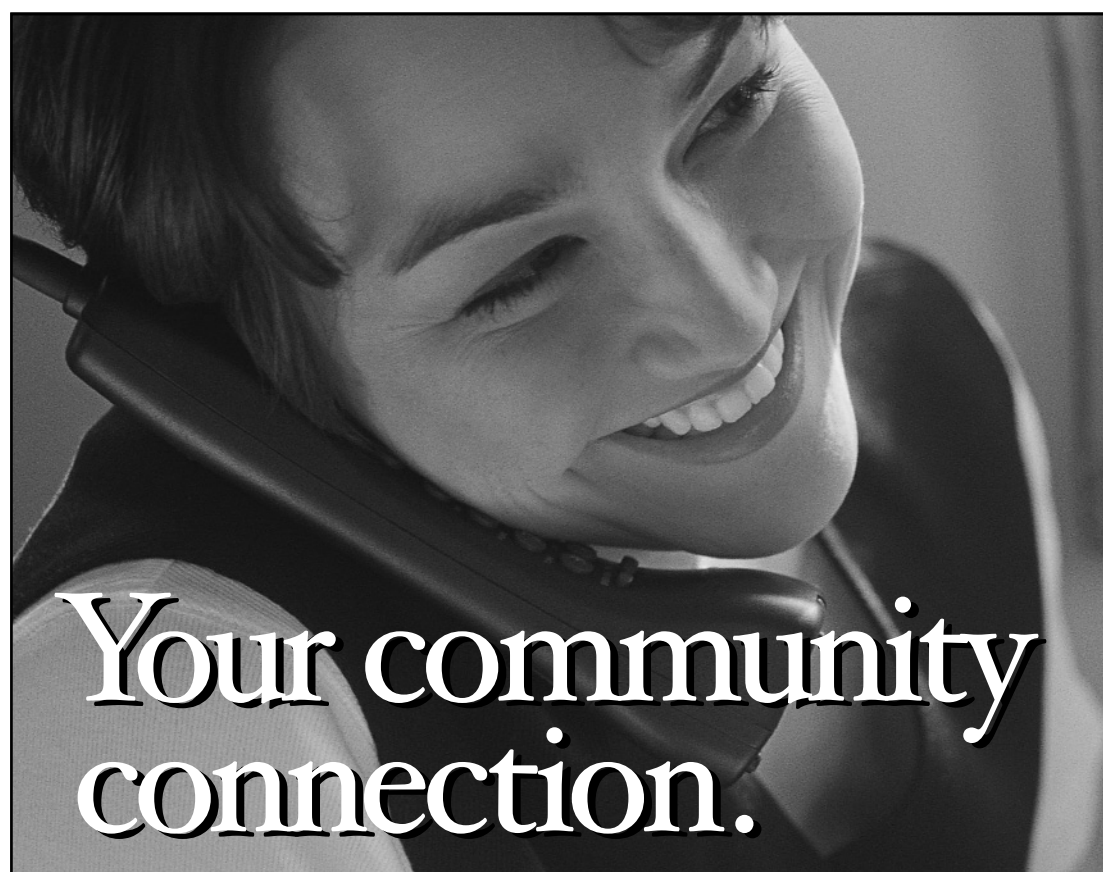


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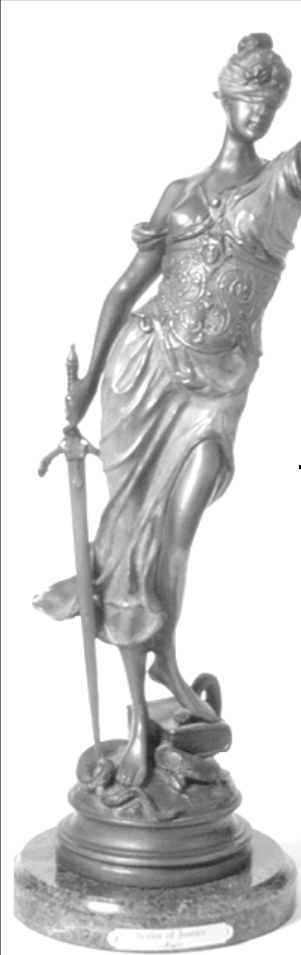
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## South Cameron High School News

### SOFTBALL NEWS VARSITY GAMES

**South Cameron 6, Sam Houston 0.** Pitcher: Laken Mock (1 hit shut out). Hitters: Christian McCall 2 for 4; 2 runs; 1 RBI. Shelby Willis 4 for 4; 2 runs; 3 RBIs.

**South Cameron 5, South Beauregard 0.** Pitcher: Laken Mock (2 hit shut out). Hitters: Christian McCall 2 for 4; 1 run; 3 steals. Shelby Willis 1 for 3; 1 run; 1 RBI; 1 HR. Laken Mock 1 for 2; double. Haley McCall 2 for 3; 2 runs. D'Nae Desonier 1 for 2; 1 run.

**South Cameron 14, Westlake 3.** Pitchers: Kelsi Kiffe, Amanda Wicke (4 innings). Hitters: Meagan Trahan 2 for 2; 3 runs; double & triple. Laken Mock 2 for 3; 1 run; 2 RBIs; 2 doubles. Haley McCall 1 for 3; 2 runs; triple. Shelby Willis 1 for 3; 1 run, 1 RBI, double. Blair Belanger 1 for 1; 1 run, 1 RBI, double. D'Nae Desonier 1 for 3; 3 runs, 1 RBI, triple. Halley Willis 1 for 3; 1 run, 2 RBIs, double.

At the JV St. Louis Tournament the Lady Tarpons placed first.

**South Cameron 15, Iowa 2.** Pitcher: Kimily Bourriaque. Top Hitters: Shelby Willis 2 for 3; 2 runs, 2 RBIs, double. Kassie Benton 1 for 1; 1 run, 3 RBIs, 1 triple

**South Cameron 10, Vinton 0.** Pitcher: Haley McCall. Top Hitters: Haley Willis 1 for 1; 1 run; 1 HR, 1 RBI. Kaysha Fontenot 1 for 1; 1 run; 1 double. Haley McCall 1 for 2; 2 runs

The Cameron Parish

Invitational JV Tournament will be on March 3 at OD Johnson Complex in Lake Charles. The tournament schedule as follows:

#### FIELD 1

4 p.m. South Cameron vs Kinder.  
5:15 p.m. LaGrange vs Sulphur.  
6:30 p.m. South Cameron vs Barbe.  
7:45 South Cameron vs Westlake.

#### FIELD 2

4 p.m. Sulphur vs Vinton.  
5:15 p.m. Grand Lake vs Vinton.  
6:30 p.m. Grand Lake vs Sulphur.  
7:45 p.m. Grand Lake vs LaGrange.

#### FIELD 3

4 p.m. Westlake vs Barbe  
5:15 p.m. Westlake vs Kinder.  
6:30 p.m. LaGrange vs Vinton.  
7:45 p.m. Barbe vs Kinder.

Pool A teams are South Cameron, Kinder, Barbe, Westlake. Pool B teams are Grand Lake, Sulphur, Vinton, LaGrange.

Cameron Parish Invitational Varsity Tournament will be on March 4 at OD Johnson Complex in Lake Charles.

#### POOL A FIELD 2

9:45 a.m. Grand Lake vs Westlake.  
11:00 a.m. Vinton vs Westlake.  
12:15 p.m. Grand Lake vs

Vinton.

#### POOL B FIELD 1

9:45 a.m. South Cameron vs LaGrange.  
11:00 a.m. Glenmora vs LaGrange.  
12:15 p.m. South Cameron vs Glenmora.  
The championship game will be at 1:45 p.m., which will be the winner of each pool.

#### SENIOR NEWS

Senior picture selections from Lifetouch should be completed by March 15.

Seniors and their parents will meet in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. on March 8.

FAFSA forms and scholarship applications can be picked up from Mr. Broussard. The FAFSA form must be completed by all seniors who will qualify for TOPS.

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

March 3: Cameron Parish JV Softball Tourney at OD Johnson

March 4: Cameron Parish Varsity Softball Tourney at OD Johnson; Baseball Reeves (away) 1 p.m.

March 6: Baseball Johnson Bayou (Hackberry) 3:30 p.m.

March 10: Sulphur Softball Tourney.

March 11: Sulphur Softball Tourney; Literary Rally

## Cholesterol comes not just from food

Did you know that cholesterol comes from two primary sources? It is absorbed from the food you eat and it is naturally produced in your body, influenced by your family history. According to the American Heart Association, over 105 million Americans have high cholesterol and, astonishingly, 60 percent of patients being treated for high cholesterol continue to have LDL (bad) cholesterol levels above recommended levels. For more information, visit [www.2sourcesofcholesterol.com](http://www.2sourcesofcholesterol.com)

## Items are returned

Three of the items washed up in the drift on the Big Pasture Road at Big Lake have been claimed following the publishing of their pictures in the Pilot last week.

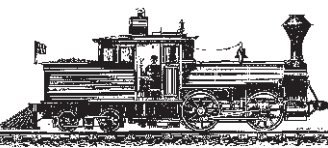
Mrs. Mary Lou Joanen who had the items said that Alvin Ray Mudd claimed the mounted alligator head and Stephanie LaBove claimed the handpainted bench. Both objects had floated for a dozen or more miles across the marsh from the Creole area.

However no one has yet claimed the small dog found in the same area. He is believed to be a cross between a Jack Russell and a terrier.

Mrs. Joanen said that if the owner does not claim the dog she will be willing to give him to someone who will give him a good home. She can be reached at 598-3236.

## Check financial planners' backgrounds

According to experts at the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. (CFP Board), personal financial planning can be a complex process. It includes insurance planning, employee benefits planning, investment planning, income tax planning, retirement planning and estate planning—all of which are interrelated. Consumers should be wary of any seminar that claims to offer a single comprehensive solution for everyone's needs and goals. Check the presenter's background. If he or she claims to be a Certified Financial Planner™ professional, it's possible to verify that certification at [www.CFP.net](http://www.CFP.net).



JOHNSON BAYOU High School recently selected the Students of the Year for 2006. They are shown above: fifth grader Allison Romero, daughter of Howard and Fran Romero; eighth grade Janice Trahan, daughter of Melissa and Carl Trahan; and twelfth grader Katie Young, daughter of Paul and Trudy Young.

## Johnson Bayou to hold kindergarten registration

Johnson Bayou High School will hold kindergarten registration Thursday, March 9 at 10 a.m. in Hackberry High School's library.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2006-2007 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.

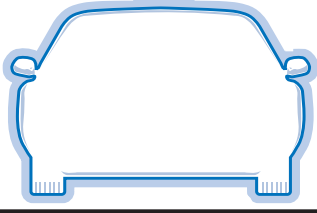
Parents who plan to register children must bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, immunization record, social security card, and proof of residence for each child to be registered. Parents who do not have their child's birth certificate or social security card (number) should begin

proceedings to secure them as soon as possible. Application forms for birth certificates may be obtained from any U.S. Post Office.

Mrs. Laurie Jones, R.N., Cameron Parish School Nurse, will be attending the roundup to talk to 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.

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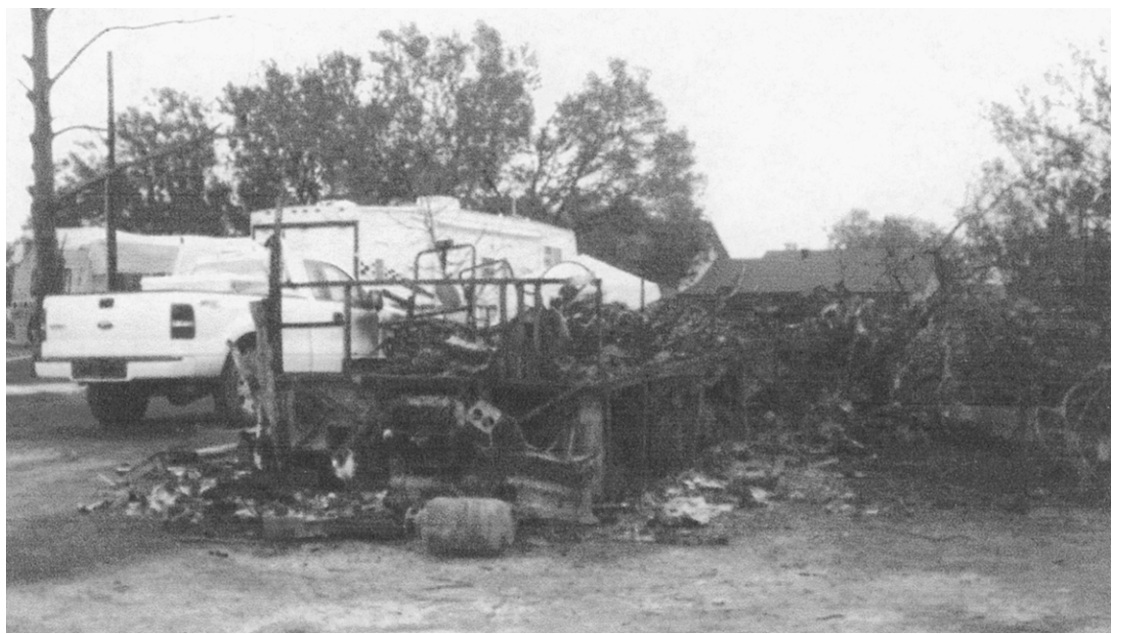


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**ROTORCRAFT LEASING** has been working on this new heliport since before Hurricane Rita. They were back at it immediately after the storm, and the facility, located on Trosclair Road, is nearing completion. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



**THIS IS ONE** of two camper trailers that were destroyed by fire at a camper park at the end of Devall Road in Hackberry on Monday, Feb. 20. The owners were working in this area but were out of town at the time of the fire. There were no injuries. The Hackberry Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire.

## Letters to the Editor

### Courthouse was crying

Dear Editor:

The Day the Courthouse Cried . . .

It was Feb. 22, 2006, approaching the five month anniversary of the devastating effects of Hurricane Rita, that our Courthouse cried. Weeping from the ceilings, walls and floors, it was evident that whatever caused her emotions, she was crying.

Was she remembering the night of Sept. 23 and the morning of Sept. 24, 2005, and the horrible effects of this hurricane?

Or was she crying in gratitude that her people had evacuated and were safely out of harms way?

Was she remembering all those who died in 1957 during Hurricane Audrey?

Or was she crying in gratitude for all those who survived Audrey, especially those who found refuge within her walls?

Was she thinking about the mess on the bottom floor and the havoc to the electric, water and sewer systems that service her?

Or was she tearful for those who ran to her rescue and began the long and tedious work of restoring her to her normal stately self?

Was she crying in fear for the possibility of being abandoned and moving away to "higher" ground?

Or was she ever so grate-

ful for those who recognize that her mere survival is a testimony not only to her strength and stability, but also to her people who have loved living in this parish for so long?

I suppose it is also possible that the weeping was caused from the cement structure, very cold without the boiler, not warming her up quickly enough to prevent condensation, but I prefer to believe that this grand building that I work in is like a mother . . . grateful, tearful, longing for her children to return to her, her parish and their homeland. May her survival give you strength and encouragement to make the decision to return home. It won't be Cameron without you!

/s/ Carla Richard

### Former H'berry resident writes

Dear Editor:

I came to Hackberry with my mom and dad (Chester and Pauline Krumm) early August, 1950. I don't think the Pilot was published at that time. We were all very happy when it started. I even received it when I attended college in Natchitoches.

When my wife and I moved out of state in June of 1964, I no longer received it. We would get certain articles mailed by my family. When Rita hit and I found it being published on-line I was so happy to be able to read it on

a regular basis again. I still have a sister and friends there. I followed the goings-on in the parish ever since. (Since much of Hackberry survived it has been given a lot of prominence.) I am able to keep up after the terrible tragedy and see to some extent, how things are coming along. With much appreciation.

/s/ George Krumm  
Watkinsville, Ga.

### Reader likes Pilot online

Dear Editor:

Just a quick note, thanking you for posting the fraud scam in the Pilot. What did I get for calling the fraud dept. in Washington DC, a letter thanking me and wanting me to contribute 20 bucks! What is wrong with that picture?

It is so nice to be able to read the Pilot on line, instead of waiting two weeks for my Pilot!

Keep up the great work!  
/s/ Sissy N Childers

### Seeking info on old house

Dear Editor:

We are looking for an old article about the LSU AgCenter Office located in Cameron. Our office was the old Bonsall Museum before we moved into the office. Please let me know where I can find any information. FEMA is looking for this information. Thanks for your help.

/s/ Angelia Conner

## Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

### IN SERVICE

Sgt. Edward Morris, husband of Caryn Renee Morris, father of Teddy and Ricky Morris, left Feb. 23 for three months of training at Fort Leavenworth, Ky. He is the son-in-law of Pat and Roland Kershaw of Houston, Tex., and the grandson-in-law of Irene Kershaw and Grace Welch of Hackberry.

### GLAD TO BE BACK

To all my family and friends in Hackberry, I am glad to be home. I stayed with my oldest daughter and husband, Pat and Roland Kershaw of Houston, since Hurricane Rita. Pat brought me home on Feb. 7.

## Johnson B. Honor List

The following Johnson Bayou High School students were named to the Banner and Honor Rolls for the first semester of school.

### BANNER ROLL

Logan Gage Badon, Alexander Reese Boudreaux, Braxton Gabriel Hebert, Drew James Kyle, Shae Alexus Cramer, Kory Luke Kyle, Allison Renee Romero, Kristopher Allen Trahan, Harmony Michelle Trahan, Destiny Delane Sonnier, Justine Nichole Trahan, Sunny Jean Trahan, Katie Ann Young.

### HONOR ROLL

Candace Brooke Clark, Kaitlyn Hope McNeil, Kevin Wayne Harrington, Daria Jane Jinks, Hunter Gabriel McGee, Tristan Ethan Trahan, Keylee Young, Alexis Sierra Call, Skylar Jade Jinks, Blake Anthony Badon, Bailey Jo Bourriague, Marcus Scott Fontenot, Zachary Paul Hebert, Dylan Gabriel Morrison, Britney Michele Bourriague, Jami Lee Leboeuf, Jessie Nacole McGee, Christian Marie Patrick, Janice Lorraine Trahan, Tabatha Leann Harrington, Tenikka Rae Stanley, Charmayne Alaina Barentine, Aaron Joseph Jinks, Randy Alan Scroggins, Lexie Michele Simon, Shalyn Michelle Broussard, Holly Michelle Simon, Katrina Ann Lejeune, Katrina Marie McGee, Sabrina Sandifer, Timothy Adam Trahan.

## H'berry Rambler

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Westlake, Dwayne and wife Helen of Franklin, Tenn., and Edgar and wife Wanda of Mauriceville, Tex. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cecile Fabacher and two sons, Gerald and Edwin, Jr.

When Edwin's father moved them to southwest Louisiana, young Edwin heard of a fiddle player, Luderin Darbonne. He was playing western swing music. This was a different sound on a fiddle than he was accustomed to. The two began playing together and before long were playing dances and saloons. This was 1930. In 1933, Edwin and Darbonne formed a band that has endured for more than 70 years.

The band's name is the Hackberry Ramblers; the named derived from the rural community of Hackberry, where both men lived at the time. They have been featured on CNN, The Today Show, *Dallas Morning News*, Entertainment Tonight, *New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *USA Today*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Men's Journal*, *The Oxford American* and many other publications.

They have played before presidents of the United States and on the Grand Ole Opry. They have performed at Super Bowl 1996, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, the Newport Folk Festival, and the Chicago Jazz Festival. The Ramblers' 1997 release "Deep Water" gained them a Grammy nomination where they appeared on MTV with Kelsey Grammer and the Hansons. In 2002, the band debuted in Europe, playing at the International Cajun Festival in Holland and the Country Rendezvous in France, returning to France in 2003 for yet another performance.

The Ramblers were also inducted into the Louisiana Cajun Music Hall of Fame and Edwin was inducted into the Canjun French Music Association of Louisiana, Inc., Lake Charles Chapter "Cajun Music City." Edwin and Luderin were honored by the

National Endowment of the Arts as the recipients of the prestigious 2002 National Heritage Fellowship. This award is the nation's highest honor in folk and traditional art.

In 2004, Edwin and Luderin were inducted into the Living Legends program sponsored by the Acadian Museum of Erath in the LeCafe' de Musse & Cajun Jam Session.

Edwin first learned to strum a small guitar he bartered for when he was 16. His first song was a cajun number his grandfather taught him. That guitar is today in the possession of the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn. Edwin donated it to them when he and Darbonne made a documentary for their archives and were inducted into the Nashville Country Hall of Fame.

Music would eventually become only a hobby and a way of earning extra income. He became an electrician by trade. In 1956 his company sent him to the Panama Canal to head up a project that would convert the Canal Zone from 25 to 60 cycles. It was a job that would last more than three years.

When his work took him to Venezuela in the arly 1940s, he returned to find that the Ramblers had acquired another guitar player. Not to be excluded, he learned to play the piano. He then rejoined the band as a piano player. When he recognized he could learn to play different instruments, he began to pick up on this talent. He learned to play the accordion and harmonica.

His last performance was in November 2005 in Baton Rouge.



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Attorneys interested in working for the Cameron Parish School Board on a contractual basis should send their vitas and proposals to Cameron Parish School Board to arrive not later than 3:00 PM, Friday, March 10, 2005. Materials may be submitted only by US Postal Service, delivery service, or facsimile. Materials should be addressed as follows:

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**VOLUNTEERS FROM California and Hackberry help the St. Martin's Lutheran Church of Sugarland, Texas hand out supplies in the rain at Hackberry High School Feb. 25. The church team also took applications for help with cleaning and debris removal in Hackberry.**  
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## School board accepts bids on portable bldgs.

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish School Board held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon to consider several matters including buildings for South Cameron High School and personnel for the coming year.

The board will consider the future of the Cameron Elementary, South Cameron Elementary, Audrey Memorial, and Central Office sites at its March 13 meeting.

Bids were received from seven companies to provide portable buildings for the South Cameron K-12 school. The proposals covered several options including 28 or 36 months lease and outright purchase, with an option for one-time relocation in the event of imminent storm damage. The board decided to review the various options and make a final decision at the March 13 meeting.

The school calendar for 2006-2007 was adopted, with school set to begin for stu-

dents on Aug. 21 and end on June 1.

The personnel list for all schools for the 2006-2007 term was presented and adopted. It provides for a full teaching staff at South Cameron in Creole (Campus A) and a smaller K-5 staff at South Cameron in Grand Lake (Campus B). A few positions are still open. There were only six positions eliminated, and these were resignations that were not filled. Support staff for next year has not been announced.

Resignations were accepted from Sandra Hession, South Cameron High teacher, effective on her retirement June 2; Mindy Jo Dye, CES teacher; and Gernine Mailhes, Johnson Bayou High teacher, effective Feb. 24. Brandy Jinks, JBHS food tech, was granted a leave without pay through June 2.

The Board voted to advertise for cafeteria equipment for JBS and SCS for next year.

## Sports Roundup

### BASEBALL

**Grand Lake 4, Oakdale 3.** Stephen Smith went the distance for the Hornets, recording 8 strikeouts. Top hitters were Heath Romero, 2-2; Hunter Leger, 1-2; and Smith, 1-2 with a double.

**Grand Lake 11, Welsh 6.** Ryan Monceaux threw for the Hornets, striking out 9 batters. Top hitters for Grand Lake were Stephen Smith, -12 with a homerun and 3 RBIs; Levi Stevenson, 1-2; and Heath Romero, 1-3.

### SOFTBALL

**South Cameron 5, South Beauregard 0.** Laken Mock struck out 13 batters as the Lady Tarpons shutout the 2A runner-up Lady Ks. Top hitters for South Cameron were Christian McCall, 2-4 with run and 3 stolen bases; Shelby Willis, 1-3 with a homerun, RBI, and run; Mock, 1-2 with a double; Haley McCall, 2-3 with 2 runs; and D'Nae Desonier, 1-2 and a run.

**South Cameron 14, Westlake 3.** Kelsi Kiffe and Amanda Wicke pitched for the Lady Tarpons. Top hitters were Meagan Trahan, 2-2 with a double, triple, and 2 runs; Laken Mock, 2-3 with a double, 2 RBIs; and a run; Blair Belanger, 1-1 with a

## Where are they now? Nell tells

By NELL COLLIGAN

This week we have another e-mail from Vince Theriot. He wanted to mention that his wife's parents, Larry and Geraldine LaBove, lost their home in Creole. While waiting for their FEMA trailer, they stayed with their son, Brad. Now, they are staying near Ned and Crystal Wilson's home in Lake Charles. They have purchased a manufactured home and will be moving it to Creole soon.

During the week I visited the Louisiana Archives Index of Cameron Parish. The Biographies section has stories of many early Cameron Parish settlers. It was so interesting to read about Frank Sweeney whose life spanned the years from 1859-1936.

If your ancestors were early settlers of the parish, you might want to add their story to the archives. I feel sure Kathy Tell will be happy to help you. The Archives web site can be reached at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/la/cameron.htm>

That's it for now, folks. I will be in Lafayette Tuesday for a family barbecue, so I am sending the column in on Monday instead of Tuesday. By the time you get your Pilot, Mardi Gras 2006 will be history and we will be knee-deep in Lenten season. Incidentally, we still don't have last week's Pilot. I know now why they call it "snail-mail."

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double, RBI, and run; Haley McCall, 1-3 with a triple, RBI, and 2 runs; and D'Nae Desonier, 1-3 with a triple, RBI, and 3 runs.

**DeQuincy 7, Grand Lake 0.** Laken Dugas struck out 10 Lady Tiger batters, but it wasn't enough as Grand



**VOLUNTEERS JACK and Donna Isbell (center and left) arrived in Cameron two weeks ago from Utah. The couple spend four months of each year traveling in the warm southern states, and decided to help with hurricane recovery this year. They happened on Cameron quite by accident, but when they saw the destruction they knew they had found a place to stop. They have been living at Camp Cameron and helping Boyd and Louetta Nunez (right) repair their house in Oak Grove.**  
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Volunteers give help to Creole family rebuilding

By DINAH LANDRY

Boyd and Louetta Nunez of Creole were distraught when they viewed their home of 49 years following the devastation of Hurricane Rita.

As they looked around the ridge they saw that their home was one of few that could possibly be repaired. Little did they know that they would receive help in the form of a friend from Canada.

Greg Snider, a 51 year old adventurous, highly motivated individual born in Invermere, BC, arrived in late January and has spent the month being Boyd's helper and Louetta's inspiration. Greg, now a full fledge member of the Nunez family, enjoys challenging himself and his zest for life is definite-

ly his most endearing quality.

He achieved his Master's Degree from Gonzaga University in Spokane and his thesis was on Leadership and Volunteerism. This lead him to Louisiana and the devastated area of Cameron Parish.

He is well versed in electrical work, construction and carpenter work. He and his lovely wife Carole plan to keep in touch with their new family.

Greg has grown to love Cameron Parish as he is an outdoorsman and appreciates the beauty of the parish even in times of disaster. He enjoys duck hunting, camping, hiking, water and snow skiing and snow mobiling. He plans to make duck hunts in the near future with Boyd.

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education. --Mark Twain

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FEMA suggests that callers have their bank account information (account number and routing number to receive a direct deposit) and insurance coverage, policy numbers and agents' names handy.

Applicants should first contact their insurance companies to file necessary claims before contacting FEMA because FEMA assistance does not cover damage or losses already covered by private insurance.

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## Four parish sites said endangered

The Calcasieu Preservation Society recently released its annual list of the "11 Most Endangered Historic Structures and Sites in Southwest Louisiana." Four of the sites are in Cameron Parish. Here is what the Society said about each:

- Natural wetlands and chenier ridges of Cameron and Calcasieu parishes. "The state's coastline has been altered by the hurricane; human development in these areas must be sustained and must not contribute to possible land loss."
- Camp culture in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes. "The traditional Louisiana coastline was a culture of its own-the so-called 'Cajun Riviera.' Will limits to growth and rebuilding set by flood plains, FEMA, and insurance mean the end of 'having a camp by the water?'"

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- Historic homes of Cameron Parish. "Houses built in the 1800s and early 1900s from Johnson Bayou and Grand Chenier have been damaged and their owners are challenged to rebuild and recover."



## LEGAL NOTICE



UNDER ACT 962 of the Louisiana Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is Tanith Baxter and that I have been convicted of Crime Against Nature (prostitution) in July 1999 My address is 389 Joe Dugas Rd, Hackberry, La. 70645. Offender: /s/Tanith Baxter Date: Feb. 16, 2006 (RUNS: Mar 1, Mar. 8)



## Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS

### LOTS OF DUCKS

We spent another gloomy weekend, cold-hot-fog and rainy. It seems every weekend is the same, however not bad at all, compared to what we went through in September 2005.

I got a chance to visit the old home place in Grand Chenier last week, and I noticed quite a few ducks, including pintail in the Big Burn marsh. I drove on in to Grand Chenier and decided to go all the way to North Island.

I was shocked to see all the ducks close to Hwy. 82 from Rockefeller's east end to the North Island road. They were feeding in the shallow waters just past the oak trees. It was a beautiful sight to see.

### SPRING NEAR

Wood ducks broods begin to appear, while mottled ducks begin nesting. It's time to clean and hang hummingbird feeders, and we'll see Easter Bluebirds begin building nests. Although we won't see many red or yellow flowers south of the Intracoastal Canal, the hummingbirds will surely be looking, so hang your feeders.

Weather should begin warming up, hopefully and the northern migrating blue-winged teals will pass through our area, returning from the tropics, and stop by our Louisiana coast for rest and feeding, before going on northward.

Sports fishermen will see white bass begin to spawn, largemouth bass begin nesting

## Medicare program set at Sweetlake

INFORMED and Sweetlake Methodist Church are partnering to offer a Medicare Part D Seminar on March 3 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. The seminar will be held at Sweetlake Methodist (in Sweetlake) and will cover the following:

1. An overview of the enrollment process.
2. How to apply for extra help benefits through Social Security.
3. Information on how to select a drug plan, and information on where to go for face to face benefits counseling.

INFORMED is a program of the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center.

For more information, contact Rene' LeJeune, Community Health Specialist at 989-0001 or email her at informed@swlahec.com



Angela Guidry



Nickie Guidry

## Guidry sisters awarded university degrees

Angela receives PhD degree at S. Dakota

Nickie receives MBA from South Florida

Angela R. Guidry, formerly of Grand Chenier, recently received her Ph.D. degree in Atmospheric, Environmental and Water Resources from South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D.

Her research focused on developing relationships between the concentration of phosphorus in soil and the concentration of phosphorus loss in surface runoff in eastern South Dakota, and the results have led to a change in the manure management guidelines developed by the South Dakota Department of Environmental and Natural Resources for the issuance of permits for confined animal feeding operations.

While at SDSU, Angela received awards from the South Dakota Association of Environmental Professionals, the Delbert Robbins Scholarship, and was the 2004 Outstanding Graduate Student recognized by the North Central Extension-Industry Conference.

Upon graduation, Angela has accepted an Environmental Scientist position at East Dakota Water Development District in Brookings, S.D. The district covers a ten county area and is responsible for managing water related issues in the Big Sioux River. She is the coordinator for a multi-million dollar project aimed at reducing sediment and fecal coliform bacteria loadings into the Big Sioux River. The river is used for drinking water as well as boating and fishing.

Angela attended Grand Lake High School from kindergarten through the 10th grade and graduated from South Cameron High School. She received her B.S. in Biological Sciences from McNeese State University in 1999. While working toward her B.S., she spent one summer conducting research on new medicines to treat tuberculosis.

Angela stayed at McNeese

Nickie Guidry, former resident of Creole, graduated with a MBA degree in May 2005 from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla. She is currently working at U.S. Trust Company in Sarasota, Fla. as an investment associate. She is currently a level III candidate in the Charter Financial Analyst Program.

Nickie attended Grand Lake High School from kindergarten through the ninth grade and graduated from South Cameron High School. She received her Bachelor of Sciences and Finance degree from the E. J. Ourso College of Business at LSU in 2003.

Nickie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky (Michelle) Guidry of Sweetlake and Mr. and Mrs. Francis (Kathy) Basco of Creole. She is the granddaughter of Lena (the late Albert) Guidry of Sweetlake, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Theriot, Sr. of Creole, Ms. Katherine Johnson Theriot of Lake Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Baccigalopi of Grand Chenier. She is the great-granddaughter of Aurelia Suire of Jennings.

to pursue her M.S. in Environmental Science. She received her M.S. in 2002 and while there conducted a cancer risk assessment study in Calcasieu Parish.

Angela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky (Michelle) Guidry of Sweetlake and Mr. and Mrs. Francis (Kathy) Basco of Creole. She is the granddaughter of Lena (the late Albert) Guidry of Sweetlake, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Theriot, Sr. of Creole, Ms. Katherine Johnson Theriot of Lake Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Baccigalopi of Grand Chenier. She is the great-granddaughter of Aurelia Suire of Jennings.

Angela's son, Dalton Bryant, is a third grader in the Brookings School District.

## PART-TIME HELP NEEDED RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASSISTANT

Grand Lake/Sweetlake Waterworks Districts #11 is now accepting applications for the position of Receptionist/Office Assistant. Must be at least 18 years of age with a valid drivers license. Microsoft Word/Excel knowledge helpful. Apply in person at: Cameron Parish Waterworks District #11, 111 Dennis Lane, 337-598-3439.

Cameron Parish Police Jury does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin or political or religious opinions.

RUN: Feb. 23, Mar. 2 & 9 (F 38)

## NOTICE

Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater is accepting applications for a Secretary/Bookkeeper. Applications are available at 111 Dennis Lane in Grand Lake, La. at the office between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

General clerical experience needed, computer skills required, good telephone etiquette, must be able to multi task. Must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Must be a resident of the Water and Wastewater District No. 1.

All applicatons must be turned in prior to March 10 at 3 p.m. at the Waterworks office located in Grand Lake. The Waterworks does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin or political opinions.

RUN: Feb. 23, March 2 & 9 (F-37)

### AROUND THE BEND

The Reel Sportsmen Bass Club held a tournament that saw David Piersat catch a 7.15 bass on a rattletrap and picking up his five fish limit weighing 16.56 pounds. Fishing in two to seven feet of water, he also used jerk baits.

The second place team of Brandon Richard and Lucky Holbrook had five bass weighing 15.50 pounds. These were brought in with rattletraps and also in two to eight feet of water in the grassy area.

Teddy Gordon, a Cameron native, came closest to the two pound bass build up pot. He caught his bass on rattletraps fishing on windy points.

### LACASSINE REFUGE

Folks I talked to at Lacassine Refuge have said that the refuge will be open on March 15, that includes the pool, and also outside the pool. State regulations on bass limits, sizes and possession will apply. It's the same as last year.

There will be a public meeting on March 9, at 6 p.m., at the Civic Center, in the Contraband Room, about plans for all three refuges, the Sabine National Refuge in Hackberry, Lacassine National Refuge in the Cameron and Lowery areas, and the Cameron Pairie National Refuge in the Sweetlake area.

The public is invited to the March 9 meeting, so try and make it if you can.

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# Legal Notices

## SPECIFICATIONS FOR DIGITIZING CAMERON PARISH RECORDS DAMAGED BY HURRICANE RITA

Background: The Cameron Parish Clerk of Court is requesting bids to digitize various records that were damaged by the floodwaters from Hurricane Rita. The records include Index Books, Mortgage Books, Civil Suit Records, Criminal Records, Probate Records, and Miscellaneous Documents which were housed in the Cameron Parish Courthouse in Cameron, Louisiana.

The records to be digitized were inundated by the rising and receding Gulf waters during the passing of Hurricane Rita. At the current time the records are located in Fort Worth, Texas at BMS Catastrophe Services awaiting shipment back to Cameron Parish. The records are dried but are covered in silt and sandy muck, as well as having some residual mold, which is the result of the inundation.

It is the intent of Cameron Parish to have recovered records digitized and imported into the Governmental Research & Information Data Systems (GRIDS) land record indexing and imaging system currently in use in the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court's office. All images must be formatted and organized to meet the import specifications of the GRIDS system. The successful vendor will be required to arrange the shipment of the records from BMS to their production facility for the digitization process. All prospective bidders are required to have a representative visit BMS to inspect the records prior to submitting their bid.

## Specific Requirements for Digitizing Cameron Parish Records

1. Bidders are required to physically inspect the records to be digitized prior to submitting a bid on this project. A written statement confirming the inspection must be included as part of the bid response.

2. All oversized index books, which pages measure 12.5 by 18 inches, must be scanned at 300 DPI, 8-bit grayscale. Each page of each index book must be indexed including the following fields:

Book Type i.e., Conveyances, Mortgages, Marriages, etc. Book Name, the date range and alpha range of the index book. Tab Name, the alpha range of the tab inside the book. Page Type, index page or index-entry page. Page number, the number written on the top of each page. Where page is not written, the assumed page number must be indexed. Index Book images must be delivered as Multipage TIFF in original scanned resolution, and separately as PDFs. Before making the PDFs, the Multipage TIFF must be reduced to an optimal balance between image file size and image readability. For example, a 70% quality factor and 150 DPI Multipage TIFF may be ideal. Vendor is responsible for determining these values and submitting samples. Multipage TIFF images must be single page image files. PDFs must be organized into multi-page PDFs by document. See definition of documents below. PDFs must be placed into folders in a hierarchy by Book Type, then Book Date Range, then Tab Name, then the PDF named by the document name. Documents are defined as follows: Inside of an index book tab, the pair of index pages is a single document named "Index." This is the first document inside the tab. Each odd-numbered page inside a tab begins a new document. The name of each of these documents is the odd page number formatted into four positions, right-justified, with leading zeros. This naming system applies to both index files and file names.

3. All regular sized documents i.e. civil suit files and miscellaneous documents measuring 11 by 17 inches and smaller must be scanned at 300 dpi, 8-bit grayscale due to the marginal quality of the original documents. Each document type is to be indexed by the suit number, and plaintiff and defendant parties to the suit.

4. All oversize plats, which generally measure 24 by 36 inches, are to be scanned at 400 dpi, 8-bit grayscale and indexed by the subdivision name, owner name, and or the section, township, and range coordinates, which ever is relevant to the information contained on the plat. In addition the plats are to be reproduced back onto 11 by 17, 38 pound archival paper and bound for use in the Clerk of Court's office.

5. Bidders must be experienced in Digitizing Courthouse Records in the State of Louisiana. Each bidder must include a reference list of at least five Louisiana Parish Clerk's of Court for whom they are performing the above type services. A description of the type of digitizing, and specific information as to which type of service they are performing is required. Additionally each vendor must submit a reference list of at least three Louisiana Parish Clerk's of Court wherein they imported digital images of the type described above into the GRIDS Document Imaging System.

6. Bids must be submitted in four price categories which are all inclusive of the requirements described above:

- Price per image for Index Books.
- Price per image for Miscellaneous Records.
- Price per image for Plats
- Estimated Total Cost of Project.

7. Successful bidder acknowledges accepts, and agrees that the records of the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court is to remain the sole property of the Clerk of Court. The records are bound by copy-

right laws of Louisiana and the United States and any reproduction or duplication without the prior consent of the clerk of Cameron Parish is prohibited by law.

RUNS: Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2 - F 19

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 17464

Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of State Purchasing, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Suite 2-160, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 10:00 A.M., on March 28, 2006, for the following:

HIGHWAY 384 HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION  
CS-21 ROAD REPAIRS  
FOR  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
CAMERON PARISH

Proposal Number: M 26208 DL  
Solicitation Number: 2205673  
Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:

OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING  
CLAIBORNE BUILDING,  
2ND FLOOR  
1201 NORTH THIRD STREET  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70804  
Attn: Pamela Allen  
Email: pamel.a.allen@la.gov  
Fax: (225) 342-8688  
Phone: (225) 342-8019  
SITE VISIT IS REQUIRED.

A Mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted on this project at the jobsite on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. Attendance is required in order to submit a bid proposal.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond. Surety represents that it is listed on the current U. S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies and that it is listed thereon as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in this instrument. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount, and who is currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service List. The bond shall not be accepted if written for an amount exceeding the amount listed in the Treasury Financial Management Service List.

Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who are licensed under La. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification(s) such as, Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction and/or specialty of Permanent or Paved Highways and Streets (Concrete). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the sale of bonds by the State Bond Commission. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING  
DENISE LEA  
DIRECTOR OF STATE PURCHASING  
RUN: Feb. 23, Mar. 2 & 9 (F 32)

NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM  
AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY PROGRAM  
PORT CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY PROGRAM

To review the Statewide Flood Control Program, the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program and the Port Construction and Development Priority Program as follows:  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2006, Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 6

These Public Hearings will be conducted in accordance with Act 351 of the 1982 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature by the House and Senate Legislative Committees on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and in accordance with Acts 451 and 452 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature by the House and Senate Legislative Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

The purpose of these Public Hearings is to review the Statewide Flood Control Program, the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program and the Port Construction and Development Priority Program for Fiscal Year 2206 and 2007. All interested persons are invited to be present.

Oral testimony will be received. However so that all persons desiring to speak have an equal opportunity to do so, it is requested that every effort be made to complete individual testimony as quickly as possible. Oral testimony may be supplemented by presenting written statements and comments to the Committee by mailing the same postmarked within ten (10) calendar days following the hearing to the above address. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Pryor, Louisiana House of Representatives, phone 225-219-4332 or Sherri Breau, Louisiana

Senate, phone 225-342-6145.

/s/ Noble E. Ellington

SENATOR NOBLE  
E. ELLINGTON  
CO-CHAIRMAN

/s/ Roy Quezaire, Jr.  
REPRESENTATIVE ROY  
QUEZAIRE, JR.  
CO-CHAIRMAN

RUN: Mar. 2 (M 1)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with Act #467 of the 1999 Legislature regarding open public meeting laws, regular meetings of Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9, for the year 2006, are to be held as follows:

A. Meetings will be held last Sunday of each month.

B. Time and place of meeting set at 4:00 p.m. Cameron Parish Water District Nine Office, Temporary Office, Bell City, LA.

C. Change of Meeting or call for special meeting will be published in offices of the district, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting

D. In case of extraordinary emergency, such notice shall not be required, however, the public body shall give such notice of the meeting as it deems appropriate and circumstances permit.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CAMERON PARISH  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9  
RUN: March 2 (M-2)

## NOTICE FOR BIDS

Waterworks District No. 9 of Cameron Parish is seeking bids on its Official Journal for the fiscal year of 2006-2007. Bids must be submitted to the Board of Supervisors no later than 4 p.m., on March 26, 2006 after which the bids will be opened by the Board. Bids should be mailed to: Waterworks District No. 9, 113 Dennis Lane, Bell City, La. 70630. RUN: March 2, 9 and 16 (M-3)

## SP# 17487

NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read by the Purchasing Section of the Division of Administration, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Suite 2-160, (P.O. Box 94095), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:00 A.M. for the following:

File No. M26211D, Bid No. 2205837-Natural Gas System (a mandatory pre bid meeting to be held at the job site on 3/7/06 at 10:30 am.). Mar. 16

Bid proposal forms, information and specifications may be obtained by accessing the bid number in LaPac at www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp or from the purchasing section listed above. No bids will be received after the date and hour specified. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

DENISE LEA  
Director of State Purchasing  
FAX (225) 342-868  
RUN: Mar. 2 (M5)

CAMERON PARISH  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
NO. 7  
MINUTES

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 met in regular session on September 20, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. at the Waterworks District Office in the Village of Creole, Louisiana. Members present: Sandra Ford, Wilson Conner, Dale LeBoeuf, Guy Murphy and Vernon Primeaux. Guest: Wendy Savoie and Kent LaBove.

Sandra Ford called the meeting to order, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, and called roll.

Guy Murphy made a motion to do away with the reading of the minutes and the Financial statement. It was seconded by Wilson Conner and carried.

A motion was made by Vernon Primeaux to pay the monthly bills, it was seconded by Dale LeBoeuf and carried.

Wilson Conner made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Dale LeBoeuf and carried.  
/s/ Guy Murphy  
Approved  
Guy Murphy, Vice-President  
GUY MURPHY, VICE-PRESIDENT  
RUN: March 2 (M-6)

CAMERON PARISH  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
NO. 7

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 met in regular session on November 11, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. at Waterworks District No. 11 Office in Grand Lake, Louisiana. Members present: Sandra Ford, Guy Murphy, and Dale LeBoeuf. Absent: Wilson Conner and Vernon Primeaux. Guest: Wendy Savoie.

Sandra Ford called the meeting to order, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, and called roll.

Dale LeBoeuf made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes, it was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

A motion was made by Dale LeBoeuf, seconded by Guy Murphy and carried to charge the flat fee for water services for the period of August 29th thru September 23rd. It was decided that at the next month's meeting a discussion would take place on when to start the billing process again.

A motion was made by Guy Murphy to pay the monthly bills, it was seconded by Dale LeBoeuf and carried.

Guy Murphy made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Dale LeBoeuf and carried.  
/s/ Guy Murphy  
Approved  
Guy Murphy, Vice-President  
GUY MURPHY, VICE-PRESIDENT  
RUN: March 2 (M-7)

CAMERON PARISH  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
NO. 7

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 met in regular session on December 19, 2005 at the Waterworks District Office in Grand Lake, Louisiana at 4:30

P.M. Members present: Sandra D. Ford, Dale LeBoeuf, Guy Murphy and Vernon Primeaux. Absent: Wilson Conner.

Sandra Ford called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dale LeBoeuf made a motion to adopt the minutes and the financial statement for the month of November. It was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

A motion was made by Vernon Primeaux, seconded by Dale LeBoeuf and carried to hire Lonnie Harper to apply for a grant from USDA for the water district.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to put Roman Theriot on leave until needed. It was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

Dale LeBoeuf made a motion to amend the 2005 Budget, it was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

Guy Murphy made a motion to adopt the 2006 Budget, it was seconded by Vernon Primeaux and carried.

Dale LeBoeuf made a motion to accept the proposal from William Elliott and Associates for the 2005 audit report.

A motion was made by Guy Murphy to pay the monthly bills, it was seconded by Dale LeBoeuf and carried.

A motion was made by Vernon Primeaux, seconded by Guy Murphy and carried for the meeting to adjourn.  
/s/ Guy Murphy  
Approved  
Guy Murphy-Vice President  
RUN: March 2 (M-8)

## PROCEEDINGS

February 13, 2006  
The Committee met on this date at 3:00 p.m. with the following members present: Loston McEvers, Dot Theriot, Dwayne Sanner, Patty Morris, Pat Howerton and Rachel Abadie. Absent: Marvin Trahan.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Committee approved the agenda.

The Board was introduced to the Student of the Year Winners for Cameron Parish School Board.

5th Grade Winner - Ms. Madison Shove, Hackberry High School

8th Grade Winner - Ms. Heather Girlinghouse, Grand Lake School

12th Grade Winner - Ms. Mandy Michalko, Hackberry High School

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Howerton, the Committee received the monthly financial statement and the report of payment of bills.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Committee received a request for permission for the superintendent and/or his designee to explore acquisition of flood, rising water from rain, and water damage insurance coverage for school facilities at Hackberry and Grand Lake including excess coverage.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Howerton, the Committee received a request for permission for the superintendent and/or his designee to explore acquisition of builder's risk coverage for the Johnson Bayou and South Cameron High School Projects.

On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Ms. Theriot, the Committee received a request for permission for the superintendent and/or his designee to enter into a surface lease agreement with owners of property adjacent to school facilities.

On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Committee received a request from White Oak Operating Company, L.L.C. to have reciprocal use of a pipeline to flow production from the Cutler #2 well to the Cameron Parish School Board facility and likewise to flow production from the Cameron Parish School Board #2 to Cutler facilities.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Committee received a request for permission to advertise for bids for the following items to be used in the 2006 - 2007 school session.

Janitorial Supplies  
Paper Goods  
Duplicating Paper  
Non-Food Supplies for School Food Service

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Committee received a report pursuant to the adoption of a resolution developed by bond counsel and senatorial staff members regarding the legislation to continue the levy of the 10 mill ad valorem tax.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Committee received comments from the superintendent pursuant to the audit of school accounts for the period ending June 30, 2005.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Committee received comments from the superintendent pursuant to the engagement of an auditor.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Committee adjourned.  
APPROVED:  
/s/ Loston McEvers  
LOSTON MCEVERS,  
PRESIDENT  
CAMERON PARISH  
SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:  
/s/ Douglas L. Chance  
DOUGLAS L. CHANCE,  
SECRETARY  
CAMERON PARISH  
SCHOOL BOARD

February 13, 2006  
The Cameron Parish School Board met in regular session on this date at

4:20 p.m. with the following members present: Loston McEvers, Dwayne Sanner, Dot Theriot, Mrs. Rachel Abadie, Pat Howerton and Patty Morris. Absent: Marvin Trahan.

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

On motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mr. Howerton, the Board approved the minutes from the regular meeting of January 9,

2006 as printed.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board approved the payment of bills and the monthly Financial Statement received in the Finance meeting.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved the request for permission for the superintendent and/or his designee to explore acquisition of flood, rising water from rain, and water damage insurance coverage for school facilities at Hackberry and Grand Lake including excess coverage as presented in the Finance meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved a request for permission for the superintendent and/or his designee to explore acquisition of builder's risk coverage for the Johnson Bayou and South Cameron High School Projects as presented in the Finance meeting.

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On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved a request from White Oak Operating Company, L.L.C. to have reciprocal use of a pipeline to flow production from the Cutler #2 well to the Cameron Parish School Board facility and likewise to flow production from the Cameron Parish School Board #2 to Cutler facilities as presented in Finance meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the approved the request for permission to advertise for bids for the following items to be used in the 2006 - 2007 school session as presented in the Finance meeting.

Janitorial Supplies  
Paper Goods  
Duplicating Paper  
Non-Food Supplies for School Food Service

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved the adoption of a resolution developed by bond counsel and senatorial staff members regarding the legislation to continue the levy of the 10 mill ad valorem tax as presented in the Finance meeting. Motions and roll call votes were made by sections within the resolution as well as englobant and the englobant vote recorded herein is representative of each vote.

Roll Call of Vote:  
YEAS: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Theriot, Mr. McEvers, Mr. Sanner, Mrs. Abadie and Mr. Howerton.  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Trahan  
REASSIGN OF DUTIES:

Sue Mhire, Reassign of the duties of Mrs. Sue Mhire to include replacing Ms. Michelle Trahan who was moved to payroll.  
Toni Kay Sibille, Reassign of the duties of school secretary/book-keeper at Cameron Elementary School to include replacing Mrs. Sue Mhire.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Ms. Abadie, the Board approved the superintendent's recommendation to reassign Mrs. Sue Mhire and Mrs. Toni Kay Sibille as noted above and to begin cross-positional training/duty assignments to facilitate security of operations for the district. Also, granted the superintendent authority to schedule release time for central office staff members as follows:  
Two days each in March, April and May; close the office on June 9th, June 16th, June 23rd and June 30th; and return to the regular schedule on July 1, 2006.

Rationale: After Hurricane Rita, the central office staff returned to full-time status on October 17th; and, other employees returned to their assignments as calendared and scheduled, beginning October 31, 2005. The above noted request simply provides some equity for office personnel.

On motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board received a report from the superintendent regarding the status of school attendance, insurance and funding, restoration of campuses, instruction areas, school facilities, and relationships to disaster and relief agencies.

On motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board adjourned until the special board meeting on February 28, 2006 at the LSU Ag Center at 3:00 P.M.

APPROVED:  
/s/ Loston McEvers  
LOSTON MCEVERS,  
PRESIDENT  
CAMERON PARISH  
SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:  
/s/ Douglas L. Chance  
DOUGLAS L. CHANCE,  
SECRETARY  
CAMERON PARISH  
SCHOOL BOARD

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Pat Howerton and seconded by Mr. Dwayne Sanner:  
ORDINANCE

An ordinance providing for the creation of a school district within the corporate limits of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, and defining and describing the boundaries thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, that:

Roll call vote on the ordinance section: Unanimous Yeas; Absent: Marvin Trahan

SECTION 1. Acting under and by virtue of the authority conferred by Chapter 3, Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and other constitutional and statutory authority, there is hereby created a school district in the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, which school district shall include and embrace all of that territory within the corporate limits of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, and that the boundaries of the school district hereby created shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, as the same are presently constituted.

Approval of Section 1 motion by Ms. Dot Theriot, second by Ms. Patty Morris; Unanimous roll call vote; Absent: Marvin Trahan

SECTION 2. The school district hereby created shall be known as

WAIVER ACT 715:  
Cont. on Pg.8.

Katherine Backlund, Teacher, Hackberry High School, recommend waiving Act 715 Requirements for her based upon the need to relocate out-of-state resulting from Hurricane Rita and her eligibility to retire.

RESIGNATIONS:  
Monica Hill, Lunchroom Tech, Cameron Elementary School, recommend accepting her resignation effective at the close of the day January 23, 2006 pursuant to her request.

Ida Whetstone, Sweeper, Grand Lake School, recommend accepting her resignation effective January 18, 2006 pursuant to her request.

## ACCRUED AND EXTENDED LEAVE:

Mary Ann DeBord, Teacher, Cameron Elementary School, recommend permitting her to use accrued sick leave and extended sick leave pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes during her period of disability as verified by physician statements.

Rebecca Vidrine, Librarian, South Cameron Elementary School, recommend permitting her to use extended sick leave pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes through April 11, 2006 contingent upon physician statements.

SABBATICAL LEAVE:  
Baron Thomas, Teacher, South Cameron High School, recommend granting his request for medical sabbatical during the 2006 - 2007 school Session based upon his physician's statement and his eligibility Status pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

RETIREMENT:  
Christine Garber, Teacher, Johnson Bayou School, recommend accepting her request for retirement effective June 2, 2006.

ACCRUED SICK LEAVE:  
Gene Reynolds, Recommend payment of up to 25 days of accrued and Unused Sick leave on the occasion of his retirement pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved to suspend the rules regarding personnel.

Roll Call of Vote:  
YEAS: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Theriot, Mr. McEvers, Mr. Sanner, Mrs. Abadie and Mr. Howerton.  
NAYS: None  
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Rationale: After Hurricane Rita, the central office staff returned to full-time status on October 17th; and, other employees returned to their assignments as calendared and scheduled, beginning October 31, 2005. The above noted request simply provides some equity for office personnel.

On motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board received a report from the superintendent regarding the status of school attendance, insurance and funding, restoration of campuses, instruction areas, school facilities, and relationships to disaster and relief agencies.

On motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board adjourned until the special board meeting on February 28, 2006 at the LSU Ag Center at 3:00 P.M.

APPROVED:  
/s/ Loston McEvers  
LOSTON MCEVERS,  
PRESIDENT  
CAMERON PARISH  
SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:  
/s/ Douglas L. Chance  
DOUGLAS L. CHANCE,  
SECRETARY  
CAMERON PARISH  
SCHOOL BOARD

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Pat Howerton and seconded by Mr. Dwayne Sanner:  
ORDINANCE

An ordinance providing for the creation of a school district within the corporate limits of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, and defining and describing the boundaries thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, that:

Roll call vote on the ordinance section: Unanimous Yeas; Absent: Marvin Trahan

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and is hereby designated as "Parishwide School District of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana," and as such shall have all the powers and exercise all the rights, privileges and authority granted by the Constitution and laws of this State, to levy ad valorem taxes for the purpose of giving additional support to the maintenance, improvement and operations of the public elementary and secondary school system in Cameron Parish.

Approval of Section 2 motion by Pat Howerton, second by Dwayne Sanner; Unanimous roll call vote; Absent: Marvin Trahan SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be duly published in the official journal of this School Board as provided by law.

Approval of Section 3 motion by Pat Howerton, second by Ms. Rachel Abadie; Unanimous roll call vote; Absent: Marvin Trahan SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approval of Section 4 motion by Pat Howerton, second by Ms. Dot Theriot; Unanimous roll call vote; Absent: Marvin Trahan

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted by sections at a public meeting of the School Board, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole on a motion by Pat Howerton, second by Dwayne Sanner, the vote thereon was as follows:  
School Board Members  
Yea: Ms. Patricia Morris, Dwayne Sanner, Pat Howerton, Ms. Dot Theriot, Loston McEvers, Ms. Rachel Abadie  
Nay:  
Absent: Marvin Trahan  
Abstaining

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 13th day of February, 2006.  
Douglas L. Chance, Secretary  
Loston McEvers, President  
RUN: Mar. 2 (M 9)

**NOTICE**  
Grand Lake Recreation Center and Spa will resume normal business hours on March 1, 2006.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Any questions please call 337-598-3333.  
RUN: Mar. 2 (M 10)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is given to all attorneys who have an interest in potential litigation with regard to claims by the Cameron Parish School Board against their insurers for their failure to pay claims filed against their insurance companies as a result of losses due to Hurricane Rita. Only attorneys with experience in this type of litigation need apply.  
Attorneys interested in working for the Cameron Parish School Board on a contractual basis should send their vitas and proposals to Cameron Parish School Board to arrive not later than 3:00 PM, Friday, March 10, 2005. Materials may be submitted only by US Postal Service, delivery service, or facsimile.  
Materials should be addressed as follows:  
U.S. Postal Service, Attn: Vita-Insurance Litigation, Litigation, Douglas L. Chance, Superintendent, Superintendent, Cameron Parish School Board, P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631-1548.  
Delivery Service: Attn: Vita-Insurance, Douglas L. Chance, Cameron Parish School, 409 E. Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles, LA 70601.  
Facsimile: Addressed as either of the above to: FAX 337-475-9174. RUN: MAR. 2 & 9 (M11)

**CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 10 PROCEEDINGS**  
The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular session on Tuesday-February 14, 2006 at 6:15 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center in the village of Hackberry, Louisiana, due to Hurricane Rita. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Mr. Nathan Griffith, Mr. Jim Cox, and Mr. Lloyd Badon. Members absent were none. Guest attending are listed below: Fire District #10 Board of Directors-Tony Trahan, Lynn Trahan, and Edward Hebert. Fire Chiefs Larry Jinks and John Walters, Police Juror Sonny McGee, FEMA representative Chuck Haigh, FEMA Mitigation representative Dale Farrand, Auditor Mike Elliott, Architect David Moss, and Engineer Charles Ladner.  
It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.  
It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.  
It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mr. Cox and carried to approve the bills as paid.  
Auditor Mike Elliott gave an update on the progress of the 2005 audit. He will continue getting with Rhonda to complete the audit in a timely manner.  
David Moss with Moss Architects spoke to the Board on the proper procedure to repair/rebuild the Waterworks and Fire Department building. Mr. Moss, along with his engineer Mr. Ladner will draw up a contract and begin work as soon as possible. They advised the board to repair the existing building would mean to repair with current state and fire building codes and didn't know if it would be possible.  
Police Juror spoke to the Board about running a water line with fire protection to the new Sabie Pass Cheniere Facility. The Board is very interested in running the line and will wait for further information.  
A temporary office for the

Johnson Bayou area was discussed. Information will be obtained to purchase and/or lease a building for when Rhonda returns back to Johnson Bayou in June.  
Part time secretary/billing clerk applications will be taken until February 28th. A special meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 28, 2006 to interview applications and perform employee evaluations.  
With no further business to discuss, Mr. Griffith adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.  
The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of March 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hackberry Temporary Office.  
Approved:  
/s/ Nathan Griffith  
Nathan Griffith-Chairman  
Attest:  
/s/ Connie Trahan  
Connie Trahan-Secretary  
RUN: March 2 (M-13)

**BID NOTICE**  
March 2, 2006  
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All BIDS must be submitted on or before the scheduled time and date. Envelopes should be clearly marked, "South Cameron High School Food Service Cafeteria Equipment."  
The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES the right to refuse or cancel any price quotation based on the quality of goods, availability of products and/or services rendered.  
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
By: /s/ Douglas L. Chance  
DOUGLAS L. CHANCE,  
SUPERINTENDENT  
Run: March 2 & 9 (M 14)

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**MEETING TO BE HELD AT GRAND LAKE FIREMAN'S CENTER CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY AGENDA**  
MARCH 6, 2006  
6:00 P.M.  
1. Call to Order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Reading of Minutes  
4. Presentation - Office of Emergency Preparedness  
5. Kenny Darbonne - Shaw Environmental - HMGP  
6. Drilling Permits:  
a. Suemaur Exploration & Production, LLC. - Johnson Bayou, Sabine Lake, SL 18722 Well No. 1, (proposed revisions for access route), Cameron Parish, LA. (051105)  
7. Other Permits:  
a. Jerry Racca - Big Lake, Section 30, T12S, R8W, (proposed excavation & fill of approximately 2888 cubic yards of native material), Cameron Parish, LA (060301)  
8. Appointments:  
a. Ambulance Dist. #1 - Chris Mooney - term expired  
b. Ambulance Dist. #2 - Gwen Constance - term expired  
c. Beachfront Dev. Dist. #2 - Douglas "Mac" Haynie - term expired  
d. Fire Dist. #15 - Roy Broussard, Leo Thevis, Bryan Weekly, Scott Weekly - terms expired  
e. Waterworks Dist. #2 - Donald Broussard - term expired  
f. Waterworks Dist. #11 - Andre Abadie, Jeffrey Jouett, Gerald Richard - terms expired  
9. Advertise for Bids:  
a. Homeland Security Equipment - 2004 Grant  
b. Replacement of Parish Road Maintenance Barns  
10. President Authority to Sign:  
a. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement - Cheniere Energy  
11. Change Polling Place - Precinct 17 - GC Fire Station to St. Eugene Catholic Church  
12. State Uniform Construction Code Ordinance  
13. Debris at Dumpsites - Clifton Hebert  
14. Pay February, 2006 Bills  
15. Waterworks Dist. #9 Invoices  
16. Staff Report:  
RUN: March 2 (M-16)

# Cameron Livestock Show winners are announced

2006 Cameron Parish Livestock Show Champions

**BEEF BREEDING**  
Champion Dairy - Colleen Manuel.  
Champion Non Brahman Inf Commercial Heifer - Jason Theriot.  
Reserve Champion Non Brahman Inf Commercial -- Joshua Wickle.  
Champion Brahman Inf Commercial Heifer - Jason Theriot.  
Reserve Champion Brahman Inf Commercial Heifer - Joshua Wickle.

Champion Beef Master Bull - Johnathan Richards.  
Champion Beef Master Heifer - Johnathan Richards.  
Reserve Champion Beef Master Heifer - Daylynn Mhire.  
Champion Braford Bull - Jolie Boudreaux.

Reserve Champion Braford Bull - Johnathan Landry.  
Champion La Bred Braford Bull - Kobi Richard.  
Champion Braford Heifer - Jenna Picou.  
Reserve Champion/Champion LA Bred Braford Heifer - Lancey Richard.  
Reserve Champion Braford Heifer - Bailey Richard.  
Champion Brahman Heifer -- Becca Richard.

Reserve Champion Brahman Heifer - Bailey Richard.  
Champion LA Bred Brahman Heifer - Brett Richard.  
Reserve Champion Brahman Heifer - Madison Shove.

Champion Red Brangus Bull - Joel Rogers.  
Reserve Champion Red Brangus Bull - Dean LaFleur.  
Champion Red Brangus Heifer - Chad Benoit.  
Reserve Champion Red Brangus Heifer - Dean

LaFleur.  
Champion/Champion LA Bred Percentage Braford Bull - Kaysha Fontenot.  
Reserve Champion/RC LA Bred Percentage Braford Bull - Justin Trahan.  
Champion/Champion LA Bred Percentage Braford Heifer - Lex Conner.  
Reserve Champion/RC LA Bred Percentage Braford Heifer -- Braids LaBove.  
Champion Hereford Heifer -- Rebecca Dupont.  
Reserve Champion Hereford Heifer -- Bryce Manuel.  
Champion/Champion LA Bred Simbrah Bull - Barrett Hebert.

# Refuges tell repair efforts

Hurricane damage remains widespread across the Southwest Louisiana Refuges and the hazards to human health and safety are many. To insure public safety, refuge managers have closed Sabine refuge and Cameron Prairie refuge's East Cove Unit to all recreational activities including fishing, crabbing, shrimping, hunting, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation.  
"The Administration in mid-February asked the Congress for \$132 million, a portion of which will be used to help Sabine and our other refuges rebuild key facilities," said Don Voros, Southwest Louisiana Refuges Complex manager. "We've got some serious challenges for sure, but we know there are still grave needs across the Gulf Coast our folks and many others are working hard to try to meet. Thousands of citizens are still reeling from the emotional trauma of losing loved ones, homes and cars. We are under no illusions about the breadth of need out there."

"Even as nearly 50 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees in the southeast lost much, if not everything, as thousands of Americans did as well, our employees were out there almost immediately working to rescue fellow citizens, clearing roads and the like," Voros went on to say.  
"We know the first priority is people and their safety," said Voros. "And as our folks across Louisiana pick up the pieces and begin putting their lives back together, we want to be ready for them when they once again have the time to come to our refuges to hunt, fish, crab, shrimp, hike, and watch wildlife."

To learn more about what is happening on any of the Southwest National Wildlife Refuges, Cameron Prairie, Lacassine, or Sabine, the public is invited to a public meeting to be held Thursday, March 9th from 6 to 9 pm at the Contraband Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center to discuss the current status of the refuges, and the path to the future.  
Sabine National Wildlife Refuge and Cameron Prairie refuge's East Cove unit will remain closed to the public.  
Cameron Prairie Refuge's Visitor Center and Pintail Drive will re-open March 15th.  
Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge will open for fishing Wednesday, March 15th

Status of fisheries of southwest Louisiana by LDWF Fisheries Biologist Bobby Reed  
Break out question and answer sessions with state and refuge officials.  
"Hurricane Rita's storm surge damaged access bridges, removed recreational facilities, severely damaged all buildings and other structures, damaged or moved marsh vegetation, and left thousands of acres of debris strewn across the hunting and fishing areas throughout the refuge," said Terry Delaine, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge Manager. "Over five miles of Central Canal, the main access canal into Sabine refuge, has been filled in with debris."

A recent hazardous materials (HAZMAT) and debris assessment report by Nixon and Michel Research Planning Inc., commissioned by the Service, states: "Hurricane Rita's passage deposited over 1,700 acres of debris piles, containing an estimated 7 million cubic meters of debris on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. Nearly 1,400 potential HAZMAT items have been positively identified in and around these piles, with an additional unknown number undetected or not visible. These items are estimated to contain between 115,000 - 350,000 gallons of hazardous liquids and gases. It is likely that without addressing these issues, Sabine refuge will be at significant risk of chemical and physical damages for decades."

Sabine National Wildlife Refuge will remain closed to the public until these containers are removed. Issues that need to be addressed include replacing damaged public restrooms, repairing bridges, graveling and leveling parking areas, clearing silt and debris away from boat ramps and fishing piers, securing water control structures, and removing hazardous materials and debris from marshes and waterways.  
"The visitor center, offices, and the Pintail Drive were all damaged and require extensive repairs," said Glenn Harris, Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Manager. "The surge left large debris piles, including entire houses, littered throughout the marshes of both the Gibbstown and East Cove Units. Rita caused a 10,000-gallon oil release that we burned off in October. It also washed out protection levees along the eastern edge of Calcasieu Lake within the Cameron Creole Watershed Project."

There have been quite a few inquiries about whether or not the Grand Bayou Boat

# Cameron Parish 4-Hers show animals despite Rita

Hurricane Rita destroyed homes, schools and barns when it ripped through Cameron Parish last fall. It also bruised and battered the hopes of hundreds of 4-Hers looking forward to showing livestock.  
"Livestock means a lot to these kids," said Jake Fontenot, LSU AgCenter 4-H agent in Cameron Parish. "It's a big part of the Cameron Parish 4-H Club."

Although the event was months away, Fontenot said he started getting calls the day after the storm from students and parents asking whether the parish livestock show would still be held in January.  
When it appeared the show would have to be canceled because of the storm's devastating effects, Cameron Parish 9th grader Larayne Picou said she also was devastated by that thought.

"When my dad told me we weren't showing, that had a big affect on me," said Picou, a 4-H Club member who has shown cattle and pigs since she was nine years old and has always looked forward to parish and state livestock shows.  
In the long run, however, Picou didn't have to face those fears. With help from the LSU AgCenter and her neighbors to the north in Calcasieu Parish, Picou and others from Cameron got to participate in a parish livestock show, as well as the district and state shows.

For purposes of the shows, the youngsters were granted hardship requests, and deadlines were extended. Calcasieu Parish shared space and judges with 4-Hers from Cameron and combined their parish livestock shows.  
Now the students from Cameron said they are thrilled to be participating in the LSU AgCenter's State Livestock Show this week (Feb. 11-18) in Gonzales - although it has been a long road to get there.

Along the way, they have shared more than just the space to hold livestock shows. Many also have lost their homes and barns.  
"Ninety percent of our kids from southern Cameron

Parish don't have anything left," Fontenot said.  
Picou's family has opened their home and barn to fellow 4-Her and relative Bailey Richard and her family.  
"We always said we wanted to live together, and now it has happened," Picou said.  
Richard's home in southern Cameron Parish was severely damaged by the hurricane. Both girls show Braford cattle.  
"We share feed pens, help each other feed, wash and water," Richard said.  
Her family is now living in a camper on Picou's family's property. Prior to that, after the storms, Richard was living with relatives in Lafayette.

"It was hard. I was used to being out in the country," Richard said. "We couldn't go outside and ride four-wheelers, and I really missed my horse."  
Fontenot estimates about 100 4-Hers from Cameron Parish are participating in the LSU AgCenter's Livestock Show. The parish usually had about 200 4-Hers compete.  
Nevertheless, those who did manage to attend this year's show couldn't hide their enthusiasm.  
"I couldn't even sleep the night before we left to come here because I was so excited," Richard said.

Richard's older brother, Kolby, also shows cattle and was thankful to be reunited with many of his friends.  
"It gives us a chance for all of our friends to get together, because we are so spread out," he said.  
In just one day, life changed dramatically for these youngsters. They say showing livestock brings some semblance of normality to these 4-Hers in their post-Rita world  
"It's the only thing normal we have left to do," Kolby Richard said.  
Because of the hardships she endured Picou says she is a stronger person.

"It makes me want to enjoy life more, because life is too short," Picou said. "It makes me want to enjoy my animals more, because if we wouldn't have taken our cattle, we would have lost them."

Bay is opened for people to fish in East Cove.  
"The East Cove unit is closed to all recreational activities, including fishing, due to repairs that are needed to the sheet pile plugs," Harris said. "When those repairs are completed, East Cove will be re-opened"

Although Cameron Prairie's Visitor Center and Pintail Wildlife Drive will re-open March 15th, only light vehicle traffic will be allowed. No large trucks, RV's or buses will be able to use the drive until it is completely repaired. Both the drive and the Visitor Center may have temporary closures throughout the year due to reconstruction.  
"The Lacassine refuge marshes, including Lacassine Pool were most notably affected by the inundation of salt water and reduced dissolved oxygen levels," said Larry Narcisse, Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge Manager.

"In addition to the forceful surge damage throughout all of southwest Louisiana, the resulting salt water and reduced dissolved oxygen levels have damaged plant and animal life. Many species are intolerant to the highly saline water from the Gulf of Mexico and have perished. Dissolved oxygen levels were decreased or used up by the process of decay and the mixing of silt throughout the water."

"Low dissolved oxygen levels are one of the most common causes of post-storm fish and crab kills," continued Narcisse. "When oxygen levels get too low, fish and other species such as crabs and shrimp can't get enough oxygen necessary for metabolism and they die."

He went on to say that the Service pulled all the boards from the water control structures during December 2005 to flush out as much of the

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