

FEDERAL, STATE and local officials joined officers of Cheniere LNG, Inc. to break ground for the company's Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, March 23rd in Johnson Bayou. Taking part were: Cheniere LNG President Keith Meyer, Cheniere Energy CEO Charif Souki, Louisiana Dept. Of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle, Louisiana Dept. of Economic Development Secretary Michael Olivier, FERC Chairman Pat Wood, FERC Commissioner Suedeem Kelly, U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany, State Sen. Jerry Theunissen, Cameron Parish Police Jury President Scott Trahan, and Johnson Bayou/Holly Beach Juror Sonny McGee. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Ground broken for Sabine Pass LNG Terminal at Johnson Bayou

By CYNDI SELLERS

Federal, state and local officials joined with officers of Cheniere Energy to break ground for the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal on March 23 in Johnson Bayou. When complete, the facility will be the largest LNG receiving terminal in the U.S., able to transfer 2.6 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of natural gas with on site storage capacity of 10.1 Bcf/d.

The Sabine Pass facility will be able to provide 3% of the nation's natural gas needs, according to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission member Suedeem Kelly, noting it is the largest LNG ever permitted by FERC. It was also the fastest LNG approval for the agency, which she said was due to Cheniere's hard work on their proposal.

FERC Chairman Pat Wood, a native of Port Arthur and no stranger to SW Louisiana, said the new terminal was important for the nation and will help provide reliable and secure energy for the future. FERC estimates at least eight new LNG terminals are needed to supply the nation's natural gas needs in the next few decades. Wood noted that Cheniere expects to build four of them.

Cheniere LNG President Keith Meyer said "The state of Louisiana and the people of Cameron Parish have risen to answer the nation's call for increased natural gas supply." This theme was vigorously echoed by state Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle who called it a "great day for Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and America."

Angelle gave credit to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, saying if it had not been for their support "we would not be here and this facility would not be a reality." He also credited Cheniere with being "environmentally responsible and responsive to community concerns."

Angelle delivered Gov. Kathleen Blanco's message that "Louisiana is open for business, but only high quality companies need apply." He said the first new LNG terminal to be started in 25 years sends a call out to America to pay attention to the 18th state to enter the union.

Department of Economic Development Secretary Michael Olivier agreed that the facility "will propel our state forward in the nation and the world."



U.S. REP. CHARLES Boustany, who serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the House of Representatives, said the Sabine Pass facility will provide much needed jobs for Louisiana as well as liquefied natural gas "critically important to Louisiana's economy and the nation." (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Congressman Charles Boustany, new U.S. Representative from the 7th Congressional District, noted the facility will provide much needed jobs for Louisiana and Cameron Parish.

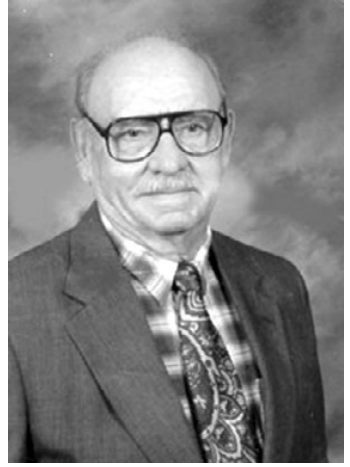
The facility will employ 300-600 construction workers and 60-80 permanent workers, from operators, to maintenance, to tug boat operators. He said LNG is critically important to the Louisiana economy, providing lower cost energy for heating homes and fueling the petrochemical industry.

State Senator Jerry Theunissen asked the assembled industry representatives to spread the word that Louisiana is a good place to do business. Cameron Police Jury President Scott Trahan went a step further, stating that "We want Cheniere here in Cameron Parish. We need the jobs to help fuel our economy." He hopes new industry will help reverse the trend of Cameron people "moving to other parishes or states because there's no work." He said "LNG makes good neighbors."

The Sabine Pass facility, which is expected to go on line early in 2008 and will cost around \$800 million to construct, "has been an outstanding example of cooperation, according to Charif Souki, Chairman and CEO of

Cheniere Energy. "Less than two years ago I met with Albert (Crain) and we wrote a deal on the back of an envelope," he said. He expressed gratitude to the federal and state agencies involved, but "especially the people of Cameron Parish," for making the ground breaking possible so quickly. He said "We want to be your neighbors and citizens of Cameron Parish for a long time to come."

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Hadley Fontenot

H. Fontenot, once county agent, dies

HADLEY ALADIN FONTENOT

Hadley Aladin Fontenot, 90, died Monday, March 28, 2005, in Lake Charles.

He was born in Duralde, in 1914. He was married to Wardella Morgan of Lake Charles 65 years.

Mr. Fontenot attended Vincent Business School, SLI (ULL) and received his BS and MS from LSU. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines.

He was an agriculture teacher at Ville Platte High School and served as an LSU Extension Service County Agent in Jeff Davis, Cameron and St. Mary Parishes.

During his lifetime, Mr. Fontenot was deeply involved in each community in which he lived. He founded the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival of Cameron and was its first president.

He was instrumental in establishing the Cameron Volunteer Fire Department and the Cameron Water Works District. He was elected to serve on the Police Jury from Jennings and helped form a water district north of the town. In Sweetlake, he formed Hebert's Summer Camp Association, which succeeded in building a community wharf.

Mr. Fontenot participated in numerous agricultural, professional and civic organizations and was a charter member of the Ville Platte Lions Club. He was voted Cameron Parish's first Citizen of the Year. He received many awards, honors and recognitions for his outstanding contributions to local and state societies.

Yet it was the marshes, lakes and ponds of Southwest Louisiana that Mr. Fontenot knew best. He was a hunter, fisherman and gardener. God blessed him with the ability to reap the bounty of the earth and his greatest joy was sharing that bounty with friends and family. He was a good provider and his family will miss one of the world's best "Camp Cooks".

Mr. Fontenot is survived by one son, Judge H. Ward Fontenot, and his wife, Martha; one daughter, Lurchel Wittler, and her husband, Mike; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 30, in Johnson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Michael McLaurin officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

Those who wish to do so may contribute to Hebert's Summer Place Association, c/o Andre' Abadie, 151 Light-house Lane, Lake Charles, LA 70607.

Bids now opened on new G. Chenier Library

By CYNDI SELLERS

In a short agenda meeting Monday afternoon, the Cameron Parish Police Jury reviewed bids received on the Grand Chenier library branch and the court house plumbing repairs.

John D. Myers & Associates, of Lake Charles, was the apparent low bidder on the library project, with a \$238,800 base bid. The library board recommended accepting the base bid plus an alternate option for underground electrical service at \$1000.

The apparent low bid on the plumbing - \$112,400 by Charles Miller Construction - came as a pleasant surprise, since early estimates suggested the job could cost as much as \$200,000. Both projects will be voted on at the regular jury meeting April 4.

Tina Horn, Parish Administrator, reported that a permit application for a containment berm reconstruction by The Prospective Invest-

ment & Trading Company, LTD., which was tabled last month, has been removed from consideration at this time. She said the state permit has been transferred from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Environmental Quality for further review, and recommended the jury wait until DEQ rules before taking any action.

Jurors agreed to prepare proposals on how to spend the remaining \$75,000 left from a 2002 Coastal Impact Assistance Program grant. They will be looking at projects relating to coastal erosion, wetlands enhancement, water based recreation, and infrastructure repair of oil-field related damage. Projects need to be small enough to be completed within this year, for the amount of money left. Juror Steve Trahan pointed out that "\$75,000 isn't a lot of money for a road project." Proposals will be considered at the April agenda meeting.

Softball tournament set

The 2004 South Cameron High School Softball Tournament will be held at the Cameron Recreation Complex April 2. The tournament schedule is as follows:

- Pool A -- Field 1**
- 10 a.m., South Cameron vs. Grand Lake
- 11:20 a.m., Westlake vs. Simpson
- 12:40 p.m., South Cameron vs. Westlake
- 2 p.m., Grand Lake vs. Simpson
- 3:20 p.m., South Cameron vs. Simpson

- 4:40 p.m., Grand Lake vs. Westlake

- Pool B -- Field 2**
- 10 a.m., Johnson Bayou vs. Hackberry
- 11:20 a.m., South Cameron JV vs. Delcambre
- 12:40 p.m., Johnson Bayou vs. Delcambre
- 2 p.m., South Cameron JV vs. Hackberry
- 3:20 p.m., Hackberry vs. Delcambre
- 4:40 p.m., South Cameron JV vs. Johnson Bayou

Gas discovery made here

Jordan Oil Company, Inc., Houston and Lake Charles, announces a significant discovery and extension of South Creole Field in Cameron Parish.

Jordan has four wells producing a combined 15 mmcf of gas per day plus 100 barrels of condensate from the

Planulina A and O Sands. Reserves are estimated t 15 bcf of gas.

Partners in this discovery are Aspect Energy, Penn Virginia Oil and Gas and KV Oil and Gas.

Jordan expects to drill at least two more wells in the Creole area in the next year.

Council on Aging calendar

Monday, April 4 - 9 a.m. - Cameron, pokeno; Creole, cards; Grand Lake, bingo; Hackberry, puzzles; Johnson Bayou, crafts.

Tuesday, April 5 - 9 a.m. - Cameron, pokeno and exercise; Creole, cards; Grand Lake, dominoes; Grand Chenier, bingo; Hackberry, puzzles; Johnson Bayou, pokeno.

Wednesday, April 6 - 9 a.m. - Cameron, bingo; Creole, bingo; Grand Lake, dominoes; Hackberry, bingo; Johnson Bayou, crafts.

Thursday, April 7 - 9 a.m. - Cameron, pokeno; Creole, cards; Grand Lake, dominoes;

Hackberry, puzzles; applications for assistance taken 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, bingo.

Friday, April 8 - 9 a.m. - Cameron, pokeno and exercise; Creole, cards; Grand Lake, dominoes; Hackberry, puzzles; Johnson Bayou, puzzles.

Dinner set

Cameron Pentecostal Church will be hosting the Senior Citizen's Dinner on April 17 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The church is located on Shannon Lane in Oak Grove. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Ed Smith at 542-4515.

Notary exam

The notarial examination for Cameron Parish will be given Monday, June 13, at 9 a.m. at the office of Jones Law Firm in Cameron. Applications may be picked up at Jones Law Firm in Cameron during regular business hours and must be returned by Friday, April 22, 2005.



THE BROWN BROTHERS, Jimmy and Pat, are shown during the ribbon-cutting ceremony of their new Lake Charles store, which was held recently. Mayor Randy Roach officiated with members of the Chamber Southwest, staff, friends, and family looking on. Brown's Neighborhood Market is located on 4431 Nelson Road and offers a wide variety of grocery items as well as specialty meats, a bakery and well-stocked produce and deli departments.



THE CAMERON PARISH School board members are shown with Dr. Doug Chance and the winners of the Student of the Year in fourth grade, eighth grade and twelfth grade. Twelfth Grade winner - Tabitha Nunez, daughter of Kim Nunez and Tammy Thibodeaux, granddaughter of Boyd and Louetta Nunez and Dan and Anita Lavergne; student at Grand Lake High School. Eighth Grade winner - Evan Guidry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Guidry, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Poole; student at Grand Lake High School. Fourth Grade winner - Cami Richard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Richard; student at South Cameron Elementary.

FUNERALS



LISA MURPHY SAVOIE

Lisa Murphy Savoie, 42, died Thursday, March 24, 2005 in a Shreveport hospital.

She was born in Creole and lived in Creole, Cameron, Grand Chenier and Cameron Parish all of her life. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Creole where she served as a lector and member of the Hospitality Committee. She was a 1980 graduate of South Cameron High School and attended McNeese State University. She worked for the Cameron Parish School Board as a Lab Manager at Cameron Elementary School and was host of the Maryland Delegation with Cameron Parish Fur and Wildlife Festival.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel Savoie of Creole; two daughters, Kami Danielle Savoie and Kalyn Marie Savoie both of Creole; parents, Guy and Nelvia Gaspard Murphy of Creole; two brothers, Guy Murphy III and wife, Gina of Jennings, and Carl Murphy of Creole.

Her funeral was Monday, March 28, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Father Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole.

ELDA CONSOLE

Elda Console, 92, of Lake Charles died Monday, March 28, 2005, in a Lake Charles hospital.

Mrs. Console was a native of Kaplan and had lived in Lake Charles since 1945. She was a member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church where she was a member of the Catholic Daughters, the Ladies Altar Society and was involved in the study clubs. Mrs. Console had recently attended Christ the King Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son, Nicholas "Buddy" Console, Jr., and his wife, Pamela, Ann, of Ash Grove, Mo.; one daughter, Madeline Console Richard of Grand Lake; one sister, Edith Henry of Rayne; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nick Console, Sr.

Her funeral was held Wednesday, March 30, from Christ the King Catholic Church. The Rev. Wayne LeBleu officiated. Burial was in Highland Memory Garden Cemetery under direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

RALEIGH R. GIBBS

Funeral services for Raleigh Ray Gibbs, 81, of Lake Charles, were held Saturday, March 26, in Hixson Funeral Home. The Rev. Charles Willis officiated. Burial was in Hayes Cemetery.

Mr. Gibbs died Wednesday, March 23, 2005 in a Lake Charles care center.

He was a native of Hayes and had been a resident of Lake Charles for more than 50 years. He was a World War II Air Force veteran and served as crew chief on a B-17 bomber on 17 combat missions over Germany. Mr. Gibbs retired from Olin Chemical Company after 29 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Sebourn Gibbs of Lake Charles; two sons, Richard Gibbs of Nashville, Tenn., and Byron Gibbs of Hackberry; one daughter, Ann Hayes of Westlake; one sister, Betty Jane Williams of Ragley; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

JOSEPH A. NUNEZ

Joseph A. "Pup" Nunez, 71, died Monday, March 28, 2005, in a local hospital.

Mr. Nunez was born in Forked Island and lived in Grand Chenier. He was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church. He retired after 34 years from Amoco Petroleum as a field foreman.

Survivors include his wife, Betty LaBove Nunez of Grand Chenier; three sons, Randy Nunez of Gillis, Gerard Nunez of Grand Chenier, and Pat Nunez of Creole; one daughter, Vida Landry of Grand Chenier; one step-son, Kenny Ray Smith of Lafayette; one brother, Drozan Nunez of Kaplan; fourteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta Ann Theriot Nunez.

Funeral services were held

It Seems Just Like Yesterday



By Keith Hambrick

(Cameron Pilot, March 30, 1972)

PILOT WRITERS WIN

Two writers for the Cameron Parish Pilot won state awards for writing at the annual Louisiana Press Women's Convention in New Orleans Saturday.

Mrs. Geneva Griffith of Oak Grove won two first place awards and a second. Mrs. Bernice Stewart of Lake Arthur won one first place award and two seconds.

Mrs. Griffith won a first place in the news story contest on her story about the Creole cattle drive and a first for a feature story on scuba divers.

She also won a second place in the country correspondent contest for a series of stories on area bottle collectors.

Mrs. Stewart was named the first place winner in the personal column contest for her column "Musing," which is carried regularly in the Pilot.

She also won two second place awards for a news story and a feature story carried in the "Les Lake Arthur Nouvelles." Mrs. Stewart, a native of Grand Chenier, is a retired teacher.

Mrs. Griffith is secretary for the Cameron ASCS office and also reports for several daily newspapers. Both she and Mrs. Stewart have written for the Pilot since its inception in 1956.

FONTENOT WINNER

H. Ward Fontenot, a Cameron attorney, walked away with the sweepstakes award, adult division of the Cameron Parish Favorite Food Show held Saturday in the Cameron Elementary School.

Fontenot's winning dish was "Crispy Chicken Rolls," an interesting blend of chicken and shrimp fried in a rich golden batter.

Suzanne Robicheaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Robicheaux of Sweetlake, and a member of the Grand Lake Senior 4-H Club, won the sweepstakes award in the junior division. Her dish was "Sweet Potato Cheese Cake."

Randalin Crain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Crain of Oak Grove, and a member of the Grand Chenier Jr. 4-H Club, won first place in the Egg Cookery contest and will compete in the District Egg Cookery contest in Lafayette at USL on April 22. Her winning dish was a shrimp French omelet. Senior 4-H members' dishes were part of their 4-H Achievement Day contest.

First place winners in the various categories in adult division were: Mrs. Ward Fontenot in the cake division with her carrot cake; the seafood division was won by Mrs. Marvin Chesson of Sweetlake with her "Seafood Okra Gumbo;" Mrs. Albert Guidry of Sweetlake won in the poultry division with her

Wednesday, March 30, at St. Eugene Catholic Church. Burial was at St. Eugene Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole. Father Vincent Vadakkedath officiated.

"Chicken and Rice Casserole." The Seafood (men) division was won by Ward Fontenot; Dessert division was won by Mrs. Ward Fontenot with her "Orange Fluff;" Mrs. Braxton Blake won the rice dish division with her "Chicken and Rice;" Mrs. Blake also won the bread division with her loaf of bread (an original recipe from her mother Mrs. Charles Rogers).

Cleo Johnson won first place in the salad (women's division) with her avocado salad; Waldon Vincent won first place in the salad (men's division) with his chef's salad.

Mrs. Michael Taylor of Sweetlake won first place in the meat division with her "Scrumptious Rice and Beef;" and original recipe.

Mrs. Guy Murphy, Jr. of Grand Chenier won first place in the vegetable division with "Tuna Asparagus" casserole.

Poultry division, Ward Fontenot; pie division was won by Mrs. Taylor with her Cheesecake Supreme, using an interesting variation to a cheesecake--an apricot preserve topping.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

BINGO

Bingo will be Saturday, April 2, 2005, at 5:15 p.m. in Catholic Hall.

COUNCIL MEETING

Pastoral Council meeting will be April 7 at 7 p.m. in Catholic Hall.

MSU LITERARY RALLY

Students from Hackberry, Div. 5, and their categories:

Steven Welch, 2nd place, Ag. Science

Kevin Orgeron, 4th place, Biology

Kayla Backlund, 5th place, Food & Nutrition

Brittany Thomas, 5th place, Human Development

Wiley Clement, 5th place, Physics

Jason Brown, 3rd place, Spanish

HACKBERRY EASTER EGG HUNT

Under 2 - prize egg, Landon Reed; most eggs, Zach Kyles, Hannah Harden

2 - 3 yrs. - prize egg, Lauren John; most eggs, Kellie Stine

4 - 5 yrs. - prize egg, Lilly Kershaw; most eggs, George Byler

6 - 7 yrs. - prize egg, Sidney Broussard; most eggs, Hallie Buford

8 - 9 yrs. - prize egg, Blair Trahan; most eggs, Forest Menard

10 yrs. & up - prize egg, Dallon Nunez; most eggs, Keithen Nunez

Revival set at Ebenezer

The Rev. Al Bartie, pastor of New Galilee Baptist Church of Jonesboro will be preaching a revival service, April 4, 5, and 6 at 7 p.m. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Cameron. The public is invited to attend.



FERC COMMISSIONER Suede Kelly (left) and Chairman Pat Wood attended the groundbreaking ceremonies of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. "A historic day for FERC, the largest LNG ever approved, and the fastest." (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Memorial Books announced

Memorial books have been announced by the Cameron Parish Library. Books are listed below, with the book title, honoree, and donor, respectively.

Quick Fixes, Murl Trahan by Loretta Theriot;

Country, Olga "Bootsie" Carter by Loretta Theriot;

Grand Coteau, Mary Jane Miller by Loretta Theriot;

In the Country Home, Bobbie Lane Dugas Boudoin by Judy Hebert Cagle, Terry Hebert and Charlie Hebert;

Garden Design & Decoration, Fabiola Dupont by Charlotte Troclair and family;

Today I Was Baptized, Joyce Murphy by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;

A Child's First Catholic Dictionary, Mary Jane Miller

by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;

Liberty & Freedom, Monroe Wicke by Cameron Parish Cowbells;

Guitars, Burnett Pickett by Gloria Kelley;

Patriotic Crafts, Ruby Collins by Grand Chenier Homemakers.

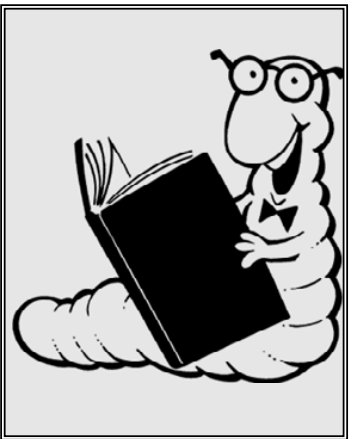
Bible Study to be held in Sweetlake

Faith Share Bible Study meets at the Faith Share Outreach building, 1827 Hwy. 384, Sweetlake, from 8 to 10 a.m. each Friday and is open to everyone (child care is not provided).

The Bible Study was started because there was a need in the community for a group of non-denominational women to meet, study the Bible and fellowship. The first study began Jan. 7 with A Heart Like His by Beth Moore.

The second 10-week study will begin April 1 with another Beth Moore book, Blessing God.

For further information, call Sharon B. Dubard at 598-2659.



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HILDA CRAIN AND Cheniere Energy CEO Charif Souki celebrated the ground breaking ceremony for the Sabine Pass LNG facility. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith



Cherie, Pat, and I spent a three day Easter weekend in Natchitoches. We went on an Easter egg hunt at an antebellum home built in the early 1800s. The owner has held these hunts for 29 years. This was the house that was used in the movie "Steel Magnolias," and the owner had hidden 3,000 Easter eggs for the several hundred children to hunt. I had the pleasure of seeing my great-grandchild hunting Easter eggs at her first hunt. She found five eggs. She is walking now and running everywhere. She is not afraid to try anything. She even slid down the sliding board with her grandfather, Pat, and was not afraid.

The old home where the hunt was held is located on the Cane River, and the older children hunted eggs in the front lawn and the younger ones hunted in the back yard. The prize eggs were the sought-out ones. Afterward, two giant Easter egg cakes were served to everyone, along with punch.

We left early Sunday morning and drove to Lecompte to Jacques' grandmother's home where we all attended St. Martin's Church, which was fabulously decorated with Easter lilies and other assorted flowers. It was such a beautiful service.

After church we went back to Gran's house for Easter dinner, attended by 30 of us. Gran is Jacques' grandmoth-

er. Now we both share the same great-grandchild.

I spent two days last week playing bridge at "Village Woods," but had to skip our bingo games because of my trip.

A cool snap rolled in over the weekend, making us break out our coats again. We are all getting anxious for our swimming pool.

I had a visit this week from a movie producer who did an interview with me. He is doing a documentary on weather and is using my story on Hurricane Audrey in it.

'Awakening' is planned

By CYNDI SELLERS

A unique series of events called an "Awakening" have been planned for April 10-13 by the First Baptist Church of Cameron. The evening meetings, set for 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday - Wednesday, will feature contemporary Christian music led by teen musicians and inspirational messages by Rev. Chris Fuselier.

Fuselier, the 32 year old pastor of the Tom Hebert Road Baptist Church in Lake Charles, has been in ministry since the age of 21. He will speak on the theme "Dare to be Different."

Special activities are planned for youth in grades 7-12 each weekday evening at 6 p.m. Monday is Nacho Fiesta night, Tuesday is Just Desserts night, and Wednesday is Pizza Celebration night. The church will host a Dinner on the Grounds after the Sunday morning worship service April 10 to fellowship and meet with Rev. Fuselier.

Through the entire Awakening, people of all ages will be encouraged to "wake up to the possibilities of a fuller life in Jesus Christ," according to First Baptist



RICHARD JOSEPH Harrington and Wendy Gayle Walker announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The wedding is set for Saturday, April 16 at the Johnson Bayou Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow at the Johnson Bayou Community Center. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Church pastor Rev. Alton Hodnett. "We are reaching out to young people, but also to anyone seeking a new way of life," he said. The number to call for more information is 775-5446.



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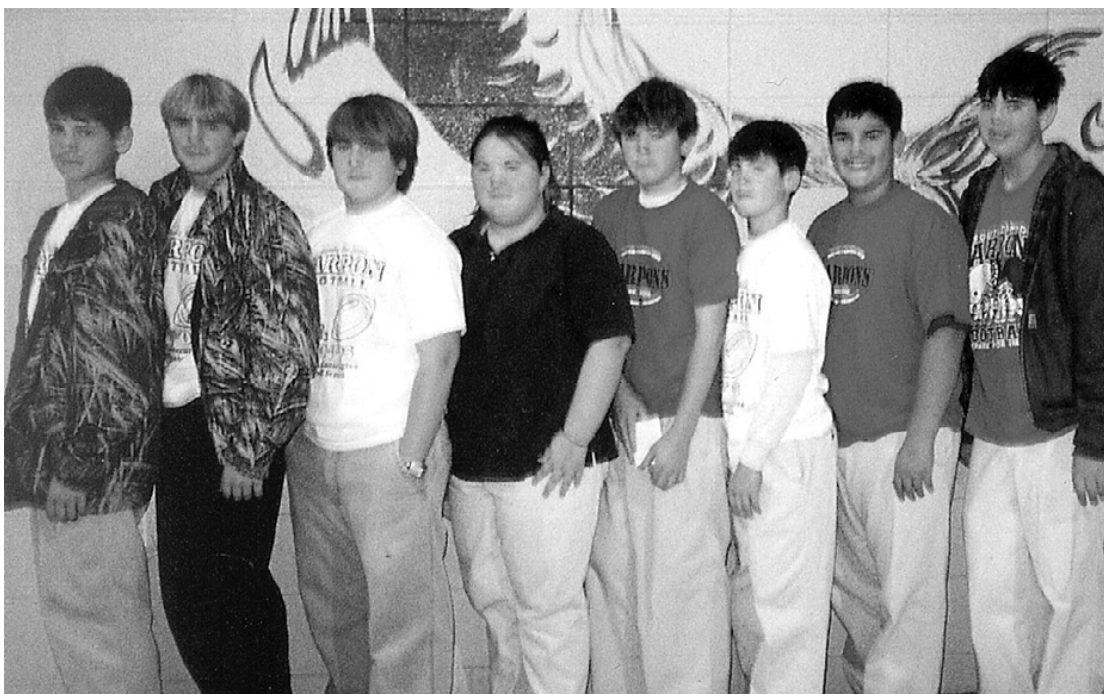
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SOUTH CAMERON eighth grade class officers for the 2004-2005 school year are: Gabe L., president; Kobi R., vice president; Kyle B., secretary; Samantha L., treasurer; Joel R., reporter; and student council representatives Jade M., Anthony B., and Cody J. Class dues were set at \$10.

Club attends state meet

South Cameron High had 19 members who attended the State FBLA conference held in Baton Rouge, March 20-22. Members attended the general session, workshops, listened to oral current events, and public speaking speeches.

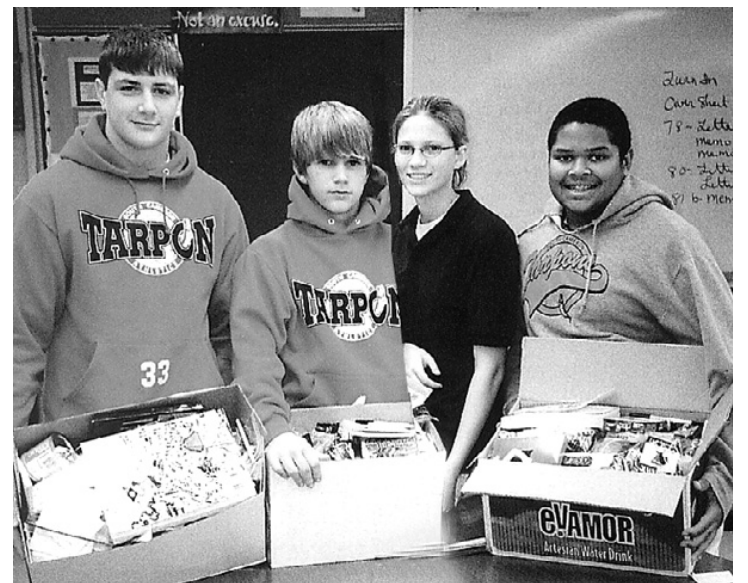
The club had the following winners:

Chad Andrews and Dylan Leidig, 10th, Desktop Publishing;
Lexie Leboeuf, 7th in Job Interview;

Nick Aplin, Wes Treme, and Dane Dupont, 9th in Network Design;

Matt Miller, Andre Savoie, and Jared Cheramie, 10th Entrepreneurship.

A special thank you is owed to Mrs. Debbie LeBoeuf for helping out with the conference.



SOUTH CAMERON FBLA members collected items during December to send to the troops in Iraq. Items above were Thomas T., Jonathan T., Linzie H., and Ivan H. Items collected included writing paper, candy, batteries, shampoo, chapstick, gum, disposable cameras, magazines, disposable wipes, and more.

(Alex Broussard, reporter.)

Literary Rally

More than 1,000 students in the five-parish area took part in the 2005 Southwest Louisiana Literary Rally, an annual academics competition at McNeese State University for high school students.

The students competed in a variety of subject areas.

Students from area schools who placed are:

Megan Trahan, third, Accounting I, Division 3, South Cameron High;
Melissa McCrory, third, Accounting I, Division 5,

Johnson Bayou High;
Ashley Broussard, second, Advanced Math I, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Matt Reon, first, Advanced Math II, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Corey Broussard, first, Ag Science I, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Michael Fewell, first, Ag Science I, Division 5, Johnson Bayou High;

Aaron LaBove, fourth, Ag Science I, Division 5, Hackberry High;

Flint Theriot, first, Ag

Science II, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Travis Romero, third, Ag Science II, Division 5, Johnson Bayou High;

Steven Welch, second, Ag Science III, Division 5, Hackberry High;

Jason Ducote, third, Ag Science IV, Division 5, Hackberry High;

Ashley Toups, third, Algebra I, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Derek Williams, third, American History, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Sandra Daigle, second, Biology I, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Kevin Orgeron, fourth, Biology I, Division 5,

Hackberry High;

Stephanie Cheramie, second, Business Computer Applications, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Nadia Choates, third, Business/Financial Math, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Matt Gillman, second, Chemistry, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Justin Howerton, third, Civics, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Donovan Sullivan, second, Consumer Homemaking I, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Rachel Fountain, first, English I, Division 3, South Cameron High;

Rachel Jones, second, English I, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Tiffany Caudill, fourth, English I, Division 5, Johnson Bayou High;

Chelsi King, fourth, English II, Division 3, South Cameron High;

Sara Taylor, second, English II, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Theresa Baccigalopi, fourth, English III, Division 3, South Cameron High;

Samantha Poole, third, English III, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Kendall Broussard, second, English IV, Division 3, South Cameron High;

Tabitha Nunez, first, English IV, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Lexie Nicole LeBoeuf, fifth, Environmental Science, Division 3, South Cameron High;

Alyssa Fontenot, third, Environmental Science, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Courtney Thomas, second, Food and Nutrition, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Kayla Backlund, fifth, Food and Nutrition, Division 5, Hackberry High;

Arlis Thomas Duhon, fifth, Free Enterprise, Division 3, South Cameron High;

Trey Duhon, first, Free

Enterprise, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Elizabeth Reon, third, Geometry, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Cody Meaux, fifth, Geometry, Division 5, Johnson Bayou High;

Megan Lawson, second, Human Development and Family Relationships, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Brittany Thomas, fifth, Human Development and Family Relationships, Division 5, Hackberry High;

Kami Danielle Savoie, fifth, Intro to Business Computer Applications, Division 3, South Cameron High;

Hailey Quinn, second, Intro to Business Computer Applications, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Daniel Dupre, second, Introduction to Business, Division 3, South Cameron High;

Cameron Beckman, first, Management of Resources, Division 5, Hackberry High;

Ross Conner, first, Physical Science, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Alex Vinson, second, Physics, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Wiley Clement, second, Physics, Division 5, Hackberry High;

Jason Girlinghouse, second, Spanish I, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Lauren Theriot, fifth, Spanish II, Division 3, South Cameron High;

Katy Lavergne, first, Spanish II, Division 4, Grand Lake High;

Jarin Brown, second, Spanish II, Division 5, Hackberry High;

Renn Savoie, second, World Geography, Division 4, Grand Lake High.

SABINE PASS

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Cheniere has begun the permit process for another LNG terminal, this one on the Calcasieu River at Cameron, to be called the Creole Trail Terminal. It will be even larger than Sabine Pass, handling 3.3 Bcf/d with a storage capacity of 13.5 Bcf/d. Added to the capacity of Semptra's Cameron LNG facility at Hackberry, Cameron Parish will have a great impact on the nation's energy needs.

Social Security Q & A

Question:

I stopped work at the end of last year, when I was 52. I don't expect to work again, and will probably file for Social Security retirement benefits when I turn 62. Will I still get the same benefit amount that is shown on the Social Security Statement that I recently received?

Answer:

Probably not. When Social Security calculated your 35 highest years of earnings to estimate your future benefits on your Statement, there was an assumption that you would continue to work until age 62, making the same earnings you made last year. If, instead, you have zero earnings each year over the next 10 years, your average earnings will probably be less and so will your benefit. You can use the Social Security benefit calculators at www.socialsecurity.gov to see how this will affect your monthly benefit amount.

Question:

The Internal Revenue Service has sent me a letter saying money for overdue taxes may be taken from my Social Security payments. Does Social Security allow that?

Answer:

If you owe overdue taxes to the IRS, money can be taken from your Social Security payments, reducing your payments by as much as 15 percent a month. However, before this would happen, you would get a letter from Social Security explaining how and why your benefits are being reduced.

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National Doctor's Day

March 30

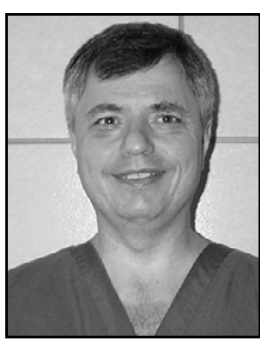
March 30 is National Doctor's Day. The observance began in 1933 to honor American physicians on the anniversary of the occasion when

Dr. Crawford W. Long
became the first

acclaimed physician to use ether as an anesthetic agent in a surgical technique on March 30, 1842.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Medical Staff and recognize them for their contributions to the health care of this area's residents.

South Cameron Memorial Hospital



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Medical Staff Director

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Letters to the Editor

Don't put tolls on highways

Dear Editor:
The Federal Government

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take such step prior to the sale as may be necessary to protect their interest.

/s/ THEOS DUHON, SHERIFF AND EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR OF CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA
RUN: March 31 and April 7 (M-54)

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, 70804 at 10:00 A.M. for the following:

File No. L30890U, Bid No. 2198134-Geogrid Tensar Material for Wildlife Dept., Apr. 19

Bid proposal forms, information and specifications may be obtained by accessing the bid number in LaPac at www.doa.louisiana.gov 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) 342-8688.
RUN: March 31 (M-55)

CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY AGENDA APRIL 4, 2005

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Minutes
4. **Drilling and Pipeline Permits:**

a. **Reef Exploration, Inc.** - Chenier Perdue, Section 19, T14S, R6W, Mermentau Minerals Well #1, (proposed pipeline), Cameron Parish, LA. (050401)

b. **Centurion Exploration Company** - Grand Chenier, Section 29, T15S, R5W, M. O. Miller, M.D. Well #2, (proposed well location), Cameron Parish, LA. (050402)

c. **Centurion Exploration Company** - Grand Chenier, Section 20, T15S, R5W, M. O. Miller, M.D. Well #1, (proposed well location), Cameron Parish, LA. (050403)

5. **Other Permits:**
a. **Paul & Linda Davidson** - Hackberry, Sections 46-48, T12S, R10W, (proposed installation of a seawall & boathouse), Cameron Parish, LA. (050406)

6. **Seismic Permits:**
a. **Lake Ronel Oil Company** - Johnson Bayou, Various Sections, Townships and Ranges, (3-D Seismic Survey), Cameron Parish, LA. (050404)

7. **Appointments:**
a. Gravity Dist. #4 - Raven Benoit, Kevin Boudreaux, J. B. Meaux - terms expired

b. Mosquito Control - Ernest Vincent - term expired

c. West Cameron Port - Jimmy Brown - term expired

8. **Advertise for Bids:**
a. 2006 Rescue Truck - Fire Dist. #10

9. **Acceptance of Bids:**
a. Grand Chenier Branch Library

b. Project #2005-02 - Plumbing Repairs to Cameron Courthouse

10. Resolution - Rural Development Grant - West Calcasieu Ship Channel Boat Launch

11. Pay March 2005 Bills

12. Staff Report

RUN: March 31 (M-56)

38TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF CAMERON STATE OF LOUISIANA NO.: 300-2766 SUCCESSION OF MAX KAPLAN

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the provisional administrator of this succession has petitioned this Court for authority to enter into an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease with Bison Oil & Gas, LB on the Succession's undivided interest in the immovable property belonging to the Succession of the deceased in accordance with the provisions of Article 3226 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure on the terms and conditions of that form of Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease attached to the petition as exhibit "1." Any heir or creditor who opposes the proposed Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease must file his opposition within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. The immovable property on which the provisional administrator of the Succession proposes to grant an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease is described as follows:

Section 8, South of Louisiana State Highway 82, containing 104.0 acres, more or less, West 3/4 of Section 17, containing 487.5 acres, more or less, South half of Southwest quarter of Section 18, containing 81.25 acres, more or less, containing 50.5 acres, more or less, T15S-R5W, less and except from the surface of the earth down to 12,500 feet those lands included in the south half of the southwest quarter (S/2 SW/4) and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter (SW/4 SE/4) of Section 17, and less and except from the surface of the earth down to 12,000 feet those lands included in the south half of the southwest quarter (S/2 SW/4) of Section 18, T15S-R5W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, containing a total of 723.25 acres, more or less.

By Order of the Court
/s/ Debbie Savoie, Deputy
Honorable Carl Broussard, Clerk
RUN: March 31 (M-58)

is trying to pass a back door tax on the American people with the new highway bill. Rep. Mark Kennedy had an amendment that would not have let the states put tolls on existing state and federal roads, but this amendment failed.

We the people need to call our senators and put a stop to this. I can see new highways being toll roads, but not one that is already bought and paid for. Also, the money that the states collect doesn't have to go to roads; they can waste it wherever they want to.

If the states need more money, why don't they tax the fuel that trains, planes, ships, and off-road equipment use? We already pay about 42¢ per gallon in taxes. If you make the roads toll, a toll road's average cost is 17.5¢ per mile, or about \$10 per day for the average American commute to work.

With diesel at an all time high, they toll all goods and services. Costs will go up because everything you see, touch, own and dream about has to ride on a truck. Remember, this is a tax on everyone, even if you don't drive.

/s/ C. E. Guintard

Says hospital being unfair

Dear Editor:

As I'm sure that you know, South Cameron Memorial Hospital has been soliciting swingbed family members to use an out of parish supplier for your loved one's prescriptions and over the counter medications. Some of you have informed me that you were told that it is a law that you have to use that supplier because of their capabilities to unit dose and to save you money.

I want you to know that I can also unit dose for your swingbed family member so that you can keep his/her prescriptions at the Script Shoppe if you so desire. I have already gotten the supplies to unit dose the meds.

Most of you have Medicaid or private insurance, so the cost will be the same no matter where you go. As for the private pay prescriptions, I will do my best to match their prices. If I cannot do so, I do not blame you for going to the other supplier, but please give me the opportunity to compare my prices with the other supplier.

If you send me a list of their prices, I can do a comparison for you. As for the over the counter meds, I am also told that for \$1 per card, they will unit dose those medications.

I am offering the same. Also, in Cameron Parish, no taxes are paid on prescription medication whereas in Calcasieu Parish, one pays taxes on prescription medications.

I also want you to know that South Cameron Memorial Hospital did not offer me the option to unit dose the swingbed medications. In fact, they did not even tell me anything about the switch. I heard it from several concerned family members. I have been supplying the hospital, along with Cameron Drug Store when they were open, since 1996 when I bought the drug store from Mike.

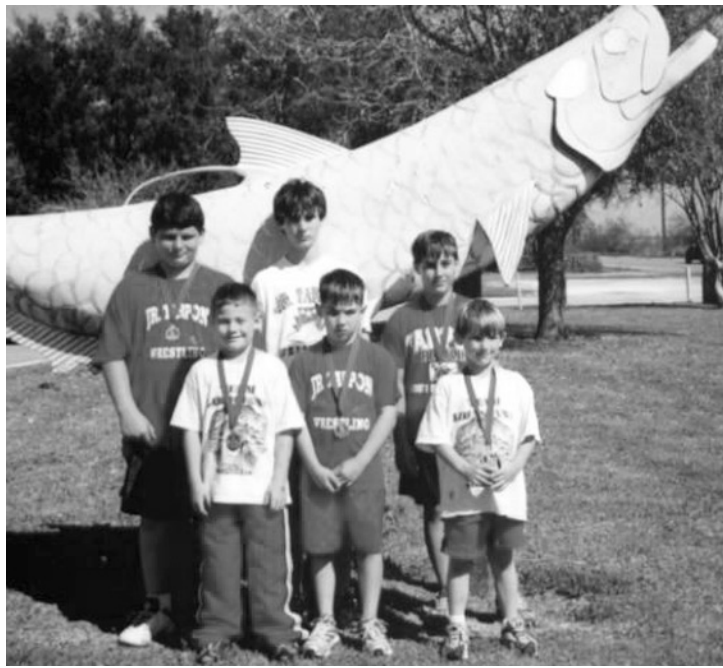
Before that, Mike and Cameron Drug Store did it for many years. Throughout those years, they and I, when I bought the drug store, have totally supported the hospital through all the problems that they have had.

We have donated much time and supplies to South Cameron Memorial. I, and I'm sure that they, have taken major losses on prescriptions that the insurances or Medicaid rejected and did not pay us for.

I did not bill the patients or the hospital for the prices of the prescriptions that were not paid. I saw it as another way to try and help. For quite a while, the hospital has slowly been taking everything away from Cameron Parish.

They've taken away good people's jobs and replaced them with ones from out of parish. Do they spend their checks and pay taxes in Cameron Parish like the parish employees did? Good people have helped the hospital over the years and are forgotten now. Now they're trying to take away business of what seems like our family members.

How are businesses in this parish supposed to survive if the parish does not support



CAMERON ELEMENTARY and South Cameron Elementary Junior Tarpons earned State Championship honors at the Louisiana State Kids Wrestling Tournament, held at the University of New Orleans on Saturday, March 19. Shown wearing their championship medallions are (back row, from left) Thomas Brown, Dex Murphy and Hunter Canik; and (front row) Haydon Graham, Jaron Theriot and James Hebert.

Red Cross and fire chiefs discuss fire aid program

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

American Red Cross representatives met with Fire Chiefs from around the parish last Thursday to discuss a project to help victims of structure fires. Kisha Killmer, Developmental Director, and Kaffy Fontenot, Emergency Services Director, explained to the chiefs that the Red Cross offers assistance to victims of fire and other disasters in the five parish area. They have responded recently to fires in Cameron and Hackberry, but the travel time makes it hard to get to families in a timely manner.

The agency asked for help in locating volunteers who would be trained in responding to single family fires. Killmer said having volunteers in each community would provide faster aid and people would probably respond better in a crisis to someone from their own community, a neighbor.

The Red Cross will provide the 16 hours of training wherever is most convenient for the volunteers. Training would include CPR and First Aid certification. Fontenot said the agency provides services for single families' immediate emergency needs - food, clothing and lodging. She said they wish they could provide more, but resources have to be spread over a five parish area.

Another service provided by the Red Cross is emergency communication from family members to military personnel 24 hours a day. "Disaster doesn't sleep," Fontenot said. Advocacy is another area where the agency can help, by calling insurance adjusters and others whose help is needed. "When the Red Cross calls, it lights a fire," she said.

The group is hoping for 8-12 people who will volunteer to be trained. Anyone interested can contact their local Fire Chief or the Red Cross, at 478-5122.

Killmer said, "We understand there are some old issues dating back to Hurricane Audrey, but the Red Cross is here today offering help. We want to be a part of the solution for Cameron Parish people."

Other issues affecting all the districts were also discussed, including Homeland Security grants and the upcoming move of the 911

them? I have continuously heard how everything is so much higher here in Cameron - food, medication, automotive repair, gas, etc.

You've got to stop and realize, you pay more taxes elsewhere than here in our parish. You have to drive for two hours just to get anything. Sure, some items and services, you just cannot get here at a comparable price because of quantity buying, but if you stop and weigh the pros and cons of buying here as to buying elsewhere, I think that you will find with most things, that Cameron is not so bad.

We are a struggling parish, but we're still surviving...but for how long? I thank you for the opportunity of letting the Script Shoppe in the past administer to your loved ones' needs and hope that you will continue to do so.

Thanking you in advance,
/s/ Debbie Stutes and Staff
The Script Shoppe

console due to court house plumbing repairs. Freddie Richard, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness asked for a wish list from each department, but cautioned about the continuing cost of new radios.

The Homeland Security grant pays \$3500 for each new radio, but it costs the department \$600 to program each one, \$100 for local channels, and \$204 each year to keep it programmed through the state. He said each department will be paying \$2000 a year in user fees when the new radios are distributed.

All the older radios are about to become obsolete, however, as the state goes to a new system, so new radios are necessary.

Emergency personnel, including 911 dispatchers, discussed the best way to utilize the new consoles being purchased with grant funds. The new, expanded system, along with the proper use of radio channels, will allow dispatchers to work with, for example, a fire in Johnson Bayou, another one in Grand Chenier, and a wreck in Cameron without confusing the various personnel on the scenes. The system will not be fully implemented until the plumbing is complete, but having the extra console will make the transition from the second to the third floor smoother.

Bike rally to tour Creole Nature Trail

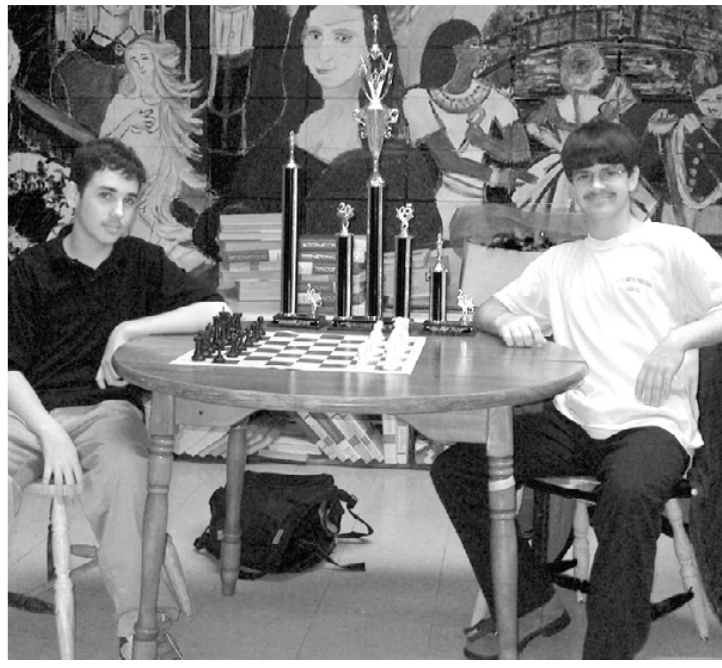
Lake Charles' Contraband Days Pirate Festival is one of the largest festivals in the state of Louisiana featuring concerts, carnival rides, parades and fireworks. But this year there's something new revving up for Contraband Days!

Bikers ready to blaze trails during the 2nd annual Blazin' Bikes Rally held in the lake area Friday - Sunday, May 6-8, need to register before Friday, April 8 to guarantee a pre-registration package.

The pre-registration package includes a Blazin' Bikes Creole Nature Trail All-American Road Rally t-shirt and pin, a three day entrance into Contraband Days Festival (May 6-8), Friday, May 6 Welcome Reception at the Isle of Capri Casino of Lake Charles, Saturday, May 7 entrance into Nissan of Lake Charles' Flat Track Racing in the Lake Charles Civic Center, chances for prizes in three biker bingos and free exclusive onsite parking.

The rally includes soaking in the sunshine and the wildlife along the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road, plus two new routes including the North Piney Woods Ride with a visit to the DeQuincy Railroad Museum in and to DeViney's Iron Horse Pub, the in town biker bingo sponsor. Bikers will experience the legendary entertainment of Contraband Days, with Wayne Toups, Barry Badon, the Kadillacs, Louisiana Express and more at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

There will be a welcome reception at the Isle of Capri Casino Friday, May 6, exclusive onsite parking, a bike show and a celebrity cameo by custom designer Wild Bill of Pro Street Customs.



SOUTH CAMERON High School's Collise Dupont and Arliss Duhon competed at the Louisiana State Chess competition on March 19 in Lafayette. Collise Dupont, an eighth grader and son of Shannon and Susan Dupont of Creole, won fifth place in the individual middle school division and fifth place in the team division. Arliss Duhon, a tenth grader and son of Tony and Rhonda Duhon of Little Chenier, won third place in the individual high school division and ninth in the team division. The boys were coached by South Cameron High School teacher Mr. Stephen Melville.

Congressman Boustany meets with Cameron folks

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

First term congressman Charles Boustany is "tired of the fact that Louisiana comes out last in every way" in its treatment by Washington. Boustany, who represents the 7th Congressional District, held a town meeting in Cameron last week to explain what he plans to do about the situation. He is in a position to speak up in Louisiana's defense, having been appointed to three important committees in the Congress: Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and Education in the Workforce.

On the Transportation committee, Boustany has been named vice-chairman of the Water Resources and Environmental subcommittee and is also on the Coast Guard and Maritime subcommittee. He reported that he has already used that position to ask why the Corp of Engineers has not made the dredging of the Calcasieu Ship Channel a priority, since the 30% of the nation's supply of LNG currently goes through the Port of Lake Charles. He said it will take \$34 million to bring the channel back to specifications and \$15 million a year thereafter to maintain it.

Cameron Parish Economic Development Director Julie Benoit asked for help in getting spoil placement approved for places in Cameron Parish that need it for wetlands restoration. Boustany said he planned to draw attention to the erosion needs of Southwest La. and try to get funding for them.

In an effort to focus national attention to the problem, he has proposed a bipartisan "Lower Mississippi River Caucus" along with Rep. Russ Carnahan, a Democrat from Mississippi. The purpose of the caucus would be to get all the interests along the river to meet and discuss issues such as silt, pesticide and fertilizer runoff, the dead zone, aging Corps of Engineers projects, and lack of Homeland Security funding for inland ports. Since the Gulf of Mexico provides one third of the country's fisheries, Boustany thinks the nation should pay attention.

He is also upset with the way highway funds are distributed. Right now, he said, Louisiana gets back 89 cents on every dollar it sends to the government in severance taxes, while some states get as much as \$6 for every dollar they produce. Boustany thinks since Louisiana provides so much energy to the rest of the country, and takes the brunt of the damage to

the ecosystem and infrastructure to do so, that the state should get a higher percentage back. He said the new highway bill just passed will give back 92 cents on the dollar, but it's only a start.

On the subject of infrastructure, Police Jurors asked for Boustany's help with a bridge or tunnel crossing of the Calcasieu Ship Channel. He agreed that with LNG activity Cameron Parish is of national significance for energy and will need faster means of getting across when traffic picks up. He said there is no study as yet, and nothing can be done without one, but he is putting in a request for study funds.

Loretta Meaux, representing the commercial fishermen of Cameron Parish said the fishermen are not opposed to LNG or other industry, since it brings jobs and improves the economy, but asked that improvements not come at the cost of taking away fishermen's living. She said fishermen have "unimaginably declined" as a result of water control structures that were not maintained properly after they were built. She cited a structure that should have remained open except for hurricanes, which had been closed since 1913. Boustany pledged to hold the Corps accountable for its actions.

A considerable part of the discussion focused on the Social Security issue. Boustany explained that the President's ideas are only suggestions at this point, and he, personally, is waiting for more details before deciding whether to support them. He does believe changes need to be made and is asking for ideas from the public.

Boustany is opposed to any increase in payroll taxes, any changes in benefits for current retirees and those close to retirement, and privatization. He said he hasn't taken a position on "personal accounts" because they have not been defined and won't take care of the long term solvency issues all by themselves.

Dinah Landry, Executive Director of Cameron Council on Aging, said that present senior citizens who worked to support others through Social Security are concerned about the number of people today who don't work and are not putting money into the fund to support them.

Boustany said this points out the truth in Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's recent comment that "For the first time in American history we will have the workforce pitted against retirees." He said it will take a lot of work to solve the problem.

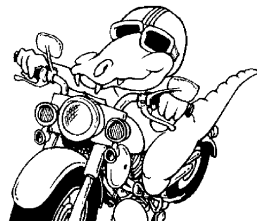
Registration fees for the driver and passenger are \$30 each. Registration for the bike show is \$10.

Proceeds from the rally as a whole will benefit four lake area charities, including the Lake Charles East Rotary Club, Camp Fire (Camp Wi-Ta-Wentin), the Southwest Louisiana Autism Chapter and Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southwest Louisiana.

Registration forms are available online at www.blazinbikesinlakecharles.com. Only those who register before April 8 will receive the whole registration package, including a T-shirt and pin. Reserve your

spot today. Do not let this unique opportunity skid past you!

For rally registration, contact Patricia Philmon, rally chair at 433-5213 ext. 300 or visit www.blazinbikesinlakecharles.com. For general information, contact the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at 436-9588 or visit: www.visitlakecharles.org.



Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



GOLD POND

A couple of weeks ago, I said that things were looking good for anglers fishing Lacassine Refuge's Impoundment. I even commended the way they handled the drought problem we had back in 1999 to 2001.

The pool closed for a couple of years, let the water levels come back up, letting us go fishing in the pool, catch and release, for a year, then last year fish and keep five bass.

This year the pool reopened and followed state bass fishing laws, 10 bass, no size limits, even the no tournaments was gone for this year. I did not like all the big bass being caught and kept, but some anglers were sore because of no tournament fishing, but again I could live with that.

In this six year period starting back in 2002, state and federal people restocked more than 400,000 Florida bass fingerlings, along with other species of fish. Many anglers spent a lot of their time and money to also help restock the pool.

Bass anglers were really interested in taking care of this great bass pond, which was producing large bass before the drought and again this year during the opening of the pool. Just look at opening day with an 11 plus pounder caught, plus all the 5 to 11 pounders caught.

This past week, my good friend Harris O'Blanc of Hayes lost out to his 11.62 large bass he caught back before the drought. Jimmy Miller of Lowery caught a 27 inch bass weighing 11.875 pounds.

I received a phone call about the pool being drawn down, which I couldn't believe was nothing but rumors, but with listening to the situation from anglers and thinking I couldn't believe this was happening. This to me is not a "mother nature drought," this is a "man made drought."

It is said by officials of Lacassine Refuge that they needed to burn the pool because of it closing in and that water had to be removed to do so. They also said the refuge was designed back in the late 1930s to hold 4.5 to 7 feet of water, and that the impoundment was built to manage waterfowl, and that the burning should have been done at least 3 years ago. Why didn't they do this three years ago or when the drought was there? Why did they let all the stocking of Florida fingerlings take place, if they were only going to destroy them in the end? I just don't see how they will ever get the trust of local fishermen again. They also want to build another levee to split the pool into three ponds instead of two, which won't hurt, but to destroy all the fish on their own is a sin.

Dropping the water 14 inches will surely make many trails impassable and ponds shallow, then anglers may as well hang it up. We'll see two great boat launches idle and look like a ghost town again.

I think the timing of this man made drought is way wrong. This could have waited at least until the end of May, because there will be plenty of growth and hot weather that slows fishing in the pool.

I think maybe P.E.T.A. should come along and show this thing. They are always

trying to stop the fishermen. I don't see any difference in killing fish, except we are anglers and do eat the fish, or give to our neighbor, to let them have fish to eat. Maybe calling our U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators could put a stop to some of this thinking!

They got the "Gold Pond." Anglers will get the "shaft."

GIBBSTOWN DOGFIGHT

The Monday afternoon fishing dogfights will begin April 11, with blast off time at 5:30 p.m. and weigh in at "dark thirty." Launching will be at the Gibbstown Boat Launch on the north side of the Gibbstown Bridge. Three bass will be weighed in with a minimum length of 11 inches. Fish are to be weighed in alive and released. All dead fish weighed in will be penalized 0.20 pounds. Dead fish will be allowed at the discretion of tournament directors. No cloudy eyed fish will be weighed. Fish must be brought to the scales in a plastic bag with water.

Teams must register at the Gibbstown Boat launch and the entry fee is \$30 for a one or two man team; \$10 per boat big bass pot, which is optional.

Boat members will be drawn for blast off order, but anyone who registers after 5:15 p.m. will blast off in order of registration. Only artificial baits may be used. The two highest placing teams that have not previously qualified, (each week), will qualify for the regional dogfight. Teams not present at the awards ceremony will lose the right to qualify for regional tournament that week.

A person may qualify with more than one person, and fish with one of those and the other angler can fish alone as a team--all protests must be made before money is paid out. Pay out is 1 per 7.5 boats and all fishing has to be done out of a boat.

All state and federal regulations will apply, and again: this is a catch and release tournament. All fishing will be in the Intracoastal Waterway, east of the Gibbstown Bridge to include the Bell City Ditch, Lake Misere and public marshes. Anglers cannot expect their boats to get to a fishing area.

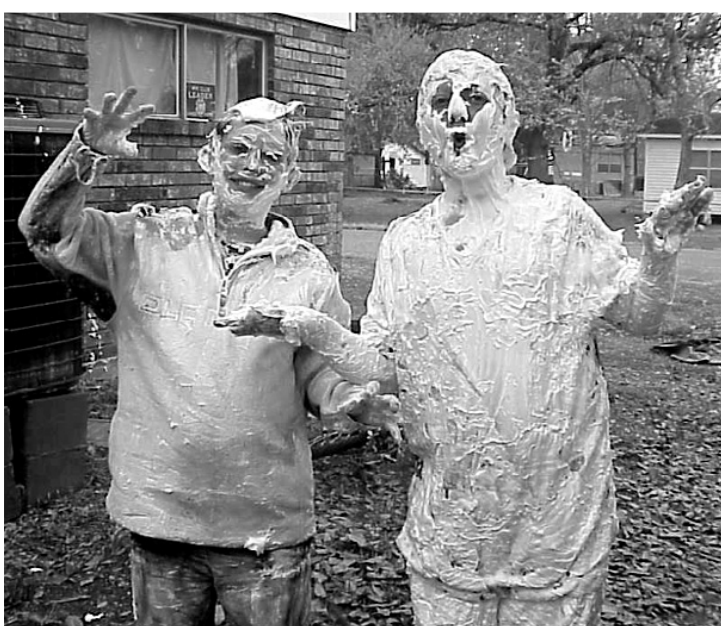
There will be no fishing closer than 50 yards from an anchored boat, unless invited to do so. No one on the water or pre-fishing this area on Mondays. Random drawings will be held each week for a polygraph test. No consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs during tournament hours. There will also be a trash fish pot at \$2 per boat optional. Entry fee is by cash only, exact change and no checks please.

Call Tournament Director George Melancon for more information at 538-2164.

Always practice safe boating--wear your life jacket!

Registration for camp begins

The Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center (SWLAHEC) is accepting applications for its 2005 M*A*S*H Summer Camp for high school students who have an interest in health care careers. MASH, an acronym for the Medical Applications of Science for Health, is a summer camp that offers students an opportunity to study college-level



DESPITE THE COLD weather this Easter, cousins Ethan Nunez of Cameron and Matthew Morgan of Creole decided they were bored and in need of entertainment. After a small shaving cream fight inside the house, adults urged the boys to take it outside. The resulting shaving cream fight had friends and family shaking their heads and smiling. Talk about good clean fun! Ethan is the son of Gerard and Delia Nunez. Matthew is the son of Job and Maria Morgan. The boys' grandfather is Paul Duhon of Cameron.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot, March 23, 1972)

HUG COAST GROUP HEARS ELLENDER

U. S. Senator Allen Ellender pledged his support to an effort to make the Louisiana-Texas-Mexico Hug-The Coast Highway "a must on the itinerary of every tourist."

Ellender, who is Senate President Pro Tempore, made the remark in a speech delivered in Abbeville to a convention meeting of the Hug-The Coast Highway Association held Saturday and Sunday March 18 and 19.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Cameron Parish winners in the Annual Region Five Science Fair at McNeese were recognized at a special program held Saturday morning in McNeese Arena.

Area winners in the senior division included Cecil Myers of South Cameron High School, Botany third; Anne Tarter of South Cameron, Math third; Gregory Harrison, South Cameron, Medicine and Health, first; Joella Primeaux, South Cameron, Microbiology, third.

In the junior division Blayne Maynard, Earth Sciences, first; Leslie L. Miller, Grand Chenier Junior High School, Electronics, third; Kenny Ray Smith, Grand Chenier, Zoology, second; Luke Conner, South Cameron, Physical Science (Individuals), third.

ROBERTS PICKED

Robin Roberts, son of Cameron Scoutmaster and Mrs. O'Neil Roberts, has been granted the Kit Carson Scholarship to the Phimont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.

There are 128 Boy Scout Councils in the United

States. Each year, one scout is selected from each council to attend the Sangre de Cristo area of the Philmont Scout Ranch. Robin was chosen by the council committee to represent the Calcasieu Area Council.

BOUDOIN TOPS

Lee O. Boudoin, field representative for the Cameron Parish area for the Woodman of the World, ranks second in the Nation for WOW sales so far this year and is expected to qualify for the coveted Millionaire Club in 1972.

A former state trooper and a former Cameron store owner, Boudoin lives in the Grand Lake area.

59,080 BOOKS CIRCULATED

Mrs. Coral Perry, Cameron Parish librarian, announced that the 1971 annual report on the Cameron Parish Library has been released. A total of 59,080 books were circulated last year. Of this amount, 22,729 were to adults and 36,351 to juveniles. These were checked out from the Cameron Library and from the bookmobile.

The library board of control is composed of Mrs. Charles Precht, Mrs. Charles Hebert, J. C. Reina, Mrs. Helen Colligan, Mrs. Lee Nunez and W. F. Henry, Jr., Ex-officio member.

ROUNDABOUT THE PARISH

Gwen Reasoner a senior at Hackberry High School, won first place in Div. 3 economics at the Social Studies Fair held at McNeese Tuesday, March 14-15. She is now eligible to go to the State Fair in Baton Rouge.

Cameron Sheriff Claude Eagleson announced that two criminal investigators in the Cameron Sheriff's Department have completed a course at LSU, Baton Rouge. Burnell Nunez and Allen Hixson completed the course in scientific criminal investigation in conjunction with crime labs.

Plans for an old-fashioned country-style breakfast to be served in the rectory on Easter morning is announced by Mrs. Hayes Picou, president of the Altar Society of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron.

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U.S. General Services Administration

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CAREGIVER NEEDED for disabled client. M-F from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Benefits. Call 494-0004. 3/31-4/7

SECURITY OFFICERS needed in the Cameron Area. Please contact the office at 1-800-759-3660. 3/3-31p.

ACE TRANSPORTATION in Cameron is hiring experienced, Hot Shot, Pickups, 1 Tons, Minifloats. Plenty of work. 337-775-5944. 3/3-31p.

FOR RENT

FOR LEASE: 3 Bedroom, 2 bath home, 1/4 mile E. of Sacred Heart Church, on N/S of road, available April 1, 2005. \$550 per month with a deposit of same. Call Eddie Conner, 433-0200(O) or 478-7411(H). 3/24-4/14c.

GARAGE SALE

FAITH SHARE Outreach Garage Sale - April 2, 2005. 1827 Hwy. 384, Sweetlake, La. From 6 a.m. til 11 a.m. Everything 25¢. 3/24-31p.

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- Hunts Squeeze Catsup.....24 Oz. 89¢
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- Parade Corn, Green Beans, Sweet Peas, Mix. Veg., Carrots, Beets, Potatoes or Asst. Greens.....14-15 Oz. 5/\$2.00
- Van Camp Baked Beans.....28 Oz. 99¢
- Rotel Tomatoes w/Green Chilies
- All Cuts.....10 Oz. 79¢
- Kraft Deluxe or Velveeta Style Macaroni & Cheese.....9-14 Oz. \$1.79
- Chef Boy-Ar-Dee Can
- Pasta Meals.....15 Oz. 99¢
- Kellogg's Apple Jacks, Frosted Flakes, or Corn Pops.....15-20 Oz. 2/\$5.00
- Tony's Orig. Creole Seasoning.....8 Oz. 89¢
- Parade Sugar.....4 Lb. Bag 2/\$3.00
- Scott Towels.....8 Roll Pkg. \$4.99
- Reg. Ground Meat.....Lb. \$1.59
- Ball Park Franks.....1 Lb. \$1.99
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RUN : Mar. 31, April 7 & 14 (M-48)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any person who is interested in serving on the Economic Development Board is asked to call the Cameron Parish Police Jury Office at 775-5718.

RUN: March 31 (M-57)

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THESE PHOTOGRAPHS taken the day after Hurricane Audrey hit Cameron Parish on June 27, 1957, were taken by Willard Pulkrabek from an Army helicopter which was searching for survivors. Pulkrabek was a 21-year-old soldier stationed at Ft. Polk at the time. He donated the above photos to the Cameron Parish Library during a visit here recently. The top photo shows an Army truck and helicopter in the search for survivors. The lower photo shows a flooded homestead.



A LARGE CROWD enjoyed the lovely day at the groundbreaking ceremony for Cheniere Energy's Sabine Pass LNG terminal. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



LIKE A SCENE from Alfred Hitchcock's thriller "The Birds," these feathered hitchhikers rather ominously assembled on the Cameron ferry one day last week. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Town meeting is held for Johnson Bayou/Holly Beach

By CYNDI SELLERS

A respectable crowd of civic minded residents attended a Town Meeting for the Holly Beach - Johnson Bayou Community, held Tuesday, March 15 at the Johnson Bayou Community Center. Police Juror Sonny McGee organized the event to provide local residents with information on the activities of the many boards and agencies serving the area. Representatives of the Police Jury, Sheriff's Dept., District Attorney, School Board, Fire Dept., Port Commission, Waterworks, Ambulance Dist., Drainage Dist., Beach Dist., Sewerage Dist., Recreation Dist., and Library were on hand to answer questions from the public.

Ray Miller, representing the Holly Beach Sewerage District, reported that a long term lease is being negotiated with Apache on two acres of land to be used for the treatment plant and the board is determining the best locations for the grinder stations. He said he expects to hear within two months whether their Community Development Block Grant application has been approved. The sewerage system is to be built with a \$2,218,000 loan and two grants totaling \$2,679,000. The loan is to be repaid by user fees. Miller said the system will need to take in \$22,000 a month to meet expenses.

The condition of the boat launch at the Cameron west

ferry landing, which was recently damaged by a barge, was brought up. Upon investigation, it was found that the landing is on private property, and in order to invest public funds for its repair, a lease is being prepared. The landing is on undivided property shared by many heirs, and all need to agree to the lease before work can be done. Parish Administrator Tina Horn said that \$189,000 in rural development funds have been dedicated to the repair.

Several residents expressed concerns about tourism issues ranging from littering to 4-wheelers. Real estate developer Barry Hunt said there are many 4-wheelers and "loud, fast bikes" riding on the sand dunes and grass lines "tearing up the only protection from tidal surge." Several people blamed Texas riders for most of the problem, noting that in Texas it is now illegal to ride on any beach.

Sheriff Theos Duhon said he has 4-wheelers and that some deputies even use their own vehicles to patrol the beach when off duty. In the summer he hires extra help, but still cannot afford full time patrol of the beaches. Constable Tim Trahan is planning to take the necessary courses to write tickets on the beach, and intends to patrol for speeders as well and dune violators.

Duhon also explained that citizens can help by reporting incidents, including littering. He said two witnesses making a statement and being

willing to appear in court would make a good case. District Attorney Cecil Sanner agreed, adding that a photograph of the offender, including the license plate if possible, would be a great help. Duhon also revealed that Chief Deputy Ron Johnson is looking into a Citizen On Patrol (COP) program. Under this program private citizens are trained to observe and report infractions. They are given a uniform, vehicle, and radio, but no weapon, and have no arrest power. No decision has been made as yet. He said an auxiliary officer program is not possible at this time due to insurance costs.

When asked whether the department has any four wheel drive vehicles able to go off road on the beach or elsewhere, Duhon replied that a 4WD vehicle is on his wish list, but not a top priority since he first needs to upgrade his 18 year old computer systems. He said "If I had another million dollars I could have another 10 officers and 4WD vehicles, but I don't, so we have to do the best we can."

Duhon also offered to help residents set up Neighborhood Watch programs to keep an eye on each other's property and any suspicious activity.

District Attorney Cecil Sanner reported that he has an office in Cameron and in Hackberry, and that Assistant DA Tom Barrett is located in Grand Lake and ADA Jennifer Jones is also avail-

Women and Social Security

By Karen Jennings
Social Security Public
Affairs Specialist in
Lafayette, La.

(March is Women's History Month. The following column examines how the nation's Social Security program affects American women.)

March is Women's History month - a time to focus not just on the past, but on the challenges women continue to face in the 21st century.

Social Security plays a vital role in the lives of women. With longer life expectancies than men, elderly women tend to live more years in retirement and have a greater chance of exhausting other sources of income. Today, women represent 58 percent of all Social

Security beneficiaries age 62 and older and approximately 70 percent of beneficiaries age 85 and older.

In terms of benefits, Social Security treats individuals with identical earnings histories the same - regardless of their gender. But the unique challenges faced by career women include time away from the office to raise a family and - although we've made significant strides in recent years - the proverbial glass ceiling. For example, the median earnings of full-time women workers in 2002 were \$30,203, compared to \$39,429 for men.

As a result, experts generally agree that if women want to ensure that their retirement years are comfortable, they

need to plan early and wisely. What you can do

The best place to begin is by knowing what you can expect to receive from Social Security ... and how much more you are likely to need.

Each year, every worker age 25 and older is mailed a Social Security Statement. Read it carefully because it contains information vital to your personal financial future. It shows how much you and your family can expect to receive from Social Security when you retire, or if you become disabled or die.

You should also visit Social Security's financial planning website at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners. You can use the calculators there to test different retirement ages or different scenarios for future earnings amounts. It also provides detailed information about how marriage, widowhood, divorce, self-employment, government service and other life or career events can affect your Social Security. And it includes a link to a non-Social Security worksheet that will help you decide how much you need to save and invest on your own to ensure a comfortable retirement.

If you want more information about the role of Social Security in women's lives today, Social Security also has a booklet that you may find useful. It is called Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know. You can find it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10127.html.

able in Cameron, so that people can easily meet with one of them when needed. He reported that since Jan. 1 there has been a rush of child molestation investigations. He said half of them have been juvenile on juvenile, and the other half have been parish residents.

Sanner noted that the parish has about 90 DWI cases each year, which averages about one every four days. Since only 25% of DWI's are generally caught, the total number of drunk drivers on Cameron Parish roads is significant. He said the number of marijuana cases is usually small, and he complimented the Sheriff's Office on the increase in hard drug arrests for drugs such as cocaine and hydrocodone.

Gene Welch, principal of Johnson Bayou School, said he does random locker searches and keeps track of each student in the school. He believes that even though some may experiment with drugs on weekends, "the vast majority are good kids and do not have a drug problem." Reynolds moved to Johnson Bayou last fall to take the principal position, but has been vacationing at his camp there for 18 years. He said he is happy to finally be a full time resident. He said his students are "the best group of kids I've ever been associated with." He has helped to add baseball and softball programs, noting that "idle kids will get in trouble, and year-round athletics and academics will help prevent problems."

Brenda Sanders, Recreation Board President, added that the ball fields being used by the school teams were improved through an interagency agreement between the school board and the district, and no district funds were used. The DA's office drew up the agreement.

Sanders also explained the fee schedule for use of the community center. The center rents for \$50 with a \$200 refundable cleaning fee. At that price, she said, the district loses money on each rental, but believes in keeping the building available to the public. Last year, utilities and insurance alone cost the district \$11,000 on the build-

ing, and rentals took in only \$700. The Recreation District took over the maintenance of the building several years ago, but it was not part of its original mission nor was it included in the tax base.

One attendee, who moved to the area only about eight years ago, said she was "amazed, appreciative, and astounded at how much is provided in such a small community." She complimented the panel for "pulling together and working hard for the community," saying they treat people "like you're doing it for your mama." A panelist replied, "we probably are doing it for our mamas."

A regular library user's comments about the service she receives from the library staff brought applause from the crowd. She said for a small branch, the services provided, such as interlibrary loan and internet, are invaluable.

Police Juror Sonny McGee complimented the board members for working hard for nothing, or very little, because they care for their community. He stated that his priorities are to grow the economy and improve the financial situation. He reported on the Jury's zoning initiative, saying it will help with economic development when it goes into place.



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