

Recreation brochure is planned

The Cameron Parish Tourist Commission is planning to publish a parish outdoors recreation brochure, according to Capt. Sammie Faulk, board member.

The booklet will list parish charter fishing guides, hunting guides and lodges, marinas, RV parks, motels, rental cabins and rooms.

Local people and businesses interested in being listed are asked to furnish the following information by May 29:

Business name, contact person, address, phone numbers, web site and e-mail address.

Mail to Cameron Parish Tourist Commission, PO Box 388, Cameron, La. 70631 or fax to 337-775-5754. There is no charge for listing.

For more information call 337-775-5222.

The guides will be placed at tourist centers, chamber of commerce, stores, etc. and will be available by mail.

Jones moves his office to Sweetlake

Bryan Jones, attorney at law, has announced the opening of his new office at 3242 Hwy. 384 in Sweetlake.

He will be available for personal injury and domestic cases, wills and successions, criminal defense, Social Security disability claims, etc.

Mr. Jones was formerly associated with the Jones Law Firm in Cameron. He graduated from Grand Lake High School and received a B. A. Degree from Millsap College in Mississippi and his law degree from LSU.

He has been practicing in Cameron for the past five and a half years.

He may be reached at 337-598-2638.

He is the son of Mrs. Joyce Jones of Sweetlake and the late J. B. Jones, Jr.

Mac's Shack is opened in Creole

Mac and Sue Haynie have announced that they are opening Mac's Shack, a bar, dance hall and pool hall, in the old VFW building in Creole.

The opening will be Saturday, April 7 beginning at 9 p.m. Music will be by Midnight Special. There will be a cover charge and door prizes. ID will be required.

Mac's Shack will be open on Friday and Saturday nights at this time but at a later date may open all week.

Bids asked

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is seeking bids on two items to be opened on May 3. They are:

*Half mile of vinyl fencing to be installed near the Hackberry boat launch.

*Purchase of a rescue vehicle per specifications.

Bid information can be found elsewhere in this issue.



SHOWN ABOVE were some of the persons who attended a meeting of the Senate Committee on Transportation in Baton Rouge on March 31 to support a bill by Senator Jerry Theunissen renaming the Monkey Island Ferry in Cameron as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ferry. The bill was reported favorably. Shown with Senator Theunissen are Marty Tietje, his assistant; Cameron NAACP Chapter members, Louise Cole, president; Charles Cole, Margaret McArthur, Pauline McArthur; also state NAACP officers, Dr. Ernest Johnson, president; Will Belton, and Bishop Dwight Page.

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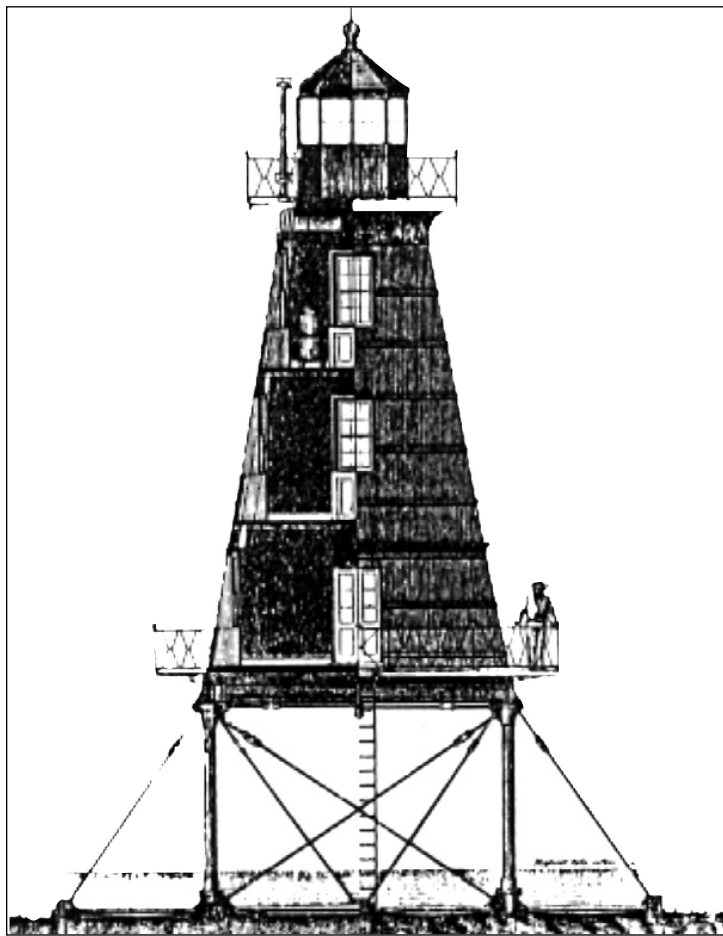
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THIS WAS A drawing of the Calcasieu River Lighthouse which was probably made prior to its construction in 1876. The structure was on the west side of the Calcasieu River and Pass and the site is now under water in the ship channel. The lighthouse served until 1940.

Historical markers to be dedicated

The Southwest Louisiana Historical Association will dedicate two historical markers in Cameron Parish on Tuesday, April 20.

The markers commemorate the Gulf Biological Station and the Cameron Parish Lighthouse, two early public facilities in the area. The markers will be along Jetty Road and at the lighthouse.

The dedication ceremony will begin at noon; a reception will follow at the Jetty Pavilion. Refreshments will be served.

The Gulf Biological Station, the first marine biological research facility on the Gulf, operated from 1902 to 1909.

The lighthouse began operation in 1876 and continued to guide ships until 1940.

National Library Week to be observed here

National Library Week starts April 19th. The Cameron Parish Library and its branches plan to celebrate that week by hosting Open Houses in each of its branches that week.

The library's main branch will host an open house on Monday, April 19th from 12 noon until 4 p.m. with light refreshments served. The main library's guest speaker will be J.C. Boudreaux who will speak on his experiences making the movie "Louisiana Story" when he was young. The Cameron Parish Sheriff Department will have an officer at the libraries handing out gunlocks free to the public and showing how to install them.

Each of the branch libraries will take turns hosting open houses featuring light refreshments and giving out gunlocks on the day of their event.

Johnson Bayou Branch Library will host their open

house on Tuesday, April 20th from noon until 4 p.m.

Hackberry Branch Library will host open house on Wednesday, April 21th from noon until 4 p.m.

To conclude National Library Week celebrations in Cameron Parish, the Grand Lake Branch Library will host their open house on Thursday, April 22th from noon until 4 p.m.

Please plan to stop by and visit your local library, pick up your gunlock, and help the libraries celebrate National Library Week. Call 775-5421 with any questions.

Earth Day event set at H. Beach

An Earth Day event will be held at Holly Beach on Thursday, April 22 hosted by three USDA agencies--Rural Development, Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The event will be held at the Apache Corp. Mecom Ranch Field Office a few miles west of Holly Beach.

Events will begin with a beach cleanup by volunteers and the planting of woody species and grasses on the beach as a conservation effort to help stop erosion on the sand dunes.

A lunch will be served volunteers at 11:30 a.m. and the Earth Day ceremony will be held at noon.

USDA Rural Development will announce over \$23 million in water and waste water funding for Louisiana, including a \$3.9 million grant for a Holly Beach sewer system.



Holly Beach group plans activities

The Holly Beach Improvement Group will hold its quarterly public meeting at the Holly Beach Fire Station Saturday, April 17, at 4 p.m.

Topics will include: the Santa's visit to Holly Beach in Dec. 2003; the Feb. Fund Raiser Bar B Q Dinner; discussion of a Beach Festival to be held on June 12, sponsored by the Beach Front Development Committee; the possibilities of bringing back the Cajun Riviera Festival 2005; updates on past, current and future goals since the group has formed.

HBIG meetings are held every 3rd. month (April, July, October, January) on the 3rd. Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Holly Beach Fire Station.

If you would like to offer a service, volunteer for a future project or make a donation you can contact: Raedella 569-2808 or Kathy 569-2603.

New festival planned for beach area

A new festival, the Cajun Riviera Beach Festival, has been tentatively set for the weekend of June 12, according to Capt. Sammie Faulk and Sheila Peloquin, two of the persons working on the festival along with the Beach Development Board.

The one-day event is expected to be at newly restored beach at Constance Beach west of Holly Beach.

Events being planned include sand castle and kite flying contests, a treasure hunt, 5K run and birding seminar.

This festival is not to be confused with the Cajun Riviera Festival that was held at Holly Beach for a number of years. This festival was discontinued a few years ago.

Shrimp boil planned for legislators

The annual Southwest Louisiana Shrimp Boil will be held Wednesday, April 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge.

Guests will be legislators, public officials and others.

Hosts for the event include the Cameron and Calcasieu Parish Police Juries, City of Lake Charles, Chennault International Airport and Port of Lake Charles, and McNeese.

The entire Southwest Louisiana legislative delegation also are hosts and Rep. Dan Flavin is in charge of the affair.



THIS IS A picture of J. C. Boudreaux taken in 1947 when he starred in the movie classic, "The Louisiana Story." The film, which was made by Robert Flaherty at Avery Island, will be shown as part of the McNeese 2004 Banners Series at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 25 in the McNeese Business Conference Center. Boudreaux, who is 70 now, is a retired telephone company employee and a lifelong resident of Cameron.

Jurors debate road crews

By CYNDI SELLERS

Last week's Police Jury meeting touched on so many issues they wouldn't all fit in one article. Jurors considered additional matters ranging from road crews to oil rig crews and from fire fighting to cock fighting.

The disposition of the parish road crew in the Grand Lake/Sweetlake area was the subject of a major disagreement between jurors Darryl Farque and Charles Precht and Parish Road Supervisor Ellis Nunez at the 3 p.m. agenda meeting.

Farque requested that the 7-person crew be split into two separate units, one for District 7 and one for District 3. He cited a pilot program in place for three weeks dividing the work between two crews. Precht stated his opposition, based on the extra cost of hiring another crew foreman, the unity of the community, and the single water, drainage, recreation, etc. tax districts.

He stated the only reason there are two police jury districts in the area is that the population had grown so much that redistricting was required. He noted that in 2001 or 2002, due to the increased work load extra workers were added to the Grand Lake road crew and said work requests were being filled, work was getting done.

Precht asked Nunez to verify that costs would go up if the crew was split and noted that the money would come from the general fund. He also objected to Nunez's institution of the pilot program dividing the crew without jury approval.

When asked his opinion of the proposed split, Nunez stated that ideally the whole parish should be consolidated, but since all the other districts are split, why not.

Farque demanded to be "treated fairly and equally,"

and he threatened to go to the Attorney General if his demand was not met. No action was taken.

RIG RENOVATION

Crews of another kind were discussed in the regular meeting when the economic impact on the renovation on Global Santa Fe's rig, the Glomar High Island, was detailed. Farque read a list of over 20 local businesses which had benefitted from the project. They ranged from restaurants, to retailers, to oil field related businesses.

Dwight Savoie of Midstream Fuel Services, formerly Tesoro, said every local worker who asked for a job was hired in some capacity, and there are now 25 local people working on the project. He noted the contractor needed 75 welders and 40 painters and sandblasters and Cameron could not supply that kind of labor force on short notice (one week). He said this was why so many workers were from Texas.

He hopes to see many more rigs in the Port of Cameron and expects availability of work to cause the local labor supply to grow.

Both Farque and Savoie noted the sales tax being 4% in Cameron Parish is a big incentive to locate here, as is the proximity of the Gulf, which cuts down on piloting costs.

An industry representative reportedly quoted the cost to dock at Cameron around \$30,000, compared to \$200,000 to go all the way to Lake Charles.

Calcasieu Parish plans to put a property tax exemption for oil rigs on their ballot in order to attract the same economic benefits to the Port of Lake Charles.

FIREMEN TRAINING

Cameron Fire Chief Ron Johnson asked the jury's help

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BARRY BADON of Johnson Bayou and his band provided some of the entertainment at the Louisiana Railroad Days Festival in DeQuincy last Saturday. Above he is shown getting some help from the Festival queens--Danniele Harrell, left, junior queen; and Holly LeJeune, Festival queen. Both girls are from Sulphur. (Photo by Tony Treme)

FUNERALS

Parish animal control ordinance explained



TIMOTHY G. NUNEZ

Funeral services for Mr. Timothy G. Nunez, 38, formerly of Vinton, were held Wednesday, April 14, at Immaculate Conception Church in Sulphur. Rev. Charles McMillan officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Creole.

Mr. Nunez died Saturday, April 10, 2004. He was a native of Port Arthur, Tex., and a 1983 graduate of Vinton High School.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jessica Bastidas Nunez, one daughter, Courtney Nunez, one son, Thomas Nunez, all of Katy, Tex.; his parents, Gerald and Charlyne Nunez of Longville; and maternal grandmother, Margaret Leman of Woodville, Tex.

Tournament set for May 15

The Cameron Lions Club will sponsor a golf tournament on Saturday, May 15 at Pine Shadows Golf Course in Lake Charles.

Proceeds will be used to purchase eye glasses for children, fund the Lions Children Camp, Leader Dog Program for the Blind and fund Louisiana Eye Foundation.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. There is a \$50 entry fee for players or \$100 per team.

For more information call Penelope Richard, 775-8131; Dinah Landry, 775-5655 or Terry Hebert, 775-5449.

Federal Income taxes must be in the mail by midnight tonight - April 15

The Cameron Parish Police Jury recently took over the responsibility of operating the parish animal control facility and named Joseph Dyson as the new animal control officer.

In the past the sheriff's department has been in charge of picking up loose dogs and other animals. In the future Dyson will take over these duties. However, anyone who has a complaint about a stray animal should call the sheriff's department at 775-5111 and the information will be passed along to Dyson.

The following police jury animal control ordinance provides information on picking up stray animals and also provides for the penalties for persons who violate the provisions of the ordinance.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

The law requires that the owner of any dog over the age of three (3) months by responsible for a current dog registration and immunized from the rabies annually. The metal tag issued at the time of immunization is required to be visible on the dog at all times.

The sheriff, his deputies, or animal control personnel are authorized to apprehend and pick up dogs found without appropriate inoculation and/or registration tags. If the owner is known, the sheriff/animal control personnel shall notify the owner and the owner shall have forty-eight hours to claim the dog.

The owner produces satisfactory proof of ownership and may reclaim his animal upon complying with the required vaccination, collar, tag and any fees associated with apprehension and caring for the dog.

The owner of a dog is responsible and liable for any damages caused by the dog. Citations will be written to the owner of the dog that:

- 1. Molests passersby or passing vehicles.
2. Attacks other animals.

3. Trespasses on private property or school grounds while not under direct control of the owner.

4. Damages private or public property.

5. Barks, whines or howls in an excessive, continuous or untimely manner; or Causes unsanitary conditions or odors about the premises of the owner through urination or defecation.

Is allowed to roam at large during mating season (in heat). Is considered a public nuisance. Call the Cameron Parish Sheriff Department to make complaints.

Upon written statement of two (2) witnesses, or upon investigation by the sheriff, his deputies or animal control personnel, and upon conviction of keeping an animal declared a public nuisance, the owner of the dog may be penalized as indicated below. The animal shall be seized by the sheriff, his deputies or animal control personnel, impounded, and disposed of.

Any dog held by animal control may be sold to a new owner provided the prospective owner agrees to all required vaccination, collar, tag and other fees associated with apprehension and caring for the dog.

Any person violating any provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than:

- Twenty-five dollars for the 1st offense or ten days in jail.
Fifty dollars for the 2nd offense or twenty days in jail.
Seventy-five dollars for the 3rd offense or thirty days in jail.

One hundred dollars for any offense thereafter or thirty days in jail, provided no one fine exceeds five hundred dollars and no one jail term exceeds thirty days.

Garden tips

Kick your summer planting and landscaping into high gear with a little help from the latest edition of the Gardener's Companion. Backed by 212 years of experience from The Old Farmer's Almanac, the Summer 2004 Gardener's Companion will be available on April 20.

The Companion features an abundance of tried-and-true tips, including how to:

- * Emphasize your plants -- Paint garages, sheds, or utility features natural beige, gray, or light green to help them blend into the landscape.
* Ensure that your sunflower seeds set -- If you see birds scratching around newly planted sunflower seeds, put netting over the area until the plants germinate.
* Remove proof of perspiration -- Sweat stains on clothing and hats can be removed by soaking the item for 30 minutes in a paste of cream of tartar, crushed aspirins, and warm water.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Lake Charles American Press, April 12, 1941)

SABINE WILDLIFE REFUGE HOLDS RESTORATION WEEK

Open house for the week beginning April 14 - 20 will be held at the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge near Hackberry during Wildlife Restoration Week April 14 - 18, which is being celebrated throughout the country, it was announced by Harry E. Adams, refuge manager.

With an area of 147,340 acres the Sabine Refuge was established primarily for the protection of waterfowl, heron, and fur animals. This refuge is one of 263 administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service through the United States, Alaska, Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

"That's the kind of work John J. Lynch does here," Howard said. "Last year he found that the burning and grazing of marshes under controlled conditions are exceedingly important in managing gulf coast area for wild geese. The first large scale investigations along these lines were conducted on Sabine and the findings have since been utilized on other areas in this region.

(Cameron Pilot, April 16, 1971)

FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Louisiana coastal area will soon brace itself for another "waiting game" during the hurricane season. Often accompanying these devastating freaks of nature is another form of possible financial ruin for many communities and their residents - floods.

And it could happen again, warns the Insurance Information Institute, unless communities have had the foresight to qualify for flood and mudslide insurance - coverage not generally available prior to 1970.

Cameron Parish is one of 14 acres of Louisiana that have qualified for flood insurance.

LIONS TO HOLD ELECTION

The Cameron Lions Club will hold its annual election of officers on Wednesday, April 28, it is announced by President A. J. Howard. The following persons were nominated for office:

President, Roland Troclair, Jr.; Vice-Presidents, Edwin Kelly, William Morris and Earl Mouton; Secretary-Treasurer, Clifford Myers; Lion Tamer, Ruben Morales; Tail Twister, Jimmy Derouen; Board Members: George Wilkerson, Larry Taylor, Berton Daigle, Ward Fontenot, Claude Eagleson, Rodney Guilbeau, Sr. and A. J. Howard.

TeleMedicine diabetes class

A TeleMedicine Diabetic Education Program is scheduled at all of the branches of the Cameron Parish Library on Monday, April 19th from 6:30 p.m until 8 p.m. The subject will be how to use the Glycemic index in your diet.

This free educational videoconference is presented via a collaborative effort of the Community Hospital Telehealth Consortium, Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, and the Cameron Parish Library.

The videoconference will be held at all of the Cameron Parish Library branches in their TeleMedicine Conference areas. Seating is limited. Please contact TeleMedicine Department via (337) 775-5421 ext 106 in Cameron or in Johnson Bayou call 569-2892, in Hackberry call 762-3978, or in Grand Lake call 598-5950 or email: dnunez@pelican.state.lib.la.us to register.

Hebert of Cameron; his daughter, Mrs. Alvin Murphy of Cameron; and her son, Ronald Murphy, and his daughter, Jennifer, of Houston.

The Knights of Columbus sponsored an Easter egg hunt at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church after Mass, Sunday morning. Prize egg winners were: Stephen Thomas Canik, Lola Jones, and Diane Doland.

CARRIERE'S JEWELERS FINAL DAYS Closing April 15 and reopening April 19 as BIJOUX SULPHUR'S FINE JEWELERS 1705 Maplewood Dr. 625-9971

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Births told

TATE ROBERT DIMAS
Michael and Stephanie Dimas of Cameron announce the birth of their fourth child, Tate Robert, March 26, at Women and Children's Hospital in Lake Charles. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs.
Grandparents are Cathy and Jean Dimas, Paula Thompson, all of Cameron, Thomas "Poochie" Clement of Creole.
Great-grandparents are Annie Bell and Robert Schwark, Sr. of Cameron, Margie Dimas of Creole, and Rosalie Whiting of Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Great-great-grandmother is Anita Dimas of Albuquerque, N. Mex.
The couple's other children are Brennan, 8, Morghan, 3, and Kyler, 1.

BLY ANDREW NUCKOLS
Corie and Helen Nuckols of Cameron announce the birth of a son, Bly Andrew, March 29, at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital in Lake Charles. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs.
Grandparents are Alma Nuckols of Milam, Tex., Richard and Cricket Hebert of Cameron, and Russell and Brenda Gayneaux of Kaplan.
Great-grandparents are Carmen Peshoff of Cameron and "Toot" Gayneaux of Erath.
The couple's other children are Shane, 10 and Lisa, 4.

Easter Egg hunt held at Creole

By LOSTON McEVERS

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole hosted an Easter Egg hunt after Mass Sunday. There was plenty of eggs and candy for the kids.
In the pre-k and kindergarten division, Anna Dupont had the prize egg. Baleigh Conner had 44 eggs and Konar Page LeBlanc had 40 eggs.
In the first through third grades, Jason Theriot had the prize egg. Abie Miller had 50 eggs and Kerrian Meaux had 34 eggs.
On behalf of Father Joseph McGrath, Sacred Heart Church and the Creole Knights of Columbus Council 3014, thanks to all the Knights and parishioners who brought eggs, the candy and prizes, and who helped hide the eggs.

Students to hold bake sale

The talented students of South Cameron Elementary School will hold a bake sale at Sacred Heart Family Life Center after 5 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18.
Students hope to raise enough money to pay for their field trip to New Orleans.

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes



By GENEVA GRIFFITH

It's crawfish season and I and three others this week went to a restaurant across town and had our fill of the crawdads and hushpuppies. They were large and looked like baby lobsters.
I met a retired state employee this week who once was president of the state Amvets. He said he had been to Cameron and I had taken

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in securing acreage on which to locate a parishwide fire training facility. He said the whole parish would benefit on fire insurance ratings if the parish had its own facility, and all parish fire districts had expressed interest in using such a facility.
To get the favorable rating points, the training ground must include at least two acres. Johnson proposes a burn building and a smoke maze building which would be metal structures moved onto the site. At a later date training structures for oil well and other specialized fires would be added.
Classes for firefighters would be held at the Cameron fire station prior to practical training at the site. Parish property north of the dog pound was discussed, as well as property near the parish barn and in Grand Lake. Johnson said he would be willing to place the facility anywhere, but he didn't know if Cameron Fire District tax money could be used to build it in another district. However, if grants could cover the entire cost location wouldn't matter.
Johnson said he is still getting prices together for grant applications. Jurors assured him that considering the benefits to fire ratings they would find a location.

COCK FIGHTING
Cock fighting could become Cameron Parish's newest form of entertainment if a request by a Johnson Bayou resident is granted. Velma Castaneda asked the jury to amend a 1963 parish ordinance prohibiting game-fowl fighting. She noted that state law presently allows cockfighting.
Cockfighting is prohibited in every state except Louisiana and New Mexico. Opponents are mounting an effort this year to change Louisiana's law, but Acadiana lawmakers defend the practice strongly, on cultural grounds. The jury agreed to study the issue.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS TOLD
Lunch menus for Cameron Parish are as follows:
Monday, Apr. 19 - Chili dog, chili sauce, Tator Tots, buttered corn, chocolate chip cookie, catsup, and hot dog bun.
Tuesday, Apr. 20 - Braised beef stew, rice, green beans, mixed fruit cup, and corn-bread.
Wednesday, Apr. 21 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, buttered corn, tossed salad, peanut butter cookie, and garlic toast.
All meals served with milk.



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his picture. His organization had given a 4-H member some baby chicks to start a chicken project and she was supposed to pass on some baby chicks along to another 4-H member. For the proof, he returned with the write-up out of his scrapbook with my name under his picture (it's certainly is a small world).
The daughter of the lady I bought my house from here saw that I did business at Cameron State Bank and remembered that she had come to my house, years ago. Her husband was in Cherie and Pat's wedding. We held the reception at our home in Oak Grove.

I mentioned at the Bible Study the other day that my little red bird had flown away and no longer comes to my patio. A lady spoke up and said she had a little red bird that comes to her back door every morning to get something to eat. So at least I know he hasn't gone far.

OLD COLUMN

The following is from the first Lagniappe column I wrote in the June 5, 1959 Pilot.

Summer vacation was ushered in with a bang last weekend when tropical storm Arlene threatened the lower Cameron coast for two days giving everyone the "Storm Jitters" again. Oldtimers tell us that this is the first time since the 1800's that a tropical disturbance has cropped up in May.

Very few people left out from the lower part of the parish, with the exception of some of the Grand Chenier residents who did not want to take a chance on the Mermentau ferry.

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SHERIFF'S DEPUTY Milton Collins, librarian Dede Nunez, and Sheriff-elect Theos Duhon are pictured above giving a seminar on how to prevent identity theft at the Grand Lake library. There will be another seminar held April 26 at the Klondike Fire Station.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

EASTER EGG WINNERS
Winners in the Easter Egg Hunt at the Hackberry Recreation Center were

Under 2 yrs. - Prize Egg - Rika Cain; Most Eggs - Roy Devall, Devin Rodrigue.

2 - 3 yrs. - Prize Egg - Maci Thomas; Most Eggs - Autumn Raymond, Jaron Landry.

4 - 5 yrs. - Prize Egg - Lilly Kershaw; Most Eggs - Gavin Guidry.

6 - 7 yrs. - Prize Egg - Kory Kyle; Most Eggs - Colin Carroll.

8 - 9 yrs. - Most Eggs - Dalton Nunez.

10 yrs. and up - Prize Egg - Krista Nunez; Most Eggs - Allyson Sanner, Emily Bird.

SENIOR OLYMPICS
Winners from Hackberry in the Senior Olympics were Alice Reeves, 9 firsts, 4 seconds, and 1 third; and Beaula Bradley, 4 firsts and 1 second.

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS
Seniors from Hackberry celebrating birthdays in April include Hazel Ellender, Isabel Gray, Lou Ester Johnson, J. B. Nunez, Standford LaBauve, Numa LeJune, Edgar Little, Wilford Swire and Alvia Menard.

Wednesday, April 21st is Administrative Professional's Day commonly known as Secretary's Day

GRAND OPENING
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LEGAL NOTICE

Crawfish farmers and landowners could get payments from a \$45 million class action settlement.

A settlement has been reached in the class action lawsuit about whether rice seed treated with the pesticide ICON damaged crawfish crops and contaminated property in Louisiana. The \$45 million settlement fund will pay valid claims as well as lawyers' fees and costs.

The 27th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, St. Landry Parish, will have a hearing to decide whether to give final approval to the settlement so that a claims process can begin, and payments can be made. Those included in the class action, together called a "Class," may object to the settlement, or ask to speak at the hearing. There is a detailed notice available by calling toll free or going to the website below.

Who's INCLUDED?

Generally, the Class includes people and legal entities in Louisiana who, since January 1999, claim their crawfish crops were damaged by exposure to ICON, and who either: 1) bought ICON-treated seed for rice farming; 2) farmed crawfish, including those who did not buy rice seed themselves; or 3) participated in a crawfish farming sharecropping arrangement. Note that you are included if you claim that water from a rice field—"tailwater"—caused you crawfish losses downstream. Also, you're included if you leased your land to a crawfish farmer who had a loss. The detailed notice says exactly who is included.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

A \$45 million fund will be established by the successors to ICON's maker Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co., Inc., and their insurer, to be overseen by an independent "Special Master." A Settlement Agreement, available at the website or by calling toll free, describes all of the details about the proposed settlement. The Court did not decide that the defendants did anything wrong, but they agreed to resolve the case and give benefits to the Class. The settlement does not mean they admit any wrongdoing.

How MUCH COULD YOU GET?

If the settlement receives final Court approval, the Special Master will review claims from Class members and decide how to allocate the money to each valid claimant. The amount of each payment will be based in part on the total number of claims received, and possibly on the amount of land you owned or farmed crawfish on.

How DO YOU ASK FOR A PAYMENT?

Details about how to ask for a payment will be decided once the settlement receives final approval. If you would like to be notified about how to ask for a payment, fill out and send in the form below. If the settlement receives

final approval, a location will be set up where Class members can file their claims. The Special Master will decide exactly what you will need to provide to prove your claim and receive a payment.

WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER OPTIONS?

You may object to the settlement by **May 14, 2004**. The detailed notice explains how to object. The Court will hold a hearing on **May 17, 2004**, to consider whether to approve the settlement and a request by the lawyers representing the Class for attorneys' fees of up to 40% of the fund, plus costs of up to 8% of the fund, which would be deducted from the settlement fund. You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you don't have to. If the settlement is approved, all defendants, and other entities named in the detailed notice, will be released from all liability for the claims in the case—including claims for contaminated land—and you won't be able to sue them, or continue to sue them, for those claims. The Settlement Agreement and detailed notice explain this fully.

For more information on the case (*West, et al. v. G&H Seed Co. and Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co., Inc., et al.*, No. 99-C-4984-A), call toll free, visit the website, or write to Patrick C. Morrow, Attn: Crawfish Case, Morrow & Morrow, P.O. Drawer 1787, Opelousas, LA 70571.

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PRINCIPAL DOUG Welch, left, of Johnson Bayou High School accepts a sponsorship donation from Dennis Trahan, right, of Cameron Communication for the Region III-C Track Meet in Johnson Bayou.

Practice set

All confirmation candidates and their sponsors from Our Lady Star of the Sea, Sacred Heart of Jesus, and St. Eugene are reminded of practice this Monday April 19 starting at 6 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron. If you are unable to attend please notify the appropriate person from your church parish.

Hackberry Lil Dribblers team

Members of the Hackberry Little Dribblers 11 - 12 year old boys team are as follows:

Joseph Abshire, Drew Beard, Eddie Bird, Trace Buford, Thomas Ducote, Garrett Guidry, Logan LaBauve, Devan LaBove, Blaise Leonards II, Derek Pearson and Colin Reed.

Coaches are Jake Buford and Lancey Buford.

Leonards honored

Hackberry's Edie Leonards was named to the All Southwest Louisiana Small Schools basketball team as announced by the Lake Charles American Press. The team members come from Class 2A-Class C schools.

Leonards, who was the Class C championship game MVP, averaged 19.4 points per game with 8.4 rebounds and 4.2 assists.

Teammate Tobie Devall was named to the second team after missing all of district with a broken hand. Devall averaged 14.6 points per game.

Hackberry Lil Dribblers win State

The 13 - 14 Little Dribblers boys team from Hackberry recently won the state championship in a tournament held in Bell City. They were coached by Krystal LaBove.

Team members were Judd Addison, Ian Blue, Drew East, Mason Hicks, Aaron LaBove, Jacob LeJuine, Steven Miller, Austin Moore, Chris Spicer, Jr., Hunter Stansel and Dillon Thibodeaux.



Gone Fishin'

by LOSTON MCEVERS

FISHING REPORT

Our Easter weekend has passed. Although Friday was a good day, Mother Nature came along and said, "A little more winter time can't hurt."

A couple of 8 plus pound speckle trout were caught this past week on the north end of Calcasieu Lake. One took on a silver rattletraps and on a glow and chartreuse plastic bait on a quarter ounce lead head. The funny thing is, although caught in two different boats, these four buddies were together and were about 60 feet apart. Between the two boats, they had 32 trout weighing 2 to 4 pounds. What a trip!

Anglers are still catching small bass in the Big Burn, mostly on spinner bait, but anglers are doing good on white perch, goggle-eye and bream, using tube jigs and whole corn.

Lambert Bayou was producing some good redfish, and a few trout were also taken.

The redfish are up in the Mermentau River in Grand Chenier. Fish on bottom with chartreuse plastic baits on quarter ounce lead heads, and fresh shrimp.

Rockefeller Refuge are still producing bass and white perch, but anglers going to the small platform offshore loaded up with sand trout last week, using cut bait and shrimp.

SPECK AND REDFISH SHOOTOUT

The second annual Dynege Speck and Redfish Shootout will be held on Saturday, May 8. Fishing starts at daylight and weigh in from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crain Brothers Ranch Grounds. Categories are: biggest redfish, biggest speckle trout, and a trash category like gar, catfish, etc. Entry fee is \$25 per person.

There will be lots of onshore activities at the Crain Ranch starting at 10:30 a.m. A skeet shoot starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. in both adult and youth divisions.

Boiled crawfish, games, horseshoes, cow patty bingo, cake walk, door prizes, auctions, and many more activities will take place. No alcohol will be served.

This will be a benefit for Clifton "Bo Bo" Morris, who has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gherig's Disease).

For more information or to get an entry form, call April or Theresa at 569-2307 ext. 221 or 226.

There will also be live entertainment starting at 10:30 a.m. Run on down to Johnson Bayou and lend a helping hand.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB
The Lemesche Bass Club at their last meeting drew names for the Sunday, Apr. 25 club tournament to be fished

Sports Roundup

BASEBALL
Grand Lake 10, Centerville 0. Heath Romero struck out 9 batters while allowing only 1 hit as the Hornets easily dispatched Centerville in 5 innings. With the win Grand Lake (15-6, 7-0) clinches at least a share of the district 8B title. Top hitters were Eric McCombs, 2-3 with a double; Jake Medlock, 2-3 and 2 doubles; and Dustin Leger, 2-2 with a double.

SOFTBALL
Merryville, 8, South Cameron 3. This game was a completion of a game suspended by the rain earlier in the season. Amber Trahan and Laken Mock pitched for the Lady Tarpons. Top hitters were Cassandra Trahan, 1-2 with a homerun; Santana Conner, 1-3 with a homerun; and Mock, 2-3 with a double.

The win by Merryville forced a three way tie for first in district 5-1A with South Cameron and St. Ed. Merryville and South Cameron played Wednesday with the winner playing St. Ed today.

Permit sought

Elsewhere there is a legal notice being run by the La. Dept. of Environmental Quality concerning a permit being sought by Amerada Hess Corp., Cameron Offshore Support Base, seeking a draft water discharge permit.

The proposed facility is located at 631 Wakefield Road in Cameron.

The applicant proposes to discharge stormwater runoff from an existing offshore drilling production supply and support facility.

It has been determined that the discharge into the Calcasieu Ship Channel will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the waterbody. However, some change in existing water quality may occur.

Written comments on the proposed permit will be received by the DEQ until May 20, 2004. Information or comments can be found in the legal notice elsewhere in the Pilot.

Bids sought

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is a notice for bids being run by the Dept. of Natural Resources on the removal and disposal of underwater obstructions in Grand Lake and Calcasieu Lake in Cameron Parish.

(In this instance, Grand Lake is the large lake in the eastern part of Cameron Parish and is not the community located near Calcasieu Lake.)

Information on bidding can be found in the ad in the legal section.

J. Bayou egg hunt winners told

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4. There were 100 eggs hidden for each age division. Prizes were given for the most eggs and the prize egg. Winners were:

Walking - 23 months - Most eggs - Jasmine Leger, Caige Jinks; Prize egg - Gracie Young.

24 months - 35 months - Most eggs - Laikyn Trahan; Prize egg - Aly Boudreaux.

3 - 4 yrs. - Most eggs - 3 yrs. - Leah Ellender; 4 yrs. - Logan Badon; Prize egg - Ben Trahan.

5 - 6 yrs. - Most eggs - 5 yrs. - Alex Boudreaux; 6 yrs. - Daria Jinks; Prize egg - Kimberlyn Hebert.

7 - 8 yrs. - Most eggs - 7 yrs. - Blake Hebert; 8 yrs. - Morgan Leger; Prize egg - Colton Jinks.

9 yrs. - Most eggs - Marcus Fontenot; Prize egg - Blake Badon.

There will be skating for all ages on Sunday, April 18, from 3 - 5 p.m. All recreation center rules apply



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For More Information Call: Lion Penelope Richard at 775-8131, Lion Dinah Landry at 775-5655 or Lion Terry Hebert at 775-5449.

Funds used to purchase Eye Glasses, fund Lions Crippled Childrens Camp Activities, Leader Dog Program for the blind and fund Louisiana Eye Foundation Programs

— **RABIES CLINIC** —

The annual Cameron Parish Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats will be held Saturday, April 17th. The rabies vaccination fee is \$10.00 and includes tag and certificate. Vaccinations will be given at the following locations:

- Cameron Multi-Purpose Bldg.....1-2:30 p.m.
- Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Bldg.....1-2:30 p.m.
- Johnson Bayou Multi-Purpose Bldg.....1-2:30 p.m.
- Creole Multi-Purpose Bldg.....3-4:30 p.m.
- Grand Chenier Multi-Purpose Bldg.....3-4:30 p.m.
- Hackberry Multi-Purpose Bldg.....3-4:30 p.m.

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GARAGE SALE

HUGE 3 Family Yard Sale,
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Apartments. Appliances,
clothes all size. Anything you
need, we have. Saturday, April
17th, 8 a.m. til. No Early
Birds! 4/14p.

GARAGE SALE: Friday, 7
a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m.
noon, 160 Mallard Lane,
Grand Lake. Lots of like new
size 16 - 18 clothing, baby
items, variety of household
items. 4/14p.

SPRING CLEANING Sale,
Saturday, April 24th, at the
FaithShare Outreach in Sweet
Lake. This is our 25¢ Sale and
will be from 7 a.m. - noon. We
are located at 1827 Hwy. 384,
3 miles east of Grand Lake
School, (the building with the
red doors). Clothes, toys,
kitchen items and much,
much more. Rain or shine.
4/14-22p.

HELP WANTED

THE JOHNSON Bayou
Recreation Center will be tak-
ing applications for a mainte-
nance worker. Applications
may be picked up at J.B.R.C.
All applications must be
turned in by 6:00 p.m. May 4,
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contact Stacey Badon at 569-
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tude to all our family and
friends who assisted us during
the illness and death of our
loved one. Your spiritual love,
support, concern, prayers and
visits helped us cope during
our trying time. We would like
to thank Msgr. Melancon for
the moving rosary, the beauti-
ful mass and all the servers
who assisted at mass. We also
want to thank Dr. Craig
Broussard, Dubuis Hospital,
Hixon Funeral Home in Lake
Charles and Creole, also for
friends who sent food, flowers,
mass intentions and extended
their love and sympathy. We
will be forever grateful.
Loving Wife, Hazel;
Loving Daughter, Pamme

Secretary's Day

Administrative
Professionals (Secretary's) Day
is observed Wednesday, April
21 this year.

National Professional
Secretaries Week and National
Secretary's Day were created
in 1952 through the work of
Harry F. Klemfuss of Young
and Rubicam. His goal was to
encourage more women to
become secretaries. Using his
skill and experience in public
relations, Klemfuss, promoted
the values and importance of
the job of secretaries. In doing
so, he also created the holiday
in recognition of the impor-
tance of secretaries.

Today, the title is chang-
ing, but the recognition is
equally important. The com-
mon term today is
Administrative Professionals as
the role has generally
changed significantly since
1952, and for the better at that.



CAMERON ELEMENTARY and South Cameron Elementary School wrestlers who recently were winners at a wrestling meet in Sulphur were honored by the Cameron Parish School Board at its monthly meeting Monday. They are pictured with their coaches. (Photo courtesy of Cyndi Sellers)

Crime Roundup

Three separate accidents
resulted in cars in the ditch in
the same area of Hwy 27/82
Tuesday night. One driver
was transported to West Cal-
Cam Hospital. The curve near
AB Dock on the west side of
the Calcasieu River is known
to be dangerous, but three
accidents in one night are
unusual, deputies say. All

First sheriff remembered

**Cameron Pilot,
Jan. 8, 1970
By EDWARD C.
SWEENEY**

John W. Sweeney, Jr., on
Nov. 7, 1871 was elected the
first Sheriff of Cameron Parish,
which had been created by Act
No. 102 of 1870 and named in
honor of Simon Cameron, U.S.
Senator of Pennsylvania, and
former Secretary of War in the
Lincoln Cabinet.

There was a prior sheriff,
but he was appointed and
served only a few months.
Sweeney held this office for
two years. However, no records
of his tenure and discharge of
duties remains after a devas-
tating fire on the night of Feb.
26, 1874 had destroyed the
Parish Records.

During his incumbency, he
operated a general merchandis-
ing business in Cameron
(Leesburg), which he sold out in
full to S. P. Henry in 1873, who
with his wife, Harriette
McDonald, had come from
Ohio, and sojourned a while in
New Orleans.

Following his retirement as
Sheriff, and the sale of his gen-
eral merchandising business,
Sweeney, and his wife, Sarah
Ann Armstrong, moved to
Texas where they both
remained for the rest of their
days.

Most of their years were
spent in Sugarland, or Houston
vicinity. Sweeney died March
18, 1931.

Sweeney was born at Grand
Chenier on March 16, 1842
about a year after his parents,
John W. Sr. and Sarah Jane
Hickok Sweeney had taken up
residence on the Ridge on land
still in the Sweeney Family.

At that time Vermilion
Parish, with seat of govern-
ment at Abbeville, adminis-
tered the section of present
Cameron Parish east of the
Mermentau River.

Facts about Lupus

Lupus is an autoimmune dis-
ease in which the immune sys-
tem attacks healthy cells and
tissues instead of germs. This
disease can affect many parts of
the body, and some of the most
common symptoms are rashes,
swollen joints, fever, fatigue, or
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symptoms, who is affected,
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Pueblo, CO 81009. And visit
http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov to
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dreds of other FCIC publica-
tions for free.

— NOTICE —

**Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District
No. 1, will receive sealed bids prior to 3 p.m. on
Thursday, April 22, 2004, for the painting of the
exterior and the refurbishing of the interior of the
water tower. Bid packets and specifications may
be obtained by calling (337) 775-5660 between the
hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through
Friday. Bids may be delivered to the Waterworks
office located at 126 Ann Street in Cameron,
Louisiana or by mailing to P.O. Box 960,
Cameron, La. 70631.**

**For any engineering questions, you may contact
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RUN: April 1, 8, 15 (A-11)

Cameron - Possession of mari-
juana and CDS Schedule II.
Diane Maine, 37, Cameron -
Possession of marijuana and
CDS Schedule II. Jamie O.
Deshields, 21, Cameron -
Battery.

April 4 - Stephen J.
Fahlenkamp, 36, Lake Charles
- DWI. Wade J. Conner, 41,
Orange, TX - 2 counts Battery.
Wesley J. Crosstree, 55,
Cameron - Simple Battery.

April 7 - Brian K. Ross, 34,
Deville, LA - Simple Battery.
April 8 - Scott A. Wenzel,
42, Hackberry - DWI.

April 9 - Curtis Dale West,
32, Johnson's Bayou - Battery,
assault. Jessica A. Wesy, 26,
Johnson's Bayou - Battery. J.
E. LeBlanc, 57, Lake Arthur -
DWI. Andrew Welch, 51,
Lake Charles - DWI. Lawson
J. Primeaux, III, 21, Iota -
DWI.

April 10 - Lisa N. Temple,
21, Hackberry - Telephone
Harassment (warrant).
Renella Brasseaux, 39,
Crowley - DWI. William
Naese, Houston, Tex. - DWI.

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Heinz Squeeze Catsup.....24 Oz. 99¢
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Jalapeno Peppers.....12 Oz. 99¢
Parade Tomato Sauce.....8 Oz. \$1/00
Trappes Navy or Pinto Beans or Blackeye
Peas (Reg. or Jalapeno).....15 Oz. 2/89¢
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— JOB AD —

**CAMERON RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 6 is tak-
ing applications for summer help; lifeguards, con-
cession stand workers and maintenance worker.
You may apply at the Cameron Rec Center on
Tuesday - Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All appli-
cants who apply for these positions must be at
the Rec Center on April 21, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. and
will be interviewed at this time.**

RUN: April 1, 8 & 15 (A-2)

PUBLIC PIPELINE AWARENESS MEETING

You are cordially invited to
attend a public pipeline awareness
meeting to be held at the Creole
Community Center (Fire Station),
Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.
This is an informal meeting to educate
the public on the Louisiana One Call
system and the location of pipelines in
eastern Cameron Parish. Any ques-
tions or concerns you may have about
pipelines located on or near your
property will also be addressed.

Barbeque will be served and door
prizes will be given at the conclusion.

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