



THE HIBERNIA Bank branch is being demolished, with great difficulty, to make way for a modular building expected to arrive this week to house bank services for Cameron residents. The old building's supports and roof were made of reinforced concrete, built to withstand hurricanes. Demolition began last Saturday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Health Clinic is closed at hospital location

The Cameron Parish Primary Care Clinic located on the parking lot of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital at Creole was closed last Friday, according to Clifton Hebert, director of the Cameron Office of Emergency Preparedness.

He said the clinic, which had been operated by the U. S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, was closed due to a shortage of personnel.

The clinic had been operated by a nurse practitioner and was dealing primarily with injuries of residents and emergency workers doing cleanup work in the area.

However, medical service is still available at the Grand Lake Rural Health Clinic operated by the South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

Plans for rebuilding the hospital at Creole have not been announced.

Currently the only medical services available in lower Cameron parish are EMTs stationed there. Anyone needing serious emergency medical care should call 911.

For other needs, residents must travel to clinics in Grand Lake and Hackberry or to hospitals in Lake Charles, Sulphur or Port Arthur.



REP. Charles Boustany visited the Cheniere LNG plant site at Johnson Bayou and met with public officials at several locations in a swing around Cameron Parish on Wednesday.

Press conference set

A press conference to discuss plans for the National Hurricane Museum and Science Center will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, April 24 at the Lake Front Hotel in Lake Charles.

The Center was originally scheduled to be called the Audrey Museum and was to feature Hurricane Audrey which devastated Cameron Parish on June 27, 1957. With the event of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina last year, the scope of the museum is being

expanded to include these storms.

Location of the museum still has not been determined but it had been hoped that it would be in Cameron Parish since the parish suffered the greatest damage in both Audrey and Rita.

The Center and Museum are being made possible in part through funding awarded to the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road which is located almost entirely in Cameron Parish.

Dist. centers schedules

The Creole Point of Distribution will be open only on Sundays, from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., until further notice, the EOC announced this week.

The Cameron distribution center, operated by the Pastors Resource Council and Minvielle Outreach Ministries, is moving from the Pat's Restaurant parking lot to the empty lot next to the former Cameron Post Office. Local representative Kristi Mock is trying to get the storage pods moved to the new site this week. Distribution

will resume as soon as the move is completed, hopefully by the weekend. Patrons are asked to park in the Post Office parking lot or by the street when visiting the new site.

Notary exam

The notarial examination for Cameron Parish will be given Monday, June 12. Applications may be picked up at Jones Law Firm, 1409 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, during regular business hours and must be returned by Friday, May 5.

Branches closed

Cameron Parish Library Branches Grand Lake and Hackberry will be closed on Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26 for automation upgrade training. We will reopen on Thursday, April 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Parish job

Elsewhere in the Pilot is an advertisement for the new position of Cameron Parish Community Health Planner.

The person hired will coordinate the recovery and planning process for all health care providers in the parish.

Information on resumes and interviews can be found in the advertisement.



DEMOLITION continues at South Cameron High School in Creole. Most of the building is being removed to make way for a K - 12 school for students from Cameron, Creole and Grand Chenier. The gyms are being saved for use while the school is located in modular classrooms this fall. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



BARRY BADON and the Bayou Boys will play at the second annual Cameron Parish Festival Saturday, April 29 at the Crain Ranch at Johnson Bayou. The band will play from 1 - 2:30 and from 3 - 4:30 p.m. The festival is sponsored by the Cheniere Energy Company. Badon and the band are shown in action at the recent Railroad Festival in DeQuincy with the festival queens participating.

Cam. Par. Festival is Sat.

The second annual Cameron Parish Festival will be held Saturday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Crain's Ranch at Johnson Bayou.

The festival is sponsored by the Cheniere Energy Company and will feature

music, crawfish, hot dogs, hamburgers, cochon de lait, amusements for children and giveaways.

Barry Badon and the Bayou Boys will play from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Deep South Productions will provide a D. J. beginning

at 11 a.m. and during the intermission of the main band.

For more information call 569-2311.

Cheniere Energy is presently building the largest LNG receiving terminal in the United States on the Sabine River near Johnson Bayou. When completed the terminal will be able to transport 2.6 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas.

Meetings to be held on program

Two public information meetings will be held in Cameron Parish next week to inform citizens on the Hazardous Mitigation Grand Program, according to the Police Jury.

The first meeting will be at 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 26 at the Grand Lake Fireman's Center.

The second one will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 27 at the Hackberry Multi-Purpose building.

Homeowners who qualify may receive grants to retro fit their homes against wind and flood damage.

Strawberries are here

Cameron 4-H strawberries will be arriving as scheduled for Thursday, April 20. Scheduled pick up is at the Calcasieu LSU AgCenter near the Burton Coliseum from 4-6 p.m. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with our fundraiser.

Cameron Livestock Advisory Committee is scheduled to have a meeting Monday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Calcasieu LSU AgCenter. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Cameron 4-H Office at 562-8900.

Rodeo Club bake sale set

The South Cameron Rodeo Club will be selling baked goods Sunday, April 23 at Chesson's Grocery, Boone's Corner Convenience store and the Sweetlake Methodist Church. The sale at the stores will begin around 6 a.m., and at the church the sale will begin following worship services.

Proceeds from the sale are to assist members with the cost of attending the Louisiana High School State Finals rodeo in Gonzales in June.

Library is given books, bookmobile

The Cameron Parish Library System has received the donation of a bookmobile which will be placed in Johnson Bayou as soon as the books can be cataloged into the Library's new system.

The vehicle was brought from Baker County, Oregon on a flatbed trailer, a journey of nearly 3000 miles. It came loaded with books, magazines, video tapes and DVDs for Cameron Parish residents.

At 1:30 p.m., he was to meet with the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Ernie Broussard, Clifton Hebert and the West Cameron Port Board on the third floor of the Cameron Parish courthouse.

Shrimp boil

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will join with other area agencies and legislators in sponsoring the Southwest Louisiana Shrimp Boil Wednesday evening at the Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge.

Guests will include state legislators and other public officials.

New business

Another business has opened in lower Cameron Parish.

Mary and Wade Carroll Jr. have opened Carroll's Quik Stop Convenience and Grocery Store at the old Cam Tool location east of Cameron.

The store is open 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. Fuel is coming soon.

For information call 775-5070.

Grad edition

To place a graduate's picture and message in the Cameron Pilot's special graduation section send us the size and give us your message.

Ad sizes and prices are: 1 col. X 4" - \$22.50; 2 col. X 3" - \$33.50; other sizes also are available. Call for details.

Ads will be in the May 25 edition. Deadline to place ads is May 18 at noon.

'Thank you, Jennie!'

Dear Editor:

On your next visit through Cameron Parish please take the time to notice two places: the home of Jennifer Jones and the business of Jones Law Firm. By no means are these two places any worse than that of anyone else, but they lie dormant; no attention given to either place.

Most of us know the reason; that reason is why this letter is being written; far too late and far less than adequate in words.

Since Rita destroyed our homes, businesses, communities; in short, our lives, Jennie has worked tirelessly, endlessly in the recovery efforts for all of us. She has continuously fought with our insurance companies, all without pay. She has worked diligently trying to restore

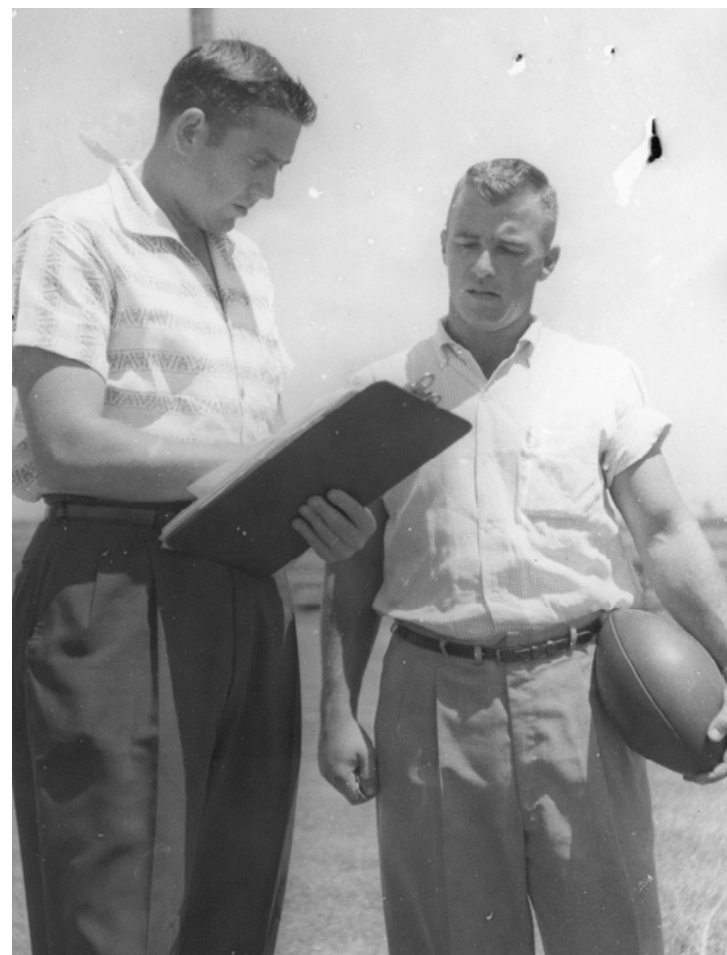
our hospital system.

She has spent unknown time with local, state and federal officials in an attempt to get some sort of relief on these ridiculous building codes.

Quite simply, Jennie is exhausting herself trying to regain our lives, while putting hers on hold. I know that I am not alone in expressing my deep gratitude to her, publicly and by these means. I also know that she will be the first to name all those at her side helping in this trying task; I won't, as I am afraid I might omit someone.

So, Jennie, thanks to you and those behind you for all you're doing for us - Cameron Parish.

/s/Geraldine LaBove
Cameron



DO YOU REMEMBER? This picture taken nearly 50 years ago shows Alton McGee, South Cameron High's first football coach, conferring with Sonny McCall, assistant coach. McGee is now deceased. McCall, who later became the Cameron Parish School Superintendent, is now retired. The Tarpons played 11-man football for the first time in 1956. McCall joined the coaching staff at a later date.

FUNERALS

EVIOLA ANDRUS

Eviola Andrus, 76, died Friday, April 14, 2006, in a area care center.

She had lived in the Hackberry area most of her life and attended St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons Harold J. Soileau and his wife Elizabeth of Hackberry, and Curtis Dale Andrus and his wife Ernestine of Sulphur; three daughters Geneva Nunez and husband Perry of Creole, Sherry Humphery of Westlake, and Katie Richard and her husband Preston of Hackberry; one brother Leland LaBove of Sulphur; 14 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Andrus.

Her funeral was held Monday, April 17, in Hixson Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery in Carlyss.

KEITH W. DUGGAN

Keith W. Duggan, 50, died Friday, April 7, 2006, in Golden Meadows.

He was a native of Oliver Springs, Tenn. and had lived in the Lafayette-Sweetlake area for 25 years. He was a Navy veteran. He was human relations manager for Abdon Callais Offshore. He had worked in the marine industry for 27 years and was a licensed 1,600-ton vessel master and a member of the NRA. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Theriot Duggan; his mother, Betty Goins of Clifford, Mich.; father and mother-in-law, Fredman and Ethel Theriot of Creole-Sweetlake; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ron and Sharon Vincent of Sweetlake; one brother, Michael Duggan of Harrison, Tenn.; three step-brothers, Scott Goins, Steve

Goins and Jessie Goins, all of Clifford; and three sisters, Deborah Duggan Moates of Harrison, Delinda Duggan of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mildred Phillips, of Lapeer, Mich. He was preceded in death by his biological father, Clethus Phillips, and sister, Madree Duggan Singley.

His funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, from St. Patrick Catholic Church of Sweetlake. Monsignor T. L. Herlong officiated. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Creole under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. (Paid memorial)

WILLIAM CURTIS ROUX

The funeral for William Curtis Roux, 89, of Sulphur was held Monday, April 17, in Robison Funeral Home, with Deacon Johnny Mounce officiating. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery.

Mr. Roux died Friday, April 14, 2006, in Sulphur. He was a native of Cameron and longtime resident of Sulphur. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He worked as a product clerk for Union Oil for many years until he retired in 1986. He was a member of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Emilie Meyers Roux of Sulphur; one son, Conan Roux of Sulphur; three step-sons, Russel Billiot and wife Cathy of Thibodeaux, Phillip Billiot and wife Colleen of Bundick and Raymond Billiot and wife Merryl of Carlyss; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



Seminar to be held by hospital

West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital is hosting a community seminar highlighting the benefits of computer assisted navigation for joint replacement. The innovative new surgical system offers many benefits compared to traditional joint replacement surgery including enhanced precision, smaller incisions, improved joint stability and shorter hospital stays.

Guest speakers at the seminar will be orthopedic surgeons John Noble, Jr., MD, and Geoffrey Collins, MD. Dr. Noble will discuss hip pain and hip replacement surgery and Dr. Collins will discuss knee pain and knee replacement surgery.

The seminar will take place on Tuesday, April 25 at 6 p.m. in the hospital's East Conference Room. The event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested by calling 527-4241.

Hackberry teacher gets wardrobe

Hackberry High School teacher Rebekah LaBove was chosen to be a recipient of a 10-piece wardrobe compliments of the Houston "Just Between Friends" Weekenders unit.

Weekends is a company that furnishes catalog clothing through independent sales coordinators at home parties.

Weekenders Southwest Louisiana Independent Coordinator Ginger Eddy of Sulphur who is part of the Houston unit, was inspired to help local women affected by Hurricane Rita after she heard what some California coordinators were doing to help women in the Gulfport, Miss. area.

Volunteers needed

Camp Cameron, a FEMA operated camp, is inviting volunteers ages 18 and older to help clean and rebuild damaged property damaged in Cameron Parish by Hurricane Rita.

Volunteers can be housed at the camp during their stay. For more information contact Julie Burleigh at 775-7770.

Crawfish Fest.

Harbor Lights' second annual Crawfish Festival will be held at the restaurant in Big Lake Saturday, April 29 from 5 to 11 p.m.

Music will be by Midnight Special. Crawfish and oyster dishes will be served.

For more information call 598-4897, 489-4313, 274-9572 or 661-0042.



THIS NEW HOUSE on Trosclair Road is being built by Chuck McDaniel. The flower bed with statues was done before Easter. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Where are they now?

By NELL COLLIGAN
NO. 23, APRIL 20, 2006

In early December, Nina Mae LeBoeuf sent some news to me about the whereabouts of several Cameron families. Nina Mae lost her home in the storm, but in her letter, she commented that she was hoping some of her plants would come back in the spring. Now, whenever I work in my yard and see all the plants beginning to bud out and bloom, I wonder to myself if any of Nina Mae's plants made it to spring. My sincere wish is that some of you, who have lost your homes, may at least see something blooming when you visit your property. Somehow, a blooming plant signifies hope for the future, and that the world is moving along in its normal way.

Pastor and wife to be honored

Sunday, April 30, the Johnson Bayou Baptist Church will host a farewell and retirement dinner for their pastor and his wife, Rev. Les and Joyce Fogelman.

Church services will be held at 10 a.m. with dinner following at 11:30 a.m.

FEMA tells trailer rules

After the hurricanes, FEMA provided tens of thousands of travel trailers as temporary housing for Louisianans.

Although the trailers are federal property, damage or neglect by tenants is not allowed.

Everyone in a travel trailer signed the agreement to care for this temporary home. Tenants must remember that if these rules are broken, families may be evicted.

H'berry clinic updating records

The Hackberry Family Dentistry clinic is currently updating their records for the upcoming re-opening of the Hackberry office.

If you are a patient and have not received a letter from them, please contact them to give them your new address information. Their number is 439-2111.

JORDAN AUBEY'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON

Jordan Aubey has been nominated and asked to attend the People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. in the spring of 2007.

The Forum helps prepare the world's most promising young people for future opportunities and responsibilities. Jordan will join other outstanding eighth grade students from around the globe to learn, be challenged, and earn academic credit while exploring the most prominent monuments of the United States. From Capital Hill to Colonial Williamsburg, he will go where history is being made and recorded.

Jordan is a student at St. Margaret's Catholic School in Lake Charles. His parents, Buddy and Beth (Aubey) Cruickshank, former residents of Cameron now live in Carlyss. Jordan's grandparents are Buddy and Dursilla (Hebert) Aubey. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Ruby Hebert.

What an opportunity for an outstanding young man! Congratulations, Jordan.

Please send your news to: 302 Trailwood Lane; Lafayette, La. 70508. Phone: 337-988-5395. nnadc67@aol.com

Lunch menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning April 24 are as follows:

Monday, April 24 - Chili dog, chili sauce, carrots, apple/orange wedges, royal brownies, chocolate glaze, hot dog bun.

Tuesday, April 25 - Chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread, wheat sliced bread, salad dressing.

Wednesday, April 26 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, chilled pear halves, brown gravy, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls.

Thursday, April 27 - Baked chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, fresh fruit cup, brown gravy, wheat biscuits.

Friday, April 28 - Sloppy joes, corn on cob, oven fries, oatmeal cookies, catsup, hamburger bun.

All meals are served with milk.



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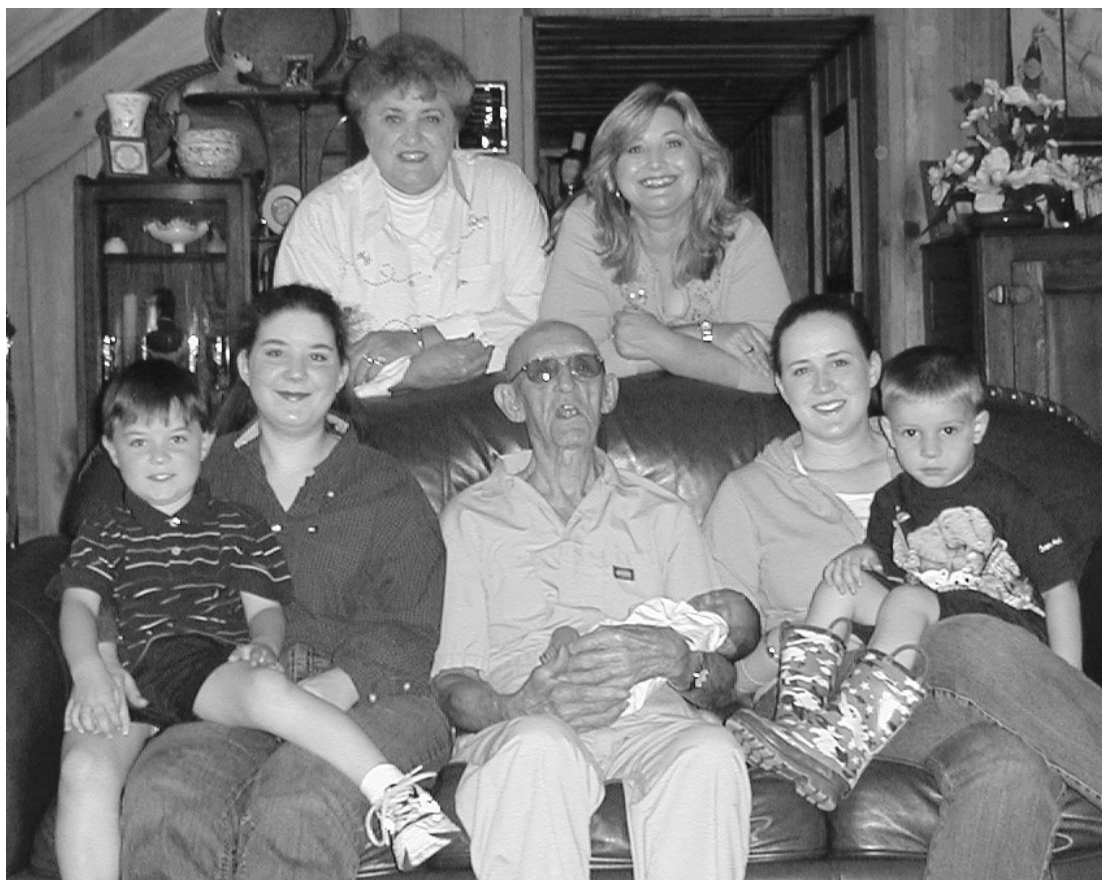
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A WILLET RESTS on the east Cameron jetty as a seagull flies by. The calmness of the scene and relaxing sound of the water can be very soothing to hurricane-stressed residents. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



PICTURED ABOVE is Eugene Theriot holding his great-great-grandson Lawton Bertrand, who was born two days after Mr. Theriot's 96th birthday. The five generations are: (seated, from left) Kyle Wheeler, great-great-grandson; Amanda Wheeler, great-granddaughter; Mr. Theriot; Lawton Bertrand; Lacey Bertrand, great-granddaughter; Logan Bertrand, great-great-grandson; (standing) Annette Brown, daughter; and Lisa Royer, granddaughter. Mr. Theriot is a native of Chenier Perdue.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Cameron Pilot, April 19, 1973.

SMITH WILL RETIRE

W. R. Smith, Cameron Parish School Superintendent for the past two years, announced at the school board's monthly meeting Monday that he will retire effective June 30.

Smith said he is retiring because of serious illness in his family and not because the board had asked him to retire. His wife, Betty, who has been employed in the school board office for the past 18 1/2 years, has been seriously ill in recent months. She also submitted her resignation effective at the same time.

Supt. Smith, who has been associated with the Cameron Parish schools for nearly 20 years as a teacher, principal, supervisor and superintendent, said he plans to retire to his home at Grand Chenier to be with his family, hunt, garden and take care of his cattle.

THEY MET COLONEL

Cathy Greathouse of Grand Lake and Phillip Lowery of Hackberry presented a unique poultry specimen to Colonel Harland Sanders, 82, of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame in appreciation of his participation in the 1973 Junior Poultry & Egg Fact Finding Conference on

April 12, in New Orleans.

Miss Greathouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Greathouse, Grand Lake, and Phillip, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lowery, Hackberry, were two of 51 youngsters nationwide selected to attend the conference on the basis of outstanding achievement in poultry-related projects.

PIPELINE TO BE ENLARGED HERE

Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America, transmission subsidiary of People Gas Company, has requested Federal Power Commission authority to add 72 miles of large-diameter pipeline to its Gulf Coast system to handle additional volumes of gas being developed in areas offshore Louisiana.

The project, estimated at \$19 million, is contingent on FPC approval of the previously proposed 300-mile Stingray pipeline that would attach new supplies being developed in the Gulf of Mexico.

The proposed 72-mile onshore addition to Natural's system includes construction of 30-inch diameter pipe in Cameron Parish and in Liberty and Jefferson counties, Tex., paralleling a portion of the company's existing line that extends into gas supply areas along the Gulf Coast.

TOUR POST OFFICE

The Hackberry kindergarten made a tour of the Hackberry Post Office in March. They were studying a unit Community Helpers.

Those on the tour were: Kim LeBlanc, Dana Toups, Roy Trahan, Glen Perrodin, Shawn LaBove, Kelli Wilson, Marla Landry, Wilson East, Theresa Jinks, Patricia Martin, Vince Holden, Anita Walther, Jackie Gray, Carol Kibodeaux and postal clerk Mrs. J. N. Mickelwait. Their teacher is Miss Lana Andrews.

SPRING IS BEAUTIFUL

By ELORA MONTIE

What a beautiful time of year as each springtime we witness the miracle of nature. Here at the Chenier, nature seems to be in full bloom, with various flowers such as buttercups, lilies, iris and others, as well as the trees, which have put out their bright new leaves. The farmers and gardeners are preparing their soil for planting of new crops. Spring is truly a time of growth.

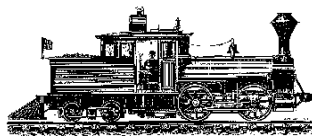
PARISH FOLKLORE TOLD

Mrs. Bernice Stewart, writer and historian of Lake Arthur, spoke to the quarterly meeting of the Cameron

Parish Historical and Genealogical Society which met last week, on Cameron Parish Folklore. She was introduced by Mrs. Conway LeBleu.

Mrs. Mayo Cain from the Klondike-Lowery area of the parish had on display articles of clothing belonging to her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Demonsthenes Vincent. Mr. Vincent was the son of the first settler in that part of the parish. Included in the display was Mr. Vincent's wedding shirt worn on his wedding day in the late 1840's.

There was also a collar worn by him around 1860. She related that he had to have two dozen of these collars at one time. While one dozen was being sent to New Orleans to be laundered and starched he was wearing the other dozen. These could not be laundered properly at home.



Playoffs have begun

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The defending Class B champion Grand Lake Lady Hornets began their quest for a second title on Tuesday in the bi-district round of the playoffs. The Lady Hornets, the District 7 Champions, played host to Pitkin, a wildcard entry into the playoffs.

The District 5-1A runner-up South Cameron Lady

Tarpons hosted Block in the bi-district round of the playoffs on Tuesday.

The girls' state tournament will be held at Frasch Park in Sulphur on April 28-29.







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THE SOUTH CAMERON Tarpon statue can be seen in the midst of the piles of steel coming from the demolition of the school. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Area Baseball & Softball Roundup

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BASEBALL
Grand Lake 31, Lacassine 0 - Ryan Monceaux and Hunter Leger threw for the Hornets. Grand Lake pounded out 29 base hits. Top hitters were Heath Romero, 4-4 with 2 doubles; Jordan Precht, 4-5; Monceaux, 3-3; and Levi Stevenson, 3-5.

Hackberry 16, Starks 8 - Ian Blue and Nick Moore threw for the Mustangs. Top hitters were Jay Sanner, 3-5 with a RBI; Tyler Dydasco, 3-5 with a homeruns and 3 RBIs; Blue, 1-4 with 2 RBIs; Kip Buford, 3-4 with a double and RBI.

Grand Lake 8, Bell City 0 - Heath Romero went the distance for the Hornets. Top hitters were Adam Precht, 3-3; Jace Hebert, 3-4 with a double; and Ryan Monceaux, 3-4 with a triple.

SOFTBALL
Grand Lake 2, Starks 0 - Lakeyn Duhon struck out 13 Lady Panther batters and gave up 2 hits in the game. Top hitters for the Lady Hornets were Brandy Carroll, 1-4 with 1 RBI; Haley Pesson, 2-3; Amber Trahan, 1-3 and 1 RBI.

South Cameron 8, Oberlin 0 - Laken Mock went the distance for the Lady Tarpons. Top hitters were Christian McCall, 2-4 with a double and 2 RBIs; Mock, 1-3 with a triple and RBI; Haley McCall, 1-3; Blair Belanger, 1-2 with a RBI; Haley Willis, 1-2 with a double and RBI. The Lady Tarpons finish district in second place.

Grand Lake 12, Bell City 0 - C'Rissa Morales threw for the Lady Hornets, giving up only 2 hits. Top hitters for Grand Lake were Brandy Carroll, 2-5 with a double, triple, and RBI; Morales, 2-5.

Starks 14, Johnson Bayou 0 - Chelsey Leger pitched for the Lady Rebels. Gaylin Trahan and Chelsey Leger had the only base hits.

South Cameron High School News

SOFTBALL NEWS

On Tuesday the Lady Tarpons hosted Block at Frasch Park in Sulphur.

Lady Tarpons 8, Block 0 - Laken Mock struck out 15 batters. D'Nae 1-4, Double; Meaghan 1-3, Double, 2 RBIs.

Lady Tarpon Softball team will travel to New Roads to play Catholic - PC on Friday, April 21. The game will begin at 5 p.m.

SENIOR NEWS

Global Industries will be here to meet with SCHS seniors on Tuesday, April 25 at 8:45 a.m.

The following scholarship applications can be picked up in Mr. Broussard's office: VASTAR, Computer One and Lions Club. The VASTAR and Computer One scholarships are for students majoring in Science and Science related fields.

4-H NEWS
 Strawberry orders can be picked up at the LSU AgCenter in Lake Charles beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
 April 20 - Strawberry orders LSU AgCenter 4 p.m.
 April 21 - Softball SCHS vs Catholic PC (New Roads).
 April 26 - Regional Track Meet (Welsh).
 April 29 - SCHS Prom at Treasures of Marilyn.



S. C. girls in regionals

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The South Cameron Lady Tarpons cruised past Block 8-0 in a bi-regional matchup at Frasch Park. Lakeyn Mock threw for South Cameron giving up no hits.

South Cameron had only two hits, but took advantage of 12 errors by the Lady Bears.

Meagan Trahan had a double and 2 RBIs and D'Nae Desonier had a double.

South Cameron will travel to Catholic Point Coupee in the regionals.

Lady Hornets in playoffs

Class B champions Grand Lake hosted Pitkin in the opening round of the state softball playoffs. The Lady Hornets took the contest 4-0. Lakeyn Duhon went the distance giving up four hits. She was 2-2 at the plate with a homerun and 2 RBIs.

Marlene Lavergne and Tressa Theriot went 2-3.

The Lady Hornets will travel to Kilbourne for the regional round later this week.

American Legion heads drive against ACLU

The American Legion nationwide has launched a petition drive asking congress to close a legal loophole that allows the American Civil Liberties Union to collect millions of tax dollars after filing suits against religious symbols, including veterans memorials.

The American Legion in Cameron is assisting in this effort. "Our objective is to let everyone in our area know about this loophole in the law that can be fixed if we all act now," said Richard Bros. American Legion Post 176 (Cameron) Commander, Vernon Primeaux. "A bill now in Congress will prevent the ACLU and other organizations from preying on public officials and citizens who publicly express their religions faith."

The Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005 is pending in Congress. Commander Primeaux urges everyone to call Congressman Charles W.

Boustany, Jr. and urge him to co-sponsor and vote for the bill which would free state and local officials from the fear of extortion-like threats of lawsuits for monetary damages and attorneys' fees arising from a public officials' expression of religion.

Nationally, the American Legion is lobbying to pass the bill following several suits filed by the ACLU against veteran's memorials and the Boy Scouts of America. American Legion National Commander, Thomas L. Bock believes that when the law is corrected and the incentive of taxpayer awards to the ACLU are cut off, the number of frivolous suits against American values will be stopped or seriously decreased.

"Unless we are successful, no religious symbol will be safe including the crosses and Stars of David that mark the final resting place of our World War II heroes at Normandy," Bock said.



PILES OF DEBRIS have accumulated as the South Cameron High School is demolished to make way for a K - 12 school. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Blazin' Bikes to be held during Contraband Days

Lake Charles' Contraband Days Pirate Festival is one of the largest festivals in the state of Louisiana featuring concerts, carnival rides, parades and fireworks.

Back by popular demand, the Blazin' Bikes motorcycle rally will blaze trails during the 3rd annual Blazin' Bikes Rally held in the lake area Friday - Saturday, May 12-13.

The self-guided tour winds through the North Piney Woods with a visit to the Louisiana Railroad Days Museum in DeQuincy and the in-town sponsor biker bingo.

Bikers will experience the legendary entertainment of Contraband Days, with ZuZu Mudd "Tribute to ZZ Top," Judd Bares & Brimstone, the Kadillacs, Richard Leboeuf & Two Step, Rockin Doopsie and more at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

A bike show with five divisions will be held on Saturday.

Registration fees for the driver and passenger are \$25 each. Saturday only registration fee is \$20 each and does not include the full registration packet. Registration for the bike show is \$10. Proceeds from the rally as a whole will benefit three lake

area charities, including the Greater Lake Charles Rotary Club, the Calcasieu Women's Shelter, and the Southwest Louisiana Autism Chapter.

Registration forms are available online at www.blazinbikesinlakecharles.com.

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



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Debris removal in Holly Beach has been going on for a couple of weeks and things are looking much better. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE FRONT ROW of camps at Holly Beach is still a series of holes studded with pilings. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



I made another trip to Lacassine Refuge with my son-in-law, Travis Broussard. The pool is really getting bad. The trails are shallow and not much water left in the marsh. Vegetation is tall and lots of places there is no water. We did manage to catch a few bass, but couldn't hook the "Big Ones", although we saw a couple of large bass.

I also saw some large mullets and large choupique, we got on a bed of large bream and goggle-eyes and watching these fish work is really amazing. If we don't get rain soon, it'll be almost impossible to fish the pool, maybe a couple of small canals, but that'll be it.

I talked with Vickie at Boone's Corner and she caught her first bass last week, which was a 2 1/2 pounder. I asked her the next day if she was a full fledged fisherman and she said yes and I asked her again how much that bass weighed and she said 2 1/2 pounds. Then I told her if it wasn't 3 1/2 pounds a day later after catching, she still had lots to go cause it don't take but one day for a good bass fisherman to stretch a little and add a pound or two.

I had an old fishing buddy of mine, Lynex Richard and we both had camps in Lowery at Gary's. When we came in and they asked what we caught, he said a whole lot. I knew better so one day I asked him why he'd lie about what we caught and he said I didn't lie. If you catch one, that's one, two is a couple, three is a few, four a bunch, but five is a "whole lot."

I'm planning a Toledo Bend trip this week, I hope to have some good reports.

DEER TAGS

It seems the house defeated the bill to buy extra deer tags, that was to be used to raise money for the State Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. Votes were 52-31. I think the bill to raise license fees was pulled, as there was too much opposition. However, you never know what will take place before the session ends.

This is sort of like WalMart announcing cuts in 1000 stores on firearms. These folks have always catered to hunting and fishing supplies.

CALCASIEU LAKE

I was getting boat gas last week and I talked to a sports fisherman and he's been ripping off the flounders on the lake fishing the east bank going south. He's using the small specks rig, tipped with shrimp. These are real nice flounders. There is no better eating than a good stuffed flounder with crab meat and shrimp or fried flounder.

Anglers, if you fish the CCA's S.T.A.R. tournament it's time to enter as this begins next month.

The CCA's Lake Charles banquet is Thursday, May 4 at Burton Coliseum. There will be live auctions, raffles, silent auctions, dinner and much more. Call George Paret at 477-6773.

BOATING

Have you ever wondered what state has the most registered recreational boats. The

National Marine Manufacturers Association keeps tabs on these sort of things. The latest figures released in January 2006, was Florida is No. 1, 946,072 registered boats. Number 2 is Michigan 944,800, California fell from No. 1 to No. 3 with 894,884. Rounding out the top ten is Minnesota 853,448, Texas 616,779, Wisconsin, 605,467, New York 519,066, Ohio 414,938, South Carolina 397,458 and Illinois 393,856. Nationwide there was 12 million recreational boats registered in 2004, down only About 0.1 percent from 2003, I really don't know Louisiana ranks, but the Great Lakes region has really moved up.

These numbers are important in getting federal funds to states annually. This money is used for conservation of habitat, fisheries, restoration, fishing and boating docks, piers and boat ramps and also for education and safety programs for anglers and boaters.

THE GAR

Garfish, a mean fighting fish use to be heavily populated in our parish, but now there's still some around, but not many anglers trying to catch them. It takes a good steel leader, heavy line and a large chunk of meat to catch one. I've fished them in the old Amoco Field in Grand Chenier (closed now), and that's good eating, whether fried, boulettes, patties, barbecue, or a sauce piquant. I've often heard the older folks, that they have caught them up to 12 feet long.

One of the biggest in

weight caught on a hook was a 356 pounder measuring eight foot five inches, caught in 1931 on Horseshoe Lake in Arkansas. The world record on rod and reel is 279 pounds caught in 1951 on the the Texas Rio Grande River.

Vermilion Parish had one caught on a hook weighing 300 pounds measuring 9 ft. 8.5 inches.

The research groups that are always telling us how bad mercury is in fish, like bass, catfish, king mackerel, barracuda, bonito and ling, especially in Louisiana and Florida, needs to tackle one of these large alligator garfish and let us know how high the concentration of mercury they have in their meat. There's another 10 or so species including black drum and

Garlic mashed potatoes

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cooking Time: 20-30 minutes
Yield: 8 servings (3/4 cup each)

3 pounds potatoes, peeled, cut into large chunks
1 teaspoon garlic powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
1-1/2 cups low-fat milk, warmed
No-stick cooking spray
paprika, parsley, watercress or chives, (optional)

Place potatoes in large saucepan; add enough water to cover potatoes. Bring to a

other offshore fish that they are taking samples of.

boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover. Simmer 20 to 25 minutes, or until potatoes are tender.

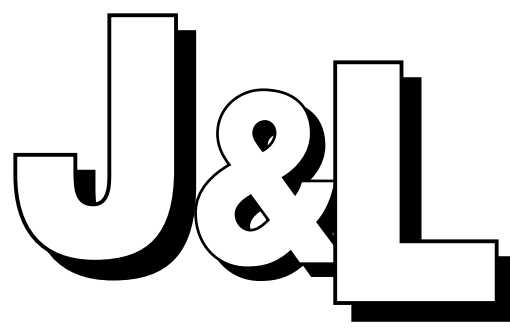
Drain potatoes; return to same saucepan. Sprinkle with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Mash potatoes with electric mixer or hand masher until creamy, gradually adding milk and mixing until well blended after each addition. Spray potatoes evenly with cooking spray; stir until well blended.

Spoon into serving bowl. Garnish with paprika, parsley, watercress or chives, if desired.

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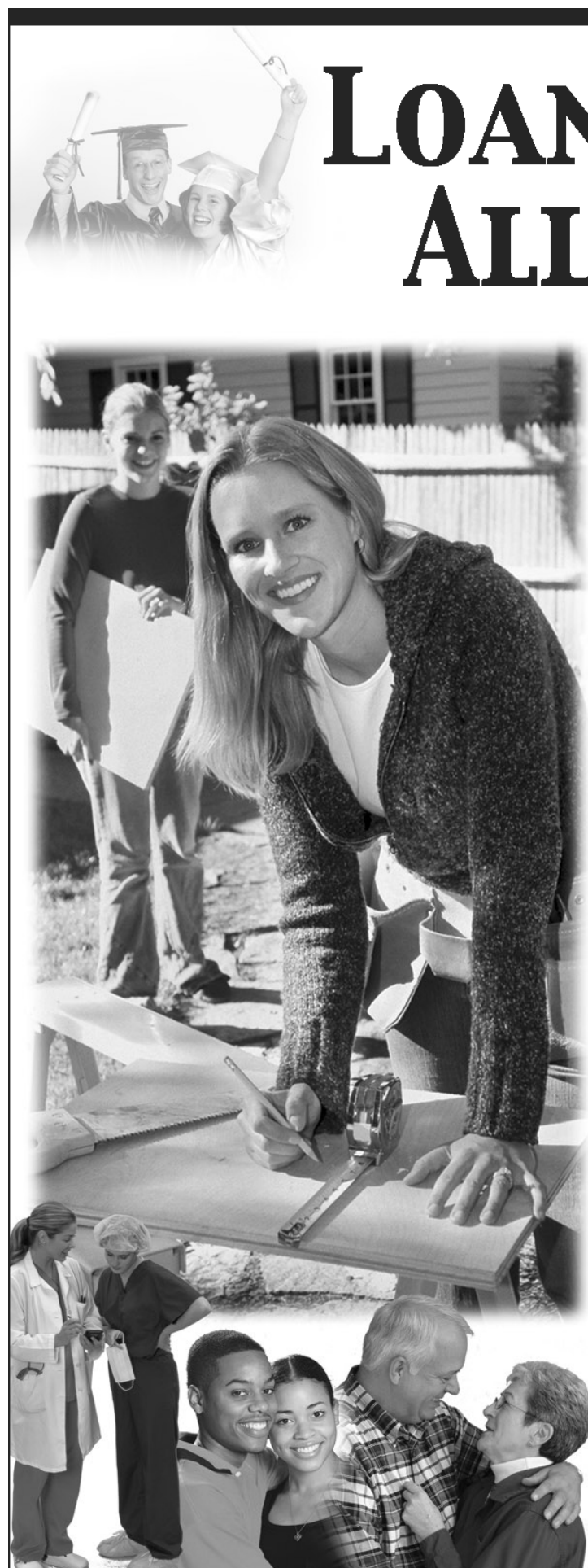
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Wildlife Dept. will stock bass in storm hit area

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Inland Fisheries Division will begin stocking hurricane-impacted waterways this month as part of the department's Operation Jumpstart.

Inland Fisheries staff has targeted areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita as the highest priority in the division's annual fish stocking program. Katrina created massive fish kills in the southeastern part of the state by raising salinity levels and churning up decaying vegetation that deprived many water bodies of oxygen.

LDWF biologists and technicians will stock Phase 1 Florida largemouth bass that are one inch in length and produced by LDWF's Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery, south of Alexandria. These fish are expected to grow to eight inches after their first year and 11 to 12 inches in year two.

"Our personnel have been assessing the impacted areas to ensure that the water bodies can sustain a largemouth bass population," LDWF Inland Fisheries Biologist Program Manager Joey Shepard said. "We look at salinity levels, water quality and the food source for the largemouth bass to help us decide if a water body is ready

for a bass stocking."

Most Hurricane Rita damaged water bodies in the southwest part of the state still have not returned to pre-storm conditions that would support a bass stocking effort. The exception, at this time, is the Calcasieu River which will be among the first rivers stocked during Operation Jumpstart. Rivers recover more quickly than lakes because they have a continuous flow, which removes salinity improves oxygen levels faster.

"We have not overlooked any area that needs more fish, but some areas received less damage and recover quicker than others," Shepard said. "We don't want to stock bass in an area where they have little to no chance of survival at this time when we have other areas that are ready and in need."

LDWF has scheduled 63 initial bass stockings statewide this spring and requested over 6.3 million bass from the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery. Once the hurricane impacted areas receive their fish stock, LDWF will complete the annual program goals state wide. The Louisiana Bass Federation and the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs will assist with the stockings.

Legislators are studying plan on pet evacuations

(SOUTHWEST DAILY NEWS)

Creating a plan to rescue dogs, cats and other pets from hurricanes would also help prevent the loss of human life in storms. Senate panel agreed on Tuesday although its unclear how the state would pay for such a plan.

The committee passed a bill by Sen. Heulette Fontenot that would require creation of identification tags for pets, so they can be reunited with owners if they're separated during an evacuation.

It would also create a requirement that blind people be allowed to evacuate with

their seeing-eye dogs, and force the state to identify suitable animal shelters near shelters expected to house evacuated people.

No one spoke in opposition to the bill, but several senators said it was vague on a key issue: how to pay for it.

"I think we need to pinpoint what the hard costs are, to prepare ourselves to do this," said Sen. Jay Dardenne, R-Baton Rouge.

The state agriculture department said it would cost about \$2 million to tag animals and set up and run the database with information about each pet. Part of that cost could be borne by private

LDWF has new website

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) recently unveiled the agency's newly re-designed website at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting. The new site still has the same www.wlf.louisiana.gov address, but will feature a more user-friendly interface, fresh look and faster file accessibility.

"The department is very excited about the capabilities of the new site to more easily deliver the vast amount of information we provide to the public," said LDWF Secretary Dwight Landreneau.

The new site design features easy to navigate drop-down menu bars at the top of each page. The categories in the menu bars are organized by outdoor activity or interest, instead of by LDWF division. The site will also prominently display upcoming event information and public meeting announcements with a calendar file link accessing monthly calendar information for advance planning.

"We approached the new page design from the perspective of the general public, so there is no need to be familiar with LDWF's organizational structure," said Jennifer Hannie, LDWF's website administrator.

Additional features include a License Wizard that can determine the correct licenses people will need for their specific outdoor activities. The public will also be able to subscribe to the department's online newsletter containing current LDWF news.

For LDWF's lesser-known programs such as pond management or landowner assistance, a new Public Services section makes program information readily accessible. Site content will also be updated more frequently.

animal groups that support the measure.

The committee passed the measure without objection after hearing testimony in support from senators, animal groups and pet owners who recounted sad tales from Katrina about being separated from the pets.



TIS LARGE machine is shown cleaning debris out of roadside ditches at Holly Beach. this coastal community was wiped out by Hurricane Rita but some mobile homes are being moved in.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers)

Creole Nature Trail to be featured by U-Haul trucks

"What is underneath that big veil?" That is the question that is going to be asked by many attending the Contraband Days Pirate Festival, during the festivities on Saturday, May 13. The answer is a U-Haul truck, well, not just any U-Haul truck. This one is special.

U-Haul traditionally features the best-kept secrets in tourism of any given state each year, and the chosen attraction is rewarded with a generous amount of free publicity on the sides of U-Haul trucks throughout the nation. This year, the U-Haul company chose Louisiana as its state to showcase, and the super graphic displayed on 600 new trucks around the nation will be wildlife along the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road.

The unveiling of the U-Haul super graphic will be on Saturday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m. on Bord du Lac Drive, near the amphitheatre. Keith Mills, president of the U-Haul Company of Northern Louisiana will speak.

Camp for fathers and children is planned

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is offering a Families Understanding Nature (FUN) camp for fathers and their children over the May 19-21 weekend at Woodworth Outdoor Education Center, just south of Alexandria.

FUN camps offer parents and their children an opportunity to spend the weekend enjoying the outdoors, while learning skills and strengthening their family bonds. Professional instructors will help campers feel more comfortable in the outdoors by teaching them about canoeing, camping, rifle and shotgun shooting, archery and fishing.

All participants will arrive Friday evening and stay through noon Sunday. On Saturday night families will cook their own supper and on Sunday morning cook their own breakfast. Instructors will guide campers in setting up camps, building a campfire, cooking and cleaning up.

All tents, cooking, shooting and fishing gear, and safety equipment will be provided.

Children must be between 10 and 13 years old. Applications must be received by May 5 and accompanied with a \$50 check for each adult with one child and a \$25 check for each additional child made out to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The fee includes program activities, materials, meals, lodging and adult and child T-shirts. Applications can be obtained by calling Mike Burns at 318-484-2212 or by downloading it from the LDWF Web site at www.wlf.louisiana.gov under the "Education/Research" drop down menu at the top of the screen.

This popular camp fills quickly, so families interested in participating are encouraged to register soon.



ELEVATION

LRA \$150,000.00 Commentary Update

Here is the real truth behind the fantasy \$150,000 LRA Homeowner Assistance. This is the "nothing" that the Cameron Parish Police Jury "traded" in exchange for raising FEMA elevation restrictions two weeks ago. The full LRA document is online at http://www.lra.louisiana.gov/assets/ActionPlanAmendment_Housing_FINAL.pdf Pay close attention to Sections 2.2 and 2.3 on pages 7-11.

Here are the LRA highlights...

This is a voluntary program, but not useful at all for any residents who live in the FEMA/NFIP flood zone. Cameron Parish has been sold out again! What happened to due process and public input/comment? Where are all the other silent but angry residents who need to speak up now? Take a stand for your freedom. Tell your elected officials what you think about more and more and more elevation restrictions on your land. Making decisions blindly without finding the facts is very dangerous, especially when freedoms are sacrificed on a whim. I found the facts and here they are. I tried to get this in the paper last week, but print space ran out. It is crazy that this LRA hurricane recovery money all goes to people who live away from the coast, while the people on the coast are ineligible.

LRA Eligibility Requirements: You must have registered with FEMA, categorized as destroyed or major damage. Must live "OUTSIDE" the floodplain. Must be poorer than 70% of other area incomes, unless more money comes in later. If you live inside the FEMA floodplain, you are NOT eligible for one red cent. This includes most of Grand Lake and Hackberry, too. We are now required to elevate higher, but are not eligible for any of this LRA money. Must follow all the new building codes. Must meet the new higher FEMA elevation advisory ABFE. Must maintain hazard insurance and flood insurance. **MUST GIVE UP ALL UNPAID AND OUTSTANDING INSURANCE CLAIMS** to the state. So much for insurance mediation and the courts. Failure to comply with all conditions will result in seizure of your property and/or be required to repay the state. Benefit calculations start with your tax assessor records and go down quickly from there. No one who lives in lower Cameron Parish will benefit from this outrageous sellout of freedom and the choice to build how you want to on your own land. Our freedoms are being sold out again. I am seriously considering a petition of signatures for a future local election which will read "Shall the residents of the lower Cameron Parish communities of Johnson's Bayou, Grand Chenier, Holly Beach, Cameron, Creole, Little Chenier, and Oak Grove do away with ALL elevation restrictions Yes or No."

FEMA is not done with us yet. More elevation restrictions are expected later this year, starting with the August Police Jury Meeting in Hackberry where it is much less likely that the general public from lower Cameron Parish will travel and attend to speak out against more and more and more elevation restrictions. Hackberry is a fine and upstanding community and a vital part of Cameron Parish, but each of the communities of Cameron Parish have different rebuilding needs. Some communities which were already elevated have been totally and completely devastated and destroyed. Elevation restrictions are destroying and preventing the rebuilding process in lower Cameron Parish. People who want to move back and rebuild are saying to heck with it because of all the restrictions and regulations. Businesses are exempt from elevation restrictions temporarily, but homeowners are not exempt. Even the governor asked why are there so few people rebuilding in lower Cameron Parish. The problem is building codes, elevation restrictions, and insurance companies.

Most people are sick of all the restrictions and do NOT want to fight all the regulations and the red tape, so most do not return to rebuild. They move away. More elevation restrictions will further kill off any chance of families struggling to return to their land and rebuild from scratch in the face of these increased regulations and restrictions. If you own the land you should be free to build anything you want to on your own land, as high or as low as you wish. Your land, your freedom, your choice. What about the freedom of your own family, your local relatives, and future Cameron Parish residents? Will we continue to sell out our choice and our freedom? Give the choice to build low or high back to the landowners. It's time to take a stand. If you have an opinion about elevation restrictions, please speak up and let your elected officials know exactly what you think about more and more and more FEMA elevation restrictions. Do not continue to sit in silence and let your freedom be taken away from you and your relatives. Take a stand. If you don't speak up, no one will. Continue to give up your freedom, or start protecting it now. We must always be on guard against any who seek to take our freedom away. It is time for the silent majority to speak up now. Our leaders make difficult decisions every month and they need your support and your input to help them make the right decisions. The next Police Jury meeting will be held in Grand Lake at 6pm on Monday, April 24.

Jay Rutherford, Creole Resident



BAYOU CONVENIENCE Store in Johnson Bayou is back in business now. Sandra Trahan is pictured with the Cameron Pilot newsrack that has just been installed.

Hurricane Rita book has been published

"THE DEVASTATION OF HURRICANE RITA" is the name of a new book by Nola Mae Ross, with graphics by Marcy Lee Perkins. This book contains over 600 pictures and 80 different stories of Hurricane Rita damage in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes.

The new book tells stories of 19 Cameron heroes, who immediately after Rita, went to work doing the jobs of opening up roads, rebuilding water, sewage and utility lines, with no pay for their work.

It tells of the adventures of a Brahma Bull in Grand Chenier, and has several dozen stories of people who

survived Hurricane Audrey, in 1957, only to be wiped out again by Hurricane Rita in September 2005.

There is also the story of "Three Men in a Tug", who spent the night on a tugboat in the Intracoastal Canal.

Ross's book has stories of 14 Calcasieu Parish leaders, including the Mayor and his staff, the Police Jury staff, Emergency Directors, as well as stories of the City Police Department and Sheriff's office, telling of their fantastic performance.

It features Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu's story of coming to Lake Charles and in doing an expert and compassionate job of getting airplanes for, and



DARLA K'S is back in operation in Cameron and is now selling gasoline. Meredith Maples, store employee, is pictured above.

helping load hospital patients aboard to be evacuated.

The visits of the President and his father are told about and pictured, as well as the story of the tender and concerned care given to the sick, the lame and the mentally challenged, by firemen, public works people and other volunteers.

There is the story of a 13 year old Lake Charles boy named Adam, who displayed the real spirit of volunteering, by spending long days and nights at the Civic Center offering kind words, water and snacks to the frightened evacuees.

And "The Fat Boys" who cooked over a million, 600 thousand free meals for volunteers, workers, evacuees and anyone who was hungry, are portrayed here.

KPLCTV personnel share their feelings and adventures, during the scary hours that they broadcast 24 hours a day, all during Rita. An American Press editor tells the story of Rita from the newspaper's viewpoint. There is a special chapter dealing with the emotional stress and depression in our communities, caused by Rita.

This softback 8 x 11-size book is done entirely in black and white and contains 220 pages. It sells for \$20 and the author will autograph and sign it. Nola Mae Ross will have a book signing on April 21 and 22, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Louisiana Market, a Cottage Shop on Hodges Street.

The author will also be signing her new books at the Spring Art Walk during the Gallery Promenade. Ms. Ross will be book signing at K & Company, 324 Ryan Street from 5 p.m. until on Friday, April 28. There will also be a book signing in Grand Lake in the next few weeks.

The Rita book is available on the web sight- www.books-by-nolaross.com or from the author by email nolaross@bellsouth.net or by calling 477-6243.



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— POSITION AVAILABLE —

Cameron Parish Community Health Planner

Grant money is available to fund the position of Cameron Parish Community Health Planner. The Cameron Parish Community Health Planner will coordinate the recovery and strategic planning process for all health care providers in Cameron Parish under the direction and supervision of the Cameron Parish Hurricane Health Care Recovery Task Force.

Job duties include working with local, state and federal government entities, as well as private organizations to secure funding.

Requirements include knowledge of community service organizations and record keeping, ability to produce required financial and monthly administrative reports.

Education and experience is required, including working with non-profit agencies, computer experience, bachelor's degree preferred.

Please forward resume to Jennifer Jones at P. O. Box 1550, Cameron, Louisiana, and call (337) 494-5563 to schedule appointment for interview.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 P.M., Monday, April 24, 2006 in the Police Jury Administrative Office, 10080 Gulf Highway, Grand Lake, Louisiana, for the purchase of one (1) elevator, to be installed at the Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana. All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Police Jury Administrative Office by calling (337) 905-1189.

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
RUN: April 13, 20 (A 10)

PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in regular session on Thursday - March 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the temporary office in the village of Hackberry, Louisiana, due to Hurricane Rita. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Mr. Nathan Griffith, Mr. Lloyd Badon, and Mr. Jim Cox. Members absent were none. Guest attending were none.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to approve the bills as paid.

The right-of-way grant for Longbeach subdivision was discussed. Signatures are in the process of being obtained. Once the right-of-way grant is completed, work will begin.

The Board of Directors reviewed the prices received on a temporary office in Johnson Bayou.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to purchase a 12' X 30' barn style portable building from Trahan's Portable Buildings. Once the new office is built, the temporary office will be placed at the treatment plant to replace the building lost in Hurricane Rita.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Cox and carried to purchase a lawnmower and weed-eater, not to exceed \$3,500.00.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Griffith adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of April 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hackberry Temporary Office.

ATTEST:
/s/Connie Trahan
Connie Trahan - Secretary

Approved:
/s/Nathan Griffith

Nathan Griffith - Chairman
RUNS: April 20 - A 21

I AM APPLYING to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of "Low alcoholic content" at retail in the Parish of Cameron at at the following address:

482- A Marshall St.,
Cameron, La.
Pitstop
Ronald Gayle Nunez

Petition of Opposition should be made in writing in accordance with L.R.S. Title 26, Section 85 and 283.

RUN: April 20, 27 - A 22

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)

HUNT OIL COMPANY / S.L. 18287 WELL NO. 1 AND WELL NO. 2
DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on two draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permits prepared for Hunt Oil Company, 1445 Ross at Field St., Dallas, Texas 75202-2785.

The first draft LPDES permit is prepared for S.L. 18287 Well No. 1, located in the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico, in West Cameron Area Block 9, approximately 12.5 miles southwest from Cameron, Cameron Parish.

The second draft LPDES permit is prepared for S.L. 18287 Well No. 2, located in the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico, in West Cameron Area Block 9, approximately 12.1 miles southwest from Cameron, Cameron Parish.

The principal discharges from these proposed sources will be made into the Gulf of Mexico, waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, fish and wildlife propagation, and oyster propagation. Under the SIC Code 1311, the applicant proposes to discharge fluids associated with oil and gas exploration, development, and production operations.

During the preparation of these permits, it has been determined that the discharges will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

Written comments, written requests for a public hearing or written requests for notification of the final decision regarding these permit actions may be submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn at LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Written comments and/or written requests must be received by 12:30 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2006. Written comments will be considered prior to a final permit decision.

If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final

decision. The applications, draft permits and statements of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding these permit actions should be directed to Gene Jarreau, LDEQ, Water & Waste Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3080.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at mailstreque@ldeq.org or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permits and statements of basis can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at www.deq.state.la.us/news/PubNotice/and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx.

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server at http://www.state.la.us/ldbc/list-servpage/ldeq_pn_listserv.htm.

All correspondence should specify the following information:

S.L. 18287 Well No. 1; AI Number 128944; Permit Number LA0121860; Activity Number PER20050001

S.L. 18287 Well No. 2; AI Number 128945; Permit Number LA0121924; Activity Number PER20050001

RUN: Apr. 20 (A 23)

PROCEEDINGS

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4

MARCH 9, 2006

Gravity Drainage District No. 4 held a regular meeting at the Grand Lake Waterworks Office in Grand Lake, Louisiana at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2006.

PRESENT: Kevin Boudreaux, Leslie Griffith, Raven Benoit, Michael Semien, Walter Rogers.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Boudreaux.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried, the minutes were approved.

On motion of Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the financial statement was approved.

On motion of Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Griffith and carried, the following permits were approved:

a. Helis Oil & Gas Company - emergency levee repair.
b. Rozel Operating Company - proposed well location.

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried, the following bills were approved for payment:

a. Jeff Davis Electric - \$12,425.00.
b. Deep South Expedition - \$1,425.00.

Rusty Welch presented the Annual Watershed Operation & Maintenance Inspection report for the calendar year 2005.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Semien and carried, Bonnie Conner was requested to send work requests to the Police Jury as follows:

1. To request the road crew to place available rip rap material along certain eroded sections of the Creole Canal.

2. To request the road crew to clean the drainage laterals between Dan Nunez property and Barro Boudreaux property.

Leslie Griffith reported Rivers Fence will still honor their previously submitted bid for the installation of replacement fences.

Bonnie Conner was requested to check with the Cameron Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to have the Corps of Engineers clean storm-related debris from the property at the Oak Grove structure and at the King's Bayou structure.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/Kevin Boudreaux

Kevin Boudreaux, Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/Michael Semien

Michael Semien, Secretary
RUNS: April 20 - A 25

NOTICE

I AM APPLYING to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of Low alcoholic content" at retail in the Parish of Cameron at at the following address:

905 Main Street, Hackberry, La. 70645
/s/Sharif A. Dhanani, Member

Petition of Opposition should be made in writing in accordance with L.R.S. Title 26, Section 85 and 283.

RUN: April 20, 27 - A 26

NOTICE

I AM APPLYING to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of Low alcoholic content" at retail in the Parish of Cameron at at the following address:

905 Main Street, Hackberry, La. 70645
/s/Sharif A. Dhanani, Member

Petition of Opposition should be made in writing in accordance

with L.R.S. Title 26, Section 85 and 283.
RUN: April 20, 27 - A 27

PROCEEDINGS

CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

FEBRUARY 6, 2006

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2006, at the Hackberry Community Center in the Village of Hackberry, Louisiana at 6:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Douaine Conner, Mr. James Doxey, Mr. Charles Precht, III, and Mr. Steve Trahan.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the reading of the minutes shall be dispensed with and approved.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the following items shall be added to the agenda:

6. Appointments:
o. Sewerage Dist. #10 - Jules Touchet - resigned - Charles Bull

13. Staff Report:
b. Replacement of Damaged Equipment

14. Executive Session
It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. Energy Partners, Ltd. - Lowry, Section 16, T12S, R4W, Lakeside Prospect, (proposed water location), Cameron Parish, LA. (060201)

b. Energy Partners, Ltd. - Lowry, Section 16, T12S, R4W, Lakeside Prospect, (proposed land location), Cameron Parish, LA. (060202)

c. Ballard Exploration Company, Inc. - Sabine Lake, Latitude 29°52' 07", Longitude 93° 49' 26", SL 17131 Well No. 001, (proposed 4-inch flowline), Cameron Parish, LA. (060203)

d. Apache Corporation - Holly Beach, Section 19, T14S, R11W, and Sections 24 & 25, T14S,R12W, Apache Louisiana Minerals, Inc. 19 No. 1 Well, (proposed installation of a 4-inch flowline), Cameron Parish, LA. (060204)

e. Manti Operating Co.- Cameron, Sections 26, 27, & 28, T14S, R9W, J. Davis 26 No. 1 Well, (proposed 6" pipeline), Cameron Parish, LA. (060206)

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. Jim Bel - Hackberry, Sections 26, 27, 28, 35, 36, T12S, R11W, (proposed construction of 60,000 linear feet of terraces in order to restore deteriorated marsh), Cameron Parish, LA. (060205)

b. Calcasieu Lake Development Company - Big Pasture, Section 25, T12S, R9W, (proposed development of 10 residential homesites), Cameron Parish, LA. (060207)

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Item No. 6a on the agenda, an appointment to the Beachfront Development District No. One, shall be tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and carried, that Paul Duhon and Tammy Peshoff are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Water and Wastewater District No. One Board.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Carol Baccigalopi and Jude Primeaux are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Fire Protection District No. Seven Board.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Michael Baccigalopi and Charles Glenn Theriot are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Fire Protection District No. Nine Board.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that C.S. Darbonne and Joseph Racca are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Fire Protection District No. Fourteen Board.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Elsworth Broussard is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Fifteen Board.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Kenneth Trahan is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Library Board of Control.

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and carried, that Gerard Smith is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Recreation District No. Six Board.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Kris Bonsel is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Recreation District No. Nine Board.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Ricky Poole, Reverend Andrew Martin and Gary Wicke are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Sweetlake - Grand Lake Cemetery Board.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the resignation of John DeBarge as a member of the West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital Service District; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Mr. DeBarge thanking him for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Joe Devall is

hereby appointed to serve as a member of the West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital Service District.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the resignation of Sam Coleman as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Ten Board; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Mr. Coleman thanking him for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Jerome Richard is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Ten Board.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the resignation of Lane Boudreaux as a member of the Johnson Bayou Recreation District Board; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Mr. Boudreaux thanking him for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Heather Trahan is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Johnson Bayou Recreation District Board.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the resignation of Michael Merritt as a member of the Mosquito Abatement District No. One Board; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Mr. Merritt thanking him for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Vicky Trahan is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Mosquito Abatement District No. One Board.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Lonnie Harper, P.E. is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids to repair Parish Road No. 217, Pumpkin Ridge Road.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for a new generator for the Cameron Courthouse.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an oil, gas and mineral lease by and between the Cameron Parish Library and Centurion Oil and Gas.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby agree to allow the Cameron Council on Aging the use of a two-acre tract of parish-owned property if the Council successfully secures a Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant for Section 202 Elderly Housing and Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury has determined that the bridge as listed below are in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury has contacted the adjacent property owners at these bridge sites and has received tentative verbal agreements that rights-of-way would be available; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury states that all utilities conflicting with the bridge projects will be relocated prior to construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY, convened in regular session on the 6th day of February, 2006, that it does hereby respectfully request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to add the following bridge to the priority list to be replaced in the Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program for 2005-2007, in accordance with procedures of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development:

Structure Number:
P1229464930081
Report Number: 500208
Name: Kings Bayou
Estimated Replacement Cost: \$900,000

ADOPTED AND APPROVED,
this 6th day of February, 2006.

APPROVED:
/s/ Douaine Conner
DOUAINE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Apr. 20 (A 28)

ried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to seek quotes to replace damaged road and bridge maintenance equipment.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the Jury shall go into executive session to discuss personnel. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Steve Trahan, Scott Trahan, Magnus McGee, James Doxey, Darryl Farque, Douaine Conner, Charles Precht, III.

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

The President called the meeting back to order.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the following items shall be added to the agenda:

15. Resolution - DOTD - Cameron Ferry

16. Sewerage District No. Ten - Lease

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Cameron Parish is still reeling from the devastation caused by Hurricane Rita; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Parish desperately needs to recover and rebuild; and

WHEREAS, economic development in Cameron Parish is of utmost importance during this critical time; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Ferry No. Two is a vital necessity to the economic development of Cameron Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is limiting the operating hours of the Cameron Ferry No. Two to 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., an action that is seriously impeding the recovery process for Cameron Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is hereby requested to restore the operating hours of the Cameron Ferry No. Two to twenty-four hours per day.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED
this 6th day of February, 2006.

APPROVED:
/s/ Douaine Conner
DOUAINE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a lease by and between Apache Louisiana Minerals, LLC and the Sewerage District No. Ten Board, pending the approval of the District Attorney. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Magnus McGee, Steve Trahan, Scott Trahan, Darryl Farque, James Doxey, Charles Precht, III.

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Douaine Conner

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/ Douaine Conner
DOUAINE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Apr. 20 (A 28)

PROCEEDINGS

CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

FEBRUARY 27, 2006

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, February 27, 2006, at the Grand Lake Fireman's Center in the Village of Grand Lake, Louisiana at 6:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Douaine Conner, Mr. James Doxey and Mr. Steve Trahan. Absent were Mr. Darryl Farque and Mr. Charles Precht, III.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the following item shall be added to the agenda:

4. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement - Chenier Energy

There was a discussion of a proposed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Chenier Energy.

A proposed executive session was not held.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/ Douaine Conner
DOUAINE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Apr. 20 (A 29)

PROCEEDINGS

CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

MARCH 20, 2006

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, March 20, 2006, at the Grand Lake Fireman's Center in the Village of Grand Lake, Louisiana at 6:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Douaine Conner, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. James Doxey, Mr. Charles Precht, III, Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Steve Trahan and Mr. Scott Trahan.

The President asked if there were any written or oral comments with regard to the proposed use of funds from a Community Development Block Grant. There were no written or oral comments from the public.

It was moved by Mr. Precht and seconded by Mr. Farque that the Community Development Block Grant shall be used for improvements to the Waterworks District No. Eleven water system. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Charles Precht, III., Darryl Farque, James Doxey
NAYS: Steve Trahan, Douaine Conner, Scott Trahan, Magnus McGee
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

The motion failed.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and declared duly adopted:

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tional Federal and State Hazard Mitigation funding from damages and/or destruction caused by Hurricane Rita; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury approves this Hazard Mitigation Plan in an effort to receive additional Federal and State Hazard Mitigation funding to assist in recovery from damage and/or destruction caused by Hurricane Rita.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on this 27th day of March, 2006.

APPROVED:
/s/ Douaine Conner
DOUAINE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury ("Police Jury") has been advised that the United States Congress has enacted a supplemental appropriation to the Social Services Block Grant Program for states affected by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in calendar year 2005 including Hurricane Rita, hereinafter referred to "SSBG" funds; and
WHEREAS, on Friday, March 17, 2006, the Joint Budget Committee of the Louisiana Legislature approved a SSBG Preventative and Primary Care Plan, which includes \$21.7 million to restore and expand preventative and primary care services in affected parishes in Louisiana, including Cameron Parish; and
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals ("DHH") is administering the distribution of such funds, which shall be made available, by approved application, for various safety net providers, including without limitation, health centers, rural hospitals, and other providers with substantial percentages of the uninsured; and
WHEREAS, the purpose of such SSBG funding is to foster direct patient care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Jury authorized the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District No. One to:
1. Submit a grant application for the SSBG funding to support various health care initiatives in the parish and to be recipient of such funding for its necessary expenditures and that of other eligible entities as defined by such grant funding; and
2. Develop and present a comprehensive plan for developing and delivering integrated public primary and behavioral care safety net services to Cameron Parish; and
3. Advocate on behalf to the parish that such funding shall be eligible to support the costs associated with reopening of the hospital's emergency department, which was destroyed by Hurricane Rita among other non-impacted eligible hospital services; and
4. Take any and all additional steps necessary to advance the parish's health care agenda, including without limitation, presenting the parish's health care needs to the Louisiana Recovery Authority and various committees of the Legislature that conduct oversight of the funding for such services; and
5. Administer for the parish the distribution of any and all federal and state funds, grants or otherwise, received from the Department of Health and Hospitals, Louisiana Recovery Authority, Department of Economic Development or any other federal or state agency, private foundation or individual for the Hospital Service District and other health care providers for the provision of health care services.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2006.

APPROVED:
/s/ Douaine Conner
DOUAINE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Item No. 6 on the agenda, to advertise for the purchase of a vehicle for the Economic Development Department, shall be tabled.
It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Item No. 7 on the agenda, a resolution in support of Interagency Agreement by and between the Waterworks District No. Eleven and the Lake Charles Regional Airport, shall be tabled.
It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that a Rural Development Grant in the amount of one hundred eighty-six thousand dollars (\$186,000) shall be designated for Water Improvements for the Waterworks District No. Eleven system. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:
YEAS: Charles Precht, III, Darryl Farque, James Doxey, Steve Trahan, Douaine Conner
NAYS: Magnus McGee, Scott Trahan
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Director, Clifton Hebert, presented an update of emergency operations within the parish.
It was moved by Mr. McGee,

seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and carried, that the following item shall be added to the agenda:

13. Resolution - Holly Beach Community Sewer System

The following resolution was offered by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Cameron Parish was almost totally devastated by Hurricane Rita on September 24, 2006; and
WHEREAS, most Cameron Parish residents have been able to return to their home sites to begin the process of rebuilding their lives and rebuilding their communities; and, the community of Holly Beach was particularly hard hit by Hurricane Rita, with the only structure remaining to be the Holly Beach Water Tower; and
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals has placed stringent requirements specific to the residents of Holly Beach, due to their lack of a community based sewage treatment system; and
WHEREAS, many Holly Beach landowners are unable to meet the stringent requirements of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, thus preventing these residents from returning to their home sites and being able to move forward with their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does respectfully request the Honorable Kathleen Blanco to urge and recommend the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to waive the stringent requirements placed upon the Holly Beach Community during these especially trying times.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does respectfully request the Honorable Kathleen Blanco for assistance with any means of expedited funding available for the construction of a community based sewage treatment system for the Holly Beach community.

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Scott Trahan, Magnus McGee, and James Doxey were appointed to serve with others as a committee to discuss the possible expansion of the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District. Mr. Trahan will serve as Committee Chairman.
There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Doxey, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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The Water We Drink
CAMERON PARISH WTR
WW DISTRICT NO 2
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LA1023002

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RUN: April 20 - A 33

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RUN: April 20 - A 34

NOTICE
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6595 W. Creole Hwy.
Cameron, LA 70631
Cam-Tool & Machine Shop, Inc.
dba Carroll's Quik Stop
/s/Wade Carroll, Jr. Owner
Petition of Opposition should be made in writing in accordance with L.R.S. Title 26, Section 85 and 283.
RUN: April 20 - A 35

CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
SPECIAL MEETING
April 24, 2006
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. President Authority to Sign:
a. Resolution - President Authority to Sign all CDBG Disaster Recovery Program Documents
4. Advertise for Bids:
a. Vehicle - Economic Development Department
RUN: Apr. 20 (A 36)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
MARCH 6, 2006
The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, March 6, 2006, at the Grand Lake Fireman's Center in the Village of Grand Lake, Louisiana at 6:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Douaine Conner, Mr. James Doxey, Mr. Charles Precht, III, and Mr. Steve Trahan.
It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the reading of the minutes shall be dispensed with and approved.
It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the following items shall be added to the agenda:
3a. Mayor Randy Roach - Book Presentation
7. Drilling and Pipeline Permits:
g. Helis Oil & Gs Company,
Cont. on Pg. 10.

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sent in the environment.
In the table below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected at levels BELOW their maximum contamination level. These samples, except for Lead and Copper results and surface water systems, were collected at the raw water source and represent water before any treatment, blending or distribution. As such, the consumer tap levels could be less. The last chemical sampling of our source water was collected on Thursday, June 24, 2004. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis, therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.
Contaminant, Date, Level, MCL, MCLG, Unit.
Arsenic; Major Sources: Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes; 6/2/2003, 7.00, 10, 0, ppb.
Cadmium; Major Sources: Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Runoff from waste batteries and paints; 6/2/2003, 2.00, 5, 5, ppb.
Fluoride; Major Sources: Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories, 5/2/2003, 0.20, 4, 4, ppm.
There Were No Positive Nitrate Samples During the Monitoring Period of January 1st to December 31st, 2005.
Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language
While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.
Please call our office if you have any questions.
We at the CAMERON PARISH WTR WW DISTRICT NO 2 work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.
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The Water We Drink
CAMERON PARISH WTR
WW DISTRICT NO 1
Public Water Supply ID:
LA1023001

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Report for the year 2005. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and the services we deliver to you every day. (Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.) Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source(s) are listed below:
Source Name, Source Location, Source Type, Source ID Number; Well #1, Elevated Tank, Chicot Aquifer, Ground Water, 1023001-001; Well #2 - Courthouse, Chicot Aquifer, Ground Water 1023001-002; Well #4 - Tince Murphy, Chicot Aquifer, Ground Water, 1023001-004; Well #5 - Town & Country, Chicot Aquifer, Ground Water, 1023001-005; Well #6- Jimbo's Pasture, Chicot Aquifer, Ground Water, 1023001-006; Well #7 - Eleven Oaks, Chicot Aquifer, Ground Water, 1023001-007.
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
Microbial Contaminants-such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
Inorganic Contaminants-such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
Pesticides and Herbicides-which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
Organic Chemical Contaminants-including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
Radioactive Contaminants-which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around

our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of medium. If you would like to review the Source Water Protection Plan, please feel free to contact our office at the number provided in the following paragraph.
In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets Federal and State requirements. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact Alton Schexnider.
The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water, according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2005. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of certain contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.
In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:
ND-(Non-Detects)-laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
Parts per million-(ppm) or milligrams per liter-(mg/L)-one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
Parts per billion-(ppb) or Micrograms per liter-(ug/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
Parts per trillion-(ppt) or Nanogram per liter-(ng/L) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000.
Picograms per liter-(pg/L) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
Picocuries per liter-(pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
Millirems per year-(mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
Million Fibers per Liter-(MFL) - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit-(NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
Variances & Exemptions (V&E)-State or EPA permission not to meet MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
Action level-(AL) - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water

Legal Notices

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8. Other Permits:
b. Gravity Drainage District No. 9
c. Dorcelie James East
9. Liquor Permits:
a. Cam-Tool, Inc. - Carroll's Quik Stop - Cameron
12. President Authority to Sign:

b. Employment Contract
19. Donations of Burial Plots
Randy Roach, Lake Charles Mayor, presented a book by George D. Lepp, Wild on Cajun Riviera, as a gift to the Cameron Parish Library.

There was a discussion of the possibility of expanding the boundaries of the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopted a Notice of Intent to reduce the daily recreational take and possession limit of spotted sea trout in the waters generally of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes; and

WHEREAS, two of the primary economic activities in Cameron Parish are recreational fishing and recreational fishing guides services; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in the current creel limit for spotted trout would adversely affect the economy of Cameron Parish already decimated by Hurricane Rita; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mickey Frith has introduced House Concurrent Resolution No. 42 to urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission not to reduce the current creel limit for spotted sea trout; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby support House Concurrent Resolution No. 42 to urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission not to reduce the current creel limit for spotted trout.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Cameron Parish Police Jury this 6th day of March, 2006.

APPROVED:
Douaine Conner
DOUAINNE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Darryl Farque, Scott Trahan, James Doxey, Charles Precht, III.

NAYS: Steve Trahan, Magnus McGee, Douaine Conner

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

Kenny Darbonne, representing Shaw Environmental, presented information on the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to submit Requests for Qualifications from at least three (3) firms for the administration of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. Suemaur Exploration & Production, LLC. - Johnson Bayou, Sabine Lake, SL 18722 Well No. 1, (proposed revisions for access route), Cameron Parish, LA. (051105)

b. Hunt Oil Company - North Holly Beach, Section 32, T14S, R11W, ALMI 32 Well No. 1, (proposes to utilize an existing drill site), Cameron Parish, LA (060302)

c. Rozel Operating Company - Offshore Creole, West Cameron Area, Block 2, S.L. 18521 Well No. 1, (proposed well location), Cameron Parish, LA. (060303)

d. LLOG Exploration Company, LLC. - Grand Chenier, Sections 10, 14, 15 & 23, T14S, R4W, Miami Corporation Well No. 1, (proposed wheel washing & dredging), Cameron Parish, LA. (060304)

e. LLOG Exploration Company, LLC. - Grand Chenier, Section 15, T14S, R4W, Miami Corporation Well No. 2, (proposed installation & maintenance of a drill barge, platform & structures), Cameron Parish, LA (060305)

f. Pel-Tex Oil Company, LLC. - Grand Chenier, Sections 34 & 35, T15S, R3W, Miami Corp "E" Well No. 1, (proposed one 4-inch pipeline), Cameron Parish, LA. (060306)

g. Helis Oil & Gas Company, LLC. - North Creole, Section 32, T13S, R7W, Miami Corp Well No. 1 Facility, (proposed after-the-fact emergency levee repair), Cameron Parish, LA. (060307)

h. Centurion Exploration Company - Grand Chenier, Sections 28 & 29, T15S, R5W, NE Hog Bayou SE & SW Prospect, Snow Prospect, (proposed mitigation), Cameron Parish, La. (060308)

i. Red Willow Offshore, LLC. - Grand Chenier, Section 2, T15S, R7E, SL 18610 Well No. 1, (proposed installation of structures), Cameron Parish, LA. (060309)

j. Hilcorp Energy Company - Grand Chenier, Section 11, T12S, R10W, (proposed 4" and 6" pipelines), Cameron Parish, LA. (060310)

k. Samuel Gary, Jr. & Associates, Inc. - Section 21, T12S, R12W, R.E. Odum 21 Well No. 3, (proposed enlargement of an existing drill pad), Cameron Parish, La

(060312)

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. Jerry Racca - Big Lake, Section 30, T12S, R8W, (proposed excavation & fill of approximately 2888 cubic yards of native material), Cameron Parish, LA (060301)

b. Gravity Drainage District No. 9 - Hackberry, Section 29 T12S, R10W, (proposed lateral maintenance near Parish Road 650 to improve drainage), Cameron Parish, LA. (060311)

c. Dorcelie James East - Hackberry, Sections 36-39, T12S, R10W, (proposed construction of a butterfly shrimp net wharf & 2 boat slips damaged by Hurricane Rita), Cameron Parish, LA. (060313)

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Cameron Parish Police Jury in regular session, convened on this 6th day of March, 2006 that:

SECTION I: The application of Cam-Tool, Inc. d/b/a Carroll's Quik Stop, 6595, W. Creole Hwy, Cameron, La. 70631 for a permit to sell alcoholic or intoxicating liquors containing more than 6% of alcohol by volume in accordance with Act 190 of the Legislature of Louisiana, for the year 1946, be and the same is hereby approved on this 6th day of March, 2006

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of March, 2006.

APPROVED:
Douaine Conner
DOUAINNE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Chris Mooney is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Ambulance District No. One Board.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that Gwen Constance is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Ambulance District No. Two Board.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Douglas "Mac" Haynie is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Beachfront Development District No. Two Board.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Roy Broussard, Leo Thevis, Bryan Weekly and Scott Weekly are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Fire Protection District No. Fifteen Board.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Donald Broussard is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Waterworks District No. Two Board.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Gerald Richard is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Waterworks District No. Eleven Board.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that consideration for the possible reappointment of Andre Abadie and Jeffrey Jouett as members of the Waterworks District No. Eleven Board shall be tabled for thirty (30) days. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Darryl Farque, Scott Trahan, James Doxey, Steve Trahan, Magnus McGee, Douaine Conner

NAYS: Charles Precht, III.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids, if applicable, for the purchase of equipment to be funded by the 2004 Homeland Security Grant Program.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Lonnie Harper, P.E. is hereby authorized empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for the replacement of parishwide road and bridge maintenance barns.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Cheniere Energy for the funding of an Economic Development Planning and Development Department.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an employment contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Ernest Broussard, Jr. as Executive Director of the Economic Development Planning and Development Department.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury must relocate Precinct 17 from the Grand Chenier Fire Station, 4011 Grand Chenier Highway, Grand Chenier, Louisiana to the St. Eugene Catholic Church, 5035 Grand Chenier Highway, Grand Chenier, LA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury on this 6th day of March, 2006, does hereby relocate the Precinct 17 Polling



RESTORATION OF the sand dunes, which once covered the fences on the beach, is set to begin with plantings of beach grasses. Funding for replacing the lost sand is being sought. The combination of breakwaters and beach nourishment has been considered a success, as Hwy. 82 did not wash away during Hurricane Rita.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Should I get boat insurance?

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

Q: What can you tell me about boat insurance? I've always had a boat but have never insured one. With all of the high-speed crafts that are out there today, I'm beginning to think I need to buy a policy.

A: It's that time of year again, when the warm weather draws people to nearby lakes and coastal areas for rest and recreation. In recent years, there has been a tremendous increase in the number of boats on Louisiana waterways. In fact, the number of registered boats in Louisiana is well over 300,000. If you are going to be using your boat at all, you need insurance protection.

Not surprisingly, over half of boating accidents involve collisions between two boats, and all too often, someone is hurt or even killed. With the increasing number of boating accidents, the need for insurance has gone up. If you are found liable in an accident involving your boat, you will be responsible for any proper-

ty damage or bodily injury incurred in the accident. These days, you need liability and medical coverage on the water just as much as you do on the road.

To learn more about what kind of boat insurance is best for you begin by talking to the producer who handles your automobile and home insurance. If your boat is a small, noncommercial one, you may be able to obtain liability insurance on it by adding a rider to your homeowners policy. If that is not an option, ask your insurance producer if he can sell you an individual policy to cover your boat or recommend someone who can.

Insurance is available for any kind of noncommercial boat, or "pleasure craft" you have, but you may need to shop around. Whether you own a personal watercraft (commonly known as a jet ski or wave runner), a yacht, or something in between, you can get coverage. It's just a matter of finding out which companies insure the kind of boat you have.

Place to the St. Eugene Catholic Church, 5035 Grand Chenier Highway, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Cameron Parish Police Jury this 6th day of March, 2006.

APPROVED:
Douaine Conner
DOUAINNE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and declared duly adopted:

ORDINANCE
STATE UNIFORM
CONSTRUCTION CODE

An Ordinance of the Cameron Parish Police Jury adopting the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures in the Parish; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; repealing any other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Cameron does ordain as follows: Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, being marked and designated as the International Building Code, 2003 edition, not including Chapters 27-Electrical and Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems; International Existing Building Code; International Residential Code, not including Parts I-Administrative, V-Mechanical, VII Plumbing and VIII-Electrical as published by the International Code Council be and is hereby adopted as the Building Code of the Cameron Parish Police Jury in the State of Louisiana for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit of occupation and use and the demolition of such structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Building Code on file in the office of the Cameron Parish Police Jury are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 2. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.
-Sam Ewing

hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect March 1, 2006.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of March, 2006.

APPROVED:
Douaine Conner
DOUAINNE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign "residential only" demolition packets.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the February, 2006 bills.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to use Waterworks District No. Nine property insurance proceeds to cover storm-related invoices of said district.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for the purchase and installation of a new elevator for the Cameron Courthouse.

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign Acts of Donation from area churches of burial plots for the interment of caskets displaced by Hurricane Rita.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the following item shall be added to the agenda:

21. Office of Emergency Preparedness

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby reinstate part-time positions in the Office of Emergency Preparedness Department to Freddie Richard, Jr., Edward Benoit, Jr., and John LeBlanc. Mr. LeBlanc declined the offer.

A committee to discuss the Animal Control Department was formed, consisting of Scott Trahan, Steve Trahan, James Doxey and Earnestine Horn.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED:
Douaine Conner
DOUAINNE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
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Dealing with salinity

Soil salts affect turf mostly by withholding moisture from plant tissues. They may also compete for uptake of nutrient ions. Salts will destroy soil tilth and cause much-reduced water percolation rates.

Irrigation with clean, low-sodium, fresh water is probably the most important practice to follow when leaching salts from the root zones of soils, but, with lower percolation rates, this could take several months. That is why a good rainy season is usually much better for turf than a lot of irrigation. Try these suggestions to manage a soil salinity situation.

Test all irrigation water sources for water quality. LSU Soil Test Lab has a Routine Water Test Package. If the irrigation lake has been flooded with brackish water, pump it out and fill with clean, good quality water (or irrigate from the well or river if they are not contaminated with salt). Soil salinity may be from 'bad' salts like sodium, or it may be from 'good' salts as in over-applying fertilizers. If over-fertilizing is the problem, flush with fresh water and adjust your fertilizer program to follow soil test recommendations and use higher grade fertilizer materials.

Bermuda, zoysia, paspalum and St. Augustine turfgrasses have good salinity tolerance and should be the grasses of choice. Tall fescue and perennial ryegrass have medium salinity tolerance. Centipede and carpetgrass have poor salinity tolerance and may not be sustainable.

Repeated irrigation with water containing 1200 ppm total soluble salts will be harmful to the turf unless followed by sufficient rainfall or fresh irrigation water. Even irrigation water containing 500 to 600 ppm total soluble salts, when used repeatedly without adequate flushing with fresh water,

can create a salinity problem. If you depend on rainwater to flush salts, avoid letting turf dry down much between waterings if rain is not adequate. Lower soil moisture, without fresh water flushes, will concentrate soil salinity and stunt plants more. Louisiana falls can be dry unless we have tropical depression activity.

October 1 through November 15 is Louisiana overseeding time. Perennial ryegrasses have only medium tolerance to salinity, while annual ryegrass has less. If you suspect a problem based on site history, before overseeding test the soils for salinity to avoid a loss in stand and waste of money. You can also try a pinch of your seed on the soil in question and do your own 'bio assay' of the current salinity effect; use similar but non-saline soil as a comparison check.

Gypsum (calcium sulfate, 17 percent sulfur, 22 percent calcium) can be used to help leach salt from the soil exchange by replacing salty cations with Ca++. Gypsum works much better when incorporated into the soil surface, but it can be just broadcast on the turf. Gypsum is not very soluble in water, but it is more soluble than limestone. Irrigate well after gypsum application to move it into the root zone of the turf. Allow time for the chemical reaction, then continue irrigation to leach the displaced salts into soil below the root zone. Poorly drained soils will be difficult to leach, so allow several months. Waterlogging the soil for extended periods when it's hot may be as harmful to the turf as excess soluble salts. Core aeration or deep time aeration (preferably with coring tines) can help improve movement of water, gypsum and salts through the soil and below the root zone.

Be wary of fire ants

Fire ants can be a serious problem after hurricanes - particularly in flooded areas, according to experts with the LSU AgCenter.

Even worse, once the flooding recedes, fire ants can be found almost anywhere - including inside your home or in debris piles - so extra precautions should be taken, LSU AgCenter experts say.

The LSU AgCenter experts also offer these tips on avoiding fire ant bites when cleaning up after flooding:

When debris is picked up, pay attention to what is on, under or in it, especially if the debris has been sitting in one area for several days. Keep in mind that fire ants love to get under furniture, carpet strips and old wood to re-establish their colony. If using shovels or other tools, spread talcum or baby powder on the handle. Fire ants cannot climb onto vertical surfaces dusted with talcum powder unless the surface gets wet or the powder is rubbed off.

If fire ants are seen in a pile of debris that must be handled, use a shovel or other tool to avoid ant contact, or consider treating the pile with a fast-acting household or lawn and garden insecticide.

Recommendations on treating for fire ants after a storm differ from the usual ones that call for the use of baits that are carried back to

the colony and eventually kill it.

"At the time of flooding or right after flooding, general preventive treatments for controlling the fire ants are out of the question," Pollet said. "Ant colonies or ants encountered now need to be dealt with quickly."

The experts say aerosol spray products containing pyrethrins or pyrethrum derivatives (tetramethrin or allethrin) or Bengal's Deltramethrin dust labeled for use on "ants" or "crawling insects" can yield a quick knockdown of the insects and will break down quickly.

"Spray or dust as many of the ants as possible," Pollet advised, cautioning, however, to avoid waterways, since pyrethroids can be quite toxic to fish and crustaceans. "Just spray or dust surfaces, cracks of infested objects and debris. Then return after the treatment has had time to work."

"You should try to remove any ants that get on you by immediately rubbing them off. But ants can cling to the skin if submerged and even a high-pressure water spray may not dislodge them."

For more information on fire ants and a variety of other topics related to storm cleanup and recovery, visit www.lsuagcenter.com.

