

## Troops to be supported at service

By CYNDI SELLERS

A parishwide prayer, praise and worship service in support of U. S. troops will be held Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Cameron Recreation Center on Trosclair Road.

Participation by churches, businesses, parish leaders and the public at large is invited.

The event is being coordinated by Mrs. Beatrice Williams of Touch of Care Ministries.

Families of service personnel are encouraged to bring photos of their loved ones to display on a Wall of Honor.

Scheduled speakers include Rev. John Reynolds of Oak Grove Baptist Church; Rev. Joseph Banks of the Living Word Christian Church of Lake Charles and District Attorney Cecil Sanner.

Praise and worship music will be led by a team from the Vineyard Fellowship. Patriotic music will be led by a team of musicians from Cameron Parish.

There will be music by the Ebenezer Baptist Church youth choir and a salute to all service branches by the Cameron Baptist Church youth choir.

Wanda Goldson will lead a candle lighting service and sing The Lord's Prayer. Eula Bartie will read "A Soldier's Prayer."

All veterans will be recognized and refreshments will be served after the service.

For more information contact Beatrice Williams, 775-5759; Tootsie Doshier, 775-5464; or Cyndi Sellers, 775-7586.

## Fisheries bills are introduced

A special edition of the Lagniappe Newsletter has been issued devoted to new fisheries and wetlands bills which have been introduced into the current legislative session as of April 3.

Each senator and representative is also allowed to introduce up to five late bills before April 29.

A copy of the summary of the bills can be secured by calling Kevin A. Savoie, area fisheries agent for the Calcasieu-Cameron area, at 337-491-2065.

For information on the status of any of the hundred or so bills listed in the newsletter you may call the capital at 1-255-342-2456 or 1-800-256-3793.

Persons with computer access can do the same by using the following web site: [www.legis.state.la.us](http://www.legis.state.la.us).

## H. S. Rodeo this week

The South Cameron High School Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3 at the Cameron Parish Rodeo Arena on Trosclair Road east of Cameron.

Friday's performance is at 7 p.m. Saturday performances are: slack, 9 a.m.; cutting, 3 p.m. and main performance, 7 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person. The rodeo is one of the qualifying state high school rodeo

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MITCHELL PEARCE portrayed Jesus as the students of St. Bernard School in Breaux Bridge recreated the crucifixion of Christ. Hundreds of parishioners followed the way of the cross on Bayou Teche as the procession made its way to Calvary. Mitchell is the son of RoRisa and Jimmy Pearce and the grandson of J. C. and Madge Reina of Oak Grove.

## Port Arthur fishermen arrested by agents

Quoc Do, 46, Thanh Nguyen, 49, Cam Lang, 43, and Cahn V. Nguyen, 45, all of Port Arthur, Texas were cited by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents for trawling violations in Louisiana. The alleged violations occurred in Louisiana offshore territorial waters in the Gulf of Mexico off Cameron Parish on Saturday, April 12.

Agents responded to a complaint of trawlers using oversized trawls in Louisiana offshore waters and saw the St. Michael, a shrimping vessel, trawling with four trawls, a practice known as "four-rigging."

The nets were measured and each was found to be 55-feet along the cork line for a total of 220-feet of cork line. The maximum length of cork line allowed by law in Louisiana waters is 130 feet.

A license check revealed that none of the four man crew was licensed to operate as a commercial fisherman in Louisiana. There was also no commercial vessel license for the boat or commercial gear licenses for the trawls.

The agents cited the captain, Quoc Do, and each of the three deck hands for using trawls exceeding size requirements in offshore Louisiana waters and taking shrimp without nonresident commercial licenses, without nonresident gear licenses and without a nonresident vessel license.

Seized in connection with the violations were four trawls and 8,228 pounds of

individual quick frozen shrimp. The shrimp were sold for \$15,394.40, which will be held in escrow until the cases are adjudicated.

Elizabeth Nguyen, 45, of Port Arthur, Texas, the owner of the St. Michael, was also cited for allowing an unlicensed fisherman to use a commercial vessel and allowing an unlicensed fisherman to use commercial gear.

Using oversized trawls carries a fine of up to \$750, jail for not more than 120 days, or both, plus court costs. Each of the commercial license violations is punishable by fines of up to \$500, jail for not more than 90 days, or both, plus court costs. The seized shrimp and gear may be forfeited by the court upon completion of the case.

Agents participating in the case were Lieutenant Larry Breaux, Sergeants Edwin Broussard and Robert Buatt, and Senior Agents Aaron Monceaux and Kane Thomas.

## Service set

A Divine Mercy Afternoon will be held Sunday, April 27 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Creole.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be last-hour confessions.

At 3 p.m. a Holy Hour/Mass of Divine Mercy will be observed.

Creole Catholic Daughters will sponsor a reception.

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A

## World Day of Prayer is Thurs.

Cameron Parish's annual observance of the World Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 1 beginning at noon on the Cameron courthouse lawn. The program will consist of the following:

Master of Ceremonies, Charles Cole; Welcome address, Tina Horn, Parish Administrator; Reflection of Prayer, Rev. Alton Hodnett, First Baptist Church; Prayer, Rev. Lannis Joseph, Ebenezer Baptist Church; Prayer is the Key to Heaven, Thomas & Jerald Helms.

Pledge of Allegiance, Theos Duhon; Scripture Reading, Mary Cockrell. "Oh, How I Love Jesus," Macedonia Baptist Choir and others. Talk, KAJN Program Director Craig Thompson; Scripture Reading, Clerk of Court Carl Broussard.

Prayer, Lay Minister Deacon Edgar Wise, parish officials, ministers, and priests.

Introduction of guest speaker, Louise Cole, NAACP President. Speaker: Dr. Ransom Howard, pastor of the Sixth Street Baptist Church, Port Arthur.

"Sweet Hour of Prayer," Cyndi Sellers; closing remarks, Sheriff James "Sono" Savoie; and Louise Cole. Charles Primeaux and Freddie Theriot will provide music.

## 4-H Awards night told

The second annual Cameron Parish 4-H Awards Night will be held Friday, May 2 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary School auditorium.

Awards will be given to winners for record books and Achievement Day.

4-H Agents Michael LaVergne and Penny Thibodeaux of the Cameron Cooperative Extension Service will be in charge of the program.

## Community meets set

Community meetings have been set in Johnson Bayou and Hackberry to give parents, family members and others to meet with School Superintendent Dr. Doug Chance and local school board members.

The Johnson Bayou meeting will be held at the Community Center Tuesday, April 29, according to School Board member Clifton Morris.

The Hackberry meeting will be held Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center, according to School Board Member Dwayne Sanner.

The public is invited to ask questions about their schools.

Similar meetings have been held in other communities of the parish.



THIS SUNRISE scene at Rutherford Beach was taken several years ago by the late Bill Turnbull, Cameron Parish nature photographer. Plans to develop a state park in the area in the early 1940's apparently were put on hold due to World War II and never resumed. Rutherford Beach did develop into a recreation area years later after the Police Jury built a road to the beach from the Oak Grove area.

## State park plans cancelled by WWII

**(EDITOR'S NOTE--The following article published 63 years ago tells about plans for the establishment of a state park on the Gulf south of Creole. The plans apparently never came to fruition and to this day there is no state park in Cameron Parish although there are four federal and state wildlife refuges. However, an area near the proposed site was opened to the public some years ago when the Police Jury built a road to Rutherford Beach which has developed into a beach and camping area with a number of permanent camps.)**

(Lake Charles American Press, April 24, 1940)

### STATE PARK CONSIDERED

A state park for Southwest Louisiana was in definite prospect today as Major J. Lester White, chairman of the State Planning Commission, and N. E. Simoneaux, Secretary of the State Parks Commission, inspected a site in Cameron Parish.

The site, a 2,000 acre spit of land on the Gulf Coast, southeast of Creole across the mouth of the Mermentau River was studied in a prelim-

inary survey a year ago. Mr. Simoneaux said in Lake Charles today, and appears to be the best available location east of Cameron.

Meanwhile, Senator Ernest S. Clements, Conservation Commission chairman and ex-officio chairman of the Parks Commission, announced he was interested in the project to the extent that he would assist in getting a bill presented in the state house of representatives.

Sen. Clement estimated acquisition of the site would require a state appropriation of approximately \$20,000.

Location of the proposed park on the coast in Cameron Parish, Mr. Simoneaux said, was the result of a National Park Service recommendation that the Southwest Louisiana park be a surf-bathing site.

A Civilian Conservation Corps camp for the park has been promised by the National Park Service as soon as the state acquires title to the land.

Mr. Simoneaux estimated a CCC camp could be assigned to the project by Oct. 1 if the May legislature would appropriate the money necessary for purchase of the land. Work at the site would include construction of a central

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Closeup of new marsh growth

## Marsh project nominated for national coastal award

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) recently announced that one of its partnership efforts, the Southern Cameron Parish Salt Marsh Protection and Recovery Project, has been nominated for the nationally recognized Coastal America Partnership Award.

The project was initiated to lessen transportation impacts by saving an eroding coastal marsh, utilizing a technique known as plowed terracing. The project is located on the East Cove Unit of the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) nominated the project, which involved the combined efforts

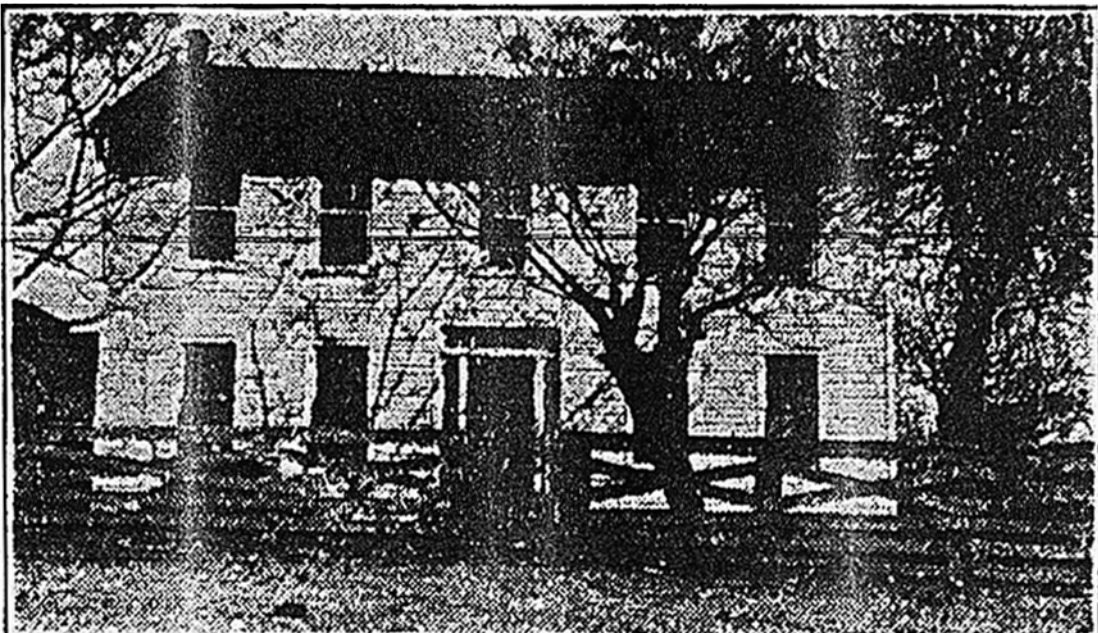
of DOTD, the FHWA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's East Cove Unit of the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Ducks Unlimited, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation with the Shell Oil Co. Foundation, among others.

The team leader of the project was Tina Horn, parish administrator of the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Each year, Coastal America recognizes outstanding partnership efforts and/or multi-agency projects that fit the following criteria: at least one federal agency partner as well as one nonfederated entity must be involved in the

project or process; the project or process must clearly demonstrate the "value added" aspect of the partnership effort; the project should demonstrate an innovative or unique way of accomplishing stated goals and objectives; and the project must demonstrate a contribution to Coastal America's objective to protect, preserve and restore the nation's coastal ecosystems.

The total cost of the project, \$1,213,347, was paid by federal grants, state and local dollars, and matching funds, including in-kind contributions from the partners, and countless hours or contributed time from team members.



THIS PICTURE of the old Cameron courthouse taken in 1928 ran in the Lake Charles American Press along with a story about plans to build a new \$100,000 new courthouse "in the near future." These plans never materialized, probably due to the onset of the Depression in 1929. The present courthouse was built in 1937 as a WPA project to help end the Depression. The story is told that Cameron actually got a bigger and finer courthouse than usual due to the influence of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had a warm spot in his heart for the parish after hunting with Jim Bonsall at Grand Chenier in the 1920's

# FUNERALS

## AMBER N. BROUSSARD

Funeral services for Amber Nichole Broussard, 20, of Grand Chenier, were held Wednesday, April 23, from St. Eugene Catholic Church of Grand Chenier. The Rev. Vincent Vaclakedaht officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Creole under direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

Miss Broussard died Sunday, April 20, 2003, in a Houston Hospital.

She was a native of Lake Charles and lived most her life in Grand Chenier. She belonged to Beta in high school and graduated with honors from South Cameron High School. She was awarded a full scholarship to Northwestern University.

Survivors include her parents, Carl and Michelle Broussard of Grand Chenier; one daughter, Malori Nichole Broussard of Grand Chenier; one sister, Jennifer Dawn Conner of Grand Chenier; maternal grandmother, Mary

Jane Sturlese of Jennings; and paternal grandfather, Thomas Broussard of Grand Chenier.

Miss Broussard's father is the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court.

## JEFFREY OTIS DeSHIELDS

Funeral services were held for Jeffrey DeShields, 49, Friday, April 18 in Seaford, Del. at Williams Chapel Church in Bridgeville, Del. Jeffrey O. Nock, Sr. officiated. Burial was in Middleford Cemetery in Middleford, Del.

Mr. DeShields died Thursday, April 10, 2003.

He was a native of Seaford, Del. where he attended area schools. In 1979, he moved to Cameron and went to work for Mobil Oil. A long time resident of Cameron, he moved back to Seaford in December of 2000.

He attended Ebenezer Baptist Church in Creole and was a member of the Masonic Lodge 262 in Lake Charles.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Holmes DeShields of Cameron; two sons, Jermel Smith of Lake Charles and Jeffrey N. DeShields of Cameron; three daughters, Nneka Sonnier of Little Rock, Ark., Kimberly Smith of Laurel, Del., and Qutisha Williams of Cameron; four brothers, Thomas DeShields and Larry DeShields of Seaford, Del., Wayman Dickerson and Clarence Dickerson of Wilmington, Del.; nine sisters, Loraine Cooke, Fuetnes DeShields, and Patricia DeShields of Seaford, Sheila DeShields of Cameron, Dione Dickerson of Greenwood, Del., Gwendolyn Fountain, Carolyn Collie, and Denise Dickerson of Milford, Del., and Carlette Dickerson of Wilmington, Del.; and seven grandchildren.



SHOWN ABOVE IS the 1943 graduating class of Grand Chenier High School. The class motto was war related "No Victory Without Labor". Class members were-Belton Bonsall, Cecile Bonsall, Sylvia Dupuie, Jennings Jones, Audrey Miller, Curley Miller, Helen Miller, Claude (Pete) McCall, Fae McCall, Louanna Roy, and Gayle Stewart. (Photo courtesy of Mike McCall.)



THIS PICTURE WAS Taken in 1960 at Gladys McCall's home in celebration of Miss Oma Miller's 60th birthday. Miss Oma taught first grade for 41 years, mostly at Grand Chenier's school. Pictured are relatives and former students. Children (front row, from left) Melodie Swire, Butch Arceneaux, Mike McCall, Gary Mayard (behind), Pat Arceneaux, Jimmy Chance, Kathy Chance (behind), D.L. Brasseaux, Mona Arceneaux, Kathy Miller, Carolyn Miller, Charlotte Brasseaux. Adults (back row) Dot Collins, Charlie Mae Brasseaux, Nu Nu Mhire, Mary Cohen, Emma Lou Theriot, Emilie Miller, Miss Oma Miller and Mary Katherine Arceneaux (baby), Patty Jo Arceneaux (behind), Mrs. Sam Doland, Marie Swire, Mrs. Charlie Richard, Emma Arceneaux, Vivian Mayard and Blaine Mayard (baby). (Photo courtesy of Mike McCall.)

## REMEMBER

By Keith Hambrick

(Cameron Pilot, April 23, 1970)

### PILOT WINS AWARDS

The Cameron Pilot was winner of two state awards at the Louisiana Press Association annual convention in New Orleans last weekend. The two Cameron citizens shown above played vital parts in the paper's winning the awards.

Dr. Cecil Clark admires the plaque presented to the Pilot for winning first place in the sports photography contest for weekly newspapers in cities less than 4,000.

The photographs entered in this contest were those taken by Dr. Clark for the Pilot of the state football playoffs last fall when South Cameron advanced to the state finals.

A. J. Howard, president of the Cameron State Bank, looks at the second place certificates won by the Pilot in the Best Advertising Idea contest for weeklies. The advertisement, which was originated by Mr. Howard, featured photographs of a newly married young couple--Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Duddleston--learning about the facilities of the Cameron State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wise, publishers of the Pilot, attended the LPA Convention.

### INDIAN RELICS SHOWN AT LIBRARY

Cameron Parish Librarian Coral Lee Crain displays some of the Indian relics that were on display at the library last Friday during open house.

The relics, which are still on display, were dug up in the Back Earth midden at Johnson Bayou by Mr. and Mrs. John Prescott and include pottery fragments, animal teeth (mostly deer) arrow points, and stone tools.

An insect display made by Danny Nunez of Creole which won first at the McNeese Science Fair and third in the state also was shown.

Mrs. Emma Nunez, library board president, presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Charles Hebert and Mrs. Charles Precht, board members, also were co-hostesses.

### COURT OF HONOR

On April 13, Creole Boy Scout Troop 202 held at the KC Hall the first Court of Honor ever to be held in Creole. Dallas Balmar,

District Scout Executive, was there to assist Scoutmaster Harold Savoie and Assistant Scoutmaster Roland Primeaux in the presentations.

A total of 32 boys received merit badges in various fields. Toby Landry became a tenderfoot scout. Those who became 2nd class scouts were Glen Baccigalopi, Rod and Tod Landry, Cecil Myers, Joey Reina, Russell Savoie, David Dimas, Joey Dimas, and Mark Montie.

Becoming 1st class scouts were Dan Nunez, Vernon Primeaux, Tony Sturlese, and Tony Johnson. One scout received the Star Scout rank--Dan Nunez.

### VFW OFFICERS ELECTED

Ray Stevens was elected commander of VFW Doney-Vincent Post 10019 of Cameron. Stevens becomes the first Vietnam veteran to be elected commander of the Cameron Post.

Having served in the U. S. Marines, he was formerly attached to the First Marine Division, First Tank Battalion while in Vietnam. He is presently assistant manager of Troclair Canning Co., Inc. in Cameron. Stevens will succeed Donald Pellegrin.

Other officers elected were: Amos Miller, senior vice commander; Benny Bourg, junior vice commander; Dewey LaBove, judge advocate; Pat Clay, surgeon; and Donald Pellegrin, three-year trustee. Deil LaLande will serve as two-year trustee, and Oscar Reyes as one-year trustee. Senior Vice Commander Berton Daigle presided.

Members of the Cameron VFW Post agreed to sponsor a new General Explorer Post of the Boy Scouts; a Cub Pack; and continue to sponsor the Boy Scout Troop No. 210. O'Neil Roberts is now serving as Scoutmaster and Warner Daigle as Assistant Scoutmaster.

Boy Scout committee members are: Ray Stevens, institutional representative; Don Hebert, chairman and neighborhood chairman; E. J. Dronet, Deil LaLande, James LeBoeuf, and Edwin A. Kelley.

### RETRIEVER DOG TRIALS

The Cameron Parish Retriever Club held its first dog trials of the season Sunday afternoon at the American Legion Home in Grand Chenier. Newly elected officers, Lewis Clark, president, and Bill Pinch, secretary, report a fair turnout for the event.

The club wishes to thank the trial judges, Pete Picou and Orrie Canik for their participation. In the older dog division, first place went to Ray Burleigh's "Prince" with Bill Pinch's "Mike" placing second and Henry Roy's "Bo" third place winner.

In the puppy division, Henry Roy placed first, Jack Trahan ranked second, and D. D. Albarado won third place.

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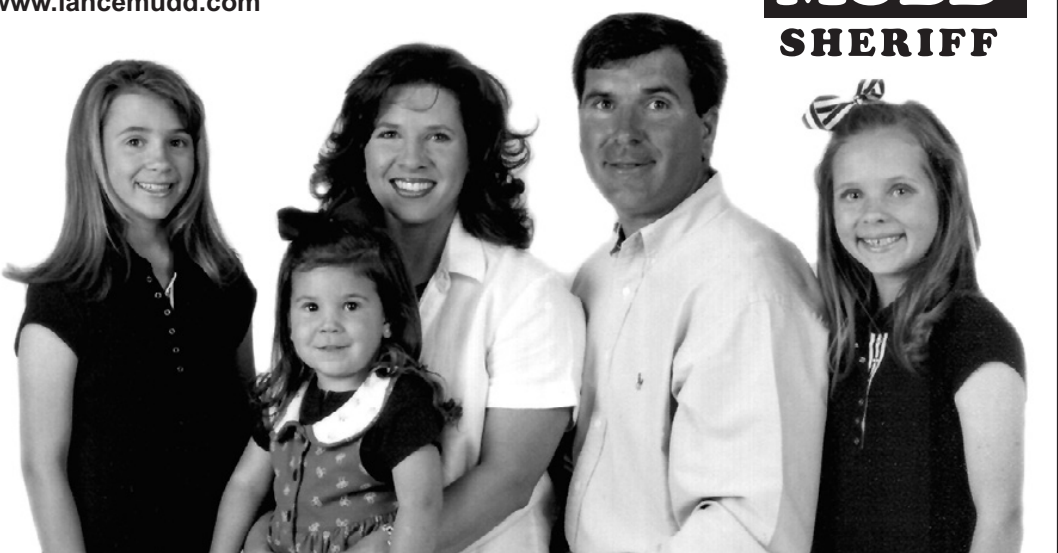
## A Sense of What is Important

I have a family of my own, and I am committed to making our parish a safe and secure place for all of our families. I believe that education is the key to protecting our youth. Among other things, I plan to implement a **Stranger Danger Awareness Program** and further develop school-based programs that focus on drug awareness and the consequences of drug abuse.

I have been married to Kelly Foster Mudd for twelve years and we have three children: Kallan, Marlie, and Quincy. My family is important to me. If elected as your sheriff, I vow to protect what is most important to you.

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# Playoff results

## Lady Tarpons advance in playoffs

The Lady Tarpons' Brittany Mudd struck out 10 Loreauville batters and gave up 3 walks and a pair of base hits as South Cameron shut out Loreauville 3-0 in the Bi-District round of the playoffs.

Top hitters for South Cameron were Courtney Conner, 2-2 with a double, homerun, and 2 RBIs; Casie McDaniel, 1-3; Amber Trahan, 1-3 and a RBI; and Laken Mock, 1-2.

South Cameron improves to 20-5 on the year and will move on to the regional round where they will face the winner of the Delhi-False River game.

## Lady Tarpons to play Friday

South Cameron High School Lady Tarpons Softball Team will play in the regional playoffs against Fale River Academy on Friday, April 25 at the Cameron Recreation Center. The game will begin at 3:30 p.m. Tarpon fans are asked to support the Lady Tarpons with their presence at the game, principal Eddie Benoit said.

## Lady Mustangs season ends

The Hackberry Lady Mustangs finished the regular season as the District 6-C runner-up and advanced to the bi-district round of the playoffs. They faced Calvin, the District 2-C champion. The Lady Mustangs fell to Calvin 13-3.

Grand Lake hosted Florien in the first round of the playoffs.

## Baseball

**Grand Lake 16; Centerville 3** - The Hornets moved to a perfect 9-0 in district as they dominated Centerville. Ryan Poole and Clifford McCombs shared the mound for Grand Lake. Top hitters were Poole, 2-3 and 3 RBIs; McCombs, 2-2 and a RBI; Justin Girlinghouse, 2-3 with 2 RBIs; and Blake Dodson, 2-4 and 2 RBIs.

**Grand Lake 8; Hamilton Christian 3** - Ryan Poole went the distance for the Hornets, recording 8 strikeouts. Dustin Leger led Grand Lake batters going 2-2 with a double and 3 RBIs.

**Hackberry 21; Starks 5** - Glen LeBlanc, Brennon Duhon, Nick Moore, Jay Fanner, and Jody Savoie pitched for the Mustangs. Top hitters were Ryan Hicks, 3-3 with a double, triple, and 7 RBIs; Wade LaBauve, 2-2 with a triple and 3 RBIs; Brett Stansel, 2-3 with double and 2 RBIs; Anthony Miller, 2-4 and a double and 2 RBIs; and Jody Savoie, 2-2 with w doubles and a RBI.



**Oberlin 14; South Cameron 4** - William Dominique was on the mound for the 5-15 Tarpons.

**Grand Lake 12; Bell City 2** - TC Tradewell struck out 11 batters as the Hornets clinched the district 8B title.

Top hitters were Clifford McCombs, 2-3, 2 homeruns and 5 RBIs; and Tradewell, 1-1 with a homerun.

**Hackberry 7; Singer 6** - Jody Savoie and Glenn LeBlanc combined for 12 Singer strikeouts. Wade LaBauve had a pair of base hits including a triple and Aaron Granger had 2 hits and the game winning RBI. The Mustangs did not have any strikeouts in the game.



**THE GRAND LAKE Lady Hornets Junior Division 9 and 10 year olds recently won the 'LA 'l Dribblers 2003 State Championship.'** Shown above were: (standing, from left) Assistant Coach Pete Lancaster, Brook Pesson, Katy Fruge, Kimmie Babineaux, Kristi Breaux, Magen Aguiard, Coach Rhonda Thomas; (kneeling) Jillian Derouen, Kallan Mudd, Taylor Whittle, Shelby Thomas, and Julie Lannin. Hanna Savoie is also a member of the team. Pat and Debbie Howerton and Chad Deshotel were special assistants to the team.

## CAMERON OUTDOORS Fishing is up and down

By Loston McEvers

### By LOSTON MCEVERS

Bass fishing in the big burn is up and down. About the time the weather gets straight, and we catch a few good bass, we have a change of weather, either rain or a cold front or both.

This past week bass fishing started out slow, but towards the end of the week it turned out fairly well. Anglers are doing well on white perch, bream, and goggle eyes, some of nice sizes. Catfish on Little Pecan Bayou is good.

The saltwater fishing is all about fighting the strong winds. The water has been rough and dirty in most areas. Some speckle trout are being taken out of Big Lake, but the west cove area has been best. The Cameron and Grand Chenier Jetties are good for Redfish, but some days it's too rough to get out of the Jetties.

Red snapper season opened Monday, April 21, but again the weather is so uncertain, it will keep many recreation anglers inland. The size limit for red snapper is 16 inches minimum total length and the limit is 4 per person for daily bag limits and possession limits. There are a number of snappers to fish besides red snapper, such as mongoose, mutton, and probably six to eight more. Check

your wildlife pamphlets for limits and sizes.

**Gulf Water Security** Offshore anglers will have to be extra careful, as the new security for terrorists is going to be enforced. There are over 3,000 platforms in the gulf, and most oil companies do not want anyone tying up to the platforms.

Now there could be laws to be within so many feet from a platform or even ships, offshore workboats, and other vessels. This would include the ship channel and even around the loading docks and oil refineries around Lake Charles.

Many offshore anglers depend on oil platforms in the Gulf to fish, especially red snapper, as this is a haven for lots of species of fish. Anglers who disobey some of these rules could face large fines. Anglers or anyone else could face jail time up to six years and a \$250,000 fine. Many of these large ships have escorts who are armed, and what they could think of as a threat could become deadly.

### Thiefs

I couldn't help but read an article about the biggest targets for theft in Cameron, Vermillion, and Acadia Parishes were crawfish and four-wheelers. It seems that they are robbing crawfish farmers of their crawfish catch at night, and lots of four-wheel-

ers are being taken out of these parishes. I do know friends of mine that have had their four-wheelers stolen, some in plain daylight.

I have one friend who had his travel trailer stolen in Calcasieu Parish. It's time we take precautions to try and prevent these thefts or report any thing unusual in our neighborhood.

### News Briefs

Anglers, remember if you're castnetting, you cannot keep recreational fish like bass, perch, bream, etc. It's against the law, and fines are high with jail time. Plus, costs of count could hit you hard.

### Talk About

Northern California, famous for its gold rush 150 years ago, appears to be the reason for elevated mercury levels in many Sierra Nevada fish today. Gold rush mines used mercury to separate gold from stream sediment, and then the heavy metal flowed into local waterways, where it is now concentrated in bass and catfish populations.

I would hate to know how much mercury we have in our lakes, marshes, canals, and our gulf waters, because in the oil field, mostly all meters were operated with mercury. I know lots that hit the ground water.

## Johnson B. honor roll

The 5th six weeks banner and honor rolls at Johnson Bayou High School are:

Banner roll: Rayce Romero, Kaitlin Billiot, Allison Romero, Kristopher Trahan, Kascidy Badon, Harmony Trahan, Katrina McGee, Laura Trahan, Katie Young, Rustin Trahan, Christopher Welch, Jana Billiot, Jill Simon, Justin Trahan.

Honor roll: Cheyenne Carter, Briana Romero, Blake Badon, Dakota Carter, Cade Cramer, Marcus Fontenot, Zachary Hebert, Morgan Leger,

Dylan Morrison, Dustin Romero, Chase Schwarzau, Adam Romero, Holly Simon, Katrina LeJeune, Cheyenne Hanks, Melissa McCrory, Lacci McNeil,

Kaitlin Peavy-Storm, Sunny Trahan, Victor Guidry, Wesley Roberts, Ashley Price, Beau Rodrigue, Dominique Sandifer, John Snyder.

**Lemesche Bass Club**  
The Lemesche Bass Club will hold their second tournament this Sunday, Apr. 27, fishing out of the Big Burn. This is a draw tournament. Partners are: J. M. Boudreaux and Todd Conner; Loston McEvers and Ricky Conik; Tom Hess and Corey Broussard; Jeb Linscomb and Richard Duhon; Darren and Rod Richard; Scottie Trosclair and George Melancon; Johnny LeDoux and Rudy McEvers. Carl Broussard was odd man.  
The club's next meeting will be May 7, with a meal prepared by Rod Richard 6 p.m. at the K. C. Hall in Creole.

**April Events**  
Frog season closed until June 1. Red snapper season opened; runs through Oct. 31. Gibbstown dogfight held every Monday at 5:30 p.m. April 28, Lacassine Pool opens, catch and release only.  
**Fishing Times**  
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**Softball**

**South Cameron 2; Merryville 1 (8 innings)** - The Lady Panthers and the Lady Tarpons were forced to a first place tiebreaker game with the Lady Tarpons coming out on top. Brittany Mudd pitched for South Cameron. Santana Conner hit a single in the top of the eighth to score Erin Dinger to put the Lady Tarpons on top. Mudd had a double and a RBI and Amber Trahan also hit safely.  
**Hamilton 6; Grand Lake 4** - Cheri Sammis threw for the Lady Hornets. Top hitters were Tabitha Nunez, 3-4 with a triple, RBI, and 2 runs scored and Lauren Courville, 3-4 with a double, RBI, and a run.

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GRAND LAKE School used its school sign to signify support for American troops. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



**FIRST SGT. Jewele L. Gardner is serving with the U. S. Army. He is the son of Sandra Gardner, grandson of Gussie Jackson and the nephew of Louise Cole, all of Cameron. He is married to the former Janet Nicholas who is the daughter of Helen Calais of Lafayette.**

## School bond election is called for Grand Lake

By SCOTT ROGERS

(Lake Charles American Press)

Third time's a charm. At least that's what the Cameron Parish School Board hopes will happen on July 19 when it proposed a \$5 million bond issue to the public during a special election.

Grand Lake/Sweetlake voters rejected similar bond issues in two previous elections.

"We're going back at it again, and we have little to no changes from the last time we went to the public during the second go-round," School Board member Pat Howerton said.

If voters approve the bond issue, the \$5 million will be paid off over 20 years, and will cost the taxpayers about 35 mills.

It has been estimated that a person with a house valued at \$100,000 will pay about \$90 more a year if the tax passes. People who are homestead exempt will not have to pay anything.

"People in the Sweetlake area already have a heavy tax

burden. They pay about 150 mills right now, which is one of the highest in the parish. But this is something we desperately need for our school, and I think it is the best we have to offer with the money that we have," Howerton said.

Because so many homes are homestead exempt--70 percent--the School District 4 community is the smallest taxbase community in Cameron Parish. Few businesses are there to support the school, so most of the proceeds come from individual landowners.

"We are also the fastest growing community in Cameron Parish, not only in newcomers to the community but students to the school. We are currently at our maximum in the school," Howerton said.

If the bond issue passes, money will be used to add 14 new classrooms in a new upper elementary and middle school wing, a new kindergarten/pre-K wing, new kitchen and lunchroom facility, library expansion and a new centralized computer lab.



**RAPHIEL HEARD, of South Cameron High School, participated at District IV FBLA and placed first in Entertainment and first in Computer Applications. He attended the state conference and placed fourth in Computer Applications. He will compete at nationals in Computer Applications.**

## Americorps is providing services to the parish

By CYNDI SELLERS

Americorps is getting things done in Cameron Parish. Five members of the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center (SWLA HEC) Americorps program are currently assigned to the Cameron Council on Aging and Community Action Agency, according to Dinah Nunez, director.

Jade Jouett and Sarah Nunez are project managers for the "Keep It Real" after school programs for children.

Tina Wolfe and Linda Frerks are caseworkers and Christina Sorrells is a caregiver for the CCOA Care-Giver Program. All five will be involved in the "A HEC of a Summer" youth program.

These five Cameron Parish residents have joined more than 40,000 other Americans in more than 500

programs nationwide to serve their communities. Americorps, the domestic Peace Corps is overseen by the Corporation for National Service, which works with state commissions, non-profits, schools, etc. to provide services. In Louisiana, the Lt. Governor's office coordinates with local agencies, in this case, SWLA HEC.

Americorps members sign up for one to two year hitches with varying time commitments: 40, 20, 15, or 10 hours per week. In return, they receive a stipend and can earn money for education.

### CARE-GIVER PROGRAM

One of the services Americorps has made possible is the Care-Giver Program of CCOA. Through this project, in-home care service is provided for up to four hours at a time to relieve full-time

## Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

### QUARTER BINGO

Quarter Bingo will be Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center. Proceeds go to C.C.D. Program.

The program has finished paying for the books, but will continue having Bingo for supplies needed in the new hall in the C.C.D. Department.

### EGG HUNT WINNERS

2003 Hackberry Recreation Easter Egg Hunt winners were:

Infant to 2 years: prize egg: Sebastion Core; most eggs: Autumn Raymond, Darrell Guillory

3 to 4 years: prize egg: Ade Abshire; most eggs: Gaven Guidry.

5 years to kindergarten: prize egg: Paul Menard; most eggs: Sydney Broussard.

First and second grade: prize egg: Tiffanie Raymond; most eggs: Tate Buford.

Third and fourth grade: prize egg: Eddie Bird; most eggs: Dustin Kelly, Erica Duhon, Jonathan Nunez.

Fifth grade and up: prize egg: Megan Spicer; most eggs: Krista Nunez.

### care-givers.

Many people are caring for aged or ill family members in their home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They rarely have any time to themselves to take care of their own needs. The strain can be overwhelming. The dedicated care-givers may be forced to give up and place their loved one in a facility because of exhaustion.

CCOA's Care-Giver program allows them four hours once or twice a week to do whatever they want or need to do for themselves--get hair done, visit neighbors, go for a drive, a movie, or get a hamburger. Seniors using this service call it the "Angel Program," because care givers are being helped through the program. Many have been care-giving for 8-10 years without a break. Dinah Nunez, CCOA director, says, "Americorps has allowed us to bring a project into the parish that has really been needed."

### "KEEP IT REAL" UPDATE

The after school program in Cameron will move from the Recreation Center to the Council on Aging/Community Action building after the Easter break.

## Cameron Parish Library tells about new books

### MEMORIAL BOOKS

Memorial books in the Cameron Parish Library are listed as follows: with names of the ones in memory, donors, respectively:

Largemouth Bass, Adonise (A. B.) Richard by Charlotte Trosclair family; Family Reference Atlas of the World, Vernon LeBleu by Charlotte Trosclair;

The Bible & Me, In Honor of Kallan Elise Conner by

Gran Charlotte; Advanced Bass Fishing, In honor of Charlie Pettifer (King Fur), by Charlotte Trosclair and family;

Ultimate Visual Dictionary, Addison Fruge by Charlotte Trosclair; Gumbo Ya-Ya, Esther Quinn by Charlotte Trosclair;

Vegetarian, Jeanette January by Charlotte Trosclair family; Transform Your Kitchen in a Weekend, Esther Quinn by Eugene and Cindy Jones;

He Chose The Nails, Esther Quinn by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elliott; Hunting in North America, Tim Trahan by DeDe Nunez and family; John Deere New Generation, Mervin Chesson by J. T. and Bobbie Primeaux and family.

### NEW NOVELS

The Discrete Charm of Charlie Monk, David Ambrose; Hidden Leaves, V. C. Andrews; Into the Valley, Rosanne Bittner; The Da Vinci Code, Dan Brown;

The Tail of the Tip-Off, Rita Mae Brown; The Thrill of

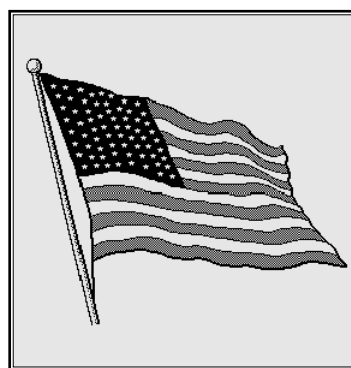
## Creole Egg hunt held

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole sponsored an Easter Egg hunt after the 8:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday.

The J. P. Boudoin Jr. Knights of Columbus Council 3014 of Creole helped gather and hide eggs and served doughnuts, coffee and punch. There were two age groups, pre-k through first grade and second through third grades. Lots of candy for the children, prize eggs in each division and prizes for the most eggs were given.

In the pre-school and kindergarten group, Jakie Morales, 4 years old had the prize egg, and Jarett Paul Thibodeaux had the most eggs with 35.

In the first through third grades, Jason Theriot found the prize egg while Jenna Duddleston found 67 eggs followed by Kylin Doudison with 56 eggs.



### STATE PARK

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lodge for serving food and drinks, large enough to accommodate meetings and equipped with a dance floor.

Vacation cottages of a family size and for camping groups would also be built, and the project would likely require the building of about 100 cottages.

Most of the expense in the construction would be borne by the federal government, with the state assisting. Later, it would be up to the state to maintain the park.

The Cameron site chosen is inaccessible by automobile at present, and part of the development would necessitate construction of about four miles of roadway south from the Creole-Grand Chenier road.

This out-of-the-way site was chosen because of the excellent beach facilities there, Mr. Simoneaux said.

The land involved is in the township 15 south, range 7 west, bounded on the north by the Mermentau River and lower Mud Lake; on the south and west by the Gulf of Mexico; and on the east by the boundary line between ranges 6 and 7 west.

## Food to be distributed in parish

The Cameron Community Action Agency will distribute regular commodities as follows:

Cameron, Creole, and Grand Chenier areas: April 24, 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 until 3 p.m. at the Cameron Council on Aging office in Cameron.

Grand Lake/Sweet Lake areas: April 25 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Grand Lake Multipurpose Building in Grand Lake.

Hackberry area: April 24, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center in Hackberry.

If you have any question or want to apply for commodities, contact Linda at 775-5145 or Lana at 598-5158.


Victory, Sandra Brown; Crumbtown, Joe Connolly; The White Road, John Connolly; Lost Light, Michael Connolly; Sharpe's Havoc, Bernard Cornwell.

On this day in 1981, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the PS/1.

**— NOTICE —**

The Cameron Area Agency on Aging, Council on Aging, Inc. will hold a public hearing on the matter of requesting a waiver from the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs for Legal Services for the elderly residents of Cameron Parish. The hearing will be held on May 27 at 1 p.m. at the Cameron Senior Center at 723 Marshall Street in Cameron. The public is invited to attend. RUN: Apr. 24 (A-57)

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If tears could bring you back to us, you'd be here by our side.  
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Our heart would build a bridge of love, one wide enough for us.  
But this we know, the day will come when we will never part.  
Until that day we meet again, we'll keep you in our hearts.

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**BINGO**

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11	16	25	56	74
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6	24	35	54	80
2	22	39	46	65

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AMERICAN FLAGS and yellow ribbons can be found throughout Cameron Parish telling support for American troops. This display is in a yard in the Grand Lake area. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



LARGE AND SMALL patriotic displays can be found throughout the parish in support of American troops. This one is in a yard in Grand Lake. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## LNG terminal at Hackberry subject of Sulphur meeting

By SCOTT ROGERS

(American Press)

Local residents packed into a Holiday Inn Express meeting room Tuesday to show support of a proposed liquefied natural gas import terminal and natural gas pipeline facility in Hackberry. Representatives from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission were in Sulphur to gather comments about the proposed project. FERC made a preliminary determination in December 2002 approving Hackberry LNG Terminal LLC's certificate application for the proposed project.

The proposed terminal will take imported LNG from ship tankers, vaporize the product and send it to the U.S. pipeline system. The terminal will be able to receive and process 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day.

The new terminal could accommodate about 210 ships per year. About 36 miles of pipeline will be laid through Cameron, Calcasieu, and Beauregard parishes. About 70 percent of the pipeline will be new, whereas 30 percent will connect to existing pipeline. The pipeline will connect to the Transco Pipeline System which travels from the Gulf of Mexico up to New York.

If approved, the terminal will begin operations in 2006.

Numerous industry representatives, public officials and local residents spoke out in overwhelming support of a project that could cost up to \$700 million.

The project will bring economic development to Hackberry and benefits all across Southwest Louisiana, supporters said.

Joe Cironi, Chamber/Southwest Louisiana president, said Southwest Louisiana has not had "one bit" of expansion in its petro-chemical industry since mid-1999.

The Chamber supports the project because it could bring in 800-1,000 construction jobs over a two-year period, and 50-60 "high-paying" permanent jobs once the terminal is up and running.

Cameron Parish police juror Steve Trahan, who represents Hackberry, said Hackberry needs to generate additional revenue besides just oil and gas revenue.

"We have been living off that for 30-40 years, and we

have rode that horse into the ground," Trahan said. "We need versatility. One day I got a call on the phone about the project—several hundred million dollar job, so many people going to work, so many construction jobs, and I'm thinking tax base. When I got off the phone I looked at the caller ID because this call had to be from heaven, but it didn't say that, it was from Houston, Texas."

Letters of recommendation from state representatives were given to the FERC representatives, and supporters who spoke included Calcasieu Parish police juror Hal McMillin, Keith Little from ConocoPhillips, Marsha Oaks from Hackberry Team City, Rusty Vincent of Louisiana Coastal Conservation Association, Capt. Sammy Faulk, economic development consultant to Cameron Parish, Capt. Mike Miller, president of the Lake Charles Pilots, and Mike Dees, Port of Lake Charles attorney.

However, some local residents and industry officials have concerns.

Charlie Atheron owns land that might be affected by the project. He said the most obvious environmental impact of the project is erosion of the banks of the ship channel.

"The public asks FERC to recommend sheet piling of the ship channel, which would address the erosion of private landowners' property, improve water quality, reduce turbidity and reduce dredging cost," Atheron said.

Atheron asked FERC not to approve the project until all rights-of-way are secured and addressed. Atheron has not been officially notified even though he owns land that could be affected.

Others were concerned that one of the alternate sites for the project—on the south side of the industrial canal—would cause traffic congestion and possibly severe accidents.

Miller, ConocoPhillips, Dees and others asked FERC to approve the project's construction at the Hackberry LPG terminal in Cameron Parish, instead of on the industrial canal.

The Port of Lake Charles owns the property at the industrial canal, and Dees said the Port has future plans for that land.



MRS. CAROLYN Richard and the South Cameron FBLA members look over cards collected for St. Jude's Hospital. They collected over 200 cards (Christmas, birthday, etc.) and mailed the fronts of the cards to the children of St. Jude's Hospital. Shown above with Mrs. Richard are, standing from left, Sara Boudreaux, Ashley LeBlanc, Brandi Fontenot, Jamie Primeaux, Shyla LaBove, and Jodi Dyson. Mrs. Richard gave the club the idea of sending the cards to the children.

Joby Richard, reporter.



TOM SHEARMAN, United Way Board Chairman, donated a 25" color TV for the drawing open to those people in the Cameron Parish Division donating \$24 or more to the campaign. This year's winner is Larvell Love, plant manager at Duke Energy in Creole. Shown above are, from left: Roger Theriot, Howard Beard, Larvell Love, Cameron chairman Scott Trahan, Russell Savoie, and Daniel Savoie, all employees of Duke Energy.

## Bioterrorism threat preparations are told

By INGA LEATHERWOOD, RN, Bioterrorism Coordinator and JOELLE MARTEL, RN, DON, Assistant Bioterrorism Coordinator, South Cameron Memorial Hospital

This is the first part of a two part series designed to help residents of Cameron Parish be prepared in the event of a bioterrorism attack. Living in the Cameron area we all know how to prepare for a hurricane, what precautions to take, what to pack and how to keep informed. Like a hurricane, surviving a terrorist attack may take preparation and some common sense.

The war on terrorism has taken a turn, but is not over. We must think about preparing and planning should such an attack take place. A good place to start is gathering emergency supplies and having them in an accessible place.

Items to gather include: Water—store at least one gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation in clean plastic containers.

Food—store non-perishable items. Choose foods that do not have to be heated or cooked. Foods like dry cereal, canned fruit and canned meats, peanut butter, dried fruits, nuts, crackers, and baby food. You will have to also pack a manual can opener, cups and eating utensils.

Medications—have necessary medicines, such as insulin and heart medications on hand. Rotate these medications so they will not expire.

Basic supplies—including a flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, utility knife, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, garbage bags, and other sanitation supplies, plastic sheeting, duct tape, as well as extra cash and identification. Be sure to rotate extra batteries to make sure they work when you need them. Also have blankets or a sleeping bag for each person, and warm clothing such as a jacket or long sleeve shirt, a hat and gloves.

Special items—think about your family's unique needs, such as diapers, formula, bottles, prescription medications, pet food, comfort items, books, paper, pens, a deck of playing cards, or other forms on entertainment.

The Department of Homeland Security suggests two kits; one kit that will stay where you are and the other should be lightweight and a smaller version, to carry should you have to get away.

In a chemical or biological air attack we should concentrate on the air we breathe. Because of the different types of attacks that could occur,

there is not one solution for masking. For instance, simple cloth facemasks can filter some of the airborne "junk" or germs you might breathe into your body, but will probably not protect you from chemical gasses. Still something over your nose and mouth in an emergency is better than nothing.

Be prepared to improvise with what you have on hand to protect your nose, mouth, eyes, and cuts in your skin. Anything that fits snugly over your nose and mouth, including any dense weave cotton material can help filter contaminants in an emergency. There are also a variety of facemasks readily available in hardware stores that are rated based on how small a particle they can filter.

Precutting the garbage bags or plastic sheeting to fit windows, doors, and air vents will save time. You can label the materials and have them separated for each room. These items will seal your home from outside contaminants.

(The above information comes from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security at www.ready.gov)

## Mayhaw field day to be held on May 2 at Pollock

The LSU AgCenter will host the 8th Annual Mayhaw Conference and Field Day May 2 at the Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center near Pollock.

The conference will include a variety of presentations and a tour of a mayhaw orchard in the area, as well as the business meeting of the state mayhaw producers association.

The presentations will kick off with information on dwarf mayhaws and other varieties supplied by Billy Craft, a mayhaw breeder from Woodworth. Following Craft's presentation, Jackie Robbins, owner of Irrigation Mart in Ruston, will talk about mayhaw irrigation.

Later in the morning, Bubba Hoggat of Marion and Evelyn White of Starks will give a brief presentation on their towns' respective festivals celebrating the mayhaw. And Leonida Altazan-Brown of the LSU AgCenter's Rapides Parish Office will give the outcome of this year's mayhaw cooking contest, which is held as part of the annual mayhaw conference.

Rounding out the morning presentations, Bobby Tolbert, a mayhaw grower from Vidor, Texas, will be on hand to talk about mayhaw orchard estab-

lishment and management, and Dr. John Pyzner of the LSU AgCenter will give an update on mayhaw pests. Charlie Hutchins of the Grant Processing Plant near Pollock also will provide new guidelines for fruit processing.

The afternoon will be spent touring Little Eden mayhaw orchard and the Grant Processing Plant. The conference will end after the tour of the processing plant.

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. May 2, and the conference opens at 9 a.m. The registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$25 for members of the Louisiana Mayhaw Association, and that fee also includes a year's membership in the association. The fee for spouses of members is \$10, and there is a \$15 fee for nonmembers.

For more information on the conference, contact Dr. John Pyzner of the LSU AgCenter at (318) 644-5865 or jpyzner@agcenter.lsu.edu.



DO YOU REMEMBER? Shown above is the 7th grade class of Grand Chenier in 1930. (Photo courtesy of Mike McCall.)



AERIAL SHOT OF Grand Chenier in 1979-80. It shows the Grand Chenier Plant and the view along the Mermentau River to Jones Street, next to the park. (Photo courtesy of Mike McCall)

### Orange Tea Spritzer

- 2 cups orange juice, chilled
  - 2 cups club soda, chilled
  - 1/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 1 cup iced tea unsweetened concentrate
  - ice cubes
  - orange wedges
- Combine orange juice, soda, sugar and iced tea unsweetened concentrate in small pitcher. Serve over ice with orange wedges for garnish.

(Makes 4 servings.)

# Legal Notices

### LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9 meeting in regular session convened on the 19th day of March 2003 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2002-05: Drainage Improvements associated with Parish Roads 661 and 662 pursuant to the certain contract between M & C Oilfield Services LLC and said Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9 under File No. 276640, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: */s/Scott Benoit, Secretary*  
RUN: March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10, 17, 24 - M 42

### 14TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF CALCASIEU STATE OF LOUISIANA */s/Clelma Welch* DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT SUCCESION OF NO. 41,233 CONSTANCE BONSSALL SIMS FILED: 3/26/03

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that Gerald K. Sims, Administrator of the Succession of Constance Bonssall Sims, has petitioned this Court for authority to sell immovable property of the Succession at private sale in accordance with the provisions of La. C.C.P. Article 3281 for Fifty Thousand and No/100th's (\$50,000) cash, with the succession to pay all encumbrances, pro rata taxes, and pay for all proper certificates. The immovable property proposed to be sold at private sale is described as follows:

Beginning at Southeast corner of the following described land, to-wit: Being a part of Irregular Section 41, Township 15 South, Range 6 West, La. Mer., bounded on the East by lands of C. D. Nelson; North by Mermentau River; South by lands of Eugene Miller; West by land of L. D. Bertrand, deceased, and having a frontage of 210 feet by a depth of 950 feet and containing 5 acres, more or less. Beginning at Southeast corner of said above land; thence in a Northerly direction following the East line of said tract a distance of 354 feet; thence in a Westerly direction on a parallel line a distance of 210 feet to the West line of said tract; thence in a Southerly direction following the West line of said tract a distance of 354 feet to the Southwest corner; thence in an Easterly direction 210 feet to point of beginning. Also, beginning at the Northeast corner of said above described five (5) acre tract; thence in a Southerly direction following the East line of said tract a distance of One Hundred Twenty (120) feet; thence in an Easterly direction Sixty (60) feet to the point of beginning, together with all buildings and improvements thereon situated, all in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Beginning at a point on the North line of the Public Highway No. 292 Eighty (80) feet West of the Southeast corner of property owned by C. C. Nelson, less a lot Forty (40) feet by Sixty (60) feet sold in the Southeast corner thereof, thence from said point of beginning running North a distance of 180 feet parallel to the East line of C. C. Nelson property, thence running Westerly parallel to the North line of said Public Highway to the East line of C. C. Nelson property, thence running Westerly parallel to the North line of said Public Highway to the East line of property now belonging to James H. Bonsall a distance of 180 feet to the North line of said Public Highway, to the point of beginning. All of the above described property being situated in Irregular Section 41, Township 15 South, Range 6 West.

Any heir, legatee, or creditor who opposes the proposed sale must file his or her opposition within seven (7) days from the day on which the last publication of this notice appears.  
Date: 3/26/03

*/s/Clelma Welch*  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT  
RUNS: Apr. 3 & 24 - A 5

### LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of April 2003 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2001-07: Water Control Structure near Kings Bayou pursuant to the certain contract between Edward T. McCain dba M & M Electric and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 274810, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: *Charles Precht III, President*  
RUNS: Apr. 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22 - A 31

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury intends to abandon the following described Road Right-of-Way being of no further use or necessity:

Last 200' of Parish Road No. 407 (Big Lake Street) located in Irregular Section 26, T12S, R9W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Anyone having any objections to said abandonment should make their objections known at the meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, to be held Monday, May 5, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Annex building in Cameron, Louisiana.

*/s/Bonnie W. conner*  
**BONNIE W. CONNER,**  
SECRETARY  
**CAMERON PARISH  
POLICE JURY**  
RUNS: Apr. 10, 17, 24 - A 32

### Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 11 Proceedings February 11, 2003

There was a meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2003, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Andre Abadie, Gerald Richard, Billy Johnston, Ricky Guidry.  
ABSENT: None.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Charles Precht III, Police Juror; Lonnie Harper, Lonnie Harper & Associates; Greg Arabie, Louisiana Rural Water Association.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeffrey Jouett.

On motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and the minutes from the January 14, 2003 regular meeting were approved as previously mailed out.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the issues of contract grass cutting and new meters will be tabled until the next meeting.

The Superintendent's monthly report was given by James Cox. His report included the following items:  
The firm of Gragson, Casiday & Guillory, L.L.P. has been approved by the Legislative Auditor to perform the audit for the year ending December 31, 2002.

Overtime Report  
Delinquency Report  
Usage report/production cost  
Water rates of other water systems  
31 new meters installed since June 2002.

Mr. Lonnie Harper of Lonnie Harper and Associates, and Mr. Greg Arabie of Louisiana Rural Water Association discussed the system upgrade project. We have several lines that need to be upgraded. After these lines are upgraded, we need to determine whether the two current wells can keep up with our water needs. We can have the wells tested for \$300.00 per well. This test will tell us what our wells are capable of producing. The upgrade project will be divided into smaller projects and prioritized.

On motion of Ricky Guidry, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, the wells will be tested to determine our production capabilities at a cost of approximately \$300.00 per well.

On motion of Ricky Guidry, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, Mr. Harper was directed to put together a smaller project to upgrade our distribution lines.

Mr. Arabie of Louisiana Rural Water suggested that we have flow meters put on our wells and that we change out our old meters. As meters get older, they tend to slow down.

A financial report was given for the month ending January 31, 2003.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Ricky Guidry and carried, the Financial Statements for the month ending January 31, 2003 were approved.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, all bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, on motion of Ricky Guidry, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: */s/ Jeffrey Jouett, President*

ATTEST: */s/ Andre Abadie, Board Member*  
RUN: April 24 (A-43)

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BY: *Charles Precht III, President*  
RUNS: APRIL 17, 24, MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - A 49

### NOTICE

Excerpt from minutes of the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of April 2003.

It is moved by Norma Pinch, seconded by Scott Trahan and carried that:

The contract for Project Number 2002-03, by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and /Ribbeck Construction Corporation, for the Improvements to Parish Livestock Pavilion in Cameron recorded under File No. 277755, Mortgage records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana shall accept as complete and satisfactory and the Secretary shall cause the necessary advertisement for the claims to be made in a manner and form provided by law.

I certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury convened on the 7th day of April 2003.

*/s/Charles Precht III*  
**Charles Precht III, President**  
RUNS: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - A 50

### CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 11 PROCEEDINGS MARCH 11, 2003

There was a meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Gerald Richard, Billy Johnston, Andre Abadie.

ABSENT: Ricky Guidry  
OTHER ATTENDEES: Charles Precht III, Police Juror; Lonnie Harper, Lonnie Harper & Associates; Mike Lomasney, Utility Service Co.; Darryl Farque, District 7 Police Jury Candidate.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeffrey Jouett.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the minutes from the February 11, 2003 regular meeting were amended to correct the list of those present. Originally Andre Agadie's name was listed twice, and Jeffrey Jouett's name was inadvertently left off.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, the minutes from the February 11, 2003 regular meeting were accepted as amended.

Mr. Mike Lomasney with Utility Service Co. addressed the board to discuss the maintenance contracts on the two water tanks. The water district previously entered into two separate maintenance contracts with Utility Service Co. to cover the two elevated storage tanks. Mr. Lomasney addressed the meeting to explain these contracts to the board members and employees that have come on board since the signing of these contracts.

These contracts cover maintenance of the tanks including, but not limited to, yearly inspections, repairs, and painting. The exterior of each tank will be painted no less than once every 8 years, and the interiors will be painted no less than once every ten years. The district has been making yearly lump sum payments on each of these contracts. One contract requires larger payments the first four years, and the other requires larger payments for the first three years. After these larger payments are made, the payments on each contract will drop to a much lower rate per year as long as the contract remains in effect. These rates will be locked at every three years. Utility Service Co. has the right to increase the payment by as much as 5%. They typically see increases of 3% every three years. Mr. Lomasney will get back to the board with payments that have previously been made on each of these contracts. This will allow the district to match these payments with our financial records.

Mr. Lonnie Harper of Lonnie Harper and Associates gave an update on the Proposed Distribution System Improvements in the Grand Lake Area-Phase 1 (Project #2003-02). He discussed some options for correcting the current distribution problems. Mr. Harper will continue to work on these options and will recommend whether to go with 8" lines or 10" lines. He will do an analysis to determine whether it is feasible to go with 10" lines. The project will be bid out after the exact project specifications have been determined. The board can hold all bids for 60 days and have the right to reject any and all bids. A special meeting will be called to determine the exact scope of the project within the next two weeks.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the budget for the Proposed Distribution System Improvements in the Grand Lake Area-Phase 1 (Project #2003-02) is set at \$130,000.

The issue of contract grass cutting will be dropped. The board discussed the possibility of hiring summer help to take care of grass cutting and other duties as needed by the water district. This issue will be tabled until the next meeting.

The issue of new meters will be removed from the agenda until further notice.

The issue of water rates was discussed. Louisiana Rural Water conducted a survey of water systems comparable to ours. All other systems have base gallons of 2,000; our base gallons are currently at 9,000. The average bill of each of these systems ranges from \$20-\$25 per month.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, effective May 21, 2003, the water rates will be changed to the following:

Standard Rate: \$10.00 for first 2,000 gallons; 2.00 per 1,000 gallons over (pro-rated).

Senior Rate (Over 65): \$5.00 for first 2,000 gallons; 2.00 per 1,000 gallons over (pro-rated).

Multiple Hookups: \$10.00 for first 2,000 gallons per dwelling;

2.00 per 1,000 gallons over (pro-rated).

Calcasieu Parish: \$12.75 for first 2,000 gallons; 2.00 per 1,000 gallons over (pro-rated).

The costs of meters has increased. The issue of raising the tap fee to cover the additional cost was discussed. No decision was made at this time.

The issue of policy updates was tabled until the next meeting.

The issue of dual hookups was addressed during the rate discussion. This item was removed from the agenda.

The Superintendent's monthly report was given by James Cox. His report included the following items:

Overtime report; thm testing; Well tests were conducted. We cannot put master meters on our wells as they currently are. We can put tattlelates on our wells at a cost of \$250.00 per well. These will tell us how long these wells run; The parish barn wants to move their flush valve. They need pipe in order to do this; Need to have Dodge truck aligned;

Vulnerability assessment-need to write up a plan; Usage report; Delinquency report.

On motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Andre Abadie, and carried, thm testing will be conducted during the month of June, 2003.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, all vendors who work on our property must provide us with a certificate of insurance showing workman's compensation insurance and general liability insurance.

On motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, internet access will be obtained at the waterworks office to file reports via the internet and to receive e-mail from other agencies.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the senior rate will be given to those 65 or older. No one other than those over 65 will qualify for the senior rate. Individuals currently on this rate will be left as is.

The financial report was reviewed for the month ending February 28, 2003.

On motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, financial statements for the month ending February 28, 2003 were approved.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, all bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, on motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: */s/ Jeffrey Jouett, President*

ATTEST: */s/ B. A. Abadie, Board Member*  
RUN: April 24 (A-58)

### CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7 MINUTES MARCH 20, 2003

Meeting called to order by President Magnus McGee.

Present are: Magnus McGee, Carroll Trahan, Ivan Barentine, Curtis Trahan.

Absent: Rogerest Romero  
Guests are: Kurt Storm, Adles Simon, Rex Jones, Wm. Lloyd Badon, Rodney Guilbeaux

Motion to accept minutes of meeting February 20, 2003.

Made by: Ivan Barentine, seconded by Carroll Trahan, passed.

Motion to review and pay bills by: Curtis Trahan, seconded by Carroll Trahan, passed.

Permits approved: motion by Ivan Barentine, seconded by Carroll Trahan, passed.

Permits: LCUP #030406-Gravity Drainage District #7-Secs 4, 5, & 9, T15S, R14W-Proposed Lateral Maintenance adjacent to Parish Road 538.

Salinity reports SWLF-Roy Walter and G.D.D. #7 Lloyd Badon.

CD #4580583 at CSB matured 2-26-03 at \$82,628.08. \$80,000.00 invested on February 28, 2003 with Edward Jones (Dennis Verrette) @ 1.75% CD #5131732 for 1 year due 2/27/04. (\$2,628.08 deposited in CSB #1400089 checking account)

Letter and phone call from Edward Jones March 10, 2003 informing GDD #7 Board that Dennis Verrette is no longer with Edward Jones. Our account is intact and secured and will be assigned to a new representative in the same office.

Letters and correspondence (letter from CPPJ Re: GASB 34)-(Request for 2002 Census of Governments & Survey of Govt Finances) (Letter from District Attorney Cecil Sanner Re: Culverts and Regulations) (Update Press Conference Tourist Scenic Byway at Apache February 24, 2003) (Update of meeting at 10 a.m. CPPJ March 10, 2003 on Sylvania Molestia) (Letter from DA Cecil Sanner Re: Ethics quarterly newsletter)

Update on LCUP #030406 GDD #7 proposed lateral maintenance adjacent to Parish Road 538.

Holly Beach Sand Management Project is complete and all pipes & equipment have been removed. Sand fences are 3/4 finished and vegetative planting is being advertised for bidding.

Update leasing east side Sabine River & Sabine Lighthouse Access Road.

Update on AC/H window units in office & shop, installed & in use. Old units scrapped.

Update La DOTD Re: cleaning culverts under La. State Hwy's (Jerome Carter was contacted-and agreed to meet with Board or

## Smart ways to put your tax refund to work

The average tax refund check issued in 2002 was for more than \$1,900, according to the Internal Revenue Service. While tax refunds are not windfalls -- you've actually given the IRS an interest-free loan of your hard-earned money -- you should think carefully about how you plan to use this money.

When it comes to making your tax refund work for you, there's no one right answer for all families, says the Society of Louisiana CPAs (LCPA). For some, paying off debt will provide the greatest peace of mind. Others might find a new investment is the way to go. For others still, the freedom to spend some money without worrying about upsetting the monthly budget provides a much-needed psychological boost. The important thing, say CPAs, is to carefully think through the best use of your tax refund before spending it impulsively.

### Pay Down Credit Card Debt

"If you're paying double-digit interest rates on credit card debt, using your refund check to pay down your debt makes excellent financial sense," suggests Daryl V. Burckel, LCPA Lake Charles chapter president. "In fact, there's a double benefit for you. Not only do you eliminate or reduce the amount you owe on your credit card, but you avoid additional interest payments which add to your debt. CPAs recommend that you pay off the credit cards with the highest interest rates first."

### Build an Emergency Fund

As a general rule, CPAs and other financial professionals recommend that you set aside three to six months of living expenses to carry you through an adverse event, such as a layoff or illness. If you don't already have an emergency fund, your tax return can help you get one started. Just be sure to keep the money in a fairly liquid investment, such as a money market account or short-term CD.

### Save for Retirement

A good place to invest your refund check is in a retirement account, where, over the years, even a small contribution can make a big difference. If you've been putting off opening an IRA until you had "a little extra money," here's your chance.

A tax refund also can be a boon for workers with 401(k)s. For example, if you are contributing 3 percent to a 401(k) plan that allows you to put in more, consider increasing your contribution rate. You can use your tax refund to help offset the extra amount being taken out of your paycheck.

### Start Investing or Add to Your Portfolio

If saving money from your weekly paycheck is difficult, investing your tax refund check can give you a jump start on creating an investment portfolio. You might want to start with a mutual fund that has a low minimum opening deposit.

If you have an existing portfolio, your refund check provides a good opportunity to operator to look over problems and clean out culvert ends-State buying new culvert cleaner)

Set 2003 millage and pass resolution, notice & affidavit to be set at April 17 meeting.

Final amended 2002 budget to be at next meeting.

Update culvert suppliers and prices.

Williams Field Services anomaly pipeline digs dispute by Gray Trusts in form of letter to Terry Howey CMD of DNR from David Richard.

Tech Committee Meeting CWPRA March 26, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in NOLA and CWPRA administrative meetings-April 16 in Lafayette and July 16 in Baton Rouge.

Update Oyster Bayou, 1st and 2nd Bayou, Hwy 82 north ditch cleanup & Ducks Unlimited.

Request for 2nd culvert by Glenda Edwards of Ocean View Beach was turned down.

Ad valorem taxes paid under protest for 2002 was deposited in our reserve account at Cameron State Bank.

Update request for drainage assistance on Ray Young property north of Hwy 82. John Stacey of CZM will be contacted by Curtis Trahan for input.

Update on request for replacing damaged existing culvert west of Deep Bayou Road.

Motion by Curtis Trahan, seconded by Carroll Trahan, passed, to purchase new fax/copier (HP psc 2210) and Belkin UPS from Office Depot.

Motion to adjourn: by Carroll Trahan, seconded by Curtis Trahan, passed.

\*\*Next meeting to be: regular meeting to be held on Thursday April 17, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at 205 Middle Ridge Road in Johnson Bayou.

ATTEST: */s/ Rodney Guilbeaux, Executive Secretary*  
*/s/ Magnus McGee, President*  
Gravity Drainage Dist. #7  
RUN: April 24 (A-59)

### Invest in a new stock or to improve the diversity of your portfolio.

### Add It to Your Mortgage Payment

For many taxpayers, making an extra payment toward the principal on your mortgage makes better financial sense than putting the money in a savings account.

Trimming an extra \$500 or more off your principal now can save you thousands of dollars in interest payments over the next 30 years. Here's another option: if you've been thinking about refinancing your home mortgage, but didn't have enough cash to cover closing costs, your tax refund check can bring you closer.

### Spend Wisely

Using your tax refund for an important purchase, such as a new computer or a major appliance, rather than buying it on credit, means you'll avoid interest payments and have more money in your monthly budget to save or spend on necessities.

### Start or Add to a College Fund

If you've got kids headed for college, you might consider earmarking that tax refund check for an Education IRA. In 2003, qualified taxpayers can deposit up to \$2,000 in an Education IRA per beneficiary. Section 529 plans are another great way to save for future college bills. Under new legislation, earnings in such funds can be withdrawn tax free if used to pay for qualified education expenses.

### Make a Donation

You might also think about using your refund check to help the less fortunate. Not only will you help someone in need, but the amount you donate can be deducted on your tax return for 2003, if you can itemize. Be sure you get a receipt for your donation from the charitable organization.

### Have Some Fun

For some, a tax refund is a windfall to be spent on something exciting and unexpected. If you've worked hard all year and saved diligently, you might just want to put the money toward a well-deserved vacation. Even a brief escape can reenergize you, and that's a better return on your money than a pile of cash register receipts.

Finally, depending on the size of your tax refund, you may want to consider contacting your CPA for some financial planning advice. You can then apply the refund to specific financial goals. To find a CPA who can help you with your personal tax and financial matters, visit the LCPA's Web site (www.lcpa.org) and take advantage of the CPA Locator Service.

### Apple Yogurt Muffins

12 foil baking cups  
**Topping:**  
2 Tbsp flour  
2 Tbsp sugar  
1 Tbsp butter or margarine, softened

1/2 tsp ground cinnamon  
**Muffins:**  
2 cups flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 Tbsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp ground cinnamon  
1 carton (8 oz.) lowfat vanilla yogurt  
1 egg  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
2 Tbsp lowfat milk  
3/4 cup peeled, chopped apples  
1/3 cup raisins (optional)

Preheat oven to 400° F. Place foil baking cups on a cookie sheet; set aside.

For Topping, combine topping ingredients until crumbly; set aside. For Muffins, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and cinnamon in large bowl. Beat together yogurt, egg, oil and milk in small bowl. Add to flour mixture; stir until dry ingredients are moistened. Gently stir in apples and raisins. Spoon batter into baking cups, filling evenly with top of baking cups. Sprinkle topping over each muffin. Bake 23 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on cookie sheet. Make a batch of muffins on Sunday night, and have breakfast on hand for a week. This recipe uses foil baking cups, but for variety, try the mini or extra large size. Place the foil cups on a cookie sheet (no muffin pan is needed since foil cups are sturdy enough to stand on their own), fill with batter, and pop them in the oven. Here's one recipe. For others, see reynoldskitchens.com.

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LOCATED AT the SW end of Granger Road-14 wooded acres with harvestable timber. 330 ft of frontage on Granger. Perfect for homesite. \$112,000.00

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GRAND Lake - Restricted subdivision, 2000 sq. ft. mini-um \$17,500.

Call ERA Moffett Realty, Inc. 436-6639 ext. 261 and ask for Grace - 598-2573 home or 490-5140 pager. 2/20tfc

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CYPI'S CAKE Box. Cakes for all occasions! Wedding and Party Cakes. Homemade Specialty Cakes. Cypi Atwell, 337-598-4299 or 337-274-1781. Delivery Available. 4/10-24p.

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FOR SALE: 2000 Murray Lawn Mower, 14.5 Hp. 40" cut with grass bagger. \$500. Call 775-5929. 4/23p.

## NOTICES

THE FEAR of man bringeth a snare; but who so putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Proverbs 29:25

## RV SALES

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## HELP WANTED

SECURITY OFFICERS needed in the Cameron Area. Please contact the office at 1-800-759-3660. 4/24p.

2 - CERTIFIED Nurse Aide positions available 7/7 full-time, revised pay structure. Apply at South Cameron Memorial Hospital or call 542-5236, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. for information. 4/17-24c.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for full-time Registered Nurse night shift 7/7. \$23 per hour plus \$2 shift difference. Apply at South Cameron Memorial Hospital or call 542-5236, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. for information. 4/17-24c.

HELP WANTED: Ace Transportation is in need of Hot Shot, 1 ton, mini float, Tandems, single axle, owner operators. Call 775-5944 and speak to dispatcher. 4/17-24p.

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NIX ALTERNATORS & Starters - Repairs and Rebuilt. Foreign, domestic, boats, auto, truck, industrial, tractors, lawn mowers and outboard motors. 1723 N. Hwy. 171, Lake Charles, La. 433-2813. 3/27-12/25p.

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## DEADLINES

DISPLAY ADS due by 4 p.m. on Tuesdays. Classified Ads due by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays; must be prepaid to run. Call 1-800-256-7323.



BRAIDS LABOVE is shown with her animal which won Parish Reserve Champion F-1 Heifer and Reserve La. Bred Champion. She also won District Reserve Champion and La. Bred Reserve Champion. Shown with Braids are her father, Richard LaBove, and her brother, Bryce.

## South Cameron honor roll announced here

South Cameron High School's honor roll for the 5th six weeks period is as follows:

Eighth grade: B. J. Abshire, Chad Andrews, Samantha Bailey, Baret Beaugh-Bercier\*, Voneata Benson, Alex Broussard\*, Jillian Duddleston, Jennifer Duhon, Jaelyn Higgins, Chelsi King, Deil LaLande\*, William Chandler LeBoeuf, Dylan Leidig, Rose Martel, Shylyn Nunez\*, Katelyn Reina, Jacob Trahan, Travis Treme, Kathryn Wicke\*.

Ninth grade: Theresa Baccigalopi\*, D'Nae Desonier\*, Shayla LaBove, Christian McCall, Paul Nguyen\*, Megan Trahan\*, Barton Vidrine, Melaina Welch.

Tenth grade: Ronald Aplin, Kendall Broussard\*, Jared Cheramie, Dane Dupont\*, Matt Miller\*, Gambrelle Primeaux\*, Cana Trahan\*, Wesley Treme, Ashley Wells\*.

Eleventh grade: Brett

Baccigalopi, Mika Benoit, Michael Bercier\*, Jeni Cormier, Lacey Deroche, Beau Duhon, Karisha Fountain, Raphael Heard\*, Chase Horn, Jacob Johnson, Tara LeBlanc\*, Lyndi LeBoeuf\*, Oliver Primeaux, Joby Richard, Nicole Roux\*, Amber Trahan, Joseph Treme, John Paul Troclair\*, Jesus Vazquez, Amanda Venable, Frankie Williams.

Twelfth grade: Chance Baccigalopi, Jason Bourgeois\*, Lynsi Conner, Claudia Dupuis\*, Ashley Kelley, Parry Dean LaLande\*, Cassie McDaniel, Keith McKoin, Alicia Mhire\*, Sabrina Miller, Timothy Morvant, Brittany Mudd, Jessica Murphy, Bethany Nunez\*, R. J. Racca, Ashley Reyes, Gina Richard, Tiffany Richard, Joni Rutherford, Chelsi Styron, Travis Swire, Joshua Walker, Joseph Wolfe.

(\* Denotes all A's)

## Grand Lake School tells honor, banner roll

David Duhon, principal, announces the Grand Lake School list of Banner/Honor Roll students for the fifth six weeks period.

First grade: banner roll: Zane Bellon, Callie Brevelle, Devin Wicke, Kaylee Conner, Dillon Hays, Kirstyn Maraceaux, Haylee Sullivan. Honor roll: Jade Bollich, Lacey Boudreaux, Kelsey Broussard, Hunter Daigle, Madison Malone, Michelle Mullens,

Tristan Musser, Jarrett Nunez, Haylee Ogea, Kelsey Rider, Kourtlyn Duhon, Timothy Foreman, Kayleigh Landry,

Madison Morales, Morgan Musser, Samantha O'Connell, Sarah Richard, Grant Robideaux, Victoria Thomas.

Second grade: banner roll: David Fruge, Savannah Quinn, Jodie LaGrange, Morgan Fontenot, Calley Conner,

Emileigh Creel, Chance Duhon, Alexandra Kennedy, Justin Demary, Lexi Conner, Darbi Montie, Marlie Mudd, Corey Pickett, Drew Richard.

Honor roll: Sydney Myers, Julie Theriot, Michael Fournierat, Katelyn Babin-eaux, Rebecca Dupont, Blake Ezell, Grant Wilson, Erica Demarest, Bobby Honeycutt, Austin Blanchard, Wyatt Pearce, Keziah Gaspard, Katelyn Vincent, Lance Thomas, Andrew Young, Josh Fitkin, Michael Guidry, Austin Guillory, Paige Landrenau, Katie Manuel, Jenna Picou, Cody Trahon, Karissa Trahan.

Third grade: banner roll: Devon Duhon. Honor roll: Chanler Borel, Halie Stevens, Paige Vedder, Dylan Boudreaux, Hayley Dilliner, Rex Jones, Brooke Pesson, Shelby Thomas.

Fourth grade: honor roll: Kimmie Babineaux, Lance Beard, Elyssa Constance, Katherine LeDoux, Cade Theriot, Jadie Landrenau.

Fifth grade: banner roll: Kevin Delaney, Tasha Fontenot, Heather Girlinghouse, Will Precht, Kirstyn Vincent.

Honor roll: Justin Fontenot, Misty LeSeuer, Alex Myers, Tevor Russell, Lakeyn Thomas, Halee Young, Laken Conner, Drew Dowell, Kimberly Goode, Deaven Landreneau, Tyler Lannin, Chelsea O'Connell, Shawnee Pearce, Sam Richard, Kody Willis.

Sixth grade: banner roll: Victoria Roach, Sarah Barrow, Evan Guidry, Jayce Hebert, Liz Kingham, Megan Poole.

Honor roll: LaRayne Picou, Tyler Pool, Samantha Williams, Lacey Broussard, Kat Kingham, Destin D'Antoni, Sydny Dunn,

Michaela Haviland, Corey King, Linsey LaGrange.

Seventh grade: banner roll: Amber Taylor, Ashley Toups.

Honor roll: Megan Bridges, Corey Broussard, Lakeyn Duhon, Kristyn Dupuis, John C. Guidry, Rachel Jones, Sonya Lavergne, Haley Pesson, Jordan Poole, Samantha Poole, Molly Precht, Renn Savoie, Zackary Theriot.

Eighth grade: banner roll: Kory Dahlen, Elizabeth Reon, Sara Taylor.

Honor roll: Melisa Dawsey, Wesley Doxidey, Trey Duhon, Megan Ison, Sarah Lonthier, Mailey Quinn, Justin Roy.

Ninth grade: banner roll: Chris Monceaux.

Honor roll: Jessica Bourque, Matthew Breaux, Kristina Broussard, Danielle Ogea, Samantha Poole, Adam Precht, Amanda Stout, Derek Williams.

Tenth grade: banner roll: Ravelle Reed, Matthew Reon, alex Vinson, Ashley Broussard, Brandy Guidry, Tabitha Nunez.

Honor roll: Blake Dodson, Katy Lavergne.

Eleventh grade: banner roll: Jenna Broussard, Kelsey Chesson, Justin Girlinghouse.

Honor roll: Violet Amy, Danielle Broussard, Ashley Edmonds, Lindsay Pool, Michael Jorda Sellers.

Twelfth grade: banner roll: Neil Alvarado, Sarah Brister, Eric Duhon, Natalie Poole, Barry Reed, Trevor Hebert, Michael Brown.

Honor roll: Jay Bergeron, Kelly Caudill, Lauren Courville, Aaron Crochet, Jade Jouett, Phillip Savoy, Suni Stephenson.

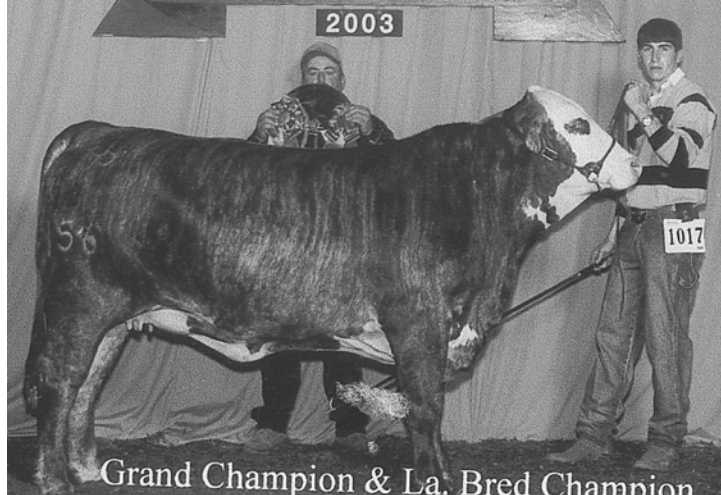
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RUN: Apr. 24 & May 8 A-48

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RUN: Apr. 17, 24 & May 1 (A-55)

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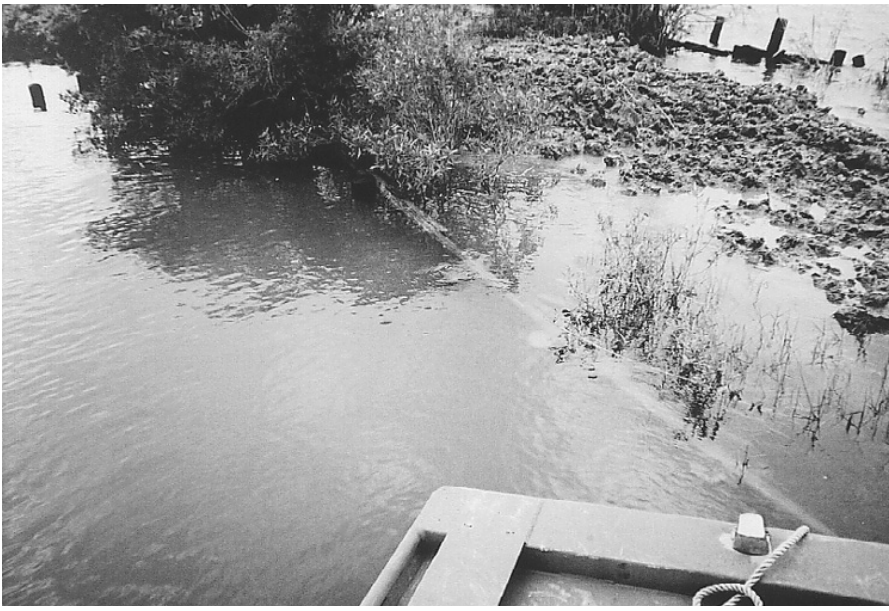
## CAMERON PARISH SCHOOLS COMMUNITY MEETING

A meeting has been scheduled to provide an opportunity for parents, grandparents, family members, guardians and other members of the community to meet and visit with Mr. Clifton Morris, School Board Member, and Dr. Doug Chance, Superintendent.

LOCATION: JOHNSON BAYOU COMMUNITY CENTER on Gulf Beach Hwy. at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

You are invited to come for a time of visitation and to ask questions. Some questions may require research; however, Dr. Chance will be pleased to collect the data and share information.

RUN: APRIL 17, 24 (A-53)



**Water Control Structures along the Mermentau River at Upper Mud Lake**



**Flooding at East Grand Chenier**



**Levees along Mermentau River and adjacent property Outer Protection Levees**

**TO THE RESIDENTS OF DRAINAGE BOARD DISTRICT #5:**

Residents of Drainage Board District No. 5: while touring our community during the November flood, I took photos that I would not like share with you. These photos are of water control structures located along the Mermentau River in the Upper Mud Lake area, and levees along the Mermentau and to the East of the washout where our board is trying to expropriate my father's property. I have also included a photo of flooding on our property.

Private individuals with private funds built these levees (including the 90 feet of levee that the board wants to expropriate from my father). After forcibly taking our levees, are we to believe that the board really has a plan to repair and maintain these levees to help prevent flooding? I find this unlikely when the Drainage Board's existing levees and structures are in such deplorable condition and in desperate need of repair. Considering the condition of the Board's levees and structures, I find it appalling that they have appropriated \$25,000 to special interest groups to improve habitat for ducks. (I have included the minutes of the February 4, 2003 Drainage Board meeting which will allow you to identify the special groups.) The appropriation of these funds is subject to approval of our District Attorney; we can only hope our D.A. will find this to be illegal.

Webster's Dictionary defines "drainage" as the act, process, or method of draining (draining meaning to draw water or any type liquid off gradually so as to dry or empty). Will "drainage" now be redefined as the act, process, or method of providing public funds to enhance waterfowl habitat for recreational use?

One other point about the condition of water control structures, not all structures are in the same state of disrepair. There are areas in our district where structures receive regular maintenance and are continually redesigned to improve drainage. I will let you determine who receives the most benefit from these well-maintained structures.

Now I would like to issue a challenge to all Cameron Parish police jurors:

1. Change the selection process for board members. Invite all individuals who would like to serve on the board to submit their names to the jury. Have them include a short history about themselves.
2. Impose term limits on board members, this will help to eliminate self-serving regimes whose members work almost exclusively for one another's benefit.

In conclusion, I would like to extend an invitation to our Police Juror, District Attorney and any other Juror who is sincere about representing their entire district without prejudice: Let's go on a field trip (without board members) and let me present my issues of concern.

*Robby Mhire*  
**Robby Mhire**

**FROM THE FEBRUARY 4, 2003 MINUTES OF GRAVITY DRAINAGE DIST. #5:**

There was a review of the Sterling Oaks project presented by David Richard. As representative of Sterling Oaks, he asked the board assist in the funding of the proposed project with Ducks Unlimited share being \$50,000.00, Sterling Oaks share being \$25,000.00 and asking the drainage board to fund the remaining \$25,000.00. Mr. Richard informed the board that Sterling Oaks has already expended funds toward the project and there was agreement that the project would provide benefit for the general public.

On motion of Gerald Bonsall, seconded by Ted Joanen, and carried, the Gravity Drainage District No. 5 appropriates \$25,000.00 towards the construction of the Sterling Oaks water control structure provided that Sterling Oaks funds \$25,000.00 towards the project, less the cost of obtaining the permit, and that Ducks Unlimited funds the remainder of the project. The Gravity Drainage District No. 5 share of \$25,000.00 is contingent on approval of the Cameron Parish District Attorney.

David Richard discussed the next water management board meeting and the projects on the agenda, (1) enlarge the Calcasieu Locks, (2) fighting the spread of giant salvinia, (3) raise Little Chenier Road, (4) support for spillway project north of Humble Canal for CWPRA.

There was a general discussion of the proposed freshwater diversion project. Louis Canik was in attendance and along with some board members, questioned some aspects of the project. Ted Joanen explained the purpose of the project and addressed some of the questions from what he knew of the project.

On motion of Gerald Bonsall, second by Jimmy Roberts, and carried, the board authorized Lonnie Harper to obtain an extension of existing permit to plug the gap in the Family Pasture levee.

On motion of Ted Joanen, second by Gerald Bonsall, and carried, the following permits are approved:

LLOG Exploration Co. - install & maintain drill rig, platform, and structures - Sec. 15, T12S - R4W, Cameron Parish, LA.

EXCO Resources - dredging slip for moving in drill rig for Miami Corp. Well No. 2 - T15S-R3W, South Pecan Lake Field, Cameron Parish, LA.

Denbury Resources - install & maintain 4" flowline - Sec. 10, T12S-R4W-Cameron Parish, LA.

Columbia Gulf Transmission - install rip rap to stabilize bulkhead - South Pecan Lake Field, Cameron Parish, LA.

Legacy Energy Corp. - trenasse maintenance - Sec. 34, T14S-R5W, Secs. 3, 4, 10, 17 & 20, T15S-R5W-Cameron Parish, LA.

On motion of Gerald Bonsall, second by Ted Joanen, and carried, the board approves the payment of all bills presented at the meeting.

On motion of Ted Joanen, second by Gerald Bonsall, and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED/s/ D. Y. Doland, Jr.

*D. Y. Doland, Jr.*  
**D. Y. Doland, Jr., President**

ATTEST/s/Darrell Williams

*Darrell Williams*

**Darrell Williams, Secretary**

Mr. Richard, your letter speaks as though you were the only person affected and occurred losses during the November flood. I have quite a number of carcasses to verify my losses from past flooding. You were misinformed that only levees on the inside were underwater. If the washout should be repaired you will find this out after you flood a third time. I also have pictures, witnesses and GPS readings verifying that outer protection levees were under water. Mr. Richard, for you not to flood all outer perimeter levees along the Miller Canal will need to be elevated. Does our Drainage Board have a plan to obtain right-of-ways and rebuild them?

The work, which I requested for the board to do, will not only benefit me. It will benefit others whose homes were inches from flooding during Hurricane Francis. Mr. Richard, I'm not working to benefit just myself. I am trying to inform you and everyone else that repairing the washout alone will NOT prevent flooding. I would like to remind you that the washout is NOT on my father's property and no levees around the area in question belonging to my father went underwater. Why did it take five years for the board to determine whom the washout was on? Is this such a hot topic now because it's election year?

I would like to send a special thank you to police juror, Scott Trahan, for going and touring the neglected area in question. THANK YOU Scott.

*Robby Mhire*