

A RIBBON CUTTING ceremony was held Thursday, May 10 for South Cameron High School gym which has had extensive repairs since Hurricane Rita. Pictured, from left, are: Sethie Trosclair, assistant principal; Stephanie Rodrigue, curriculum supervisor; Dot Theriot and Loston McEvers, School Board members, Zeke Wainwright, principal and Jimmy Bergeron, KAS Construction. (Photo by Tracy Lannin.)



AMERICAN SPIRIT Poster Contest winners are shown above, from left: Dina Mendez, South Cameron School, seventh grade, first place; Garrett Mock, Cameron Elementary School, sixth grade, third place; Darian Picou, Cameron Elementary School, fifth grader, Louisiana Resource Center for Educators Grand Prize.

Parish students win state poster awards

The American Spirit Poster Contest was established by Attorney General Charles C. Foti, Jr. following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Since its inception, this contest has served as a creative outlet for Louisiana students to express their love of country through art. The poster contest allows students in Louisiana's primary and secondary schools to express their creativity and imagination with original art.

The theme for the 2007 contest was "Celebrating Louisiana: Home Sweet Home". The Cameron Parish School System had the largest number of state winners.

The state winners are as follows:

Morgan Primeaux, South Cameron School, Third Grader - The Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge Grand Prize. "My poster is about liv-

ing in a camper. Everyone is working to rebuild Cameron. That is the American Spirit."

Darian Picou, Cameron Elementary School, Fifth Grader - Louisiana Resource Center for Educators Grand Prize. "There's no place like home, there is no place like Louisiana. My poster is based on the Wizard of Oz. Dorothy wanted to go home to Kansas. I just wanted to go back to Cameron".

Dina Mendez, South Cameron School - Seventh Grade 1st Place. "This poster is about a mother reading to her daughter before her bedtime and her dad is away working. The American Spirit is about everyone working hard to come back to Cameron."

Garrett Mock, Cameron Elementary School - Sixth Grade 3rd Place. "The American Spirit is about rebuilding our community. My poster shows a house with a blue roof (tarp)."

Three winners received a poster, a gift bag with art materials, gift certificates provided by 12 sponsors along with a round trip airline ticket to any destination in the United States of America.

L. Chenier to be shown May 23

(American Press)

"Little Chenier," a film by Lake Charles natives shot in the Lake Area, will have its Louisiana premiere on the opening night of the second annual Cinema on the Bayou film festival.

The festival runs May 23-27 in various locations in and around Lafayette.

"Little Chenier" by siblings Bethany Ashton Wolf and Jace Johnson will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at the Celebrity Theatres on the SW Evangeline Thruway in Broussard. Tickets at \$6.50 are now on sale at the theatre's box office, 330-0046, and online at www.celebritytheatres.com.

The movie also will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Cite des Arts, 109 Vine St., in downtown Lafayette.

Wolf will attend the screening along with many of the cast, crew and local people involved with making the film.

The movie was shot over a period of 28 days in the summer of 2005 in 35 different locations spread out over 100 miles of bayous and swamps in Southwest Louisiana, including Cameron, Calcasieu, Allen, Jeff Davis and Vermilion parishes. It wrapped up at the end of August. About a month later, Hurricane Rita destroyed much of the area featured in the film.

"Little Chenier" has been shown at numerous film festivals and won many awards, most recently nabbing best picture, best ensemble cast and best performance for Fred Koehler at the Phoenix Film Festival.

Information on films, screenings and other event schedules can be found at www.cinemaonthebayou.com.

Graduation edition told

A special graduation edition will be published in the Thursday, May 24 issue of the Cameron Parish Pilot.

Methodist grant told

By NATASHA CHILINGERIAN (American Press)

The United Methodist Church Disaster Recovery Ministry has received a \$400,000 federal grant to help repair Hurricane Rita-damaged homes in Southwest Louisiana.

Brandi Russell, operations coordinator for the Lake Charles Disaster Recovery Station, announced that Eight Days of Hope, a faith-based volunteer group from northern Mississippi, will visit the area from May 26 to June 2 with the goal of repairing 38 roofs.

The process of awarding money and labor to fix storm-ravaged homes has been daunting for many applicants

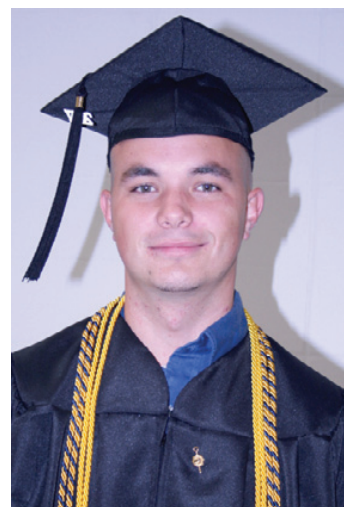
who sought help at disaster recovery stations, but the recently acquired grant money and labor will benefit the process, Russell said.

Recovery station staff can't give applicants a timeline of when they will receive aid because they don't want to create false hopes, Russell said.

Aid is given on a first come, first served basis, so those who have waited the longest will benefit first from the \$400,000 grant.

Families or individuals must be the legal owners of the damaged home, be employed and be at or below 250 percent of the poverty line (for a family of two, total income cannot exceed \$2,850 per month.)

For more information, call the recovery station at 436-6122.



Trevor Hebert

Cameron students honor grads

Several area honor students at McNeese State University were recognized during spring commencement ceremonies held Saturday, May 12, at Burton Coliseum.

They were: Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00): Trevor Hebert, Grand Lake.

Magna Cum Laude (3.70-3.89): Lynsi Conner, Cameron; Lindy Delome, Hackberry.

Cum Laude (3.50-3.69): Parry LaLande Jr., Creole; and Paige Sanders, Hackberry.

Roses to be distributed

The Restoring Roses to Southern Gardens' celebration will be held Friday, May 18, at the library in Cameron. The public is invited to attend the event that begins at 10 a.m.

Individuals who signed up to receive a rose bush should make arrangements to pick up plants between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18, at the Cameron library or contact the library to make other arrangements.



THIS PAINTING of a Roseate Spoonbill was painted by John James Audubon many years ago and may have been made in the Saint Francisville area where he visited. Little did he know that this beautiful bird would one day be quite plentiful in Cameron Parish, where some visitors mistake them for Flamingoes

5-day G. L. school schedule remains; Rodrigue named

By CYNDI SELLERS

Grand Lake parents, up in arms over a proposal to institute a four day school week, got what they wanted Monday night as the School Board voted to leave the Grand Lake calendar as it is - a five day week.

Hackberry School will join the rest of the parish in trying a four day week next year in hopes of attracting more certified teachers to the three schools furthest from large population centers. Board member Dwayne Sanner said that last year there were only two certified teachers who applied for the seven vacancies at his school. He said after a large public meeting he only got five calls in opposition to the four day week.

In contrast, Grand Lake PTA President Elizabeth Russell presented petitions with 144 signatures in opposition to the four day week.

Speaking on behalf of the opposition, Russell outlined several concerns, including the short length of time for research, quality of educational time during longer school days, lack of conclusive data on student performance, greater percentage of instructional time lost per absence, increase of juvenile crime with free day, conflict with after school activity times in Calcasieu Parish, possibility that students will be moved out of parish, and threat to the already submitted after school program.

Russell said she did not have enough time in the twenty minutes allotted to

cover every concern, just the high points.

In response, Dr. Chance said he had conferred with educators from other parishes that have used the four day week. In East Feliciana Parish, another lower paying parish that borders a high paying parish, recruitment and retention of teachers went up when a four day week was instituted.

In Beauregard Parish, which has some schools on a five day and some on a four day schedule, a former principal said he favored the five day schedule except in the case of schools at great distance from housing and population centers.

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Fun Day & tournament set at G. C.

The Evans P. Mhire Council #8324 of St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier will host its 2nd annual Family Fun Day and Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 9, at the Grand Chenier Park.

The event will consist of children's games, balloon jump, auction, raffle, live music, barbecue plate lunches, hamburger, sweets and drinks.

The fishing tournament will be open to redfish and speckle trout in all open public waters. Entry forms will be available at area merchants.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward reorganization of the council since Hurricane Rita.

All members who are able to help out are encouraged to contact one of the persons listed below. Anyone wishing to donate items, cakes or money may also contact any member with the council.

Anthony Swire, 802-4260; Garry Primeaux, 538-2415; Walt Richard, 274-2903.

For the Record

The article in the Pilot last week about Brodney Mouton announcing for the District 47 Louisiana House seat failed to mention his daughter, Megan, who is a student at McNeese. He and his wife, Mary, also have a son, Brodney, Jr. They live in Abbeville.

Food for seniors

Food for Seniors will be distributed on Thursday, May 17 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and on Friday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by the Cameron Council on Aging.

Recipients must have previously signed up with the Council.

Dedication set

The Johnson Bayou Baptist Church will hold a dedication service at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 26.

There will be testimony and song and lunch will be served.

Graduations are told

Area schools have announced the times at which their graduation exercises will be held. They are as follows:

South Cameron High - Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m., Grand Lake High, Rosa

Hart Theatre, Saturday, May 26 at 3 p.m.

Hackberry - Graduation, Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the HHS gymnasium.

Johnson Bayou - Graduation - Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the gym.



Stephanie Rodrigue

Rodrigue to move up on June 1st

By CYNDI SELLERS

After an hour-long executive session during a special School Board meeting Monday afternoon, the board unanimously voted to name Stephanie Rodrigue as the new Superintendent of School for Cameron Parish. The two year appointment is effective June 1.

Current Superintendent Dr. Doug Chance will step down as of May 31, instead of the previously announced July 31 date.

Rodrigue stated that the main focus of her administration will be twofold: the construction of the buildings destroyed by Hurricane Rita and the enhancement of academics throughout the parish. She promised to "focus her efforts on the students and the families of Cameron Parish."

RODRIGUE RESUME

Rodrigue currently serves as Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, grades 6-12, and heads FEMA and recovery endeavors for the school system. Some of Rodrigue's major responsibilities include accountability, testing, NCLB mandates, personnel matters, teacher certification and recruitment.

Rodrigue joined the Cameron Parish School System in August 1990. She taught severe/profound special education at Cameron Elementary and special education and English at South Cameron High School before being appointed as Special Education Supervisor in 1997.

From 1999 through 2001, she served as Supervisor of Elementary Curriculum and moved to Secondary Curriculum in 2001. Before moving to Cameron Parish,

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A LARGE CROWD of Grand Lake parents stood to applaud the comments of PTA president Elizabeth Russell in opposition to a four day week at the school. The School Board voted to keep a five-day week at Grand Lake only. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



St. Eugene Catholic Church

St. Eugene Catholic Church back serving the community

Dear Editor:
I am sending you some pictures of St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier that I took on May 6 showing the church being restored.

Some of you may remember that the church walls were gutted and non-existent following Hurricane Rita in September, 2005.

Well if we didn't have Father Vincent who had a vision and who is truly a man of God saying Masses every Sunday when we returned I am sure the church, rectory and Catholic Hall would have been smashed to the ground by a bulldozer.

God knew his flock would gather up again, thanks to the courage of a priest from India whose desire is to

remain our priest through the trials and tribulations. Without him, there might not have been a Grand Chenier.

Look at these pictures and you will see in them God's Blessings as we attempt to rebuild each structure, one after another.

I ask of you your prayers that Father Vincent can remain with us as long as our priest. We need Father Vincent's service more than ever now having gone through such a devastating hurricane.

He knows his flock and he is a shepherd who has kept his flock from straying. Thank all of you for your prayers for our plight.

Teddy Broussard,
Grand Chenier

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Chance said St. Helens Parish just voted to continue the four day schedule after a two year pilot program, and in Merryville test scores went up two years in a row after the four day week was adopted.

He said "If we can get Johnson Bayou rebuilt and salaries up, teachers will come from Port Arthur. When housing is back in Cameron, Creole and Grand Chenier, and the salaries are up in a few years we can recruit for South Cameron."

He said students certainly profit from five days a week of teaching, but only if the teacher is qualified and can teach the material.

Grand Lake teacher Scotty Poole, speaking for the faculty and staff of Grand Lake School and some parents, enumerated concerns the faculty has over being the only school in the parish to have a five day week.

They included: student morale at Grand Lake; possible overcrowding if South Cameron parents move their children to Grand Lake; fairness for Grand Lake employees who will have to use sick leave to take care of personal business and medical needs; lack of opportunity to make extra money tutoring on Fridays; effect on retirement income due to above concerns.

He said use of 10 sick days a year could affect retirement benefits by \$39,000, and leaving Grand Lake at five days would be like giving all the other school employees a



THE PARISH BARN at Hackberry, which was badly damaged by Hurricane Rita, has been torn down and will be replaced by a new barn at the same site. The old barn was built in 1971.
(Photo courtesy of Grace Welch.)

raise.

Poole presented a petition signed by 64 Grand Lake faculty and staff and some community members. He said "Whether we have a five day or four day week, we feel confident we can make it work, because we're teachers, and that's what we do."

He noted that last year there were 30 Friday activities that took teachers and students out of the classroom.

"When a teacher is out and a substitute is in, there is not the same quality of teaching," he said.

The crowd, which had been respectful during Russell's presentation, applauding often and long, changed its tune for Chance and Poole, occasionally interrupting with shouts. When Grand Lake School Board member Rachel Abadie began to speak, several audience members got up to leave, saying they would move their children to Calcasieu.

Abadie asked for time to state her position. She said there is no lack of certified teachers at Grand Lake at this time, but secondary math and special education will become problems in the future.

She hopes to be able to raise salaries after the construction phase of rebuilding and recovery, but until then she said the board will try to treat Grand Lake employees fairly within a five day schedule.

Board member Scott Nunez agreed, saying "The right decision for Grand Lake is to remain on a five day schedule at this time." On his motion, seconded by Abadie, the vote was unanimous to remain on a five day schedule at Grand Lake.

Regarding their respective schools, Patty Morris of Johnson Bayou said she has received no complaints, due to the lack of certified teachers, and she hopes the plan will work.

Cameron representative Marvin Trahan said he wished the people of lower Cameron Parish had been given more opportunity to have their say in the matter. He hopes it works, but has doubts.

Loston McEvers, of Creole, said most of the comments he got were in favor, and the only reason to try this plan was "to try to get certified teachers for our kids."

Grand Chenier board member Dot Theriot said the four day week is a pilot program, "just something we need to get teachers down here."

La. School tells graduates

Two Cameron Parish students, Chadrick Andrews and Katherine Wicke, will graduate from the Louisiana School for Math, Science and Arts on Saturday, May 19.

The school graduated its first class in 1985 and since then its graduates have been accepted to some of the nation's finest institutions.

Registrar is back in Cameron

After working out of temporary quarters for over a year at Grand Lake, the Cameron Registrar of Voters office is being moved back to Cameron by the Police Jury.

According to Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar, her office will be located north of Hebert Abstract Co. on the east side of the courthouse square.

During the move, the Registrar's office will be closed from Wednesday, May 16 to Monday or Tuesday, May 21 or 22.

New phone numbers will be advertised the week of the move.

Mrs. Sturlese said she was sorry for the inconvenience.

The Registrar's office and most of the other parish offices were relocated following Hurricane Rita in September, 2005. Most have now returned to Cameron.

Permit sought for removal of debris

Dore Energy has applied for a Coastal Use Permit for the removal of Hurricane Rita debris on the Cameron Meadows property at Johnson Bayou. A pontoon barge will be floated into existing canals and a marsh buggy will be deployed to remove the debris. No dredge or fill required.

Approximately 178 acres of wetland habitat may be affected by marsh buggy activity.

Planning office relocating to Cameron

Cameron Parish Planning & Development is relocating to Cameron. Effective Wednesday, May 23, the new contact information will be as follows:

Physical address: Cameron Parish Planning & Development, 122C Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, LA 70631
Phone: 775-5206
Fax: 775-5222

The mailing address, P. O. Box 8864 Lake Charles, LA 70606, will remain the same until further notice.

Children are confirmed

The following children were confirmed at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Hackberry on Friday, May 11: Judd Keith Addison, Kayla Marie Backlund, and Kayla Elise Sanner.

The candidates from Our Lady of Assumption are Brandon Paul Alleman, Charmayne Barentine, Aaron Joseph Jinks, Christopher Casey Romero, Justin Lance Romero, Taylor Dean Romero, Jordan Scott Storn, Quinton James Touchet, Jonathan Patrick Trahan, and Kimberly Nicole Trahan.



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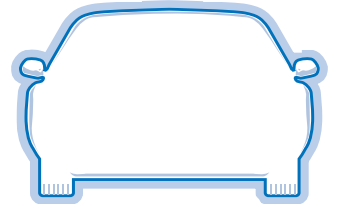
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SCHOOL BOARD members were presented with certificates of appreciation Monday night by South Cameron principal Zeke Wainwright in recognition of all the board's efforts to get South Cameron back in operation. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

FEMA to reimburse school board for repair

Nearly 1,800 students were affected by the damages inflicted on their Cameron Parish schools by Hurricane Rita. Four of the six schools were totally destroyed and significant repairs were needed at the two remaining schools, including everything from temporary facilities to new gymnasiums, athletic fields and cafeterias.

Funds recently obligated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will reimburse the Cameron Parish School Board for this work.

These latest funds are part of a package that totals over \$46 million and will go towards reimbursement for both emergency services needed immediately after the storm, such as the construction of temporary facilities. Additionally, funding has been obligated for permanent repair and replacement of the heavily damaged facilities.

South Cameron High School, for example, will now house students in grades pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The wind-resistant structure will exceed the base flood elevation and is projected to be a 65,000 square-foot building that will house new furniture and equipment.

The consolidated school will include funding from the previous South Cameron Elementary. Both schools were totally destroyed by Hurricane Rita. With FEMA assistance, a temporary cam-

pus of 46 buildings configured within four pods and including computer and science labs has been established on the parking apron of what was formerly South Cameron High School.

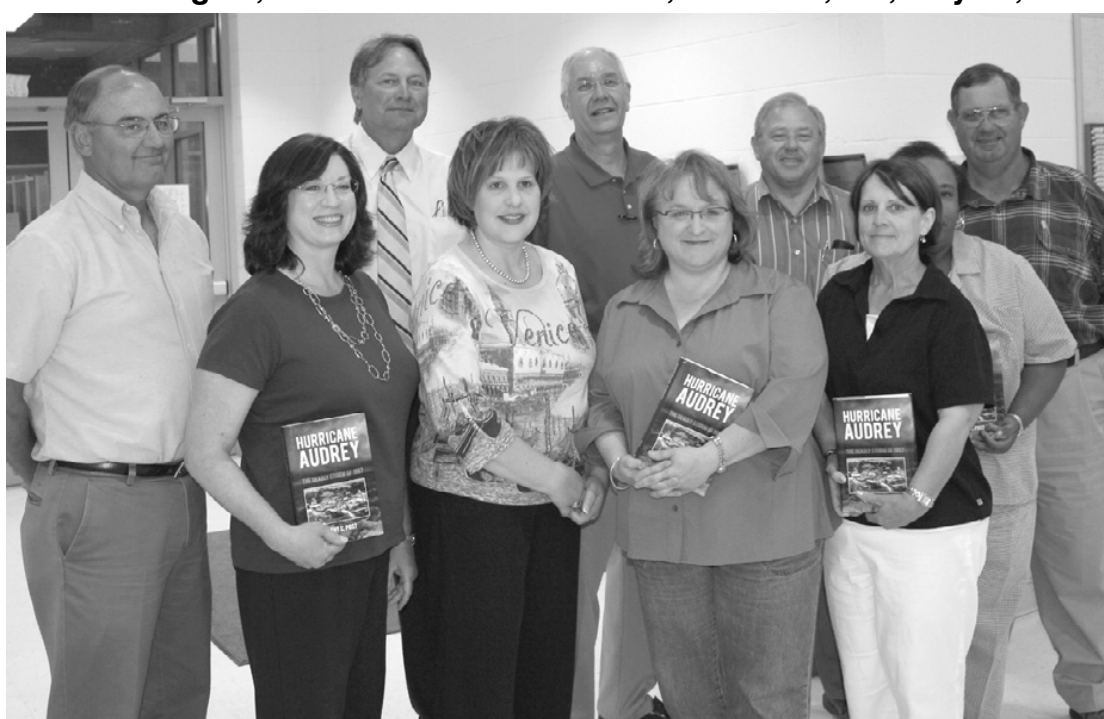
Also on campus is a temporary kitchen and cafeteria, serving hot breakfast and lunches to the student population.

At Johnson Bayou High School, restoration of the school complex is well underway and includes repairs to classrooms, labs and the gymnasium complex. It is projected that the facility will be approved for occupancy in early summer 2007.

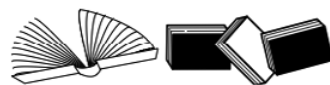
Hackberry High will be reimbursed for work on the gymnasium, concession stands and the vocational and agricultural building. Repairs have also been completed on the 58,000-square-foot main building.

Other projects to be reimbursed include the Central Office facility of Cameron Parish School Board. Previously located on Dewey Street, the facility will move to Marshall Street in Cameron to be closer to other governmental agencies.

The Cameron Parish School Board is slated to be reimbursed for a new complex with a sturdy wind load capacity and proper elevation, to replace the wood and brick structure destroyed by the storm.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE Dan "Blade" Morrish presented copies of the new Hurricane Audrey book to each Cameron Parish school library on Monday night. Principals and librarians were present to accept the books. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Port Authority reps attend annual meeting

In a way of sustaining the agenda and program objectives of the West Cameron Port Authority, Cameron Parish Planning & Development recently attended the Port Association of Louisiana's annual conference in Kenner.

Ernest Broussard, Executive Director of Planning & Development, made a brief presentation to the executive committee to define the current strategic planning and scoping efforts that have been designed for the Port and the role that the Port plays in the economic development posture of the Parish's recovery initiatives.

Broussard said, "It is clear

to us that the Port will play an integral role in all features of our recovery because of the strategic benefit it plays for the Parish and the whole Southwest Louisiana industrial corridor. These efforts will complement our ongoing program funding pursuits through USDA, CDBG, EDA, and other state and federal programs. This will be highlighted in the soon to be completed Parish redevelopment plan and companion land use ordinance that will be unveiled this summer, and it will also be a prominent feature in the efforts to repopulate and reinvest in projects parish-wide."

Memorial books are donated to Cam. library

The Cameron Parish Library has announced the following new memorial books with the honorees, donors and titles listed in that order:

Waybern LaBove, G. C. and Brenda Quinn, Getting To Know Nature's Children; Susie LaSalle, G. C. and Brenda Quinn, Getting To Know Nature's Children; Hollis Eubanks, G. C. and Brenda Quinn, Getting To Know Nature's Children; Elsie Erbelding, G. C. and Brenda Quinn, Getting To Know Nature's Children; Jody Nunez, Geraldine and Ervin Richard and Randall, Sherrie, Pam and family, Fly Fishing Trips;

Gerald Guidry, Mona Hollier, Care Free Plants;

Darrell "Fats" Dupont, Agnes LeBouef, Geraldine and Ervin Richard, The New Encyclopedia of Fishing;

Roberta Rogers, Ching Wasmuth, New Orleans Classic Desserts;

Waybern LaBove, Dave and Debbie Savoie and family, John Ford and the American West;

Darrell "Fats" Dupont, Dave and Debbie Savoie and family, Angler's Guide to Fishes of the Gulf of Mexico;

Bertha Roy, Dave and Debbie Savoie and family, Simple 1, 2, 3, Chicken.

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SCHOOL BOARD President Loston McEvers presents State Rep. Dan Morrish with a certificate, dated Sept. 11, 2006, thanking him for his help during last year's legislative session. Morrish had been unable to attend the September meeting when other legislators were recognized. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



LET'S GO FISHING

Last week I wrote a fisherman's tale, a joke among friends of Mickey Miller's dad about a big catfish. Well, Mickey didn't take it as a joke. It was much like I said he was lying. It didn't have anything to do with lying, it was just a joke, but my apology to Mickey anyway.

Mickey did tell me he fishes Grassy Lake Wildlife Management area, which is around the Red River. He sometimes travels on long boat runs to get to his fishing spot. He has caught a 75 pound "spotted catfish," which some call an Opelousas Cat. He also fishes a private pond where he had his limit of bass running two pounds, plus a six pounder, caught on a baby brushhog. On his catfish he uses live bait. He is supposed to send me a picture of one of his large catches.

AREA FISHING

Weather has been great, winds not too bad, and fishing has really picked up for our saltwater anglers. This is May, and speckle trout fishing on Big Lake has lived up to its name, they're biting. The weather is warming up like a summer pattern and water is running 75/76 degrees, which really turns the trout on.

This is a good time for top water baits, for the big trout to come up for the surface lures, especially early mornings, fishing your favorite oyster reef.

During the hotter part of the day, 1/4 lead heads with plastics are working, again on oyster reefs. Don't forget the weirs, there's trout, but there's good size redfish also.

I spoke to anglers who fished the Big Burns, it seems the bass fishing is poor, you have a better chance of catching redfish, especially on the east end. It's also loaded with crabs, nice large crabs.

Toledo Bend conditions are good, water levels hovering close to 171 feet, but they have started running two generators for a few hours during the late hours of the day. I'll say this, there's way more boat traffic with the water levels high than when water levels went down to 162 feet. I also see more tournaments on the charts I receive from both Toledo and Rayburn than the last two years.

S.T.A.R.

The 2007 S.T.A.R. tournament begins May 26 and the angler who catches and lands a tagged redfish will win a \$30,000 Chevy Silverado pickup truck, the first time this prize has been offered in the 13 year history of CCA/S.T.A.R. Remember, you have to register to win.

This is one of the largest and richest saltwater tournaments in the country. It spans the entire Gulf Coast of Louisiana, open to anglers of any age, for 101 days of competition.

There are two new divisions this year, a new mangrove snapper division and the amberjack division.

The speckle trout has two competition periods first half May 26 to July 22, second half July 23 to Sept. 3. There is one winner from each coastal zone, west, central and east, per competitive period.

There's also a \$3000 bonus cash; \$1000 paid to the S.T.A.R. entrant weighing the heaviest trout in each coastal zone during the first week of the tournament, May 26-June 3.

The western division zone extends from the Vermilion Parish/Cameron Parish line to the Texas state line. Remember, you can fish in the lakes, rivers, bayous, on the side of the road, from the canals, or in a small boat or fully rigged high price job, but if you catch the right fish and right weight, it means anyone can win.

Don't forget to check when you catch a redfish, if it's tagged, you're a winner. Only 10 tagged redfish are in the money.

Alligator feed bill offered

(American Press)

A bill deferred last Thursday in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources would make it illegal to feed wild alligators.

Senate Bill 117, by Sen. Max Malone, R-Shreveport, would allow people to feed alligators at licensed farms, exhibits, zoos and research facilities.

Phillip Bowman of the state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said officials are receiving increasingly more reports of alligators in residential areas, particularly subdivisions being built around navigable waterways.

Bowman said people feed the gators and condition them to the food, causing them to seek it in residential areas. He said the department supports the reduction or elimination of human-alligator interaction.

Bowman said officials want to prevent incidents like those that happened last year in Florida, where three people died in alligator attacks.

June 9 & 10 free fish day

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission officially proclaimed June 9 and 10 "No License Required" fishing days for Louisiana citizens and visitors during May 3 meeting proceedings. The promotional fishing dates are provided for novices and non-anglers as an opportunity to experience the sport of fishing.

The program provides the public with an open access fishing opportunity in an effort to attract more people into the ranks of licensed fishermen. Those license fees support LDWF's conservation efforts including habitat management.

"No License Required" fishing weekend is a part of the Seventh Annual National Fishing and Boating Week that runs from June 2 - June 10. The event was created to help reverse the trend of declining participation in outdoor activities across America.

West Nile advice offered by Mosquito Control

By JOSH HIGHTOWER, Biologist, Cameron Parish Mosquito Control

The peak season for West Nile Virus is typically from late spring until early fall. West Nile is a naturally occurring illness in bird populations. It affects different species of birds in various ways from showing no symptoms to becoming very sick and dying.

The most common way it is transmitted among birds is from a mosquito biting an infected bird. Once the mosquito bites an infected bird, the amount of virus present in the mosquito starts to multiply and usually two weeks later it has a high enough level of virus present to infect birds, humans, and horses.

The virus in birds acts in a continual cycle. Horses and humans are called dead end hosts because the virus present in their blood never reaches a sufficient level to allow a biting mosquito to become infected.

The most common cause of West Nile in humans is by the bite of an infected mosquito. A very small number of cases have resulted from transfusions, transplants. West Nile is not spread by human contact. Symptoms in people typically develop 3 to 14 days after they are bitten by an infected mosquito. The symptoms of a severe case of West Nile include high fever, headache, stiff neck, disorientation, stupor, coma, tremors, convulsions, vision loss, numbness, paralysis, and death.

In milder cases people will experience fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, swollen lymph glands, and a rash. The symptoms may last from a few days up to several weeks. About one in 150 people bitten by an infected mosquito will experience the severe symptoms, up to 20 percent will experience the milder symptoms, and approximately 80 percent will have no symptoms at all.

People over the age of 50 and infants are most likely to develop the serious symptoms. There is no specific treatment for West Nile Virus; like other viruses it has to pass on its own.

The most effective way to avoid West Nile Virus is to prevent mosquito bites. Most mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. During this time of day it is best to use repellents, wear long sleeves and pants, or consider staying indoors. If you open your windows and doors, make sure that the screens are in good shape to keep mosquitoes out.

Many of the most competent mosquito species

Safe boating week set May 19-25

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) announced that Governor Kathleen Blanco has proclaimed May 19-25 as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

Enforcement agents across the state will be highlighting safe boating activities as the summer boating season begins. The Louisiana Wildlife Agent's Association has also partnered with LDWF to hand out free t-shirts to kids wearing life jackets when agents make random safety inspections on the water.

The t-shirts are sponsored by businesses across the state and are inscribed with the slogan: "I Got Caught Wearing My Life Jacket."

involved in the transmission of West Nile breed in standing water around houses. You can eliminate these mosquitoes by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets, and barrels. Change water in pet bowls and in bird baths every few days.

Approximately 40% of horses that become infected with West Nile will die according to the CDC. It is very important that horse owners contact their veterinarians and get their horses vaccinated for West Nile and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

We have been collecting mosquito samples from traps placed in every community on a weekly basis and submitting them to the LSU arbovirus laboratory for testing for West Nile, St. Louis Encephalitis, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. We are also collecting dead birds to be tested for West Nile from citizens of the parish. If you find one of the following species of birds that meet the following criteria call Mosquito Control to have your dead bird collected for testing. Our phone number is 905-5941.

The only three species that will be collected are:

1. Crows-17 inch average body size, totally black plumage including beak and eyes,
2. Cardinals,
3. Blue Jays

No other species will be tested by LSU, and we will not collect any other species. Although West Nile has been detected in other species, nearly all of them survive. Crows, cardinals, and blue jays are the species that are most likely to become ill and die from West Nile.

The other criteria are that the bird must be fresh with no decay, odor, or insects eating it. The bird should appear to have died from natural causes. It should not have any injuries such as being shot.

We will continue testing mosquitoes and dead birds throughout the summer and into the early fall.



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On behalf of all the employees of the recreation center, it has been a pleasure working for you. We wish you the best of luck in the future.

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The Most Reverend Glen John Provost conducted his first Confirmation as the Third Bishop of Lake Charles on Wednesday, April 25, at Immaculate Conception Church in Maplewood. With Bishop Provost at the beginning of the Liturgy was, at left, Rev. Msgr. Vincent A. Sedita, pastor of Immaculate Conception, and at right Deacon H. E. "Bud" Wagner and the Rev. Msgr. Jace Eskind, Master of Ceremonies.

Deacon Derek Covert to be ordained May 26

The Rev. Mr. Derek Covert, a seminarian for the Diocese of Lake Charles, will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese on Saturday, May 26, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the ordaining prelate.

Covert will celebrate his first Mass on Sunday, May 27, Pentecost Sunday, at 9 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church.

CLI, ACLI set for June 10-15

LAKE CHARLES - The Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles has announced the dates for the annual Christian Leadership Institute and the Advanced Christian Leadership Institute. The two longtime summer programs are scheduled from Sunday, June 10 through Friday, June 15, according to Milissa Thibodeaux, Director of the Office.

The Emory Wallace Retreat Center at Bundick Lake near DeRidder will be the site again this year. Cost for the event is \$250, which includes meals, housing and materials.

The Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) is for high school students including entering freshmen as well as recent graduates. The Advanced Christian Leadership Institute (ACLI) is designed for entering junior or senior high school students who have already participated in the CLI process.

"The week-long training experiences focus on developing and sharpening leadership skills that can be used in every aspect of young adult lives," Thibodeaux said.

The focus of the training includes effective communication skills, facilitation skills, decision making skills, consensus seeking skills, temperament and leadership skills, male/female leadership styles, and call to ministry.

The training involves experiential training and is reinforced by hands-on activities. The young people themselves play a part in shaping the routine activities of each day from waking up in the morning to setting the environment and planning prayer for meals, morning and evening prayer, the evening liturgy, to the evening socials, according to Thibodeaux.

"ACLI takes the skills learned at CLI and continues to sharpen them and the planning process," Thibodeaux said. "It is an exciting and transforming experience."

"The 'Christian' in Christian leadership isn't just a portion of what we are about," Thibodeaux continued. "Our Catholic Christian values are woven into every fiber of the week. Since CLI is Catholic Christian based, it is rooted in our faith tradition with Christ as our model for the kind of 'servant' leadership we strive to emulate."

The institutes offer a balanced existence of hard work in the learning, planning and implementation, prayer, play, relaxation as well as fellowship and social activity.

For more information, contact the Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles at 439-7426, Ext. 301.

Catholic home schooling mother speaks out

LAKE CHARLES - Home schooling has become a big issue in many areas of the country. Here in the Diocese of Lake Charles there are a number of families who have home schooled their children. Eva Thompson and her husband Frank of Moss Bluff have tried to instill good Catholic family values in their own four children and she even established a state approved home school called "Ave Maria Academy."

Eva was the guest speaker at the May meeting of the Serra Club of Lake Charles.

The Thompson's eldest son Joshua, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Our Lady of Victory School, a correspondence home school, is studying for the priesthood with the Legionaries of Christ. Daughter Mary will graduate from Ave Maria Academy this year and plans to attend McNeese State University. Son Levi, who will graduate in 2010, also anticipates pursuing a priestly vocation while the youngest child, Esther, wants to be a home school mother when she grows up.

"I thank God for the gift of Catholic homeschooling that He put upon my heart to begin 17 years ago," Eva said. "Every year I prayed and asked God, 'Do you want me to home-school again this year?' and then I asked myself if I was able to handle all the responsibilities that the decision entailed. I said yes to God's call for me and it has been the most rewarding decision of my life, besides saying I do to my husband."

Thompson had worked as an accountant in Houston before she was married and following her marriage worked the Catholic Student Center at Our Lady of Good Counsel as the liturgist and music director.

"When I found out I was expecting our first child, we decided that I would not work anymore outside the home so I could be with the children," she said. "Little did I know God was already preparing me for me to homeschool."

She and Frank moved to a rural Catholic Community where his family lived. Several of the mothers there were homeschooling their children.

"I watched them over the next few years and started doing my own research on the subject," she said. "Before I moved there, I thought only certified teachers from college could educate children at a school setting. Now I saw mothers with and without education backgrounds teaching their children. The children were so well behaved and bright."

When her oldest child was a year old, Thompson decided to remove the television from the home altogether. "Our preschool consisted of make modeling clay dinosaurs, building original Lego creations, drawing and playing outside," she said. "Children find ways to entertain themselves without TV or expensive electronic toys."

"As school age approached I visited local schools," she continued. "I decided I would

try to educate my own. I could gear the subjects to their learning styles and we could do many projects as a family. We loved music and art."

She used the Von Trapp family (from the Sound of Music) as a good example of a homeschool family. "I actually have Maria Von Trapp's book on Living the Liturgical Year," she said. "I aspired to be like them - Catholic, musical, joyful and full of life."

As her children advanced so did she adding the next grade necessary to teach them.

After six years her health became an issue and in her question to God about continuing, she knew the answer was "no."

The family enrolled the children in Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff and soon found that any questions she had about how good a job she had done in educating the children would have an answer in the affirmative.

"Even with the all the fun we had, to my surprise all three children did exceptionally well," she said. "They each made Honor or Banner roll every nine weeks for the next three years. Joshua challenged the librarian for bigger books and they received honors as students of the month and the yearly Most Christian award. Joshua received the academic scholarship award and was student of the year as an eighth grader."

Thompson told the Serrans about some of the national studies done that show that home schooled children have scored significantly higher on standardized tests than their

counterparts. "We saw it in our children," she said. "All three of my children had scored four years ahead of their eighth grade standardized tests." Those numbers were almost exactly what the various studies had shown, she noted.

The family decided that they would now bring the children back into the home and home school them in grades nine, seven, four and kindergarten, even though Eva's health was still in a tenuous state.

In managing to continue home schooling her children although still ill, she joined with Deanna Kolde, the music teacher at Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, to form a co-op, even though they stopped the practice a few years ago.

"We got together once a week to teach each other's children and they would do assignments at home during the week," Eva said. "We did math and spelling daily on our own. It was fun and I could handle this as I recovered."

Thompson said the motivating reason for homeschooling will always be to teach her faith - the Roman Catholic Church's teachings, virtues, and values.

"What is the most important thing a parent can do for their child?" she asked. "Teach them their faith, guard their purity, help them to seek the knowledge and truth of God so they can make their own choice to Know, Love, and Serve Him in this life and be happy with God in the next."

Communication Collection set this weekend

WASHINGTON - The annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will take place in the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles on May 19-20 as well as across the country.

Funding provided by donations of generous Catholics is used to support an array of multimedia projects developed by the CCC, an activity of the U.S. Bishops that promotes Gospel values through network television specials, radio programs, movie reviews and new media content. Half of the money collected here in the Diocese of Lake Charles remains here to help provide the publication of the Catholic Calendar in the American Press, Jennings Daily News, Beauregard Daily News and the Cameron Pilot every two weeks. The airing of the 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, generally known as "The Bishop's Mass," on KLCL-AM (1470) here in Lake Charles and KJEF-AM (1290) in Jennings is also made possible, in part, by your generous gift to the Catholic Communication Campaign.

Building on the popularity of the daily Mass readings featured on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops web site, the CCC now offers audio readings that can be downloaded through iTunes, Podcast Alley and other sources. Daily reflections can be viewed via streaming at www.ccc-tv.org.

For the second year in a row a popular series of six Lenten radio retreats were offered by the CCC in association with Franciscan Radio. Available in English and Spanish, the Lenten radio retreats featured a bishop as retreat guide and homilist. The programs were distributed to radio stations across the country and available in downloadable formats at www.radioretreat.org.

Radio programming offered by the CCC also includes Catholic Radio Weekly, Lino at Large, American Catholic Radio, and Tú Compa ero Católica, a Spanish language program that offers spiritual topics and news of special interest for Hispanic families. The CCC also supports the work of the U.S. bishop's Office of Film and Broadcasting, which provides movie and television reviews published in diocesan newspapers across the country.

Television specials and documentaries funded by the CCC continue to offer quality spiritual and cultural programs. Since its release last December, "Picturing Mary," a documentary that chronicles how the image of the Madonna has inspired artists throughout the centuries, has aired on 270 public television stations. Other documentaries funded by the CCC that appeared on public television include "Lives for Sale," a powerful expose of the painful and rarely seen human side of undocumented immigration and "Sisters of Selma: Witness to Change," a look at how a group of nuns from St. Louis, Missouri, traveled to Selma, Alabama and stood in solidarity with African Americans during the civil rights movement.

In June, the CCC will release to NBC stations "Faith Works Across the USA," a look at the many ways people put their faith into action across the country. A series of public service announcement (PSA) promoting the benefits of healthy marriages as part of the bishops' National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage will also be released in June. "Divining the Human: The Tapestries of John Nava," an exploration of the innovative creation of the tapestries of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, will be released to ABC television stations by the CCC in September.

For more information about projects of the Catholic Communication Campaign, please visit www.usccb.org/ccc/



CLERK OF COURT Carl Broussard, at right, has moved all of his offices into the Court House basement, making space on the second floor for records. These public access computers located in the basement can be easily moved in case of evacuation. Other offices now located in the basement are the Public Defender, Sheriff's Office Records Division, and D.A.R.E. officer. The Department of Motor Vehicles will return to its former office when the new elevator is in operation. Another office is available for part time users such as a social workers and Veteran's Administration.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

RODRIGUE Cont. from Page 1

Rodrigue taught speech, English, gifted and special education courses for twelve years at Thibodaux High School in Lafourche Parish.

Rodrigue was an honor graduate of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and English Education in 1978 and a Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision in 1981.

At Nicholls State University, she was active in the Student Government Association and was a nationally recognized intercollegiate competitive debater.

She completed the requisite additional thirty graduate hours at Nicholls State University in 1985 and con-

tinued graduate work at Nicholls State University, Louisiana State University and McNeese State University.

Rodrigue continues to enroll in technology courses at SOWELA Technical Community College in Lake Charles and pursues numerous ongoing professional development opportunities involving educational issues.

Rodrigue's areas of educational certification and licensure include School Superintendent, Child Search Coordinator, Parish or City School Supervisor/ Director of Special Education and Regular Instruction, Principal, Supervisor of Student Teaching, Speech, English and Mild/Moderate Education.

She is a member of Phi Delta Kappa Education Honor Society, the Association of Curriculum

Development Specialists, and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Rodrigue was appointed Trustee of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole by Bishop Edward Braxton. She also serves as Director of Religious Education for Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Eugene and Our Lady Star of the Sea parishes.

She is very active in youth organizations and serves as Secretary of the Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show and Sale Advisory Council and state secretary of the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association.

She is an appointed member of the National High School Rodeo Association Scholarship Foundation which awards over \$450,000 annually in corporate and private scholarships within the United States, Canada, and Australia.

She is a member of the Louisiana State University Agriculture Center Advisory Council, the Louisiana 4-H Foundation, Louisiana State University Century Club and Tiger Athletic Foundation, Nicholls State University Alumni Association, and Delta Zeta Sorority.

Rodrigue has been recently appointed to the Chenier

Board to begin meeting in Creole

Beginning in June, the Cameron Parish School Board will hold its monthly meetings at the Creole Fire Station multi-purpose building. The time will remain at 5:30 pm. This schedule will remain through the end of 2007, the board decided Monday night.

It had been proposed to hold the monthly meetings at the Cameron Health Unit, but the meeting room there had been reduced in size, and was not considered large enough to accommodate the public.

The Board adopted millage rates for the tax year 2007 reflecting no changes to parish wide rates. Two districts' rates for bond issue reduction will be reduced; District 10 will be reduced from 5 to 4 mills, and District 15 will be reduced from 18 to 13 mills.

Permission was granted to advertise for bids for four 6'x12' trailers, one for each school, to be used to move critical paper records out of the parish in the event of a hurricane threat. The trailer may also be used for extra-curricular activities.

Bids were accepted for new gym floors and bleachers at South Cameron School. Gentry and Holder of Shreveport was the sole bidder for two gym floors, at \$151,896. Hahn Enterprises of New Orleans was sole bidder for two sets of bleachers, at \$77,665.

Both bids were considered very reasonable. The floors and bleachers will be installed in the main gym and the "old" gym, which have been repaired, and will allow children to have PE classes and indoor recess on inclement days.

The Board learned that a pre-Rita decision to purchase land adjoining Johnson Bayou School is ready to go forward. The land was already being used by the school for activities.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Resignations were accepted from Dr. Doug Chance - Superintendent, effective May 31, Dorothy Landry-Grand Lake food service tech, T. J. Hoffpauir - Grand Lake teacher, and Jessye Conner - South Cameron bus driver. Sabbatical and extended medical leaves were granted to Donna Kaufman - Pupil appraisal team, Amanda Trosclair - South Cameron teacher, and Angela Mallet - Grand Lake teacher.

Appointments were made for all school for the 2007-2008 school year. New appointments include Neal Kiser and Scott Miano - Grand Lake teachers, Kerry Morrison - South Cameron teacher, and Marla Raffield - Hackberry sweeper.

Community Advisory Panel and the Sempra Southwest Louisiana Community Advisory Committee.

Rodrigue is married to Nicky Rodrigue, formerly of Paincourtville. He is a 1978 graduate of Louisiana State University and has taught vocational agriculture at South Cameron High School since 1984 and has also taught agriculture in East Feliciana, Assumption and Lafourche parishes.

Rodrigue is the daughter of Shirley and the late Charles Delaune of Thibodaux. She attended Notre Dame High School in Crowley, as well as Thibodaux High School.



FEMA travel trailers available for sale

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has launched a sales program that will give eligible occupants the opportunity to buy their travel trailer, park model or mobile home.

The program is open only to those eligible applicants currently residing in FEMA travel trailers and mobile homes. The sales offer will apply to the temporary housing unit in which the applicant currently resides. No substitutions or exchanges will be allowed. Units will be sold "as is" with no stated or implied warranties. Once occupants purchase the unit, they will no longer be eligible for temporary housing assistance from FEMA.

To date, FEMA has housed more than 90,000 families displaced by Katrina and Rita in travel trailers/mobile homes in Louisiana. Currently, under FEMA's Individual Household Program, more than 49,000 families continue to live in travel trailers and mobile homes.

FEMA has begun mailing out a "Notice of Interest" to occupants. After receiving the packet of information, applicants with questions may call FEMA toll-free at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) (TTY: 1-800-462-7585). Once FEMA receives the signed Notice of Interest from occupants, they will be notified about their eligibility to participate in the sales program. A FEMA sales manager will contact eligible occupants to begin the sales program or inform ineligible occupants of their status. All sales will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

The sales prices will vary based on several factors including the type of unit, whether the unit was originally new or used and the

number of months the occupant lived in the unit. Occupants purchasing their unit must also:

- Pay all applicable state sales taxes and any other applicable costs;
- Accept all responsibility and liability. Occupants in group sites will be responsible for moving the unit to a location within 30 days of completion of the sale;
- Obtain local permits or inspections and provide copies to FEMA, as required;
- Comply with local floodplain management codes if the selected site is located within the 100-year floodplain or a designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA);
- Agree to obtain hazard insurance for the unit, including flood insurance, if the unit is or will be located in a designated SFHA.

Applicants who do not wish to participate in the sales program may stay in their units as long as they meet the eligibility requirements for temporary housing assistance while that assistance is provided.

"This program will give occupants the option to buy their unit and to regain some sense of permanency while they continue to work on their personal recovery," said Jim Stark, FEMA director of the Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office. "Our sales managers will be contacting interested applicants to explain how the sales program works and to assist them with any questions they may have."

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- 0 Kathy Drive - 150'x80' Lot w/large concrete slab & new oversized septic system & 4 RV set ups. Lot is one block off beach - \$112,000

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LOWER CAMERON Parish has a long way to go before it is recovered from Hurricane Rita which devastated this area in September, 2005, but things are much better than when this photo was taken a few days after the storm. A convenience store in the foreground was completely destroyed. Capital One Bank (the old Calcasieu Marine Bank) at left had little more than the roof left. The old Dyson Lumber Co. can be seen in the background. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Grand Lake banner, honor roll announced

The Grand Lake High School fifth six weeks Banner and Honor roll is as follows:

BANNER ROLL

- 1st Grade: Kade Delcambre, Destiny Doxey, Cecilia Lomeli, Jordan Morgan, Madison Theriot, Marlee Boudreaux, Madison Breaux, Thomas Delaney, Andrew Ferguson, Quincy Mudd, Emily Poole, Karlee Thomas, Bryce Toerner, Seth Trahan, Lauren Baudoin, Brenlyee Meaux, Ty Taylor, Jayleigh Young.
- 2nd Grade: Kamryn Trahan, Cameron Granger, Alexis Reeves, Tori Smith, Hagyn Miller, Mallory Dupuie, Tanner Olson.
- 3rd Grade: Madisen Conner, Darien Boudreaux, Zachary Brasseaux, Allison Ross, Ally Thomas.
- 4th Grade: Brycen Savoie, Courtland Granger, Cloie Broussard.
- 5th Grade: Grant Robideaux, Lauren Baudoin, Brenlyee Meaux, Ty Taylor, Jayleigh Young.
- 6th Grade: Calley Conner, Joshua Fitkin, Alexandra Kennedy, Kourtney Olson, Leann LaRocca, Darbi Montje.
- 7th Grade: Devon Duhon, Paige Vedder.
- 8th Grade: Kallan Mudd.
- 9th Grade: Kevin Delaney, Heather Girlinghouse.
- 10th Grade: Taylor Beard, Evan Guidry, Megan Poole.
- 11th Grade: Jackie Babineaux, Corey Broussard, Brittany Hebert, Rachel Jones, Samantha Poole, Molly Precht, Renn Savoie, Amber Taylor.
- 12th Grade: Melissa Dawsey, Aaron Doxey, Wesley Doxey, Trent Hebert, Elizabeth Reon, Sara Taylor, Haylee Theriot, Jordan Precht, Baret Bercier.

HONOR ROLL

- 1st Grade: Dylan Bourriague, Gabrielle Conner, Zackary Guillot, Elizabeth Reed, Kolby Richard, Gabrielle Talbot, Garrett Vedder, Matthew Brasseaux, Maeleigh Conner, Alayna Ewing, Tyler Hebert, Kirston Landeneaux, Megan Latiolais.
- 2nd Grade: Brennan Abadie, Keighan Faulk, Emily Fontenot, Hunter Foreman, Katelynn Granger, Brandi Hansard, Bryce Marceaux, Chuck Babineaux, Kayla Quibodeaux, Lakyn Duhon, Alanah Theriot, Cadence Landry, Alex Granger, Keagan Conner, Steven Corbello, John Fruge, Annabeth Robideaux.
- 3rd Grade: James Drounette, Dylan Duhon, Bailey Vedder, Kyle

- Delcambre, Ross Dahlen, Joseph Broussard, Christian Doucet, Cavan Duhon, Anica Logan, Zoe Perkins, Brandt Sonnier, Nathan Thomas, Kayla Delaney, Megan Heabert, Devon Pesson, Morgan Quinn, Kaycee Richard, Lucas Cole Verret, Alyssa Walker.
- 4th Grade: Aimee Clark, Cortney Delaney, Katherine Deshotel, Braden Rosteet, Erica Williams, Kendal Berkey, Madison Bonsall, Sheridan Smith, David Miller, Lynsey Mhire, Audrey Harris, Laikyn Dubard.
- 5th Grade: Tyler Beard, Zane Bellon, Alexis Breaux, Callie Breville, Kylie Davidson, Timothy Foreman, Julia Garbe, Chandler Pesson, Sara Richard, Victoria Thomas, Jasmine Cox, Dillon Hays, Jarrett Nunez, Tyler Nunez, Halee Sullivan, Cheyenne Theriot, Kellie Theriot.
- 6th Grade: Katelyn Babineaux, Lexi Conner, Bethanne Delaney, Blair Derouen, Erin Gilbert, Dalton Boudreaux, Justin Demary, Kent Doxey, Morgan Fontenot, Bobby Honeycutt, Julianne Lannin, Rebecca Monceaux, Andrew Ogea, Wyatt Pearce, Andrew Richard.
- 7th Grade: Kelsey Ellender, Chanler Borel, Nycolle Costa, Kory Langley, Brooke Pesson, Hanna Savoie, Halie Stevens, Shelby Thomas.
- 8th Grade: Lance Beard, Kaleb Conner, Jaide Landreneau, Kimberly Babineaux, Tyler Tolbert.
- 9th Grade: Devin Bourque, Devin Dubard, Tasha Fontenot, Deaven Landreneau, Colton LaRocca, Shawnee Pearce, Micah Richard, Sam Richard, Kirstyn Vincent.
- 10th Grade: Elizabeth Kingham, Katherine Kingham, Linsey LaGrange.
- 11th Grade: Brandy Carroll, Lakeyn Duhon, Brett Griffith, John Guidry, Lucas Hebert, Kayla Savoie, Ashley Toups, C'Rissa Morales.
- 12th Grade: Ross Conner, Shaley Gossett, Sabrina McFarlain, Miranda Ogea, Hailey Quinn, Courtney Thomas, Stephanie Winkles, Stephanie Cherie, Alex Simon.

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Earning 95 and above in all subjects.

1st Grade: Jordan Morgan, Cecilia Lomeli, Madison Theriot, Marlee Boudreaux, Madison Breaux, Thomas Delaney, Emily Poole, Karlee Thomas, Seth Trahan, Lauren

- Baudoin, Brenlyee Meaux, Ty Taylor.
- 2nd Grade: Kamryn Trahan.
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- 11th Grade: Jackie Babineaux.
- 12th Grade: Sara Taylor, Haylee Theriot, Baret Bercier.

ACADEMIC TEAM OF ACHIEVEMENT

- No grade lower than 90 in all subjects.
- 1st Grade: Kade Delcambre, Destiny Doxey, Andrew Ferguson, Quincy Mudd, Bryce Toerner, Jayleigh Young.
- 3rd Grade: Madisen Conner, Darien Boudreaux, Zach Brasseaux, Allison Ross, Ally Thomas.
- 4th Grade: Brycen Savoie, Courtland Granger, Cloie Broussard.
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Study to be conducted on 'green debris'

Work will soon start on a project to test whether chipped trees and other "green debris" from hurricanes could be used to help restore the coast.

The \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million project will use 4.5 acres of a blocked canal. The fourth side will be closed in, water pumped out, and the area filled with about 25,000 cubic yards of clean, chipped debris left by Hurricane Rita.

Then it will be covered with about 36,000 cubic yards of soil dredged from a nearby channel, said Gary Leonards, an engineer for Providence Engineering & Environmental Group, LLC., which designed the project for the Department of Natural Resources.

Hurricanes Rita and Katrina left about 46 million cubic yards of debris--much of it downed trees--in Louisiana. Many people asked whether it could be used, rather than just hauled to a landfill.

Difficulties, such as ways to keep the debris in place and how to keep the rotting vegetation from robbing the water of oxygen, were discussed within the department and were the subject of a conference last year.

DNR project manager Kenneth Bahlinger said the area will be divided into three parts, with different percentages of chipped material in each: 30, 40 and 50 percent.

The project will be monitored for three years to learn how far each area settles as the wood decomposes and which ratio of dirt to vegetation works best in forming a marsh-like landscape.

"We're curious how this is going to work out," Bahlinger said. "Just to see if we can use green debris in the marsh."

Construction is expected to begin in about two weeks at the site south of Louisiana Highway 82, and should take about three months, Bahlinger said.

Engagement and wedding photos should be submitted to the DeQuincy News by 4 p.m. Monday.

Photos should be clear prints, head and shoulder pose, preferably 5x7.

Announcements and pictures are published free of charge.

Engagement and wedding forms are available to be picked up at the DeQuincy News office, located at 203 E. Harrison St., DeQuincy between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. The forms may be faxed, upon request, by calling 786-8004.

Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

For the Sale of May 12, 2007, Trading was active with a turnout of 625 Head from 132 Sellers with 73 Buyers Present. Calf market remains in good demand with most classes 1.00 - 2.00 Higher. Slaughter Cows were 2.00 - 3.00 Higher and Slaughter Bulls 1.00 - 2.00 Higher.

DeQuincy (Saturday) May 12: Livestock Receipts: Cattle 451, Horses 0 Hogs 29, Sheep 53, and Goats 92. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 60"-80" per HD, Beef 150"-200" per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.85-2.15 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.40-1.85 per lb., Heifers: 1.25-1.45 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.30-1.55 per lb., Heifers: 1.25-1.35 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.15-1.35 per lb., Heifers: 1.05-1.25 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: 1.05-1.20 per lb., Heifers: .90-1.05 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .85-1.00 per lb., Heifer: .80-.85 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: 52-55 per lb.; Canners: 45-48 per lb.; Fat Cows: 46-50 per lb.; Thin Cows: 32-37 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: 59-65 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: 47-55 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 900"-1200" per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 650"-975" per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: 30-33; Medium Barrow & Gilts: 27-31; Butcher Pigs: 30-35; Feeder Pigs: 55-65; Sows 300-500 lbs. 22-25 per lb.; Boars: .05-.07 per lb. **HORSES:** 25-31 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 35"-150" per HD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishings 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 an such claims or liens. BY: /s/Bonnie W. Conner Bonnie W. Conner, Secretary CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY RUNS: April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 - A 10

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 2nd day of April 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2006-01: Parish Wide Road Signing Project, Contract VII pursuant to the certain contract between Mid South Construction Supply, L.L.C. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File Number 297801, in the book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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10, 17 - A 14

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 2nd day of April, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Project No. 2006-01: Parishwide Road Signing Project, Contract II pursuant to the certain contract between Mid South Construction Supply, L.L.C. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 297802 in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Water and Waterworks District No. 1 meeting in regular session convened on the 26th day of April 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2006-13: Post-Rita Maintenance of Cameron Elevated Water Storage Tower pursuant to the certain contract between Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Water and Waterworks District No. 1 under File No. 302041, in the book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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BY: J. C. Murphy, President RUNS: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14 - M 4

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing and open house for the purpose of discussing the replacement of the existing causeway and swing bridge on State Highway (SH) 82 at the Sabine Lake with a new high bridge crossing. The proposed bridge would be 3,775 feet (ft) or 0.775 miles in length with a width of 46 ft on SH 82 at Sabine Lake in Jefferson County, Texas and continues on Louisiana Highway (LA) 82 in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. An open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at the Palms Club House at Pleasure Island Golf Course located at 1901 T. B. Ellison Parkway

in Port Arthur, Texas. The open house will provide interested citizens an opportunity to view project exhibits and ask questions.

The proposed project would require a small amount of new ROW; however, no relocations or displacements would occur. No displacements of any businesses, farms or non-profit organizations would result from the proposed project. All ROW negotiations would be conducted without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The acquisition of properties and the relocation program would be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

Due to proposed acquisition of land from Walter Umphrey State Park, a Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation has also been prepared and included as part of the categorical exclusion (CE) document. Approximately 0.64 acres would be acquired from Walter Umphrey State Park along the northern edge of the park where it abuts SH 82.

A schematic plan showing the location of the project, geometric design details, the CE and the Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation prepared for the project, as well as other information pertinent to the project are on file and available for inspection at the TxDOT Area Office in Port Arthur, Texas located at 6101 Twin City Highway, Port Arthur, Texas. Information regarding the tentative schedules for the proposed construction may also be obtained from the Port Arthur Area Office or by calling (409) 722-8377.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Verbal or written comments about the project may be presented either at the hearing or submitted within ten (10) days after the hearing (Monday, June 25, 2007) to the following address: Texas Department of Transportation; 6101 Twin City Highway, Port Arthur, Texas 77642. Individuals interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Beaumont District Office at (409) 892-7311 at least seven (7) days in advance. Since the hearing will be conducted in English, requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

A written report will be prepared following the hearing to address comments received at the hearing and during the subsequent 10-day comment period. A copy of the Comment and Response Report will be prepared and made available at the TxDOT Area Office located at 6101 Twin City Highway, Port Arthur, Texas. RUNS: May 10, 17, 24, 31 (M 23)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on Friday, 8 June 2007 until 2:00 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury temporary office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, Louisiana. (337-775-5719)

Project Number: 2007-04 LCDBG DISASTER RECOVERY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Bids must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, using ink and in both words and figures, with the unit price for the item or the lump sum for which the bid is made. The bidder shall provide all information indicated on the attached forms. Failure to provide the information indicated constitutes an informality in the proposal, rendering it subject to rejection by the owner. All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the project on which the proposal is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the proposal form, and preferably sent by registered mail.

For the purpose of award, the product of the approximate quantities of each item shown in the proposal by their respective unit prices will be considered the amount of the bid on each item. The correct summation of these products will be the amount bid on the entire work.

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of: Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive any informality. /s/ Darryl Farque, President RUNS: May 10, 17, 24, 31 - M 32

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7 until **11:00 a.m. on 4 June 2007** at the Cameron Parish Police Jury temporary office, 122A Recreation Lane, Cameron, LA, 70631. (337-775-5718)

Project Number: 2007-08 Post-Rita Restoration of Recreation facilities

The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for contractors will apply: the project being classified as:

Building Construction. Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified

check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7 meeting. The Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities. Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7 /s/Angela Conner, President RUNS: May 10, 17, 24, 31 - M 33

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until **9:00 a.m. on 4 June 2007** at the Cameron Parish Police Jury temporary office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, LA 70631. (337-775-5718)

Project Number: 2007-09 Post-Rita Restoration of Holly Beach Drainage Facilities

The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for contractors will apply; the project being classified as:

11. Highway, street and bridge construction
9: Earthwork, drainage and levees or
11: Culverts and drainage structures

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of: Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy 384, Grand Lake Community, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079.

Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive any informalities. Cameron Parish Police Jury /s/ Darryl Farque, President RUNS: May 10, 17, 24, 31 - M 34

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until **10:00 a.m. on 4 June 2007** at the Police Jury temporary office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, LA, 70631. (337-775-5718)

Project Number: 2007-11 Post-Rita Restoration of Big Lake Pier

The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for contractors will apply: the project being classified as:

Heavy Construction. Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Louisiana Hwy 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities. Cameron Parish Police Jury /s/ Darryl Farque, President RUNS: May 10, 17, 24, 31 - M 35

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of May, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2006-06A, Post Rita Restoration of Cameron Parish Courthouse Basement and District Attorney Office pursuant to the certain contract by and between Charles Miller Construction Company and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 299601 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 in the absence of any such claims or liens. BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21 (M 36)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of May, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Project Number 2004-05 by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and R.E. Heidt Construction Co., Inc. for Road Improvements in Cameron Area-Base Construction & Asphalt Overlay, recorded under

File No. 289206 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 in the absence of any such claims or liens. BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21 (M 37)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of May, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2006-17: Post Rita Restoration of Deep Bayou Bridge pursuant to the certain contract between F. Miller Construction, LLC and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 302447 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 in the absence of any such claims or liens. BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21 (M 38)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of May, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Slab Demolition/Removal, East Annex Building - Cameron Square pursuant to the certain contract between HD Truck & Tractor and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 302800 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 in the absence of any such claims or liens. BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21 (M 39)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of May, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2006-05: Cameron Fire Substation pursuant to the certain contract between Palermo Construction Company, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 299694 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 in the absence of any such claims or liens. BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21 (M 40)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of May, 2007 accepted as conditionally complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2006-15, Post Rita Restoration of Creole Fire Station pursuant to the certain contract by and between Sam Istre Construction, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 301795 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 in the absence of any such claims or liens. BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21 (M 41)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 4, 2007 at the Police Jury Administrative Office, 122A Recreation Center Lane,

Cameron, Louisiana, for an official journal. Sealed bids may be mailed to P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, LA 70631.

BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: May 17, 24 (M-42)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS LEASE PROPOSAL SOLICITATION #CAMERON-0001

Sealed bids for the lease of usable space consisting of a minimum 2200 square feet of warehouse space, plus INTERNAL CIRCULATION to house voting machines for the Department of State within an area bounded by Cameron Parish, Louisiana, will be received by the State of Louisiana, Department of State, Secretary of State, Purchasing Section, Post Office Box 94125, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9125, situated in the parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE INTERNAL CIRCULATION NECESSARY FOR THE LESSEE TO PROPERLY FUNCTION WITHIN THE LEASED SPACE WITHOUT DETRACTING AREA FROM THE SPACE REQUESTED EXCEPT FOR THE 5% AND 10% VARIANCE ALLOWED.

THE LEASE AGREEMENT WILL BE WRITTEN FOR TOTAL USABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE AS INDICATED ON THE SCHEMATIC FLOOR PLAN SUBMITTAL.

(Office Space plus Internal Circulation = Total Usable Space) Bids will be opened on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., by the Louisiana Department of State, Purchasing Section, located at 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

Necessary documents needed to submit a bid in response to this solicitation or any information relative thereto may be obtained from Kathy Hernandez, Department of State, Purchasing Section, Post Office Box 94125, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9125, telephone number 225-922-3023.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE TYPE(S) OF A C C O M O D A T I O N (S) REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO BID OPENING.

The Department of State reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals upon determination in writing that such action is taken in the best interest of the State. Consideration will be given to both bid price and suitability of space for the user agency. The low bidder will be determined based on the lowest total annual rent.

Department of State
Secretary of State
Purchasing Section
RUN: May 17 (M 43)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids on or before the hour of 2:00 P.M. on Friday, June 8, 2007 at the Cameron Parish School Board Temporary Office, 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70607 (physical address), P.O. Box 1548 Cameron Louisiana 70631 (mailing address) for the delivery and installation of weight room equipment to the South Cameron High School weight room on the campus of South Cameron High School 753 Oak Grove Hwy Grand Chenier, LA 70643.

All bids arriving after this date and hour will be returned to bidder unopened.

Please include a timeline for installation upon acceptance of bid. Bid envelope shall be clearly marked on the outside "Bid on Weight Room Equipment."

Specifications and bid sheet may be obtained at the temporary School Board Office site in Grand Lake, LA from 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. on regular workdays. Contact: Doug Welch, Supervisor, phone: 337 905-5784 Ext. 105.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities. Cameron Parish School Board By: /s/ Doug Chance DOUG CHANCE, SUPERINTENDENT RUN: May 17, 24, 31 (M 44)

NOTICE FOR QUOTES

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive quotes until the hour of 2:00 p.m., Thursday June 7, 2007, for painting at various schools. All vendors must attend a prequote walkthrough scheduled for 8:30 A.M. starting at Grand Lake School and proceeding to other schools.

Specifications and quote sheet may be obtained from Doug Welch at the Cameron Parish School Board Temporary Office, 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607, Phone: 905-5784 ext. 105. The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted. CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD By: Run: May 17, 24, 31 (M 45)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 4, 2007 in the Police Jury Administrative Office, 122A Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) 1997 Chevrolet Suburban, VIN #3GNBC16R9V178136, as is, where is.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Police Jury Administrative Office by calling (337) 775-5718.

BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER,

Legal Notices

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SECRETARY

RUN: May 17, 24 (M-47)

PUBLIC NOTICE**CAMERON PARISH COASTAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Coastal Management Section of the Cameron Parish Police Jury has received the following apparently complete application for a Coastal Use Permit in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program and R.S. 49, 213.1, the State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act of 1978, as amended.

L.C.U.P.# 070607

Name of Applicant: William Shane Stephens, 107 Madison St., Sulphur, LA 70663.

Location of permit: Grand Lake, Section 6, T12S-R8W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of Work: Mr. Stephens proposes to excavate approximately 3,700 cubic yards of clay, sand, and top soil to provide fill for housepad and barn. The excavated area will be used as a pond.

The decision on whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts of the proposed activity in accordance with Police Jury Ordinance. The decision will reflect in the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent and must represent an appropriate balancing of social, environmental and economic factors. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are flood and storm hazards, water quality, water supply, feasible alternative sites, drainage patterns, historical sites, economics, public and private benefits, coastal water dependency, impacts on natural features, compatibility with the natural and cultural setting and the extent of long term benefits or adverse impacts.

Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water and air quality laws, standards and regulations will be required before a permit is issued. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Plans for the proposed work may be inspected at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana, (337) 775-5718. Written comments should be mailed within 25 days from the date of this public notice to Cameron Parish Police Jury, Post Office Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.

Sincerely,
/s/ Myles Hebert
Myles Hebert, Coastal Zone Administrator
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
RUN: May 17 (M-49)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive sealed bids until the hour of 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 7, 2007, for the furnishing of copy paper to the schools of CAMERON PARISH during the 2007-2008-school session.

Detailed bid list and specification sheet may be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board, Cameron, Louisiana.

Bid price on all items should be the delivery price to the Cameron Parish School Board Office. All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time. Envelopes should be marked "BID ON COPY PAPER".

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Doug Chance,
SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: May 17, 24 (M 50)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until the hour of 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 1039 Hwy 384, Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607 for the purchase of MILK products for the schools of Cameron Parish during the 2007-2008 session and any summer programs during the summer of 2008.

A detailed bid form and specifications may be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631.

Bid is to be on delivered price to all school lunchrooms of Cameron Parish. Bid price is not to include sales tax.

All bids must be returned sealed, indicating "Sealed Milk Bid" clearly on the outside of the envelope.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
By: Douglas L. Chance
DOUGLAS L. CHANCE,
SUPERINTENDENT
Run: May 17, 24 (M 51)

NOTICE FOR BID

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until the hour of 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 1039 Hwy 384, Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607 for the purchase of bread products for the schools of Cameron Parish during the 2007-2008 session and any summer programs during the summer of 2008.

A detailed bid form and specifications may be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631.

Bid is to be on delivered price to all school lunchrooms of Cameron Parish. Bid price is not to include sales tax.

All bids must be returned sealed, indicating "Sealed Bread Bid" clearly on the outside of the envelope.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
By: Douglas L. Chance
DOUGLAS L. CHANCE,
SUPERINTENDENT
Run: May 17 and 24 (M 52)

JURY DUTY

The following persons have been summoned for jury duty for the term beginning Monday, June 18:

Susan R. Alford, Creole; Hazel A. Angelle, Lake Charles; Dana R. Baccigallo, Creole; Danny Bellon, Bell City; Peggy P. Benoit, Cameron; Shariene R. Benoit, Lake Charles;

Patricia R. Biggs, Cameron; Daniel W. Blanchard, Cameron; Torrey O. Bonsall, Grand Chenier; Cherie Rabey Breaux, Cameron; Katrina L. Broussard, Cameron;

Larry J. Broussard, Lake Charles; Tobie K. Buford, Hackberry; Shawn Calhoun, Bell City; Beverly K. Carlin, Hackberry; R. W. Castaine, Cameron;

Russell Cockrell, Creole; Lynsi K. Conner, Cameron; Patricia L. Conner, Lake Charles; Mark A. Davis, Lake Charles; Mary Allie D. Deshotel, Grand Lake;

Dean R. Desonier, Cameron; Barry Lynn Doucet, Lake Charles; Laverne P. Doucet, Gueydan; John A. Duhon, Jr., Cameron; Rhonda Duhon, Creole; Denise A. Durion, Hackberry; Donald R. East, Hackberry;

Eddie M. Faulk, Lake Charles; Steven Jay Folts, Abbeville; Brandi J. Fontenot, Cameron; Bessie L. Fountain, Cameron; Tammy F. Fountain, Creole; Heather D. Granger, Bell City;

Melinda A. Hantz, Hackberry; Janice G. Hebert, Creole; John Hebert, Lake Arthur; Tammie Kay T. Hebert, Lake Charles; Kasie B. Howard, Cameron; Veva Z. Jackson, Cameron; Greta Faye L. January, Cameron;

Dana R. Jinks, Creole; Mary Lou Joanan, Lake Charles; Leslie Ann Jones, Cameron; Tara L. Labove, Lake Charles; Teri D. Labove, Cameron; Douglas Paul Lasalle, Cameron;

Bobby J. Laughlin, Hackberry; Lisa Kay Lecompte, Cameron; Jackie L. Lee, Grand Chenier; Bradford C. Locke, Cameron; Jessica O. Logan, Cameron;

Sidney S. Louviere, Cameron; Irvin R. Mallett, Bell City; Nina Mathis, Cameron; John L. McDaniel, Cameron; Heather Nicole Mhire, Bell City; Everett Mark Miller III, Grand Chenier;

Robert Dean Miltenberger, Creole; Tiffany S. Montgomery, Hackberry; David W. Montie, Lake Charles; Leisa H. Nunez, Creole; Michael J. Oregeron, Hackberry;

Blaine Patrick Petry, Gueydan; Cynthia S. Primeaux, Creole; Veda S. Randolph, Cameron; Jessie J. Ranks, Cameron; Barry J. Reed, Lake Charles;

Levne Reed, Cameron; Courtney A. Richard, Lake Charles; Clyde Lamarr Robinson, Creole; Anthony Romero, Cameron; James R. Rutherford, Grand Chenier;

Lori Sanders, Hackberry; Kathryn N. Savage, Sulphur; James R. Savoie, Cameron; Ronald J. Schexnider, Hackberry; Linda K. Seay, Hackberry; Wayne M. Sellers, Cameron;

Trista Z. Semien, Creole; Jessica N. Skipper, Cameron; John P. Stephenson Jr., Lake Charles; Earl N. Stickell, Lake Charles; Linda M. Sturlese, Grand Chenier;

Brandon S. Taylor, Lake Charles; Perry J. Taylor, Lake Charles; Rhonda P. Taylor, Lake Charles; Sue T. Theriot, Iowa; Gaston R. Thibaux, Creole;

Connie G. Thomas, Lake Charles; Richard L. Thompson, Cameron; Stella A. Tingler, Cameron; Jeremy J. Trahan, Cameron; Billy Ray Vanya,

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick

**(Cameron Pilot, May 16, 1974) WATER, FIRE TAXES VOTED DOWN**

Two proposed bond issues and a tax, which would have provided funds for the construction of a water system and fire protection facilities for the southeast part of Cameron Parish were defeated by voters Saturday.

All three margins were defeated by large margins in the Cow Island, Grand Chenier, and East Creole boxes but carried by 2-1 margins in the Creole box.

GRAND LAKE GRADUATION

Jill Greathouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geore E. Greathouse, has been named valedictorian of Grand Lake High School. Named salutatorian is Loretta Marie Faulk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Faulk, Sr.

Honor graduates are Louetta May Faulk, daughter of Mrs. Lawrence Faulk, Sr., and Nancy Ellen Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Johnson.

JOHNSON BAYOU GRADUATION

Commencement exercises for eight graduating seniors at Johnson Bayou High School will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 24, in the high school gymnasium.

With a grade point average of 3.9, Cynthia Trahan has been named valedictorian of the class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Trahan.

Keith McComic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. McComic, was named salutatorian. He has a grade point average of 3.6.

SCHOOL MILLS ARE REDUCED

The Cameron Parish School Board has some good news for taxpayers in three of the parish's school districts; taxes are being lowered.

The millage in District 4 (Grand Lake school) was reduced from 9 to 8 mills. In District 5 (Johnson Bayou) mills were reduced from 7 to 6 1/2. The District 10 (South Cameron) tax was cut from 7 to 6 mills. District 15 (Hackberry) remains the same—7 1/2 mills.

The taxes, which were voted to retire construction bonds in the various districts, were cut because of the increased assessments in those areas.

BIG MOSQUITO HATCH DUE HERE

Bruce Craven, director of the Cameron Parish Mosquito Control Program, advises that the marshes around Cameron Parish are full of mosquito larvae, due to the recent heavy rains.

He said they are due to hatch off as adult mosquitoes sometime between Thursday evening and Saturday.

He said that the heaviest infestation is in the Oak Grove area.

DEPUTIES TAKE TRAINING

Cameron Parish Sheriff Claude Eagleson announced that several of his deputies recently completed training in various programs.

Robert Corbello and Ernest Devall have completed advanced patrolman school and Robert Conner, head dispatcher, Russell Nunez and Harold Savoie, dispatchers, have completed a communica-

Cameron; Becky R. Vaughn, Hackberry;

Della M. Vidrine, Lake Charles; Yvette B. Watkins, Lake Arthur; Georgia D. Webb, Hackberry; William N. Wiley, Cameron; Evelyn S. Wooldridge, Hackberry.

RUN: May 17 (M-53)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Cameron Parish School Board continues to seek teachers for Special Education, Math, Advance Sciences and Coaches.

Interested persons please contact Angie Styron at the Cameron Parish School Board, 337-905-5784, ext. 114.

RUN: May 3, 10, 17 (M-9)

tions seminar, all at the new Regional Academy for Law Enforcement Officers in Lake Charles.

STUDENTS HONORED

Honor students from Hackberry High were tapped for membership into the Society of Outstanding American High School students, announced Principal John Debarge.

The following students have been awarded the honor: David Hinton, Dani Sheffield, Kathy Ellender, Jennifer Frey and Stephanie Johnson.

BAZAAR PLANNED

The annual bazaar of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church is planned for Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30 at the Cameron Recreation Center.

Jimmy LaSalle, Sr. is general chairman; Elry LaSalle, treasurer; and Mrs. Carolyn Bargeman, secretary.

Chairmen of the various events are: Mrs. Lovenia Bartie, food committee; Charlie January, refreshments; Mr. and Mrs. Iris Jones, dance; Miss Yvonne Fountain, games; Raymond LeBlanc, raffles.

HACKBERRY ATHLETES

Hackberry High School honored their athletes May 9 with a social at the recreation center. The following received letters in basketball: Tammy Hicks, Sharon Duhon, Cindy Nunez, Mona Nunez, Cathy Ellender, Jennifer Frey, Robbie Seay, Stephanie Johnson, Charlene Vincent, Cheryl Schexnider, Cathy Constance, Theresa Landry, Theresa Rivia, Jeanne Sanders, Amy Broussard and Sandy Poole.

Dennis Mosley, Kent Duhon, Steven Poole, David Hinton, Gordie Hicks, Harold Frey, Gene Morgan, Brian Kershaw, Dwayne Sanner, Scott Gray, Tim DeBarge, George Shove, Matt Ellender, Bryant Simon, Marshall Spicer and Bobby Bufford.

Wrestling letters were awarded to John DeBarge, Allen Devall, John Backlund, Sheldon Burlingham, Tim DeBare, Dwayne Sanner, Marshall Spicer, Terry Touts and Bobby Buford.

Track letters went to Dennie Mosley, Harold Frey, Steven Poole, Brian Kershaw, Kevin Hebert, Larry Mosley, Tim DeBarge, George Shove and Gene Morgan.

DRIVERS TAKE COURSE

The Cameron Parish school bus drivers met at the South Cameron High School auditorium Tuesday and Wednesday nights to attend a defensive driver course. The eight-hour course was taught by Troop John Prescott of Johnson Bayou, who also showed films. There were 40 drivers from Cameron, Creole, Grand Lake and Grand Chenier.

Law requires children to be in safety seat

One half of the children killed in traffic crashes in Louisiana in 2005 were not in child safety seats or their safety seats were improperly used. Louisiana law requires that children under one year of age and weighing up to 20 pounds must be secured in a rear-facing safety seat.

Children ages 1 to 4 and weighing 20 to 40 pounds must be secured in a front-facing safety seat. Children ages 4 to 6 and weighing up to 60 pounds must be secured in a front-facing booster seat or safety belt.

All other children up to age 13 must wear safety belts while the vehicle is in operation.

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission reminds motorists that securing your child in an age-appropriate safety or booster seat is a highly effective way of keeping him or her safe in case of a crash.

Advice given seniors in getting affairs in order

Dear Savvy Senior

My husband and I (both in our 70s) would like to get our personal and financial information better organized so our kids will know what's going on when we die. Any tips on how to get started?
Unorganized Edna

Dear Edna,

Collecting and organizing your important papers and information is a smart idea and a great gift to your loved ones. Here's what you should know.

Get It Together

The first step in getting your affairs in order is to gather up all your important personal, financial and legal information, so you can arrange it in a format that will benefit your caregivers, survivors and even yourself. Then you'll need to sit down and create various lists of important information and instructions of how you want certain things handled. Here are some key areas to help you get started.

Personal Information

Contact list: A good starting point is to make a master list of names and phone numbers of family members, close friends, clergy, doctor(s), and professional advisers such as your lawyer, tax accountant, broker and insurance agent.

Personal documents: This can include such items as your birth certificate, Social Security number, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.

Secured places: List all the places you keep under lock and key (or protected by password), such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.

Service providers: Provide contact information of the companies or people who provide your regular services such as utility companies, lawn service, etc.

Pets: If you have a pet, give instructions for the care of the animal.

Organ donation: Indicate your wishes for organ, tissue or body donation including documentation (see www.donatelife.net).

Funeral instructions: Write out your final wishes. If you've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home, provide their contact information and if you've prepaid or not, and include a copy of agreement.

Legal Documents

Will and trust: In your files, have the original copy of your will (not a photo copy) and other estate planning documents you've made, including trusts. If you don't have a will, BuildaWill.com is a good do-it-yourself resource for creating a simple will and costs only \$20.

Financial power of attorney: This is the legal document that names someone you trust to handle money matters

if you're incapacitated. Talk to an elder law attorney (see www.naela.com) to learn more.

Advance directives: These are the legal documents (living will and medical power of attorney) that spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself. For state-specific advance directive forms visit www.caringinfo.org.

Financial Records

Income and debt: Make a list of all your income sources such as pensions, Social Security, IRAs, 401Ks, interest, investments, etc. And do the same for any debt you may have — mortgage, credit cards, medical bills, car payment.

Financial accounts: List all your bank and brokerage accounts (checking, savings, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, IRAs, etc.) including their location and contact information. And keep current statements from each institution in your files.

Pensions and benefits: List any retirement plans, pensions or benefits from your current or former employer including the contact information of the benefits administrator.

Government benefits: Information about Social Security, Medicare or other government benefits you're receiving.

Insurance: List the insurance policies you own (life, health, long-term care, home, and car) including the policy numbers and agents' names and phone numbers.

Credit cards: List all your credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.

Taxes: Keep copies of your income tax returns over the last five years and the contact information of your tax preparer.

Property: List the real estate, vehicles and other personal properties you own, rent or lease and include important documents such as deeds, titles, and loan or lease agreements.

Savvy Tips: It's best to keep all your organized information and files together in one convenient location — ideally in a fireproof filing cabinet or safe in your home. Also be sure to review and update your information every year, and don't forget to tell your loved ones where they can find it. For more help, Nolo.com offers an excellent resource book called "Get It Together" (\$22), which comes with a handy CD-ROM, so you can organize everything on your computer and print it out.

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— PUBLIC NOTICE —

The Cameron Creole Watershed Advisory Meeting will be held at the Cameron Courthouse in the 3rd floor courtroom on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda items include: (1) Possible modifications in the watershed; (2) DNR Coastal Restoration Division CUP #C20070054.

RUN: May 10 & 17 (M-27)

— JOB OPENING —**CAMERON PARISH HEALTH UNIT**

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will accept resumes for a part-time janitorial position at the Cameron Parish Health Unit until 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 25, 2007. The salary is \$8.50 per hour for 27 hours per week. Resumes may be mailed to Cameron Parish Health Unit, P. O. Box 1430, Cameron, LA 70631 or hand-delivered to the Health Unit at 107 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, LA. The Camern Parish Police Jury is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based upon sex, race, religion, ethnic origin, and/or political affiliation.

RUN: May 17 (M-48)

— NOTICE —

Lower Cameron Hospital Service District #2 is seeking a full service management company to be responsible for the daily operation and staffing of a medical office in Johnson Bayou, La. To receive an information packet phone 337-794-9609 or email teebee1@bellsouth.net

RUN: May 10, 17 & 24 (M-24)

— PUBLIC NOTICE —

No roadside construction material, white goods or debris of any kind will be picked up by the Parish or by Waste Management. Persons placing this material on the Parish right of way will be required to remove and dispose of material. Please help keep our Parish right of ways clean.

RUN: May 17, 24 & 31 (M-28)



LOUISIANA SCHOOL Board Association Art Contest participants Victoria Thomas (left) and Taylor Smith (right) were recognized by the School Board Monday night. Thomas received an honorable mention at the state convention. The girls are shown with Grand Lake School Board members Rachel Abadie and Scott Nunez. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



KENT AND AARON Doxey, of Grand Lake, will attend the Assemblies of God National Fine Arts Festival in Indianapolis in August. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



LAYNE AND REESA Boudreaux and their children, Alex and Ali, of Johnson Bayou are pictured in front of the Royal Towers of Atlantis in Paradise Island, Bahamas. Mrs. Boudreaux, an advanced director, was the recipient of an incentive trip from The Pampered Chef program.

Moore is MVP for third time

Hackberry senior Nickalus Moore recently was awarded District MVP for the third consecutive year in a row. Nick recently led his team to the State Semifinal game in Alexandria with a pitching record of 9-0.

This was the first time in school history for a team to advance past the quarter final round. Nick, a senior at Hackberry High School was also joined on the All District team by the catcher, his

younger brother Austin, who is a sophomore at Hackberry.

Both brothers recently participated at the State Softball tournament in Shreveport and brought home top 10 honors as individuals and State Runner Up as a team.

Nick and Austin are the sons of Regina "Sissy" and Will Aucoin of Hackberry and the grandsons of Jimmie and Reggie Burgess of DeQuincy and Molly and Roger Richard of Hackberry.

Doxeys to travel to Indianapolis in August

By CYNDI SELLERS

Aaron and Kent Doxey, formerly of Cameron and now of Grand Lake, will be attending a national Assemblies of God Fine Arts Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana, this August, as a result of group and individual ratings they received at the Louisiana Fine Arts Festival May 11.

Aaron, a senior and valedictorian at Grand Lake High School, entered six categories at the Festival, and received a Merit rating (at least 36 out of a possible 40 score) in each. He also received the highest overall score in the category

of Male Vocal Solo. Aaron's other individual category was Song Writing.

At their church, Glad Tidings Assembly of God, the Doxeys are members of several youth choir and ensemble groups. Both Aaron and Kent sing in the Voices of Joy youth choir and Voices of Praise large vocal ensemble, each of which merited a trip to nationals. Aaron also merited as a member of the small vocal ensemble, and the musical drama team.

Last year Aaron placed 9th in the nation at the national festival in male vocal solo category.

Horn answers questions concerning Holly Beach

By CYNDI SELLERS

Questions raised by Lafayette resident Austin Hebert at last week's Police Jury meeting are being addressed, according to Tina Horn, Parish Administrator. Hebert owns two lots at Holly Beach, and wanted to know why his request for electricity for an accessory building on his property was being denied.

Hebert stated that he had initially been given a permit for electrical service, but it was later withdrawn. Parish Floodplain manager Myles Hebert said the first permit was issued in error by a new employee who didn't realize there were different rules for Holly Beach. The rules were set by the Department of Public Health.

Austin Hebert said he only wanted power to build an accessory building to store a lawn mower and to operate a motion sensitive security light to prevent theft. He admitted that he had brought a recreational vehicle to his property, but always took it out and did not dump any black water (sewage) on his property. He offered affidavits from neighbors in support of his request.

He also said some people with only two lots have electricity. In Holly Beach, owners must have at least four

lots, or 5000 square feet, in order to install a mechanical sewer system. A system must be installed in order to get electricity for a building or RV hook-up.

Horn said there have been witnesses to RV owners discharging sewage onto the ground and into ditches in the Holly Beach area. She was told by the DPH that even "gray water" is not to be discharged onto the ground. Even though Cameron Parish deputies have reportedly seen the pollution, there has been no parish ordinance to allow them to stop it. This situation is presently being addressed by the District Attorney's Office.

Horn said after meeting with the DPH this week the position of the parish is that if the property has running water there will be discharge. If there is discharge there must be a sewer system. If the property is smaller than 5000 sq. ft. no sewer system can be installed. Therefore, if there is running water but no sewer system, there can be no electricity.

Hebert has running water on his property. He says his neighbors are unwilling to sell their two lots to give him enough square footage for a sewer system.

The issue will be discussed at next month's Police Jury meeting.

Bridge to be replaced

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of discussing the replacement of the existing causeway and swing bridge on State High 82 at the Sabine Lake with a new high bridge crossing. The proposed bridge would be 3,775 feet or 0.775 miles in length with a width of 46 ft. on Hwy. 82 at Sabine Lake in Jefferson County, Tex. and continues on Louisiana Highway 82 in Cameron Parish.

An open house will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. with the public hearing beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, at the Palms Club House at Pleasure Island Golf Course located at 1901 T. B. Ellison Parkway in Port Arthur, Tex.

No displacements of any businesses, farms or non-profit organizations would result from the proposed project.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal or written comments about the project may be presented either at the hearing or submitted within ten days after the hearing to the following address: Texas Department of Transportation, 6101 Twin City Highway, Port Arthur, Texas, 77642.

Remediation offered by school

South Cameron High School will offer GEE remediation at no cost to students in six sessions during the remainder of the school year, according to Principal Zeke Wainwright. A parent meeting to discuss this opportunity will be held Thursday, May 17, at 6 p.m., in the high school computer lab, located in the northeast pod of the campus.

Sethie Trosclair, Assistant Principal, will discuss a practice test, which includes skills that are tested. A team of teachers will help students complete lessons in the lab. Mrs. Booth will offer her services for social studies and demonstrate the use of her eBoard. Other faculty members of English/language arts, math, and science will share their expertise.

Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting and students are asked to accompany their parents.

Boating class May 19th

The Lake Charles Power Squadron will hold a one day Safe Boating Class on Saturday, May 19, at their clubhouse located just past the I-210 boat launch past Lafleur Park.

The class is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Boaters with insurance may get a discount by completing this approved class. Anyone born after Jan 1, 1988 must take the class before operating a boat over 10 hp.

This class will cover all aspects of safe boating along with information on the hazards of our local waterway.

A lite lunch will be provided or you can bring a sack lunch. The class is free for age 10 and up.

For more information on the Power Squadron Safe boating classes call Ship to Shore at 474-0730.

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