



THE CAMERON - CREOLE Watershed Committee meeting held in Cameron Monday night brought much discussion and some compromise. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Compromise may be possible on watershed controversy here

By CYNDI SELLERS

A meeting of the Cameron Creole Watershed Advisory Committee held Monday night in Cameron held out hope for compromise between various groups impacted by the state of the watershed.

Representatives of the Natural Resource Conservation Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, LA Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, LA Dept. of Transportation, Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage Districts 3 and 4, and watershed landowners met to discuss the permit application for installing sheet piling in the breaches in the watershed levee caused by Hurricane Rita. A second agenda item was to cover modifications to the watershed operations.

With representatives of the Police Jury, Oyster Task Force, and shrimpers on hand, the discussion ranged from whether to plug the breaches now, with grant funds from the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and

Restoration authority, and if so, what to do about the history of alleged poor management of water control structures on the levee.

Some committee members wanted to vote on the first issue before taking up the management issue, but in the end a motion by Don Voros of the USFWS to support the closure of the breaches while leaving the weirs "wide open" for at least a year passed. Under this plan, a smaller committee including shrimpers' representatives would meet, beginning in July, to discuss modifications to the operation of the water control structures to accommodate the movement of shrimp in the estuary. The committee's plan would go into effect next year, and be studied for a year for further modifications if necessary.

In the meantime, the NRCS would go ahead with its plan to place sheet pilings in the breaches to inhibit salt water from killing more of the marsh. It will take 90 days to get a signed contract, if a permit is issued by the parish. Then the contractor will have 180 days to complete the

work. Concerns over the closure of the No Name Bayou breach may lead to a lawsuit, according to Monroe Gray, Cameron shrimper. Gray said the structure at No Name, which has a six inch slot for shrimp to escape the marsh, does not work. He said if the breach there is closed the shrimp will have no way out of the marsh no matter how many other weirs are left open, and threatened an injunction to prevent its closure.

Another audience member, however, thanked the committee for at least listening to shrimper concerns "for a change." Richard Hartman, of the National Marine Fisheries Service Habitat Conservation Division first suggested the small working group to redesign the control structure operation. Scott Henry, Gravity Drainage #4, asked to leave the breaches open for 1-2 years, since there would only be a 1% marsh loss per year. Darryl Clark, USFWS Senior fish and wildlife biologist, said a 1% annual loss was not a viable option, but he

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Meetings set on National Hurricane Museum project

The Creole Nature Trail All-American Road Board of Commissioners is inviting everyone to two meetings to discuss the top four sites for the National Hurricane Museum and Science Center (NHMSC) to be located in Southwest Louisiana.

These public input meetings will be held on Thursday, May 31. The first session will be hosted at the Lake Charles Civic Center from 10 a.m.-12 noon, and the second session will be conducted at the Grand Lake High School's elementary cafeteria from 5-7 p.m.

During these public meetings, the NHMSC's professional design team will review the site selection criteria developed for the center and listed in the NHMSC master plan. The design team will be joined by members of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's (LaDOTD) architectural and disaster management divisions.

These LaDOTD professionals have worked with the National Weather Service and other weather monitoring services and have used their sophisticated computer modeling equipment to simulate a Category 5 storm hitting Southwest Louisiana at the

precise point of impact of Hurricane Rita.

All this information along with the public input from these two sessions will be used to judge each of the top four Southwest Louisiana sites for the NHMSC. A final site decision by the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road Board of Commissioners will be announced in June.

Memorial Day service set Sunday

Veterans, families of former and active duty military, and others are invited to attend a special Memorial Day service at First Baptist Church in Cameron this Sunday, May 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Special music will be performed by soloist Suzanne Kelley and guitarist/singer Matt Dixon of Lake Charles. The message will be given by Rev. Henry Prentice.

All branches of the military will be recognized, with special emphasis on those who have given their lives in service to their country. All are invited to attend and take part.

Police Jury to lease office space

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is advertising for bids on leasing office space in the Creole Fire Station.

Bonnie Conner, jury secretary, said the jury had received a request from a private firm to lease space in the building which has been restored since Hurricane Rita.

However, she said, the jury is required to make such a lease available to anyone depending who makes the highest bid.

Bid information can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot.

Almost all buildings in lower Cameron Parish were destroyed or badly damaged by Hurricane Rita making office space almost unavailable in the area.

The Police Jury itself will begin holding its monthly meetings in the Creole fire station.

Johnson Bayou office planned

The Lower Cameron Hospital Service District #2 is seeking a full service management company to operate and staff a medical office in Johnson Bayou.

To receive an informational packet phone 794-9609.



CELEBRATING THE breaking of ground for the Grand Lake elderly apartments were (from left): Scott Trahan, Myrna Conner, Darryl Farque, Sheriff Theos Duhon, Priscilla Stoute, Carolyn Thibodeaux, developer Archie Jones, architect Jack Tolson, and CCOA Director Dinah Landry. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Ground broken for apartments and two Head Start buildings

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Council on Aging and Cameron Community Action agencies broke ground this week on three facilities designed to improve Cameron Parish.

On Thursday, dirt was turned for the 30 unit senior citizen apartment complex planned for the Grand Lake community. On Monday, it was the turn of the Hackberry Head Start building, and on Wednesday, it was back to Grand Lake to break ground for a new Head Start building there.

On May 3, ground was broken for the new Community Action Agency/Council on Aging office and Senior Center, also to be located in Grand Lake.

All three Grand Lake buildings will be located on the 80 acre tract owned by the parish near the Calcasieu Parish line. Construction on the apartments is expected to begin immediately and be completed within 90 days, weather permitting. The Council on Aging is taking names of those interested in living in the complex.

The 30 units designed by architect Jack Tolson of Gaudet and Tolson will be built by developer Gemini Holdings on 2.5 acres leased from the parish. The same companies will be involved in the design and construction of a 32 unit senior apartment complex to be built in Hackberry in 2008.

According to CCOA board president Darryl Farque, the

40 unit Cameron Place Apartments in Cameron will be rebuilt in late 2008, after all other construction is completed. A satellite office is also planned for Cameron at a later date.

Agency director Dinah Landry said that none of the apartments will be designated as Section 8 housing, and the Camion apartments will open to any renters, not just seniors.

The Grand Lake Head Start building will have three classrooms, and Hackberry will have two. Hackberry Head Start will be built on Main Street near the Post Office, and the temporary building now in use will become available for future use elsewhere in the parish.

Judge issues ruling on claims

Judge H. Ward Fontenot of the 38th Judicial District issued two important rulings pertaining to hurricane property damage claims and took a third issue under advisement on May 17, 2007.

The rulings were in response to three motions for

partial summary judgment in the case of Geneva Griffith vs. State Farm Fire and Casualty Company.

All three motions were filed on behalf of Mrs. Griffith by her attorney, Jennifer Jones.

In the first ruling, Judge Fontenot held that State Farm was not allowed to take a credit against the amount of payments owed under Mrs. Griffith's homeowner's policy with State Farm for funds received by her from a separate flood insurance policy.

Secondly, Judge Fontenot held that pursuant to Louisiana's Valued Policy Law (LSA-R.S. 22:695), if a covered peril such as windstorm caused a substantial amount of damage to Mrs. Griffith's immovable property, State Farm was obligated to pay the entire face amount of coverage for that immovable property

under the homeowner's policy.

In a third matter, Mrs. Griffith asked the court to declare null and void a provision of the State Farm policy which would allow the company to exclude coverage for windstorm damage if flooding occurred concurrently. This matter was taken under advisement and a ruling is expected soon.

Mrs. Jones characterized the rulings as "a huge breakthrough for all Cameron Parish homeowners who continue to struggle to obtain a fair recovery from their insurers."

Mrs. Griffith was in Cameron on May 17 for a book-signing at the Cameron Parish Library. It was also her 85th birthday.

State Farm indicated it would appeal Judge Fontenot's ruling.

Splash day to be held at H'berry

Summer is just around the corner and with it comes Hackberry Summer Splash, the official kickoff of the summer swimming season at the Hackberry Recreation Center.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 2 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Hackberry Recreation Center. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the swimming pool will open at 1 p.m.

Come out and enjoy the free food, fun and festivities. The event is generously underwritten by Cameron LNG, Targa Midstream Services and Cameron Communications.

Road Home meeting set in H'berry

The state Office of Planning and Development will offer updated information on The Road Home Program in Cameron Parish. If you owned a home that was damaged by either Hurricanes Katrina or Rita, you may be eligible to receive up to \$150,000 for your losses.

A meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 24, at the Hackberry Community Center, 986 Main St.

To start an application to The Road Home program, visit www.road2LA.org on the Internet or call 1-888-762-3252. TTY callers use 711 relay or call 1-800-846-5277.

LSU grads

May 2007 LSU graduates from Cameron Parish are: Graduate School - Crystal Deer Lee Grayson, Doctorate and Lori Nicole Willis, Doctorate.



THIS SCENE from the new movie, "Little Chenier," was shot in Creole. The pickup truck belongs to David Hyatt of DeQuincy.

DeQ. man's 1966 Chevy truck 'stars' in movie

A DeQuincy man's 1966 Chevrolet truck is going to be famous--it's in a movie.

The producers of the movie "Little Chenier," which was shot in Cameron Parish in 2005, needed an old pickup truck for a scene being shot in Creole.

Linda Dahlen, who worked at the South Cameron Hospital and was helping the movie crew, worked with Eve Hyatt who works for Southern Home Health in DeQuincy, and got Eve's husband, David Hyatt, to make his truck available for the shot.

The movie is having its Louisiana premier this Wednesday and Thursday in

the Lafayette area and Hyatt and his wife Eve will be on hand to watch the debut of his truck.

The scene, in which the truck appears, was shot in front of an old Creole grocery store which had been turned into the sheriff's office. It shows one of the stars carrying his brother out of the jail.

Lake Charles natives and siblings Bethany Ashton Wolf and Jace Johnson wrote and directed the movie, which has already won a number of awards at several movie festivals.

A Lake Charles showing of the movie is expected later this year.



SIX HUNDRED ROSES were given away at the Cameron Library on Friday. The Restoring Roses to Southern Gardens project was made possible by a grant from Sempra Energy and the help of the SW Louisiana Rose Society. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Congratulations to all the graduates of Cameron Parish from the staff of the Pilot.

Funeral

JOHN PRESTON STEPHENSON, SR.

John Preston "Buddy" Stephenson, Sr., 71, of Big Lake died May 17, 2007 in his home.

Mr. Stephenson was born in Dothan, Ala., raised in Panama City, Fla. and has lived all of his adult life in Cameron Parish. He worked 30 years as a boat captain for Lake Charles Pilots before retiring.

Survivors include one son, John "Buck" Stephenson, Jr. and wife Rhonda of Big Lake; one daughter, Angela Stephenson Jouett and husband Jeffrey of Big Lake; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Charles Stephenson and Ronnie Stephenson, both of Panama City, Fla.; one sister, Sylvia Calhoun of Panama City, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Irene LeBleu Stephenson and three brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 20, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Gary Mann officiated. Burial was in Pujol Cemetery in Big Lake.

Memorial donations may be made to Lou Gehrig's Foundation, 5550 West Touhy Ave., Suite 302, Skokie, IL 60077.

Montie reunion

The Montie Family Reunion will be held June 9 at Prien Lake Park in Lake Charles from 9 a.m. until. Please bring a covered dish, drinks and lawn chairs.

Please bring photos and family stories. Contact Charles or Mary Montie, 527-3288.



It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot, May 23, 1974) CONGRESS PASSES DISASTER AID BILL

A bill allowing up to \$5,000 for individuals or family property loss during a natural disaster cleared Congress on May 15 when the House gave final unanimous approval to the measure.

Rep. John Breaux, D-La., a member of the Public Works Committee which had reported the bill to the House, said the main provision of the legislation was a federal payment to individuals and families of 74 percent of the actual cost of the loss up to \$5,000 on expenses not covered by insurance or other disaster aid programs.

"This bill is important to Southwest Louisiana because of the hurricane damages we suffer almost every year," Breaux said. "People who suffer such losses could receive assistance under this legislation."

POTATOES, TOMATOES GROWN ON SAME PLANTS: A POMATO?

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The Victor Thornton family received a surprise last week when they dug their potatoes in their garden on Monkey Island at Cameron.

In addition to a bumper crop of fresh new red potatoes they found tiny tomatoes growing on the top of the potato vines.

Since the Thorntons had not tomato plants growing in their garden they could not understand how the phenomenon had come about.

A check with Cameron Parish County Agent Clifford Myers revealed that the tomato and potato plants are in the same family.

Myers said that perhaps with the recent high winds, some pollen from flowering

plants in a neighborhood garden had blown over and cross pollinated with the potato blooms, which caused the unusual incident.

Luther Burbank, an American plant breeder and horticulturist, years ago developed a plant he called a Pomato which grew potatoes on the bottom of the plant and tomatoes on the top.

However, he used his own methods of cross pollination to achieve these results.

The Thorntons have harvested most of their potatoes, but have left a few of the plants in the garden to check the progress of the growth of the tomatoes that are growing on top.

SOUTH CAMERON GRADUATION

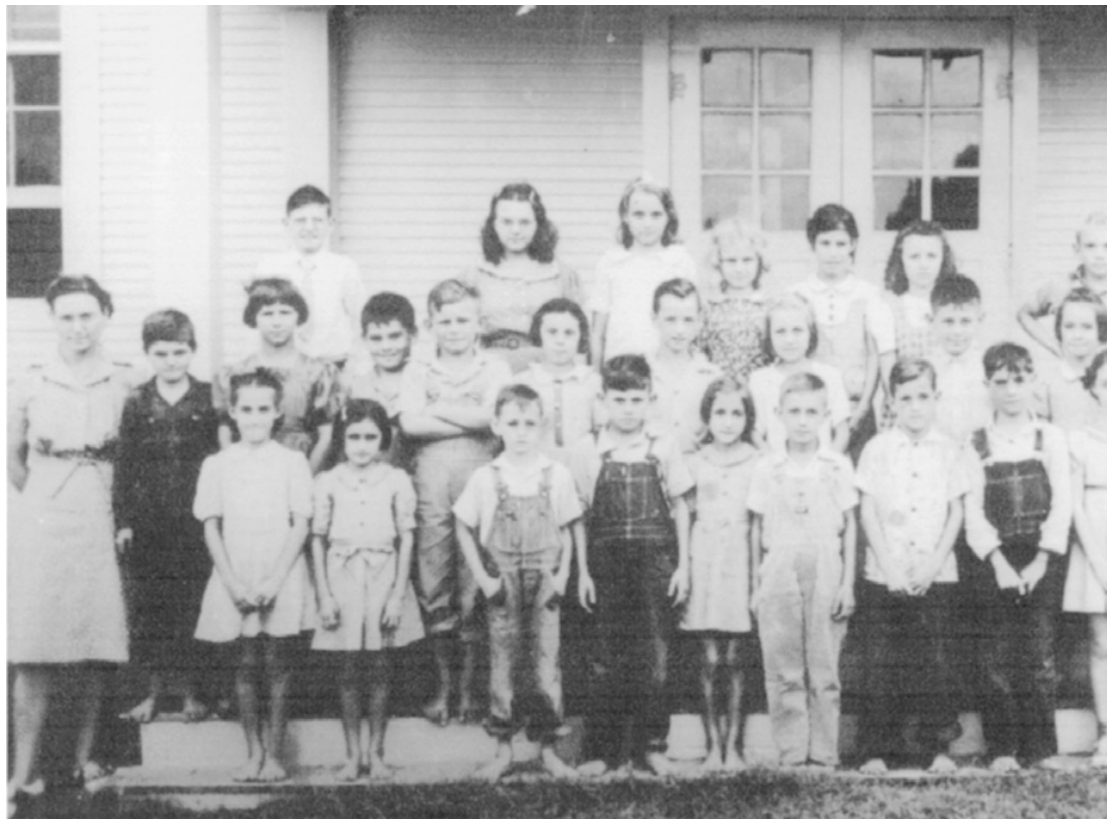
Commencement exercises at South Cameron High School will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, in Tarpon Stadium.

Jean Ellen McCall, with a perfect 4.0 grade average, has been named valedictorian of the class. Homer H. Williams, is salutatorian with a grade average of 3.9.

Other honor students include Dinah Marie Miller, Robin O. Tanner, Christi Diane Dyson, Mary Ann Clark, Rachel Marie Viator, Susan Marie Baccigalopi, Veronica Marie Hebert, Vernon U. Primeaux, Orson Ray Billings and Maureen Greta Johnson.

The other 1974 graduates are Cheryl Gail Armentor, Debra L. Bertrand, Dona D. Booth, Rosetta Washington Brandon, Charlene L. Canik, Susan K. Cheramie, Deborah A. Conner, Gay Lynn Gibson, Cheryl Ann Hunott, Brenda LaBove, Melasey Ann LaBove, Jena Kay LaLande, Theresa Renee Long, Sheila McDaniel, Nancy Lee Miller, Patricia Dale Miller, Ruby Marie Nunez, Sybil Ann Porche, Frances Diane Richard, Marilyn Lea Roux, Debra Kay Swire, Terri Gail Theriot, Daena Ann Trahan.

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DO YOU REMEMBER? These were members of the third and fourth grades at the Grand Chenier Elementary School in 1941. Pictured with teacher Eva Breaux are: (front row, from left) Loretta Theriot, Leona Mae Thibodeaux, Walden Doxey, Charley Boudreaux, Sybil Thibodeaux, Floyd East, Oren Doxey, Eucide Bourque, Betty Lois LaBove, Columbus Conner, Wynita Mhire; (middle row) Elton Nunez, Wynona Mhire, Neil Crain, William Roy, Maxine Landry, Henry Albert McCall, Verna Miller, Gene Sturlese, Madge Meaux, Lee Nunez, Jr., Steven Theriot; (back row) Grandville Theriot, Vergie Primeaux, Edna Mae Nunez, Lillian Roy, Ruby Swire, Geraldine Sturlese, Perry Doxey, Jerry Jones, and Oliver Theriot.

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would be "willing to talk operations later," after the breaches were repaired.

Everyone agreed that the problem originated with the creation of the Calcasieu Ship Channel, which changed the natural tidal flow in the estuary and allowed massive amounts of salt water to enter and begin killing the marsh. However, the only way to block salt water from the ship channel would be a lock system costing hundreds of millions of dollars, which is just not available at this time.

H. Landry, Keith Dwain LaSalle, Anthony J. LeDano, Michael G. McArthur, Jody McCall, Paul Evans Miller, Donnie L. Nunez, John E. Rice, Jr., Roland J. Roux, Terry Rutherford, Anthony Sturlese, Sidney Louis Theriot, Harold J. Vincent, Donald B. Whittle.

HACKBERRY GRADUATION

Nineteen seniors will graduate from Hackberry High School in commencement exercises at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 24 in the school auditorium, according to Principal John DeBarge.

Ronald Hebert is the valedictorian. Tina Simon is the salutatorian.

Other members of the graduating class are: Joe Suchanek, Jo Ann Kershaw, Johnny Poole, Chester Spicer, Cecil Spicer, Mona Nunez, Katie Andrus, Tonia Penny, Dana Sheffield, Matt Ellender, Randy Nolan, Phillip Lowery, David Hinton, Anthony Hicks, Kathy Ellender, Perfecto Gallegos.

CAMERON TELEPHONE COMPANY

The Cameron Telephone Company has filed a request this week with the Louisiana Public Service Commission for authority to increase its local rates.

William L. Henning, company president, said the increase on residence telephones would not exceed 50 cents a month.

The company is seeking an eight percent increase. If approved, it would be the second increase for the company in 22 years. The last increase was five years ago.

VBS to be held by FBC

First Baptist Church of Cameron will host two Vacation Bible Schools this summer, the first being a three day school June 5-7, sponsored by Missouri Helping Hands.

This mission team was in Cameron last month to hold a "free garage sale" which was well patronized and much appreciated. This time they will be here for a week, doing

Bible School and helping rebuild the church.

The next school will be held June 18-22 and is sponsored by NorthStar Baptist Church of Bristol, Va. The NorthStar group was in Cameron last summer as well for Bible School.

Both schools will be open to children ages 5-12 and will take place in the mornings.

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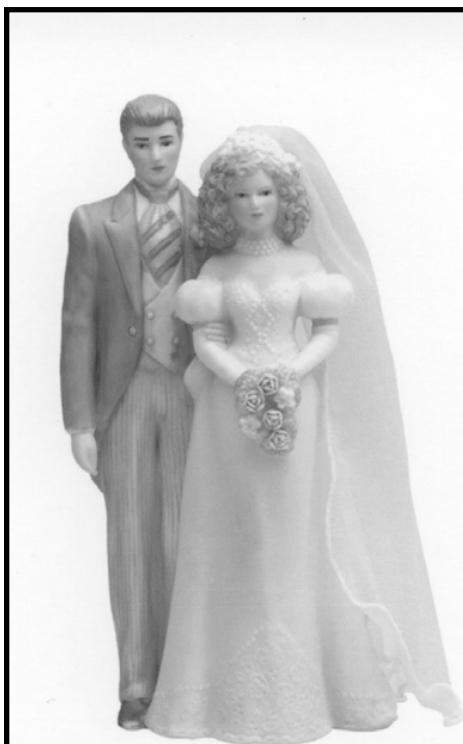
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Mrs. David James Clement

Meaux-Clement vows said at Holy Rosary

Marcell Renee' Meaux and David James Clement were married at a 7 p.m. in a double ring ceremony at Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Saturday, May 5. Father David Broussard officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gregg and Deborah Meaux of Kaplan and the groom is the son of Thomas "Poochie" Clement of Creole, and Tommy and Paula Thompson of Cameron.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a diamond white, Moonlight Design ball gown made of regal satin. The fitted bodice featured a beaded sweetheart neckline adorned with rice pearls, silver buglets, and swarovski crystals. Rice pearls decorated the capped sleeves and the Basque waistline. Matching beadwork detailed the semi cathedral train. She wore a single layer finger-tip length veil with a delicate satin trim. The veil was complimented by a silver, rhinestone tiara. The bride carried a full nosegay of fresh yellow roses.

Natalie Trahan was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were: Ashley Davis, Jessica Fontenot, Brooke Meaux, Emily Thibodeaux, and Melanie LeBoeuf. They wore strapless, two-piece, floor length, buttercup yellow dresses. The dresses had a cream sash accented with a

pearl and rhinestone brooch. Each bridesmaid carried a nosegay of ivory roses. Madilyn Meaux was the junior bridesmaid. She wore a spaghetti strapped two-piece, floor length, buttercup yellow dress, accented by a crystal ribbon at the waist. Morghan Dimas was the flower girl.

Jason LaBove was the best man. Groomsmen were: Jason Tate, John Canik, Wayne Nunez, Brandon Harrington, and Lex Theriot. Jude Meaux was the ring bearer. Ushers were Mitchell Meaux and Cody Thompson.

Readers were Jessica Riebel and Stephanie Dimas. The music was provided by Joshua Stutes on trumpet, Lenwood Meaux, organist, and Meredith Boudreaux, vocalist.

A reception was held at the V-Arena Hall in Kaplan following the wedding.

The bride is a graduate of Kaplan High School and is attending McNeese State University in the graduate degree program and is employed by Volunteers of America as a case manager in Lake Charles. The groom is a graduate of South Cameron High School and is a production operator with Baker Energy in Hopedale.

After a wedding trip to Bar Harbor, Maine the couple is making their home in Sweetlake.



Diaries of Louisiana Circuit Riders Ross publishes book on La. circuit riders

Nola Mae Ross of Lake Charles has just published her 20th book dealing with local and area history and storms. Her new book, "Diaries of Louisiana Circuit Riders," tells the stories of the Methodist (and a few Baptist) preachers who traveled the wilderness of Louisiana during the early 1800s bringing the word of God to the early settlers.

The book's prologue answers the question of "What is a circuit rider?" as follows:

"Circuit Rider" was a term used rather loosely in the late 1700s and early 1800s, to describe the gallant young men--mostly under 30 years of age--who were selected to spread the gospel. These young men had to be willing to leave home, enter the frontier lands and cover on horseback areas from 300 to 500 miles, called circuits. Their risky travels were to unsettled and isolated states where there were no churches, schools and very little law and order.

They rode horseback carrying saddlebags filled with a few religious books, food for them and their horse, and if they had it a change of clothing. They were promised \$30 per year, but sometimes the church conferences could not deliver the money. The nature of their lives led to the term "Circuit Riders."

Although the term Circuit Rider was used intermittently by other denominations, this book is about Louisiana Methodist Circuit Riders, with one exception. It is the story of one Baptist Circuit Rider, an ex-slave, the Rev. Joseph Willis, who against great odds, rode into the wild and woolly Louisiana territory and founded the earliest church in Southwest Louisiana, near the Texas



Nola Mae Ross

border, long before Texas was part of the United States.

Three of her circuit riders were well known throughout Southwest Louisiana--Rev. Martin Hebert, Rev. William Henning and Rev. William Shepherd.

Mrs. Ross has written books on both Hurricane Audrey and Hurricane Rita, which devastated Cameron Parish in 1957 and 2005. She has also written books on the pioneers of Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes, Louisiana historic homes, famous area crime, Jean Lafitte and two crime novels set in Cameron Parish.

Information on ordering books can be gotten by calling Mrs. Ross at 477-6243 or on line at nolaross@bellsouth.net. The books are also available at area bookstores.

Mrs. Ross will hold a book signing at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, at the Grand Lake Library and again at 10 a.m., on Friday, June 15 at the Cameron Library.

Frith-authored bill to allow collection of future taxes

By ELONA WESTON (American Press)

Louisiana house members advanced a bill Tuesday allowing Cameron Parish to grant future ad valorem tax credits based on prior tax collections.

The author of House Bill 567, Rep. Mickey Frith, D-Abbeville, said the legislation became necessary when Cheniere Energy Inc.--which is building a liquefied natural gas facility in western Cameron Parish--offered to pay its ad valorem taxes 10 years in advance.

Frith said Cheniere asked for an ad valorem tax credit based on prior collections at the end of the 10 years. He said the exchange means an

infusion of millions of tax dollars into the state, and most importantly, money to Cameron Parish.

"This is the first in the state of Louisiana that an oil company has stepped up to the plate like this, realizing what Cameron has gone through with Hurricane Rita and helping them to rebuild. You can't find a better steward of the land than that," he said.

Cheniere Energy has a history of donating money in support of Cameron Parish.

In 2005, in response to Rita, the company donated more than \$500,000 to fund seven fully furnished classroom buildings to house the students of Johnson Bayou School.

All-District softball team

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELELR

The Hackberry Lady Mustangs had three players make the All District 7C softball team. Freshman Amber Byler made the team with a .615 district batting average. Eighth grader Erica Duhon batted .350 in district and senior Natasha Hicks had a .200 batting average.

Johnson Bayou's Tabitha Harrington and Charmayne Barrentine were also named to the team. Harrington, a junior, batted .429 in district, while the junior Barrentine had a .250 batting average.

"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude."

--Colin Powell



GROUND WAS BROKEN for the new Grand Lake elderly apartments Thursday. Council on Aging board member and Police Jury President Darryl Farque, along with Grand Lake resident Ken O'Connell turned the first spades of dirt as CCOA Director Dinah Landry, architect Jack Tolson, and Archie Jones of the development company Gemini Holdings look on.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Letters to the Editor

4-day week

Dear Editor:

The 4 day school week: will it work or not? You don't know until you try it.

The extra day off would be really nice for some kids and parents, as long as the kids don't have to suffer for it. Who knows, the kids may work harder knowing they can have an extra day off for it.

But if this doesn't work, please have a plan so our kids' education doesn't suffer any more than they already have.

We're still hearing complaints about the 2 1/2 days last year. My family thanks everyone for this. None of us asked to be put in the situation we were put in.

The difference in my son and my grandchildren were like night and day when they were able to come back to school with familiar faces, their friends, teachers, etc. It's like they were happy again.

It's time to put the past in the past and stop complaining about it after all that's over (the 2 1/2 days)

/s/ Wardella Pugh
Cameron, La.

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The four day a week schedule will go into effect at all Cameron Parish schools, except Grand Lake, with the new school year in the fall. Because of much

opposition from parents, the School Board voted to keep the five day a week schedule at Grand Lake.)

McGee lauded

Dear Editor:

Special recognition should be given to a busy lady who has given herself by taking a day off from her busy job to drive her cousin Brad Ellender to L.S.U. Medical Center in Shreveport. There was no one else to take him or able to go with him, and they did not know what to expect. His appointment was for 10 a.m., so therefore she had to leave home at about 4 a.m. and returned home about midnight. Her name is Cindy McGee. But it seems this is a true fact about people like Cindy. It's the busiest people who find time to help someone in need.

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Registrar back in Cameron

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Their new telephone number is 775-5493. The Fax

number is 775-8014.

The mailing address is Registrar of Voters, P. O. Box 1, Cameron, La. 70631.

Suzanne Sturlese and her staff have worked out of temporary offices at Grand Lake since Hurricane Rita in 2005.

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DO YOU REMEMBER? This photo was taken about 50 years ago and had something to do with the construction of the Sabine Causeway Bridge between Cameron Parish and Jefferson County, Texas. Seated, from left, were Percy Richard; Eraste Hebert, Cameron Parish Police Jury president; Joe Doxey, Police Jury secretary. Standing were an unidentified man; Bernard Duhon, police juror; Ed Lynn, Jr. of Port Arthur; Horace Mhire, police juror; and J. B. Jones, Jr., Cameron attorney and assistant district attorney at the time. Plans are now underway to replace the old Causeway bridge with a new one.



BECHTEL SABINE Pass LNG has donated an automated external defibrillator to the Johnson Bayou - Holly Beach Volunteer Fire Department. Shown above at the presentation, from left, were: Jamie Horning, Bechtel Environmental, Safety & Health Supervisor; Larry Jinks, Johnson Bayou/Holly Beach Fire Chief; and Glen Kratochvil, Industrial Relations Manager.

Colligan contributes to Charity School journal

The White Cap, the quarterly publication of the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Assoc., has a number of articles in its current publication written by alumni members about their present endeavors.

One was written by Nell Colligan, a 1956 alumna, formerly of Cameron, where she and her husband, Jimmy, were associated with the Cameron Drug Store. They now live in Lafayette. Her contribution to the publication follows.

"I moved to Cameron after graduating from Charity and lived there for the next 46 years. I was Cameron Parish's sole school nurse for twenty of those years. In this capacity I came to know people in every community of this sparsely populated parish.

"By the time Hurricane Rita leveled the parish I was retired and living in Lafayette. After the storm I was torn in two wondering where my friends were as no one at all was left in Cameron. Like the rest of the Gulf Coast we were left to wonder and wait.

"Since I had written a weekly column some years back for the Cameron weekly newspaper, *The Cameron Pilot*, I wrote the editor and asked if I could do a column titled 'Where Are They Now?' The *Pilot* is published in DeQuincy, is mailed to subscribers, and has a website where the whole paper can be accessed online.

"For the next 27 weeks, from November 2005 to May 2006, I wrote the personal news of the Cameron residents who were displaced by the storm. They e-mailed, they phoned, and they sent letters. We printed their addresses, their stories of how they spent the storm, the fate of their homes. For most of them nothing remained.

"They literally poured their hearts out to us via that little column. It was the most personal sharing I have ever witnessed in a newspaper. There were moments sitting at my keyboard when I felt I was treading on sacred ground.

"Somewhere between the

mud and the tears I think we all drew closer together as a community - old friends reaching out across the miles every Thursday morning. We were able to keep everyone apprised of the ever-changing whereabouts of friends, and of the post-hurricane activities in the communities within the parish. You might say we walked with them in their journey toward tomorrow, which continues as I write.

"When all else is lost, what is more dear than the voice of a friend or a message across the miles? I guess the old Charity nurse in me wanted to give them that."

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Cameron Parish students graduate from McNeese

Dr. Jeanne Daboval, provost and vice president for academic affairs at McNeese State University, conferred degrees on 701 graduates at the university's spring commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at Burton Coliseum.

According to the McNeese Registrar's Office, area candidates are:

Master of Arts in Teaching: Secondary Education, Grades 7-12: Ruby Dolores Young, Grand Lake.

Master of Education: Administration and Supervision: Stevie Duane Barnett, Creole.

Education: Penny Mansco Champion, Grand Lake.

School Counseling: Felisha Nicole Schultz Nunez, Sweetlake.

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology: Jonathan Doyle Taylor, Cameron.

Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication: Lindy Sue Delome, Hackberry.

Bachelor of Arts: Sociology: Bethany Claire Boudreaux, Creole.

Bachelor of General Studies: Terry James Murphy, Hackberry; Todd Lee Jinks, Johnson Bayou.

Bachelor of Science: Chemistry: Paige LeAnne Sanders, Hackberry.

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Stephanie Lynn Arceneaux, Lacey Jo Zaunbrecher, Bell City; Rebecca Ann Patterson Murphy, Cameron.

5 Hornets are All District

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELELR

The Grand Lake Hornet baseball team placed five players on the All District 7B first team. Junior pitcher Levi Stephenson made the team with a 2-2 district record and a 2.66 ERA.

Also making the team and

their averages were senior Jordan Precht, .360 average; junior Ryan Monceaux, .487 average; sophomore Dylan Morgan, .423 average; and sophomore Jace Hebert, .379 average.

Named to the second team were Hunter Leger, Caleb Young, Jacob Hebert, and Stephen Smith.



Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



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The weather has been great for all outdoor activities, to include fishing. Although a high pressure was over us, cool in the morning, fish were still active. Crabbing has really been on a swing. Folks are catching crabs in all of our marshes and road side ditches.

I counted 51 cars and trucks from the Gibbstown Bridge to the Oak Grove Bridge Saturday, 90 percent were crabbing. There were lots of kids and grownups as well, which is really a dangerous situation for cars traveling to and from the lower Cameron area. Saturday's traffic was high as South Cameron High had their graduation and over 1,000 attended.

CAMERON JETTIES

I spoke with James Trahan this past week and he told me they were catching redfish 18 to 24 inches in length, just the right eating size. James said they were using dead shrimp, but he said the Big Bull Reds weren't there. There's also a large sea turtle that's been hanging around the Jetties. One good area for the Jetties is at the end of the rocks on the west side, where the old Beacon platform was before Rita.

Fishing the Rutherford Beach area is a little different now since Rita. It gets deep fast until you get to the sandbar, where it's better to try for reds. Not much speckle trout in either place.

I talked with Mr. Reynolds who was principal of Johnson Bayou when Rita hit, and lost his camp at Holly Beach like everyone else did. He's building a new home there, and will return. Reynolds is a fisherman who likes to fish the rocks between Holly Beach and Constance Beach and wading is the name of the game. The speckle trout have shown up last week, so anglers, another good spot.

MEMORIAL DAY

This weekend is Memorial Day weekend, and we'll see plenty of tourists and fishermen all over Cameron Parish, so be safe, operate your boat or other watercraft in a safe manner as you do your personal vehicle. Wear your life jackets and get everyone on

board to do the same. Boat operators, latch on your kill switch, that's what it's there for.

The Big Lake/Calcasieu Lake area will be crowded as the CCA's S.T.A.R. tournament begins this weekend. Good catches of trout on the east/southeast part of the lake, as well as reds.

Lacassine Refuge is still slow, but still some big bass are being caught.

The Big Burn area is still slow on bass fishing, but redfish are there and great for crabbing. The Gibbstown Miami Corp. launch on the south side of the bridge is not used by many anglers like it used to, most are going down the Intracoastal Canal, taking the Superior Canal cut, which has plenty of water, compared to crossing the north.

I didn't get any offshore reports, but this is the time of the year to go out red snapper fishing and then catch a mixture of fish as only two red snapper limits don't take long when you get where they are.

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L. Duhon is named Most Valuable

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELELR

Grand Lake's Lakeyn Duhon was named the All District 7B Most Valuable Player. Lady Hornet coach Lindsay Smythe was named coach of the year. The junior pitcher compiled a 6-0 record with a 0.43 ERA, while batting .567.

Joining her on the first team and their averages are junior Brandy Carroll, .471 average; sophomore Lacey Broussard, .235 average; junior Maggie Fruge, .275 average; junior Brittany Hebert, .389 average; junior Sonya Lavergne, .500 average; senior Elizabeth Reon, .353 average; freshman Amber Trahan, .333 average; and junior Haley Pesson, .533 average.

Second team honors go to JoeAnna Gaspard, Hailey Quinn, and Rebecca Monceaux.



Six Lady Tarpons named to the All District team

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELELR

The class 1A state runner up South Cameron Lady Tarpons placed six players on the All District 5-1A first team.

Sophomore pitcher Kimly Bourriaque compiled a 4-3 district record. Joining her on the first team are junior first baseman Whitney Richard, with a .437 average; freshman second baseman Kelsey Mudd, who batted .250; senior outfielder Haley Willis with a .217 average; freshman outfielder Shelby Willis with a .379 average; and sophomore utility player Hayley McCall who batted .305.

Second team honors went to catcher Blair Bellanger, outfielder Kassie Benton, and utility player Michelle

Champion.

The Tarpons Marcus Mudd and Daniel Dupre made the All District 5-1A first team. Mudd, a senior outfielder, batted .423 in district. Junior outfielder Dupre had a .452 district batting average.

Second team honors went to pitcher Jody Trosclair, pitcher Thomas Trosclair, second baseman Ronnie George, shortstop Johnathan Trahan, outfielder Dex Murphy, and utility player Tyrell Harmon.

Hackberry pitcher MVP

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELELR

Hackberry's senior pitcher Nick Moore was named the All District 7C Most Valuable player. Moore had a perfect 5-0 district record.

Joining Moore on the first team were Judd Addison, a junior with a .225 average; junior Chris Spicer, .277 average; junior Dillon Thibodeaux, .347 average; sophomore Austin Moore, .444 average; sophomore Drew East, .363 average; and freshman Nathan Berwick, .416 average. Head coach Terry Murphy was named Coach of the Year.

Johnson Bayou's Johnathan Trahan also made the team. The sophomore batted .320 in district play.

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Capt. Charles Burch of Johnson Bayou recalled

By W. T. BLOCK

During the mid-nineteenth century, cotton steamboat captains on Sabine Lake were held in high esteem in both East Texas and Louisiana, for often they were the only link between an isolated village with the outside world. Captain Charles C. Burch of Johnson Bayou and Sabine Pass was one of those captains; in fact, there were three Burch brothers, each of whom sailed as a steamer captain on various occasions.

Sherwood K. Burch was the oldest of them, having been born in New York in 1816; he was also the last of the brothers to arrive at Sabine Pass. It is believed that he traveled with his parents and the Neil McGaffey family when he was about age three to Circleville, Ohio. Charles Burch was born in Ohio in 1823, and Increase R. Burch was born in the same state in 1820.

The writer believes that the Burch brothers were apprenticed as cabin boys and laborers aboard the Ohio River steamers at an early age, and thus had worked their way up to such vocations as captains, mates, steam engineers, and clerks (supercargoes) by the time they reached Sabine Lake, for none of them were ever employed below those ranks in Texas.

Increase R. Burch, husband of Julia Marie McGaffey, followed his father-in-law, Neal McGaffey, to Texas about 1846. McGaffey, a lawyer, had become well-to-do for that age, having become the owner and proprietor of the new townsite of Sabine Pass. About 1849 C. C. Burch and his wife Hannah followed him, and in the 1850 Sabine Pass census, were living in the Increase Burch household. However, Hannah Burch died in 1851, probably during childbirth, and on Feb. 22, 1852, Charles Burch married Johanna Orr of Sabine Pass.

Orr, daughter of George and Priscilla Orr, were formerly of Johnson Bayou, but about 1822 Orr followed Henry Griffith, Reuben and

Solomon Barrow to Chambers County, Texas. In 1825 Orr was appointed the Mexican "alcalde" for the Liberty Municipality, which then contained an area the size of ten present-day Southeast Texas counties. In 1826 Stephen F. Austin appointed Orr to accompany and guide John C. Williams, who had been appointed by Austin to map and chart all navigable waterways, which fed into Sabine Lake. By 1860 Charles and Johanna Burch were the parents of four children, to wit, George, Elizabeth, Priscilla and Hannah.

About 1855 C. H. Ruff of Beaumont hired Charles Burch as captain aboard his steamboat, the Mary Falvey, which picked up cotton along the lower Neches River twice monthly. In November 1859, as H. R. Green rode the Falvey up Pine Island Bayou to Concord, he noted that: "... Charlie Burch, her popular commander, sociable, generous, clever, is a whole team in all respects..." Green also added that the Mary Falvey had: "... good accommodations, excellent fare, and kind and gentlemanly officers..." The Falvey was 120 feet long, weighed 298 tons, and could carry 450 bales of cotton.

In 1860 a new steamer, named the Sabine, arrived at Sabine Pass, it being wholly owned by the Burch brothers, and Captain Charles left his command on the Falvey to become pilot aboard the Sabine. Like the Falvey, the Sabine could also load 450 bales of cotton. Increase R. Burch became the captain; S. K. Burch became the clerk; and among others in the 15 man crew were two engineers; a steward, cook and bartender; a fiddler, two carpenters, 3 seamen and one cabin boy. Both the Sabine and Falvey were tied up at Sabine Pass when the Civil War began in April, 1861, and the writer believes that both vessels entered the blockade-running trade, loaded with cotton.

In Nov. 1862, Ruff, who formerly owned the Falvey, was one of the owners of the steamer Uncle Ben, which

was 135 feet long and could carry 1,000 bales. And when Texas' Confederate Gen. J. B. Magruder chose to arm the Uncle Ben, he commandeered the Ben and its crew into the Texas Marine Department. Ruff brought a variety of seamen aboard the Uncle Ben as masters, mates, and pilots, which also included Capt. C. C. Burch.

On Jan. 21, 1863, Magruder sent the armed steamboats Uncle Ben and Josiah Bell to sea to break the Sabine Pass blockade by 2 sail ships, the Morning Light and Velocity. The blockaders fled for 30 miles at sea before the slow steamers caught up and the fight began. Magruder had sent a habitual inebriate, Major Watkins, to command the engagement, but the latter lay drunk in a bed during the fight. After an hour the blockaders surrendered and were towed back to Sabine Pass. However the 32-pound guns and 400 tons of supplies on the Morning Light were lost when the major refused permission to kedg the vessel over the bar to safety.

Sherwood K. Burch, the oldest of the brothers did not arrive in Sabine Pass until 1858, for all of his children were born in Ohio. In 1864 Increase R. Burch died, but it is unknown whether or not his death was war-related. In 1870 Julia Marie Burch was the head of her household and her youngest child was born in 1864. In 1865 Charles Burch chose to become a farmer, so he moved Johanna and his five children to Johnson Bayou. However, in the fall of each year when cotton and other produce were sent to market in Orange, the steamers Emily P. and Lark were constantly in the Johnson Bayou-Orange trade and the schooner Dreadnaught plied constantly in the Bayou-Galveston trade. And Charlie Burch agreed to captain the Emily P. until the cotton season ended.

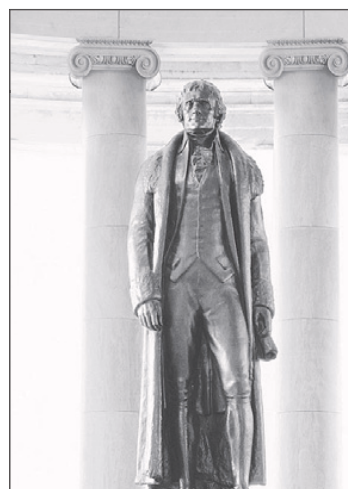
Between 1880 and the year after the storm, 1886, Johnson Bayou enjoyed immense prosperity, with about 1,200 residents on the bayou, and 700 acres planted in cotton and 100 acres planted in sugar cane. During some years, cotton production reached 900 bales, with Ferdinand Pavel, Frederick Schmidt (my great grandfa-

ther), and Caswell Peveto owning cotton gins. Pavell also owned one of the two sugar mills located there. And as captain of the Emily P., it was Burch's duty to bargain for the cotton, cattle, and other produce shipped to market.

On one of his trips to Orange, the Emily's steam boiler exploded, and Capt. Burch was killed instantly on Jan. 28, 1884. His body was returned to Johnson Bayou for interment, but no headstone exists there for him today.

In Feb. 1873, Capt. S. K. Burch was the last of the brothers to command a steamboat named the Comargo, and he made voyages that year in both the Sabine and Neches rivers. In Jan. 1874, the Comargo struck a snag at Townsends Ferry on Angelina River and sank, a total loss.

Nothing else is known about S. K. Burch. Julia Marie Burch resided in Beaumont for most of the remainder of her life, and her tombstone notes that she died in 1918. Johanna Burch continued to live with her children on Johnson Bayou, and the last information about her was in 1906 when she applied for a Confederate pension.



Plantation Cottages offer solution to rebuilding

Built by Stephen Berzas, the new Plantation Cottage will be featured during the open house event, May 25-28, at the Lake Charles Stine location and will be on display through the summer. The open-house event offers the public the opportunity to tour the home and talk with the builder and other industry professionals who will be on hand to answer questions. The New Plantation Cottages are designed to meet the growing need for safe, energy efficient, comfortable, smaller modular homes.

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13 parishes benefited from debris removal program

Thirteen parishes affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita have benefited from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) private property debris removal program. Now, 14 months after the state of Louisiana requested assistance with the effort, FEMA is nearing the completion of this mission.

Only four parishes remain in the program. As established by FEMA, residents from Jefferson and Orleans parishes interested in free storm debris pick up from their properties have until May 31, 2007 to submit their requests to their local parishes. Residents of Plaquemines have until June 29 and those of St. Bernard until July 31.

FEMA has completed the private property debris removal in Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia and Vermillion parishes—all of which were strongly hit by Hurricane Rita. The other participating parishes were Lafourche, St. Charles, St. Tammany, Terrebonne and Washington.

To date, a total of 60,746 properties have been serviced in the 13 affected parishes. This number will reach 64,000 when the debris removal program ends in July in St. Bernard. By then, of all the parishes, Orleans will have generated the most number of houses in need of debris removal assistance, almost 26,200; followed by St. Tammany, about 16,000; Jefferson, approximately 10,150; and St. Bernard, almost 7,300.

"By removing a substantial amount of debris, we are saving the parish a large amount of money, as well as eliminating a safety and health hazard for residents," said Jim Stark, FEMA director of the Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office. "We are committed to paving the way for the reconstruction of Louisiana neighborhoods."

The disaster-related debris picked up from private properties includes construction and demolition rubble, sediment, tires, vehicles, vessels and vegetative material, such as saltwater-killed trees.

As of today, 58,336 saltwater-killed trees have been abated from private and public properties in seven parishes: Cameron, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles and St. Tammany - areas inundated with saltwater from the Gulf of Mexico. The saltwater-killed tree number will increase to almost 71,000 by the end of the debris removal program. It is estimated that Orleans will produce the most saltwater-killed trees, 37,800; followed by St. Tammany, 15,262; Plaquemines, 9,100; and St. Bernard, 6,500.

Most of the parishes implemented their own programs. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executed the debris removal in St. Tammany Parish and is executing it in Jefferson and Orleans parishes.

"The approaching end of the private property debris removal program is an exciting milestone for the Corps," said Mike Smith, deputy director for the Corps' Louisiana Recovery Field Office. "That means that properties have been readied for thousands of families to begin their return to as normal a life as possible after Katrina."

To register for the private property debris removal in Jefferson Parish, call the Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs at (504) 731-4612. In Orleans Parish, call the city of New Orleans Information Hotline at (504) 658-2299. To register in Plaquemines Parish, call Plaquemines Parish Government at (504) 297-5300; and in St. Bernard, the Department of Public Works at (504) 278-4317.

Avoid home damages by hurricane preparations

Hurricanes can cause extensive damage to homes and property. With experts predicting an active hurricane season this year, it is more important than ever for homeowners to take the proper precautions to reduce that damage, according to the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I.) and the Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS).

"The most important precaution you can take to reduce damage to your home and property is to protect the areas where wind and water can enter," said Dr. Tim Reinhold, director of Engineering and vice president, IBHS. "Our damage investigations in past hurricane seasons have taught us a lot about how to protect

homes better."

Dr. Reinhold has identified five steps homeowners or their contractors can take to make homes more hurricane-resistant:

Shutter all openings: Windows and doors are key entry points for wind and water, so shutters are critical. Shutters should have the proper ratings for impact resistance (including wind pressure and large missile impact), such as the Miami-Dade Protocols.

Protect gable end vents. These can also be an entry point for wind and water. Louvers that cover them are not designed to keep out rain driven by hurricane-force winds. Keep your attic, and insulation, dry by shuttering it as if it were a window. And if you pre-drill and permanently install all shutter hardware, you will save time when a storm hits.

Secure loose roof shingles: Keeping shingles attached is critical to protecting your house. Loose or ragged shingles should be replaced or secured with roofing cement, which is available at most hardware stores.

Seal openings, cracks and holes: Water can invade homes in a number of ways, especially when it is being blown horizontally. Use caulk to seal cracks and holes where phone and cable lines enter your home.

Strengthen doors: Any area that allows access to the house can be a potential trouble spot. Install impact resistant garage doors, which are made with twice as many steel struts and stronger tracks. Double doors, also known as French doors should have heavy duty barrel bolt anchors at the top and bottom and a dead bolt at least one-inch long. Doors that open outwards instead of inwards are even better.

"If you do everything on this list, it could cost \$4,000 or more but your home will be much stronger and safer," said Jeanne Salvatore, senior vice president and consumer spokesperson at the I.I.I. "On the other hand, if you don't make these improvements and you're hit with major damage, you could end up paying a sizable hurricane deductible before the insurance payment kicks in. In comparison, the \$4,000 will seem like a bargain."

If you are remodeling or re-roofing your house, you can

THE SAVVY SENIOR



By JIM MILLER

Dear Savvy Senior,

Do you have any suggestions to help keep my 78-year-old mother from falling down? She fell three times last year, without serious injury, but I'm very concerned about her safety. Worried Rita,

Dear Rita,

Falls have become a growing concern for millions of elderly Americans and their families. In the United States, more than one in three people age 65 or older falls each year, often with dire consequences, and the risk rises with age. Here's what you should know.

As we age, our vision, hearing, muscle strength, coordination and reflexes change and weaken our balance. In addition, some health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, circulation problems, and even medications, can affect equilibrium. Unfortunately, all of these factors make falls more likely. But the good news is, with a few simple steps your mother can improve her balance and reduce her risk of falling.

Fact: In 2004, more than 14,900 seniors died and more than 1.8 million were treated in emergency rooms because of falls.

Fall Prevention

Many falls are preventable (see www.stopfalls.org). Here are some simple tips that can help your mother stay on her feet and prevent a possible injury:

Drug review: Does your mom take any medicine (or combination of medicines) that make her dizzy, sleepy or lightheaded? If so, gather up all the drugs she takes (prescriptions, over-the-counter and dietary supplements) and take them to her doctor or pharmacist for a drug review.

Exercise: Improving balance and strength through exercise is one of the best ways to prevent falls. Exercises that can help improve balance (like tai chi, yoga, Pilates, stretching and even dancing) are the most helpful. Some simple balance exercises she can do at home include walking heel-to-toe across the room, standing on one foot for 30 seconds or longer, or get up from a chair and sit back down 10 to 20 times.

Fall proofing: About half of all falls happen around the home. You can make your mom's living areas safer by clearing out the clutter and removing things she can trip over, including small throw rugs or use double-sided tape to keep them from sliding. In the bathroom use non-slip mats in the bathtub and on shower floors, and install grab bars next to her toilet and in the tub or shower. Put hand rails on both sides of the stairs and make sure the lighting throughout the house is good. Also organize her cabinets so things she uses most often are within easy reach without using a step stool, and try to get her to wear low-heeled sensible shoes with good support and thin, non-

increase its defenses even further by making sure the roof is well-fastened to the rafters and by choosing materials that are rated and installed for high winds.

For more information on fortifying your home, go to the IBHS Web site at www.disastersafety.org.

For more information on insurance, go to the I.I.I.'s Web site at www.iii.org

You can view a video about fortifying your home at <http://www.iii.org/static/video/mediaplayer/5ThingsYouCanDo.wmv>

You can download the associated I.I.I. audio file at <http://www.iii.org/media/radio/prhurricaneresistance/>.

slip soles. (Tip: See www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/preventadultfalls.htm for a home fall prevention checklist.)

Eye exam: Poor vision can be another contributor to falls. Your mom may be wearing the wrong glasses or have a condition like glaucoma or cataracts that limits her vision. She should have her eyes checked by an eye doctor once a year.

Balance checkup: Your mother may also need to be checked for a balance disorder. Poor balance can be caused by a variety of conditions such as inner ear problems, allergies, heart problems, head injury, or problems with blood circulation. Her doctor may recommend she see an ear, nose and throat specialist (otolaryngologist) for evaluation.

Bone up: Strong bones can be a lifesaver if you fall. Make sure your mom is tested regularly for osteoporosis and gets plenty of calcium (1,200 mg daily), vitamin D (600 IU daily) and necessary medication to maintain healthy bones.

Savvy Tips: Depending on your mom's balance, she may need to use a cane or walker for assistance. And for peace of mind (if she lives alone), consider getting her a personal emergency response system (see www.seniortizens.com/k/eprs.html) which is a small transmitter "help button" that your mom carries or wears that will allow her to call for help 24 hours a day, if needed. Or better yet, check out the new high tech home monitoring systems (www.quietcare.com, www.health-watch.com, www.grandcare.com) that operate around the clock automatically letting you know when help is needed.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" books.

Tips to encourage children to read more

(NAPSA)-Has your child read any good books lately? Encouraging reading is one way parents can help their children succeed academically and develop an enjoyable and positive habit.

"Children who have reading problems can perform poorly in school, finding it harder to master increasingly difficult subjects. So it's very important to promote a love of books at an early age-and you can start a lot earlier than you might even imagine," said Beverly Ellman, a reading and writing specialist.

Children learn to read at different ages. Some can read a simple book by age 2 while others struggle into grade school.

Here are a few tips roughly broken down into age groups; you can adapt them to your own child's abilities:

Birth to age 3

• Even a 6-month-old baby can enjoy sitting on your lap and looking at picture books without words. Parents can describe the pictures as they turn the pages. Be sure books are tough enough to withstand tugging, pulling and throwing.

• Establish a time of day when you read to your children.

• Talking helps develop reading ability. Talk with your child all day using short, simple sentences. If your native language is not English, talk to your child in your native language anyway. Practicing their first language will help them practice English.

• Let your children see you read. Children love to imitate their parents.

Ages 3 to 5

• Introduce your child to books with poems and silly rhymes, which children love to repeat. Children have a great sense of the absurd, so rhyming books such as those by Shel Silverstein can improve their language ability and tickle their funny bone.

• Take your child to the library to get his or her own library card. Let her choose her own books within reason. Choosing a book makes read-

ing it extra special, because the books a child chooses reflect her special interests.

• Give your children books as gifts. Share your favorites from when you were their age.

• Set up a reading area in your home where children can easily reach their books.

• Restrict the time your children watch television and limit their viewing to educational programs that teach reading basics.

Ages 5 to 11

• As children get older, you can take turns reading a book with them.

• Ask them what part of the book they like best. If the child has read more than one book by an author, ask which one he likes best and why.

• Stay involved in your child's schoolwork. Research shows that when parents are involved in a child's learning, achievement increases.

• Use tools to help older children (grades 4 and 5) experience success. For example, reading and writing programs such as Knowledge Adventure Books by You help children to tap into their creativity while learning and applying reading and writing processes. The software product is designed to allow kids, ages 8 and up, to create, edit, illustrate and personalize books.

In this program, award-winning author and actor John Lithgow motivates and guides children through the book-development process by asking thought-provoking questions. Kids' answers and details are woven into the story in unexpected ways that make reading the story a fun and involving experience.

For more information, visit www.parentspace.com.

One of the best gifts a parent can give is the gift of reading. It's a gift that not only entertains but benefits children for a lifetime.



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At Bechtel, building for the future is what we do every day, and our involvement with the communities that surround our projects and offices is a critical component of our work.



Pictured above from left to right are: Jamie Horning, Bechtel Environmental, Safety & Health Supervisor, Larry Jinks, Johnson Bayou/Holly Beach Fire Chief, and Glen Kratochvil, Industrial Relations Manager.

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With kindest regards,
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HELP WANTED: Dump truck driver with CDL. Call (337) 540-7634 or (337) 905-4636 after 5. 5/9 & 5/16p.

OFFICE HELP needed in Grandlake area, must have accounting background and be proficient in Excell, please fax resume to 337-905-5268.

CARPENTER HELPER/finisher needed at Dupont Building, Inc. Must be able to pass drug screen, call 337-905-5928. 5/23c

HELP WANTED

PART TIME job position available: Cameron Council on Aging meal delivery person. Must provide own transportation. Call Donna or Mary at 905-6000, or LA relay 711. Equal opportunity employer/agency. Auxiliary services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. 5/23c.

MARSH BUGGY Dragline operator needed for Cameron Meadows field located in Johnson Bayou area. Must be knowledgeable in the operation and maintenance of marsh buggies. Equipment is currently under fabrication. Annual salary \$41,000. Benefits available includes hospitalization and dental insurance, 401(K) plan, vacation. Qualified individuals should call Tommy Wright at 337-540-1243. 5/23 & 5/30c.

CAMERON MEADOWS Land company seeking high school graduate interested in pursuing a career in marsh management. Applicant should be knowledgeable about Cameron Parish game hunting & fishing. Job demands hard worker with good work ethic and willingness to learn marsh buggy dragline operations. \$8.50 per hr. Contact Melissa Fontenot at 337-502-5224 to apply. 5/23 & 5/30c.

Nutria Incentive program ends with 375,683 harvested

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) annual Coastwide Nutria Control Program concluded its 2006-07 season on March 31, 2007 with 365 participants having harvested 375,683 nutria.

The harvest began on the first day of trapping season, Nov. 20, 2006. The goal of the program, funded by the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act, is to reduce or eliminate damage to Louisiana's wetlands caused by nutria by increasing the annual harvest to 400,000 nutria. Registered participants received a \$5 incentive for each nutria tail brought to official collection locations along Louisiana's coast.

The program area is bounded on the north by Interstate 10 from the Texas line to Baton Rouge, Interstate 12 from Baton Rouge to Slidell, and I-10 from Slidell to the Mississippi line.

Licensed trappers harvested 206,840 more nutria than last year, bringing the total

within 25,000 nutria of the annual goal.

The majority of nutria harvested this year were in the south central portion of the state. The highest harvest occurred in St. Martin Parish with 113,629 nutria, followed by Terrebonne Parish with 99,433 nutria. St. Mary (34,693 nutria), Lafourche (28,038 nutria) and Iberia (18,910 nutria) parishes also contributed significant harvests.

LDWF assesses the amount and severity of the nutria damage for 2007 during aerial surveys conducted in April and May. A final report on the 2006-07 incentive program and aerial surveys will be available in July at the following Web sites:

www.nutria.com and www.wlf.louisiana.gov.

Information was collected from each participant to determine the method of take, carcass use, and harvest date and location. This information along with the harvest maps and aerial survey data is used to track the progress of the program.

LDWF releases report on the effects of Hurricanes Katrina & Rita on LA's coastal fisheries

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has released an April 2007 status report on the impacts and recovery of Louisiana commercial and recreational marine fisheries from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report can be downloaded from www.wlf.louisiana.gov and specifically focuses on the composition and volume of catch and fishing effort for each major marine fishery and fishing infrastructure, but it does not address all the effects of the storms on Louisiana fisheries.

One aspect of the storm effects that was not addressed was the differential impacts of the storms across the Louisiana coast; fisheries in the central part of the coast generally were not as heavily impacted as those in the eastern and western portions of the state. The available information did not allow characterization of the amount of this variation because, for example, fishing effort was re-directed to less-impacted areas where needed infrastructure was available and where debris problems were less critical.

This is an interim report, which will be updated as additional information becomes available.

Significant reductions in landings were seen in several commercial fisheries during the 12-months following the storms. Finfish (several, but not all species), oyster, and menhaden fisheries suffered the greatest declines, with the finfish fishery experiencing the largest decrease in landings (58%). While shrimp and blue crab landings were not reduced, value was significantly less.

Comparing landings data from the three months immediately following the storms (September - November of 2005) with the same time period in 2006 shows that the commercial fisheries are recovering, however many have not returned to pre-storm levels.

This may partially be due to reduced participation due to vessel losses in the commercial fishing fleet and damage to fishing infrastructure, such as boat docks and processing, storage, and maintenance facilities, which sup-

port fishing activities.

Statewide only 60% of commercial fishery facilities were operational immediately following the storms. At the time of this report, this number had increased to 85% however not all had returned to their full pre-storm operational capacity. The number of vessels participating in commercial fishing was significantly reduced following the storms, and while there has been an increase in the number of participating vessels towards the end of 2006, they have not returned to pre-storm levels. Sales of commercial licenses sold has also followed this same pattern.

The private boat and shore marine recreational fishery initially suffered in much the same way as the commercial fishery. There was an initial severe decrease in both the number of pounds landed and number of trips taken during the four-month period following the storms.

However, unlike the commercial fishery, the private boat and shore marine fishery has rebounded well, and landings and trips have increased over pre-storm levels. Landings and trips both decreased by approximately 70 percent in the for-hire industry in the first four months following the storms, but in the 12-month period following the storms, both have increased above pre-storm levels.

While many individual recreational fishermen were severely impacted by the storms, Louisiana's recreational marine fishery as a whole seems to have recovered to pre-storm fishing effort and harvest levels. Immediately post-storm only 58 percent of recreational fishing marinas and infrastructure was available. That number now is 81 percent indicating some recovery of opportunities for recreational anglers.

Sales of recreational saltwater fishing licenses, however, decreased by 19 percent over the five year average in the 12-month period post-storm, and were 54 percent below the five year average for the four-month period post-storm.

Recreational fishing for paddlefish to be allowed on May 20

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has announced that on May 20, 2007, it will once again be legal to recreationally harvest paddlefish, sometimes referred to as spoonbill catfish, from many of Louisiana's waters.

Similar to a catfish, the spoonbill has no scales. However, it is easily distinguishable by its rostrum, the paddle that makes up the first third of its body. Some anglers claim the flesh of paddlefish is a delicacy, while others question its palatability.

The paddlefish has been protected from both sport and commercial harvest since 1992 to protect it from over harvest. At that time, LDWF had little information on the population status. Since 1992, the department has investigated its numbers and established artificial spawning techniques.

"We feel the limited harvest of paddlefish, one that does not include the taking of mature females, will provide anglers with an opportunity to harvest a unique fish," said LDWF Inland Fisheries Administrator Gary Tilyou.

Properly licensed recreational fishermen using legal recreational gear may take paddlefish. For a list of legal gear types please refer to the department's 2007 Recreational Fishing Regulations pamphlet or to our Web site at www.wlf.louisiana.gov. No person shall take or possess paddlefish in violation of any of the following provisions:

a. Area - The taking or possession of paddlefish is closed in all saltwater areas of the state and in border waters shared with Texas.

b. All possessed paddlefish must be dead. The possession or transportation of live paddlefish is prohibited.

c. All paddlefish possessed on the waters of the state shall be maintained intact.

d. No persons shall possess paddlefish eggs on the waters of the state which are not fully attached to the fish.

e. The daily take and possession limit of paddlefish is two per person.

f. Maximum size limit - All paddlefish greater than 30 inches (lower jaw fork length) must be returned to the water immediately. Lower jaw fork length is the distance from the tip of the lower jaw to the mid-line of the caudal fin. For a picture depicting this, please refer to the LDWF fishing pamphlet.

The commercial take and possession of paddlefish will remain prohibited. No person shall purchase, sell, barter, exchange or trade or attempt to purchase, sell, barter or trade paddlefish, their eggs or parts thereof.



— 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)

— 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)

— NOTICE —

The Board of Directors of Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District #1 has adopted a policy to change the billing date from the first of the month to the 15th of the month so as not to interfere with the monthly board meetings. The delinquent date will change to the 10th day of the following month. Your May billing will be June 15, 2007.

RUN : March 3 & 24 (M-12)

— NOTICE —

The Cameron Parish School Board is advertising the following job openings:

One-half time Assistant Principal and One-half time Classroom Teacher, Johnson Bayou High School

Assistant Principal, Hackberry High School

Individuals wishing to apply should mail or hand deliver a letter of intent for each position of interest, a resume, a copy of their Louisiana teaching certificate and driver's license, and a release statement granting Ms. Rodrigue permission to verify resume data and quality of previous performance for each position in which interest is expressed. Applicants must be certified in the State of Louisiana as School Principal, grades K-12, at the time of application. These data should be sent or delivered as follows to be received no later than Monday, June 4, 2007, at 2:00 PM:

US Postal Service: Ms. Stephanie Rodrigue; Superintendent of Schools; Cameron Parish Schools; P. O. Box 1548; Cameron, LA 70631

Hand Delivery or Other Service: Ms. Stephanie Rodrigue; Superintendent of Schools; Office - Cameron Parish Schools; 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake; Lake Charles, LA 70607.

RUN: May 24 (M-63)

•NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC•

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will hold its agenda meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 29, 2007.

RUN: May 24 (M-46)

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Sweeper (8 hrs./day) at Grand Lake School. High School diploma is preferred.

To make application contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake School; Phone: 337-905-2231 or 337-905-2056.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, June 8, 2007, at 10 a.m.

RUN: May 24, 31 & June 7 (M-74)

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For all schools in Cameron Parish: 2007-2008 School Year

Second Round Registration May 25 - June 1

Parents, Pre-K will be offered to the children of Cameron Parish at all four school sites. Transportation will be provided.

The Cameron Parish School Board is in the process of hiring and placing teachers who are fully certified in the state of Louisiana in Early Childhood Education (pre-K).

For that reason, it is very important that parents register their children now, to be sure that an adequate number of teachers are hired.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR PRESCHOOLER THIS WEEK AT THE SCHOOL THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING

Grand Lake: 905-2231

Hackberry: 762-3305

Johnson Bayou: 569-2138

South Cameron: 542-4401

RUN: May 23 & 31 M-73)

— NOTICE —

The Cameron Parish School Board is advertising the following job openings:

Two full-time Supervisors of Instruction, Middle School and Secondary Areas.

Individuals wishing to apply should mail or hand deliver a letter of intent, a resume, a copy of their Louisiana teaching certificate and driver's license, and a release statement granting Ms. Rodrigue permission to verify resume data and quality of previous performance for each position in which interest is expressed. Applicants must be certified in the State of Louisiana as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction, with middle school and/or secondary grades or area(s) if certification at the time of application. These data should be sent or delivered as follows to be received no later than Monday, June 4, 2007, at 2:00 PM:

US Postal Service: Ms. Stephanie Rodrigue; Superintendent of Schools; Cameron Parish Schools; P. O. Box 1548; Cameron, LA 70631

Hand Delivery or Other Service: Ms. Stephanie Rodrigue; Superintendent of Schools; Office - Cameron Parish Schools; 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake; Lake Charles, LA 70607.

RUN: May 24 (M 75)

Legal Notices

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.

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: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (A 33)

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.

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 Water and Waterworks District No. 1 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

/s/ J. C. Murphy
 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.

Cameron Parish Police Jury /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, 122 A 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:

II. 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 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 #3GNEC16R9V178136, 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,
 SECRETARY
 RUN: May 17, 24 (M-47)

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
DR. 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)

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.

C.U.P. #P20070672
 L.C.U.P. #070608
 Name of Applicant: Richard Harrington, 7386 Gulf Beach Highway, Cameron, LA 70631.

Location of Permit: Johnson Bayou, Section 8, T15S-R14W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of Work: Richard Harrington proposed filling a portion of a man-made excavated pond. This will result in approximately 15,000 cubic yards of native material to fill 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 the state policies outlined in R.S. 49:213.2. The decision will reflect in the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent with the state program and approved local programs for affected parishes 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, Coastal Management Division, Courthouse Square, 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, Coastal Management Division, Post Office Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.

Sincerely,
 /s/ Myles Hebert,
 Coastal Zone Administrator
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
 RUN: May 24 (M-54)

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 SWEET LAKE FIELD
 07-593

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007, upon the application of YUMA EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Cris I Zone, Reservoir A**, in the Sweet Lake Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cris I Zone, Reservoir A.

2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Cris I Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the CRIS I RA SUA.

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoirs change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cris I Zone is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 4,345 feet and 5,820 feet (electric log measurements) in the Mission Resources Corporation-SLL&O No. 1 Well, located in Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 8 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge and Lafayette**, Louisiana. www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONS/EREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF
JAMES H

Legal Notices

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confines of private residential subdivision.

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 the state policies outlined in R.S. 49:213.2. The decision will reflect in the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent with the state program and approved local programs for affected parishes 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, Coastal Management Division, Courthouse Square, 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, Coastal Management Division, Post Office Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.

Sincerely,
/s/ Myles Hebert,
Coastal Zone Administrator
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
RUN: May 24 (M-56)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

By virtue of and in conformity with the procedures of Section 151 through 158 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, sealed bids will be received by mail or delivered (if mailed or delivered must be received by 2:00 P.M.) at the office of the Cameron Parish School Board in Grand Lake, LA 70607 on or before the 11th day of June, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. All bids received will be opened at 5:30 P.M. at Creole Fire Station, 184 E. Creole Hwy, Creole, LA 70632 by the Cameron Parish School Board for a lease covering the oil, gas, and other liquid gaseous hydrocarbon mineral rights in, to and under the following described property:

That certain tract of land, excluding the beds and bottoms of all navigable waters, belonging to and not presently under lease from the Cameron Parish School Board on June 11, 2007, being more particularly described as all of Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 3 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, less and except that portion of the "Price-Nunez" lands (sometimes also referred to as the "Nunez-Price" lands in the instruments or on the plats referred to herein below) situated within the confines of Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 3 West, and containing a balance of 332.96 acres, more or less.

Bids may be for the whole or any particularly described portions of the tract advertised herein.

All bids are to offer a CASH PAYMENT, one-half (1/2) of which is to be bonus as full and adequate consideration for every right granted by the lease and one-half (1/2) of which is to be rental for the first year of the lease, for a lease having a primary term which shall not exceed three years. ANNUAL RENTAL for the second and third years shall not be less than the aforesaid cash payment. The lease is to be granted without any warranty or recourse against lessor whatsoever, either expressed or implied, not even for return by lessor of any payments received under the lease or being otherwise responsible to lessee. Minimum royalties shall be one-fourth (1/4) of all oil and gas produced and saved or utilized. This lease excludes free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and other solid minerals. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such solid mineral deposits.

All leases awarded shall be executed upon terms and conditions provided in the current Cameron Parish School Board lease form with all applicable riders appended thereto, including Approved Rider for Attachment to State Agency Lease Forms, and including, but not limited to, provisions as follows: Should lessee fail to begin the actual drilling (spudding in) of a well on the lease premises within one year from the date of the lease, the lease shall terminate as to both parties to the lease, unless on or before such anniversary date, lessee shall pay a delay rental [which shall in no event be less than the aforesaid cash payment offered for the lease], which shall cover the privilege of deferred drilling operations for a period of one year. Upon like payments annually, drilling operations may be further deferred for successive periods of one year each during the primary term of three years.

The lease shall provide for drilling of offset wells where necessary to protect the Board's interest and shall contain the provisions against the assignment of sublease of the lease unless

approved by the School Board. The lessee shall have the right to enter into pooling or unitization agreements with respect to development of the leased premises subject to the approval of the School Board. The Lessee shall not have the right to conduct geophysical or seismic activities or exploration on the leased premises under this lease. Such activities may be conducted only if a separate written contract or permit is granted to Lessee by the Cameron Parish School Board for which additional rights separate and additional consideration shall be paid.

Any lease granted hereunder shall be on the regular current Cameron Parish School Board lease form with Approved Rider for Attachment to State Agency Lease Forms and shall be subject to the approval of the State Mineral Board. A copy of the said lease form and rider are available for inspection at the office of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana. Certified check, bank money order, or cashier's check, payable to the Cameron Parish School Board for the full amount of the bonus, shall accompany and be submitted with each bid; and no bid thus submitted may be thereafter withdrawn or canceled; and the cash bonus accompanying the bid of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the Cameron Parish School Board should he not return the written lease, duly executed, within twenty (20) days after his receipt of the same.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to grant a lease on any portion of the tract advertised for a price not less than proportionate to the best bid offered for the lease on the entire tract.

CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
BY: Douglas L. Chance
DOUGLAS L. CHANCE,
SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: May 24, 31, June 7 (M 57)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Sheriff has adopted his final budget amendments for fiscal 2006-2007. The amended budget is available for public inspection in the sheriff's office during regular office hours, Monday through Friday (8:00-4:00).

The following report is a summary only. Detailed financial records are on file in the Sheriff's Office, Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana.

/s/ Theos Duhon
Theos Duhon, Sheriff
PARISH OF CAMERON
CAMERON PARISH SHERIFF
AMENDED BUDGET
FISCAL 2006-2007
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE: \$4,134,575
REVENUE:
SELF GENERATED FEES,
TAXES, COMMISSIONS, ETC.: \$4,188,880.
STATE & PARISH APPROPRIATION: \$536,796.
TOTAL: \$4,725,676.
FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$8,860,251.
EXPENDITURE:
PERSONAL SERVICE: \$2,571,750.
CONTRACTED SERVICES: \$711,468.
CAPITAL OUTLAY: \$169,000.
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE: \$602,271.
TOTAL: \$4,184,509.
OTHER MEANS OF FINANCE: \$250.
EXCESS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR: \$541,167.
ENDING FUND BALANCE: \$4,675,992.
RUN: May 24 (M-58)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Sheriff will conduct a proposed budget hearing on June 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sheriff's Office, Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana. The purpose of the hearing is to invite public comment in the budget process of the sheriff's office and the operation of same. All persons are invited to attend regardless of sex, race, religion, handicap, etc.

The following report is a summary only. Detailed financial records are available and on file in the sheriff's office. Interested persons may examine the budget document between the hours of 8:00-4:00 Monday through Friday. This notice is prepared and published in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1301-1314.

/s/ Theos Duhon
THEOS DUHON, SHERIFF
PARISH OF CAMERON
CAMERON PARISH SHERIFF
PROPOSED BUDGET
2007-2008
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE: \$4,675,992.
REVENUE:
SELF GENERATED FEES,
SERVICE: \$4,205,958.
STATE & PARISH APPROPRIATION: \$600,000.
TOTAL: \$4,805,958.
FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$9,481,950.
EXPENDITURE:
PERSONAL SERVICE: \$2,646,950.
CONTRACTED SERVICES: \$750,855.
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE: \$519,200.
CAPITAL OUTLAY: \$224,000.
TOTAL: \$4,281,005.
OTHER MEANS OF FINANCE: \$250.
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE: \$524,953.
ENDING FUND BALANCE: \$5,201,195.
RUN: May 24 (M-59)

Minutes of Meeting
Cameron Parish Drainage
District #9
March 15, 2007 06:00 PM
Hackberry Community Center
Administrative
Reuben LaBauve (President)
calls meeting to order.
Members Present - Scott Benoit, Alex Seay
Members absent - Paul Constance
Guests Present - None

Minutes for previous meeting were distributed to Board members prior to meeting. S. Benoit motioned to approve minutes of previous meeting as prepared. A. Seay seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers' Report
\$183,101.21 - Checking Account
\$150,000.00 - CDs

A. Seay motioned to approve treasurer's report as read. S. Benoit seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were open for the following:

A. Seay motioned to adopt a millage rate of 4.5 mills for the Tax Year of 2007. S. Benoit seconded the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried unanimously. The appropriate information will be forwarded to the Parish Tax Assessor's Office.

S. Benoit presented invoice for approval to pay. A. Seay made a motion to pay the invoices. A. Seay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed culvert applications. A. Seay motioned to accept all applications presented with some stipulations as made by the board. S. Benoit seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed permit applications. S. Benoit motioned to accept all applications presented with some stipulations as made by the board. A. Seay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further new business presented, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Scott Benoit, Secretary-Treasurer.

/s/ Reuben LaBauve, President
/s/ Scott Benoit,
Secretary-Treasurer
RUN: May 24 (M 60)

NOTICE

TO: Cargo Trailer Vendors

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids Friday, June 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. for delivery of four (4) 6' X 12' cargo trailers to the Cameron Parish School Board temporary office site at 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607 described herein and in the attached additional specifications. All bids arriving after this date and hour will be returned to bidder unopened. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities. The following additional conditions shall apply to all bids submitted:

1. All bids must be signed, sealed, and **hand delivered** or **mailed**, only, to the Cameron Parish School Board Office, (mailing) P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, Louisiana 70631 (physical) 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake. Please use the enclosed envelope, with your Louisiana's Contractors License number on it, for returning your bid.

2. Please submit your bid on the attached form. Only firm bids will be considered. Should additional space be necessary for explanatory notes or data other than prices of an item, please place this information on separate sheets, but state the location of such data in the space assigned to the item on the bid form.

3. The bid must be signed by an authorized officer of the firm bidding and the title of the officer shown.

Sincerely,
Eddie Benoit
Supervisor
RUN: May 24, 31 & June 7 (M-61)

Hackberry, Louisiana
May 7, 2007

The Board of Commissioners, governing authority of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, met in regular public session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007, at the regular meeting place of said Board, Hackberry, Louisiana, pursuant to the provisions of written notice given to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law.

The President, Glenn Trahan, called the meeting to order and on roll call, the following members were present:

Charlene Babineaux, Gwen Constance, David French, Vicki Monceaux, and Glenn Trahan

ABSENT: Reesa Boudreaux
The meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above results.

The President of the Board stated that the purpose of the meeting was for canvassing and tabulating the returns of an election held in Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana (the "District") on March 31, 2007, on the question of the levy and collection of a special ad valorem tax of 14.00 mills for a period of ten (10) years beginning January 1, 2007, upon all taxable property within the District, and thereupon presented the following process verbal, which was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS: Ms. Babineaux, Ms. Constance, Mr. French, Ms. Monceaux, and Mr. Trahan
NAYS: None

PROCES VERBAL
BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on this 7th day of May, 2007, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Commissioners (the "Board"), governing authority of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, adopted on December 4, 2006, and recorded in the records of said Board, notice of which meeting was issued and published according to law, the undersigned members of the Board, being a quorum thereof, met at the regular meeting place of the Board, and according to law examined the tabulation blanks, certificates and statements which were received from the Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge of the election held in Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on March 31, 2007, in accordance with said resolution, together with the tran-

scription of the totals made by the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for Cameron Parish to determine the following proposition:

MAINTENANCE MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION
SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO COLLECT FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF 14.00 MILLS PER ANNUM WITH COLLECTIONS FROM THE LEVY OF THE TAX ESTIMATED TO BE \$1,018,246.16 FOR ONE ENTIRE YEAR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, levy and collect for a period of ten (10) years beginning January 1, 2007, a tax of fourteen (14.00) mills on the dollar of all property subject to taxation in the District with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$1,018,246.16 for one entire year, for the purpose of providing ambulance service within and for the District?

The results of said election proved to be as follows:

Precinct, Number of Votes in Favor of Proposition, Number of Votes Against Proposition;
1, 42, 5;
3, 3, 1;
4, 84, 17;
5, 51, 18;
16, 85, 16;
Absentees, 11, 7.
TOTALS: 276, 64.

We therefore ascertained that the majority of qualified electors of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana voting in said election in the District voted in favor of the Maintenance Millage Renewal Proposition.

At the same time and place, we did examine and canvass the returns as evidenced by said tabulation blanks, certificates, and statements received from the election Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge, the correctness of which were sworn to by the election Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners according to law, and our finding was that the returns indicated a majority voted in favor of the proposition.

Therefore, we declare that the result of said election is in favor of the Maintenance Millage Proposition as stated above.

In accordance with law, a resolution promulgating the aforesaid results was adopted, and the Secretary of the Board was ordered to have a copy of said resolution signed by the President and published in one issue of the Cameron Pilot, a newspaper published in DeQuincy, Louisiana, and of general circulation in said Ambulance Service District No. 2. We did, likewise, order that one copy of this process verbal be sent to the Secretary of State to be recorded in the archives of the State of Louisiana, and that one copy be sent to the Clerk of the District Court of Cameron Parish to be recorded in the mortgage records of said Parish and that one copy be filed in the archives of this Board.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in the presence of David French, Casey Courvelle and Bradley Lester, competent witnesses on this 7th day of May, 2007, at a meeting of the Board in Hackberry, Louisiana, by the undersigned members of said Board present and participating in the canvass of said election.

/s/ Glenn D. Trahan, President
/s/ Gwen Constance, V. President
/s/ Charlene Babineaux, Member
/s/ Vickie Monceaux, Member
/s/ David French, Member
WITNESSES:
/s/ Casey Courvelle
/s/ Bradley Lester

The following resolution was thereupon introduced, and pursuant to a motion made by Gwen Constance and seconded by Vickie Monceaux, was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION PROMULGATING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA ON MARCH 31, 2007.

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2007, an election was held in Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, to determine the proposition hereinafter set out;

WHEREAS, the returns of said election were canvassed by the Board according to law and notice duly given as provided by law, and the result of said election was declared to be in favor of the Maintenance Millage Renewal Proposition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, the governing authority of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. An election was held in Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on March 31, 2007, to determine the proposition hereinafter set out; that said election was duly and properly called by the Board by a resolution adopted on December 4, 2006, and recorded in the records of said Board, that notice of said election embracing all matters required by law to be contained therein was given by publication in the Cameron Pilot, a newspaper published in DeQuincy, Louisiana, and of general circulation in Ambulance Service District No. 2, on January 25, February 1, February 8, and February 15, 2007, and additionally in the Lake Charles American Press on January 25, February 1, February 8, and February 15, 2007, the first of said publications being not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date set for said election; that this

Board did in said resolution designate the polling places for said election and did provide for the use of voting machines in the conduct of said election; that election officials were duly selected; that each election official received the certificate of instruction of the use of the voting machines and his duties in connection therewith as required by law; that the State Custodian of Voting Machines and the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Cameron Parish made available on the day of the election at the polling places designated for the conduct of said election the necessary voting machines and all necessary equipment and paraphernalia required by law in connection with the use of voting machines at elections; that the \sect softlineRegistrar of Voters and the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish furnished to the election Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge copies of the precinct registers for each precinct or ward entitled to vote at such polling places; that the Louisiana Secretary of State prepared and certified the ballot used in the voting machines as required by law; that the proposition voted on in said election and as it appeared in said voting machine was in due form provided by law and the resolution adopted by this Board on December 4, 2006, calling said special election; that the results of said election were written on a large sheet of paper at said polling places, which sheet of paper was signed by each of the election officials designated to conduct such election at said polling places and which sheet was thereupon posted in public view at the polling places in accordance with law; that only qualified electors under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana voted at said election; that the officials who served at said election were duly and properly appointed; that the places of all absent election officials were properly filled in accordance with law; that before opening the polls all election officials were properly sworn in accordance with law; that the polls at the voting places were opened at 6:00 a.m. and remained open and until not later than 8:00 p.m.; that after the closing of the polls the votes for and against the proposition were properly counted and tallied and the necessary tabulation blanks, certificates and statements were made by the election officials in accordance with law and the voting machines delivered to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines in and for Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and a copy of the results of said election delivered to the Clerk of the District Court of Cameron Parish as required by Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:1190 E; that on April 3, 2007, that being the third day after said election the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines, after breaking the seals and opening the voting machines used in said election did transcript the totals for the proposition voted upon at said election; and that all things whatsoever required by law to be done in connection with the holding of said election were properly and duly performed in manner and form as required by Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the general election laws of the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 2. In said election the following proposition was approved by a majority of the electors qualified to vote and voting in said election in Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana:

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The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication of this resolution of promulgation one time in the Cameron Pilot, a newspaper published in DeQuincy, Louisiana, the official journal of the Board and of general circulation in Ambulance Service District No. 2.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of May, 2007.

/s/ Glenn Trahan
GLENN TRAHAN, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
/s/ David French
DAVID FRENCH, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

(Other business not pertinent to the present excerpt may be found of record in the official minute book.)

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Glenn Trahan
GLENN TRAHAN, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
/s/ David French
DAVID FRENCH, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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DAVID FRENCH, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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/s/ Glenn Trahan
GLENN TRAHAN, President
Board of Commissioners

and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a public meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on May 7, 2007, and of a resolution adopted at said meeting, as said minutes and resolution appear officially of record in my possession.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on this 7th day of May, 2007.

/s/ David French
DAVID FRENCH, Secretary
[S E A L]

RUN: May 24 (M-62)
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, P. O. Box 334, Hackberry, LA 70645.

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of Water Line Extension (Gallegos Drive to Sempra Facility - Hackberry), Cameron Parish, Louisiana, will be received by Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, at the office of Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6: 973 Main Street, Hackberry, LA 70645 until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2007, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The BID DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

LANCON ENGINEERS, INC., 905 MCKINLEY STREET, WESTLAKE, LA 70669-5005.

Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, 973 Main Street, Hackberry, LA 70645.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at the office of Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, 973 Main Street, Hackberry, Louisiana.

Copies of the BID DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of LANCON ENGINEERS, INC. located at 905 McKinley Street, Westlake, Louisiana.

Bids will remain subject to acceptance for thirty (30) days after the day of the Bid Opening in accordance with LA Revised Statute LA RS 38:2215.

/s/ Alton Schexnider
President
RUN: May 24, 31, June 7 (M-64)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
SP# 8032

Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of State Purchasing, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Suite 2-160, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 10:00 A.M., on June 21, 2007, for the following:

MARSH MITIGATION
BANK PROJECT
FOR
ROCKEFELLER WILDLIFE
REFUGE
CAMERON PARISH, LA.
Solicitation Number: N 26652 DL
Solicitation Number: 2217046
Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:
OFFICE OF STATE
PURCHASING
CLAIBORNE BUILDING,
2ND FLOOR
1201 NORTH THIRD STREET
BATON ROUGE, LA 70804
Attn: Pamela Allen
Email: pamel.a.allen@la.gov
Fax: (225) 342-8688
Phone: (225) 342-8019

Bid security MUST be attached (Insurance Company, Bank Money Order, Certified Check or Cashier's Check) in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid (including base bid and additive alternates, if any) and shall become the property of the Owner in the event the contract and bond are not executed within the time set forth above. If bid bond is used, it shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, or by an insurance company that is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents and is licensed to write surety bonds. In addition, the bond shall be written by a surety or insurance company that is currently licensed to do business in the state of Louisiana.

Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who are licensed under La. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification(s) of **Heavy construction and/or specialty of Dredging**. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds, the award of this contract is contingent upon the sale of bonds by the State Bond Commission. The State shall incur no obligation to the contractor until the contract between owner and contractor is fully executed.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF
ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF STATE
PURCHASING
DENISE LEA
DIRECTOR OF STATE
PURCHASING
RUN: May 24, 31, June 7 (M 65)

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
OFFICE
NEW LOCATION
Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters office has been relocated.

Physical Address: 122-F Recreation Ln., which is behind the courthouse, 1st trailer to the right.

New phone number: 1-337-77

Legal Notices

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CAMERON PARISH WATER DISTRICT NO. 11 PROCEEDINGS March 19, 2007

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Water District No. 11 at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2007, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Andre Abadie, Gerald Richard, Tim Fontenot, Grace Robideaux
ABSENT: None

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

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Tim Fontenot and carried unanimously, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Tim Fontenot and carried unanimously, the minutes from the February 19, 2007 regular meeting, were approved as previously mailed out.

Mr. Lonnie Harper updated the board on the system upgrade projects. Initial documentation was submitted March 12, for the CDBG.

On motion of Tim Fontenot, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried unanimously, the board accepted Mr. Lonnie Harper's recommendation to accept the work done under the contract with Teche Construction for the airport well project as substantially complete and begin the 45 day lien period.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried unanimously, the board accepted Mr. Lonnie Harper's recommendation to accept the work done under the contract with Layne Christensen for the airport well project as substantially complete and begin the 45 day lien period.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Tim Fontenot and carried unanimously, the board voted to extend the 4" line on Brister Ln to the end of the parish road. This work will be completed with in-house labor with a projected completion date of May 15, 2007. This line is being extended because it was an existing parish road when the system was originally installed.

On motion of Tim Fontenot, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is on-going litigation over the assessment and ad valorem taxation of certain pipeline property located in Cameron Parish and the Assessor and Sheriff have been named as defendants in the following suits and/or proceedings:

Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp., et al. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 10-16000, 38th Judicial District Court

Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp., et al. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 491,194 c/w 491,250, 19th Judicial District Court

ANR Pipeline Co. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 528,555, 19th Judicial District Court

ANR Pipeline Co. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 539,825, 19th Judicial District Court

ANR Pipeline Co. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 551,243, 19th Judicial District Court

Southern Natural Gas Co. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 528,556, 19th Judicial District Court

Southern Natural Gas Co. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 539,827, 19th Judicial District Court

Southern Natural Gas Co. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 551,245, 19th Judicial District Court

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 528,554, 19th Judicial District Court

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 539,828, 19th Judicial District Court

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 551,247, 19th Judicial District Court

Florida Gas Transmission Corp., et al. v. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 10-15748, 38th Judicial District Court

Florida Gas Transmission Co. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 516,393, 19th Judicial District Court

Florida Gas Transmission Co. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 528,768, 19th Judicial District Court

Florida Gas Transmission Co. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 540,101, 19th Judicial District Court

Florida Gas Transmission Co. Louisiana Tax Commission, et al.
Suit No. 551,243, 19th Judicial District Court

WHEREAS, as this litigation proceeds it has become necessary for the Assessor to defend the assessments in legal proceedings;

WHEREAS, such a defense will necessitate the Assessor and Sheriff contracting with legal counsel;

WHEREAS, in an effort to limit the costs of such legal counsel, which cost is ordinarily borne proportionately by the ad valorem taxing bodies in this Parish, the Assessor intends on engaging legal counsel on a contingency fee basis, with any fees coming only from any additional taxes collected as a result of the new assessments of the above referenced tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Waterworks District #11 will benefit from the collection of any additional ad valorem taxes collected with the assistance of the legal counsel contracted by the Assessor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cameron Parish Waterworks District #11 in a duly called open meeting does hereby authorize the Assessor and Sheriff to engage BRIAN A. EDDINGTON, Attorney at Law as legal counsel for its benefit in the above referenced proceedings on a contingency fee basis, not to exceed 10% of the additional taxes, interest and penalties collected for its benefit pursuant to the decision of the Louisiana Tax Commission in the above referenced proceedings or by judgment of a reviewing Court and does hereby obligate and encumber an amount not to exceed 10% of the additional taxes (including taxes paid under protest), interest and penalties collected for its benefit for the payment of said legal fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Cameron Parish Waterworks District #11 that the Assessor and the Sheriff be and are hereby authorized to pay said legal fees to the legal counsel contracted by the Assessor to provide legal services in the above referenced matters prior to or contemporaneously with the disbursement of any additional taxes, interest and penalties to it.

NAME: Jeffrey Jouett

TITLE: President

This Resolution adopted this 19th day of March, 2007 in a duly noticed meeting of the Cameron Parish Waterworks District #11 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absent and 0 and Abstained.

ATTESTED TO BY:
NAME: Helen Williams
Secretary

There was a discussion regarding the meter change out on Red Bud Ln. By the next meeting we will have the costs involved and a time schedule.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Tim Fontenot and carried unanimously the board voted to advertise for bid to refurbish and maintain the tank at the airport well.

There was a financial report given for the month ending February 28, 2007.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Tim Fontenot and carried unanimously, the board voted to request a draw from the Calcasieu Public Trust Authority in the amount of \$93,386.52.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried unanimously, all bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, on motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Tim Fontenot and carried unanimously, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: Jeffrey Jouett,
President

ATTEST: Helen Williams,
Secretary

RUN: May 24 (M-67)

CAMERON PARISH WATER DISTRICT NO. 11 PROCEEDINGS April 16, 2007

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Water District No. 11 at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 16, 2007, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Andre Abadie, Gerald Richard, Tim Fontenot, Grace Robideaux
ABSENT: None

OTHER ATTENDEES: Mr. Charles Precht, Police Juror District 3; Mr. Cecil Sanner, District Attorney; Mr. Tom Barrett, Assistant District Attorney

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

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried unanimously, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried unanimously, the minutes from the March 19, 2007 regular meeting, were approved as previously mailed out.

On motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried unanimously, the following items were added to the agenda:

1) Adding a fire hydrant on Hwy 384

2) 6" pvc pipe for dry hydrants
There was a general discussion regarding fire protection in southern Calcasieu Parish. The fire district in that area would like to use our water system. This issue will be addressed further at a later date.

On motion of Tim Fontenot, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried unanimously, the fee for the changes to be made in the Red Bud Lane area will be \$500.00.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried unanimously, an additional fire hydrant will be installed on Hwy 384 in an effort to help lower our fire rating.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried unanimously, the district will purchase 10 joints of 6" pvc pipe to be used for dry hydrants in an effort to help lower our fire rating.

On motion of Tim Fontenot seconded by Gerald Richard and carried unanimously, the board voted to separate the electrical service at the Big Lake well site from the electrical service at the Big Lake fire department contingent upon cost analysis.

There was a financial report given for the month ending March 31, 2007.

The superintendent's report was presented by James Cox.

On motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried unanimously, all bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, on motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Tim Fontenot and carried unanimously, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: Jeffrey Jouett,
President

ATTEST: Helen Williams,
Secretary

RUN: May 24 (M-68)

Bedding plants provide color for summer yards

By DAN GILL
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

Successfully creating colorful flower beds and container plantings for summer depends a lot on which plants you choose. Fortunately, we have many attractive and colorful heat-tolerant plants to do the job.

Much of the research the LSU AgCenter does on bedding plants is carried out by Dr. Allen Owings in trials at the Burden Center in Baton Rouge. This research evaluates the performance of different types of bedding plants and also compares different varieties of the same bedding plants in typical South Louisiana growing conditions.

Here are some of the best

LEGAL NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Clerk of Court has adopted a final amended budget for Fiscal 2007 and a proposed budget for fiscal 2008. Budgets of the Clerk's office are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Parish Courthouse Building, Cameron, Louisiana.
RUN: May 24 (M-69)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Clerk of Court will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year ended June, 2008. Said hearing shall be held at 10:00 a.m., June 13, 2007, at the Office of the Clerk, Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana. Presented below are the amended budget for Fiscal 2007 and the proposed Budget for Fiscal 2008.

2007 Amended, 2008 Proposed;

Revenues:
Fees, 905,078; 900,000;
Marriage Licenses, 842, 1000;
Interest Earnings, 23,047, 4400;

Compensation, 17,325, 17400;
Hurricane Exp Reimb/Grants, 47,327, 0;

Total Revenues: 993,620, 922,800.

Expenditures:
Personal Services, 573,018, 600,000;

Supplies, 27,635, 28,000;
Operating Expenses, 171,041, 175,000;

Capital Outlay, 21,774, 25,000;

Total Expenditures: 793,468, 828,000.

Excess: 200,152, 94,800.
RUN: May 24 (M-70)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 11:30 a.m., Monday, June 4, 2007 in the Police Jury Administrative Office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, Louisiana, to grant a lease for office space in the Creole Fire Station located at 184 East Creole Highway, Creole, Louisiana.

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,
SECRETARY

RUN: May 24, 31 (M-71)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids on or before the hour of 10:00 A.M. on Friday, June 8, 2007 at the Cameron Parish School Board Temporary Office, 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607 (physical address), P.O. Box 1548 Cameron, Louisiana 70631 (mailing address) for the delivery and installation of playground equipment to the four school sites in Cameron Parish.

All bids arriving after this date and hour will be returned to bidder unopened. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

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, 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: /s/ Doug Chance
DOUG CHANCE,
SUPERINTENDENT

RUN: May 24, 31, June 7 (M 72)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids on or before the hour of 10:00 A.M. on Friday, June 8, 2007 at the Cameron Parish School Board Temporary Office, 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607 (physical address), P.O. Box 1548 Cameron, Louisiana 70631 (mailing address) for the electrical system upgrade in the older section of the Grand Lake High School.

All bids arriving after this date and hour will be returned to bidder unopened. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

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, 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: Doug Chance,
Superintendent

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performers from the LSU AgCenter's Burden Center trials to consider as you make decisions on what to put in your garden. These plants can be planted throughout the summer.

The typical garden zinnia (*Zinnia elegans*) that many of us are familiar with has more than its share of insect and disease problems, and this often leads to disappointment in mid- to late summer - when the plants succumb to these pests.

A different species of zinnia, however, called the narrow-leaf zinnia (*Zinnia angustifolia*) is far more insect- and disease-resistant and rarely has major pest problems. It is a low-growing, sprawling plant that produces multitudes of 1-inch single daisy flowers in orange, yellow and white, all with gold centers. The Crystal series, with more compact, uniform plants, is an improvement over the species. The Star series also is excellent, though less uniform. Performance in sunny areas is really outstanding, and the plants reliably hold up through the intense heat and rain of summer.

Profusion zinnias are the result of crossing common zinnias with narrow-leaf zinnias. The Profusion zinnias have received top marks in performance at Burden. They produce short, compact, ball-shaped plants that are covered with flowers through the summer. The flowers are larger and come in more colors than narrow-leaf zinnias, but the plants have inherited the pest resistance of that parent. The colors currently available are Profusion White, Profusion Orange, Profusion Cherry, Profusion Fire (orange-red) and Profusion Apricot.

Torenia, or wishbone flower (*Torenia fournieri*), has been one of my favorite summer bedding plants for a long time. You simply can't beat their reliable performance in sun to part-shade. The neat, compact plants stay under a foot tall and come in various shades of lavender-blue, purple, pink and white.

When Summer Wave torenia became available several years ago, a whole new type of torenia entered the gardening scene. Producing unusually large flowers of medium lavender-blue, the plants possess a vigorous low-spreading habit. One plant can easily cover a 2-foot-by-2-foot area (or larger), and they never stop blooming until the first frost. Other colors are available these days, such as Pink Moon (light lavender pink) and Amethyst (reddish purple). And Proven Winners has released the Catalina torenia series, which look like they will be very similar.

Many of us have long been familiar with perilla (*Perilla frutescens*). The most commonly grown type has aromatic foliage that is ruffled and dark purple, and it can be used as a culinary herb as well as an ornamental. A new variety called Magilla perilla is very different and rapidly becoming popular. The dark purple leaves are highlighted by an area of vivid magenta in the middle. It closely resembles coleus (both are in the mint family), grows to be 2 feet tall or more and thrives in full sun to part shade. The colors are more muted in shadier areas.

A wonderful plant called angelonia (*Angelonia angustifolia*) showed up in nurseries a few years ago and performs beautifully in sunny beds. Angelonias are outstanding performers in the summer flower garden and will bloom until first freeze. They may even survive mild winters in protected locations and bloom another year. Look for AngelMist and Carita series, which come in a variety of colors. Perhaps the best angelonia is the new Serena series. Plants are more compact and bloom more than other types.

Coleus, which had always been used in shady beds, began to be part of our sunny gardens with the release of new sun-tolerant types in the 1990s. This trend has continued, and virtually all the new coleus varieties released in recent years have been sun-tolerant. Bucking the trend, however, is the new Kong series of coleus. Kong coleus sport leaves far larger than other types of coleus and come in five different colors. They are not adapted to sun and must be planted where they get some shade to do their best. The bold texture and bright colors of the large leaves make a dramatic addition to shady beds.



PROUD FIRST grandparents are Paul and Cyndi Sellers of Cameron shown above with their twin granddaughters, Chloe and Claire Sellers. The twins were born to Michael and Erica Sellers of Denham Springs on May 19.

Births told

CHLOE ANNE SELLERS
and
CLAIRE MICHELLE
SELLERS

Michael and Erica Sellers, of Denham Springs announce the birth of their first two children, Chloe Anne and Claire Michelle, on Saturday, May 19. They weighed 5 lbs. 15.8 oz and 5 lbs 10.3 oz, respectively.

Grandparents are Paul and Cyndi Sellers of

Cameron, and Dale and Phyllis Woods of Egan. Great grandparents are Marianna Tanner Primeaux of Broussard, Murphy Sellers of Abbeville, Clara Douglas of Egan, and Wilfred and Zora Woods of Gueydan.

Michael, a 1996 South Cameron High School graduate, is employed as a videographer at station WBRZ in Baton Rouge, and Erica is a radiation therapist at Baton Rouge General Hospital.

The couple has no other children. The girls are the first grandchildren for both sets of grandparents as well.

Proper watering needed for plants to survive

By DAN GILL
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

Proper watering can make the difference between life and death to newly planted plants, vegetable transplants and ground covers during the summer.

Because their roots have not had time to grow out into the surrounding soil, these plants do not yet have well-established root systems. With their root systems still limited to a relatively small area of soil, they are especially vulnerable to drought stress.

Trees

The first summer after planting is the most critical time for newly planted trees, and proper watering plays a major role in whether or not they survive - or how well they survive. Here are some effective watering techniques for trees.

One good method is to turn a hose on trickle, lay the end on top of the ground within 6 inches of the trunk of the tree and let the water trickle for about 20 minutes to 30 minutes. Or build a 4-inch high levee out of soil around the edge of the area dug up to plant the tree. Fill this area with water and let it slowly seep into the root zone.

I've found one of the best methods is to use a heated metal skewer or ice pick to pierce five to 10 holes through the bottom of a 5-gallon paint bucket or similar container. Make all the holes on one side. Place the bucket next to the tree trunk with the holes closest to the trunk. Fill up the container, and the water will slowly seep through the holes, providing excellent irrigation. If you want, you can spray paint the outside of the bucket dark green to make it less noticeable.

Use any of these techniques during hot weather whenever seven to 10 days pass without substantial rainfall. Continue to water twice a week until a good rain occurs. Drought-stressed trees may experience wilting, leaf drop, yellow or brown leaves, scorched leaf edges or even death.

Shrubs

Newly planted shrubs will need to be monitored more carefully and watered more frequently than established shrubs. Water with soaker hoses or sprinklers left on long enough for the water to penetrate at least 4 to 6 inches into the soil.

Keep in mind that all of a newly planted shrub's roots are in a small area - about the size of the pot the shrub was growing in before planting. This is especially true for shrubs planted after March, since they have had little time to grow roots into the surrounding soil. A shrub can use up all the water in its root ball and become drought stressed even though the soil in the bed outside of the root ball is moist. So when checking the soil moisture in the bed,

always be sure to stick your fingers right around the shrubs themselves.

Lawns

Now is a great time to lay sod to install a new lawn or repair an established one. But keep in mind that newly laid sod needs special attention to watering.

Water newly laid sod for about 15 to 20 minutes every day for the first seven to 10 days. Then water for about 30 minutes every other day for another seven to 10 days. After that, irrigate the lawn thoroughly once or twice a week, as needed, to encourage the roots to grow deep into the soil.

Do not water every day for more than 10 days or you may encourage fungus diseases. And, of course, there is no need to water if adequate rainfall occurs.

Seeds

Water seeded areas (vegetable seeds, flower seeds or lawn seeds) lightly by hand or with sprinklers every day until the seeds germinate and start to grow. It is critical for the soil to stay moist during germination.

Once the seeds come up, water more thoroughly less often to encourage the roots to grow deep into the soil. As the seedlings become established, water normally as needed.

Containers

Watering plants in containers outside is a constant job during the summer. It is typical to water every day, even twice a day, when weather is hot and dry. Keep this in mind when considering how many outside container plants you can maintain.

How often you have to water container plants is influenced by temperature, pot size, the type of potting mix, the drought tolerance of a plant, whether a plant is in sun or shade and how pot bound a plant is. Plants need to be watered more frequently when it is hot, if the containers are small, if a light potting mix is used, when plants are in a sunny location and when plants are pot-bound. In addition, clay pots tend to dry out faster than plastic or glazed ceramic pots.

To reduce the amount of watering you have to do, use larger rather than smaller pots, choose a potting mix that retains more water (it must still be fast draining, however), repot pot-bound plants into larger containers, use plastic pots and, if practical, move the plants into somewhat shadier conditions.

Potting mixes will retain more water with the addition of hydrophilic polymers. These gelatin-like particles hold large amounts of water without creating a waterlogged soil condition. Look for these polymer products or potting mixes that contain them where garden supplies are sold.





ABOVE IS A scene from the movie "Little Chenier," which was partially shot in Cameron Parish in 2005, just prior to Hurricane Rita. Shown are T-Boy, played by Clifton Collins, Jr., and Pemon, played by Frederick Koehler, at their bait stand. The Louisiana premier was held Wednesday, May 23 in Broussard, and will be shown again at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 26 at Cité des Arts, 109 Vine St., Lafayette.



CAMERON PARISH 4-H Horse Essay contest winners are Pictured above, from left: Kennedy Darbonne, Madison Bonsall, Taylor Johnson, Colleen Manuel, and Samantha Williams. The horses were picked up by the winners on Sunday, May 20 at the McNeese Farm. (Photo courtesy of Lou Ann Jenkins.)



PICTURED AT the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, were, from left, siblings and Lake Charles natives Bethany Ashton Wolf and Jace Johnson, who wrote and produced the movie, "Little Chenier," and Amy Johnson, associate producer. It was partially shot in Cameron Parish.



A LARGE BARGE is now doing dredging in the ship channel at Hackberry. (Photo courtesy of Grace Welch.)



THESE DRAWINGS of some of the stained glass windows designated for St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry are located in front of the hall for everyone to see. (Photo courtesy of Grace Welch.)

4-H horse essay winners

Cameron Parish 4-H Horse Essay contest winners are as follows:

Madison Bonsall, Kennedy Darbonne, Colleen Manuel, Taylor Johnson and Samantha Williams.

The 4-H club had 19 essays submitted to compete for a horse. The essays were judged by two 4-H agents in different parishes.

If you missed your chance to write an essay, the 4-H Jr. Leaders are selling raffle tickets for a \$1 to win a 6 month

old paint colt.

The colt was donated by Ken Venable of Cross Ranch. The raffle tickets can be purchased at the 4-H office in Grand Lake or from a Jr. Leader club member.

The Jr. Leaders are selling the raffle tickets until June 10. The money collected from the raffle sale will go toward the Jr. Leaders summer trip.

For further information on the raffle sale please call the 4-H office at 905-1318.



JUDGE H. WARD FONTENOT is shown receiving a rose bush from Lee Steven, founder of Restoring Roses to Southern Gardens. Sempra Energy and the Southwest Rose Society also participated in the presentation of 600 rose bushes to Cameron Parish residents last Friday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Port leases land to pipeline Co.

The Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District announced that the Port of Lake Charles and Sheehan Pipe Line Construction Company have entered into a six month lease agreement on twenty acres of property located in Westlake. The acreage will be used as a staging area and field office for the construction company.

Sheehan will use the acreage for staging equipment and as a base of operations to install pipeline for Cheniere's Creole Trail LNG terminal. Creole Trail LNG will be located on 1,463 acres along the Calcasieu River Ship Channel in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Sheehan will also use the site as location for workers to report for transport to the pipeline construction site.

Sheehan is one of the nation's oldest pipeline construction companies and has completed more than 23,000 miles of pipe since 1903.



GENEVA GRIFFITH is shown signing a copy of the new Hurricane Audrey book while the author, Cathy Post, left, and Mrs. Geneva's son, Leslie Griffith, and daughter, Cherie Kay Giblin, observe. Book signings were held at four Cameron parish libraries last week (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Geneva Griffith returns for signing of new book

By CYNDI SELLERS

Geneva Griffith made a trip back to Cameron last week, her first since Hurricane Rita. She was in town for a court case and for the Cameron Library book signing for author Cathy Post's new book "Hurricane Audrey: The Deadly Storm of 1957", which features her family's story as well as others. Many of her friends met her at the library to say hello and wish her a happy 85th birthday.

Geneva's daughter Cherie Kay drove her over from Baton Rouge, where she now lives. Neither could recognize much. Cherie wasn't sure which new house belonged to Margaret Jones, since all the familiar landmarks were gone. Geneva said she didn't recognize a single thing.

When asked how she felt about the changes, she said "I've come to accept these things, since I've lost everything twice." Both were amazed at how many mobile homes have replaced sturdy houses in the aftermath of the storm.

Post's book tells the story of the Griffith family and also those of the Cecil Clark, Raymond Bartie, Whitney Broussard, Cagle and Marshall families. Others discussed include Sheriff O.B. Carter, Tommy and Sidney DeBarge, Johnny and Esther Meaux, and Wynona Welch.

A member of the Cagle family, Post became interested in her family's experiences during Audrey and began

work on her book in the summer of 2004, finishing it on the day Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005. She said her publisher, Pelican Press, was under water in New Orleans when she tried to ship the first part of the manuscript. She called FedEx and got them to deliver it. The only one in the office was the editor-in-chief. He e-mailed as soon as he had power and internet and asked for the rest of the book. He remembered Audrey.

Post said she is delighted with the way Pelican has taken off and promoted the book. It is being sold through Amazon.com in Canada, Great Britain, Italy, France, Germany, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan, and she has a host of book signings set up in various states.

She is especially pleased with the printing process used for the old photographs in the book. Pelican used a specialist printer to get the best results, she said.

Post's book is in a different format than others written about Audrey. It is a narrative, beginning the day before the storm and continuing until two days after. Each family's actions and words are interwoven into a seamless story that reads almost like a novel. Except that it is true.

Even if readers have already purchased the previous books, this one is different, and well worth the time to read. Especially since next month marks the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Audrey.

Classified ads get results!



REPRESENTATIVES OF Sempra Energy are shown being presented a plaque by Lee Steven, founder of Restoring Roses to Southern Gardens, at a ceremony held at the Cameron Library last Friday during which rose bushes were given to parish residents by the organization with the aid of Sempra Energy. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)