

IT MAY or may not be due to the high gas prices, but Cameron Parish Sheriff Theos Duhon has added three motorcycles to his fleet. The lead white motorcycle, ridden in last Saturday's Council on Aging fundraiser by Duhon, will be used for training. The two black units, ridden by Deputies Walter Soileau and Danny LaVergne, will patrol various areas of the parish. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## FEMA gives advice on mobile homes

With the summer storm season setting in and hurricane season drawing near, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is advising residents in temporary housing units to have a family disaster plan in place in case of emergency.

Everyone, including residents of any travel trailer or mobile home, should closely monitor and heed the directions of state and local officials when severe weather threatens and be ready to evacuate and leave the trailer behind if told to do so. Specifically, travel trailers and mobile homes are not as heavy and stable as permanent houses, and are more vulnerable during severe weather. FEMA housing units are intended to provide temporary housing in a stationary setting; they should not be moved from their

assigned locations. "It is clear from recent storms that travel trailers are not meant for long-term housing," said Jim Stark, Acting Associate Deputy Administrator for FEMA's Gulf Coast Recovery Office. "With hurricane season quickly approaching, we are using all means possible to move residents into safer, long-term and more functional housing."

FEMA has nearly met its goal of having all group sites closed by June 1, -- 95 percent of group site residents have transitioned to more permanent housing. However, some residents in temporary housing units may not be able to secure more permanent housing by the time severe weather occurs and they are urged to be prepared.

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IOWA HEAD Coach Kirk Ferentz (right) is shown presenting Bill Doré (gesturing at left) with a football signed by team members during a recent visit to Doré's camp at Johnson Bayou.

## University of Iowa team, coach visit J. Bayou

By STEPHEN LILES

Picture this - As the sun was setting over the beautiful marsh in Johnson Bayou, University of Iowa head football coach Kirk Ferentz presenting an autographed football to Mr. Billy Doré in appreciation for hosting the Iowa football squad, as well as several executives from Transamerica Life and Transamerica Financial Investment Advisers M. L. Vincent, Jr. and Stephen K. Liles.

Obviously, these brutes from the Midwest are not your typical guests down on the beach in Southwest Cameron Parish. However, they were young men that wanted to make a difference with a Head Coach full of integrity.

It all began with a phone call from Lon Olenzack, a former University of Iowa wide-out, and Transamerica Capital President, to M. L. Vincent, Jr. The conversation went something like this, "M. L., our company is traveling down to Cameron Parish to work for the third time since Hurricane Rita. However, this time we have the strength of the University of Iowa football team to help us out. We have teamed up the Superintendent of Cameron Parish Schools and the Principal of Johnson Bayou High School, to wrap up cleaning at the school and assist senior citizens in the area with home projects. Can you help us out finding housing?"

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WORK HAS BEGUN on repairing the Cameron Multi-Purpose Building, site of the Fur and Wildlife Festival in former years. The building was left mostly intact by Hurricane Rita, but was used for various storage purposes after the storm instead of being repaired. It housed caskets and remains from area cemeteries, then fire trucks, and finally miscellaneous items until a FEMA project worksheet was completed. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Cameron reported recovery

(American Press)

A new report shows that the pace of recovery in communities hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita is accelerating with more long-term plans in the works.

The report was released Tuesday by the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

"GulfGov. Reports: The Role of Community Rebuilding Plans in the Hurricane Recovery" takes a close look at the regional and community recovery planning efforts undertaken in both Mississippi and Louisiana.

Cameron Parish and Lake Charles are among several of the areas the report discusses. Cameron is listed as "recovery community," while Lake Charles is a "growth community."

## Deadline for registering set for election

The deadline to register to vote in the July 19, tax election is June 18, according to Suzanne Sturlese, Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters.

This election is for Big Lake, Grand Lake and Sweetlake only which are Precincts 05 and 16, for a Recreation Dist. No. 7 tax election.

You can register by mail (by requesting a form) or you can come to the registrar's office located in Cameron behind the courthouse, first trailer to the right. Call 775-5493 for more information.

## Cameron State gets highest national rating

The nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm, BauerFinancial, Inc., has announced that Cameron State Bank has again achieved its highest 5-Star rating. The 5-Star rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank and indicates that Cameron State Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation.

This quarter represents the 34th consecutive time that Cameron State Bank has earned this highest honor. The Bank has been serving Southwest Louisiana



PICTURED ABOVE are the Cameron Parish Police Jurors breaking ground for the East Annex Building in Cameron Square. The architect for the new building is Randy Goodloe and the Contractor is Lewing Construction. The former building was destroyed by Hurricane Rita.

## School Board gets variance despite some opposition

By CYNDI SELLERS

An elevation request by the Cameron Parish School Board was the subject of heated debate at the regular voting meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury Monday evening.

The variance was given, but with two lower Cameron Parish jurors, Thomas McDaniel and Kirk Burleigh voting against it. Charles Precht was absent, making the vote 4-2, since President Sonny McGee chose to vote in favor, along with Darryl Farque, Scott Trahan, and Steve Racca.

The School Board wants to build two 362 square foot restrooms and a 423 square foot concession stand to replace those lost in Hurricane Rita. The space in which they would need to be built is too small to allow for handicapped ramps required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The current advisory base flood elevation requirement is 13 feet above sea level.

According to School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, "In January of 2007, when former Superintendent Doug Chance worked with the construction project, the procedure was that a building of 500 square feet or less did not have to meet elevation requirements."

By the time FEMA approved the project, along with a location change, FEMA guidelines had become "more clearly defined," she said, and a variance was the only way to get the units built.

Rodrigue said the restrooms are necessary for sanitation at the site during football games, and they need to be placed near the handicapped viewing area. The buildings in question will be built according to FEMA accessory building requirements, with flood resistant materials, flood vents, and proper north-south axis design.

They will have no interior walls and no air conditioning, and electrical connections will be above flood level. The pro-

posal is to build at a 5.5 foot elevation.

Before making the decision, the Jury sent a letter to FEMA Region IV Natural Hazards Specialist David Hiegel for an opinion. His reply said, in part, "Should the school board request a variance, and the parish determines that a hardship exists and a variance is appropriate; FEMA Region IV suggests that such a variance be a partial reduction in the elevation requirement, possibly to the level of the 2% annual chance flood, still using coastal construction techniques."

The whole issue of accessory buildings and floodplain management became very confused, with Oak Grove resident Jay Rutherford insisting that no buildings can be placed on the ground in a VE zone, which he said is the designation for the restroom area.

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vated accessory buildings are allowed in a V zone, if they are "limited to low-value or small structures such as small metal or wooden sheds that are 'disposable'." FEMA recommends a value of less than \$500 and less than 100 square feet floor space. Accessory buildings must be used only for storage.

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## Children can earn circus tickets

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey and area libraries are hosting "Reading with Ringling Bros.!" this summer, including the Cameron Parish, and Allen Parish Libraries.

Kids can earn a free Ringling Bros. circus ticket by simply doing their library reading. Children from ages 2-12 simply need to enroll with the librarian, who will give kids everything to start their summer reading. Kids will even receive bookmarks, clown noses, puzzles and coloring sheets. Visit any branch of the Cameron Parish Library to sign up for the program.

## Shrimping meeting set

The Cameron Office of Planning & Development, on behalf of the West Cameron Port, will host a meeting for the shrimping industry of Cameron Parish at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Hackberry Community Center. This briefing is being held to discuss current industry needs, current activities in lower Cameron, and anticipated development opportunities in Hackberry and other locations.

Executive Director Ernie Broussard says "The com-

mercial fishing industry represents a significant component of our economic and cultural community, and our endeavors are intended to recognize and shore up these linkages."

In attendance will be the staff from the Office of Planning & Development, and the Louisiana Recovery Authority. Attendance has also been requested from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the LSU AgCenter and local elected and appointed officials.



ON TUESDAY, May 27, South Cameron High School first graders traveled to Baton Rouge for an educational trip. They planted a butterfly garden at the Governor's mansion, had lunch at with First Lady Supriya Jindal and daughter Selia, and toured the state capitol. Mrs. Amanda Troclair, Mrs. Sherry Rogers, and several parents accompanied the students on the trip.

# Funeral

## KENNETH SOVEREIGN

Kenneth "Kenny Ray" Sovereign, 67, of Lake Charles died Saturday, May 24, 2008 in a Houston hospital.

Mr. Sovereign was born in Anaconda, Mont. and has lived in Lake Charles since 1958. He served in the United States Air Force from 1958 to 1962 and was stationed in Lake Charles at Chennault Air Force Base. Mr. Sovereign was owner and operator of Sovereign Pest Control for over 25 years. He was a member of the Pest Control Association for many years and served as secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Sovereign was a member of the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception.

Mr. Sovereign is survived by one daughter, Angela Marcon and her husband Michael of Spring, Tex.; two sons, Steven Sovereign and his wife Norma Jean of Beaumont, Tex., and Michael Sovereign and wife Nange of Grand Lake; one sister, Sandra Sovereign of Anaconda, Mont.; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Sovereign was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Micah Sovereign; his parents, Virginia and Gene Sovereign; and his wife Mable Sovereign.

His funeral was Thursday, May 29, from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The Rev. Richard U. Adiuoku officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.



SOME OF THE participants in the "Cruisin' With The Seniors" fundraiser last Saturday were Margaret Pitts of Hackberry, Carla Richard and Bryan Richard of Cameron, and Hazel LaBove of Hackberry. They toured the Creole Nature Trail in the Richard's 1972 Chevy Super Sport. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THESE WERE Some of the antique cars that took part in "Cruisin' With The Seniors", the Council on Aging fundraiser held last Saturday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Curt Iles reports on mission trip to African nation

(EDITOR'S NOTE -- Curt and DeDe Iles of Dry Creek are on a mission trip to Africa. He is the former manager of the Dry Creek Baptist Encampment and is the author of numerous books on Southwest

Louisiana. The following is an e-mail report on their first week in Africa.)

By CURL ILES

My favorite thing has been how the AIDs orphans call me, "Baba." It means "Father" in Zulu. Cibo, nearly three, was found wandering the streets a year ago and came to live at Tabitha ministries. He was completely undisciplined and antisocial. However, good things have happened in his life.

When our team went to tuck in the boys, Cibo took my hand. As I put him in bed, he whispered, "Baba, I want you to kiss me." It was one of the joys of my life to pass this love on to him.

Because AIDS is such a killer in the Sweetwaters area, many babies are born HIV positive. This has led to many babies being discarded at birth. Tabitha ministries has placed a baby crib at a key place in the community for newborns to be left. Please pray that the doorbell will ring on Zandele's porch and she will find a precious baby left there.

Our team, especially Chris Greene, has spent a lot of time at the Zhake Agriculture school for Zulu boys. Our new African friend Richard and his staff are teaching skills as well as leading many of the boys to personal faith in Jesus.

The students, in true African style replete with kicking and dancing, sang, "When I remember what the Lord has done, I will never go back anymore. No, No, No, I will never go back any-



GARY DESORMEAUX, right, is shown receiving the Dept. of the Air Force Exemplary Civilian Service Award while assigned as Division Chief with the Joint Information Operations Warfare Command supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He is the son of Lois Meyers of Hackberry and lives in San Antonio, Texas with his wife, Cheryl.



A LARGE WATER slide was one of the attractions at the Hackberry Summer Splash Day last Saturday sponsored by Sempra Energy, Targa Midstream Services, and Cameron Communications. (Photo courtesy of Grace Welch.)

## Meeting set for June 5

The Grand Lake - Sweetlake Action Alliance meeting will be held on

Thursday, June 5. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Julie Burleigh and the AmeriCorps group will be the guests.

more." To see 130 young men singing this moved us beyond words.

As these boys are taught farming skills and grown spiritually, they will return to their farms and villages scattered throughout the Zulu kingdom.

Our favorite Zulu names: A caring woman named "Pretty" A precious girl named "Bye-Bye." Two three-year-old twins named "Thobeka and Thobile"

The Taylor family - We have been the guests of Southern Baptist missionaries, Charles and Robin Taylor and their children Josh, Caitlin, Jamie, and Chelsea. They are doing a great work among the Zulu peoples of eastern South Africa. The Taylors, North Carolina natives, have been here five years.

Pray for our remaining week that we'll be obedient and usable by our Lord. We'll be working with teachers at the school, traveling, and helping with the AIDS outreach ministries.

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All members are urged to attend and the general public is always invited. The meeting will be held at the Grand Lake Fireman Center.

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GLENN AND PEGGY Hebert have this "unpolitical" sign in their yard on the Sweetlake Camp Road in Cameron Parish.

## Blazin' Bikes to ride thru area on July 25 and 26

Blazin' Bikes is back with a two-day event Friday and Saturday, July 25-26. The proceeds from this year's event "Wild at the Isle in 2008," will benefit the Southwest Louisiana Autism Chapter.

This year's event will kick off on Friday, July 25 with a welcome party including some good food and a performance by Bryce Perrin and the Electric Mojo at 4 p.m. at the Isle of Capri. Riders will be able to pick up their registration packets and vote in the people's choice bike show. Voting starts at 5 p.m. and lasts until 7:30 p.m. The winners will be announced on Saturday after the ride at 7 p.m.

At 9 a.m. on Saturday the self-guided ride will start. Riders are encouraged to

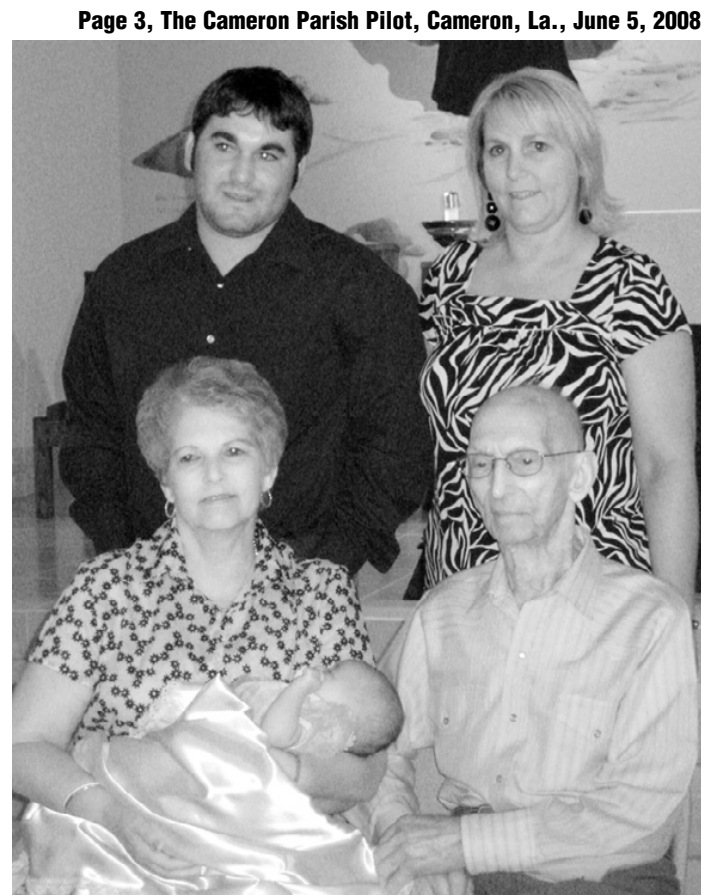
play 'biker bingo' by stopping by at least five of the eight stops to be eligible to win great prizes. Meet back at the Isle of Capri at 6 p.m. for an evening of live music from Boom a Rang, great food and the announcement of the winners of the bike show.

Registration fees for the driver and passenger are \$25 each and include a t-shirt and entrance to all events on Friday and Saturday if pre-registered by June 27. Registration for the people's choice bike show is an additional \$10. Registration on July 26, includes a chance at great door prizes and entrance to the party that evening.

For rally registration, contact Mitch O'Neal 855-1738 or Lattie Polk 912-8746 or visit [www.blazinbikesin-lakecharles.com](http://www.blazinbikesin-lakecharles.com). For general information, contact the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at 436-9588 or visit [www.visitlakecharles.org](http://www.visitlakecharles.org).



DR. AND MRS. Barry Petry of Jennings announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elise Petry, to Matthew Guintard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guintard of Grand Lake. The wedding is set for Saturday, June 21 at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow at Point Aux Loops Ballroom in Iota. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Libby Alise is the latest addition born into the Theriot family tree. The five generations pictured are: (sitting, from left) great-grandmother Lidian Theriot Richard, Libby, great-great-grandfather Charlie Theriot; (standing) father Brett Baccigalopi and grandmother Dana Richard Baccigalopi.

## FEMA

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## G. Chenier Library tells schedule

The Grand Chenier Library schedule is as follows:

"Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily.

Thursday, June 5, - Kids Fun Day Web Searching & Research 1 p.m.

Friday, June 6 - Summer Reading Program Kick Off Event 12 p.m., Arts and Crafts 1-3 p.m., Story Time 3 p.m.

Monday, June 9 - Summer Fun At Your Local Library Book Reading: Exploring a New World 1 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10 - "Fitness Program" Elmocize for Children 1 p.m., Low impact walking program 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 - "Neil and Mary Early", Summer Reading Storyteller Entertainers 1 p.m., Summer Olympics 2-3 p.m.

Thursday, June 12 - Kids Fun Day, Web Searching and Research 1 p.m.

Friday, June 13 - Louisiana Spirit, Arts & Crafts 1-3 p.m., Story Time 3 p.m.

Please call 538-2214 for more information about weekly programs.



## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of the Cameron Parish Water District #11 will be held at the regular meeting place, the meeting room of the Cameron Parish Water District #11 at 111 Dennis Ln. Bell City, Louisiana, on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate and rolling forward to a millage rate not to exceed the prior years' maximum.

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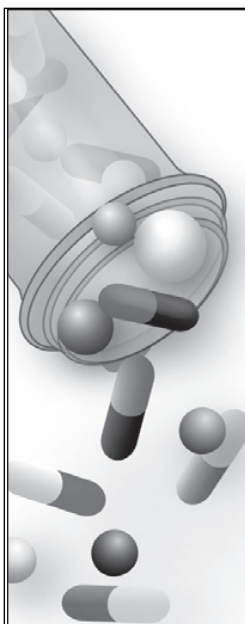
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CAMERON PARISH OEP Director Clifton Hebert addresses parish emergency personnel during the annual Disaster Preparedness Meeting, held May 29 at the Creole Multi-Purpose Building. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Citizens urged to prepare early for hurricane evacuations

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

"For the first 72-96 hours, we're on our own," Cameron Parish OEP Director Clifton Hebert told parish emergency personnel at the annual Disaster Preparedness Meeting hosted by the Office of Emergency Preparedness on May 29 in Creole.

"The state timeline won't work," he said. "At 120 hours out, when we're supposed to evacuate, a hurricane can still be in the Atlantic and

the entire Gulf Coast is in the cone of probability. Or you can have a Humberto with less than 24 hours notice."

Nevertheless, Cameron Parish will be ready for hurricane season or other natural or man-made disasters by mid-June, Hebert told to a crowd of 60 firefighters, medical and law enforcement personnel, volunteers and public officials.

It is imperative that residents spend more than the state average of 45 minutes

preparing for an evacuation, however. Everyone should have their plan in place and be ready to secure their property and evacuate on short notice.

Hebert said some Texas counties have promised to secure buses as much as five days before landfall, which will make it hard for Cameron to get them. "We are pretty good about getting our elderly and those with medical issues taken care of, though," Hebert said. "Other parishes don't understand how we do it."

In case of a hurricane, re-entry will follow the state guidelines, in order to coordinate with the State Police checkpoints. OEP volunteers and emergency personnel are urged to get their badges, if they have not done so already. They will re-enter the parish first in case of a disaster.

Once the area is secure, Tier II personnel such as essential industry personnel will be allowed in, but they need to have badges ahead of time. Hebert said a driver's license and letter on company letterhead giving the reason for entry must be provided to the OEP. Everyone in the re-entering vehicle must have ID.

For questions on the state credentialing process, Hebert said to call him at the OEP office. A meeting is to be held with industry representatives in the near future, and another conference call test will be held in late June, Hebert said.

### SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

Hebert also urged the public to sign up for the newly available MyState alert system, which will generate a phone call, page, and/or e-mail alert for any emergency in the user's area, natural or man-made.

School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue said that all Cameron Parish students received an information sheet for MyState, which will be used to inform parents in case of a school emergency. Anyone who didn't get a letter can contact the School Board or just sign on to the [www.mystateusa.com](http://www.mystateusa.com) website.

Hackberry will have a special alert system to be used in case of an industrial accident at the Cameron LNG terminal.

The Cameron Sheriff's Office website also has an alert system, which can be used to e-mail public infor-



**DISASSEMBLE. . . REASSEMBLE.** The South Cameron Memorial Hospital Rural Health Clinic at Grand Lake is being moved to a rent-free parish owned site on Eighty Acres Lane. The four sections of the modular building, placed in Grand Lake after Hurricane Rita to accommodate displaced patients, were being separated on Saturday and moved to the new site. It is expected to be in operation again in the near future. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

mation messages as well as to page the public and emergency responders, according to Chief Deputy Ron Johnson. The system has been upgraded to allow specific fire departments to get alerts, he said.

Hebert said that communications are still the main emphasis in readiness, but a new 911 system will be installed during the second and third weeks of June, giving emergency responders enhanced capability, with mapping and triangulation for cell phone calls. The system will use Calcasieu Parish's server, at a great savings to Cameron Parish.

Hebert said the parish is waiting for the state to finalize the changeover to the 700 series radio system from the older 800 series. Cameron Parish has 350 portable units, 120 mobile radios, and 4 consoles, which the federal government will pay to have replaced, but it is a state project, and the state moves slowly, he said. The goal is to have all south Louisiana agencies using the new system, which gives greater communication ability, by the end of this year, with the older 800 series units being moved to north Louisiana.

Efforts are being made to add communication towers to fill dead spots in the Johnson Bayou and other areas. Hebert said ambulance, fire and law enforcement in the area have had problems, including the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries which is pushing for the extra tower space.

Mobile satellite units have been tested by the state, which has \$28 million to spend on them, but they are expensive so it won't go too far, Hebert said.

Homeland Security grant amounts are way down this year, and funds are to be used for regional efforts, Hebert reported. The SWLA region chose to divide the money equally this year, because there was no one item that would benefit all parishes. Cameron OEP plans to acquire another 30 foot command center trailer, with slideouts, to use on the west side of the river or any time there is more than one emergency. This situation occurred recently when there were gas well fires in two locations.

**HUMBERTO - HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?**  
National Weather Service meteorologist Roger Erickson

gave a presentation on last year's only US landfalling hurricane, Humberto. The storm made history, having the shortest time, 18 hours, from identification to hurricane.

Humberto was a tropical storm with winds to 58 mph at 8:30 p.m., and projected to go inland and die a quiet death. Unexpectedly, it stayed offshore a little longer, over warm shallow water, and reached 90 mph only 3 hours. In fact it was a strong Category 1 storm, almost a Category 2, but did very little damage except in the High Island area of Texas. Only a 5-10 mile area received hurricane force winds.

Erickson said small cyclones are more susceptible to rapid changes than large ones, and Humberto had well defined banding. The lesson is that hurricanes come in all shapes and sizes, said meteorologist Andy Patrick, and it only takes one in your area to make a bad season.

Patrick also responded to questions about global warming and hurricanes, saying that some new research suggests it might actually curtail development. "A lot of people are still researching, and there is a lot more work to do on the subject," he said.

"The National Weather Service has come a long way with track forecasting, but we are still struggling with intensity," Patrick said. "More research is planned with satellite thermal imaging."

### PANDEMIC FLU PREPARATIONS

The Office of Public Health is getting ready for any possible pandemic flu outbreak, said Cher Walker. Pandemic means any worldwide epidemic. Avian, or bird flu is the virus being watched at this time. It has not reached pandemic levels, but it has shown an ability to move not only from birds to humans but from human to human in one locality.

Since there is no vaccine for bird flu, it is being watched carefully. Plans are being set in place to use Grand Lake School and Hackberry School as distribution centers for medicines and supplies in case of an epidemic. In such a case, the schools would be closed, and be available for volunteers to work with the public.

Angela Jouett is recruiting volunteers medical and non-medical personnel to be available in case of such a medical emergency. She can be reached at the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury website [www.cppj.net](http://www.cppj.net) by clicking Medical Reserve Corp.

The best preventative against flu of any kind is to wash hands, use hand sanitizer often, and to cough or sneeze into your elbow, said Walker. "It feels odd, but you get used to it, and you keep all those germs off your hands."



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PARISH ROAD 512 in Holly Beach, popular with beachgoers for many years, is being restored. A large scour pit had claimed part of the road during Hurricane Rita. Last week crews pumped out the pond and extended the road through it. The sides will be reinforced with rock to protect against future scouring.

(Photo by Paul Sellers.)



THIS SMALL AREA at South Cameron High School will hold two restrooms and a concession stand, following the granting of an elevation variance by the Cameron Parish Police Jury Monday night. The foreground is a driveway which cannot be used for the buildings.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Parish property taxes are rolled back by P. Jury

By CYNDI SELLERS

Property taxes for 2008 will be rolled back by entities under the oversight of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, thanks to a vote at Monday evening's regular monthly meeting. An increase in taxable property allowed the roll back to levels that will bring in the same funds as last year.

The entities rolling back, and the new millages, are: Cameron Fire District #1 - 5.74, Hackberry Fire District #1 - 4.46, Fire District #9 - 2.57, Fire District #10 - 7.39, Fire District #14 - 4.49, Fire District #15 - 7.25, Fire District #16 - 10.95, Courthouse and Jail Maintenance - 5.69, Library

Maintenance - 5.69, Health Unit Maintenance - 1.31, Road and Bridge Maintenance - 6.54, Parish Tax - 3.68, Parishwide Garbage - 7.78.

Cameron Fire District #16's sinking fund for bond repayment will levy no taxes next year, since it has enough funds to pay off the bond. Cameron Fire District #7 will levy 8 mills, the amount needed to make bond payments.

Only two parish entities are pursuing the option of "rolling back up" to previously approved millages, according to advertisements placed in local newspapers. Waterworks District #11 and the Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District will hold hearings in July for

that purpose.

Jurors moved to change the makeup of the Mosquito Abatement District board by failing to re-appoint two members whose terms had expired. Raymond Thibeaux was replaced with Karl Styron, and Ernest Vincent's replacement is yet to be named.

Juror Scott Trahan expressed continued opposition to the relocation of the Mosquito Control building to the Sweetlake area, even though he understands the Jury has no control over the actions of the district.

In other appointments, Shane Broussard was appointed at Gravity District #4, replacing Kevin Broussard, who resigned. Brad Locke replaced resigning member Jim Cox on the Waterworks District #1 Board. Mike Johnson was re-appointed to Gravity District #3, and Byron Gibbs was re-appointed to Gravity District #9.

Viewers who have enjoyed watching the proceedings of the Police Jury on television will continue to do so since the Jury voted to pick up the cost of the videotaping.

Cameron Communications announced last week that it would not be able to continue paying for the videographer, a cost of about \$6000 a year, and the Jury decided it was in the public interest to pay for it, as long as it is legal to do so. Since Calcasieu Parish pays to have their meetings taped, it should be no problem, said Parish Administrator Tina Horn.

Meetings will continue to be shown on Cameron Communications digital cable on local origination channel 8.

The Cameron Pilot was the only bidder to be the official journal for the parish, at \$6 per square, which is a 100 word insertion. Jurors voted to advertise for bids on the Holly Beach Fire Station, Troclair Road overlay and improvements, and a stationary compactor for Hackberry.

The parish took the first step toward opposing the new FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rating Maps

(DFIRM). The firm of Lonnie Harper and Associates was hired to prepare scientific rebuttal to the proposed maps, which place most of Cameron Parish in the highly restrictive V zone. Horn said the one of the best experts in the business has been contacted to work with Harper.

Howard Romero, of Johnson Bayou, urged the Jury to fight the new maps saying, "I know they are wrong, because my duck blind that sits in 3 feet of water 12 months of the year is in an AE zone."

Appropriations were approved for a \$10,000 temporary fire station for Cameron, \$10,000 for equipment and repairs for the Creole Fire District, and \$20,000 for the Creole Recreation District.

The Cameron temporary building is needed while the new fire station is being built, said Kirk Burleigh, and it will be used by the ambulance district when it is no longer needed.

Scott Trahan said the Creole Recreation District had a shortfall after FEMA

## DORE

Cont. from Page 1

M. L. took the project under his wings and reached out to Mr. Dore, who gladly and graciously volunteered his new camp in Johnson Bayou.

The team arrived on the morning of May 17 and worked at the school and community for three days. From sun up to sun down for two consecutive days, some of the ball club removed old decking at the school, while others worked in the community. On the team's final day in town, they visited with students at the school,

reimbursements. At his request, the Jury also decided to request a grant for a walking trail around the Creole ball park and fire station, replacing the previous grant request for a walking trail at Cameron Prairie Refuge. The Recreational Trails Grant Project is offering grants of up to \$100,000 on a competitive basis, to a total of \$1 million statewide.

signed autographs and gave motivational talks.

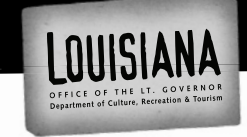
The weekend was a rewarding experience for residents and students of Johnson Bayou, as well as the University of Iowa football team.



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# Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



## RED SNAPPER SEASON OPENS

The long hot days of summer are here, with a drying spell, making it tough for our Big Burn anglers in certain areas. This doesn't help the Marsh area of the Lacassine Refuge impoundment either.

Good limits of speckle trout, some of a very good weight, are reported this past week. Redfish along the Southeast part of the lake in the weir area are really hitting the bait. It's hard some days with the wind blowing, to stay off a school of speckle trout and not to scatter them out.

Plastic baits are still doing well, but some anglers tell me they're using shrimp on a popping cork in the shallow waters on the East Bank for Redfish. Spinnerbaits and purple/white tail or black/chartreuse tail cockroach minnows are also doing good for Redfish.

Flounder fishing along the "old jetties" just off the rocks are being taken. I like to use the yellow/black stripe or green/black dot beetle, without the spinners, using it like a jig for flounder. You do get hung up in the rocks, but it's still worth the trouble.

## AREA CONTEST

Saltwater anglers are gearing up for this weekend, as there's your choice, the Redfish, Speckletrout Shootout Saturday June 7, at the Grand Chenier Park or the trout shootout by the CCA out of Calcasieu Point Landing.

The federal agency responsible for saltwater fisheries conservation reports saltwater fisheries are doing well. The report reveals some progress, but says several new stocks are overfished.

The Gulf of Mexico have two stocks, the Vermilion Snappers and Atlantic Sea Scallop were taken off the overfishing list, but there were two stocks added for the Gulf of Mexico for what they call the "Subject to overfishing", Gag grouper and gray triggerfish. This will within one year have to be addressed as overfishing, once it's identified and recovery plans are in order.

Anglers will this month tackle the fishing trips for Red Snapper, although with the expense of gas, many say it's not worth the long trip for two Red Snappers. Remember! Check your state waters' regulations, as some states are different on Red Snapper, than the federal zone of fishing.

The Red Snapper season opened last Sunday, with a creel limit of two snappers, 16 inch minimum length, per angler per day. The season will be shot, with only two months and then you have to have the venting kit to deflate the fish's bladder before releasing them, especially undersized only if you catch one and already have your limit.

## GIBBSTOWN AND HAYES RESULTS

Cody Benton and Quenton LeBouf took first place in the Hayes tourna-

# Lapsed angler program to lure lapsed fishermen back

In an effort to lure former Louisiana anglers back into the ranks of recreational fishing license holders, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has joined the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation's (RBFF) Lapsed Angler Program.

LDWF launched the campaign on May 28 and target approximately 70,000 lapsed anglers across the state. Lapsed anglers are those who have purchased a fishing license in previous years but do not currently hold one.

Anglers who have not recently bought a license will be sent targeted mailings reminding them to purchase a license and support fisheries management.

Recreational fishing licenses for the 2008-09 license year go on sale June 1, 2008 and are valid until June 30, 2009.

"The Lapsed Angler Program gives the department a great chance to reconnect with past fishing license holders," said Thomas Gresham, LDWF Public Information Office assistant director. "These former anglers are experienced fishermen and women and already own most of the equipment and tackle. We just want to remind them how enjoyable it is to spend a day fishing in Louisiana."

Nationwide figures established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service show that only 15 percent of anglers renew their license every year for a five-year period. The latest survey on Louisiana angler retention conducted in 2004, revealed that 43 percent of anglers bought a recreational fishing license only once out of a three-year test period.

For the 2006-07-license year, LDWF sold 428,003 resident basic fishing licenses, which follows a continual decline from the 592,942 basic fishing licenses sold during the 1995-96 license year.

The direct mail marketing program will employ an oversized postcard with a message encouraging anglers to purchase a fishing license. As a motivational incentive, LDWF will offer a free "I'd Rather Be Fishing in Louisiana" bumper sticker to those individuals who respond before July 1. Those who do not respond to the initial mailing will be sent a follow-up postcard in mid-July. The cost of the mailings will be shared by LDWF and RBFF.

"Our state has countless fishing opportunities ranging from freshwater to saltwater, and it is our agency's duty to stay connected to the

angler," said Ashley Wethey, LDWF public relations and marketing coordinator.

"We see this new program as a way of connecting to the lapsed angler, increasing license sales and inviting new anglers to the sport of fishing."

RBFF will also be coordinating radio advertising to coincide with the mailings promoting the sport of fishing and encouraging people to purchase a fishing license. In addition, RBFF has launched a new Web site that provides individualized information for each state.

Anglers can find tips on fishing tackle to use, fishing techniques, fish identification, maps showing lakes and rivers suitable for fishing and boating, and information on a multitude of other fishing related topics at [www.la.takemefishing.org](http://www.la.takemefishing.org).

Anglers can purchase licenses at various vendors throughout the state including discount stores, tackle shops and sporting good stores. Licenses can also be purchased by calling 1-888-765-2602 or visiting the LDWF Web site at [www.wlf.louisiana.gov](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov).

RBFF is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting participation in fishing, boating and aquatic stewardship. RBFF is funded primarily through a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

# Duhon and Fountain to be honored

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

South Cameron's Rachel Fountain is one of 12 area athletes nominated to the SWLA High School Sports Hall of Fame. While at South Cameron Fountain won state championships in track and was a member of the 2006 state champion softball team and 2007 runnerup Lady Tarpon softball team.

She was also a member of the Lady Tarpon basketball team. She was named All District, All State, and Academic All State, all while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Also selected as a finalist for the Hall of Fame is Grand Lake's Lakeyn Duhon. During her tenure as a Lady Hornet, Duhon racked up honors in softball that include a state championship, All State selection, All District selection, and MVP in the district with a 0.00 ERA and a .444 batting average.

She was also named to the Class B Academic All State team. Duhon also participated in the LHSCA All Star game last month. She also participated in track and basketball.

The finalists will be recognized at the Hall of Fame banquet on Thursday, June 5 beginning with a social at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and the program at 8 p.m. at Treasures of Marilyn's.

ment with 3.7 pounds of bass and the largest bass, weighing 2.34 pounds. Trey Wilkerson and Dane Desonier took second with 3.57 pounds, while Ryan and Cody took third with 3.22 pounds.

Robert Nunez and Bryon Quinn had 4.41 pounds of Bass to take the Gibbstown outing. Darren Richard and Zeb Lincombe was second with 3.76 pounds and Jesse Nunez and Cody McDaniels took third with 1.78 pounds.

## BRIEFS

Toledo Bend is at 172.2 feet, so plenty of water to get into the coves and fish the grass lines along the banks. A couple of local anglers had a great trip last weekend, using topwater lures, not only hard top lures, but buzzbaits and Horny toads or Ribbit Frogs. The Senko weightless, letting it sink on it's own, as there's plenty of grass, and water deep from the banks to 10-12 feet in holding good bass.



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# Livestock, pet concerns before hurricane arrives

Louisiana Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. said although six to nine hurricanes are forecast for the 2008 June-November hurricane season it's always best to be well prepared no matter how many storms are predicted.

"All it takes is one bad hurricane to cause hardship for livestock and pet owners," Strain said. "In 2005 we had two and we're still feeling the effects of those storms."

Strain urged all large and small animal owners to make sure they have proper ownership and vaccination documentation and other items for their animals should the need arise to evacuate low lying areas.

"Ownership is an individual responsibility," Strain said. "A prepared owner is one who has taken the proper steps for their animals' well being, and that includes an evacuation plan for your pets and livestock."

Check and plan early for a travel location before an evacuation is called. Pet owners may be able to leave their pets at a pre-arranged boarding kennel along their evacuation route. If they are unable to find adequate pet boarding an Internet search will help evacuees locate pet friendly hotels at evacuation destinations.

Strain said pet and livestock owners should maintain vaccinations, proof of ownership and identification of their animals and bring these documents with them if they need to evacuate.

"Transport your pets in a pet carrier," Strain said. "It's their home away from home. In addition, always have at least three to four days worth of pet food and daily medications and make sure to bring plenty of water for your pets."

Under normal conditions, one cup of water per ten pounds of body weight per day is sufficient, according to the Merck Veterinary Manual.

Strain urged animal owners who know beforehand they will need assistance to evacuate animals to pre-register with their local parish office of emergency preparedness.

"If an emergency of any type should occur, I urge you to contact your parish emergency preparedness officials first," Strain said. "Emergency planners have worked hard to develop a quick method to get problems handled, first at the local level and, then, at the state level."

Strain said the LDAF Animal Evacuation Information Center on the LDAF Website has information on how best to prepare your animal and yourself for hurricane emergencies.

The LDAF Animal Evacuation Information Center Website is located at [www.ldaf.state.la.us](http://www.ldaf.state.la.us) under Animal Health Services, Veterinary Health Division. Others may call 1-866-927-2476 toll free or 225-925-3980 for more information.



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 Grade 3 - Alexander

- Boudreaux.  
 Grade 4 - Kory Kyle.  
 Grade 5 - Derek Storm  
 Grade 6 - Alexis Call, Skylar Jinks.  
 Grade 7 - Allison Romero, Dustin Romero, Kristopher Trahan.  
 Grade 8 - Harmony Trahan.  
 Grade 11 - Tabitha Harrington.  
 Grade 12 - Andrew Bant, Destiny Sonnier, Kandace Young.

- HONOR ROLL**  
 Grade 1 - Reagan Derouen.  
 Grade 2 - Peyton Romero.  
 Grade 3 - Logan Badon, Braxton Hebert, Enrique Rodriguez.  
 Grade 4 - Harley Badon, Makayla Gavranovic, Haleigh Jinks, Hunter Trahan.  
 Grade 5 - Kasa Anna Benoit, Kevin Harrington, Daria Jinks, Keylee Young.  
 Grade 6 - Kirsten Webb.  
 Grade 7 - Kaitlin Billiot, Marcus Fontenot, Morgan Leger, Brayden Romero.  
 Grade 9 - Kasey LeBoeuf.  
 Grade 10 - Whitney Roberts, Janice Trahan, Miranda Trahan.  
 Grade 11 - Christian Viator.  
 Grade 12 - Randy Scroggins, Jordan Storm.

# Motorcycles are now in Sheriff's fleet

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

The Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office has recently added motorcycles to its fleet of vehicles. Sheriff Theos Duhon plans to use two motorcycle units to enhance enforcement capability in various areas of the parish.

The units will be able to cover school traffic, releasing a patrol unit for other duties, and to provide extra coverage on the highways throughout the parish.

Although the department was somewhat understaffed until recently, Duhon says he now has enough personnel to cover all areas and have two motorcycle cops on the road. An older car will be made available for inclement weather days.

In addition to the two new black motorcycles, a used white one was purchased for training purposes. The units will be on the road as soon as officers can be certified, Duhon said.



# Hackberry High School announces honor lists

The Hackberry High School announces banner/honor rolls for the 4th nine weeks as follows:

- BANNER ROLL**  
 Grade 2 - Gauge Byler; Collin Cloud; Gracie Devall; Adelynn Domingue; Genee Gremillion; Keaton Jinks; Tayt Little; Zoie Navarre; Dean Sanner; Chelsea Sorrells; Bryce Welch.  
 Grade 3 - Jeanne Trahan  
 Grade 6 - Brett Bird; Kennedy Darbonne; Anais LaFleur; Ashlee Little;

- Destiny Simon; Mattie Stine; Jolie Trahan.  
 Grade 8 - Meagan Johnson.  
 Grade 10 - Emily Bird; Sean Hicks; Meghan Shipp; Megan Spicer.  
 Grade 11 - Lauren Broussard; Kelsey Helmer; Lauren Johnson; Jacob Poole; Lori Beth Shove.  
 Grade 12 - Judd Addison; Steven Miller; Kayla Sanner; Chris Spicer; Brooke Wing.

- HONOR ROLL**  
 Grade 2 - Brody Bridgewater; Dedryck Leday; Kynzie Meche; Cody Romero; Amber Vincent.  
 Grade 3 - Jacob Abernathy; Reagan Darbonne; Peyton Delome; Charli Little; Alexis Lozier; Dakota McBroom.  
 Grade 4 - Jaci Granger; Lexie Stine; Logan Tingler.  
 Grade 5 - Jessica Alfaro; Sydney Broussard; Hunter Sorrells.  
 Grade 6 - Jeb Backlund; Taylor Johnson; Johnathan Landry; Torey Little; Codie Reon; Laci Stansel; William Toups.  
 Grade 8 - Thomas Ducote  
 Grade 9 - Amanda Atwell; Erica Duhon; Jenna Granger; Devan LaBove; Kayla Vincent.  
 Grade 10 - Matthew Constance; Garrett Guidry.  
 Grade 11 - Kaitlyn Hicks; Mason Hicks; Dakota Rose; Allyson Sanner; Megan Swire.  
 Grade 12 - Justin East; Leslie Fincher; Jacob LeJuine; Joseph LeJuine; Robert Michon Jr.; Dillon Thibodeaux; Chip Whatley.

# Sheriff Dept. tells arrests

Cameron Parish Sheriff Dept. arrests report for May 27-June 3 were:

- Mallory Gosden Gomez, 53, Port Arthur, Tex., Hit and Run, Careless Operation.  
 April Dawn Sanders, 32, Port Arthur, Tex., Out of Parish Warrant.  
 Milton Baudoin, 32, Kaplan, Issue Worthless Checks, Bench Warrant.  
 Billy Dale Bass, 43, 7047 Greathouse Rd., Lake Charles, Illegal Possession of Stolen Things, Switched License Plates.  
 Heriberto Ramires Martinez, 58, Illegal Alien.  
 Gloria Gonzaga, 54, Illegal Alien.  
 Marshall James Richard, 34, 1923 5th. St., Lake Charles, D.W.I., Speeding, No Drivers License in Possession.  
 Eric Ray Ousley, 26, 1277 Hwy 171, Lake Charles, Bench Warrant.  
 Tina Thomas, 38, 457 Joe Dugas Landing, Hackberry, Issue Worthless Checks.  
 Emiliano Vargas Morales, 26, 160 Longacre Rd., Lake Charles, D.W.I., Driver Must be Licensed, Open Container.

# Classifieds

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**MEMBERS OF the South Cameron High School Pre-K class are shown with their certificates of completion and their teachers at an 'End of School' celebration held on May 21. They also enjoyed a splash day and they and their families were treated to hot dogs. Students were, front row, from left: Logan Helms, Josie Dunn, Anna Dupont, Madison LeLeux, Durnell Frank, Aubrie Duhon, Ariana LaSalle, Kristen Guidry, Kolby Jimenez, Auston Nunez, Sasha Gaskins, and Brookelyn Bartie. Shown in the back row were teachers Becky Trahan and Ann Nunez, and paraprofessional Linda Felton.**



**MEMBERS OF THE "May Marine Mardi Gras" krewe who helped entertain the Marine veterans reunion in Grand Chenier on May 21 are shown above. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)**



**NEIL AND MARY Early, storytellers from Leesville, will be featured at the Cameron Parish Library's Summer Reading Program with performances in Grand Lake, Hackberry, Grand Chenier, Johnson Bayou, and Cameron.**

## Storytellers to perform at Cameron Parish libraries

Neil and Mary Early will be the Cameron Parish Library's first performers to help celebrate this year's Summer Reading Program. The program theme is "Be a Star: Read!" Children are encouraged to read books from the library, log them in the provided reading log, attend programs and craft times, and try to win cool prizes.

The Earlys are storytellers and retired teachers from Leesville. They will be performing at the Grand Lake Recreation Center at 9 a.m. on June 11, at the Grand Chenier Library at 1 p.m. and at the Cameron Branch Library at 4 p.m. that same day.

On June 12 they will be at the Hackberry Branch Library at 9 a.m. and at the Johnson Bayou Baptist Church at 2 p.m.

All shows are free to the public and everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call your local library or 775-5421.

These programs are supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts

Council as administered by The Arts and Humanities Council of SWLA.

## Plant sale set in L.C.

A sale of plants and many miscellaneous items will be held Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the LSU AgCenter Greenhouse located at 7101 Gulf Hwy, Lake Charles. Plants available are for the garden or landscaping.

For information on becoming a SWLA Master Gardener, call Robert Turley, County Agent at the LSU AgCenter at 475-8812. Classes begin in early October.

## Bed-bound names sought

Hurricane season is upon us and Cameron Parish Ambulance District 2 is compiling a list of patients who are bed bound and may need to be evacuated by an ambulance in the event of a hurricane. Please contact the office for details at 762-3711.



**THE HACKBERRY Summer Splash Day was held last Saturday at the Hackberry swimming pool sponsored by Sempra Energy, Targa Midstream Services, and Cameron Communications. Children enjoyed swimming, hamburgers and hot dogs, games, music, etc. (Photo courtesy of Grace Welch.)**



**Alyssa Regan**

## Regan takes part in pageants

Alyssa Jolie Regan, daughter of Myles and Tracey Regan of Big Lake, has been very busy taking part in five pageants during the past five months.

Her winnings include:

\*Queen of the Castle Pageant and most beautiful smile, held April 21 in Jennings.

\*Miss Baby Petite Lapin on March 8.

\*Miss Jennings on March 30.

\*Miss Mardi Gras Royalty on Jan. 19.

\*Miss Valentine on Feb 16.

Maternal grandparents are Merrill and Renee Smith and maternal great-grandmother is Belle' Fruge, all of Jennings. Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Jean Regan of Jennings.



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June 5, 2008

## Third Annual Proud2BCatholic Family Music Festival set

SULPHUR – The Third Annual Proud 2B Catholic Family Music Festival of Louisiana will be held Saturday, September 6, from 12:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sulphur High School freshman campus. The family oriented, indoor event, whose theme this year is “Witness 2B Hope,” is sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles and the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette.

Doors open at noon and celebration of the Mass will be at 6 p.m. The event will close with Eucharistic Adoration on the main stage.

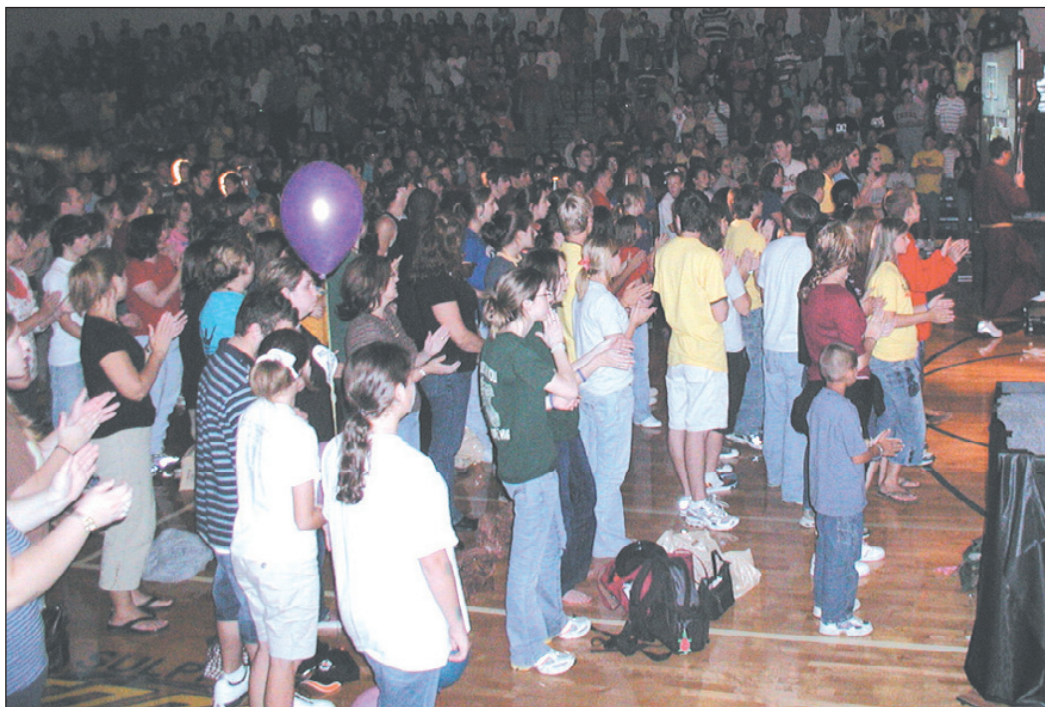
A variety of Catholic-Christian music will be performed by Steve Angrisano, Matt Maher, Josh Blakesley, Cooper Ray, Kelly Pease, Clay Vessel, Augie Leal and others.

“We expect it to be a phenomenal day,” said Milissa Thibodeaux, director of the Office of Youth Ministry. “It has turned into a family festival.”

The program, originally promoted as just a music festival, has become somewhat of a hybrid here in the diocese.

“When I was first approached we learned it was designed to be just a music festival, like had been done in other places,” Thibodeaux said. “I met with some youth directors, and they were like, well where is the substance - what we are doing about substance. We modified it to fit our area.

“I called some parish youth directors and some teens, explained the event- we have a music stage and we will have a second stage and we will be able to highlight Life Teen groups and local musicians,” she continued. “I asked them, what else do we need, and they said breakout sessions. They



Last year's Proud2BCatholic Music Festival held in Sulphur drew a large and excited crowd. Shown here, those in attendance stand for the opening procession of the Mass, which was celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost.

immediately began coming up with subjects. Our people here like workshops, breakout sessions.

“But we wanted that pastor who asked his group of 100 kids when they got home, ‘what did you

learn?’, we felt they needed to have an answer other than the music was great,” Thibodeaux said.

The event has more of the Southwest Louisiana festival feel with food vendors outside and product

vendors inside. The growth of Proud2BCatholic has been exciting, according to Thibodeaux, who expects around 1,800 people to attend this year.

In addition to the Proud2BCatholic music stage there will be a “Talks and More Stage” sponsored by St. Michael Music which will also feature breakout sessions on key topics such as the festival theme, theology of the body, prayer, discipleship and apologetics. Speakers will include Cooper Ray, Stephanie Cloutre-Davis, Chip Gauthé, Joshua Boutte, and others. Each breakout session will begin with a musical act featuring local and regional musicians.

There will also be a new feature, the “Vocations.com Coffee House,” open from 1 to 5:30 p.m., with scheduled talks, testimonies, acoustic music sessions and more.

The Adoration Chapel will be open from noon to 5:30 p.m.

A special “Kids for Christ Play Area” will feature numerous activities such as arts and crafts, sand art, “Party for the Pope” and much more.

Some 3,000 people attended last year’s program and organizers anticipate a large crowd this year.

Tickets for the event may be purchased online at [www.proud2bcatholic.com](http://www.proud2bcatholic.com) or by contacting the Diocese of Lake Charles at 337-439-7426, Ext. 301. Lower rates apply on bulk purchases for larger groups.

For further information you can also contact Milissa Thibodeaux, Office of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Lake Charles, at [milissa.thibodeaux@lcdiocece.org](mailto:milissa.thibodeaux@lcdiocece.org).

### Let Us Pray

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2008 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey in 1957.

#### Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

O God, master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.

The sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities commons to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder  
Second Bishop of Lafayette

### Abrazando Cristo mission July 1-13

LAKE CHARLES – The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program will make its annual mission trip to Managua, Nicaragua on July 1-13, according to the Very Reverend Daniel Torres, director.

The journey will allow 25 missionaries from the Diocese of Lake Charles to bring their talents and offer their time to help the “poorest of the poor” in the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Work will be done in Managua and Nueva Vida with the construction of facilities, a medical clinic to offer health care assistance, evangelization to teach the Catholic Faith, and education assistance to foster the learning of English.

Activities supporting the work of the mission group continue until mid June with the Johnnie Miller Memorial Golf Tournament at Mallard Cove on June 14 and a cash raffle set for June 15 at 2 p.m. in the St. Henry Parish Community Center.

For information on the golf tournament, contact Johnnie or Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095.

Raffle prizes are \$5,000 for first, \$1,000 for second and \$500 for third. Tickets are \$100 each and available at St. Henry Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue, Lake Charles, or at the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street.



Bishop Glen John Provost, presented the Senior St. Louis Awards to Matthew Saunders, left, and A'Dair Ragan Flynt, right at the recent St. Louis Catholic High School graduation. The St. Louis Award is the highest honor that can be accorded a student at the school. Underclass winners were Amanda Willis and Brandon Stevens, juniors; Hannah Vidrine and James Jarnagin, sophomores; and Ashlyn Courville and Collin Todd, freshmen.

## Bishop Duca second bishop of Shreveport

SHREVEPORT – With the recent ordination and installation of The Most Reverend Michael G. Duca as the second Bishop of Shreveport, every diocese in the state of Louisiana has a shepherd-leader for the first time in a number of years.

Bishop Duca, a Dallas, Texas native, had been appointed to Shreveport on April 1, just 28 days shy of the 30th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

The newest Bishop in the state joins Bishop Glen John Provost of Lake Charles, who was ordained and installed on April 23, 2007, and the heads of the

other dioceses in the Province of New Orleans along with two New Orleans auxiliary bishops on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Members of the Board also include Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes, New Orleans; Bishop Sam G. Jacobs, Houma-Thibodaux; Bishop Michael Jarrell, Lafayette; Bishop Robert W. Muench, Baton Rouge; and Bishop Ronald P. Herzog, Alexandria. Auxiliary bishops Roger P. Morin and Shelton J. Fabre complete the makeup of the board.



Bishop Glen John Provost blesses the students and parents of St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff during a ceremony celebrating Earth Day 2008. The Bishop also blessed a tree that was planted in memory of Ariel Thigpen, a former student at Holy Family who was killed in a 2006 auto-pedestrian accident.

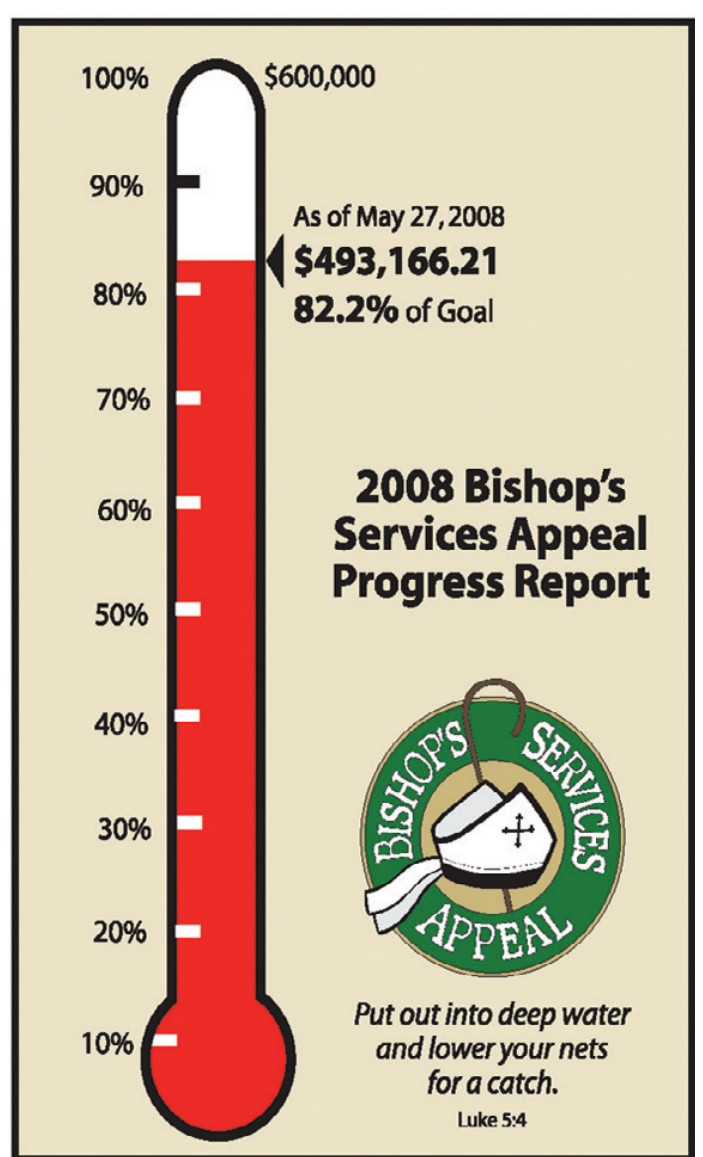
### Mass in Latin Sunday, 2 p.m.

LAKE CHARLES – The Rev. Rommel Tolentino, associate pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, will be the celebrant of the Sunday, June 8, extraordinary form of the Liturgy in Latin in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 935 Bilbo Street at 2 p.m.

#### Did you know ...

Bishop Harold R. Perry, S.V.D., became the first African-American Bishop of the 20th Century when he was consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans in 1965. The Lake Charles native entered the Divine Word Seminary in Bay St. Louis at age 13. He was ordained in 1944 and assigned as the founding pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Broussard in 1952, serving until he was transferred in 1958 to the Bay St. Louis seminary as its rector. In 1964, Bishop Perry became the first black clergyman to deliver the opening prayer in Congress. In 1980, Bishop Perry joined with Bishop Gerard Frey and Bishop Maurice Schexnayder as a co-consecrator at the ordination of Bishop Jude Speyrer. Bishop Perry died in 1991 at the age of 74.

Nine priests have had tenures of 25 years or more in parishes now part of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Do you know which priest was pastor of his parish for the longest time? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.



## Glad Tidings will be pre-empted Sunday

LAKE CHARLES – Glad Tidings, the Sunday morning television program of the Diocese of Lake Charles aired on KPLC-TV, will not be seen June 8 due to the NBC network's pro-

duction of the men's finals of the French Open Tennis Championships.

The program will be back at its regular 6 a.m. time on Sunday, June 15.

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