



GERRI HELTON, Southern Baptist missionary to Zambia, Africa, visited with Vacation Bible School students at First Baptist Church of Cameron last week. She shared her experiences in Zambia, including that the king of the Lozi people gave her the name "Liseli," which means "light."

Church will observe anniversary

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Cameron will celebrate its 129th anniversary at the temporary location, 1917 Harless Street, Lake Charles, on Sunday July 1. The sermon will be led by Rev. Roland Mouton Jr. Pastor of New Emmanuel Baptist Church of Lake Charles. Service will begin at 3 p.m.

The church's sanctuary, located on the Front Ridge (Troclair Road) was totally destroyed by Hurricane Rita in 2005. Rev. Lannis Joseph, pastor, said plans for rebuilding are under way. He has been pastor since 1992.



PVT. 2 JARED Paul Dahlen has completed his basic combat training from the National Guard at Fort Benning, Ga. Graduation ceremonies were held at Fort Benning on June 7. Jared received two medals, sharpshooter in M-4 rifle, and expert in hand grenade. He is currently receiving his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He is the son of Rachel Watkins of Cameron and Peter Dahlen of Creole, and the grandson of Richard and Linda Dahlen of Creole and the late L. G. "Bud" and Marie Picou Watkins of Cameron



THE CAMERON II, the 52-car ferry that went to drydock almost a year ago, was returned to Cameron last week. It went back into service on Friday morning, and was taken back out of service less than 12 hours later because of a steering problem. It is not known when it will be fixed. The substitute ferry, New Roads, was sent to a new assignment the same day, to replace the ferry Acadia which was due for overhaul. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Ferry's back--but it's broken down again

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

It was a "good news - bad news" kind of evening. The Cameron Parish Police Jury got assorted reports during their monthly agenda meeting Monday night. The good news was that the Court House elevator is on site and installation will begin Thursday. Completion is estimated between five and fourteen days.

The bad news was that the ferry Cameron II, which returned to service last Friday, only lasted about 12 hours and is now out of service for an unknown period of time. Sheriff Theos Duhon reported that the DOTD spokesperson said the cause of the problem is not known and therefore the repair time cannot be estimated. The ferry New Roads which had been in service was sent to cover another area and is not available for substitution.

The Jury agreed to send a letter to the DOTD protesting the breakdowns and delays in ferry service, which is essen-

tial since there is no other connection between the east and west sides of the parish.

Duhon also reported that the jail is still not ready for occupancy because the door locking system on one side of the cell block is not working. The old doors will have to have special parts made or ordered. The camera system and new windows are being installed in the next few days, he said. Parish prisoners have been housed in Calcasieu Parish since repairs began before Hurricane Rita.

Funding requests were placed on the agenda for next week's voting meeting. Juror Darryl Farque asked for an appropriation of \$56,000 to purchase a generator for the water system on the island at Big Lake. He said the recent power outages have caused the system to lose pressure, which impacts fire protection. The Big Lake system also provides water to Deatonville in Calcasieu Parish.

Juror Douaine Conner asked for \$100,000 to provide residents of Lowry with water from the Jennings water system. Residents have already paid a \$50 connection fee to the district, but the \$100,000 is needed to match a grant which will allow the pipe to be laid.

Juror Charles Precht asked that the Jetty Fishing Pier rebuilding project be started. The repairs will be covered by FEMA, and can be done in phases. He said it will

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Library events

The Grand Chenier Library has announced the following activities for the coming week:

Crossword Daze, 10 a.m. daily.

Tuesday, July 3: Grief Counseling with Randy Canter, 4:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 4: Closed in observance of Independence Day.

Pilot to print early next week

Because of the July 4th holiday, the Cameron Pilot will be printed on Tuesday next week instead of Wednesday. However, the paper will be out on Thursday as usual.

Anyone with news, classifieds ads or display ads for that week's issue is asked to get it to the Pilot by Monday, either in person, by mail, fax or e-mail.

Neighborhood watch meeting

There will be a Neighborhood Watch kickoff meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, in the Johnson Bayou School Cafeteria for the Johnson Bayou area. Anyone interested in participating should attend.

The program is sponsored by Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department. Call Ron Johnson at the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept.,



Anthony Hicks

Dino Hicks candidate for P. Jury

Anthony "Dino" Hicks, 50, lifelong resident of Hackberry and a 1974 graduate of Hackberry High School, has announced that he is a candidate for Police Jury in District #2 in the October election.

He has two children Chase and Mason Hicks, and a grandson Dayton Hicks.

Hicks has been employed by the Strategic Oil Reserve for 21 years in the Maintenance Department, presently as Maintenance Supervisor.

Hicks has been a board member for seven years on the District #2 Water Board.

Cameron projects in state plans

The following capital outlay projects for Cameron Parish have been proposed in the current session of the Louisiana Legislature:

- Rockefeller Refuge Laboratory, payable from Rockefeller Preserve fund, \$1.5 million.

- Rockefeller Refuge Office and Interpretive Center, payable from Rockefeller fund, \$4.2 million.

- Alligator Grow Out Facility, payable from Rockefeller fund and Louisiana Alligator Resource Fund, \$960,000.

- Holly Beach sewer, planning and construction, payable from general obligation bonds, Priority 2, \$500,000, and Priority 5, \$4.5 million.

- Cameron Square, real estate acquisition, planning and construction, payable from general obligation bonds, Priority 5, \$5.5 million.

Meeting set

The Grand Lake - Sweetlake Action Alliance meeting will be held July 5 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center. All members are urged to attend and the public is invited.



MEN FROM Northstar Baptist Church in Bristol, Tenn., worked at the First Baptist Church in Cameron last week, hanging sheetrock in the church kitchen and restrooms. FBC hopes to have the fellowship hall ready for use by the end of the summer. Work on the sanctuary will begin soon. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Update on parish's Catholic churches

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The New Orleans Times-Picayune ran a lengthy article on Hurricane Audrey in its Monday issue this week. The following is an excerpt dealing with Hurricane Rita.)

By **RON THIBODEAUX** (Times-Picayune)

"We grew up hearing these stories," said Clifton Hebert, the parish's emergency preparedness director. "Our grandfathers went through it, or our fathers went through it, and it's been bred in us."

"There's a resilience in the people here that goes back for generations and generations."

Hebert will be among the speakers at Wednesday's memorial ceremony. It's no accident that the event will take place at the parish courthouse, a Depression-era public works project that withstood both Audrey and Rita.

"That's our rock," Hebert said.

After Hurricane Katrina struck, between 300 and 400 evacuees from New Orleans were sheltered in Cameron Parish, including 250 in a multipurpose building in the coastal community of Johnson Bayou. Rita roared through just four weeks later.

"Now that building is gone ... and we won't be sheltering here again," Hebert said.

The damage wrought by Rita in southwestern Louisiana was staggering -- "Ninety percent of us lost everything," Hebert said -- but the experience was tempered somehow by the recognition that the place, and its people, had faced such catastrophe before -- and endured.

Anyone wanting a reminder need look no further than Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

The church was badly damaged by Rita and is still under repair, but intact outside. Facing down the Gulf of Mexico is a marble statue of the Virgin Mary, arm around

a girl at her side, with the inscription, "Do not harm my children."

Just last weekend, Bishop Glen Provost of the Diocese of Lake Charles rededicated St. Eugene Church in Grand Chenier, and he hopes to do the same for Our Lady Star of the Sea in a few weeks. Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole needs more extensive repairs and won't be ready for many months yet.

Until now, coastal Catholics without a church have been gathering at a special Mass for their congregations at the St. Patrick mission chapel near Grand Lake, a considerable drive into northern Cameron Parish on the way up to Lake Charles.

"That was important," said Monsignor Harry Greig, pastor of the chapel and another nearby church. "It gave the community an opportunity to be together."

On July 1, Provost will bless the mass graves of some 150 victims of Hurricane Audrey at two cemeteries in Lake Charles. He has taken care to invite victims' family members, clergy members and congregations throughout the diocese to attend the solemn ceremonies.

"This is where we live," Provost said. "This is home. There is a rootedness here we have to acknowledge. Our people here have a history here that's very rich."

"In Cameron, we still pray the prayer that Bishop (Maurice) Schexnayder composed after Audrey."

"Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season" says in part: "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."

It goes on to ask the intercession of Mary Star of the Sea, "so that spared from the calamities common to this area," the faithful might "reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us."

The prayer will be recited Wednesday as part of the memorial program at the parish courthouse.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow."-- Thomas Jefferson



THESE WERE SOME OF THE VOLUNTEERS who prepared the barbecue for the Richard O'Shields benefit held June 22 at the Johnson Bayou Catholic Renewal Center. Through the combined efforts of the KC Council 8323, CDA Court 2265, Cheniere Energy, family, and friends, \$2,500 was raised. Donations were received from KC Council 8323, Cheniere Energy, Kelly Pump, Bayou Convenience Store, Benton's Equipment, Redman Supply, Brown's Grocery and several individuals. The funds will be used to help with funeral expenses.



CHRIS MULKEY, who played the part of the sheriff in the movie "Little Chenier," is pictured with Jack Hebert and Inez Miller of Hackberry at the recent movie premiere held in the Lafayette area. Some of the filming was at Dugas Landing in Hackberry which is owned by Mr. Hebert. (Photo by Gwen Hebert Bourgeois.)

Funerals



MABLE OWEN HEITZ

Mable Owen Heitz, 78, died June 18, 2007, in a Plano, Tex., hospital.

She lived in Bastrop, Tex., since 1983, moving from Sulphur. She was a member of the Riverside Bible Fellowship in Bastrop, Tex.

Survivors include her son Michael Owen of St Francisville; daughters Janet Pearson and her husband Jimmy of Bastrop, Tex., and Judy Simmank and her husband Kevin of Austin, Tex.; step-sons Varon, Robert, Bruce, and Jon Heitz of Bastrop, Tex., and Vince Heitz of Leesville; step-daughter Juleah Heitz of New Orleans; sisters Marie Little and Virginia Jinks of Hackberry, and Lona Hendrick of Ventress; brother Carroll Nunez of Hackberry; six grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husbands Ernie Owen and Henry Heitz; daughter Carla Heitz; brothers J.B. Nunez and Elton Nunez; and sister Viola Broussard.

Her funeral was held Friday, June 22, in the First Baptist Church of Hackberry. Pastor Robert Kinsey officiated. Burial was in the New Hackberry Cemetery.



JOHN PRESTON RICHARD

John Preston Richard, 79, died Thursday, June 21, 2007, at a local care center.

He was a lifelong resident of Creole and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was a member of American Legion Post 176, the VFW Post in Creole and a member of Cameron School Board for 24 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and daughter Paula Howell.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Richard; one son, Richard R. Richard and wife, Shantelle of Creole; one daughter, Nancy Fruge and husband, Melvin of Florida; one step-son, Marlon Miller and wife, Theresa of Lake Charles; one brother, Curtis Richard of Grand Chenier; two sisters, Ethel Theriot and Elsie Theriot, both of Creole; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held Saturday at Christ the King Catholic Church. Father Wayne LeBleu officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

EDMOND DYSON

Edmond Dyson, 66, died Friday, June 22, 2007, in his residence.

He was born in Cameron. He was a fisherman and owned his own business. He was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Susie Dyson of Delcambre; two daughters, Connie Munsell and husband Travis and Caroline Rodrigues and husband Philip, all of Delcambre; one brother, L. J. Dyson of Kaplan; four sisters, Doreen Mouton of Kaplan, Rita Trump and Colice Dyson, both of Crowley, and Irene Dyson of Lake Charles; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held Monday, June 23, from St. Patrick Catholic Church. Father Joseph McGrath officiated. Interment was in Our Lady Star of the Sea Cemetery in Cameron.



CAROLYN SHAMBLIN

Memorial services for Carolyn Jo Shamblin, 54, of Hackberry were held Friday, June 22, at Robison Funeral Home Chapel in Sulphur.

Rev. Heather Leyland officiated. Cremation was entrusted to Robison Funeral Home.

The family received friends on Friday, June 22, from 1 p.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

Ms. Shamblin died Tuesday, June 19, 2007, in a Sulphur hospital. She was born in Tulsa, Okla.

She was a native of Ola, Ark., and a resident of Hackberry.

Survivors include one son, Thomas Raymond Shamblin of Clarksville, Ark.; two daughters, Betty Hawks of Hackberry and Christina Sue Mahan and husband Richard of Ola, Ark.; father, Floyd Raymond Aultman of Centerville, Ark.; three brothers, David Ray Aultman of Easthampton, Mass., James "Tinker" Thomas Aultman of Southampton, Mass., and Robert "Bobby" Aultman of Lawton, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and, companion, Roger Standridge of Hackberry.



THIS PHOTO was furnished to the Pilot by Eva Jane Blanchard Newell and shows some duck and goose hunters in the Grand Lake/Sweetlake area with the birds taken in one day's hunt. This was when the waterfowl were plentiful and there were no limits on the number you could shoot.

Memories of duck & goose hunting recalled

(EDITOR'S NOTE-- Cameron Parish was duck and goose paradise years ago and the birds were so plentiful that you could shoot all you wanted with no limits. Some memories of those earlier days are shared by Mrs. Newell.)

By **EVA JANE BLANCHARD NEWELL**

My family, the Blanchards and Heberts, were two of the five families to settle the Grand Lake, Sweetlake area in Cameron Parish.

My stepfather Dan LeBouef was a guide at the Coastal Club for years. Later he ran a hunting camp for Ed Taussig Ford Co. and the senior Mr. Sheppard.

Charles and Elaine Hebert (my sister) had a large hunting camp for years west of the Gibbstown Bridge. Hurricane Rita took away their buildings.

No duck limits, as a small child, I saw more ducks on our kitchen floor than I could count.

The famous Faulk Duck Callers and Hunters are my cousins. Great hunters.

In the early '30s the quails on our land were saved for Mr. Arsene Pujo to hunt. When they drove up, his chauffeur would blow the horn. It was a race to see who could run to open the gate, because Mr. Arsene would give that person a box of candy from Gordon's Drugstore. Only time we ever saw box candy!

Later Mr. Arsene had Dan LeBouef save the green part of the Mallard head area. A person in his family lived in New York had a hat trimmed with the fine green feathers of the Mallard duck.

"Story I heard all my life"—They would hunt very early, pick the ducks, choose the largest mallards. They came to Lake Charles, go to the wealthy homes and sold their ducks for 50 cents a pair. My great uncle Laurent Blanchard went to the doctor's house. The wife came to the back door. She took the duck in her hands, looked it over real good, then told him, "It smells bad." She took the ducks and slammed the door in his face. Later that week the doctor came to my uncle. His wife was an outsider and to bring him four mallards instead of two.

"Mama" Euphemie Broussard/Blanchard/LeBouef, (Miss Phemie), after the hunt, quickly picked two ducks, cleaned, cut them up and pan fried them in a black pot on top of the stove for dinner. Mallard, the breast and cavity were stuffed with onions, green onions, parsley and whole hot peppers, and cooked in black iron pot on

top of stove.

Geese or ducks were pot roasted, made into gumbo, or jambalaya. They were seldom baked in the oven. Mama had a heavy hand on the salt, used black and red pepper. Garlic was never used in our home. No roux in our gumbo. That story later.

Aunt Margaret in Creole cooked ducks with turnips. I said I do not eat that. She said, yes you will, surprise me so, I did. Very good. Mama's family had great cooks.

Lillie Ellender cooks old fashioned like Mama. Elaine Hebert cooks "sister dinners," teal in the fall, turtles in the spring. Dorothy Thibodeaux cooks East La. way. Hot pepper! Best gizzard jambalaya.

Eva Jane did learn to cook. Lillie says I cook as good as Mama.

Family of rice farmers, we cook rice every day.



Rambler gets Washington invitation

Hackberry Ramblers co-founder Luderin Darbone was recently invited to attend a reception in Washington, D. C. hosted by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Sen. Michael B. Enzi and Sen. Norm Coleman on behalf of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

The reception is to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the NEA National Heritage Fellowship Program. Darbone is unable to attend the reception, but will be included in the photography exhibition of the NEA National Heritage Fellows on display in Russell Rotunda June 25 through June 29.

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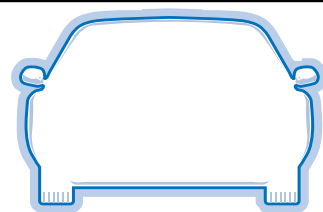
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Cattlemen to discuss reentry plans

The Cameron Parish Cattlemen Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 28, at the LSU AgCenter office in Calcasieu Parish at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be to discuss the Cameron Parish Hurricane Re-Entry Plan for cattle producers.

All cattle producers will need to be a member of the Cameron Cattlemen Association to be able to re-enter after a hurricane to check on their cattle. Sheriff Theos Duhon will be present to discuss the parish plan.

For more information please contact the Cameron Parish LSU AgCenter office at 905-1318.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Dickerson



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Dickerson

Dickerson brothers are married in ceremonies

Dickie and Donna Dickerson of Baytown, Tex. announce the recent marriages of their sons Christopher Dickerson and Jonathan Dickerson, also of Baytown. Christopher and Kaci Chandler were married April 15 at Butler's Courtyard in League City, Tex. Jonathan and Morghan Mitchell were married June 3

at the Dickerson home in Baytown. Attending the weddings were family members from Hackberry including Grandmothers Barbara Dickerson and Harriet Hughes Landry (formerly of Hackberry); Aunts and Uncles, Scott and Julie Benoit, Susie and Ricky LaBove and Cindy Blue as well as numerous cousins.

School system calendar announced for 2007-2008

The Cameron Parish School System has announced the 2007-08 calendars for the four schools in the parish. The calendar for Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and South Cameron schools, which will have a four-day schedule this fall, is different from Grand Lake, which will remain on a five-day schedule. The four-day schedule is being tried by the School Board at three of the schools

in an effort to attract more teachers to South Cameron, Johnson Bayou, and Hackberry schools. However, Grand Lake parents were successful in getting the five-day schedule retained at Grand Lake, citing the problems that working parents would have with children being out of school on a work day. The two different schedules for the four schools are as follows:

Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and South Cameron

Thursday, August 16Students Report
 Monday, September 3Labor Day Holiday
 November 21-22Thanksgiving Holiday
 December 24-January 3Christmas Holiday
 Monday, January 21Martin Luther King Holiday
 March 24-27Easter Holiday
 Thursday, May 15Last Day for Seniors
 May 22-25Graduation Ceremonies
 Monday, May 26Memorial Day Holiday
 Thursday, May 29Last Day of Session

Grand Lake

Friday, August 17Students Report
 Monday, September 3Labor Day Holiday
 November 19-23Thanksgiving Holiday
 December 20-January 2Christmas Holiday
 Monday, January 21Martin Luther King Holiday
 February 4-5Mardi Gras Holiday
 March 21-28Easter Holiday
 Friday, May 16Last Day for Seniors
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 Thursday, May 29Last Day of Session



KENNETH AND MARTHA Bourque of Lacassine announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Ann Marie Bourque, to Jesse Alan Nunez, son of Rodrick and Tamara Nunez of Grand Lake. The wedding is set for Saturday, July 28 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Bell City at 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the Lacassine Optimist Club Community Center. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Ray and Martha Breaux of DeQuincy and Joyce Bourque of Hayes and the late L. J. Bourque. Grandparents of the groom-elect are Curtis and Virgie Nunez of Creole and Ray and Cora Hendrix of Grand Lake.

Engagement and wedding photos should be submitted to the DeQuincy News by 4 p.m. Monday. Photos should be clear prints, head and shoulder pose, preferably 5x7. Announcements and pictures are published free of charge.

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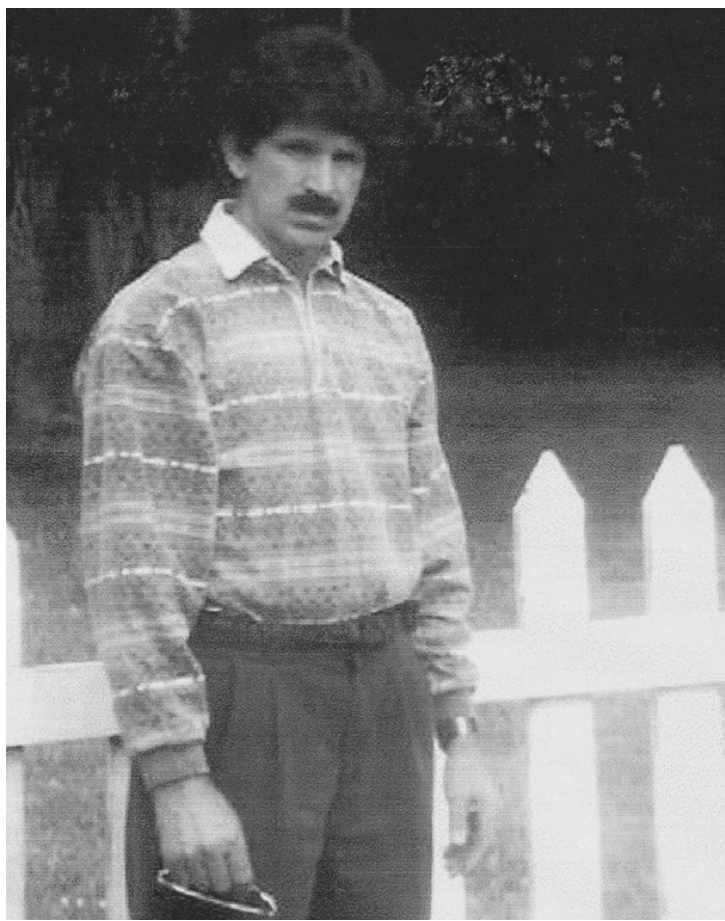
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DON MENARD, above, will publish a hard-cover edition of his book "Hurricanes of the Past: The Untold Story of Hurricane Audrey," in July. The book contains a compilation of Menard's first and second editions, and also stories and rare photos taken after Audrey's landfall.

Menard to release hardcover edition

The release of a hard-cover edition of *Hurricane of the Past: The Untold Story of Hurricane Audrey*, by Donald Menard, is scheduled for release at some time in July, 2007.

This hard-cover edition will not only be a compilation

of Menard's first and second editions in their entirety but will also include additional stories and newly-obtained, rare photographs taken immediately after Audrey's landfall. Unfortunately, the publisher was unable to complete the new edition by the

Water aerobics to be at G. L.

Water Aerobics at the Grand Lake Pool will be held weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m.

Pool membership required.

The instructor is Felisha Nunez.

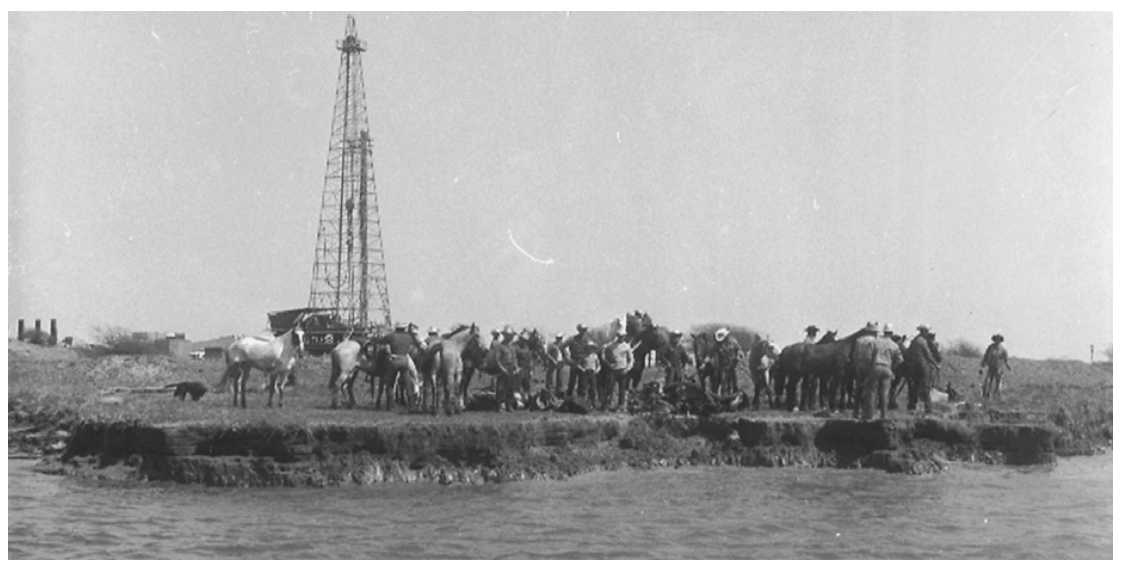
projected date of June 27, 2007, the hurricane's fifty-year anniversary. As a result, the book was not available for sale during the Fifty Year Anniversary commemoration.

Menard is the author of two soft-cover books about Hurricane Audrey, which were published in 1997 and 1999. The new hard-cover edition will contain over 260 pages, more than 200 photographs, and one of the most historically illuminating columns written about any hurricane.

The column, which first appeared in the *Cameron Parish Pilot* in three separate installments, has been amended to include additional research and information, and very rare photographs from the past have been added to confirm the author's information and the stories related to the author by survivors.

Weather agencies across the nation are using the contents of this column to help to explain the overall consequences of a fast-moving hurricane such as Hurricane Audrey when it makes landfall at large and populated cities along the Gulf Coast and along the Atlantic seaboard.

Readers interested in purchasing a copy of the new hard-cover edition, *Hurricanes of the Past: The Untold Story of Hurricane Audrey*, can call the author Donald Menard at 334-9049 to reserve a copy or send a written request to his Post Office Box 275 in Rayne, Louisiana 70578. More specific details about the publication date will be announced as they become available.



THIS PHOTO was taken in May, 1957, just a month before Hurricane Audrey, and shows a group of Creole area cattlemen getting ready to swim a herd of cattle across the ship channel at Cameron on the way to summer pastures in Johnson Bayou area. The cattle drives were conducted for many years before they were discontinued in favor of moving the cattle by trucks.

Cameron Parish 4-Hers are winners

Young people from across Louisiana were announced as state winners and alternates in various contests Thursday, June 21, at the final session of the LSU AgCenter's 4-H University in Baton Rouge.

Formerly known as 4-H Short Course, this was the 93rd annual gathering of young people from across the state and is considered one of the highlights of the LSU AgCenter's 4-H youth development program.

"Louisiana 4-H is a one-of-a-kind program made up of outstanding young people from across our state," said LSU AgCenter Vice Chancellor Paul Coreil. "We're glad to provide them this annual opportunity to visit the state's flagship university, to meet new people and to test their knowledge and skills—all while having fun."

In the Environmental Threat Resolution event, state winners were Erron Holland Jr. and Keith Espadron, Plaquemines Parish. First Alternates were Barrett Bercier and Sara Taylor, Cameron Parish.

Saltwater Fishing Festival to be held in G. Chenier

The 4th Annual Cameron Parish Saltwater Fishing Festival, sponsored by the Cameron Lions Club, will be held Friday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Grand Chenier Park Pavilion again this year due to the damage of the Jetty Pier in Cameron.

Along with the fishing, the festival will have plenty of onshore activities for non fisherpersons and children to enjoy, live entertainment, beauty pageants, jumps, waterslides, food, beverages, fireworks display and many hourly door prize drawings.

The Festival is looking for Cameron Parish civic organizations, church groups, schools and commercial vendors to put up food booths, game booths and arts and craft booths for this event.

Interested organizations

or groups are invited to call Carl Broussard at 775-5316 or Penelope Richard at 905-8135 to reserve booth spaces.

There will be a small fee charged to each vendor to help with the cost of putting on this event. The last day to reserve a booth is noon, Thursday, July 26.

Birth told

GRACIE ELICE BENTON
Gracie Elice Benton was born May 14, to Cody Benton and Megan Corbello of Lake Charles. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 ozs.

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FERRY

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be safer for the public to fish from a pier instead of from the rocks. Plans were made to spread new gravel on the parking lot in the near future and to advertise for the repair of the pier only at this time.

Attorney Jennifer Jones brought a FEMA related insurance matter to the Jury's attention. She said the provisions of the Stafford Act, which allows FEMA to pay for rebuilding public buildings, require the finished buildings to be insured to full replacement value. Since standard flood insurance only covers the first \$500,000 of value, the extra coverage must be obtained through "excess flood insurance" policies, which are very expensive. In the case of South Cameron Memorial hospital, the excess coverage would cost \$1 million per year, as opposed to \$17,000 for a regular policy. The consequences for not insuring to full value are that in the case of a future storm FEMA will

not pay for rebuilding.

Jones said the state Insurance Commissioner can give a waiver, and the hospital has applied for one. She believes the commissioner wants to use the hospital and Cameron Parish to devise a plan for the entire state.

CREOLE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

The controversy over the operation of the Creole Multi-purpose Building will wait another month for resolution. Both the Creole Fire Department and the Recreation Board presented their sides of the issue, which concerns which agency will schedule and maintain the facility, and who will collect the rental fees. The fire station shares the building, but for years the community center has been the responsibility of the Recreation District. Complaints over scheduling and cleaning led to a move by Police Juror Scott Trahan to give the Fire Department sole rights to operate the building.

Recreation Board members said they still have an out-

standing loan for improvements to the building, and their district is being taxed to operate it. Jurors decided to check into the tax base for both districts and wait 30 days before discussing the issue again. Precht compared the situation to a similar one in Grand Lake in which the local districts finally worked out a maintenance plan for their center. He said the Jury should not be put in the middle of a local dispute.

OEP REPORT

Clifton Hebert, Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness director, reported that the parish's hurricane plans are complete. He clarified a question about re-entry authorizations in case of evacuation, saying that re-entry will only be an issue in case of another bad storm like Rita. For non-damaging storm evacuations, everyone will be able to return as soon as the evacuation is lifted. For big storms, re-entry will be permitted on a tiered system implemented by the state, with emergency responders and utilities first to make it safe, then facility operators, then others in several tiers.

In response to concerns from cattle owners, Hebert said all cattle owners will be given re-entry cards, not just those who belong to the Cattlemen's Association. They will be able to return when the state plan says they can.

Hebert reported that the salt water tree removal team is working in Grand Chenier and East Creole now and will be moving toward Cameron next. The northern part of the parish has already been cleared.

He also reported that the bid has been awarded by the DOTD for state right of way debris pick-up and should begin next week. The Department of Natural Resources has agreed to clean up the Creole Canal and levee south of Miami Corporation land.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Four jurors have asked for permission to hire part time summer workers for the Road and Bridge crews in their areas, to keep up with summer grass cutting. Sonny McGee and Douaine Conner received their OKs last month for two workers each, and this month Darryl Farque and Charles Precht asked for one worker each. Other jurors agreed. The positions will be filled without advertisement, as are all road and bridge positions.

One position set to open up next year is the road foreman. Ellis Nunez, parish road foreman, can retire in August of 2008. For the past 14 months the Jury has been giving candidates for the position a three month trial for evaluation. Nunez presented his recommendation to the Jury Monday night, stating that while he feels any of the four candidates, Lee Faulk, Shane Manuel, Kurt Storm, and Randy Thomas, could do the job, he would recommend Thomas.

The final decision will be made by the Police Jurors, who have expressed an interest in choosing the replacement foreman before the end of this year.

In other matters, the Jury decided to request seismograph companies operating in the lakes to send in the name

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of the commercial fisherman hired to make sure wire and equipment is not left in the water. They have received reports that crews are not cleaning up the wire and not hiring qualified fishermen to oversee.

Complaints were also taken about overfilled dumpsters creating litter, debris on Cameron's main street, and bank crabbers and fishermen leaving litter along the roads and beaches. The District Attorney said material that falls out of dumpsters is litter, and citations can be given by the Sheriff's Office. The same is true of recreational fishermen, but the deputy has to see the littering. The Chamber of Commerce is being contacted about the debris on their main street lot.

Coop rates readjusted due to Rita damages

The Louisiana Public Service Commission at its June meeting approved a rate adjustment to enable Jeff Davis Electric to recover costs associated with damages caused by Hurricane Rita.

Commissioners supported an immediate 5.6 percent adjustment in power rates and also voted to continue to re-examine the issue at upcoming meetings to make sure consumers don't pay more than what is needed for the local non-profit electric cooperative to ensure reliable service to its members.

According to JDEC General Manager Mike Heinen, the new rates go into effect on the July billing cycle and are necessary to ensure continued reliable services to members of the locally-owned electric cooperative.

Referring to statistical information provided by the LPSC, Heinen said the co-op's rates continue to fall below the per-kilowatt rates of the area's investor-owned utilities.

"Our cooperative is a product of this community and has a history of seven decades of quality service in the area. We feel we've been instrumental in the recovery of southwest Louisiana and we've worked very hard to not only honor our commitment to serve affordable power to existing consumers but also serve those newcomers moving here to raise their families or to do business," Heinen said.

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The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, sprinkles Holy Water onto the people and the church building of St. Eugene Parish in Grand Chenier on Saturday, June 16. Bishop Provost, assisted by Deacon George Stearns, re-dedicated the church, which had to be rebuilt following the destruction caused by Hurricane Rita in September 2005.

Bishop Provost blesses, re-dedicates St. Eugene

GRAND CHENIER – St. Eugene Church became the first church of the Diocese of Lake Charles in lower Cameron Parish to be re-dedicated recently. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, blessed St. Eugene during Mass on Saturday, June 16. The church was devastated in September 2005 by wind and water from Hurricane Rita's landfall on the Gulf Coast.

Work nears completion at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron, while reconstruction at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Creole continues. On the western side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel, in Hackberry, work also continues at St. Peter the Apostle Church.

The Chapel of the Assumption at Johnson Bayou, the church closest to landfall of Hurricane Rita, was reopened in time for Easter 2006.

In upper Cameron Parish St. Mary of the Lake Church in Big Lake, which was inundated by more than 18 inches of water from the storm, was restored and blessed in late January 2007 by the Reverend Monsignor Harry D. Greig.

An overflow crowd of parishioners and well wishers were on hand for Saturday's blessing including leaders of other faith traditions in the area.

Bishop Provost blessed water and then walked throughout the church sprinkling the people and the walls of the church.

He told those in attendance, which included Pat and Elton Louviere who were responsible for the painting of a wall size mural behind the altar depicting the Crucifixion, that St. Eugene was the first church he visited on the coast after he arrived in Lake Charles.

"I went to visit each of the churches devastated by Hurricane Rita and St. Eugene here was the first I visited," Bishop Provost said. "I was most impressed with the indomitable spirit of the people, that would resurrect, as it were, such an edifice for worship of God and for the community here in Grand Chenier. I want to complement you and Father Vincent on the very fine rebuilding of this church. I am delighted to be here this afternoon to bless the building and to designate it as a very special place for worship and prayer as it has been for so many years."

Bishop Provost next spoke about a recent interview he had with a reporter from the New Orleans Times Picayune. The reporter had been seeking information about the area post-Rita and as the interview was finishing, asked the Bishop, "What in your opinion does the Catholic Church have to offer to the area, especially in light of the storms and the destruction afterward?"

"I said, I think that the Catholic Church is here to stay," Bishop Provost said, "A lot of things come and go but the Catholic Church and its witness sticks around. It stuck around in the 19th century with the Yellow Fever epidemic in this area and New Orleans. We can not forget that it was the priests and the nuns of the Church, when everyone else fled, it was the Church that was there during those dreadful times of cholera and yellow fever. This is in our history books."

"Throughout the storms that occurred, particularly of Hurricane Audrey, which I remember as a child growing up and the devastation that followed it, and the response of people like Bishop Schexnayder and those in this area and the rebuilding of the churches, it is that same spirit that continues," the Bishop said. "Some things come and go and some people come and go, some organizations come and go but the Church is always here to stay. It is that fidelity, it is that

perseverance, it is that patience which I think is the mark of the presence of the Catholic Church."

He noted the great symbolism achieved with the rebuilding of St. Eugene. "It is highly symbolic in the sense that it represents a resurrection of sorts, a continuance of that same presence of the Church in this area. It is more than just a building, it is representative of the spirit, the faith, that can not be conquered. The faith which does not die. The faith that has been with us for centuries, which is manifested in the lives of the faithful such as you who join this afternoon to re-dedicate this church."

The Bishop noted that at the start of the Liturgy the walls of the church and the people within those walls were blessed with Holy Water.

"How tame that water was!" he said. "It wasn't tame almost two years ago with Hurricane Rita – nothing tame about that. We look back in the scriptures and see this destructive force. Chaos was always represented in the Old Testament with water."

He then went on to point out instances in the Bible where water played a role, such as in Genesis, with the creation of the world, the story of Noah and the Flood, and the story of Jonah and the Whale. In the New Testament, there is Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana.

"The first miracle of Jesus – changing of water into wine – is a sign and a foreshadowing of what he will do when he takes that same wine and says "this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant," Bishop Provost said.

"Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night and speaks about eternal life and Jesus says to him "unless one is born again by water and the spirit, one cannot enter the kingdom of God," the Bishop continued. "That "born again" we celebrate in two important sacraments which are pivotal to the life of any Christian, not to mention Catholic. One is the sacrament of Baptism, which is water tamed to bring about new life, and other is the blood of the Eucharist which is that blood that we drink in union with our Lord, to become more fully like him."

St. Eugene's pastor, Father Vincent Vadakkedath, told the crowd how he and they should "rejoice and be glad".

To rousing applause, he said. "We are so happy to be here. We have been waiting for this glorious day. Bishop Provost we are so happy you are with us today. I thank you for coming to Grand Chenier. This the very first church you have blessed as Bishop of Lake Charles, it is your first born, never forget it."

Blessings of Audrey mass graves July 1

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will preside over the blessing of the mass graves of more than 150 victims of Hurricane Audrey on Sunday, July 1. Last Wednesday, June 27, was the 50th Anniversary of the storm that killed more than 500 people.

The Bishop will bless the gravesite of victims at Combre Memorial Park, located at 2701 Opelousas Street, at 4:30 p.m., then travel to Highland Memorial Gardens, 6325 Common Street to bless the gravesite there.

Delegation set for Congress X

LAKE CHARLES – A delegation of Catholic men and women will represent the Diocese of Lake Charles next month at the National Black Catholic Congress X in Buffalo, New York. Deacon Edward Lavine, Director of the Office of Black Catholics for the Diocese, will lead the group, which includes Paul Pitre of St Joseph Parish in Welsh; La Wanda Gibson of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Jennings; Jo Ann Garland of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lake Charles; and Jackie Matthews and Chantell Smith, both of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lake Charles. Also attending will be the Rev. Timothy Goodly, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

They will be among thousands of other representatives from dioceses across the country at Congress X on July 12-15. Those attending will be reflecting on the eight Core Principles within a Sacramental Vision, which were espoused at

Congress IX. Those eight Principles are Spirituality, Parish Life, Catholic Education, Youth And Young Adults Social Justice, Africa, Racism and HIV/AIDS.

According to Deacon Lavine, the delegation will return home with a national plan of action as a guide for the local dioceses throughout the country connecting the spiritual gifts of the Sacraments and the action called for by the Principles. "This will enable us to build up our parishes and institutions by continuing to promote a logical understanding of Liturgy and Life, retaining and reclaiming parishioners and strengthening our Evangelization efforts of which Social Justice is an essential part," Deacon Lavine said.

In preparation for the Congress several hundred took part in a Day of Reflection for Black Catholics. "Those who attended reflected on the above eight principles and how spiritual renewal through the Seven Sacraments transform our lives

and also move us to work for transformation of our communities," Deacon Lavine continued. "The Day of Reflection attendees connected the Spiritual Gifts of the Sacraments and the called for Actions by the eight principles."

The focus questions reflected on throughout the Day of Reflection, as well as throughout the year were:

- How do the Sacraments speak to our experiences and nourish us in our journeys, both as individuals and as a community?
- How can Black Catholics bring our particular experiences and gifts to enrich the Sacramental Life of the Church?
- How do the Sacraments, which are so fundamental to our Catholicism, also serve as the foundation and impetus for our action in the Black community, that is for our ongoing work to fulfill the eight core principles declared at the National Black Congress IX?



The Diocese of Lake Charles will be represented by a delegation at the National Black Catholic Congress X to be held July 12-15 in Buffalo, New York. Deacon Edward Lavine, director of Black Catholic Ministry for the Diocese, will lead the group. Those attending include, from left, Paul Pitre, Chantell Smith, Jo Ann Garland, Deacon Lavine, and La Wanda Gibson. Others attending will be Jackie Mathews and Rev. Timothy Goodly.



A large number of young people and staff attended the 2007 Christian Leadership and the Advanced Christian Leadership Institutes held at Emory Wallace Retreat Center at Bundick Lake near DeRidder recently. The annual events provide leadership training for Catholic youth and young adults.

(This page paid for by the Diocese of Lake Charles.)

Hurricane Audrey's ordeal recounted by survivor

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The following is a personal account of the late Marie Traylor Swire, as told by her daughter Melodie Knippers, of her experiences in both Hurricane Audrey in 1957 and Hurricane Rita in 2005. Mrs. Swire died in Lake Charles on Feb. 18, 2007.)

By MELODIE KNIPPERS

Marie Traylor Swire moved to Cameron Parish at the age of 20 from Springfield. She was married to Raphael Swire, Sr. and at the time of Hurricane Audrey in 1957, they lived at North Island, the east end of Grand Chenier.

When Raphael came home from work on June 26, she was packed and ready to evacuate. After listening to weather advisories, Raphael decided there was no need to evacuate, as did many other residents of Cameron Parish.

On the morning of June 27, 1957, the twelve family members living at North Island had gathered at the home of Henry and Clarissa Swire. As Hurricane Audrey came ashore and water was coming into the home, each family member had to be physically lifted up into a small attic space.

As two brothers, Dudley and Adam were coming from another room of the home, a wave caused the house to split and they had to jump into mid air and landed into the room with the rest of the family.

The twelve members of this family were Henry and Clarissa Swire; their grandson, Darrell Swire; Raphael, Sr. and Marie Swire, their three children, Melodie, Raphael, Jr., Debra; and Dudley, Adam, Wilson and Nancy Swire.

This room was thrashed about by the wind and waves and the men would grab hold of electrical lines and tie the room to a tree, but this only lasted until the next surge of wind and water, then the electric line would snap and break. The house finally lodged between two trees which were the last two trees in sight, and, if not for the trees, the house would have floated on. The tin was ripped off from the part of the roof allowing rain into the attic.

Asa Nunez, who worked with Raphael at Amoco Oil Company and was on duty and out in the storm in one of Amoco's crew boats found refuge from the wind and waves behind this room. Later Asa rescued all the survivors from the attic.

When evacuating from the attic to the boat, Debra Swire Heard (age 11 months old) was almost dropped into the water. Later that night the boat was tied up at the Amoco dock in Grand Chenier, where they waited until the next morning and then walked about three miles to an air strip to await a seaplane.

Amoco sent a seaplane to assist with evacuation of their

employees and many other residents from the area. From the air strip survivors, the twelve members of the Swire family, were brought to safety at the McNeese State University Campus in Lake Charles.

After Hurricane Audrey, Marie and Raphael's only material possessions saved were their home steps and a few dishes. They bought a home that had been partially destroyed and rebuilt it.

Forty eight years after Hurricane Audrey, Marie would experience the same loss of her home as Hurricane Rita struck the Cameron Parish coast line in 2005. Marie's home, once again was totally destroyed and only the steps remained. Now at the age of 74, she relocated in Sulphur, where she planned to rebuild and start over again. This time the recovery was different as she was older.

After Hurricane Audrey, Marie wrote many beautiful poems, but all but a few were lost in Hurricane Rita. "A Vicious Lady" was the title of one written about Audrey, her experiences of the storm and its devastation of the people of Cameron Parish. Throughout her lifetime, Marie shared the story about Hurricane Audrey with everyone she met and how God had blessed her family and would read or recite this poem to them.

Mrs. Swire's poem read in part:

**A VICIOUS LADY
Hurricane Audrey of 1957**
The wave that came was
twenty foot high,
To look at it from afar,
like it touched the sky.
It came in fast like, with the
sound of a jet,
I knew I was helpless and yet.

My three children's lives were
at stake,
Because, I had been warned
of this fate.
As the waves hit the house,
food and water I was try-
ing to prepare,
I knew then it was my
revealed nightmare.

The hundred and sixty-five
mile winds were so strong,
And the twenty-foot wave car-
ried things right on.
Now to claim all its victims of
the young and the old,
So the stench of death was
now to unfold.

We stayed aloft and held on
for forty eight hours,
With three children in the
attic, God in full power.
The death toll came in like
over five hundred lives,
The cemetery was uprooted;
even the dead could not
survive.

The snakes and nutrias were
in despair,
And giant spiders were walk-
ing on the water, I Declare!
The dead were wrapped in
bags of clear,
No one could identify their
own so dear.

Post to sign books in L. C.

Cathy Cagle Post, author of the new book, "Hurricane Audrey" has two Lake Charles book signings coming up soon.

She will be at Books-A-Million on Saturday, June 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. The store is located on Ryan St.

She will be at Sam's Club on Saturday, July 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The book tells the personal stories of ten Cameron Parish families during and after Hurricane Audrey which hit the parish 50 years ago on June 27, 1957.

Mrs. Post is a native of Lake Charles.

I never found my home, only
the steps were there,
The thing I found was
myself, that makes God
even more fair.

I know He is my keeper or on
that day,
He would have taken my
three children away.

Classified ads should be sub-
mitted by 10 a.m. Tuesday of
that week's paper. The cost
is \$5.00 for the first 25
words, and 10¢ for each
additional word.

Coop meeting is set July 9 Basketball clinic is set

The Jeff Davis Electric Coop will hold its annual meeting on Monday, July 9 at the Grand Lake High School Cafeteria. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

There will be 44 door

prizes, two prizes for children under 16 and a first prize of a big screen television.

All coop members are invited to attend. The Coop serves most residents of Cameron Parish.

Grand Lake Little Dribblers will host a basketball shooting clinic from 1 - 4 p.m., July 9 - 12. There is a \$20 registration fee.

For more information call Rhonda Thomas at 794-5754.

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For information on *Road Home* meetings in your area, visit our website at www.road2LA.org.

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We'll be here to help you with the process in the months to come. The July 31 deadline is for new applications only. You will have more time to schedule your appointment with a *Road Home* advisor and to complete other steps in the process. Plus, there's plenty of time to take advantage of *Road Home* Advisory Services.

Unsure if you registered or applied?

The Road Home began accepting applications on August 20, 2006. Even if you registered for the program before then, you need to apply. If you are unsure if you have applied, you can call 1.888.ROAD.2.LA to see if you have an application on file with the program.

Already applied?

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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot, Oct. 22, 1964)

ROAD SURFACING SET

The Louisiana Department of Highways will ask for bids next month to stabilize and overlay 14 miles of La. Hwy. 27 between the Gibbstown bridge and Creole in Cameron Parish State Sen. A. C. Clemons, Jr., of Jennings, announced this week.

At a meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury in Cameron on Sept. 22, attended by Senators Clemons and Jesse Knowles and Cameron Rep. Conway LeBleu, it was agreed to request emergency action from the highway department on this section of highway.

IMMUNIZATION SURVEY

A survey will be conducted in Cameron Parish during the week of Nov. 23 to learn if parish residents are protected against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, smallpox, and polio. If results show that enough people are immunized against these diseases to prevent future outbreaks and epidemics, major immunization campaigns will be held at a later date.

LOCAL FIRM GETS TWO IMPORTANT CONTRACTS

Diesel Marine Service of Cameron has been awarded two important contracts for installing diesel engines for two experimental projects for offshore oil service firms, according to Harold Cooling, owner.

The local firm has a contract from Klein Deco Wire Line Specialists to power the first 65-foot twin catamaran hull to be placed in offshore service. These vessels are known for stability and ability to work in heavy seas, Mr. Cooling states.

The new boat will be used to service oil rigs in the Gulf. Diesel Marine has also been named to power the first hydroblast unit being developed by Houston Engineers. This experimental unit, which is to be powered with one of GM's large new V engines, will be used to clean tubing, casing, etc.

Mr. Cooling and four of his local employees will fly to Atlanta, Ga. this weekend to take part in a technical seminar on a new diesel engine. The employees are James LeBouef, George LeBouef, Earl Mouton, and J. A. Miller.

JONES IS 'LION OF YEAR'

Jennings B. Jones, Jr., third assistant district attorney for Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes, received the annual "Lion of the Year" award of the Cameron Lions Club at a dinner last Thursday night at Fred's Restaurant.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender, was featured speaker of the evening. Hadley Fontenot, who was the first recipient of the "Lion of the Year" award in 1956, made the presentation of the 1964 plaque noting that Jones had been a member of the club since 1949, had served one year as secretary and last year as the club's president.

Jones graduated from Grand Chenier High School, University of Texas, and received his law degree from LSU.

PONTOON BRIDGE TO OPEN SOON

The Ellender Pontoon Bridge at the Intracoastal Canal north of Hackberry will be in operation by Nov. 30 or before, State Sen. Jesse Knowles of Lake Charles announced Thursday.

The bridge was struck by a tug and badly damaged. Previous estimates of the time needed for repair were six or more months. A temporary ferry is now being used at the waterway crossing.

Knowles said that with luck the bridge will be opened when the duck season starts Nov. 21. He said that he envisions long lines of traffic at the ferry crossing otherwise.

ROUNDBOUT THE PARISH

Cameron--Mrs. Amos (Tut) Miller was honored on her birthday at a coffee Friday in the home of Mrs. Nell Colligan. Coffee and cake were served to Mesdames Jeanie Jones, Mary Lou Lefort, Gertrude Colligan, Mary Lou McJohnson, Eldie Cheramie, Deanne Colligan

and Anne Swindell.

PTA Committees--The following committees for Audrey Memorial School have been named: Finance, Mrs. Althea Bishop, chairman, Mrs. Frances January, Mrs. Mary Bargeman, and Mrs. Williams; Publicity, Rapheal Bargeman, chairman, Mrs. Uradell Bargeman, and Mrs. Evelena Jones; Program, Henry V. Griffin, chairman, Mrs. Vella Andrews, and Mrs. Elray LaSalle; Refreshments, Mrs. Agnes Nash, chairman, Mrs. Jeanette January and Mrs. Lawrence Schlesinger.

Holly Beach--Johnson Bayou--Shrimp aren't running too good; dove hunters got their bang day Sunday, but they also had hot weather and mosquitoes; two of the parish's biggest cattle herds were on the move last week; the geodetic survey crew which had been in this area for several months wound up their activities and moved out Monday--Mrs. Roy Billeaud entertained the crewmen and their families with a going-away supper last Friday.

Creole--Much of the activity around Creole continues to be staged in the "great outdoors" where Fall reigns supreme in all the splendor of just about the prettiest and most ideal weather that has ever descended on these parts. Hay baling continues and cattle are being moved to winter ranges.

Hackberry--The HD Club met at the home of Mrs. Pauline Krumm on Oct. 12. Co-hostess was Mrs. Martha Cabell. Mrs. Elma Marie Moore led the club Collect. There were 14 members present and two visitors--Mrs. Jannell Reasoner and Mrs. Audrey Loftin. The leaders who gave reports were Mesdames Hazel Bringol, Elma Gross, Ethel Little, and Lucille Pearce.

Cameron Parish HD Council--This organization recently won first place in the publicity book competition and the state HD Council meeting at LSU.

Extravaganza set June 29 & 30

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Cameron will present a Musical Extravaganza on June 29 and 30 at 6 p.m. each evening.

On Friday there will be youth ministries, choirs and soloists. On Saturday there will be a male chorus, groups and soloists.

The events will be held at the New Emmanuel Baptist Church, 501 N. Lyons St., Lake Charles.

For information call Rebecca LaSalle, 337-5710 or Sandra Ford, 525-6866.

Rev. Lannis Joseph is pastor of the Ebenezer church.



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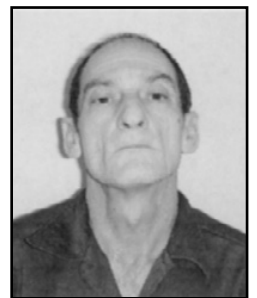
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JOB AD

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Food Service Technician (7 hrs. per day) at Grand Lake High School. High School diploma is preferred.

To make application contact: Mrs. Cynthia Carpenter, Supervisor, Cameron Parish School Board, 1039 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607. Phone: 337-905-5784 Ext. 113.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, June 29, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

RUN: June 14, 21 & 28 (J-16)

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 29, 2007
9:00 A.M.

Grand Lake High School - Cafeteria
1039 Hwy 384, Grand Lake
Lake Charles, LA 70607

1. Call to order
2. Prayer and Pledge
3. Consider accepting Final Budget for 2006-2007 - Ms. Margaret Jones
4. Receive report from June 20, 2007 Cheniere Pilot Presentation meeting at Hackberry Community Center - Ms. Margaret Jones
5. Receive comments and information from Federal Emergency Management Act and Louisiana Public Assistance personnel - Superintendent
6. Receive update on Lacassine Refuge land swap - Mr. Eddie Benoit
7. Continue discussion from June 11, 2007 regular meeting on the use of corporal punishment for the purpose of discipline - Mr. Eddie Benoit
8. Receive update on final occupancy of Johnson Bayou School and status of pavilion enclosure - Mr. Doug Welch
9. Consider appointing one full-time intervention teacher each at Hackberry High School and Johnson Bayou High School with additional funds for full-time intervention teachers at all four schools to be provided through No Child Left Behind federal grant - Superintendent
10. Consider salary schedules for hourly wage support personnel to align with two different school schedules - Superintendent
11. Receive legislative update - Superintendent
12. Receive report on potential \$11,677,044.00 Community Development Block Grant allotment through the Louisiana Recovery Authority to cover FEMA-ineligible hurricane impact costs - Superintendent
13. Receive new physical address of the Cameron Parish School Board temporary office in Grand Lake - Superintendent
14. Consider personnel recommendations - Superintendent
15. Adjourn

RUN: Jun. 21 & 28 (J 36)



CAMERON CHILDREN pose with youth from Northstar Baptist Church, Bristol Tennessee, who spent last week conducting Vacation Bible School. This was the second year for Northstar to present VBS in Cameron. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



ABOVE ARE photos of the Oak Grove home site on which two homes were destroyed in 1957 and 2005. The earlier home was owned by John and Esther Meaux and was rebuilt after Hurricane Audrey. Joey Reina, a grandson, later owned the home which was destroyed by Hurricane Rita.



JUDGE AND MRS. Ward Fontenot, left, and Police Juror and Mrs. Scott Trahan were shown at the recent premier of the movie "Little Chenier" held in the Lafayette area. The film was shot in Cameron Parish in 2005 prior to Hurricane Rita. (Photo by Gwen Hebert Bourgeois.)



THESE PHOTOS of South Cameron High School following two hurricanes nearing nearly a half century apart were provided to the Pilot by Madge Reina. The top photo was taken following Hurricane Audrey in 1957 and shows the steel framework still standing and the bricks knocked down. The lower photo was taken after Hurricane Rita in 2005 and shows some of the brickwork in the front still standing. In both cases, the school had to be rebuilt while the students went to Grand Lake High School.



Dixie Future Stars team

Moore brothers "Future Stars"

Brothers Jeffrey, Nick, and Austin Moore lay claim to being the only trio of brothers to have participated in the Dixie "Future Stars" National Showcase Tournament. Not only have they been participants, each has participated in years that have the Louisiana/Texas based team win the championship.

In 2002, Jeffrey participated on the championship team. He was utilized at second base, shortstop, and right field making plays on defense that were spectacular and putting the ball in play at the plate as needed.

In 2005, brother Nick participated on the championship team. Nick was second baseman, until the championship game. In the championship game the La/Tex team faced an extremely strong team based out of Chipley

High School in Florida and other players from Alabama. Coaches Jason Parker and Mike Streams decided that Nick was the "go to man" and he entered the game as the pitcher.

Nick gave up two runs in the first inning and then settled down to throw shutout ball as the La/Tex team claimed the title by a score of 5-2.

On June 14, the La/Tex team again traveled to Montgomery, Ala. to participate in this showcase tourney and again one of the "Moore boys" was traveling with coaches Mike Streams and Jason Parker. This being Austin, who was chosen out of numerous applicants.

Austin was chosen as a catcher/utility player. He threw out the first base runner attempting to steal and

no further attempts were made on him. Austin also played second base and right field, playing error free ball for the entire tournament.

Coach Jason Parker states, "It has been a pleasure to have these young men participate on the Louisiana/Texas Future Stars Team, and having all three of them on different championship teams will always be special to them as well as to myself."

But, it does not end here, the brothers are the grandsons of Reggie and Jimmie Lee Burgess, of DeQuincy, who have made all three trips to the "Future Stars" tourney and the sons of Regina "Sissy" Aucoin, of Hackberry, who played her role in bringing home the trophies as the team's official scorekeeper for all three winning teams.

Welch was big fan of The Price Is Right

(American Press) Grace Welch, 87, of Hackberry, has been watching "The Price Is Right" for as long as Bob Barker has been on it, according to Coot, her daughter.

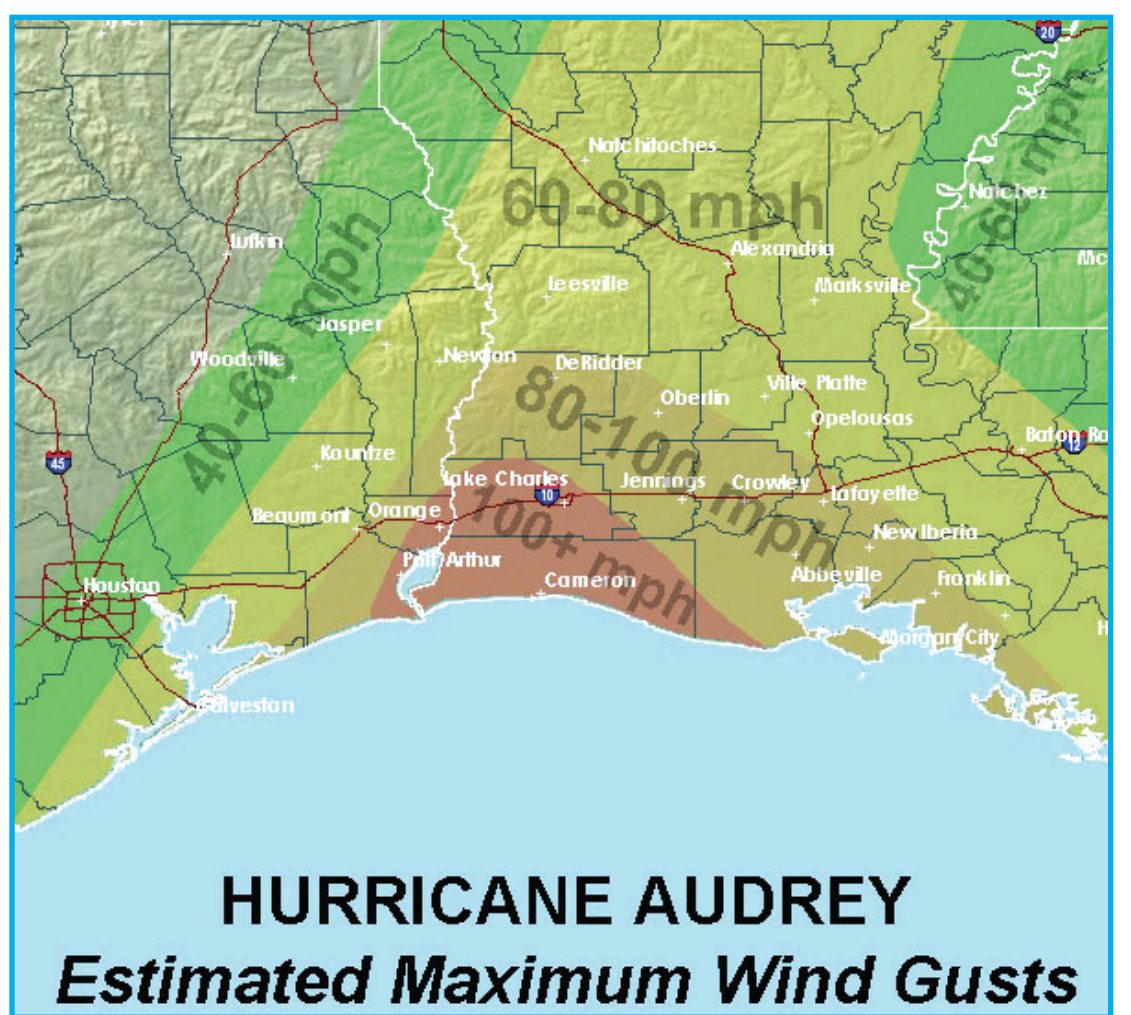
"She is a little said that Bob Barker will be retiring. She has enjoyed so many of his programs," she said.

Grace likes all "The Price Is Right" games, including Cliffhanger, in which contestants must correctly guess the price of household items to send a lederhosen-clad yodeler up the side of a mountain. Guess too low, he barely moves; guess too high, he's been known to fall off the mountain.

Broussard enjoys Pilot

"Still enjoy the Pilot very much—it helps me keep in touch with friends and relatives," writes Don Broussard, a former Cameron Parish educator, who renewed his subscription.

Anyone wishing to write to him can do so at 29436 W. La. Hwy. 82, Kaplan, La. 70548-7508.



HURRICANE AUDREY
Estimated Maximum Wind Gusts

Grand Chenier Methodist church plans dedication

Grand Chenier United Methodist Church will dedicate its restored building on Sunday, July 15. Lunch will be served at noon followed by a dedication service at 2 p.m. Bishop Bill Hutchinson, Louisiana Annual Conference

of the United Methodist Church, will bring the message. Rev. James Moore, pastor of Grand Chenier UMC, invites everyone to come eat and visit before the service.

