



ALTHOUGH SOME Cameron Parish beaches will be closed for swimming for the Fourth of July weekend, thousands of beachgoers are expected to turn out for the long weekend Saturday through Monday.

(Photo courtesy of Creole Nature Trail National Scenic Byway.)

Home attack, two shootings reported

By CYNDI SELLERS

Violent crime is a rarity in Cameron Parish. That is why two shootings and an in-home attack in just two days last week in Cameron have shaken the entire community.

In the early afternoon hours of Wednesday, June 22, the Sheriff's Office received a call that a female was being attacked in her home on Dan Street in Cameron.

When officers arrived, the victim said an assailant had entered the house and hidden behind the door and was waiting when she came home, attacking her from behind. She described the assailant as a male between 5'7" and 5'8" tall and of slender build.

The victim was taken to South Cameron Memorial Hospital and released the same day.

Officers canvassed the neighborhood asking if anyone had seen a man running away, to no avail. The Sheriff's Office has no suspect at the present time and is asking for the public's help.

If anyone has seen anything suspicious in the area, behind the Subway restaurant, detectives want to know about it.

Chief Deputy Ron Johnson says the investigators have been working many extra hours, following every lead in trying to solve this case. "Please report any lead, even

if it seems irrelevant," he said, "We really want to get this guy."

Many people in the Cameron area who have not always been in the habit of locking their doors are now doing so, and they vow to remain on the alert until an arrest is made.

Meanwhile, a suspect has been arrested in a drive-by shooting which occurred around 10 pm the same day. Jerome Guillory, 27, of 158 Peshoff St., Cameron, has been charged with two counts of attempted murder and one count of aggravated assault for allegedly driving up beside a car at the intersection of Peshoff and Isaac streets and firing shots from a small caliber weapon into the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle, Whitman Guillory, received a non-life-threatening injury, driving himself to South Cameron Memorial Hospital. The passenger, who was not hurt, called the Sheriff's Office en route to report the incident.

The injured man was taken to Lake Charles where he was hospitalized and underwent surgery to remove a bullet.

In the other shooting incident, William Wayne Sellers, 55, of 104 Francis Circle, Cameron, was charged with aggravated assault after firing a weapon in his home. No one was injured.

Thousands expected on beach for 4th weekend

Although several of Cameron Parish's beaches will be closed for swimming due to pollution, thousands of beach goers are expected to turn out for the long July 4th weekend, Saturday through Monday.

Cameron, which has the most accessible public beaches in the state, attracts a large number of sun and sand seekers each year.

Cameron Parish Sheriff Dept. Chief Deputy Ron Johnson said there will be more than 40 law enforcement officers patrolling the

beaches over the weekend.

In addition to dozens of parish deputies there will be 16 ATC agents and 4 state troopers patrolling the beaches and highways.

Most of the officers will be on the beaches on the west side of the parish but there will be two parish units at Rutherford Beach near Creole and four at Myers Landing at Lowery on the east side of the parish.

A command center will be set up at the Apache Camp near Holly Beach and an intoxilizer will be in use there to test drivers suspected of drunken driving.

Officers will be enforcing laws on speeding, careless

operations, drunken driving and fighting.

Special attention will be given to the newly sanded area at Constance Beach and the law pertaining to driving on the beach dunes will be enforced.

Officers will be patrolling the beaches on four-wheelers and in pickup trucks.



Dayna Banks

Banks dies in airplane crash 23rd

Dayna Tanner Banks, 46, daughter of a former Cameron Parish minister, died last Thursday, June 23, 2005, in a plane crash near New Roads. Four other persons also died in the crash.

Ms. Banks was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jack Tanner of Lake Arthur and lived in Cameron parish in past years when her father was pastor of Baptist Churches, first in Cameron and later in Grand Chenier.

Ms. Banks had taught sixth grade science for several years at Neddleton Intermediate Center in Jonesboro, Ark. She had been Space Camp co-coordinator for the school and had been chosen as one of eight teachers across the nation to go to Washington to screen test questions for teachers to become certified.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 27, at the First Baptist Church in Lake Arthur. Dr. David Savage and Rev. Ernest Walker officiated.

Memorial services were also held at the Neddleton school in Arkansas.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a son, Patrick Michael Bank, serving with the Navy in Maryland; and a brother, David Tanner of Westlake.

Others who died in the plane crash were Dr. Robert Landry, an ophthalmologist; Dr. Coy McBoyd Sr., a dentist; Chris Blanchard, a CPA; and Blanchard's 7-year-old daughter, Colby.

An investigation into the plane's crash was ongoing this week.

Open house to be held July 7

Cheniere Energy will hold an open house on Thursday, July 7 from 1 - 6 p.m. at their Louisiana office, located at 5582 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Johnson Bayou. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call 569-2311.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be conducted by LifeShare Blood Centers at the First Baptist Church of Cameron Sunday, July 10 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Cam. State Bank opens new branch

Cameron State Bank, whose Main Office is located at 4440 Nelson Road in Lake Charles, has announced that their newest location, the Carlyss Banking Center, the Carlyss Banking Center, is now open for business.

The new Carlyss Banking Center, located at 4494 Hwy 27 South, is a full service location including teller stations, drive-up lanes, a drive-up ATM, safe-deposit boxes, and provides consumer, commercial, and mortgage loan services.

Roy M Raftery, Jr., President & CEO stated, "We are excited about opening a state-of-the-art facility in Carlyss. We believe in the future growth of this area, Calcasieu Parish, and Southwest Louisiana. The new facility shows our commitment to the area and will help Cameron State Bank continue to be a leader of financial products and services in the communities we serve."

Mr. Raftery invites everyone to visit their new location in Carlyss, meet Barbara Chaisson, the Branch Manager, Ann Trahan, Personal Banking Officer, and the rest of the staff. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cameron State Bank is a locally managed, independent bank. They employ a staff of 275 and offer 26 banking centers and over 55 ATMs in Calcasieu, Cameron, and Allen parishes. With a total number of customer loan and deposit accounts increasing to over 44,000, the bank has grown to over \$469 million in assets.

Happy 4th of July



Jury considers agency request

By CYNDI SELLERS

At its agenda meeting Tuesday, the Cameron Parish Police Jury postponed its consideration of a request from the LSU Cooperative Extension Service until a representative can come before them to explain further.

The Extension Service, also known as the county agent's office, had asked the Jury to sign a "cooperative agreement for support and administration" formalizing the financial relationship between the two agencies.

In it, the Service asked for a commitment of 10% of staff salaries for five years, as well as other administrative costs.

Parish Administrator Tina Horn said the parish has been providing this support all along, but the Service was asking each parish to sign an agreement. Jurors questioned some of the clauses in the agreement and said they

couldn't make a decision without having someone from the Service explain the request more fully.

Another request from the Service, to have the old wood-frame windows replaced in the building the parish provides for its use, was referred to staff to determine the need. Each parish provides office space for the Extension agents assigned to it.

Horn said the building was covered with vinyl siding some time ago, but the windows were not changed, and staff reported that wind and rain blow through them.

The Jury set the date for their regular voting meeting for July 5, since the regular date of July 4 is a holiday.

Other items to be considered on that day are: the opening of a dirt pit on the Parish's 80 acres of land in Grand Lake, for the purpose of building up two ball fields in Big Lake; advertising to



Judge Ward Fontenot

Fontenot is ranked 2nd by lawyers

By HECTOR SAN MIGUEL

(American Press)

Lake Charles City Court Judge John Hood, 38th Judicial District Judge Ward Fontenot, of Cameron, and U.S. District Judge James Trimble Jr. ranked as the top three judges in a job performance survey by area lawyers.

The survey was conducted by the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association. It was sent out last year to more than 400 dues-paying members, of which more than 100 responded. The group released the results earlier this year.

Attorney Mike Veron, who helped put the 2004 survey together, said the rating of judges by attorneys who appear before them "is something that was recommended by the American Bar Association, American Judicature Society and by virtually every professional group."

"It seems obvious to me that lawyers are the most informed consumers of judicial services, and therefore their evaluations of judges with whom they are familiar is a valuable public service that lets the public know what judges are performing well in the eyes of lawyers, who are as close to their peers as you could get," he said.

Attorneys were asked to rate judges in various categories. The five ratings were "very good," "good," "fair," "poor," and "very poor." The newspaper used the percentage of lawyers in the survey who rated the judges "very good" and "good" to rank them as follows:

- Hood--86.44
- Fontenot--86.35
- Trimble--84.36
- Wilson--83.72
- Painter--82.87
- Canaday--82.28
- Schrumpf--81.91
- Ritchie--79.22
- Wyatt--77.54
- Minaldi--76.91
- Quirk--73.8
- Bradberry--71.3
- Savoie--67.58
- Cutrer--64.51
- Gray--37.99
- Carter--21.37

The survey asked members of the local bar to rate the judges in five categories--judicial temperament, integrity, impartiality, professional competence and work ethic.

Hood was tops in judicial temperament and impartiality. Fontenot ranked the highest in integrity. Canaday ranked highest in professional competence. Minaldi ranked the highest in work ethic.

Gone With the Wind was published on June 30, 1936

Pedestrian hit by car

By CYNDI SELLERS

A pedestrian was struck and seriously injured in the pre-dawn hours of June 27. Graithel Carter, 69, of 4488 Miles Rd., Belmont, La., was crossing Davis Rd. (Jetty Rd.) in Cameron at around 4:50 a.m. to catch a boat at ELI dock.

Robert Hargraves, 30, of Port Neches, Tex. was driving his 1995 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck to his work at Asco dock when he rounded a curve and saw Carter in his headlights.

Hargraves reportedly tried to swerve, by hit Carter with the left side of the vehicle, at the mirror and windshield. He stopped and gave aid until help arrived.

Carter said he didn't hear or see the truck approaching; co-workers said he is hearing impaired. He was conscious at the scene, and was transported to the hospital with broken bones and possible head injuries. The driver was not cited.



Meeting set on permit

A public meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 14 at the Creole Fire Station to discuss a permit sought by Miami Corp. to remove an existing plug located in the north section of the Creole Canal.

The meeting will be a joint meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage Districts 3 and 4 boards of commissioners.

Scott Henry, District 3 president, said the removal of the plug will enable Miami Corp. to introduce salt water into its property which is part of the Cameron-Creole Watershed.

Henry and Kevin Boudreaux, District 4 board president, said that members of the Cameron-Creole

Watershed Advisory Committee are invited to the meeting as well as the general public.

For more information call Henry at 775-7332 or Boudreaux at 542-4395.

S. Cameron players will report Thurs.

South Cameron High School football players and their parents are asked to attend a meeting at 5 p.m., Thursday, June 30 at the school gym to organize the 2005 season, according to Coach Parry Lalande.

FUNERAL



EMMA "BOBBIE" KERSHAW-GUEHO

Funeral Services for Mrs. Emma "Bobbie" Kershaw-Gueho, 69, of Hackberry, were held Monday, June 27, at First Baptist Church of Hackberry. Rev. Brian Kershaw Sr. & Rev. Leon Boggs officiated. Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 28, 2005 in Hackberry Cemetery under the direction of Robison Funeral Home, Sulphur.

Mrs. Kershaw-Gueho passed away Thursday, June 23, in a Lake Charles hospital. She was born in Pendleton, Ore. and had lived in Ogden, Utah. She lived in Hackberry since 1953 where she was a member of First Baptist Church of Hackberry.

She retired from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services having served at Sabine National



THESE THREE MEN, Alvin Trahan, Ronald Istre and Charles Jinks, were the originators of forming a Recreation District for Johnson Bayou and building a recreation center. With the aid of Police Juror Archie Berwick and the citizens of the community, the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center was opened in 1974.



ACCEPTING A PLAQUE of recognition from the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 Board is Mrs. James (Margie) LeBoeuf and son, Henry Roy. The late James LeBoeuf worked for the board operating the drainage pumps for many years. Pictured above, from left, are Joe Dupont, Edward Racca, Henry Roy, Margie LeBoeuf, Scott Henry and Mike Johnson. (Photo courtesy of Tina Horn.)

Wildlife Refuge for over 22 years. She served as a Girl Scout Leader for 10 years, a Director for the Calcasieu Cameron Fair Board for 22 years, an employee of DeBarge's Convenient Store for over 20 years, the Pianist for Hackberry United Methodist Church for 20 years, a member of the Rita Walther Memorial Scholarship Committee, a voting commissioner for Cameron Parish, a member of the Cameron Parish 911 Communications Board, and manager for the Hackberry Branch of the Cameron Parish Library.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Elair Kershaw; and second husband, Joseph Shelby Gueho; and three sons: Warren Kershaw, Steven Kershaw & Leonard Kershaw.

Survivors include one son, Rev. Brian Kershaw, Sr. and

Johnson Bayou rec. center events told

BOARD TO MEET
The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center board will have its monthly meeting Thursday, July 14, at 6 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming lessons for non-swimmers will be held

wife, Lisa, of Cincinnati, Ohio; one foster son, Duane Kershaw of Hackberry; two step-sons, Robert Sellars of Westlake and Gary Sellars and wife, Veronica "Ronnie", of Hackberry; one brother, Sam Thomas of Sunset, Utah; three sisters, June Sherrod and husband, Harold, of Roy, Utah; Rita Brietwieser and husband, Gary, of West Point, Utah; Dixie Tippetts and husband, Michael, of Ogden, Utah; two grandchildren; two foster grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and twelve step-great-grandchildren.

Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.

--Amelia Burr

Tuesday-Friday, July 5-8 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

SOFTBALL
Games will be played Monday July 13, July 20, and July 27. For times and dates contact the Recreation Center. Ages will be K-12th grade.

CENTER HOURS
Monday--Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday 2-9 p.m.
Concession--Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday 2-8 p.m.
Swimming pool--Monday, closed. Tuesday, 3-8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 3-7 p.m.

For the record

The name of the homeowner on the photo of the Century Plant last week should have been Carolyn Bargeman.



Advisories lifted on three area beaches

As of Friday, June 24, swimming advisories were issued for the water at Martin Beach and two sections of Holly Beach in Cameron Parish. All advisories remain in effect until samples show water bacteria levels are acceptably lowered. Swim advisories remain in effect for Constance, Little Florida and three sections of Holly Beach in Cameron Parish.

Swim advisories previously issued for Gulf Breeze, Hackberry, and Rutherford Beaches in Cameron Parish are lifted because water samples tested during the past seven days show the water is now acceptable for swimming.

Please note that this is not a closure of the beach or facilities at any of these locations. All areas remain open for boating and land-based activities.

The advisories, issued through the Louisiana BEACH Monitoring Program, state that the public should avoid swimming at these locations because the high levels of bacteria are a potential health risk. This is especially important for the elderly, babies, small children and people who are chronically ill or have compromised immune systems. The advisories remain in effect until DHH samples show water bacterial levels are acceptably lowered.

Cameron Library News

MEMORIAL BOOKS
World War II, Clarence Vidrine, Sr., by Ernest, JoDee, Desiree' and Kaleb Roberts;
The Ocean's Atlas, James LeBoeuf by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;
Small Batch Baking, Ella Louise Bosarge by Dave and

Debbie Savoie and family;
Cajun Cooking, Hadley Fontenot by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;
The Games Do Count, Joseph "Pup" Nunez by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;
Wyatt's Wagon, Lisa Savoie by Jay and Selika Egloff;
River Roads Recipes IV, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Fontenot by Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Baccigalopi;
Louisiana-The First 300 Years, Melvin Tarter by Larry and Harriette Dyson;
The Encyclopedia of Two-Hour Craft Projects, Dot Conner by Larry and Harriette Dyson;
Talk About Good II, Hadley Fontenot by Larry and Harriette Dyson;
The Passion, James LeBoeuf by Larry and Harriette Dyson.

NEW NOVELS
Stolen Magic, Mary Jo Putney; Lie By Moonlight, Amanda Quick; Julie and Romeo Get Lucky, Jeanne Ray;
Summer's Child, Luanne Rice; Devil's Corner, Lisa Scottoline; True Believer, Nicholas Sparks; Ya-Yas in Bloom, Rebecca Wells;
Table for Five, Susan Wiggs; Lone Star Cafe, Lisa Wingate; Two-Dollar Bill, Stuart Woods.

Death benefits from Soc. Sec.

Question:
When my grandfather died, my grandmother received a \$255 death benefit. But when she died, Social Security told me that I couldn't get this lump-sum death payment. Why not?

Answer:
A lump-sum death benefit of \$255 may be paid when a person dies who has worked long enough to be insured under the Social Security program. The lump-sum death benefit can be paid upon the death of the insured person even if he or she were not receiving retirement or disability benefits at the time of death. This payment can only be made to a spouse who was living with the worker at the time of death or to a spouse or a child who, in the month of death, is eligible for a Social Security benefit based on the worker's record. If no spouse or child meets the requirements, the benefit can not be paid. For more information about survivors benefits, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the publication Survivors Benefits or get it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10084.html

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Mrs. Jonathan Storms

Storms-Greathouse vows are said in Axtin, Texas

Mary Beth Greathouse and Jonathan Storms exchanged wedding vows on Friday, May 27 in the historic Daniel H. Caswell House in downtown Austin, Tex. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell (Irene) Greathouse of Grand Lake and the granddaughter of Mrs. Berniece McCain Greathouse of Grand Lake and the late George Greathouse and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (Margaret) Bourgeois. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis (Pam) Storms, III and Ms. Diana Storms, all of Houston, Tex., and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steward of Greensboro, Ga.

The bride is a graduate of Barbe High School, in Lake Charles. She has a bachelor's degree in health education from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Texas. She is employed as a RN at Seton Hospital in Austin.

The groom is a graduate of Kline Forest High School, Houston. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Texas, and is

Lighthouse endangered

The Sabine Pass Lighthouse is number one on the list of "Most Endangered Historical Sites in Imperial Calcasieu" just released by the Calcasieu Preservation Society.

"This shoreline landmark is threatened by weather, by remoteness and occasional marsh fires, by pollution and by potential industrial development," the Society's newsletter states.

"The Cameron Preservation Alliance has been a good steward of the structure, but more financial support is needed to stabilize and to enhance and to tell the tale of this historic relic of a proud past," the newsletter stated.

Also on the Society's endangered list are the wetlands and shoreline of Southwest Louisiana and live oak and heritage trees.

The Preservation Society will hold its quarterly meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 7 at Central School in Lake Charles.

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith



Remember when we had to "make do" in Cameron Parish? The day before we were to start our very first Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival in 1956, a bunch of us were sitting in Alida Hebert's car in front of the Cameron Post Office discussing what we needed for the Fur Queen contest and the flowers for the stage. We were Alida Hebert, Wardella Fontenot, Roberta Rogers and myself.

We needed ribbons to pin on the contestants and knew that we would have to make a trip to Lake Charles to purchase it. Suddenly I remembered that D. W.'s great aunt Dicie Jones had just died and Rutherford Cemetery was full of floral pieces from the funeral. We made a beeline to the cemetery and retrieved them from the grave.

Wardella used plenty of glitter to turn out beautiful

ribbons. Roberta managed to scour enough flowers around Cameron to make beautiful flower arrangements for the stage.

Our festival was a huge success, even though we all were inexperienced. Nancy Precht Nunez was the first queen.

My tomato plants in my flower bed are still producing fruit. Why is produce better when it is grown in your own garden? I have geraniums growing in buckets on my fence in colors of red, white and pink. Peggy sent me a purple plant for my birthday that is blooming its heart out.

I know tomorrow will be a sad day for me, for it will be the anniversary of Hurricane Audrey, the day we lost PawPaw Griffith and the day I had to start all over with my life. I don't think I will ever forget.



THESE YOUNGSTERS served as a focus group in helping develop a summer program about the wetlands. Shown above were (standing, from left) Zane Bellon, Devine Wicke, Grant Camara, Conner Cudd; (kneeling) Ashlyn Theriot, Hannah Theriot, and Shelby Cudd.

Enrichment program told for parish students

Cameron and Calcasieu parish students in Pre-K through the sixth grade will be able to learn more about coastal Louisiana and the wetlands through a summer enrichment program offered by CDW and Associates.

Dr. Cathy Denison-Wicke, who lives in Grand Lake, is president of CDW, a nationally certified woman-owned small business specializing in a variety of educational technology programs.

Three sessions of the program will be offered. The first will be held July 13-15 at

Salon Elegance in Grand Lake.

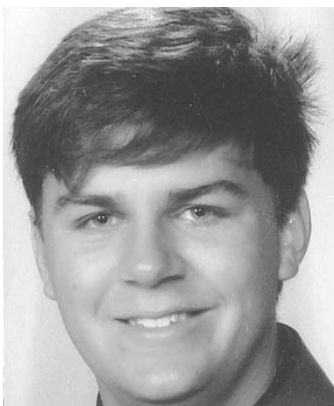
Sessions two and three will be held at McNeese's Wesley Foundation July 18-22 and July 25-29. The hours are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There is a fee to cover supplies and instructors. Classes will be limited to 20 students.

A variety of subjects will be covered in the sessions including computers, photography, video production, field trips, etc.

For more information call CDW and Associates at 477-5477.

Smith to attend conference



Kenneth Smith

Kenneth Sawyer Smith, a student in Lafayette High School's gifted and talented program, has been selected to attend LeadAmerica's 2005 Congressional Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C. He is the son of Mark and Peggy Smith

of Carencro and the grandson of Anna Belle Smith and the late Elridge Wilson Smith of Cameron.

The CSLC is a college-accredited invitational leadership program for academically talented and promising young leaders. Exceptional high school students who have a record of academic achievement and extracurricular or community involvement, are invited to participate from across the United States and internationally.

Students choose from several areas including the Government and Politics, Engineering, Science and Robotics, Global Business and Entrepreneurship, Intelligence, Diplomacy and National Security, Junior War College, Crime Scene Investigation, Law and Trial Advocacy, and Medicine and Healthcare.

seeking a master's degree in accounting from Texas State University.

Officiant of the double ring ceremony was the Rev. John Conner of Austin. The bride's attendants wore burgundy, strapless gowns and each held bouquets of burgundy and white tulips to match the bride's bouquet.

Maids of Honor were Leigh Ann Greathouse and Julie Greathouse, both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ashley, Rew, Andrea Rew, Aytul Cremer, and Jamie Tilley.

Best Men were Louis Storms, IV and Justin Storms, both brothers of the groom. Groomsmen were Jonathan Fox, Dave McClard, Todd Kubiak, and Michael Berrow.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Austin, Tex.

K. C. holds Family Day

The Evans P. Mhire Knights of Columbus Council of Grand Chenier held a family day at the Grand Chenier State Park last weekend. They also held a bass and redfish tournament.

Richard and Jordan Duhon, father and son, teamed together and had a five bass stringer weighing 16.62 pounds for first place as well as the largest bass at 3.78 pounds.

Ricky and Laikin Canik, father and daughter team,

took the largest coupique with a five plus pounder.

In the redfish category, Jimmy and Dylan Dowd had the largest redfish weighing 7.95 pounds.

The team with five redfish taking first place went to Shane and Bobbie Dugan tipping the scales at 64.8 pounds.

James Vincent and Carl Aguilard weighed five redfish for a weight of 47.65 pounds.

Katherine "Wren" Marie Gay



Katherine was born May 24, 2005 weighing 8 lbs., 3 ozs. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her parents, Paul and Amy, sister Gabby, grandparents, John and Wini Gay, John and Carolyn Douglas, Toby "Poppy" and Dinah "Nanny" Landry, Uncle John and Aunt Tina Gay, Uncle Andy and Aunt Jennifer Gay, cousins, Ashlei Douglas and Kaitlyn Gay.



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HACKBERRY STUDENTS performed in the annual dance production of Karen Ogden Studio in Sulphur. The show, entitled "Under the Big Top," featured routines choreographed by the studio staff, which includes Mary Ellen Devall of Hackberry. Girls appearing on stage were Mikaela Devall and Jamie and Jessie Little. Mikaela received a perfect attendance trophy.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

CHURCH NEWS
Bible School at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hackberry will begin July 11 for pre-K to grade 6. Call 762-3365, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for registration.

BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS
Big Brothers and Big Sisters volunteers are needed for Hackberry. You meet twice a month, have lunch and spend some time with a child at recess. For more information call Uretta Frazier 762-3898.

LADIES' ULTREYA
The Sulphur Ladies' Ultreya meet on the second Thursday of each month at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur at 1 p.m. This includes ladies from Hackberry.

COMMUNION SERVICE
Anyone interested in giving communion to the shut-ins on Friday contact the Catholic rectory at 762-3365.



HACKBERRY JUNIOR 4-H members are shown planting flowers at the school. They included Jeb Backlund, Aaron Whelchel, McKay DeBarge, Madison Shove, Julie Trahan, Destiny Simon, Mattie Stine, Torey Little along with Mrs. Anita Jo Trahan. (Reported by Jolie Trahan.)

Story of Jasper albino buck on Penitentiary Ridge

By W. T. BLOCK

The last time that anyone saw Jasper, the albino buck deer with the pink eyes, he was grazing with his harem of white-tail does on Penitentiary Ridge, about ten miles west of Hackberry, La. Jasper had been moved to that locality in 1920 along with 100 other white tails, but first I suppose that I should write something about Jasper's background.

About 1918, Bud Byerley, a flathead at the Brownell log front in Jasper County, Tex., found Jasper as a half-starved fawn, lying beside his dead mother. A panther had killed the doe a couple days earlier, and her body was already half-eaten. Byerley bottle-fed Jasper with either goat's or cow's milk as he had a half-dozen other orphan fawns, until there were six half-grown deer in the log camp, tame and had become general nuisances with their eternal begging. When Brown-Rosenthal Muskrat Company of Orange advertised to buy up to 100 tame deer, Kirby Lumber Company sold the small herd to them.

The Brown-Rosenthal Muskrat Company, which was incorporated in New York, was the operating division of the Orange-Cameron Land Company, which was located in Cameron Parish, but was headquartered in Orange. The latter belonged to Lutchter Stark, and both the land company and the fur company were managed by George Raybon, who rode around the "rat lands" in his powerful speed boat, the "Mink". Dean Tevis, the veteran Enterprise feature writer, wrote much about the land and fur company during the 1920s.

In 1885 Jabez Watkins, the railroad tycoon, had big plans to extend his Iron Mountain Railroad from Alexandria to Cameron; as a

result he bought about 200,000 acres of marsh land at 10 cents an acre, bordered on the east and west by the Sabine and Calcasieu rivers, and on the north and south by the present-day Intracoastal Canal and Gulf of Mexico. In 1904 Watkins sold the huge tract to John Deere for 60 cents an acre. The land changed hands twice more before it was sold to Lutchter Stark in 1918 for \$1.75 an acre.

Brown and Rosenthal, who were New York fur buyers, agreed to develop and manage the trapping operation, which soon became the largest in the nation. The fur company trapped \$1 million worth of pelts in 1920, which increased to \$3 million in 1924, and Stark received a percentage of all the trapping income.

Brown-Rosenthal dug 82 miles of ingress canals throughout the rat lands; and built 12 "rat camps," each consisting of a bunk house, fur house, kitchen and mess hall. In 1925 the Johnson Bayou fur camp became the scene of a brutal double murder of A. A. Byrd of Nederland and John Springer of Lake Charles; and their murderer, Ned Harvey, was hanged at Cameron two years later.

The fur company employed up to 500 trappers and planned to rotate the trapping lands so that no area would ever become over-trapped. The fur company also built a nearby base camp and central fur warehouse, where 50,000 muskrat traps and other necessities were also stored. The base camp was managed by John Carouthers, who was also a graduate biologist, and who kept records of all the fur-bearing animals, alligators and marsh fowl population within the rat lands.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

The Hackberry Junior 4-H Club would like to thank Mr. Wise for all of his hard work publishing our 4-H news, reports and pictures this past school year. We have a great school and 4-H Club, but we could not have shared our good news without your help. You have been a dear friend to us and we appreciate your hard work. Thanks from the Hackberry Junior 4-H Club!!

Reported by Jolie Trahan

Ice cream social planned Labove named to honor list

An old fashion ice cream social will be held at the Hackberry United Methodist Church from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 2 to honor military personnel in the area.

The public is invited.

Chelsie L. Labove of Hackberry was among the 395 students at Northwestern State University who were named to the President's List for the spring semester.

To be so named a student must make all A's during the semester.

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FORTY-EIGHT YEARS ago this week Hurricane Audrey devastated Cameron Parish. The above photos were taken early on the morning of June 27, 1957 as the storm hit the parish. These photos were taken by Harold Richard Savant, a game warden living



at the Sabine Pass Lighthouse near Johnson Bayou. The left photo was taken from the light keeper's quarters looking north. The boat house in the background was located on Lighthouse Bayou. The right photo was taken looking south. A lighthouse buttress and oil storage building are in the background. Notice the dark clouds over the Gulf.

Game warden survives Audrey in Lighthouse

By WILLIAM "BILL" QUICK

I read with interest the series of articles written by Mr. Joseph Russell Broussard as he described his experiences during Hurricane Audrey and the aftermath. For those of us who lived along the low marshland and coastal prairies they should be a reminder. For those who have not witnessed a major storm, they should be a warning. All of us must keep an eye on the Gulf, listen intently to the official weather advisories and respond accordingly.

During the early morning hours of Thursday, June 27, 1957, the arrival of Audrey, a lone individual was marooned in an isolated location of Cameron Parish. Harold Richard "Dutch" Salvant, a game warden with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, was living in the keepers quarters at the abandoned Sabine Pass Lighthouse Station.

He, like many others, was

surprised by the unpredicted force of the storm surge. "Dutch" managed to take these photographs documenting the fury of the hurricane as it challenged the durability of the structure at the Lighthouse Station.

Amazingly the wood buildings on this station received only minor damage. High water caused the floors in the keepers quarters to buckle and the boat house lost some board siding. However, both buildings continued to be serviceable.

All of the elevated wooden walk-ways survived but the T-head wharf on the Pass suffered severe damage. There was no damage to the brick lighthouse tower or the oil storage building.

As conditions improved Harold R. "Dutch" Salvant resumed his duties in the area with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries. Later he had assignments in other parts of the state including St. Bernard Parish where he died in March of 1981.

Human case of West Nile Virus found in Kansas

By STEPHEN F. MANSARD

This week, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed the first human case of the West Nile virus (WNV) in the US in 2005. The victim contracted the virus in Kansas.

Many steps can be taken to limit exposure to WNV, and all of the steps decrease chances of being bitten by any mosquito, not just carriers of WNV.

First, understand a little about the insect. Mosquitoes best thrive in moist warm environments, feeding mostly on plants, but most females require an occasional blood meal, which they take from humans or any available animal. Mosquitoes locate prey using color, movement - and carbon dioxide, the essential component of air exhaled from our lungs, so they are hard to avoid. Mosquitoes are common in urban areas, and adults live two to four weeks.

The CDC offers tips to increase protection and control mosquitoes around our homes:

- * Stay indoors at dawn and in the early evening when mosquito activity peaks.

- * When possible, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks.

- * Use an insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin (see below) to help repel mosquitoes.

- * Use just enough repellent to cover exposed skin and/or clothing. Heavier application does not normally increase effectiveness. If biting insects do not respond to a thin film, reapply repellent.

- * For extra protection, spray clothes with repellent containing permethrin or DEET. (Do not apply permethrin repellants to your skin; do not spray DEET repellants on skin under clothing.) Permethrin-treated clothing also repels and kills ticks, and remains effective after repeated laundering.

- * Never apply repellents over cuts, wounds or irritated

ings. To create a budget, start by adding up your monthly take-home pay and any other sources of income. Next, add up all your fixed expenses, such as rent and credit card or student loan payments. Then, do the same for flexible expenses. Flexible expenses are those that can be reduced, such as food, gifts, dining out, and recreation. If your expenses exceed your income, find places to cut back so you can free up money for saving and for paying off debt.

USE CREDIT WISELY

Many graduates leave school with a lot more than a diploma. If you've accumulated credit card debt while in college, paying it off should be your top financial priority. Going forward, make it a point to never charge more than you can pay back at the end of the month.

If you find credit cards too tempting, replace your credit card with a debit card. A debit card offers the convenience of a credit card, but works like the electronic equivalent of a check. When you pay with a debit card, your checking account is automatically reduced by the amount you spend.

SAVE FOR RETIREMENT

Saving for retirement might be the last thing on the minds of most college graduates. But starting early can make a big difference.

skin.
* Do not apply to eyes or mouth, and sparingly around ears. Do not spray directly on the face-spray on hands first and then apply to the face.

* If a rash or other reaction appears, stop using the repellent and wash the covered areas with mild soap and water. In compelling circumstances, call a local poison control center.

* When going indoors, wash treated skin with soap and water. Wash repellent-treated clothing before wearing it again.

* For long duration protection use a long lasting, micro-encapsulated formula and re-apply according to instructions.

* According to some experts, DEET-based repellents should be applied only once per day.

* Use window and door screens to keep out mosquitoes.

* At least weekly, empty water from all outdoor containers, including birdbaths. Get rid of unused containers that can hold water.

* Keep rain gutters clear of obstructions.

* Organize a neighborhood clean-up to dispose of containers from vacant lots and parks, and to encourage people to keep their yards free of standing water.

PICARIDIN

The CDC has sanctioned a new chemical to reduce mosquito bites and help fight the WNV. Until the 2005 mosquito season, the CDC only sanctioned repellents containing DEET as long-lasting protection. Recent findings show that picaridin-based repellents are as effective as is DEET.

Australia, Europe, Latin America and Asia have been using picaridin (also known as KBR 3023) repellants since the 80's. Some users prefer picaridin mainly because picaridin has a more pleasant odor and is gentler to skin than are DEET-based repellents. Its gentleness makes picaridin more suitable for people with sensitive skin, including children.

Whether you use picaridin or DEET, the key to mosquito protection is to apply a repellent according to instructions and to reapply it after swimming, profuse sweating or if bitten.

MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, fewer than 100 of the world's 2700 mosquito species carry disease. Most mosquito-borne diseases cause only minor symptoms in most people. The best-known mosquito-transmitted diseases are Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE), West Nile Virus (WNV) and malaria. EEE has a 30-35% fatality rate, while the better known WNV has a lower fatality rate of 10-15%. However, only 4 Americans are known to have died from EEE. WNV has proven fatal for 650 Americans since 1999, when the virus first appeared in humans in the United States.

Malaria is a major international public health problem, causing about one million deaths annually. Malaria is confined primarily to Central and South America, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and the South Pacific. If you plan to travel outside the United States, see the CDC Travelers' Health website (www.cdc.gov/travel/bugs.htm) for recommendations concerning protection from insects.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot, June 29, 1972)

AUDREY IS REMEMBERED

By NELL COLLIGAN

This week, June 27, marks the 15th anniversary of the day Hurricane Audrey swept through Cameron Parish killing about 500 residents and leaving scores homeless.

Looking back, I have to marvel at what I saw when I married and came to Cameron two months after the storm.

I saw people working 12 and 14 hours a day to clean and rebuild a broken, muddy town with almost no available water and few building supplies. I saw some of them get up as tired as they went to bed, because they knew a sleeplessness that pills could not cure, a nervousness that tranquilizers could not calm.

They were broken-hearted and discouraged, but they were trying. Their courage was unbelievable, and at that time, there was little they would not do for their neighbor. They were so kind, their compassion for one another was exposed like raw nerve endings.

Time has helped to heal those broken hearts, time and their answered prayers. Families and homes have been rebuilt; the town looks better now than it ever did before, except for some of the old oak trees that couldn't be replaced.

That's as it should be. But I believe that these people who survived the storm are not the same as the rest of us. Surely inside of them something, ready when needed, is that great courage and super-sensitive compassion that Audrey stirred up. I think when they read about another disaster somewhere else, they care in a different way, because they've been there.

AUDREY DEAD ARE HONORED

A memorial mass was held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron to mark the 15th anniversary of Hurricane Audrey.

The mass honored the memory of the 525 Cameron Parish victims of the June, 1957 storm which swept gigantic tides inland.

The Rev. Alcide Sonnier, pastor of the church, officiated at the mass. The solemn mass was said to a packed house of worshippers, most of whom lost loved ones in the disaster.

The church, which is constructed to resemble the bow of a ship, a reference to the sea and shipping industries so vital to the area, sits behind a shrine which has become a landmark in Cameron Parish.

The shrine was erected in 1963 and depicts the Mother of God shielding a child as a perpetual entreaty to Christ to protect the parish from future calamities.

The seven-foot marble statue bears the inscription "Do not harm my children."

TWO HONORED AT POST OFFICE

By NELL COLLIGAN

Effective June 30 Mrs. Monroe LeBoeuf and Mrs. Rodney Guilbeaux retired

from the U. S. Postal Service in Cameron.

Better known as Frances and Tavia, these two ladies began working in the post office in the 30s under Postmaster F. B. Kennedy. At that time, the post office was a little building next to the Kennedy home where the Cameron Police Jury Building now stands.

As the town grew, the post office grew, and in 1949 it moved to a larger office in the Cameron Drug Store Building. In 1967, still larger facilities were needed, so the post office was moved to the Henry Building where it is today.

Frances and Tavia recall many happy memories while working together through the years, as well as a few bad ones as is the case in every business.

Fifteen years ago when Hurricane Audrey struck, they were faced with the task of repairs on their homes as well as starting from scratch to reestablish postal service for Cameron.

They opened the post office in Frances' home where it remained until repairs were completed on the post office on October 10.

HISTORY GROUP TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Cameron Parish Historical and Genealogical Society Thursday night, July 6, (1972) at 7 p.m. in the Cameron library, according to Mrs. Charles Perry, president.

Mrs. Eugene Theriot, author of a recent article in the Louisiana Heritage Magazine, will speak on Chenier Perdue and the Little Chenier settlement and history.

William Smith is collecting material for the historical society publication. Members having items to be included are asked to get it to him right away, Mrs. Perry said.

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Stark and the fur company developed the rat lands in many other ways as well. They introduced cat tails and other marsh grasses, believed to be muskrat delicacies. Stark developed a special steel trap to replace the usual killer traps in use elsewhere. And they set aside a special reservation of ridge lands, six miles square, where no hunting and trapping was permitted. And that was the location, soon to be called Penitentiary Ridge, where Jasper and the other 100 white-tail deer were released in 1920.

George Raybon visited Penitentiary Ridge in 1925, where he found Jasper and his harem of about 25 white-tail does seemingly content with their environment.

On his second visit in 1927, Raybon was unable to find Jasper or any albino offspring that he had hoped to find. Raybon believed that Jasper had been killed either by a panther or a bootlegger. By 1927 Penitentiary Ridge ("if a Revenor arrives here alive, he won't leave here alive") had become a notorious haven for about two dozen bootleggers, who eventually killed out the herd of deer.

Swimming safety is very important

Keeping cool in the heat of summer often means splashing around in the pool. It's a good way to forget the sizzling temperature and have some fun at the same time.

Along with sunscreen, a beach towel, goggles and a swim suit, being safety minded is an essential part of a fun afternoon of swimming.

Joni Guidry, spokesperson for the Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana says understanding the risks of being around water will reduce the chance of injury. "Using common sense and understanding how quickly an accident can occur in the water is essential," she said.

Backyard pools provide hours of entertainment, but they are 14 times more dangerous than an automobile to children under age four, according to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. "A few precautions, along with constant adult supervision, will help reduce the number of swimming-related accidents," said Guidry. "The main thing to remember is to always have an adult watching while children are swimming. Accidents can happen in a split-second." Distractions such as phone calls or reading a book take attention away from the kids.

She said some swimming accidents don't involve loud splashing as people commonly think. "A child can silently go under water and then inhale.

All of that can occur without a sound, splash or indication that they are in serious trouble. If a child is under water 45 seconds, chances are they need help."

Guidry advises teaching children to swim at an early age. "Between four and six years old is a good age range

to begin swimming lessons, and continue them for a few years to be sure the child is comfortable and capable in the water," she said. Learning to swim and be safe around the water is the best defense against drowning.

Barriers, such as a locking fence, should be installed for backyard pools. It should be at least 4 feet high, self-closing with a self-latching gate. If a door leads directly from the house to the pool area, it should be kept locked to prevent children from wandering into the pool. Guidry advised having a telephone near the pool in case of an emergency.

For safety while swimming in lakes, ponds and open water, the Safety Council advised these tips:

• Don't swim alone. Swim with a friend or have someone nearby on land who is watching.

• Don't fight the current. If you get caught in a particularly strong current, don't panic. Trying to swim directly toward shore won't help. Swim in a line parallel to the shore. When you feel the current relax, you can swim toward shore.

• Don't dive into the unknown. Check the water depth before you swim, and avoid diving in lakes and ponds. Severe neck injuries and paralysis can result from diving into water that's too shallow.

"Above all," Guidry stressed, "avoid alcohol. It affects your balance and coordination and can affect your sense of judgment." By keeping in mind safety while swimming, it will help ensure many more summers of safe water fun.

For more information, call the Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana at 436-3354.

13 tips for boys to have a better life

Life can be complicated for boys growing up today, especially those without a father or male role model. In "100 Things Guys Need to Know", a new book of advice and encouragement, author Bill Zimmerman gives boys ages 9 - 13 the lowdown on the ups and downs of adolescence, including peer pressure, new relationships, and body changes.

1. Every boy needs to have some basic things he believes in, or his key operating principles. These can be things like believing in yourself, not giving up easily when problems occur, or treating others the way you want to be respected. These operating principles will keep you steady when life throws you some curves. They tell you what's really important to you and help ground you when you're not sure.

2. You're not alone. Look around you. No matter whether other boys are short or tall, athletic or brainy, funny or quiet, they all have thoughts and feelings just like you. They worry about the same kinds of things you do.

3. You have more power than you think, and often that power comes in the form of helping others. This can be as simple as helping out a buddy with a problem and showing you support him. Your power is in what you decide to do for others and for yourself.

4. Stop worrying about whether you're "macho" or manly enough. The strongest guys are always the ones who think for themselves and treat everyone with respect. The only big muscle you really need is a good heart.

5. It's okay to make mistakes. That's the reason pencils have erasers - no one does everything right the first time every time. When you're

learning something new, be patient with yourself. You'll come through if you keep working hard.

6. Ask for help when you have a problem. There's nothing wrong with admitting you don't have all the answers. Who does? Look around you - there must be someone who can help you - a parent, a relative, a teacher who cares about you or some other trusted adult you can talk with. No one will ever make fun of you for asking for help.

7. It's okay to cry. Don't bottle up your feelings all the time - it will only create too much pressure inside you. Crying is something all people do some times. It doesn't mean you're weak - it means you're human.

8. Try to imagine what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes for a while. Choose one person from your school - even someone you think you have nothing in common with. Picture what this person might be thinking about or wishing for. Maybe you share more with him or her than you realize. Just like you do, all people deserve respect.

9. Believe in yourself. Everyone will have bad days. And that's the time to try to remember the good things in your life and what you have accomplished. Keep a list of them in your backpack or wallet to refer to when things don't look bright. This will give you courage and perspective. Bad times don't last forever.

10. You're special. There never has been - and never will be - anyone on earth exactly like you. Just as no one else has your thumbprint, no one on the planet has your one-of-a-kind mind, personality or imagination. You bring something to the world that nobody else has. You're special.

11. Part of getting older is learning to make good decisions. This includes choosing who you want to spend time with. Don't give in to group pressure. Ask yourself: Do you want to have to act in certain ways to be accepted, such as putting down others, or not being yourself? Isn't it a lot more fun to hang out with friends who like the true you?

12. Be yourself. Maybe you're someone who likes to spend a lot of time hanging out with big groups, or maybe you're more quiet or shy and prefer spending a lot of time on your own. Figure out what works best for you and go with it. Be comfortable with who you are.

13. Be your own hero. Watching Spider-Man and other action heroes can be a rush. But the courage and bravery of these characters are something you can match. Think of all the problems you've fixed and overcome. Think of the friends and family members you have helped. All this took guts and determination. That shows you when tough times call, you have the skills and courage to take them on.

on the gas to help circulate coolant. If the temperature light goes on or if the gauge enters the red zone, immediately pull off the road to a safe spot, well away from traffic. Do not drive any further - not even to the next exit. Driving with an overheated engine can cause serious damage to the engine.

• Do not attempt to remove the radiator cap itself. The pressurized coolant is extremely hot and will spray out with great force. Do not pour water over the radiator or engine, since a dramatic change in temperature could cause damage. After the engine cools a bit, add a 50-50 mix of coolant and water to the reservoir to bring it up to its proper level.

• Even when not stranded due to a breakdown, summer heat can pose dangers. Never leave a child or pet in a parked car in summer heat. Even an outside temperature in the 80's can quickly bring a car interior to well over 140°.

• Bring a cell phone for emergency calls, but don't use it while driving. Response's studies have shown that driving distractions have become the number one fear on the road.

Two free brochures, Driving Tips for Hot Weather and Hitting the Road Safely, and other information are available at their website: www.response.com.

Sheriff's Report

Arrests by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department made over the past two weeks include:

Jun. 16: Pamela R. Pitre, 39, 2609 Allen St., Lake Charles - Warrant: Unauthorized use of a moveable; William D. Monk, 51, 412 6th St., Lake Charles - DWI

Jun. 19: Scott Bernier, 33, 21 Arcadia Dr., Creole - Battery

Jun. 20: Justin B. Fuselier, 29, 764 Jacob Scott, Sulphur - DWI

Jun. 21: Pamela Pitre, 39, 2609 Allen St. #6, Lake Charles - Unauthorized use of a moveable; Todd Barczak, 36, Houston, TX - Probation violation

Jun. 24: Randy Peshoff, 41, 173 Rogers Ln., Cameron - Aggravated battery, Domestic abuse battery

Jun. 25: Kenneth Collins, 29, 2702 Shasta Circle, Sulphur - Domestic abuse battery, Battery on an officer (2 cts.), Resisting an officer; Ludwig Leonards, Jr., 24, 161 Devall Rd., Hackberry - DWI

Jun. 26: Kevin Guillory, 41, 116 Willow Ln., Johnson's Bayou - DWI.

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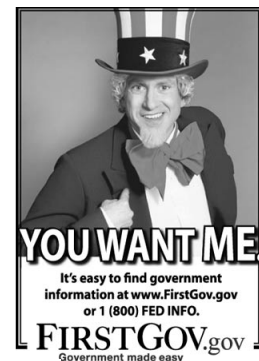
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Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

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FOURTH OF JULY CLOSURE

MILLER LIVESTOCK MARKETS, INC. will be closed the week of July Fourth in DeQuincy.

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— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Computer Lab Aide at Cameron Elementary School.

The provisions of highly qualified pursuant to No Child Left Behind are required. Please phone 337-775-5784 for details.

To make application contact Mr. Eddie Benoit, Principal, Cameron Elementary School, Phone: 337-542-4541

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, July 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

Run: June 30, July 7, 14 (J 56)

• NOTICE •

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive proposals for the mowing and removal of rubbish and debris at the Grand Chenier Elementary and Audrey Memorial Site until the hour of 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2005.

A copy of guidelines for submitting proposals may be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 246 Dewey Street, Cameron, LA 70631.

A pre-bid meeting, for all prospective bidders, was held at the Cameron Parish School Board Office on June 21, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. at which time copies of guidelines for submitting proposals will be available and questions concerning the guidelines will be addressed.

Another pre-bid meeting, for interested prospective bidders, will be held at the Cameron Parish School Board Office on June 28, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. at which time copies of guidelines for submitting proposals will be available and questions concerning the guidelines will be addressed.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted.

BY: /s/ Douglas L. Chance
Douglas L. Chance,
Superintendent
Cameron Parish School Board

RUN: June 23, 30 (J-38)

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD P. O. BOX 1548 CAMERON, LA 70631

By virtue of and in conformity with the procedures of Section 151 through 158 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, sealed bids will be received at the office of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana, on or before the 11th day of July 2005 at 4:00 p.m., at which time all bids received will be opened by the Cameron Parish School Board for a lease covering the oil, gas, and other liquid gaseous hydrocarbon mineral rights in, to and under the following described property:

That certain tract or parcel of land containing 640.00 acres, more or less, being all of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 15 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

All leases awarded shall be executed upon terms and conditions provided in the current Cameron Parish School Board lease form with all applicable riders appended thereto, including Approved Rider for Attachment to State Agency Lease Forms, and including, but not limited to, provisions as follows: Should lessee fail to begin the actual drilling (spudding in) of a well on the lease premises within one year from the date of the lease, the lease shall terminate as to both parties to the lease, unless on or before such anniversary date, lessee shall pay a delay rental [which shall in no event be less than the aforesaid cash payment offered for the lease], which shall cover the privilege of deferred drilling operations for a period of one year. Upon like payments annually, drilling operations may be further deferred for successive periods of one year each during the primary term of three years. The lease shall provide for drilling of offset wells where necessary to protect the Board's interest and shall contain the provisions against the assignment of sublease of the lease unless approved by the School Board. The lessee shall have the right to enter into pooling or unitization agreements with respect to development of the leased premises subject to the approval of the School Board. The Lessee shall not have the right to conduct geophysical or seismic activities or exploration on the leased premises under this lease. Such activities may be conducted only if a separate written contract or permit is granted to Lessee by the Cameron Parish School Board for which additional rights separate and additional consideration shall be paid.

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

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

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
BY: Douglas L. Chance, Superintendent
RUN: June 23, 30, July 7 (J 42)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron, Louisiana
May 9, 2005
The Committee met on this date at 3:00 p.m. with the following members present: Loston McEvers, Dot Theriot, Dwayne Sanner, Pat Howerton, Clifton Morris and Rachel Abadie. Absent: Marvin Trahan.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Committee approved the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Committee approved the minutes from April 11, 2005 as printed.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Committee approved the financial statement.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Committee approved the payment of bills.

On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Committee received a report with a discussion of tax levies.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Committee received a report to enter into a joint agreement with Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office to facilitate the Dare Program.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Committee received a report to enter into a joint agreement with SOWELA Community College to facilitate a post-secondary program in Cameron Parish.

On motion of Ms. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Howerton, the Committee received a report to consider meal charges for the 2005-2006 school year.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Committee adjourned.

APPROVED:
Loston McEvers, President
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:
Douglas L. Chance, Secretary
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Cameron, Louisiana
May 9, 2005

The Cameron Parish School Board met in regular session on this date with the following members present: Loston McEvers, Dwayne Sanner, Dot Theriot, Pat Howerton, Marvin Trahan, Rachel Abadie and Clifton Morris.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved the agenda.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the minutes from the April 11, 2005 meeting as printed.

On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board adopted the millage rates for the tax year 2005. (See attached Resolution)

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board accepted the bid on the following mineral lease on section 16-12-5. (Bid Tabulations Attached)

Bids received for 16-12-5 352.22 acres more or less

Patrick L. Donahue Petroleum Properties \$179,632.20 annually 3 year lease

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Howerton, the Board acknowledged a donation to Hackberry High School's principal Mr. Austin LaBove from Hackberry Rod and Gun Club in the amount of \$49,000 for athletics and academics.

The Cameron Parish School Board acknowledged the accreditation of Hackberry High School by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Cameron Parish Special Olympians, and State-level student achievements in academics and athletics.

The Cameron Parish School Board acknowledged the service of Mr. Barry Wayne Richard with 36 years of teaching experience and 28 years as a principal, and the Board presented him a plaque in recognition of this service.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board acknowledged Cameron Communications' scholarship to senior students of our parish.

On motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board recognized Cameron State Bank Awards and Donations made to South Cameron High School, South Cameron Elementary School, Cameron Elementary School, Johnson Bayou School, Hackberry High School and Grand Lake School as presented by Mr. Greg Wickie.

On motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Howerton, the Board approved the report that was presented by LSU Ag Center Agents; Jake Fontenot and Penny Thibodeaux, regarding 4-H activities that our parish students participate in.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board acknowledged the visit by State Attorney General Foti during the April 11, 2005 board meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board acknowledged Mr. Bobby Conner, Tax Assessor of Cameron Parish.

On motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board tabled for study an athletic booster club policy as presented by the Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board tabled for study a school-site financial management policy as presented by the Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board approved the request from a surface lessee for permission to perform maintenance on levees (walkways) on Section 16-14-7 as presented by Mr. Uland Guidry.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board approved Azimuth Energy, LLC request to commingle oil and gas production at the facility in the Johnson Bayou field, Section 16-15-14 as presented by Mr. Uland Guidry.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved the request of Shasta Cornerstone Partners for consent to assign all of its rights, title, and interest in and to an Oil and Gas Lease (CPSB#2 Well) to White Oak Energy L.P. in Section 16-15-4.

On Motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved the request from Cameron Elementary School to permit students in the 4th Grade of Ms. Janice Dupont and Ms. Shelia Fontenot to visit NASA Space Center in Houston, Texas on May 13, 2005.

On motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mr. Howerton, the Board

approved to advertise for bids for the 2005-2006 school term the following items:

- A) Bread
- B) Milk
- C) Can/Frozen Foods
- D) Support Foods
- E) Meats

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Howerton, the Board approved the Summer Maintenance Report presented by Mr. Doug Welch.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board received the reports from Mrs. Stephanie Rodrigue as follows:

A) Adoption of mathematics textbooks

B) Secondary mathematic courses

C) STAR Curriculum - teaching and pharmacy

On motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board received the report on the management of school-site waste with a view toward policy development as presented by Mr. Doug Welch.

On the motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board received the report on the report on tuition based pre-school programs with a view toward policy development as presented by Mrs. Nancy Boudreaux.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board received a report on the four components of a Wellness Policy: Healthy Kids, Addressing Obesity as presented by Mrs. Cynthia Carpenter.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved the authorization for the Superintendent to re-employ, assign, recruit, and employ personnel in preparation for the 2005-2006 school session.

On the motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board received comments regarding grant applications for IDEA and Title Programs presented by Ms. Willyne Kestel and Mrs. Stephanie Rodrigue.

On the motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Ms. Abadie, the board received reports about accountability program visits to Vernon Parish presented by Ms. Nancy Boudreaux, St. Tammany Parish presented by Ms. Willyne Kestel and West Feliciana Parish presented by Mrs. Stephanie Rodrigue.

The Board received comments from the Superintendent regarding "Thank you" to teachers, staff members and principals on the occasion of a good Test Week 2005.

Cameron Parish
May 9, 2005
On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the monthly financial statement and payment of bills as received from the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board approved the request to enter into a joint agreement with Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office to facilitate the Dare Program.

On motion of Ms. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board received for review the information necessary to enter into a joint agreement with SOWELA Community College to facilitate a post-secondary program in Cameron Parish.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board approved the meal charges for 2005-2006 as received from the Finance Committee. This is the first increase in meal cost since 1989 with the exception of milk.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board received comments emphasizing objectives for the 2005-2006 school year that include the following:

- A) Safe, secure, and healthy environments for learning.
- B) Reduce employee absenteeism.
- C) Maximize teaching and learning time.
- D) Meet or exceed expectations

(1) Accountability report cards
(2) SPS, NPR, attendance, and related scores
(3) State average on the ACT
(4) Percent scoring above Basic.

E) Increase post-secondary enrollment prior to and after graduation.

Comments were received on previously adopted objectives in the 2005-2006 school year.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board received a report regarding school improvement. The Board also received comments by parent, Mr. Clarence Vidrine. (See Attachment)

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's request to suspend the rules governing advertisements and assignments in order to facilitate efforts to adequately prepare for the 2005-2006 school session; i.e., as so noted in Agenda Item 19, April 11, 2005;

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board approved personnel items:

PERSONNEL REPORT
Office Setting Positions: School/Offices
Recommend transferring Ms. Torrey Bonsall from Purchasing to Secretary at South Cameron Elementary School.

Ms. Cookie Richard from Elementary, Food Service, and Census and Attendance to Purchasing.

Ms. Mona Theriot from Special Education and Transportation and Maintenance to Elementary, Food Service, and Census and Attendance.

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May 9, 2005
Principals: Recommend transferring Mr. Carol Wainwright from Cameron Elementary to South Cameron Elementary with a six months performance contract extension through Friday, December 29, 2006;

Mr. Eddie Benoit from the principal's position at South Cameron High School to the principal's position at Cameron

Elementary School with the provision of being an active and participating understudy to assume the position of Supervisor of Census and Attendance and Land Management upon Mr. Uland Guidry's retirement with the stipulation of maintaining his current salary rank during the interim under a performance contract for a period of two years ending on June 30, 2007.

Recommend appointment Mr. Dale Skinner for the position of principal of South Cameron High School effective for the 2005-2006 school session, but to begin work immediately and assume the office on Monday, June 13, 2005 under a three year performance contract ending June 30, 2008 at an annual salary of \$60,000 with all benefits accruing to other employees; and further, provide him with ten days of summer employment in order to transition into and prepare for the 2005-2006 session.

Recommend contract renewals Mr. Austin LaBove, Principal, Hackberry High School for the period beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007;

Mr. Byron Gibbs, Assistant Principal, Hackberry High School for the period beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007;

Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake High School for the period beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007;

Adjustments to assignments Ms. Nancy Boudreaux - PK-5 with 6th & 7th math (assist our teachers and promote for 2005-2006; Continue to interface with the more classroom observations State Department for GLEs and Comprehensive without a cost increase) Curriculum; Continue other current duties;

Mr. Doug Welch - add 6th & 7th social studies to his existing 8th - 12th social studies assignment;

Mr. Gene Reynolds - assign him 6th - 12th science instructional supervision; i.e., he would serve about 12 days per semester in the other schools working with science teachers, teaching electronic classroom management and other electronic usage/processes, and promote science fair project participation;

Cameron Parish
May 9, 2005
Ms. Stephanie Rodrigue - would continue to serve as the external supervisor for science at Johnson Bayou; (replace science time with technology, grants, and NCLB issues)

Sick Leave/Resignations: Ernesteen Valere, Grand Lake School, permit her to use emergency leave pursuant to LA Revised Statutes and accept resignation effective May 27, 2005 in order for her to retire.

Opal JoAnn Bufford, Lab Manager, Hackberry High School resignation in order to retire on April 20, 2005.

Jimmie C. Reed, Teacher, Grand Lake School, effective May 27, 2005 resignation in order to retire.

Sonya Cross, Sweeper, South Cameron High School, accept resignation effective April 27, 2005 to pursue other ventures.

Ruby Dupuie, South Cameron Elementary School, recommend accepting resignation effective May 27, 2005 and waive requirements of Act 715 to accept a position in technology education.

Sabbatical Leave: Carolyn Rutherford, Teacher, Cameron Elementary School, 2005-2006 for Professional Development.

Appointment:

Mary Domangue, Luncheon Tech, Cameron Elementary School, effective May 10, 2005.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Sanner, the Board adjourned until the next regular session on June 13, 2005.

APPROVED:
Loston McEvers, President
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:
Douglas L. Chance, Secretary
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RUN: Jun. 30 (J-44)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District until 10:00 am Thursday, July 7, 2005 at 5360 West Creole Highway Cameron, LA for the sale of the following:

32 Hospital Beds Electric (sold separately)

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the administration office of South Cameron Memorial Hospital during normal business hours. Bid items are sold as is, where is. Items may be viewed at South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

Rick Merchant, Chairman
RUN: June 23, 30, July 7 (J-47)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)

PETROQUEST ENERGY, L.L.C./STATE LEASE 18172 WELL #1

DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit prepared for PetroQuest Energy, L.L.C., State Lease 18172 Well #1, Post Office Box 51205, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505-1205. The facility is located in Deep Lake Field south of state Hwy 82 in the Rockefeller State Wildlife Refuge which is also approximately 16 miles west of Pecan Island, Cameron Parish.

The principal discharge from this proposed source is made into Joseph Harbor Bayou, waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, propagation of fish and wildlife, and agriculture. Under the SIC Code 1311, the

applicant proposes to discharge certain wastewater streams associated with oil and gas exploration, development, and production operations from the proposed oilfield facility.

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that the discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

Written comments, written requests for a public hearing, or written requests for notification of the final decision regarding this permit action may be submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn at LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Written comments and/or written requests must be received by 12:30 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 2005. Written comments will be considered prior to a final permit decision.

If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The application, draft permit and statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Ms. Michelle Bickham, LDEQ, Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3109.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list should contact Ms. Soumaya Ghosn in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3276, or by email at mailrequest@ldeq.org.

Permit public notices can be viewed on the LDEQ Permits public Web page at WWW.deq.state.la.us/news/PubNotice/.

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server at http://www.state.la.us/lbdc/listserverpage/ldeq_pn_listserv.htm.

All correspondence should specify AI Number 128704, Permit Number LA0120936, and Activity Number PER20050001.
RUN: June 30 (J-50)

Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
Calcasieu Parish Consortium-Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
LEGAL NOTICE

Short Term Training Courses ANNOUNCEMENT This is to announce that the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is seeking approved vendors who can provide short-term training courses (less than 90 days) in non-occupation specific skills to assist individuals eligible for intensive services through the Workforce Investment Act.

How to Apply: The process for application is through the State of Louisiana Department of Labor. Individuals or agencies who provide such training should contact the Department of Labor at 225-219-7760 to obtain a personal "log on" number. Only the individual or school or agency can obtain this number. The number will give you access to the Department of Labor's Internet Web Page where the information about the course you offer can be entered. The State will verify that you meet the requirements to provide such training (such as meeting or being exempt from the requirements of the Proprietary School Commission).

Once the information is entered, The local Workforce Investment Board will determine if training is approved for individuals in Workforce Area 51 (Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis Parishes) to attend. If approved, then any individual who is determined to need these intensive services through WIA may attend the classes. A signed Training Agreement between the Workforce Investment Board and the Training Entity must be in place prior to sending WIA attendees.

Such courses being solicited include (but are not limited to) those as follows: Entrepreneurship, Safety Training, Computer Applications Software Packages, Basic Skills Brush Up Courses in Math/Calculations and/or Reading, Communications, Quality Programs, etc. The result of the training must lead to a job, another job, or a better job. Performance is key.

Eligible Individuals include Adults or Dislocated Workers (age 18 or older). Individuals must be in need of the short-term training in order for the Workforce Investment Act to pay for the tuition or other supportive services provided through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Procurement Timeframe: This request for providers will remain open year-round so that training may be entered on line at any time during the year. There is no deadline for submission.

Disclaimer: The Workforce Investment board reserves the right to cancel in part, or in its entirety, this Procurement based upon the best interests of the Board. The Board also reserves the right to reject any non-responsive proposals. Any programs awarded are based upon actual receipt and availability of funds provided through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Contact Persons: Questions on the process should be directed to Juanita Poland, Planner, or Jean M. Augustine, Director, of the Workforce Investment Board by calling (337) 721-3584.

The Workforce Investment Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids are available to the disabled upon request. (TDD 1-800-947-5277). The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury sponsors the program.
RUN: June 30, July 7 and 14 (J-51)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER #1 MAY 26, 2005

The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 Board met in regular session on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room located at 126 Ann Street, in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana.

Members present were: J. C. Murphy, Rick Merchant, Bobby Doxey, and Tammy Peshoff.

Absent: Paul Duhon and Ronald Nunez, Jr.

Board President J. C. Murphy called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Rick Merchant and seconded by Bobby Doxey and carried to add water barge to the agenda.

On a motion by Rick Merchant and seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried to approve the minutes as read.

On a motion by Bobby Doxey and seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried that the financial statements be accepted as presented.

On a motion by Rick Merchant and seconded by Bobby Doxey and carried that the bills for the month be paid.

On a motion by Rick Merchant and seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried to bid out surplus equipment.

On a motion by Rick Merchant and seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried to purchase a new copy and FAX machine from Advanced Office Products.

On a motion by Rick Merchant and seconded by Bobby Doxey and carried to go into executive session.

On a motion by Rick Merchant and seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried to return into regular session.

On a motion by Rick Merchant and seconded by Bobby Doxey and carried to purchase Edward a computer for his office.

On a motion by Tammy Peshoff and seconded by Rick Merchant and carried that there being no further business that the meeting stand adjourned.

/s/ J. C. Murphy
J. C. MURPHY, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH W&WW #1
/s/ Lori LeBlanc
LORI LEBLANC, SEC.
RUN: June 30 (J-52)

JURY DUTY

The following Cameron Parish residents have been summoned to appear in Cameron District Court on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005 to serve as Petit Juror:

Kevin P. Abshire, Cameron; Crystal P. Alexander, Cameron; Darla K. Ali, Cameron; Carl W. Alsurf, Creole; Gerald R. Ancelet, Hackberry;

Kathleen B. Askew, Lake Charles; Teddy N. Authement, Bell City; Elizabeth M. Badon, Cameron; Carlos H. Belanger, Lake Charles;

Chad E. Bertrand, Cameron; Gary M. Billedeaux, Lake Charles; Dwayne Billodeaux, Kinder; Melissa A. Bolin, Cameron;

Pamela V. Boudreaux, Lake Charles; Louis J. Boullion, Cameron; Kim A. Bourriaque, Cameron; Connie L. Brister, Lake Charles;

Eric D. Burton, Hackberry; Nichole Simone Chauvin, Grand Chenier; Nancy Jo Clark, Cameron; Mary W. Cockrell, Creole;

Phillip Glen Coleman, Grand Chenier; Kenneth H. Conner, Cameron; Milton M. Conner, Klondike; Suzanne R. Conner, Cameron; Mary A. Constance, Lake Charles;

Lucille D. Cozine, Cameron; Darrell J. Delaney, Lake Charles; James R. Devall, Hackberry; Edward James Deville, Hackberry;

Jimmy C. Doxey, Cameron; David W. Duhon, Lake Charles

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William W. Porter, Hackberry; Stephen M. Price, Cameron; Chad Primeaux, Hackberry; Rayetta P. Primeaux, Grand Chenier; Tara M. Racca, Lake Charles; Patricia J. Richard, Lake Charles; Edward L. Smith, Cameron; Phillip E. Smith, Cameron; Ronnie D. Swire, Hackberry; Vedamae D. Theriot, Creole; Julie A. Trahan, Grand Chenier; Marvin L. Trahan, Cameron; Nancy P. Trahan, Cameron; Marianne M. Vallet, Bell City; Kevin J. Vincent, Cameron; Melvin J. Vincent, Hackberry; Lawrence A. Waggoner, Cameron; Dale B. Weaver, Hackberry; Connie M. Welch, Hackberry; Robert Wonsen Jr., Cameron. RUN: June 30 (J-53)

Cameron Parish EMS Lower Cameron Parish Ambulance Service District Board of Directors Meeting May 18, 2005

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Phyllis Pinch. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer was read by Mrs. Pinch.

Roll call: Present - Phyllis Pinch, Loston McEvers, Michael Booth and Jo Ann Nunez. The following amendments to the meeting agenda were proposed:

1. Amend 2004 Expo to 2005 Expo
2. Add Employee meal per diem
3. Screens for newly installed windows
4. Move the 2004 audit report to the first item of business to accommodate auditor.

Mr. McEvers motioned to approve the amendments to the agenda. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. McEvers motioned to approve the minutes for the April 20, 2005 meeting. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

The Audit Report for the fiscal year 2004 was presented by Joey Breaux and Jason Leblanc of Broussard, Poche, Lewis & Breaux accounting firm. The report included:

1. Independent Auditors' Report on the Basic Financial Statements
2. Basic Financial Statements
3. Independent Auditors' Report on the Supplementary Information
4. Supplementary Information
5. Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over financial reporting based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Mr. McEvers motioned to approve and accept the 2004 Audit Report. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

Director, Byron Broussard, presented the director's reports for April 2005, which included monthly call volume, asset report, tax revenues received, payment report and expense report. He also discussed the Certificate of Deposit renewal, which was approved by the board at the previous meeting. He reported that the interest rate offered by Cameron State Bank as of the present date is 3.07%. Mr. McEvers asked that Mr. Broussard allow him to inquire about other interest rates and wait to be contacted by him before renewing the CD.

Mrs. Booth motioned to approve and accept the director's report. Second by Ms. Nunez. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. McEvers discussed payments to contractor Vaughn Brothers, Inc. He stated that he would like for the board to review each payment request received before payment is made. He motioned that board review and approval be required prior to making payment on these requests. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Broussard discussed the upcoming EMS Expo to be held in New Orleans August 23-24, 2005. He stated that some of the employees are interested in attending and that he would like to send a group and receive the group discount. The fee for a group of up to seven medics would be \$615. Mr. McEvers stated that he would like to be sure that a fair selection process be used for sending employees to the conference and that a limit be set on how many employees can be allowed to attend. Mr. Broussard stated that he had polled the employees to get an estimate on how many were interested. Based on the number he currently has, he did not feel that a selection process would be necessary, but he will poll the employees once again to be sure. Mr. McEvers motioned to table this matter until more information is obtained. Second by Ms. Nunez. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Broussard requested that the board adopt a resolution that would amend the current fiscal year, November 1 to October 31 to the calendar year January 1 to December 31. He stated that this would help to create a less complex filing system because, currently, some documents are required to be filed, based on the calendar year and some on the fiscal year. The board adopted the following resolution:

Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District Board of Directors Resolution May 18, 2005

WHEREAS, Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District is a tax funded entity of Cameron Parish, Louisiana (encompassing the areas of Cameron, Creole, Oak Grove and Grand Chenier).

WHEREAS, Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District has, from its inception to this date, utilized a fiscal year, which began November 1 and ended October 31 of each year.

WHEREAS, Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, for the purpose of creating a more effective and less complex method of records keeping, needs to have its fiscal year coincide with the calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District is amending its fiscal year policy to begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year effective for the current year and indefinitely.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0
ABSENT: 1
APPROVED:

Signed by: Phyllis Pinch, President

Date: May 18, 2005
Mr. McEvers motioned to increase the daily meal allowance for medics from \$8 per day to \$10 per day. Second by Ms. Nunez. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pinch discussed installing window screens for the newly installed windows. Mr. Broussard stated the screens were not included in the specifications, but he understood that screens are available through the manufacturer. He stated he would inquire about this.

Mrs. Booth discussed having some type of escape ladder or other mechanism for fire exit from the upstairs bedrooms of the Creole station. Mr. Broussard stated that this is something he has considered and will look into options for this when the current construction is completed.

Mrs. Nunez motioned to adjourn. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

RUN: Jun. 30 (J 55)

CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY AGENDA JULY 5, 2005 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Minutes
4. Drilling and Pipeline Permits:

a. Burlington Resources, Inc. - Cameron, Offshore, West Cameron Area, Block 2, (proposed pipeline abandonment), Cameron Parish, LA. (050703)

b. Sandalwood Oil & Gas, Inc. - Cameron, Section 25, T14S, R9W, Calcasieu Lake South Prospect, (proposed drillsite & structures), Cameron Parish, LA. (050704)

c. Energy Partners, LTD. - Grand Chenier, Offshore, East Cameron Area, Blocks 4 & 9, S.L. 16980 Well #1, (proposed 4" flowline), Cameron Parish, LA. (050705)

d. Energy Partners, LTD. - Grand Chenier, Offshore, East Cameron Area, Block 9, S.L. 17433 Well #1, (proposed 4" flowline), Cameron Parish, LA. (050706)

e. Hilcorp Energy Company - Grand Chenier, Sections 18 & 19, T16S, R3W, S.L. 2340 Well No. 14, (proposed 4" & 6" pipelines), Cameron Parish, LA. (050709)

f. Callon Petroleum Operating Company - Cameron, Offshore, West Cameron Area, Block 6, S.L. 18359 Well No. 1, (proposed foundation pad & drill barge), Cameron Parish, LA. (050711)

g. Callon Petroleum Operating Company - Cameron, Offshore, West Cameron Area, Block 6, S.L. 18525 Well No. 1, (proposed foundation pad & drill barge), Cameron Parish, LA. (050712)

h. Callon Petroleum Operating Company - Grand Chenier, Offshore, West Cameron Area, Block 34, S.L. 18238 No. 1 Well, (proposed jack up rig), Cameron Parish, LA. (050713)

i. Forest Oil Corporation - Gibbstown, Section 12, T13S, R8W, Yount Lee No. 87 Well, (proposed prop wash, pilings and structures), Cameron Parish, LA. (050714)

j. Bridgeline Holdings, L.P. - Grand Chenier, Offshore, East Cameron Area, Block 17, (proposed 10" pipeline maintenance), Cameron Parish, LA. (050718)

5. Others Permits:
a. Richard Comeaux - North Creole, Sections 12 & 13, T14S, R8W, Sections 4 & 33, T14S, R7W, (proposed trepass maintenance), Cameron Parish, LA. (050701)

b. Thomas Bonsall - Grand Chenier, Section 3, T15S, R6W, (proposed pier extension), Cameron Parish, LA. (050702)

c. Richard Dahlen - Little Chenier, Section 13, T14S, R6W, and Section 18, T14S, R6W, (proposed trepass maintenance), Cameron Parish, LA. (050707)

d. John B. Duhon Heirs, LLC. - Hackberry, Section 51, T12S, R10W, (proposed excavation & fill for commercial use), Cameron Parish, LA. (050708)

e. Douglas M. Haynie - Little Chenier, Section 8, T14S, R6W, (proposed trepass maintenance), Cameron Parish, LA. (050710)

f. Dynegy Midstream Services, LP - Lowry, Section 18, T12S, R4W, (proposed maintenance dredging for firewater intake area), Cameron Parish, LA. (050715)

g. EPR, LLC - Big Lake, Section 31, T12S, R9W, (proposed boat house & pier), Cameron Parish, LA. (050716)

h. Stephen Canik - Grand Chenier, Sections 10, 11, 14 & 15, T15S, R5W, (proposed trepass maintenance), Cameron Parish, LA. (050717)

6. Appointments:
a. Recreation Dist. #9 - Yolanda Clark - resigned - Dawnie Mhire

b. Waterworks Dist. #9 - Catherine Miller - resigned

c. Sweet Lake/Grand Lake Cemetery Board - Rev. Andrew Martin

d. Communications District - Laurie Broussard, Wilson Regnier, Jerome Rutherford, Letha Mae "Tutt" Savoie - term expired

e. Fire Dist. #7 - Ryan King -

Understanding Social Security disability

By Karen Jennings Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Lafayette

Social Security employees are often asked about our disability programs.

Here is a quick primer on the answers to four frequently asked questions, together with a reference source that should be able to answer many Social Security disability questions you may have.

How does Social Security decide if someone is disabled?

By law, Social Security has a very strict definition of disability. We consider you disabled under Social Security rules if, due to a medical or mental condition:

* You cannot do work that you did before and we decide that you cannot adjust to other work because of your condition(s); and

* Your disability is expected to last for at least one year or to result in death.

Why is Social Security's definition of disability different from that of other programs?

Social Security disability laws are different from those of most other programs because, unlike many other programs, Social Security pays only for total disability. No benefits are payable for partial disability or for short-term disability. Social Security program rules assume that working families have access to other resources to provide support during periods of short-term disabilities, including workers' compensation, insurance, savings and investments.

How long does it take to receive a decision about a disability claim?

It usually takes between 3 and 5 months to get a decision on an initial application. The time needed for a decision depends on how much time it takes to get your medical records and any other evidence needed to make a decision. The more information you can provide about your medical condition, the better your chance for a quicker decision.

What is the difference between the Social Security disability and SSI disability programs?

The medical criteria for the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability programs are basically the same. But Social Security disability insurance is based on work done in jobs covered by Social Security. The program is financed with Social Security taxes paid by workers, employers and self-employed people. The amount of the monthly disability benefit is based on the Social Security earnings record of the worker. In 2005, the average monthly benefit payment for a disabled worker is about \$895, and for a disabled worker, spouse and one or more children, about \$1,497.

SSI disability payments are made on the basis of financial need. The program is financed

term expired

f. Fire Dist. #16 - Clifford Broussard, Greg Hornsby, Urcin Miller, Jr., Eulla Lee Monceaux, Gerilyn Myers - term expired

g. Recreation Dist. #6 - Mary Richard - term expired

h. West Cameron Port - Ricky Poole - term expired

i. Gravity Drainage Dist. #8 - Tim Gotheraux - term expired

j. SWLA Committee to End Chronic Homelessness - William Daigle

k. Economic Development Task Force

7. President Authority to Sign:
a. DOTD Grass Mowing Contract

b. Redemption Deed - Michael D & Estella B. Mudd

c. Amend Speed Limit - Parish Road #301 (Benoit Road) Sweet Lake - 15 mph

d. Coastal Zone Contract 8. RC & D Dues

9. Improvements to Rutherford Beach Project - Beachfront Development Dist. #2

10. Resolution - Ambulance Dist. #1 - Change Fiscal Year

11. Hiring of Road & Bridge Employee

12. Advertise to Lease Portion of 80-Acre Tract

13. Pay June 2005 Bills

14. Staff Report:
* INDICATES ADD-ONS
RUN: June 30 (J-57)

NOTICE

Attention: Residents of Hackberry Any person or persons having a claim against Gulfport Energy Corporation arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies or materials in the performance of seismic operations conducted in Section 26, Township 12 S, Range 10W and Section 28, T12S, R9W, of Cameron Parish over the last 6-7 months is asked to report their claim to report their claim to the Cameron Parish Police Jury office prior to August 1, 2005.
RUN: June 30, July 7 and 14 (J-58)

Summertime tax planning

Summer is a great time to kick back and relax -- just don't plan on taking a vacation from tax planning. Since many tax strategies take time to implement, don't miss this opportunity to take stock of your situation and put a plan into action, advises the Society of Louisiana CPAs (LCPA).

"Many valuable tax breaks, including the child tax credit, the education deduction and credits, and the earned income credit, are phased out for individuals with adjusted gross incomes (AGI) above certain levels," notes Timothy J. Aguilard, CPA, LCPA Lake Charles chapter president. "If your estimated AGI this year will exceed the ceiling for a tax break, don't give up just yet. By starting early, you may be able to apply some of the following strategies to lower your AGI and become partly or fully eligible."

Bunch deductions

One option to consider is alternating between claiming the standard deduction one year and "bunching" deductible expenses into the year you itemize. For example, if you estimate your 2005 itemized deduction are likely to be just over the standard deduction amount, you may want to move or "bunch" more itemized deductions into 2005. (The standard deduction amounts for 2005 are \$10,000 for married filing jointly, \$7,300 for heads of household, and \$5,000 for single filers and married individuals filing separately.)

Bunching refers to timing your deductible expenses so they are higher one year and lower the next. For example, in the year you plan to itemize you can boost your mortgage interest expense by making your January mortgage payment in December or make charitable donations planned for future years. Apply this strategy to other deductions

through general revenues. The monthly payment amount varies up to the maximum federal benefit rate, which may be supplemented by the State or decreased by countable income and resources. Effective January 1, 2005, the federal benefit rate was \$579 for an individual and \$869 for a couple.

More complete information about these Social Security disability questions and many others can be found on our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Social Security is not just a program for older Americans. Some children qualify for Social Security benefits, too. Social Security has paid benefits to the minor children of retired and deceased workers since 1940 and to the minor children of disabled workers since 1958. Those benefits generally continue until the child reaches age 18 (or 19 if still in high school). If the child is disabled, those benefits can even continue into his or her adult years. Here are some of the surprising statistics from March 2005 about Social Security and children.

Children of retirees who receive Social Security benefits: 495,000

Children who receive Social Security survivors insurance benefits: 1,934,000

Children of disabled workers who receive Social Security benefits: 1,629,000

Children who receive Supplemental Security Income benefits: 1,017,000

When you get your Social Security Statement in the mail, read it carefully. Review all of your earnings that have been reported to Social Security. These earnings are what future Social Security benefits for you and your family will be based on. While less than a fraction of one percent of people find earnings errors in their Statement, it is important to check that yours is correct. Your Statement should arrive two to three months before your birthday. If there are any mistakes, let Social Security know as soon as possible by calling our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, is a program for people in need ... including older Americans. If you are age 65 or older and have limited income and assets, you may be eligible for assistance - even if you also get Social Security. If you think you might be eligible, stop by any Social Security office, or call Social Security's toll free number, 1-800-772-1213. That number again is 1-800-772-1213.

Council on Aging Events

Monday, July 4--Holiday, offices and meal sites closed.

Tuesday, July 5--Cameron, pokeno and exercise, 9 a.m.; Creole, cards, 9 a.m.; Grand Lake, dominoes, 9 a.m.; Grand Chenier, bingo, 1 p.m.; Hackberry, puzzles, 9 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, pokeno, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, July 6--Cameron, bingo, 9 a.m.; Creole, bingo, 9 a.m.; Grand Lake, dominoes, 9 a.m.; Hackberry, veteran speaker, 9 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, crafts, 9 a.m.

Thursday, July 7--Cameron, pokeno, 9 a.m.; Creole, cards, 9 a.m.; Grand Lake, dominoes, 9 a.m.; Hackberry, puzzles, 9 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, bingo, 9 a.m.

Friday, July 8--Cameron, pokeno and exercise, 9 a.m.; Creole, veteran speaker, 9 a.m.; Grand Lake, dominoes, 9 a.m.; Hackberry, puzzles, 9 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, puzzles, 9 a.m.

equity loan. You can use the proceeds to pay off your high-interest credit card balances and, in most cases, fully deduct the interest you pay on home equity debt.

Meet with your CPA

Many people wait until tax time to meet with a CPA. But the "off season" is the best time to sit down and discuss tax saving strategies. Bring your CPA up to date on any life changes, such as getting married or divorced, buying a house, having a child, or paying college tuition. This way, you can work together to develop an appropriate plan.

To find a CPA who can help you with your personal or business tax and financial matters, visit the LCPA's website (www.lcpa.org) and use the CPA Locator Service.



Visit Rebel State Historic Site, 30 minutes west of Natchitoches.

Set amid the piney hills of northwestern Louisiana, Rebel State Historic Site houses the state's Country Music Museum. Learn about the contributions of Louisiana natives in country and gospel music and listen to live performances throughout the year, including the annual State Fiddlers Championship. The site is open daily from 9 to 5, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Adults \$2. Children and seniors admitted free.

For more information, call 1-888-677-3600 or 318-472-6255. Visit www.lastateparks.com for more information.



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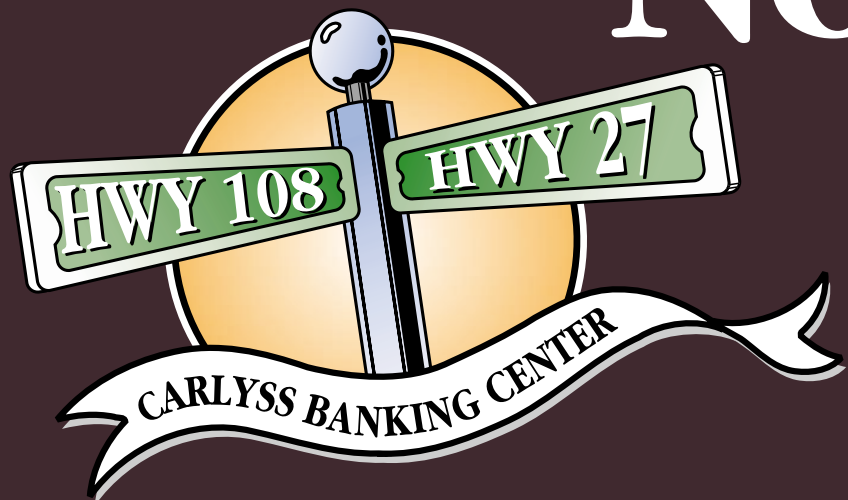
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