

THE GRAND Lake branch of Cameron State Bank will hold its grand re-opening Tuesday, July 18 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 10323 Gulf Highway.

Grand Lake Bank to reopen

The Cameron State Bank will hold a grand reopening of the Grand Lake Banking Center on Tuesday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The bank was damaged by Hurricane Rita last September and repairs have

been in progress since then.

Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes including a 27-inch color TV. Visitors can also register for a chance to win a Ford Mustang GT Convertible.

Greg Wicke is the branch manager and employees include Kala Johnson, Brandi Boudreaux, Sonja Trahan and Sabrina Wolfe.

The bank lost branches in Cameron, Creole and Grand Chenier during the storm.

Mosquitoes subject of two heated meetings

By CYNDI SELLERS

Mosquitoes and the operations of the Mosquito Control District were the subject of two heated meetings this week.

Several former mosquito control truck drivers attended the Police Jury meeting to voice their concerns about the amount of pesticide being sprayed and the way they have been treated by the staff of the agency.

Edward Lebeouf, Debra Dyson, and Shirley Wilson said they quit their jobs with Mosquito Control after the spray equipment on their trucks was adjusted down from 4.2 to 2.9. They also complained that they were told they could not back up into

driveways or spray inside warehouses.

Dyson said she was cursed by a resident when she pulled up in the yard and there was not enough spray coming out of the truck. Wilson said "people are paying taxes to spray the way they want it."

Cameron resident Kristi Mock begged the Jury to help get rid of the mosquitoes, which she said are endangering the health of her family. She said her Franklin Street neighborhood has not been sprayed in three weeks and mosquitoes are swarming in the middle of the day.

Mosquito Control Director Julian Robicheaux answered questions from jurors concerning the speed of the trucks, number, location, and height

of plane flights, type and amount of chemical used, and the possibility of having a satellite barn in Hackberry to reduce travel time for trucks.

Robicheaux said a new brood is coming off the breeding grounds this week and the agency "is doing everything we can to control it." He said the trucks are to travel at 7-10 mph and the spray apparatus is calibrated to dispense the right amount of chemical at that speed. He said the three trucks in question were adjusted to reflect the lower speeds they were driving.

The same chemical has been in use for several years, he said, and the ratio had not

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DR. DOUG CHANCE, right, Cameron Parish School Superintendent, presented a plaque to Mike Heinen, general manager of the Jeff Davis Electric Co-op, in appreciation to the Co-op and its employees in getting the lights turned on at Grand Lake High School after Hurricane Rita. He said the Co-op's efforts made it possible for the schools to open only 24 instructional days after the hurricane. On behalf of the school board, he thanked the Co-op for its outstanding efforts. The presentation was made at the Co-op's annual meeting in Jennings on July 10.

Cell phones ruled out by S. Board

By CYNDI SELLERS

The rule on cell phones at school for next year is "Don't bring them." The Cameron Parish School Board, after wrestling with the thorny cell phone issue for over a month, finally decided Monday afternoon to prohibit "the possession and/or use" of cell phones during school hours on all of its campuses.

While recognizing that many parents want their children to have cell phones after hours for sports practices and bus trips, board members listened to principals who said phones are available at practice and on bus trips for students to call home in time to be picked up. In addition, faculty cannot leave until all students have left the school.

Incidents at all high schools last year of improper photos, text messaging, and cheating on tests with cell phones led administrators and board members to call for the ban on the devices.

Penalties for violating the cell phone ban have been strengthened as well, putting teeth into the rule.

Changes to the Code of Student Conduct have been made in several areas, often including more serious penalties for repeat offenders. A copy of the code will be given to all students and their parents before school starts.

Progress on getting the Johnson Bayou and South Cameron campuses ready for school to open this fall was reported to the board. At Johnson Bayou School, all portable buildings have been moved from Hackberry, set up and tied down. Weather has delayed the installation of skirting and ramps.

The painting contractor has been pulled from work at Grand Lake Elementary to finish the more urgent work at JBS so that the cafeteria will be ready for school. A decision on leasing a restroom

trailer was delayed until a report can be received on using the shop restrooms.

At South Cameron, units A and B have been delivered, but some sections have been stranded on the practice field due to the recent torrential rain. Units C and D cannot be delivered until the others are in place, due to space restrictions. The Board voted to lease a cafeteria building to use for a year or two until the gym can be converted for that use. They also voted to purchase a kitchen trailer, at a cost of \$65,000, to use for the three years it will take to build a new school.

The Board voted to purchase two storage buildings each for Grand Lake and Hackberry schools, and to advertise for bids on restoring the damaged storage building at Hackberry.

REBUILDING

School superintendant Dr. Doug Chance reported that adjustments have been requested for the use of funds which should be forthcoming from FEMA to replace the coastal school buildings. The adjustment requests were needed at this time to allow the board the flexibility of creating "improved projects." Further adjustments can still be made to the locations of the projects.

A request was made to combine the funds from South Cameron High, South Cameron Elementary, and Cameron Elementary (including the gym and auditorium) into one project at the South Cameron High site. The facility to be built was described as

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Distribution

The Grand Lake Council on Aging will distribute food for seniors July 21 from 8 a.m.-12 noon.

Task Force has meet in Cameron

A recently-formed Southwest Task Force of the Louisiana Recovery Authority held its first meeting Wednesday in Cameron to receive updates from parishes affected by Hurricane Rita.

LRA Board Member Laura Leach of Lake Charles chairs the task force and was joined by board members John T. Landry and Tom Henning. The goal of the group is to focus on the recovery needs of the parishes in Southwest Louisiana since Hurricane Rita.

Wednesday's meeting included updates by officials from the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Calcasieu Parish, the city of Lake Charles and Vermilion Parish and also from the Southwest Louisiana Partnership for Economic Development.

Dates of upcoming LRA meetings are posted on the LRA Web site (www.lra.louisiana.gov) All meetings are open to the public.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated South Louisiana, destroying more than 200,000 homes and 18,000 businesses. In the aftermath of these storms, Governor Kathleen Blanco established the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) to serve as the planning and coordinating body for Louisiana's recovery.

Pageant set

A pageant for girls through the age of 17 will be held in connection with the Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival set for Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Grand Chenier State Park.

There are seven age divisions--see ad elsewhere in this issue for the different divisions.

Entry fee is \$20 per child. Deadline for entry forms is Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Competition will begin at 10 a.m. Children should come dressed as there are no dressing facilities.

Call Recia Willis at 370-4325 or 775-5316 for more information or entry forms.

Proceeds will benefit the rebuilding of the Cameron Parish community.

The Fishing Festival will be returned to Cameron as soon as the Jetty Pier facilities are complete.

Center closed

The distribution center on Marshall Street in Cameron will be closed this week. Information on re-opening will be announced at a later date.

The center was not open last Friday due to wet and dangerous conditions, according to Kristi Mock, local volunteer, but was open on Saturday.

The center is operated by Minvielle Outreach Ministries of New Iberia with the help of local volunteers, and has been providing free food and supplies to Cameron people for several months

On this day in 1930, the first World Cup soccer competition was held



CAMERON CHILDREN have some fun with youth volunteers from Grand Avenue Baptist Church of Ft. Smith, Arkansas who held a Vacation Bible School for them at First Baptist Church this week. The churches will host a Community Fun Fest this Friday evening at 6 p.m. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

L.C. board aids parish waterworks

Dear Editor:

Over the past several months there have been a number of articles in your newspaper about the Port of Lake Charles and how you perceive our organization. Because of those articles, I would like to convey to your readers some recent "good news" in our dealings with Cameron Parish.

Recently, Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 11 requested an easement from the Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District to allow for a new water line to run under the Lake Charles District's railroad tracks in Southeast Lake Charles. This new line is being installed to provide water from Calcasieu Parish water district to the Grand Lake area of Cameron Parish which has seen sudden growth in population due to Hurricane Rita.

When asked by the Cameron Waterworks for this easement and understanding the urgent need for this waterline, the Port Director and the Board of Commissioners quickly acted on the Water District's request. The easement was granted and, I might add at no cost to the Water District.

We are your neighbors, and as neighbors sometimes there are differences of opinions. The bottom line, however, is that when neighbors are in need, you put aside your differences and you help out your neighbor, because it's the right thing to do.

The Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District's Board and the Port Director stepped-

Burning debris pile creates problem

By CYNDI SELLERS

"Mt. McCain," the Rita dump site in Grand Lake, is on fire, and Police Juror Darryl Farque is begging the people of Cameron Parish to help find a way to put out the fire and get the debris buried. The owner of the site Edward Tal McCain.

Farque made the plea at Monday night's Police Jury meeting during the OEP report.

OEP Director Clifton Hebert reported that the pile, long the subject of controversy, began burning last week. The fire is inside the pile, and efforts to extinguish it have so far failed. The pile smolders and occasionally bursts into flame. The only solution is to dismantle the pile, soak all the wood, and bury it.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, which has given the owner 60 days to get the debris buried, has tested the smoke and found no hazardous chemicals. However, Farque said, several children and elderly

up because it was the right thing to do for our neighbors. Differences may arise from time-to-time but we will always be there for our neighbors as we know they will be there for us.

/s/ R. Adam McBride
Port Director

people on oxygen live within the area affected by the thick acrid smoke. Another test is being performed this week.

Farque is asking all Cameron Parish citizens to call the DEQ, EPA, Governor Blanco, and anyone else who could find a way for the parish or other agency to go onto the site and dismantle it.

Hebert made clear that the site is private property and the debris belongs to the property owner, who contracted with the Corps of Engineers to dispose of the waste. The Police Jury has no connection with the arrangements made between the Corps and the owner. The size of the pile and its close proximity to a residential neighborhood have been a source of controversy for months.

Two pastors are honored

Two Cameron Parish Methodist pastors were among the ten pastors recognized for excellence in serving smaller United Methodist Churches during the recent annual conference held in Shreveport.

They were Rev. Leon Boggs, pastor of Sulphur and Wesley-Hackberry and Rev. Wayne Taylor, pastor of the Sweetlake church.

**Be sure to attend the
Saltwater Fishing
Rodeo, to be held
August 4 and 5.**

Reconstruction bids accepted

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Police Jury on Monday accepted bids on the restoration of the courthouse basement, painting in the jail, and the restoration of the District Attorney's office.

Charles Miller Construction was the only bidder, at \$765,000. Palermo Construction was awarded the bid on replacing two fire substations, Cameron and Oak Grove, and the Grand Chenier maintenance barn for a total of \$482,750.

Parish Engineer Lonnie Harper is preparing the next set of bid packages for fire stations in Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and Creole, and for the restoration of the jail kitchen.

There were six bidders on the restoration of the Cameron Health Unit, with

Priola Construction submitting the low bid of \$659,000. A temporary building for the Health Unit is set to arrive around July 25.

The Jury voted to advertise for bids on plastic culverts, trash compactors, and air curtain incinerators. A large amount of solid waste is expected to come in to the parish dump sites as the Corps of Engineers completes their final pass for debris removal.

The Jury went into executive session to discuss litigation, and upon its return authorized the District Attorney to file an appeal with the Third Circuit Court in the matter of the Environmental Partners oilfield waste disposal site.

The Jury adopted a resolu-

tion to apply to the State Bond Commission to borrow additional funds for parish operations. The funds may not be needed, but with hurricane recovery expenses looming, jurors wanted to be sure it would be available.

In other matters, JoAnn Nunez was re-appointed to Beachfront Development District #2, and Thompson McCall was re-appointed to the Waterworks District #9. The re-appointment of Russell Savoie to the same district was tabled, considering Savoie is said to be building a house in Calcasieu Parish.

Kent LaBove made a public apology for the incident at the January Police Jury Meeting.

Funeral

**SELENA MARIE
THERIOT**

Selena M. Theriot, 32, died Monday, July 10, 2006, in a local hospital.

She lived in Cameron all of her life. She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include her parents, Joseph and Edna Theriot of Lake Charles; her companion, Edmond Lemons of Lake Charles, their son, Anthony Lemons of Lake Charles; two brothers, Larry Theriot and Randy Theriot, both of Lake Charles; and one sister, Cindy Theriot of Kinder.

Her funeral will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 13, from St. Patrick Catholic Church of Sweetlake. The Rev. Joseph McGrath will officiate. Burial will be in Our Lady Star of the Sea Cemetery.

Richard on Honor List

Three hundred and fifty students at Northwestern State University have been named to the President's List for the spring 2006 semester.

Students on the President's List must be enrolled full-time at Northwestern and make As in all academic courses pursued. Joby Len Richard of Creole was on the list.

Board to meet

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Board will hold its meeting on Tuesday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Chenier building in Johnson Bayou.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot,
July 12, 1973)

DRAFT OFFICE TO CLOSE

As a result of the Vietnam War ending and the drafting of men for the armed services having stopped, the Cameron Draft Board Office, located in the basement of the Courthouse, will be closed July 25.

Lester Bartie, chairman of the Local Board No. 13, issued the following statement concerning the closing:

"When the office closes in Cameron, the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Ermyne R. Peppers, will terminate her employment with the Selective Service System.

"For more than seventeen years, she has performed her duties in a highly efficient, loyal, and dedicated manner."

OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Wilman Saltzman was installed as Grand Knight of Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council No. 5461 of Cameron.

Other officers installed were: Olan Saltzman, Deputy Grand Knight; Hayes Picou, Chancellor; James L. DeRouen, Financial Secretary; Michael Styron, Recorder; Sam LeBoeuf, Warden; E. J. Dronet, Treasurer; Tony Cheramie, Advocate; Earl Mouton, Claude Hebert, and James LeBoeuf, Trustees, and W. H. Carter and Carl LeCompte, Inner and Outer Guards.

Rev. Alcide Sonnier, pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church presented a check for \$50 to Eddie Benoit in recognition of his nine years of unselfish service as an altar boy to the church.

He also presented certificates of appreciation to the altar boys who serve the church. They are: Alan McCall, Val Mouton, Kevin Boudreaux, Johnny LeBlanc, Kent Benoit, Brandon Hebert, Dean Dessonier, Everette Burleigh, D. J. Ponville, Terry Dronet, Craig Boudreaux, Carroll Boudreaux, Kevin Colligan, Timmy Colligan, Eric LeBoeuf, Dirk Dessonier, Hector Garcia, Mike LeBoeuf, Oscar Reyes, and Stephen Cheramie.

PARISH FEATURED

Cameron Parish was saluted in the June issue of Louisiana Parish Government magazine, the official publication of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

"Cameron Parish on the Move" was the title of the article which read, in part:

"Responding to a constant demand to improve mosquito control, the Police Jury has modernized its pest-control capabilities through the purchase of a new Cessna airplane, used in spraying for mosquitoes, as well as for aerial surveillance.

"Federal revenue-sharing monies were used in this purchase and in the purchase of new computer equipment to streamline the financial operations of the parish."

DRIVING CLASS SET

The second meeting for the Defensive Driving Course for the Cameron Community will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 19.

Ones who attended the first meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. John E. Portie, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Savoie, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Savoie, Mr. and Mrs. Gordy Willis, Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly, Evelyn and Jimmy Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Reyes and Linda Reyes, Mrs. Martha Fontenot, Mrs. Roberta Rogers, Mrs. Heller Hebert, Mrs. Thurmond Alexander, Mr. Ray Frederick, Margarita Duke.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO BE HONORED

Sunday, July 15, has been designated Senior Citizen Day at Cameron First Baptist Church. The Rev. S. J. Sylvest, pastor, asks that all church member participate in honoring all members who are 65 years of age or older.

To be honored are Mrs. Jules Burroughs, Mrs. Annie Racca, Mrs. Ethel McGhee, Mrs. Alma Venable, Mrs. Nannett Gaspard, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Primeaux, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dyson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. (Dick) McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rous, Sr., and Mrs. Ada Murphy.



YOUTH FROM Northstar Baptist Church in Bristol, Tenn., helped clean the First Baptist Church cemetery near Cameron last week, even though it rained nearly every day. The group also worked to repair the church. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Movie featuring Griffiths to be premiered in Aug.

A movie originally featuring two Cameron Parish residents will be premiered Aug. 29 in New Orleans but Hurricane Katrina may change the movie's storyline.

"Hurricane on the Bayou" was filmed last summer in the Houma area by veteran IMAX director Greg MacGillivray.

The film originally was to feature Hurricane Audrey and the effects it had on the Louisiana bayou country.

Leslie Griffith of Oak Grove and his mother, Geneva Griffith of Baton Rouge, formerly of Oak Grove, were to be featured in the film.

The pair spent a day being filmed in the Houma area, with Leslie having a speaking role telling how the family survived Hurricane Audrey clinging to a tree. However, Geneva's father-in-law perished.

The original film was wrapped up May of last year

Vendors sought for Festival

The Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival is looking for Cameron Parish civic organizations, church groups, schools or any commercial vendors who would be willing to put up food booths, game booths and/or arts and craft booths for this event.

Interested groups who would like to set up a booth are invited to call Carl Broussard at 775-5316 or Yvonne Mhire at 775-7108 to reserve booth space.

There will be a small fee charged to each vendor to help with the cost of putting on this event. The last day to reserve a booth is Wednesday, July 26 at 12 noon.

The Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4 & 5 at the Grand Chenier State Park.



Nominations sought for Worker of Year

The Cameron Council on Aging joins the Office of Elderly Affairs in celebrating Older Worker Week, Sept. 24-30. The agency will host a celebration on Sept. 26 at 12 noon at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Building during the COA Board Meeting.

Please help us in honoring those persons over the age of sixty and still employed, by submitting the following information to our office, P.O. Box 8801, Lake Charles, La. 70606 or faxing to us at 905-6500:

Name of business:
Name of nominator
Business address:
Telephone Number:
Name of Worker being Nominated:
Age of Nominee
Current Job Title of Nominee
Brief Description of Job Duties of Nominee
Length of Time in Present Position
Length of Time in Workforce

Summary of why this nominee should receive the award. Give statements from coworkers, accomplishments, etc... Be sure to include a list of the nominees closest family members and a contact number for each. Everyone will be invited to the celebration.

Please return the nomination form to the Council on Aging by Aug. 1.

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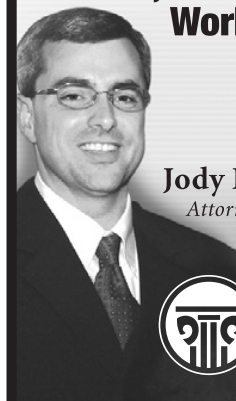
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Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Carter

Carter - Burney vows are said in B. R. ceremony

Jodie Michelle Burney and Brandon Samuel Carter were married on Feb. 11, in Baton Rouge. The wedding and reception were held at Stage 1 at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Jodie is the daughter of Robert and Suetta Burney of Buras. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Rita and the late Mr. Robert P. Burney Sr. of Belle Chasse and Mr. Arnold and the late Mrs. Ramona Jones of Grand Chenier.

Brandon is the son of Ronald Carter and Linda Pigno of Tickfaw. He is the

grandson of Mrs. Rose Pitts of Gulfport, Miss. and the late Mr. Billy Carter of Natlabany and Mr. Sam and the late Mrs. Sue Pigno of Tickfaw.

Jodie is a graduate of LSU with a BS and MS in Accounting. She is currently employed with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office.

Brandon is a graduate of Southeastern University with a BA in Social Studies Education. He owns Reel Shot Guide Service out of Venice. After their honeymoon the couple will reside in Livingston.

SCHOOL BOARD Cont. from Pg. 1

"an elevated two-story facility wherein the ground level will be an open parking area; the first elevated floor will house grades PK-5, a cafeteria, and an auditorium; and the second elevated floor will house grades 6-12." Once this facility is completed, work will be planned for "an elevated physical education gym complex."

The second request is to move the central office from its previous location on Dewey St. in Cameron to the Cameron Elementary School site on Marshall St.

The third request is to combine funds from the Grand Chenier Elementary School and the Audrey Memorial site into one project for a centralized warehouse and bus maintenance facility to be built at the Audrey site.

Board member Dwayne Sanner said he had under-

stood that the central office was to be built in the proposed governmental complex near the Court House, but Chance said the parish was not that far along in their planning, and the architect needed to get started soon on the office.

Board member Rachel Abadie wondered whether the Audrey site was a good location for the warehouse, even elevated. Board President Loston McEvers said it was the best site. Both location changes are subject to further adjustment at the August meeting, according to Chance.

Board member Pat Howerton asked to hold final decisions of locations until architectural estimates and bids are in. He has previously expressed the opinion that building the central office in lower Cameron Parish is not practical because of the dan-



RICKY AND SUSIE LaBove of Hackberry announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Haley Susan LaBove, to Keith Joseph "K.J." Kovach, Jr., son of Keith & Pam Kovach of Hackberry. The wedding is set for Saturday, July 22 at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the Hackberry Community Center. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

ger to vital records and increased cost of construction there.

TRIP QUESTIONED

Chance reported on a trip he made in June to thank the communities of Lyme-Old Lyme, Connecticut; Providence, Rhode Island; and the Concorde Athletic District/Oakton HS in the Washington DC area for their contributions to the reconstruction of Cameron Parish.

Board member Dot Theriot asked that Chance take no other trips without specific board approval, saying certificates would have been enough.

The Concorde Athletic District recently raised over \$22,000 at special sports events for Cameron Parish Schools and South Cameron High. Moses Brown School, of Providence, RI, a private Quaker school established in the 1700s, sent \$12,000 worth of books for the SCE and CES libraries, and \$3,700 for the SCHS yearbook.

The Lyme-Old Lyme communities have adopted Cameron Parish and recently made their second trip south to donate \$400,000 worth of firefighting gear to Cameron and Calcasieu fire fighters. They also brought shoebox gifts for GL, SCES, and CES students, K-5. Other gifts from the area include worship items for the St. Peter's Catholic Church in



MARRIED -- Ruby C. Miller and Jimmie Stoute were married Saturday, June 3 at Saint Patrick Chapel in Bell City. Rev. E. Joseph McGrath officiated. The matron of honor was Florette Trahan, daughter of the bride. The best man was Keith Stoute, son of the groom. Amy Clark, granddaughter of the groom, was the flower girl. The bride was escorted by her daughter, Penni Parker. The couple will reside in Iowa.

Jury writes President Bush

The following was mailed to President Bush last week by the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Dear President Bush:

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is requesting a meeting with you to discuss the possibility of being included in the 100% funding extension that was afforded to the Parishes of Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Washington, and Plaquemines.

Cameron Parish suffered major devastation due to Hurricane Rita. Along with St. Bernard and Orleans, we have always been grouped in the top three critically damaged parishes of the 2005 hurricane season.

We have not been able to understand the criteria used

not to extend Cameron Parish's 100% funding. We have the largest Parish in the State of Louisiana with the most coastline and we took a 500 year flood event on Sept. 24, 2006. We need this extension, so that we can finish our Parish clean-up, re-cover and re-build.

We believe that there is time to re-consider this decision. We have reason to believe that some incorrect information concerning Cameron Parish's clean-up was given. We are asking for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,
Earnestine T. Horn,
Parish Administrator
Cameron Parish Police Jury

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AUGUST 4-5, 2006

GRAND CHENIER PARK PAVILION

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2006

12:01 AM - FISHING RODEO BEGINS

3:00 PM - FESTIVAL GATES OPEN
FOOD AND CRAFT BOOTHS OPEN
FISH WEIGH STATION OPENS

6:30 PM - FLAG RAISING - BOY SCOUTS TROOP #210 & BLESSING OF THE FLEET

6:00 PM - WEIGH STATION CLOSES

7:30 PM - STEEL SHOT PERFORMS
(Formerly Known As Midnight Special)

12:00 MIDNIGHT - GROUNDS CLOSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2006

9:00 AM - FESTIVAL GATES OPEN

10:00 AM - FESTIVAL QUEEN PAGEANT BEGINS

10:00 AM - FOOD BOOTHS OPEN

11:00 AM - WEIGH STATION OPENS

11:30 AM - 'TEARDROPS' PERFORMS

2:00 PM - 'GUY THERIOT BAND' PERFORMS

5:00 PM - 'BREAKING GROUND' PERFORMS

5:00 PM - WEIGH STATION CLOSES

7:30 PM - RECOGNIZE CORPORATE SPONSORS
FESTIVAL QUEENS PRESENTED
PRESENTATION OF FISHING AWARDS

8:00 PM - 'KALEB TRAHAN & FRIENDS' PERFORMS

9:30 PM - FIREWORKS DISPLAY

10:00 PM - 'KALEB TRAHAN & FRIENDS' CONTINUES

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MOSQUITOES

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changed. Trucks spray on all roads except where road debris has caused excessive flat tires. Robicheaux said they are spraying as often as they can.

The planes fly all over the parish, except over open water and wildlife refuges where they are prohibited by law. They fly over some of the marshes, but mostly over populated areas. The areas overflown are determined by mosquito landing rates - a staff member goes into the area and counts how many mosquitoes land on him in a certain time. The fact that people are not smelling the spray could be attributed to the wind, he said.

As to a satellite barn in Hackberry, he said "That would be good." Parish Administrator Tina Horn suggested more public information be sent out by the district to keep people informed about the ongoing situation.

Rutherford Beach resident Joe Gaspard complimented the district on its prompt response to his call, and the good result from truck spraying.

Jurors explained that they do not have jurisdiction over the operations of the Mosquito Control District. They only appoint the board. District Attorney Cecil Sanner said board members can only be removed for "just cause."

On Tuesday night, many of

these same questions were asked at a meeting of the Mosquito Control Board in Grand Lake.

Board secretary Ernest Vincent explained that the location, type, and amount of chemical sprayed is set by law, and governed by the EPA and USDA. The district could lose its license if it sprays in a manner inconsistent with the law.

He said the district has lost its liability insurance, as of September, 2006, due to a lawsuit brought because a driver sprayed inside a tank farm when a person was sitting in his truck on the grounds. He said this is why drivers are not to spray inside warehouses, no matter how much they are asked to do so. "Things happen," he said, "it could happen again."

As to driveways, he said the spray is good for 300 feet from the truck, so most driveways do not need to be sprayed. If wind blows the spray away from the houses, "We can't do anything about the wind," he said, also pointing out that in Calcasieu Parish trucks stay on the road.

Board members pointed out that most parishes do not spray on the weekends or holidays. They said their staff has been working day and night to control the latest outbreaks, sometimes 24 hours straight. One employee worked over 100 hours in one



THE MCCAIN DUMP site for Hurricane Rita debris has been burning for several days near the pontoon bridge in Grand Lake, filling nearby residential areas with acrid smoke. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, which has given the owner 60 days to get the debris buried. Below is a view of one of the attempts to extinguish the fire. (Photos by Cyndi Sellers.)

week recently.

When asked to hire more drivers, they responded that only one person has answered their ads so far, and that person wouldn't drive to Grand Lake for an application. They said a satellite barn would be great if drivers could be found in Hackberry or Johnson Bayou to use it.

Juror Darryl Farque asked about chemicals, saying "Trucks in Calcasieu Parish drive five mph and if you're behind them you're choking. You're not choking people. We're trying to help you out with the grass and the ditches - do your job." Other said aerial spraying used to burn your eyes, but now it doesn't.

Vincent said they use the same chemical and the same ratio as Calcasieu. He pointed out that the situation in Cameron Parish is very different now than it was a year ago. Salt water has killed the fish and minnows that used to eat the mosquito larvae, and all the debris holds moisture that allows mosquitoes to breed.

Right now there are several different types of mosquitoes active in the parish - salt water, fresh water, and floodwater. Vincent said the staff is working seven days a week, including holidays trying to

satisfy the people. The weather has been the big problem, with rain every day last week.

The plane cannot spray in daytime, because of wind and thermal factors - rising air would send the spray up instead of down. The new plane holds 200 gallons of chemical, more than twice the amount of the two previous planes. It can spray more territory per night than both the old planes combined. The plane flies at 200 feet, and cannot fly any lower because of towers and other hazards not visible in the dark. It does spray over cattle when the pilot can see them.

LSU Extension Agent Gary Wicke clarified some factors affecting cattle. He said in the old days, cattle were not kept in the marshes in the summer, now they are there year round. There is less grass for them, so they are more bunched up, and there are less cows for the mosquitoes to feed on, so each cow attracts more mosquitoes.

He suggested that the district apply for a Section 18 exception to the type of chemical used or the rate of spray. However, he said "The label is the law," and it may not be possible to change the rate. Robicheaux said there is no other chemical available to use on mosquitoes.

In other business, the board and the jurors agreed to work together to transfer the property on which the old mosquito barn and rodeo arena was built to the Police Jury. It was noted, however, that over the years the Jury did not perform required maintenance on the building and placed a water tower and well on the property without asking for permission. The issue of who authorized large amount of hurricane debris to be placed on the property was also not resolved.

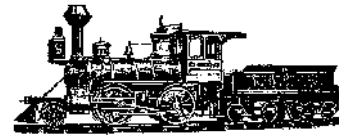
Before the hurricane, the board had purchased 5.7 acres of land across from Chesson's Grocery in Sweetlake to build a new complex. The property cost \$57,000 and included 10,000 yards of fill dirt. The board voted to proceed with the fill placement, in preparation for building a new chemical storage area. Chemicals are now being stored in Calcasieu Parish.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

CHURCH NEWS
St. Peter's Catholic Church has announced that there will be no Fall Festival this year.

This is due to the repairs being done to the building. The Fall Festival will be back next year.



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Jettie Greene named Social Services Director

LAKE CHARLES — An effervescent smile and a contagious laugh are things you notice immediately upon meeting Jettie Greene, the new Director of Social Services at the Catholic Service Center of the Diocese of Lake Charles. The Service Center is located at 1112 Bilbo Street.

"I am very excited to be here and I have so many ideas," Greene said. "I guess the first thing I wanted to do is to see what the needs are from the various church parishes. I have already had a chance to meet with some of the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers to assess some of their needs."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is composed of women and men who seek their personal holiness by works of charity. This is one essential way that the Society, therefore, differs from other charitable associations or agencies. Their principal objective is not the spiritual advancement of their members as such, but the doing of good for someone. In the Diocese of Lake Charles there are a number of parishes with a St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"I sent a letter to every pastor in the Diocese requesting information on what types of social service assistance their parishes were providing to people who came to them," she continued. "The response has been tremendous. Once they respond, I create a flyer and send it back for their approval. Once it has been approved we will send it out."

"The brochure provides a list of what the parish has to offer in a social service setting, aid that the parish can offer in addition to agencies within the civil parish or city where the parish is located, agencies that can address needs of people who may come to the parish church for assistance."

The list is not all-inclusive but it is derived from suggestions provided by the

pastor or administrator of the parish.

In her visit to the northern parishes, including Sacred Heart of Jesus in Oakdale, St. Paul and St. Joseph in Elton, and St. Joan of Arc in Oberlin, Greene got a feel for what the needs of the people might be.

"I found out the need might be a little different than what I thought it would be," she said. "I thought we could go up there and have a day each quarter or each month and address the needs of the various parishes. But, I found out that it might be beneficial to coordinate our efforts by having the applications available in the parishes. The parish would take the application, decide if the person qualifies for assistance and what amount. The parish would provide that assistance out of parish funds and then forward the application to the Service Center for reimbursement to the parish."

The Service Center continues to provide financial assistance for rental and mortgage payments, utility bills (gas, electricity, and water), funeral expenses, and occasional bus tickets for people whom may be stranded in this area.

"Just recently we had a family of four - parents and two kids - who had been staying on the beach," Greene said. "A police officer brought them to the office and we were able to help them get back to the Lake Jackson, Texas, area. The man had come to Southwest Louisiana for a job and it didn't exist, stranding the family. They were actually living on the beach. We got the call and were able to help them the same day. Situations like that we work on a case by case basis."

"Then last week the director of Elderly Services for the Sheriff's Department came to us and we worked with them to get utilities paid for an elderly citizen."

Greene noted that it is a good feeling to



Jettie Greene at her desk

be able to provide assistance to someone for whom you may be the last resort.

"Many of our clients in our initial contact are upset and crying because they don't feel they have a way out," Greene said. "It is so rewarding because by the time they leave, I get a hug and they are very grateful and thankful that we were there to help them."

The help with rental or mortgage payments and utility payments is only available to those people who qualify once every 18 months.

According to Greene, the Service Center is not financially capable to give continuing assistance over a long period of time. "We are a temporary solution to emergency situations that families may face from time to time."

"People who come to the Center must have sufficient income to cover regular expenses and that income must be within federal poverty guidelines in order for us to help them with utility and rental or mortgage payments," Greene said. "We also look at whether the person has gone to other agencies or been repeaters in our system. We want to be fair to everybody but there is only a limited supply of money. We want to make sure that people who really need it can be helped."

"Potential clients must have documentation, a photo ID, their utility bill, and proof of their most recent rent (or mortgage payment), when they come to us," she continued. "They must also tell us if they receive food stamps or other assistance, we ask that they bring proof of that, and also if they have been on Section 8."

"We have to establish a need for the assistance before we offer it. We discrimi-

nate against no one; anyone can come - Catholic or those of other faith traditions, those of any race, creed, national origin, or political affiliation."

As for providing food, the Center will try to provide food baskets to those who qualify on a monthly basis. "We can certainly refer them to other agencies in the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish or in other areas of Southwest Louisiana as well."

The Center's office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, though it is closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Appointments, which are required, can be made by calling the Center at 439-7436 from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. "We don't accept calls for appointments on Mondays or Fridays because of other duties and we limit the calls we accept from 8:30 to noon," Greene said. "When someone calls they talk to an intake officer and have a pre-assessment completed before an appointment is scheduled. It's all done over the phone. Even if they pre-qualify for the appointment, that doesn't guarantee that we can help them."

The Center receives more than 1,000 calls per month, according to Greene, and everyone is returned in a timely fashion. "Only about one-eighth of those calls are from people who qualify for assistance. Our calls increase when other agencies are unable to help due to financial constraints. Recently one agency had such a situation and our call volume increased."

For those who qualify, assistance with prescription medication may also be available. "We provide prescription assistance but we don't help with narcotics, pain medication, stimulants, or hormones," Greene said. "For blood pressure medicines, diabetes drugs, and the like, we can provide help in acquiring those for qualified individuals."

The medicine guidelines are different. "A person can qualify every six months for those individuals who don't have insurance or are underinsured. The amount of assistance varies depending on the type of medication and the person's income."

Of the many people helped over the years it is gratifying for some to return, once they have steadied their lives, and give back to the programs of the Center.

"Just recently, a lady come in and dropped off \$50 because we had helped her in the past with \$50," Greene said. "She didn't want to stay long and she didn't want a big to-do about it. She received the assistance when she had a need and wanted to give it back. It was really great to see that. She didn't think it was that big of a deal but we really did. That was great to see that she wanted to give back."

For Jettie Greene and the other staff working at the Catholic Service Center, "All are welcome in this house!"

"The need is the thing," Greene concluded. "We are here to serve people from all over the Diocese of Lake Charles, north or south, east, or west. We are excited about expanding the program to fill the needs in the parishes. During the year we hope to address as many needs as possible."



Some of the students from St. Michael/St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Sioux Falls, SD are pictured at St. Mary of the Lake Parish in Big Lake.

South Dakotans' June mission trip recounted

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was written by Rhonda Kelsey, one of the leaders of the group of young people and adults from St. Michael/St. Katharine Drexel Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota who visited Southwest Louisiana on a mission trip in early June to aid in the continuing cleanup from Hurricane Rita, for their church bulletin.)

After months of e-mails (with Denise Donahoe, Director of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles), planning, fundraising, and preparing, 30 students and 13 adults from St. Michael and St. Katharine Drexel set out for a nine-day mission trip to Louisiana following morning Mass on Saturday, June 10th. The group went out to offer service by presenting a four day Vacation Bible School to the children of St. Mary of the Lake and by clearing debris and repairing homes in the Gulf Coast region of Lake Charles, La. that had been affected by Hurricane Rita last September.

After 19 hours travel time and an overnight stay in Shawnee, Okla., behind them everyone was eager to do their

part on Monday, June 12th. Prepared for heat, humidity, and bugs with lots of sunscreen, water, and bug spray they were met with down home southern hospitality of the people they came to serve.

From getting up at 6:00 a.m. to be ready for the days work and not getting in bed till 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. after a late night game of football, volleyball, cards, or a walk around the retreat center we will all cherish our time spent in Louisiana.

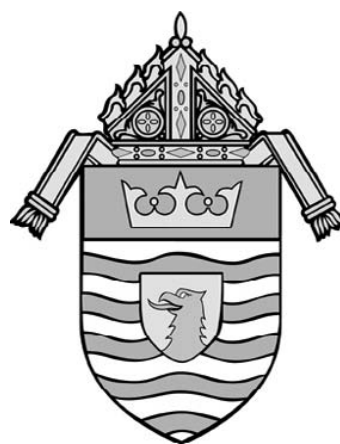
Typically when one offers service to others, they generally get as much or more from the experience than the people they served. This was true for all of our participants. Many made new friends, gained self-confidence, and/or learned a deeper meaning of life.

The two-day trip home seemed to pass quickly as everyone anxiously shared their memorable moments. No sooner did we embark on our travels home than the subject of returning to this same area next year came up with eagerness to serve and receive their new friends in Louisiana.

The people in the civil

parish (which would be a county in South Dakota) of Cameron are on a five-year plan of rebuilding. This year, this area of more than 9,500 before "Rita," now about 400, is still in the clean up stage. The bulldozers have come through and picked up the large debris and placed it in one of many landfill sites. Many of the people living in this area have lived there all their lives. Some of them lost all they had in 1957 at the young age of 20 or 30 when Hurricane Audrey swept through their area. For the second time these people are starting over but this time they are in their 70s and 80's. Next year we hope to return and help these people with the rebuilding process in the area of Cameron, Louisiana.

Much thanks goes to Denise Donahoe and the Lake Charles Diocese, Lisa Lannin and the families of St. Mary of the Lake Church, the Saint Charles Center, St. Theodore Church, Julie Burleigh, Cameron Service Director, and the people of Cameron for their southern hospitality to us South Dakotans. We hope to see you all next year!



OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

The Reverend Msgr. Harry D. Greig, Diocesan Administrator, makes the following appointment, effective August 1, 2006, based upon the recommendation of The Very Reverend Joseph G. Gachand, M.S., Vicar Provincial: The Reverend James M. Winiarski, M.S. is appointed Administrator of Our Lady of LaSalette Church, Sulphur, La.



Bookkeepers from the various parish churches in the Diocese of Lake Charles recently attended the annual seminar sponsored by the Diocesan Fiscal Office held at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center. New protocols were discussed along with items regarding insurance and other topics. Rev. Msgr. Harry D. Greig, Diocesan Administrator, gave the opening prayer and is shown while speaking to those assembled.



DO YOU REMEMBER? This photo of the Cameron waterfront was taken in 1938 by Mrs. Helen Skipper of Fernandina, Florida, who lived in Cameron at the time. The picture was sent to the Pilot by Nell Colligan of Lafayette.

Co-op employees thanked for post-Rita efforts

Over 550 people, including more than 400 registered Jefferson Davis Electric Co-op members attending the annual membership meeting on July 10, gave the Co-op's 40 employees, its board of directors and its manager a standing ovation for rebuilding most of its utility system in only eight weeks after Hurricane Rita devastated the area on Sept. 24, 2005.

State officials praised the Co-op's quick response and its ability to rally 1,600 workers from 20 states who were housed in a tent city at Lake Charles as the catalyst to "bringing Cameron back."

"You came back and rebuilt your lives," State Senator Gerald Theunissen told those attending the meeting on July 10 in the new Jennings High School. He noted, however, that the Federal Government seems to be suffering from "Rita amnesia" as both it and the media concentrate on recovery efforts in areas hit by Hurricane Katrina but ignore southwest Louisiana.

"The devastation was much worst in Cameron Parish, but while FEMA continues to pay for the total cost of cleaning up most areas hit by Katrina, Cameron Parish would have to pay ten percent

of its clean-up costs if not for Governor Blanco," Senator Theunissen noted.

He added that Jeff Davis Electric "got the lights back on in Cameron by Nov. 11" and spent \$80 million rebuilding its entire utility system in under two months so local residents could start rebuilding their lives, homes and businesses while much of New Orleans still has no power and less than half of its prior population.

State Representative Dan Morrish echoed those remarks, stressing JDEC had to pay \$400,000 a month for \$80 million in interim loans it needed to rebuild its system. As a non-profit, consumer-owned electric utility, JDEC will receive reimbursements for much of what it spent, but FEMA will not pay any of the interest on those loans.

"FEMA needs to stop the bleeding caused by the interest on these loans," Rep. Morrish stated. "I'm proud of the people of southwest Louisiana," he added, relating accounts of how local residents who had lost everything in the storm still offered ice and cold drinks to out-of-state utility workers who helped rebuild the Co-op utility system.

"Workers from Maryland,

Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Tennessee couldn't believe that anyone who had lost everything in Hurricane Rita could bounce back and share what they had left with strangers," Morrish recalled.

Cameron Parish Superintendent of Schools Dr. Douglas Chance presented JDEC Co-op Manager Mike Heinen a plaque with photos of the six Cameron Parish schools wrecked by Hurricane Rita. He recounted how right after the storm Heinen had estimated it would take six to eight weeks to restore power to the area, yet Co-op crews got electricity back to every home and business capable accepting electric service in only 14 days. The entire job, including rebuilding a 69 KV transmission line, was done by Nov. 11 when Governor Blanco flipped a switch that restored lights to the Cameron Parish courthouse.

Heinen called up the Co-op's 40 employees who were given a standing ovation.

"I can't really express how proud I am of our employees," Heinen told the gathering, adding that every Co-op line-man "had to become a supervisor overnight, heading up crews made up of the 1,600 extra workers who came to our aid. Many of our employees from Cameron Parish showed up with nothing but the clothes on their back after losing their homes, but they were ready to go to work."

Heinen also praised the efforts of District 4 Louisiana Public Service Commissioner Dale Sittig. "JDEC had its northern system and substations ready to receive power about two weeks after Hurricane Rita, but Entergy, which operates the transmission lines to our substations, didn't even have us on their radar screen. Entergy initially wasn't willing to let us use our own crews to restore their transmission lines to our substations, but Commissioner Sittig convinced them that crews helping us from the Tennessee Valley Authority were more than qualified to do the work. That enabled us to get power back to those substations in two days rather than two weeks."

Heinen also thanked State Senator Theunissen for his assistance in accelerating FEMA reimbursements to JDEC.

"We were paying \$400,000 a month on the \$80 million in interim loans we needed to rebuild our system. It cost \$5 million just to set up the tent city in Lake Charles to house, support and equip the 1,600 workers who came to our aid for two months, but the first thing the Co-op board of directors told me to do after Hurricane Rita was 'get the power back on as soon as possible.' While we had to spend money right away to accomplish that, FEMA takes its time paying it back," Heinen reported.

Heinen reported that the LPSC had granted JDEC its first rate increase since 1986

earlier this year to help it recover revenue lost after Hurricane Rita.

"The Co-op lost over 50 percent of its operating revenue when Hurricane Rita devastated Cameron Parish," Heinen explained, "and that revenue has been slow to recover as homes and businesses are rebuilt. We had to rebuild our system before anyone else could rebuild their lives and businesses. But we also have to pay our bills and that means adjusting rates to meet our financial obligations."

"JDEC already had a rate adjustment before the LPSC when Rita hit. The Commission acted on that request by granting the Co-op a six percent rate increase (amounting to about \$6 per 1,000 kwh)," explained Commissioner Sittig. "Even with that increase, JDEC's rates are still lower than those of competing utilities, and the alternative would be to let service become unreliable."

Heinen explained that JDEC will have to go back to the LPSC this year seeking another rate increase to pay the interest on the loans FEMA repayments don't cover and to meet its financial obligations until its revenue recovers.

"Any rate increases we seek will be temporary and will be reduced as people and businesses return and our revenue flow increases," Heinen explained. Since Sept. 24, JDEC's revenue has decreased nearly 50 percent, yet expectations of commercial revival, development of offshore LNG depots and the restoration of the fishing industry are strong.

During the meeting, the members elected directors from districts three and six while Board President E. Garner Nunez was re-elected to the board without opposition from District 9. Re-elected from District 6 was Webster J. Todd Jr. of Bell City who received 205 votes to challenger Denny Primeaux's 143 votes; John Berken of Jennings was elected the District 3 director with 198 votes while incumbent Timothy Wild of Welsh received 142 votes.

Also serving on the Jefferson Davis Electric board of directors are Charles S. Hackett, Lake Charles; Robert P. Sarver, Jennings; Joseph L. Tupper Jr., Elton; Richard J. Byler, Lake Arthur; Claude Breaux, Gueydan, and E. Scott Henry, Cameron.

Established 68 years ago, JDEC provided service to over 7,000 consumers along 1,584 miles of power line.

The meeting included a moment of silence in tribute to veteran JDEC director Eugene C. Todd of Welsh. Todd, who passed away on March 19, 2006 while serving as the JDEC Board President, had been elected to 16 three-year terms on the board, serving 48 years as Co-op director.

Chenier Ecology

By KEVIN SAVOIE

SHRIMP IMPORTS AND VERMILION SNAPPER

Punitive custom bonds or tariffs on imports of shrimp into the United States have proven to be no match for America's insatiable appetite for shrimp. Some prognosticators originally believed the flow of shrimp into the U.S. would be slowed once the duties were imposed on exporting countries. This might have allowed domestic shrimp harvesters to capture some of the market demand.

However, shrimp imports for the first four months of 2006 showed an increase of 12.9 percent, or 41 million pounds, over the same period last year. This equates to an increase of more than 10 million pounds per month, which is equal to the amount of shrimp exported to the U.S. each month by Ecuador, the second leading shrimp supplier behind Thailand.

The total shrimp imports into the U.S. for the first four months of 2006 rose to 358 million pounds. The same time period for 2005 showed 317 million pounds.

Nonetheless, this is bad news for domestic shrimp producers who are being squeezed by increasing volumes of cheap imports and rising fuel prices. Currently, domestic shrimp harvesters only produce about 10 percent of the U.S. demand for shrimp. This makes it important for them to provide high quality products and to develop specialty, niche markets.

Source: seafoodnews.com

VERMILION SNAPPER RULE CHANGES

The National Marine Fisheries Service has declared vermilion snapper (beeliners) to be over-fished, and the federal reef fish management plan includes measures to end over-fishing and rebuild the spawning stock over 10 years.

The commercial fishery for vermilion snapper will have a closed season from April 22 through May 31 each year. Both state and federal laws now specify that the minimum size for vermilion snapper for both recreational and commercial harvesters will increase from 10 to 11 inches.

Offshore anglers should be sure to note the changes in snapper regulations. Vermilion snapper are still part of a 20-fish per person aggregate bag limit for vermilion, lane, gray triggerfish, almaco jack, goldface tilefish, tilefish, blackline tilefish, anchor tilefish and blueline tilefish. However, not more than 10 vermilion snapper per person may be included in that bag limit.

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"If the wind rocks our house, we plan to roll on out of here."

Zydeco washboard artist Rockin' Dopsis, Jr. with wife Tina and dog Harley at their Kenner home. Their emergency plan for the upcoming hurricane season includes Harley's safety.

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HACKBERRY STUDENTS performed in the 37th annual dance production of Karen Ogden Studio in Sulphur. The show, entitled "An Evening of Dance," featured routines relating to nighttime. Girls appearing on the stage were Mikaela Devail and Brittany Mills, shown above.

Grand Lake swim team competes in tri-meet

The Grand Lake/Cameron Summer League Swim Team competed Friday, July 7, against Moss Bluff and University teams at University Pool in Lake Charles. Swimmers competed in age divisions in various events separated by boys and girls. The swimmers are awarded 1st through 6th place. GL/C swimmers won the following places:

100 yd Individual Medley: (15-19 yrs.) Tyler Pool, 1st, Zachary Theriot, 3rd, Jordan Poole, 4th.

25 yd Freestyle: (6 & Under) Matthew Brasseaux, 2nd, Nate Pugh, 3rd, Morghan Dimas, 3rd; (7-8 yrs.) Zachary Brasseaux, 2nd, Tori Smith, 2nd, Hallie Boudreaux, 3rd, Marissa Dupont, 5th; (9-10 yrs.) Jarrett Nunez, 3rd, Jeffrey Racca, 4th.

50 yd Freestyle: (11-12 yrs.) Amaris Brown, 3rd, Emileigh Creel, 5th, Karissa Trahan, 6th, (13-14 yrs.) Tyler Tolbert, 1st, Jared Racca, 2nd, (15-19 yrs.) Tyler Pool, 1st, Zachary Theriot, 2nd, Dylan Jouett, 3rd, Ivan Harmon, 4th, Chance Savoie, 5th.

25 yd Breaststroke: (6 & U) Nate Pugh, 1st, Morghan Dimas, 2nd, (7-8 yrs.) Zachary Brasseaux, 3rd, Tori Smith, 2nd, Hallie Boudreaux, 3rd, Marissa Dupont, 6th, (9-10 yrs.)

Jarrett Nunez, 3rd, Jeffrey Racca, 4th, Sheridan Smith, 5th.

50 yd Breaststroke: (11-12 yrs.) Amaris Brown, 4th (13-14 yrs.) Tyler Tolbert, 1st, Jared Racca, 2nd, (15-19 yrs.) Zachary Theriot, 1st, Chance Savoie, 3rd, Ivan Harmon, 4th.

25 yd Backstroke: (7-8 yrs.) Zachary Brasseaux, 2nd, Marissa Dupont, 1st, Hallie Boudreaux, 2nd, (9-10 yrs.) Jarrett Nunez, 4th, Jeffrey Racca, 5th, Erica Williams, 4th, Sheridan Smith, 5th.

50 yd Backstroke: (11-12 yrs.) Karissa Trahan, 1st, Amaris Brown, 2nd, Emileigh Creel, 4th, (13-14 yrs.) Jared Racca, 1st, Tyler Tolbert, 2nd, (15-19 yrs.) Dylan Jouett, 1st, Jordan Poole, 2nd, Ivan Harmon, 3rd.

50 yd Butterfly: (15-19 yrs.) Tyler Pool, 1st, Jordan Poole, 2nd.

100 yd Medley Relay: (9-10 yr) Back-Erica Williams, Breast-Jeffrey Racca, Fly-Jarrett Nunez, Free-Sheridan Smith, 3rd.

100 yd Freestyle Relay: (7-8 yrs) Tori Smith, Marissa Dupont, Zack Brasseaux, Hallie Boudreaux, 3rd.

200 yd Freestyle Relay: (13-14 yr) Karissa Trahan, Jared Racca, Emileigh Creel, Amaris Brown, 1st, (15-19 yr) Zachary Theriot, Jordan Poole, Ivan Harmon, Tyler Pool, 1st.

Workshops to be held to aid SBA applicants

The Small Business Administration has extended the deadline for businesses to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan for economic loss related to Hurricane Rita. The new deadline is July 26. The Louisiana Small Business Development Center at McNeese State University will present workshops to assist your business in applying for this SBA disaster loan.

If your business has suffered a loss of revenue from Hurricane Rita, you may be eligible for federal disaster assistance through the U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Program. Help in applying for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans will be offered by the Louisiana Small Business Development

Center of McNeese State University in conjunction with the Cameron Parish Office of Planning and Development. The workshops will be held to explain the loan program and go over the loan application. Please note that property damage is not covered in this program.

The workshops will be held at Cameron Parish Office of Planning and Development facilities, as follows:

--Monday, July 17, 2 p.m., at 605 Highway 384 in Grand Lake (at Boone's Corner, next door to Farm Bureau)

--Tuesday, July 18, 9 a.m., at 986-A Main Street, Hackberry

--Tuesday, July 18, 2 p.m., at the Courthouse, Cameron.

Applicants are encouraged to bring to the workshop as much pertinent information regarding their business as they have available. This includes: federal income tax returns (2002 through 2004), balance sheet as of September 2005, profit and loss statement for January through September of 2005, estimates of economic loss, proof of insurance, personal financial statements for the owner(s), etc. If you do not have access to these records, you will still be able to apply for assistance.

There is no cost to attend the workshop. To register your business to attend or to get more information, please call the Cameron Parish Office of Planning and Development at 598-5206 or the LSBDC at 475-5529.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



TROUT SHOOTOUT-SATURDAY

The Lemesche Bass Club held their July club tournament last Saturday. Fishing the Mermentau-Grand Lake-Lake Misere-Lacassine Bayou area. Fishing was tough, but nice bass were caught.

Richard Duhon and J. M. Boudreaux had the largest five bass stringer, weighing in at 10.36 pounds. They had the second place largest bass going 2.90. Second team was Carl Broussard and Todd Morales, 9.52 and first place largest bass, weighing 3.24.

Third team was Matthew and Brett Griffin with 7.52 and third largest bass weighing 2.58. Fourth place was Darren Richard and Corey Broussard with 7.22 and fourth largest bass, 2.42. Fifth place was Johnny LeDoux and Loston McEvers and sixth place was Ricky and Laken Canik. They had the largest choupique, 3.46.

The club will hold their August meeting in Creole at the Darren Richard Barn at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lots of activity is going on for recreational anglers. CCA members will have the 21st annual Lake Charles trout shootout, the largest single speckled trout only each hour, this Saturday, July 15. Weigh-in will be at Calcasieu Point Landing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Encouragement to catch and release, all trout weighed in at the official scales which are returned to the water alive, will receive a bonus 8 ounces added to their official weight. CCA membership is required to fish tournament, plus \$25 adult entrant, kids 15 and under fish free, if accompanied by an adult entrant.

Registration: Cajun Fastmart, Calcasieu Point Landing, Cormies, Lake Charles Tackle, West Marine and all First Federal Bank Branches. For more information call Chas Drost at 540-0724.

CAMERON FESTIVAL

The Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be held this year at the Grand Chenier Park with lots of activity under the pavilion, where the weigh-in will take place on Aug. 4 and 5. Anglers will be fishing all public fishing waters.

There will be three divisions: offshore, bay and surf and junior division. Contestants purchasing a \$30 ticket must choose to fish either the offshore or bay and surf division. Remember all state and federal laws and size limits must be obeyed. Anglers begin fishing at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 4 and cease at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5.

No alcohol or alcoholic beverages can be consumed by festival entrants, while fishing during official festival competition hours or until fish are weighed. Weigh-in begins at 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. There will be an outstanding male, female and junior angler trophy.

The Cameron Parish Sheriff officers monitors VHF channel 7 for emergency calls. For more information call Carl Broussard at 715-5316.

LACASSINE POOL

Last week Refuge Manager Larry Narcisse announced that the water

level on Lacassine Pool has become so low, that no more boats with motors would be allowed. Now you can poke, paddle or use your trolling motor, but anglers can only launch at the old boat launch to the west. The east launch is closed due to road repair, which included Wildlife Drive. Anglers may also bank fish to the west launch.

CCA S.T.A.R.

The CCA S.T.A.R. Statewide Tournament had a few changes this week, but Calcasieu Lake's trout weights went up. In our west, Tony Hayden has the lead speckle trout with an 8.20 weight, followed by Jared Verrett, 7.65 and David French, 6.90. This broke the 8 pound barrier and put the west in line with the east's 8.30 trout and the central's 8.15 trout. Still only one tagged red fish has been caught and turned in.

George Fontenot leads the flounder division for the west with a 3.8 pounder. New leaders statewide in the black drum: Lori Reed, 58.50, caught during the Southwest La. Fishing Club Rodeo. Mark Daeumer's sheephead is first, weighing 9.25 pounds. The yellowfish tuna of Michael Gray is 168 pounds. While Teena Strand-Parker is a leading Lemonfish weighing 80.80 pounds.

DUCK SEASON

Word from the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is that it will keep two waterfowl hunting zones for our state through the year 2010 season. Surveys sent to the Department of Wildlife according to Robert Helms, that hunters wanted to keep the split season and have east and west zones.

Most voted to keep the season as it has been. The commission will send the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the choices for season dates, and we should know something when the Commission meets again in August.

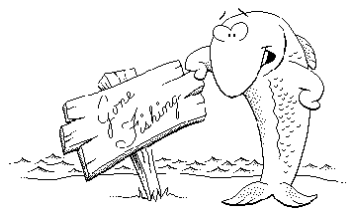
OFFSHORE

All reports from offshore are good, but lots of thunderstorms are keeping offshore anglers on their toes. Great catches of red snapper reported as well as king mackerel.

MERMENTAU RIVER

If you're looking for speckled trout, they were stacked up at the catfish locks. They were actually working the birds and even had a slick on the water.

Fishing the Grand Lake area, redfish are all over in this freshwater lake, brought on by the Hurricane Rita water. Fact is, some Lemesche Bass Club members caught a few good eating size redfish, running 18 to 22 inches.



THOUSANDS OF fiddler crabs have been migrating through Cameron for several days. This group of crabs ran into a corner and piled up three feet on Sunday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Recreational licenses to be automated in La.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) announced at a recent Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting the new vendor that will manage computer system support for the sale of recreational hunting and fishing licenses beginning in February 2007.

Automated License Systems, Inc., (ALS) of Nashville, Tenn., was the successful vendor of the two firms responding to the agency's request for proposals (RFP). That RFP specified that support was needed for a license system which uses PC equipment and phone line signal delivery to sell licenses. Retail outlets around the state, in addition to LDWF's Baton Rouge, Monroe and Opelousas offices, utilize license vendor software to

transact the sale of recreational licenses to the general public.

ALS's services will be compensated at a rate of 65.5 cents per transaction versus 75 cents per transaction under the current contract in place.

The new contract issued to ALS includes provisions for the electronic distribution of deer tags beginning June 1, 2007. The 2006-07 deer season will be a transitional year and hunters will simply need to report their harvest information to the department on a deer tag harvest card that will be distributed prior to the upcoming hunting season.

Internet license purchase capability will still be available via LDWF's Web site at www.wlf.louisiana.gov and will be supported by ALS.



Grand Chenier Park

Friday & Saturday
August 4 & 5, 2006

VENDORS INFORMATION:

The Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival is looking for any Cameron Parish Civic Organizations, Church Groups, Schools or any Commercial Vendors who would be willing to put up food booths, game booths and/or arts and crafts booths for this event.

Interested organizations or groups who would like to set up a booth are invited to call Carl Broussard at 775-5316 or Yvonne Mhire at 775-7108 to reserve booth space.

There will be a small fee charged to each vendor to help with the cost of putting on this event. The last day to reserve a booth is Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at 12:00 noon.



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HOUSE FOR Sale. Elevated home on 1.25 acre lot in Garber Subdivision. Approximately 3 miles from Down Town Cameron. Over 3000 sq-ft of heated living. 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. Floor sits 15.6 feet above flood elevation. House experienced damage from Rita and needs repairs. Call (843) 402-9695 6/29 - 8/31p.

GRAND LAKE: 4 acres just south of Cal-Cam Line Rd. Fully developed; ready to move on. Asking \$65,000. Contact 215-0702. 6/7 & 7/12p.

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FOR SALE: 2006 34' Travel trailer, Paradise Point by Crossroads. Two slideouts, sofa, bed, 2 recliners, washer & dryer, queen size bed, 27" TV, DVD player with surround sound. Used since Rita. Call 540-8218 or 377-6333. 7/12 & 7/20P.

FOR SALE: 2006 Indies 16x80 mobile home. Three bedroom, 2 bath, real solid oak cabinets, walk-in pantry, 9 ft. ceilings. All appliances included: stove, dishwasher, washer, dryer - all brand new. Very nice, must see. Must be moved, porch included. Asking payoff. Call Roni & Joey Troclair at (337) 274-2534. 7/12 & 7/20p.

NOTICE

THE HIGH Island Graveyard in Creole is in need of a volunteer maintenance person. Please contact Wilford Miller at 542-4643. 7/12p.

NOTICE

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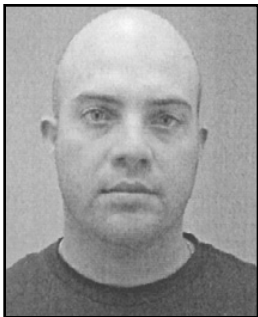
THE FAMILY of Margie Trahan would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of you who sent cards, flowers, food and money.

We would especially like to thank the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Dept., Acadian Ambulance, Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Hixson's Funeral Home, Father Vincent, Father McGrath, Abe Manual, Linda Dahlen, Virgie LaBove, Virgie Nunez, Josie Boudreaux, Sister Carol, Susan Johnson and Father Joseph.

Thank you for the prayers and words of comfort during our loss.

Carl "Bubba" Trahan & Family; Carolyn Benoit & Family; and Rena LeBouef.

SEX OFFENDER



UNDER ACT 962 of the Louisiana Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is I, Brent David Trahan, have been convicted of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile/Performing Sexually Immoral Act. My address is 136 Alvin Lane, Johnson Bayou, LA 70631..

Race: White. Sex: Male. DOB: 07/02/80. Height: 5'10". Weight: 215 lbs. Hair Color: Brown. Eye Color: Blue.

JU-2- (Runs: 7/6 & 7/13)



DO YOU REMEMBER? The old Cameron Elementary school was badly damaged by Hurricane Audrey in June 1957. This picture shows it being torn down in November, 1957, to be replaced by a modern school and auditorium, which in turn were so badly damaged by Hurricane Rita in September, 2005, that they, too, were torn down. The Cameron school will be consolidated with South Cameron High School this fall with plans for a new Cameron school still to be made.

Advance planning in hurricane season is imperative

As the saying goes, "chance favors the prepared mind," or in this case, the prepared business. Louisianians learned first-hand last year that advance planning is a hurricane season imperative. As we approach the height of the 2006 hurricane season, businesses should ensure that they have taken necessary steps to protect their employees and their operations.

Advance planning can help businesses secure property, commerce and enable them to release or evacuate employees sooner in the event of an emergency. Louisiana Economic Development recommends the following hurricane season checklist.

Develop a plan

- Develop an emergency plan and procedures to address the potential hazards that could impact your business.
- Review all existing plans and procedures to determine whether all plans are in agreement.
- Identify your company's most critical business processes and take steps to protect them.
- Determine the financial and operational impact if your business must shut down for a day, a week, or an

La. Wildlife & Fisheries is keeping two waterfowl zones

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission announced that it would keep two waterfowl hunting zones in the state through the 2010 hunting season. The decision came at the commission's regular meeting on July 6.

Robert Helm, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries waterfowl study leader informed the commission that the majority of hunters surveyed preferred that the state remain split into east and west zones. The survey provided hunters with three options: to have two zones with split seasons, to have three zones with no splits or to have a statewide season with three splits.

The survey, conducted by Louisiana State University, was sent to more than 6,000 Louisiana duck hunters; more than half responded. The current season structure was favored at 53 percent, three zones interested only 6 percent of responders and 41 percent preferred the statewide season.

An Internet poll collected hunter opinions through the LDWF Web site during May and June. Of the nearly 700 responses, the current season framework was preferred by 43 percent of those responding, with 6 percent voting for the three-zone option and 51 percent voting for the statewide season.

The commission's decision will now be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which will provide choices for season dates based on the structure. The commission will decide the dates at their next regular meeting on Aug. 3.

entire revenue period. Is this impact minor or catastrophic?

- Establish an emergency plan with your suppliers.
- Establish temporary relocation contingencies.
- Determine if the business is adequately insured.
- Create a Business Go Box and determine what vital items should be included, such as:
 - Insurance information
 - Bank information: check books, account numbers, etc.
 - Client contact list
 - Employee contact list
 - Vendor contact list
 - Computer back-ups
 - Customer files, charts, etc.

Secure property and assets

- Take necessary steps to protect your building, equipment and other assets.
- Establish a procedure for creating computer back-ups of all vital records.
- Perform an assessment of short-term impacts vs. permanent impacts.
- If your business is located in a multi-tenant building, coordinate with your building management's emergency plans.

Establish a communication protocol

- Establish procedures for your employees to report their whereabouts and status.
- Collect emergency contact information
- Establish procedures to communicate with customers/clients following the emergency:
- Collect emergency contact information

ksavoie@gcenter.lsu.edu. His column can also be found at <http://www.seagrantfish.lsu.edu/resources/index.html>.

Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

For the Sale of July 8, 2006. Trading was active with a turnout of 1066 Head from 190 Sellers with 99 Buyers Present. All Classes of Calves were 2.00 - 4.00 Higher.

DeQuincy (Saturday) July 8 Livestock Receipts: Cattle 695, Horses 2 Hogs 55, Sheep 51, and Goats 263. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 75⁰⁰-125⁰⁰ per HD, Beef 125⁰⁰-200⁰⁰ per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.86-2.12 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.54-1.98 per lb., Heifers: 1.42-1.88 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.36-1.92 per lb., Heifers: 1.31-1.82 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.25-1.40 per lb., Heifers: 1.15-1.30 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: 1.06-1.25 per lb., Heifers: .95-1.15 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .90-1.05 per lb., Heifer: .80-.95 per lb. **CATTLE:** Culler & Utility: .48-.50 per lb.; Canners: .45-.49 per lb.; Fat Cows: .46-.48 per lb.; Thin Cows: .36-.40 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .55-.66 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .65-.80 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 850⁰⁰-1050⁰⁰ per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 750⁰⁰-975⁰⁰ per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: .38-.42; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .32-.36; Butcher Pigs: .40-.50; Feeder Pigs: .30-.60; Sows 300-500 lbs. .32-.38 per lb.; Boars: .08-.12 per lb. **HORSES:** .28-.37 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 30⁰⁰-225⁰⁰ per HD.



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Mapbooks available

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In addition the new mapbooks have updated the street information for Bell City, Creole, DeQuincy, DeRidder, Elton, Elizabeth, Fenton, Grand Lake, Big Lake, Hayes, Hackberry, Iowa, Jennings, Kinder Lacassine, Lake Arthur, Merryville, Moss Bluff, Mossville, Sulphur, Oakdale, Oberlin, Roanoke, Reeves, Starks, Sweetlake, Vinton, Welsh and Westlake.

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— NOTICE —

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District #3 will hold its July meeting, regularly set for the third Tuesday of the month, on Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held behind the Cameron Courthouse (Smith Circle, Cameron, La.) in a temporary building near the Cameron Recreation Center.

RUN: JULY 13 (JU-27)

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Custodian/Janitor at Grand Lake High School. High School diploma is preferred.

Applicant must be able to perform job duties as outlined in Job Description and able to pass the physical that is a job requirement.

To make application contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake School. Phone: 337-905-2231 or Home: 337-598-4774.

The deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 12:00p.m.

RUN: July 13, 20, 27 (JU-19)

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— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for one (1) bus driver position. High School diploma is preferred. Applicant must be La. Certified Bus Driver with "S" endorsement. The bus route, which will be driven daily, will be located as follows:

1) Lowery - schools Lake Arthur Elementary School and Lake Arthur High School.

To make application contact: Mr. Doug Welch, Transportation Supervisor, Cameron Parish School Board. Phone: 337-475-9167.

The deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 12:00p.m.

RUN: July 13, 20, 27 (JU-18)

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**Tuesday,
July 18th, 2006
10323 Gulf Highway
10:00 am-3:00 pm**

We've finished our repairs and are ready to serve your banking needs. Refreshments will be served from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We'll have great door prizes including a 27" Color TV. While you're here register for a chance to win a 2006 Ford Mustang GT Convertible, so stop by and help us celebrate our Re-Grand Opening.



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