

Sonny McCall, former School Supt., dies

Thomas W. "Sonny" McCall, 73, of Grand Chenier, died Tuesday, July 24, 2007 in a Lake Charles hospital. He was a member of the Cameron Parish school system for many years and served as Parish Superintendent from 1977-1996.

His funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in St. Eugene Catholic Church. The Rev. Vincent Vadakkedath will officiate. Burial will be in McCall Cemetery. Visitation is in Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles from 8-11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

He was a graduate of USL and received a master's in education from McNeese State University. He served as a teacher, principal and coach in Cameron Parish and served as superintendent of schools. He was a member of the Cal-Cam Retired Teacher's Association since retirement and served as president for four-plus years.

He was a JP Boudoin Knights of Columbus Grand Knight and Evans P. Mhire Knights of Columbus Grand Knight for two terms; was a reporter; and a trustee.

Mr. McCall served as a member of the trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana from Jan. 1, 1986 through Dec. 31, 1998.

He served on the superintendents association board of directors from 1980 until his death; was the superintendents elected representative to the teacher's retirement system from 1984; the board of Elementary and Secondary Education-appointed member to the Governor's School Finance Task Force from 1980; chairman of the state Department of Education's Finance Task Force from 1984; a member of the state Department of Education's Task Force from 1982 until 1984; a member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Superintendents' Advisory Council from 1982 to 1986; president of the Southwest Louisiana Superintendents' Legislative Committee from 1982 until 1986; member of Phi Delta



Sonny McCall

Kappa, of the Louisiana Principals Association and chairman of the TRSL board of trustees. He was district representative for the LRTA legislative Committee from 1998 until his death; chairman of the LRTA legislative committee from 2002-2004. Other accomplishments: Computer Assisted Instruction-Board of Directors, Louisiana School of Arts and Sciences in 1982, Hurricane Preparedness and Coastal Evacuation-State Civil Defense 1976

Director of Parish Civil Defense from 1970 until 1976, Civil Defense Coordinator from 1976 until his death, president of the Grand Chenier Athletic Association from 1966 until 1975, Board of Directors of Grand Chenier Recreation District from 1974 until 1976, member of the District IX Volunteer Fire Department from 1986. Board of Directors S.W. District Livestock Show from 1974 until 1980, and chairman of the Cameron Rural Development Committee from 1982 until 1986. He was also a member of the Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sons, and one daughter.

He was survived by his wife, Janie McCall of Grand Chenier; one son, Thompson McCall and wife Karen of Grand Chenier; sister, Mamie Reynaud of Marksville; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



Richard Nunez

Nunez seeks school board position

Richard Scott Nunez, 37, is seeking election as School Board member for the Grand Lake/Sweetlake area, District 3. He is currently serving as the District 3 School Board member since being appointed in March following Pat Howerton's resignation.

Nunez, a former resident of Creole, has lived in the Grand Lake/Sweetlake area since 1984. He has taught and coached at Bell City High School since 1993 and has served as assistant principal for the past three years. He has also taught and continues to teach at McNeese State University since 2001 as a visiting lecturer. He holds a bachelor's degree in health and human performance, a master's degree in Administration and Supervision as well as a master's degree in health education, all from McNeese State University.

Nunez and his wife, Felisha, are members of St. Patrick Catholic Church. They have two children currently attending Grand Lake High School, Jarrett, a sixth grader and SkyLynn, enrolled in Pre-K.

Boat burns, sinks Thurs. in the Gulf

By CYNDI SELLERS

On July 17, the vessel Miss Billie M, owned by Frank E. Mock, caught fire, burned, and sank off the Cameron coast, 2.5 miles south of the west Cameron Jetty and 400 yards west of the Calcasieu Ship Channel.

The crew was rescued by other shrimp boats in the area, whose crews attempted to extinguish the engine room fire with pumps on their boats. The wooden hulled vessel quickly became fully involved and sank later that night. The U.S. Coast Guard responded from Sabine Pass and marked the site with buoys.

It took the Coast Guard two hours from the time the call was received to arrive at the burning vessel. They were delayed by a thunderstorm, but normal response time from Sabine Pass to Cameron is about one and a half hours, a spokesman said.

Local shrimpers have asked why the new OEP patrol boat operated by the Sheriff's Office was not available to respond to the emergency. The 26 foot craft is equipped with a powerful on-deck water cannon and two rear hose connections for the purpose of fighting marine fires.

Sheriff Theos Duhon and OEP Director Clifton Hebert have explained that the OEP craft was not on patrol that day, but the smaller open boat did respond.

When not in use the larger patrol boat is stored at the parish maintenance barn in Grand Lake. Duhon said the aluminum hulled boat must be stored out of the water to prevent electrolysis from degrading the hull. At the present time, there are no available moorings with suspension capability in Cameron or Grand Lake, he said.

Duhon said the fire which consumed Mock's boat could

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THE VETERAN'S Wall on the Cameron Court House grounds is to receive an additional two bronze plaques. Names of veterans who have served since the Middle East Gulf War are needed by the Veteran's Wall committee. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Veterans Wall to be updated

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish Veteran's Wall installed on the court house grounds after the Middle East Gulf War is to receive an update. The Wall committee is planning an addition to the monument,

two new plaques containing the names of veterans who have served since the Gulf War and any who were missed the first time around.

Funding for the addition will be mostly through a donation from the Doxey-Vincent VFW Post, but some addition-

al funding is needed. Donations and names of Cameron Parish veterans may be submitted through committee members DaDa Labove - 802-1200, Carl Broussard - 775-5316, and Samantha Wigley - 853-5298.



DARBI KAY Montie, a sixth grader at Grand Lake High School was recently named the 2006-2007 National Female Professional's Choice Student Athlete of the Year at the NHSRA Wrangler Division National Finals Rodeo in Gallup, N.M. The Professional's Choice National High School Rodeo Association Student Athlete of the Month sponsorship program is designed to recognize exemplary Wrangler Division (junior high) members who are exceptional students. Darbi is the daughter of Mike and Kim Montie of Sweetlake, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Montie of Welsh, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Atkins of Nacogdoches, Tex.

For the record

Oops!
The article in the Pilot last week about a new hurricane-resistant home being built in Creole had the name of the contractor wrong.

Ricky LaBove is the correct name of the builder. The owner of the new home is Steven Landry.

Fishing Festival to be held at Grand Chenier Park

The 4th annual Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3 and 4, at the Grand Chenier Park. The following is the schedule of events:

FRIDAY, AUG. 3
12:01 a.m. - Rodeo fishing begins.
6 a.m. - Redfish challenge begins
12 noon - Weigh station opens
3 p.m. - Festival gates open
3 p.m. - First day of the redfish challenge ceases
6 p.m. - Weigh station closes
7:30 p.m. - Steel Shot band performs.

SATURDAY, AUG. 4
12 midnight - Saltwater fishing rodeo continues
6 a.m. - Final day of the redfish challenge begins
9 a.m. - Festival gates open
10 a.m. - Festival queen pageant begins

10 a.m. - Food booths open
11 a.m. - Weigh station opens
12 noon - Teardrops band performs
2:30 p.m. Eclectic band performs
3 p.m. - Final day of redfish challenge ceases
5 p.m. - Old Habit band performs
5 p.m. - Weigh station closes
6:30 p.m. - Recognize corporate sponsors, festival queens presented, presentation of fishing awards
7:30 p.m. - Kaleb Trahan and Friends band performs
9 p.m. - Fireworks display on the river
10 p.m. - Kaleb Trahan and friends band continues.

For further information on schedule of events or to book booth space, call Penelope Richard at 905-8135. For information about entering or rules on the Saltwater Fishing Rodeo or the Redfish Challenge, call Carl Broussard at 775-5316.

Creole K. C. Council holds election of new officers

The J.P. Boudoin Sr. Knights of Columbus council of Creole met last week at the Council on Aging building in Grand Lake.

New officers elected were: Grand Knight, Ryan King; Deputy Grand Knight, Charles Theriot; Chancellor, Terry Conner; Recorder, Robert E. Conner; Treasurer, Jerome Rutherford; Outside Guard, J. Burton Daigle; Advocate, Ray Hendrix; Warden, Whitney Baccigalopi; 1 year trustee,

Loston McEvers; 2 year trustee, John Theriot; 3 year trustee, Gervis Conner; Inside Guard, Cliff Conner.

The council will meet again on Thursday Aug. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Grand Lake. Members will decide what to do about repairing the Council home in Creole, which was damaged by Hurricane Rita. All Knights are asked to attend to try to regroup. Members can call Kenneth Montie for more information at 542-4651.

Church is rededicated

By CYNDI SELLERS

Over 150 people attended the re-dedication Sunday of the Grand Chenier United Methodist Church. Many came at noon for the fellowship meal, and others arrived in time for the dedication service at 2 p.m.

Ten clergy were in attendance, including Bishop Bill Hutchinson, District Supervisor Rev. Jerry Hilburn, Louisiana UMC Disaster Recovery leader Rev. Darryl Tate, Sweetlake UMC pastor Rev. Bob Hollis, St. Eugene Catholic Church pastor Fr. Vincent, and Oak Grove Baptist Church pastor Rev. Jay Van Horn.

Rev. James Moore, pastor of Grand Chenier and Wakefield Methodist churches, said that the rebuilding of the church was made possible by donations from local members, fifteen partner churches, 36 other individual gifts, insurance proceeds, and an

anonymous gift of \$35,000.

Services will be held in the restored church every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Grand Chenier Methodist. The building has been restored to very nearly its original condition. The pews were donated and refinished by volunteers. The stained glass window in the front of the church matches the one which was there before the storm. Many people are glad to see a familiar sight in the community which had very little left to recognize after the storm.

Rev. Moore said that architectural work is proceeding on the rebuilding of Wakefield church in Cameron, and he hopes construction can begin in the fall. Services are being held every second and third Sunday at 2 p.m. at Wakefield.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Richardson, of Westbarre United Methodist Church in Albany, N.Y., probably traveled the furthest.



DO YOU REMEMBER? Pictured years ago when they were members of the South Cameron High School coaching staff were Robert Manuel, left, and Thomas "Sonny" McCall. Manuel is deceased and McCall, who later became a Cameron Parish School Superintendent, died Tuesday.

It's almost time for school . . .
School starts August 16 at Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and South Cameron Schools, and August 17 at Grand Lake School.



RECONSTRUCTION WORK has begun on the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole. Sacred Heart is the last of the lower Cameron Parish Catholic churches still standing after Hurricane Rita to be repaired. The congregation has been attending Mass at St. Patrick in Sweetlake since the storm, but pastor Fr. Joseph McGrath is now holding Mass in Cameron at Our Lady Star of the Sea. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers)

Funeral

CESAIRE P. HEBERT

Cesaire Phillip Hebert, 96, of Sulphur, died Monday, July 23, 2007 in a local care center.

He was a native of Grand Lake and lived in Hackberry for many years prior to moving to Sulphur over 30 years ago. Having served in the Army in World War II, he learned to speak seven different languages. He received the Croix de Guerre French medal of honor, the highest honor that could be bestowed on a non-French serviceman. Cesaire retired from Firestone Tire and Rubber as a pipefitter.

Survivors include his daughter, Brenda Ann Pinder of Lake Charles; three grandsons, and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Mae LeBouef Hebert.

His funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. The Rev. Mel Estess will officiate. Burial will be in Mimosa Pines South Cemetery in Carlyss.

Legion to hold meeting

The Cameron American Legion Post 176 will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, July 31 at 5 p.m. in the home of past Commander Roland Primeaux, 258 E Creole Hwy. in Creole. A meal will be served. For more information call Commander Vernon Primeaux at 802-6685.



It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Cameron Pilot, July 25, 1974
MRS. LAFLEUR NEW PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Pamela R. LaFleur has been named principal of Hackberry High School effective Aug. 5 to replace John DeBarge who resigned to accept a position with the State Board of Education.

The school board also named Orrie Canik to the position of parish Career Education Coordinator to replace Robert Ortego, who has been named parish high school supervisor.

Mrs. LaFleur will become Cameron Parish's first permanent woman principal in recent years. (There many have been women principals years ago when the parish had many small schools.)

Mrs. LaFleur is a native of Hackberry and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riggs. She graduated from Hackberry High School and received a BS degree in Business Education from McNeese.

HACKBERRY LIONS OFFICERS

District Governor Glenn Bonnin was installing officer for the installation of a new slate of officers of the Hackberry Lions Club.

New officers are Charles Wright, president; Dwight LaBauve, vice president; Cliff Cabell, secretary-treasurer; Douglas Welch, board of directors; Gordon Vincent, tail twister; Jackie LaBauve, Lion tamer.

PARISH GIRLS IN PAGEANT

Two Cameron Parish girls are listed among the 54 contestants in the fifth annual

Miss U. S. Teen national finals, which will be held at the Sheraton Chateau Charles, Friday through Sunday, July 26-28. The two Cameron Parish girls are Marcia Anne Wilkerson of Cameron, the reigning Tarpon Rodeo Queen and Angie Sandifer of Hackberry, winner of the fourth annual Miss U. S. Teen in that community.

REAPPORTIONMENT PLANS

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will hold a special meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, in the Cameron Police Jury room to consider various plans for the reapportionment of the jury.

The action is being taken in compliance with an order issued by Federal Judge Edwin Hunter in Lake Charles, July 15, that the jury be reapportioned.

Judge Hunter found for the plaintiffs in a suit seeking reapportionment filed by Jurors Charles Riggs of Hackberry and Norman McCall of Cameron.

Although no definite actions were taken Friday, the jurors did discuss several plans for reapportionment.

Lyle (Butch) Crain of Ward 2 told the jury he had met with 37 citizens of his ward in a public meeting the night before and all had been in favor of a seven-member plan.

This plan would split Ward 3 into two districts and give towns of Cameron and Creole each a juror. It would leave the other five of the wards virtually as they are now, with the exception of "gawing off" enough voters from the more popular wards to bring smaller Wards 1 and 5 up to the same size as the others.

Crain said one advantage of this plan would be to prevent tie votes on the jury (as sometimes happens on the present 6-man jury.)

Another plan, offered by Rep. Conway LeBleu, was a five-man commission similar to the one in Plaquemines Parish under which candidates would run on a parish-wide basis for various commission posts, such as commissioner of utilities, roads, etc.

Charles Riggs, Ward 6 juror, one of the plaintiffs in the suit, said he was opposed to increasing the membership of the jury and to adopting any plan with the sole purpose of keeping any juror in office.

Charles Precht of Ward 4 said he was not in favor of any plan that would eliminate present jurors and that he was not opposed to a seven-member plan.

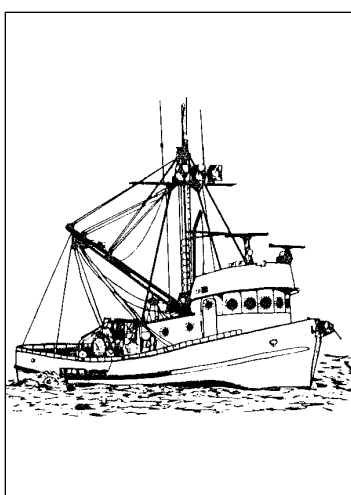
BOAT

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not have been extinguished by the emergency boat even if it had been in Cameron, since the fire was below deck in the engine room and the water being pumped by other boats was in danger of sinking the vessel. He praised the crews of the nearby vessels that were able to effect the rescue of the crew.

Both Duhon and Hebert said as soon as a suspension dock becomes available the emergency boat will be moved to Cameron. Until then, the craft is fast enough to get to Cameron from Grand Lake in half an hour.

In a story which ran Oct. 5, 2006, Duhon said of the new \$168,000 vessel, "We now have a good multipurpose boat that is fast enough to cover all our rivers and is convenient to take the injured to any dock. When it is ready, all parish fire departments will have the opportunity to train on the equipment." He said the boat was chosen because it could be used by all emergency agencies for all marine emergencies.



Cyndi gets her name in the Press

By JERRY WISE

The Pilot's reporter in Cameron got her name in the paper Tuesday in the 50 Years Ago column in the American Press, which read:

"Cyndi Tanner of Cameron, has already received a brand-new doll. The 24-inch doll was sent to the Salvation Army by Shirley Gregory, who lives in Texas. Shirley sent a note saying she hoped her new doll would make some little girl happy."

Cyndi, who was living in Lake Charles with her parents just a month after Hurricane Audrey, says she does not remember the doll. The family was able to move back to Cameron within several months.

Almost 50 years later, Cyndi, along with husband, Paul Sellers, had to leave Cameron again due to Hurricane Rita.

Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

The Marshland Festival will be held, July 27 and 28 at the Lake Charles Civic Center. There will be numerous food booths open for the public to enjoy. St. Peter the Apostle Church will have a food booth, anyone wanting to donate their time as workers on Saturday from 4 p.m. until, contact Anita Jo Trahan.

The Marshland Festival has been rated one of the top 20 events by the Southeast Tourism Society for the month of July. For more information call 762-3876 or go to www.marshlandfestival.com

Area high school students in MSU summer camp

Nineteen high school students from around Southwest Louisiana are currently taking advantage of a unique two-week summer camp experience hosted by the McNeese State University Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.

Medical Applications of Science for Health is a summer program that offers high school students an opportunity to study biology and medical technology essential to health care professionals, according to Dr. Juliana Hinton, McNeese assistant professor of biological science and an instructor for the MASH camp. This is the MASH program's 13th year on the McNeese campus.

Students live on campus and participate in daily lab exercises and class lectures, take tours of medical facilities such as Lake Charles Memorial Hospital and gain information about health career opportunities, Hinton said.

McNeese is only one of two

universities to host a MASH camp. "Students successfully completing the MASH program at McNeese will receive four hours of elective college credit if they enroll at McNeese," said Hinton.

Students attending this year's MASH camp are: Philecia Arabie, Acadiana High School; Jennifer Barlay, Fariyah Haque, Aaron Lin and Kayla Sittig, Barbe High School; Mariah Courille and Chelsie Dennette, Basile High School; Megan Borel, DeRidder High School; Alexx Hebert, East Beauregard High School; Danielle Richardelle, Erath High School; Megan Poole, Grand Lake High School; Camille Abshire, Iowa High School; Lynna Daniel and Mallory Robicheaux, Jennings High School; Heather Mingo, LaGrange High School; Jordan Breaux, Midland High School; Gabrielle Myers, Sam Houston High School; Doug Habetz, South Beauregard High School; and Jordan Kolde, St. Louis High School.

Potted seedling trees donated to residents

The Master Gardeners from Rapides, Avoyelles and Grant Parishes have donated potted seedling trees for the residents of lower Cameron Parish to replace trees lost to Hurricane Rita. The donated trees consist of cypress, ash and oak. Trees will be limited per residence on a first call

first serve basis. Any interested residents need to call the LSU AgCenter office in Cameron Parish located on 80 Acre Drive for pick up dates and times. For any further information you can contact Gary Wickie at 905-1318.

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Along with all of the inshore activities we will again be having our Saltwater Fishing Tournament, with two fishing (2) divisions for the adults to compete in. . .

- Offshore Division • Bay and Surf Division
- Junior Division (For those anglers 15 years or younger)

This year as an added attraction, the Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be sponsoring the 1ST ANNUAL CAMERON SALTWATER FISHING FESTIVAL REDFISH CHALLENGE.

The Redfish Challenge has a team tournament format where teams will be fishing for two (2) Redfish per day, between the slot size limit of 20 inches to 27 inches, over the two (2) days of the Festival. Contestants must use all means to weigh fish in alive, dead fish will be weighed but a 1/2 pound penalty per dead fish weighed in will be subtracted from the days total weight. This is a two day event with the top three (3) teams with the largest 2 day total weight winning prize money.

— SPECIAL NOTICE —
The Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be having a Captain's Night at the Grand Chenier Park Pavilion on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. All questions about the rules and the festival will be discussed at this meeting. Redfish Challenge entries and discounted Fishing Festival fishing tickets may be purchased at this event.
Anglers who enter our fishing events prior to and on Captain's Night will be treated to a fish dinner, refreshments and will be eligible for the many door prizes given away at this function.

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School system calendar announced for 2007-2008

The Cameron Parish School System has announced the 2007-08 calendars for the four schools in the parish.

The calendar for Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and South Cameron schools, which will have a four-day schedule this fall, is different from Grand Lake, which will remain on a five-day schedule.

The four-day schedule is being tried by the School Board at three of the schools

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

The two different schedules for the four schools are as follows:

Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and South Cameron

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

Grand Lake

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'Voluntourism' is helping Sean Hicks gets award to rebuild Nature Trail

After being struck by Hurricane Rita on Sept. 24, 2005, the southwestern corner of Louisiana received a tremendous amount of support from volunteers across the country. While volunteers came to help residents remove debris and repair homes, they found a community with a wealth of Cajun food, culture and ecotourism opportunities. Lake Charles, Southwest Louisiana's hub city, has rebounded quickly since the storm. Thirty miles south of Lake Charles, lower Cameron Parish is still dealing with the effects of a category 3 hurricane.

The Southeast Tourism Society (STS) is taking advantage of the voluntourism opportunities in the area while they are in Lake Charles for their annual fall conference in September. Earlier this year, STS met in Biloxi for their spring conference. Instead of the usual area tours during the conference, the group gathered for a work day to repair Beauvoir. The event was so successful that STS wanted to hold another work day in Southwest Louisiana this fall.

Tourism industry convention attendees will clear the underbrush on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge's famed Wetland Walkway and Blue Goose Trail September 5. The Wetland Walkway, a 1.5 mile boardwalk into the marsh, and the Blue Goose Trail, a birding trail into the marsh with an observation tower, are both located along the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road and saw over 300,000 visitors annually. Tourism officials will help speed the natural healing process of the marsh by removing vegetative debris and undergrowth to allow new growth and revitalize birding habitats. The Blue Goose Trail is currently open, and the Wetland Walkway will reopen to the public in October 2007 after additional repairs are complete.

The Creole Nature Trail All-American Road is a 180-mile driving tour through Louisiana's Outback. It is one

Parish cattle industry is coming back

An indication that the Cameron Parish cattle industry is beginning to come back after the severe losses in Rita is an application that has been filed by Scott Nunez of Creole for a Coastal Use Permit.

He is proposing to do maintenance on cattle walkway levees in the area east of Creole. About 5,777 cubic yards of material will be dredged in existing borrow ditches for placement on the levee system.

Cattle walkways have been in use in Cameron parish by cattlemen for years. Walkway levees are built out into the marsh to allow cattle to extend their grazing further into the marsh.

The walkways also serving as places for cattle to rest and sleep and can provide some high ground during heavy rains.

The walkways are near Pumpkin Ridge.



of America's last great wildernesses with fertile prairies, delicate marshes, abundant wildlife and Cajun culture. The trail is a living testament to Southwest Louisiana's natural beauty and cultural heritage; not to mention, its ecosystem (seafood and petroleum) is vital to the nation's economy.

"We have seen such compassion for Southwest Louisiana from the volunteers that have frequented the Creole Nature Trail. I think this generation takes pride in being socially responsible and enjoys seeing social and environmental change. It makes people feel good knowing their improving the lives and wellbeing of others," said Shelley Johnson, executive director of the Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Voluntourism has skyrocketed since Hurricane Rita with church groups, organizations and other gatherings participating in the rebuilding efforts of Cameron Parish. In fact, First Presbyterian Church in Lake Charles is currently renovating a wing of their church to house future volunteers. They see Southwest Louisiana as a mission field. "This is the hour of need for our own area, and we're glad to enable other work groups who want to come in and help us," said Pastor Fred Seay.

Brandi Russell, director of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church Disaster Relief Station, has been helping volunteer groups find work sites to fit their abilities since October 2005. To date, she's worked with 4,355 people who have worked a total of 122,139.5 man hours.

Progress in Cameron Parish has been slow but steady and more work is still ahead for the residents of Southwest Louisiana. If you would like to get involved, call the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church Disaster Relief Station at 436-6122.

For more information on Southwest Louisiana as a voluntourism destination, please contact the Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-456-7952 or visit www.visit-lakecharles.org.

The Serra Club of West Calcasieu held their annual Installation Banquet, June 20, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Fellowship Hall in Sulphur.

Sean Hicks, son to Terry Hicks of Hackberry, received an Altar Server Award from Grace Savoie, President of the Serra Club. Father Roland Vaughn of St. Peter's Catholic Church of Hackberry nominated Sean.

Sean is 15 years old and in the 10th grade at Hackberry High School. He has been serving as altar server for six years. He is a dedicated altar server for the regular and funeral services held at St. Peter Catholic Church. Sean received a certificate, medal and ribbon as his awards as an Altar Server.



Sean Hicks

Coco reports

Marine Corps Sgt. Jessica M. Coco, daughter of Patricia F. Fontenot of Lake Charles, recently reported for duty with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron One, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

Coco is a 1999 graduate of LaGrange High School of Lake Charles, and joined the Marine Corps in December 2000.

Oyster group to meet Fri.

The Louisiana Oyster Task Force will meet on Friday, July 27, at 1 p.m. at Drago's Restaurant in Metairie. One item on the agenda is: Chenier Pipeline activity in Calcasieu Lake south end that caused destruction to oyster reefs.

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Seafarers Center helps out in payroll disputes

LAKE CHARLES – The Lake Charles Seafarers Center, located at the Port of Lake Charles, provides a variety of services for the sailors who dock at the many facilities along the Calcasieu Ship Channel. For some, it is the transportation the Center's bus gives them to various spots around town. For others, it is the opportunity to telephone their loved ones far away. But, for a number, it has been a financial lifesaver.

Since 2001, Deacon Patrick Lapoint, who became director of the center that year, has kept statistics on the number of ships the Center has helped with a variety of problems. In that time, he has assisted crews from 18 ships who had grievances over pay issues or such things as substandard living and working conditions.

For the crews this has meant the collection of some \$664,000 in back wages.

"That is just since 2001," Lapoint said. "I know more were helped in the years before but we don't have those numbers."

The salary question is something that doesn't come up often, although Lapoint notes it is not because it isn't happening.

"We get ships where they will run two contracts or sets of books," he said. "One will

show what the crew is told they will make and the other is what they are actually paid. Sailors are then required to sign both books to receive their pay, even though the amount is not what was originally agreed upon."

It is not an easy choice for crewmen to come to the Center and voice their complaint.

"It is a big risk to them because they stand a chance of being blackballed," the Deacon continued. "If the captain makes a notation in their seamen's book in the right way, then no one else will hire them. It is a real challenge for them to step up and say enough is enough."

When the decision to complain is made, the sailors will talk directly with Lapoint and he starts the process rolling.

"When they are tired of the situation they will come straight up to you and tell you they have a problem with pay," he said.

Lapoint makes contact with the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) which represents transport workers around the world and promotes their interests through global campaigning and solidarity.

"What we do, we will call the ITF agent for this area, located in New Orleans, and they will fax over all the paper work to fill out and sign," he said. "Once that is done we fax it

back to them. Once the ITF has that in hand, then the agent will come down with a lawyer. They will talk with the captain, talk with the owners to see if they can settle the dispute. If that doesn't happen, they will then go to court and have the ship "arrested." Then things happens fairly quickly. The owner is paying docking fees and no one is touching the ship. That means the owner is losing money and usually expedites the process."

Most of such situations are taken care of within a few days, according to Lapoint, but some last longer.

"The longest one I have seen was a month and a half," he said. "One ship had not only pay problems but they had bad living conditions. The ship required quite a bit of repair and the U.S. Coast Guard got involved in making sure all the repairs were done and they had food onboard. When they came into port they had no food. They had been eating potatoes, three meals a day, for over a week. There were unsafe conditions all over the ship – broken freezers, air conditioning, and broken valves down in the engine room. It was just an unsafe ship."

Many years ago, according to Lapoint, the Center was also involved in helping the crew

of a ship that had been abandoned by its owner. "The Center made sure they had something to eat and could make telephone calls."

When a ship is abandoned, usually the owner will remove the officers from the ship and leave the crew to fend for themselves. It may take time for the courts to take over, oversee the sale of the ship, and distribute the back pay to the sailors and see to their repatriation to their homes.

A sailor's life can be very difficult, especially for men from other countries. Some are at sea for up to 10 months or a year and the pay, by American standards, would seem substandard. But, it's higher than they would make on land in their home country.

"The average salary on a reputable ship for an able-bodied seaman could be \$700 to \$900 per month," Lapoint said. "On less reputable ships it would be lower. I have seen a mess boy making \$150 per month and engineers with degrees making \$400 and \$500 a month, which is more money in most cases than they would make at home."

On ships under United States flags, a recent college graduate could earn \$70,000 as a Third Officer.



A sailor from the M/V Margit Gorthon, docked at the City Docks of the Port of Lake Charles, avails himself of the outside telephone at the Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles while his friend awaits his turn to make a call. The new service allows sailors to use the telephone after the Center closes for the day.

Calling home now easier for sailors

LAKE CHARLES – For the vast majority of Americans, making a telephone call is something taken for granted. After all, with more than 2 billion cell phones in the world and more than 200 million in the U.S., it's easy to find a phone.

However, for the many sailors working on the foreign flagged ships moving through the Port of Lake Charles it's not that easy. The Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles, operated by the Diocese of Lake Charles, has been serving those international workers for many years.

The Center, though, is only open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and for some sailors that corresponds to their workday, even in port. Now, after hours sailors won't have to leave the port grounds to find a phone to make a call.

"We have installed a telephone on the outside of the building with a switch inside so we can turn it off and on," Deacon Patrick Lapoint, Center director said. "When we are open, we want them to come in and use the telephones where it is cool but after hours we have the phone outside."

Such a great idea, but one that only came to fruition after an unfortunate incident last month, according to Deacon Lapoint.

"There was a Chinese ship in port and one of the sailors rode his bicycle into town to make a call," Deacon Lapoint said. "He was on his way back to the ship at about 3 a.m. when he was run off the road and robbed at gunpoint. Of course, he did not have

anything on him, so they beat him up a bit. That made us look at doing something to help keep the sailors on port property and safe, if they needed to use the phone after hours."

Being able to make calls home is extremely important to sailors.

"They will spend their last dollars buying phone cards to call home," Lapoint said. "That is one of their key things to keep in touch with their families."

Lapoint is working with various industrial facilities along the ship channel to see to the installation of telephones at sites without them to enable sailors to make calls there rather than have to wait on a ride to the Center.

"Most of them don't have telephones on the docks," he said. "The refineries do but many of the smaller docks don't have that capability. We are trying to get the proper clearances and will apply for a grant from the International Transportation Workers Federation (ITF) and I feel sure that they would look favorably on such a project."

The project would be costly, the telephones are \$1,400 each, because as an ordinary telephone can't be used in such situations. "They have to be 'intrinsically' safe because they are used in an atmosphere where gases or fumes are present, so that no chance a spark could be produced," Lapoint said. "They must be designed for that environment and waterproof as well. We are looking at a total of eight or nine phones as three facilities need two phones each."

"Right now PPG has two installed at their docks that can actually be placed onboard the ship, hooked to the rail, and available for use," he continued.

Several companies have already agreed and others are investigating the possibilities and Lapoint has still others with him he must make contact.

Before the advent of phone cards, the center had a bank of telephones where sailors called direct to their loved ones at home, talked for whatever length of time they wished and then, based on a rate sheet, paid for the number of minutes they were on the phone. For the sailors this could be an expensive proposition.

"Today for \$5 a person could make a call to India and talk for 36 minutes, using a phone card" Deacon Lapoint said. "If they dialed direct they would only be able to talk four minutes for that same \$5."

Volunteers are still being sought by the Seafarers Center to help with its ministry to sailors.

"We particularly need drivers for the evening," Deacon Lapoint said. "We have a second van on order, an eight passenger van, and it is due soon. We will have two vehicles to run and will need more drivers. If the need arises we could run both at the same time. They must be able to work evenings up to 10 p.m."

Contact Deacon Lapoint at 436-1315 for more information about volunteering to aid the ministry to seafarers.

Diocesan group attends "One Bread, One Cup"

Nine local young people, members of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Core Team along with their adult leaders, represented the Diocese of Lake Charles on July 6-10 at the "One Bread, One Cup" youth liturgical leadership conference held on the campus of Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Ind.

During the five-day conference, the youth learned about their Catholic faith through sessions of catechesis, liturgical and spiritual formation, and participation in liturgies. They also trained in liturgical ministries, such as lector, extraordinary minister of communion, and cantor, learning skills that they can use in their parishes and high schools.

Youth attending the conference represented St. Joan of Arc, Oberlin; St. Philip Neri, Kinder; Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Welsh; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Lake Charles; Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; and St. Margaret of Scotland, Lake Charles. They were Leslie Guillory, Mary Torres, Blake Bruchhaus, Payton Fontenot, Haydee Courville, Jacob France, Elizabeth Galan, Alyssa Watkins, and Derek Yeagley. Adult leaders attending included Milissa Thibodeaux, Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese, along with Corrine Granger and Allison Torres.

The "One Bread, One Cup" conference is held three times each summer as a program of Saint Meinrad School of Theology. The School is operated by the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and offers initial and continuing education for priests, deacons, and lay ministers.



S.T.E.P.S, a mission work program established by Christ the King Catholic Church and Society for the Propagation of the Faith by Father Wayne LeBleu, began in 2004 as a parish mission where high school and middle school youth performed various home maintenance tasks for homebound people in Christ the King Parish. The focus of the S.T.E.P.S mission is to equip middle school youth with leadership skills, group negotiating skills, stewardship of time, and a sense of community awareness. This year's Mission was held from June 26 to June 29. Pictured, from left, are Aidan Ackley, Tyler Nunez, David Johnson, David Swire, and Logan Toothman as they load up a pickup with materials from gutted residence.



Bernell Ezell, second from left, Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Lake Charles welcomed her counterparts from three other Louisiana dioceses recently at the group's quarterly meeting. At left is Maureen Fontenot from the Diocese of Lafayette. At right is Sam Brocato, Diocese of Alexandria and, second from right, Sr. Mary Ellen Wheelahan, O. Carm., Archdiocese of New Orleans.

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Marsh Maneuvers held at Rockefeller Refuge

After an exhilarating airboat ride through the marsh, Keith Espadron of Port Sulphur ambled up to the beach, shell fragments crunching under his feet, and gazed out at the muddy shoreline that once was grass-covered marsh.

The outing was one of several for 4-Hers participating in the LSU AgCenter's Marsh Maneuvers program at the state's Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

It was apparent to Espadron that the shoreline of mud and sand along the Louisiana coast is changing.

"How far has this beach eroded?" Espadron asked. "The shells have been pushed back quite a ways. Several feet in just the past year," answered Mark Shirley, LSU AgCenter coastal specialist.

Tom Hess, biologist for Louisiana Department of

Wildlife and Fisheries, explained to the students that the coastline along Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge recedes 40 feet a year in some places.

"You see the marsh grass at the edge of the Gulf? That was land a year ago," Hess said, adding that Hurricane Frances claimed 65 feet in 1998 and that Hurricane Rita caused about the same amount of damage in 2005.

The difficulty of protecting the Southwest Louisiana coastline is complicated by a 40-foot thick layer of mud and sediment that prevents the use of rock jetties to control erosion, Hess said. "We can't use rocks here because they would just sink into the mud," he explained.

Hess said a series of coastal projects will be started at the refuge this year to figure out what will control

erosion, but he said the work will be ongoing for decades.

"It's going to be your challenge as young people to correct these problems," he said. Living in Plaquemines Parish, Espadron is all too familiar with coastal erosion. "It's part of my daily life," the 4-H'er said.

Espadron's family lived in Venice before Hurricane Katrina. Since the storm, they moved to Port Sulphur. "I'm worried in 20 or 30 years my home won't be there," he said. "That's what they keep telling me."

Attending Marsh Maneuvers gave Espadron a better understanding of why Louisiana's coastline is washing away.

Marsh Maneuvers is a four-week program each summer that brings 4-H youths from across the state to the Louisiana coast to get immersed in a marine environment. Fourteen 4-H members from Ascension, St. Bernard, St. Martin and Plaquemines parishes attended the weeklong session July 16-20.

"The curriculum covers a lot of different aspects of coastal erosion, coastal resource management and all the resources that make this coastal area so important to Louisiana and the rest of the country," Shirley explained. "These kids will have first-hand knowledge of the wildlife and fisheries, and they get to see the changes in the salinity of the marsh from salt to brackish to fresh and how that affects the plant and animal life."

Night hikes, planting marsh grass, an airboat ride, dragging a shrimp trawl, throwing a cast net, watching a sunset, catching crabs, attending classroom lectures and eating seafood are just some of the other activities.

The airboat ride was a new thrill for Megan Albert of St. Martinville. "That amazed me how they can make those sharp turns," she said.

It also was Megan's first time to see Louisiana's coast. "So this is the Gulf of Mexico," Megan said, looking out over the open water. Shirley has been running the Marsh Maneuvers program for youngsters for 20 years. But

to see his enthusiasm and energy, it seems as though he's only worked on the program for a year or two.

"It's just important to pass on the enthusiasm for the coastal zone, because it's so important in so many different ways," Shirley explained. "The point of this program is not to make biologists out of them but to make them aware that all of them will be affected by the coastal environment in their lifetimes and in their kids' lifetimes."

When bad weather stormed through the refuge, Shirley had to improvise. Instead of a boat ride to drag a shrimp trawl, students listened to wildlife agent Gene Viator talk about his career enforcing fish and game laws. Then they played an intense game of charades.

David Temple of St. Amant said he was glad he participated in the program. He said he's been enjoying the experience while also gaining knowledge.

"It's been fun riding on all the vehicles," he said. "And I learned a lot about the environment and coastal erosion."

Wayne Burgess, an LSU

AgCenter 4-H agent working in St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes, said his 4-H students are well acquainted with coastal land loss.

"That's one of our service-learning projects," Burgess said. Burgess said his 4-H members built 3,000 feet of coastal fencing at Breton Island, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials estimate the project helped build 10 acres of land. "It's been wiped out by storms," Burgess said. "Hurricane Ivan took a chunk out of it, and Katrina put the K-O on it."

Students also had a nursery of 500 black mangrove trees at the LSU AgCenter's Citrus Research Station in Plaquemines Parish, but that also was wiped out by the storm.

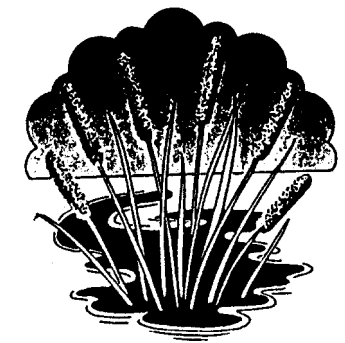
He said several projects are under way at high schools at Chalmette, Port Sulphur and Belle Chasse to grow coastal plants in greenhouses to be transplanted in the marshes.

"We're just trying to get our restoration projects functioning again," Burgess said.


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Youth hunts to be held during 2007-08 season

With the upcoming fall hunting season right around the corner and the spring turkey season following, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries would like to remind hunters about the numerous youth hunting opportunities in Louisiana for deer, turkey, squirrel and duck seasons.

The 2007-08 hunting season schedule includes hunts for many game species on both private and public lands. The public areas include the state's Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), Kisatchie National Forest Preserves, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuges.

Parents should begin making plans now for the upcoming youth seasons. Youth hunt information along with hunter education class information can be obtained from the department's Web site at www.wlf.louisiana.gov or by contacting the Hunter Education Staff at the regional wildlife offices.

Because LDWF wants to encourage young people to

enjoy hunting and to develop a lifelong love of outdoor sports, the department does not require Louisiana or non-resident hunters under the age of 16 to purchase a hunting license when hunting in Louisiana.

For most of the Louisiana youth lottery and special season hunts, anyone under the age of 16 is eligible to participate.

Some of the youth hunts available during the 2007-08 season are:

Youth squirrel hunting weekend on several WMAs

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Youth deer hunting weekend(s) on many WMAs

Special youth lottery deer hunts on Sherburne, Buckhorn, Dewey Wills, Floy Ward McElroy, Lake Boeuf, Pointe-Aux-Chenes WMAs

Special youth dove hunt on Floy Ward McElroy and Sandy Hollow WMAs

Youth statewide waterfowl hunting weekend in both hunting zones

Special youth lottery duck hunts on Sherburne, Bayou

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



TEAL SEASON

The La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission has set tentative dates for the 2007-08 September teal season, as well as other migratory bird hunting season. Most of us were surprised last year at the thousands of teals in our Cameron marshes. Let's hope we see the same this year, as the length of the September teal hunting season is based on the breeding population estimates.

A population estimate below 4.7 million would give us a nine day season, but an estimate over 4.7 million would give us a 16 day season, which we had last year, hunting the last 16 days of September. It would still be a bag limit of four and possession limit of eight.

The Rail and Gallinule season will last 70 days, again opening for the September teal season and then the remaining days will be set for the regular duck season. Limits would be Sora and Virginia rails having a daily and possession limit of 25. King and Clapper rails have a daily bag limit of 15 and possession of 30.

Woodcock season is 45 days, from Dec. 18 - Jan. 31. A three bird daily bag limit and a six bird possession limit.

All of these birds will have shooting from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

S.T.A.R.

The CCA's S.T.A.R. tournament trout weights haven't changed, but the west flounder leader board changed this past week, as Quentin LeBouef of Creole came from nowhere to top the board with a 5.05 pound flounder, weighed in at Calcasieu Point Landing. In the largest fish category, John Tabor took the lead, weighing in a 92.95 pound Amberjack at a Marina out east.

Big Lake is still producing Reds and Specks, sizes depend on where you are. I talked with Capt. Sammie Faulk from Grand Lake and he tells me working the birds, you'll get in some quick catches of trout and they'll all run say 1 to 2 pounds, while working the birds in another area,

you'll catch 3 to 4 pound trout. We've seen lots of rain in our weirs making it tough some days trying to fish Big Lake, but its still well worth it.

Toledo Bend is "chock a block" full, over the 172 ft. set at high point. They have opened five of the spillways' 11 gates, all this is going into the Sabine River basin. There's a couple of the power plants running 24 hours a day and that will also help lower the levels.

Sam Rayburn is also full to the banks with pool level at 165.5 ft., where full pool level is 164.4 ft., with generators also running which will lower the levels, both lakes don't need any more rain there or along them.

DOG FIGHT

Before Hurricane Rita came ashore, remember all the different areas where they had weekly dogfights, to include the Big Burns and Lacassine Refuge. A new tournament organizer Travis Merritt has organized dogfights on the Calcasieu and Sabine Rivers. It seems the Calcasieu River is producing numbers of bass, but sizes are running small, example first place stringer only 4.01 pounds, while the Sabine River is loaded with bass numbers, again, a first place team's weight was 3.5 pounds.

NEWS BRIEF

Saltwater anglers can prepare for action next month as the Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival at the Grand Chenier State Park, Aug. 3-4. Captain's Night is Thursday, July 26 at the Grand Chenier Park Pavilion in Grand Chenier at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale there at a reduced price of \$25 and purchasing a ticket will see the angler treated to a fish dinner, refreshments and door prizes will be drawn. For more information, call Carl Broussard at 775-5316.

The CCA Louisiana Redfish Challenge will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Calcasieu Point Landing in Lake Charles.

Take a kid fishing, it will not only make his day, but it will make your day also.

Stop for bus-- that's the law

When a school bus stops to load and unload children, other drivers must stop at least 30 feet from the bus. The law requires this whether a driver is meeting the bus or traveling behind it.

However, if the bus is stopped in a loading zone completely off the roadway where pedestrians are not allowed to cross the roadway, drivers do not have to stop.

If there is a median separating roadways, drivers are not required to stop for a stopped school bus in the opposite lane.

But if a school bus stops on a multiple-lane roadway that is not separated by a median or any barriers, drivers must stop until the bus moves again or until visual warning signals are not in use.

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission reminds motorists that it is important to stop 30 feet from a school bus to ensure the safety of our young pedestrians.

Call before you dig advice for home owners in state

(NAPSA)-Whether you're planting shrubs or adding a new swimming pool, it's important to know that being aware of the location of your yard's underground utility lines can help keep you safe.

Now a new national Call Before You Dig phone number can help. Homeowners and professional excavators can call the number-811-to have underground utility lines quickly marked for free. To use the service, just call 811 a few days before beginning a digging project. Then an area One Call center will notify crews that will mark the approximate location of underground utilities.

The number was launched by the Common Ground Alliance (CGA). According to the group's research, homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call, even small projects such as planting trees and shrubs.

"Knowing the approximate location of where underground lines are buried before

each digging project helps protect you from injury, expense and penalties," said CGA president Bob Kipp. "Damages to underground utility lines can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm diggers and potentially result in fines and repair costs."

In a recent national survey, roughly half of American homeowners said they have completed or are planning a major digging project at home, yet only a third have called or planned to call ahead to get their underground utility lines marked.

This failure to call before digging results in nearly 700,000 underground utility damages each year-causing injuries, damage to the environment or utility outages. That's more than one unintentional hit each minute.

"Make no mistake, smart digging means calling 811 before each job," continued Kipp. "Know what's below always call before you dig."

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Grand Lake swim team places at meet

Grand Lake Swim Team participated in a meet on July 13. The results are as follows:
Group, Age, Event
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Boys 11-12 100 IM
1st, Nunez, Jarrett S, 2:09.59Y.

Boys 15-18 100 IM
1st, Poole, Jordan, 1:18.47Y.

Boys 7-8 25 Free
3rd, Taylor, Ty, 37.49Y. 4, Brasseaux, Matthew, 55.07Y.

Girls 7-8 25 Free
6th, Theriot, Alanah, 31.19Y; 8th, Conner, Gabby, 33.41Y; 9th, Granger, Katelynn E, 34.20Y.

Boys 9-10 25 Free
4th, Doucet, Christian, 29.88Y; 5th, Brasseaux, Zachary, 33.46Y.

Girls 9-10 25 Free
2nd, Williams, Erica, 28.46Y.

Boys 11-12 50 Free
2nd, Nunez, Jarrett S, 38.55Y; 4th, Doxey, Kent, 46.74Y.

Girls 11-12 50 Free
3rd, Thomas, Tori, 45.87Y; 4th, Trahan, Karissa R, 49.42Y.

Boys 13-14 50 Free
1st, Granger, Dillion J, 31.63Y.

Boys 7-8 25 Breast
0, Brasseaux, Matthew, 1:09.25Y. 0, Taylor, Ty 1:04.10Y.

Girls 7-8 25 Breast
1st, Conner, Gabby, 32.89Y; 2nd, Dupont, Marissa, 33.46Y; 5th, Dimas, Morghan, 37.85Y; 7th, Theriot, Alanah, 45.80Y.

Boys 9-10 25 Breast
2nd, Doucet, Christian, 39.90Y. 0, Brasseaux, Zachary 38.27Y.

Girls 9-10 25 Breast
1st, Williams, Erica L, 32.59Y.

Girls 11-12 50 Breast
2nd, Thomas, Tori, 1:06.68Y; 3rd, Trahan, Karissa R, 1:16.20Y.

Mixed 8&U 100 Medley
2nd, A 'GL' (Katelynn E. Granger, Morghan Dimas, Matthew Brasseaux, Ty Taylor), 3:00.97.

Mixed 11-12 100 Medley
2nd, A 'GL' (Tori Thomas, Karissa R. Trahan, Kent Doxey, Jarrett S. Nunez), 1:49.63.

Girls 7-8 25 Back
1st, Theriot, Alanah, 31.38Y; 2nd, Conner, Gabby, 32.47Y; 3rd, Dupont, Marissa, 35.21Y. 4th, Granger, Katelynn E, 39.86Y; 5th, Dimas, Morghan, 52.42Y.

Boys 9-10 25 Back
1st, Doucet, Christian, 30.78Y; 3rd, Brasseaux, Zachary, GL, 49.27Y.

Girls 9-10 25 Back
1st, Williams, Erica L, 30.51Y.

Boys 11-12 50 Back
1st, Doxey, Kent, 56.73Y.

Girls 11-12 50 Back
1st, Thomas, Tori, 55.01Y; 3rd, Trahan, Karissa R, 1:06.89Y.

Boys 13-14 50 Back
1st, Granger, Dillion J, 40.81Y.

Boys 15-19 50 Back
1st, Poole, Jordan, 37.81Y.

Boys 8&U 25 Fly
3rd, Taylor, Ty, 44.40Y.

Girls 8&U 25 Fly
5th, Brasseaux, Matthew, 1:04.82Y.

Girls 8&U 25 Fly
9th, Dimas, Morghan, 20.31Y; 4th, Dupont, Marissa, 43.82Y; 10th, Granger, Katelynn E, 53.52Y.

Boys 11-12 25 Fly
2nd, Nunez, Jarrett S, 28.26Y; 3rd, Doxey, Kent, 30.15Y.

Boys 13-14 50 Fly
1st, Granger, Dillion J, 43.10Y.

Boys 15-19 50 Fly
2nd, Poole, Jordan, 36.22Y.

Mixed 07-08 100 Free
2nd, A 'GL' (Alanah Theriot, Marissa Dupont, Gabby Conner, Morghan Dimas), 2:26.24.

Mixed 10&U 100 Free
1st, A 'GL' (Gabby Conner, Christian Doucet, Zachary Brasseaux, Erica L. Williams), 2:07.16.

Mixed 11-Ov 200 Free
1st, A 'GL' (Dillion J. Granger, Jarrett S. Nunez, Kent Doxey, Jordan Poole), 2:52.12.

Pet poisoning can come from a variety of sources

(NAPSA)-Virtually every pet owner knows not to feed a dog chocolate or that ingesting lilies can be fatal to a cat, but there are many other hazards in your home that can be equally dangerous.

In fact, as the recent pet food poisoning tragedy has taught us, your pets can be poisoned no matter how careful you are with them or if they never leave the house. Veterinary Pet Insurance, for example, received nearly 1,000 claims last year alone for dogs suffering from drug reactions and toxicity, ranking in the top 100 types of claims submitted.

In order to be prepared for such an accident, it is important to know the signs of poisoning in your pet. As with many illnesses, a change in normal behavior is the No. 1 sign that something is wrong.

Does your pet appear drowsy or uncomfortable? Is your pet experiencing vomiting, diarrhea or excessive urination? It can be as subtle as a change in breathing.

"It is critical that people pay very close attention to their pet's normal routines

and daily patterns, so that they will notice if there is a change in that behavior," explains Dr. Carol McConnell, a veterinarian and chief medical officer at Veterinary Pet Insurance. "If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned, immediately take your pet to the veterinarian."

Here is a list of other signs that your pet may have been poisoned:

- Unusual salivation or drooling
- Strange odors on the breath or skin
- Unsteady walk or movements, including tremors
- Disorientation or overreaction to light and sound
- Changes in gum color to blue or pale or bright red, or burn marks on the gum.



Adults are responsible too!

Back-to-school time isn't just for kids. Adults have responsibilities, too, according to LSU AgCenter family resource management specialist Dr. Karen Overstreet.

"Even if you don't have school-age children, you still are important to the overall education efforts in your community," Overstreet said. Parents have obvious responsibilities for their own children's education, and other adults have volunteer roles.

Getting the whole community involved in education communicates to students the importance of schooling and can provide intergenerational interaction. Citizens who regularly participate in educational activities tend to be more supportive of the local schools, and, in turn, schools are often more responsive to local needs.

"There's a tendency to think that the problem is always lack of money," Overstreet said, but added, "As important as financial resources are, there are a lot of needs that dollars can't fill."

Students need role models and mentors whether it is a reading buddy in elementary school or someone with whom to discuss a future profession

in high school. Schools need volunteers for both curricular and extracurricular activities – perhaps a wetlands restoration project for an ecology class or developing a butterfly garden for plant and insect classes. Adults can encourage students by supporting school activities – not just the sports teams but debate teams, choirs, science clubs and other student organizations.

Schools in smaller communities may already have a comfortable relationship with the community, but school employees in larger districts may be relatively unknown to the community.

Student safety is of high importance, so Overstreet says to expect a background check if working directly with children or to at least sign in and follow visitor protocol. Don't feel that you are being put off, but rather be glad that the school is doing its best to protect its students.

For related family topics, click on the Family and Home link at the LSU AgCenter Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

Have You Applied to The Road Home Program?

Application Deadline Is July 31, 2007.

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Even if you aren't sure of your plans yet, you need to apply to *The Road Home* program by **July 31, 2007**, to make sure that you don't miss out on potential program benefits.

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

Your *Road Home* team isn't going anywhere.

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

Unsure if you registered or applied?

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

Already applied?

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To make application contact: Ms. Willyne Kestel, Special Education Supervisor, Cameron Parish School Board Office, Phone: 337-905-5784, ext. 102

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, July 27, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. RUN: July 19 & 26 (JY 33)



Presents... CAPTAIN'S NIGHT Thursday, July 26, 2007 Grand Chenier Park

The Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be having a Captain's Night at the Grand Chenier Park Pavilion in Grand Chenier on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Tickets for the 4th Annual Saltwater Fishing Festival can be purchased at the reduced price of \$25.00. Tickets for the 1st Annual Cameron Saltwater Redfish Challenge can also be purchased at this time. All anglers who previously purchased or those anglers purchasing Fishing Tickets at Captain's Night will be treated to a fish dinner, refreshments and will be eligible for the many door prizes to be given away at this function.

All questions about the fishing rules and the Festival will be discussed at this meeting.

If you have any questions on this event, call Carl Broussard at (337) 775-5316.

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SWLA Jr. Beef Camp is set for Aug. 10 & 11

By LOU ANN JENKINS

This year Calcasieu 4-H will be hosting the Annual Southwest La Junior Beef Camp for 4-H & FFA exhibitors on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 10-11 at the Burton Coliseum Livestock Barn. This Camp will be co-sponsored by the Louisiana Cattleman's Association and the LSU AgCenter.

We will be conducting educational seminars to help exhibitors and parents learn more about caring for your beef projects. This year there will be a registration fee of

\$20 per exhibitor to help cover awards and prizes.

We will also have a Jackpot Showmanship that afternoon open to anyone regardless of whether you have a calf or not. Great prizes will be given out to the winners in each division; such as buckets filled with tack and supplies for 1st-5th places.

All participants will automatically win a rope halter and t-shirts for entering. You must pre-register for this Beef Camp/ Jackpot Showmanship by Aug. 1, at the 4-H office.

La. law states: You must stop for busses

When a school bus stops to load and unload children, other drivers must stop at least 30 feet from the bus. The law requires this whether a driver is meeting the bus or traveling behind it.

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But if a school bus stops on a multiple-lane roadway that is not separated by a median or any barriers, drivers must stop until the bus moves again or until visual warning

signals are not in use.

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How to budget for back to school

Start the school year off right by sending your kids to school using a budget and the money-management skills you will teach them. Back-to-school planning offers many opportunities to demonstrate budgeting techniques and to set positive examples, according to LSU AgCenter family economics professor Dr. Jeanette Tucker.

The family economist offers several strategies:

- Develop lists and limits. Work with your child to develop initial back-to-school lists. In addition to the usual clothing and school supplies, remember to include items such as haircuts, immunizations, dental, eye or physical exams, band or athletic uniforms and equipment or musical equipment rentals. Work from the list to determine budget and spending limits.

- Help your child recognize and express priorities. Review the list, and discuss the difference between wants and needs. Although certain supplies are a need, a \$20 backpack may do just as well as the \$60 one, which is a want. Similarly, brand name clothes may be popular, but can take a huge chunk out of the clothing budget and drastically reduce the number of new garments that can be purchased.

- If your child's heart is set on a purchase with all the bells and whistles, decide together how to cut costs on other items or eliminate less important wants from the list. Put priorities in order.

- Save on clothing. First, determine what clothing is available that will fit. Next, check uniforms and other clothing that your older children, friends or relatives may have outgrown to see if there is anything that can be reused for younger children.

After sorting through available clothing, make a list of what else is needed, including sizes and colors. Take your clothing list with you every time you shop. Have your child help you search the newspaper ads for back-to-school sales, and then compare prices. Check factory outlet malls, yard sales, resale shops or thrift stores that may offer lower prices.

Explain to your child that the latest brand names in clothing may not be the best choices. Compare costs and suggest sensible alternatives. If your youngster is set on a costly piece of clothing, however, you might allow savings to be used for the purchase.

- Comparison shop for supplies. Schools often provide a list of required supplies. Before buying them, however, check your child's old backpack to see if anything usable was brought home from the previous year. Then check ads for sales. You may be able to save a great deal by comparison shopping at warehouse, discount, office supply or even grocery stores.

- "Budgeting should be habit forming," Tucker said, adding, "Remind your kids that back-to-school budgeting is only the beginning. Keep money-management skills foremost in their minds all year long."

For related family economics and consumer topics, click on the Family and Home link on the LSU AgCenter homepage at www.lsuagcenter.com. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.



Dehydration is a concern for athletes

Athletes need adequate fluids for optimal physical performance. Dehydration impairs performance by causing cramps, weakness and headache. Dehydration can lead to higher core body temperature, which increases strain on the cardiovascular system. Untreated, dehydration can cause heat stroke.

Adequate fluid replacement helps maintain hydration and, therefore, promotes the health and safety of athletes, according to the American College of Sports Medicine. Experts recommend athletes hydrate with fluids before, during and after activity or competition to help regulate body temperature and replace body fluids lost through sweat.

Dehydration of just 1 to 2 percent of body weight (only 1.5-3 pounds) for a 150-pound athlete) can negatively influence performance. Dehydration of greater than 3 percent of body weight increases an athlete's risk of heat illness (heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke).

LSU Agricultural Center nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames offers several tips to for proper hydration:

- Drink before, during and after practices and games.

- Drink early; by the time you're thirsty, you're already dehydrated.

- Include liquids with the pre-competition meal.

- Drink fluids based on the amount of sweat and urine loss during the activity.

Reames recommends water for most types of exercise of one hour or less under moderate temperature conditions. For intense exercise events lasting longer than one hour, the nutritionist recommends sports drinks or diluted juices containing carbohydrate in concentrations of 4 to 8 percent.

These beverages are also suitable for hydration during exercise events lasting less than one hour. "Since they are flavored, they are often preferred over plain water," Reames said, adding that any of the fluids should be cool, between 59 and 72 degrees F.

The American Dietetic Association suggests the following guidelines for fluid replacement:

- About two hours before exercise or competition, athletes should drink about 2 cups of fluid.

- During exercise, athletes should start drinking early and drink regularly to replace water lost during sweating; that is, 1/2 to 1 cup, fluids

every 15 to 20 minutes.

- After exercising, drink at least 2 cups of fluid per pound of body weight lost during exercise. Foods eaten after the event are usually sufficient to replace sodium.

The risks of dehydration and heat injury increase dramatically in hot, humid weather. If athletes compete under these conditions, every precaution should be taken to assure they are well hydrated, have ample access to fluids and are monitored for heat-related illness.

Even when water and sports drinks are available, some kids don't take advantage of them. Findings from a study presented at a recent American College of Sports Medicine annual meeting, showed that kids at a sports camp were not properly hydrated, even when water and sports drinks were accessible and coaches encouraged routine drink breaks during activity.

According to the report, more than two-thirds of kids participating in a soccer camp were dehydrated early in their participation in the camp. Since dehydration increases medical risk for more serious heat illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke, the researchers emphasized the importance of adopting a fluid replacement strategy for young athletes engaged in continuous bouts of activity.

Although getting enough fluid is the usual problem of most athletes, participants in extreme athletic events, such as marathons and triathlons, may be at risk for drinking too much fluid, according to the Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine. Overhydrating can lead to a dangerous condition called hyponatremia, or low blood sodium levels. Low blood sodium levels can lead to nausea, fatigue, vomiting, weakness and sleepiness. In severe cases, it can lead to coma and death.

Marathoners who stay out on the course for a long time are at risk for hyponatremia because they lose salt in their sweat. Those who drink lots of fluids in the days before the race and also drink at every drinking station along the course are also at special risk.

For related nutrition topics, click on the Food and Health link on the LSU AgCenter homepage at www.lsuagcenter.com. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

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The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be having free swimming lessons for all beginners and non-swimmers Tuesday, July 31 through Friday Aug. 3. Parents may drop their children off for lessons but must be prompt in picking them up. To sign your child up you may visit the recreation center during open hours or call 569-2288. Hours are as follows:

Tuesday, July 31 - 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 1 - 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 2 - 12-1:30 p.m. (Due to Harvey Rabbit at Library)

Friday, Aug. 3 - 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Senior Citizens of Johnson Bayou meet at the temporary trailer at the Recreation Center every Monday at 10 a.m. for Pokeno and the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month for Senior Bingo. Prizes include groceries and refreshments will be served.

The demolition process has begun on the existing community center and the rebuilding process will start soon. A tentative completion date is set for mid January 2008!

For more information please contact Christen Trahan at 569-2288.



FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR rent in Hackberry, 109 Colligan, remodeled 4 bedroom, 2 bath, central air \$895/\$895. Call: 540-8646. 7/18 - 8/8p

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE and Bake Sale Friday and Saturday, July 27 - 28. Multifamily, lots of great buys. Grand Lake Community Center. 963 Hwy. 384 Grand Lake. 7 - 3 Friday and 8 - 12 Saturday. 7/26c.

REAL ESTATE

MOTT ROAD - 11.42 acres 11.42 acre tract off Cox Road in Sweetlake suitable for homesite. Public water available at end of road. Must provide your own mechanical system. No abstract, but seller will warrant title. Call Grace for more details.

HWY 1144 (Big Pasture) 10.48 acres. Beautiful fenced tract of land presently used to graze horses. Would make a great homesite!! NE corner acre must be sold with this acreage due to separate owner. \$157,500 for 10.48 acres and \$15,000 for adjoining acre. Call Grace today for more details.

•HEBERT CAMP Rd. lots: Tract 1 totals .55 of an acre and is located West of first house on the left going West

and Tract 3 & 4 combined totals .63 of an acre is on corner of Hebert Camp Road and Hwy 1144. Restricted lots. No abstract. In Flood zone AE-9.

•VENABLE LANE 4.83 acres: Two strips of land adjoining each other totaling 4.83 acres at the end of Venable Lane in Big Pasture. Pecan and oak trees on the ridge. 600 ft of property goes into the marsh. Would make a great homesite or campsite.

•PRICE REDUCED: Grand Lake--14 acre tract at end of Micheal Lane off Cal-Cam Line for \$199,900. South boundary has 640' m/l on Chesson Rd for 2nd access. Lots C, D, E, and F can be sold separately for \$15,000. ea. Lot G cannot be land-locked and must go with lots on either Michael or Chesson.

Call ERA Moffett Realty, Inc. 337-436-6639 and ask for Grace @ 310-5280 Ext. 261 to get a plat of land. 10/4eow.



• VOTERS OF CAMERON PARISH •

October 20, 2007 election will be here before you know it. Now is the time to register to vote if you plan on going to the polls. Voters need to update their address as soon as possible.

If you are out of the parish because of Hurricane Rita but you are planning on moving back to the parish, YES, you can still vote here as long as you have not registered in another parish or state.

Voters, it is of extreme importance to make sure we have your correct address. Please call our office for more information.

Registrar of Voters, 337-775-5493. Our physical address is: 122-F Recreation Ln., first trailer behind the courthouse on the right.

Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar

RUN: July 26 & Aug. 2 (JY50)

Avoid back-to-school panic, make some decisions now

Where does the time go? With mixed emotions, you and your child will be preparing for the start of the next school year. But you don't want one of those emotions to be one of panic.

"Making plans for the start of school in advance can help both parents and students," said LSU AgCenter family and child development professor Dr. Diane Sasser. She poses and answers questions on ways to avoid panic.

- What will your child wear to school? Sort through your children's wardrobe. Determine which clothes they can still wear, which need to be repaired and which need to be replaced. Have a "try-on" session. Are there any jeans with knees still intact? Did the long pants that fit last June suddenly become "high waters"? Make a list of things your child needs for the fall.

- What will your child use to carry books and homework? Check with your child's school in advance. Some schools have stipulations on what a child is allowed to bring to school, including types of backpacks. Where are the backpacks, lunch boxes and other school items? Are any of these still serviceable? Thoroughly clean those items. Add to your shopping list the things you need to buy.

- What school supplies will be needed or required? There is no rule that says that all crayons, pencils and pens must be new. Collect what's left of last year's supplies. Then add to your list of things to buy. Some teachers require

certain types and sizes of notebooks. Buy the basics, but wait for the teacher's list for special items so that you don't overspend by buying unnecessary items.

Just because the request for an item is preceded by "But Mom I want..." doesn't mean you have to buy it. Did you know that in some cultures the equivalent to the word "want" doesn't exist?

- Where do you buy all the uniforms, school supplies and so forth? Watch for sales. Remember, your child does not need a complete wardrobe by the first day. The first month or two of school the weather is usually warm, and the kids are still wearing their summer clothes. Some uniform shops and organizations sell or donate gently used uniforms. When you think about how quickly kids grow, you realize the previous wearers couldn't have worn the clothing for long. Wait for price cuts to replace needed items.

- What's for lunch? Stock up on school lunch foods. If your children are going to pack their lunches, begin thinking about what they will take to school. Start gathering nonperishable items now.

- What time is the first class? Set back the bedtime clock accordingly. Chances are, as the days have gotten longer, bedtime has gotten later. Slowly start moving up bedtime and waking your children up earlier in the mornings. They need a chance to get adjusted to a new schedule.

- Clear out and outfit

homework areas. These spots have taken on new lives over the summer. The desk or table may have become an art center, a block construction site or a gathering place for summer junk. Reestablish these sites for studying. Make sure they provide plenty of light and are stoked with paper, pencils and other necessary supplies.

- Make a place for school information. Get a three-ring binder or a folder for all those classroom newsletters, homework policies and other parent reference materials. Similarly, give each child a file or notebook where they can put the papers and art projects they want to keep.

- Hang an erasable academic calendar. A central calendar can keep your family organized.

- Designate areas for school things. Do your kids drop everything when they walk in the door? Give each child a place to hang up backpacks and coats and to store shoes. Also identify an in/out box where they can put things that need your attention, such as permission slips or homework folders.

"Plan ahead, and avoid the panic of organizing your child's back to school items ahead of time," Sasser said. Send your little scholar back to school prepared and ready to learn.

For information on related family topics, click on the Family and Home link at the LSU AgCenter Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

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CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
IMPORTANT DATES:
Grand Lake High School
Wednesday, August 1, 2007
Grand Lake High School Offices Open
Principals, Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors, School Secretaries Report to Grand Lake High School
(Classrooms are available for teacher use)
Wednesday, August 1, 2007
Pupil Appraisal office Opens at Grand Lake High School
Wednesday, August 8, 2007
School Clerks Report to Grand Lake High School
Wednesday, August 15, 2007
Teachers report to District-wide Meeting, site to be announced
Thursday, August 16, 2007
Teachers Report to Grand Lake High School
Friday, August 17, 2007
Students Report to Grand Lake High School
Special Reminders
School uniforms remain in effect for all students, including our new Pre-Kindergarten students
School "Spirit Tee-Shirts will only be permitted on very limited special days as determined by the School Principal. Students will be expected to wear uniform tops on majority of school days.
RUN: July 26 (Jy 53)

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
IMPORTANT DATES:
Hackberry High School, Johnson Bayou High School, and South Cameron High School
Tuesday, July 31, 2007
School Offices Open
Principals, Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors, School Secretaries Report to Schools
(Classrooms are available for teacher use)
Wednesday, August 1, 2007
Pupil Appraisal Office Opens at Grand Lake High School
Tuesday, August 7, 2007
School Clerks Report to Schools
Tuesday, August 14, 2007
Teachers Report to Schools
Wednesday, August 15, 2007
Teachers Report to District-wide Meeting, site to be announced.
Thursday, August 16, 2007
Students Report to Schools
Special Reminders
School uniforms remain in effect for all students, including our new Pre-Kindergarten students
School "Spirit Tee-Shirts will only be permitted on very limited special days as determined by the School Principal. Students will be expected to wear uniform tops on majority of school days.
RUN: July 26 (Jy 52)

Chapter 14
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
SEC. 14-50-A Stopping, parking, or standing upon the highway shoulder; driving upon the highway shoulder.
A. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle on any parish road shoulder when such stopping or parking on the highway shoulder shall obstruct the flow of traffic or is a hazard to public safety, unless such stopping, parking, or standing is made necessary by an emergency, except:
(1) By any public utility personnel or public utility equipment engaged in the operation of the utility business, public vehicles owned by public bodies which are engaged in the conduct of official business, or privately-owned vehicles which are engaged in services authorized by the local government authority.
(a.) In case of an emergency, the driver of a vehicle may lawfully operate the vehicle on any parish road shoulder in accordance with the normal standards of prudent conduct to protect himself or others from harm. When the emergency ends, the vehicle shall not be operated on the parish road shoulder.
Violations; penalties.
Any person who violates the provisions of this article, in addition to any other penalty or remedy provided hereunder or by any law, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or thirty (30) days in the parish jail or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
RUN: July 12, 19, 26 & Aug. 2 (JY14)

ATTENTION: JOB APPLICANTS
The Cameron Parish Police Jury is taking applications for the position of Substance Abuse Director.
Qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree or higher preferred; excellent written and oral communication skills; strong public relations skills; ability to facilitate group processes; knowledge of Cameron Parish's community resources; ability to train, mentor, and organize community groups, volunteers, etc.; grant writing/administration experience preferred; experience in prevention science, law enforcement, education, business management or human services related field preferred. Must have transportation; must attend multiple training sessions and must have computer skills.
Salary range is \$30,000-\$40,000 plus benefits. Please submit resume' to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, c/o Parish Administrator, P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, LA 70631 or hand deliver to Cameron Parish Police Jury, c/o Parish Administrator, 122-A Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, LA 70631. Resumes must be in by Monday, August 6, 2007.
The Cameron Parish Police Jury does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin or political or religious opinions.
RUN: July 26 & Aug. 2 (JY 51)

Legal Notices

SHERIFF'S SALE THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF CAMERON STATE OF LOUISIANA GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC VS. NO. 10-18002 LUKAS BERTRAND AND TERE-SAA. BERTRAND By virtue of a writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, AUGUST 01, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. the following described property, to-wit: 1999 HOMES OF LEGEND, LEGEND MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER HL10628AL, AIR CONDITIONER CARRIER 519E05686, WHEATER RHEEM RH1298B40028, FURNACE NORDYNE E2E980912446 seized under said writ. Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE. /s/ Theos Duhon, Sheriff CAMERON PARISH, LA. Sheriff's Office, Cameron, La. JUNE 21, 2007

KAREN TREVATHAN RICHARDS Attorneys for GREEN TREE SRV., LLC RUN: June 28 and July 26 (J-41)

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Monday, July 30, 2007 at the Parish Government Office, 122A Recreation Lane, Cameron, Louisiana, 70631 for the purchase of one (1) Hurst ML-28 rescue tool set, or the equal, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office by calling (337) 775-5718 during normal business hours.

BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: July 12, 19, and 26 (JY-15)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Monday, July 30, 2007 at the Parish Government Office, 122A Recreation Lane, Cameron, Louisiana, 70631 for the purchase and installation of one (1) 60 Hz 150 KW Diesel Generator, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office by calling (337) 775-5718 during normal business hours.

BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: July 12, 19, and 26 (JY-16)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury intends to abandon the following described Road Right-of-Way being of no further use or necessity:

Last 252' of Catherine Lane in Old Settlement, Section 10, T12SS, R9W, Cameron Parish, LA

Anyone having any objections to said abandonment should make their objections known at the meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, to be held Monday, August 6, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. in the Courtroom of the Cameron Courthouse in Cameron, Louisiana.

/s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY RUN: July 12, 19, 26 (JY 21)

NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

NOTICE is hereby given that the Police Jury of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, intends to create Waterworks District No. 16 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, such District being the territory within the boundaries described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence in a westerly direction along the north corporate limit line of Cameron Parish to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence in a southerly direction for a distance of six (6) miles along the west line of Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, which is also the west line of Township 12 South, Range 4 West and a projection of said line to a point; thence going due east along Township 12 South line to the point where said township line intersects the center line of the Intracoastal Canal in Section 31, Township 12 South, Range 3 West; thence following the meanderings of the center line of the Intracoastal Canal to its intersection with the Mermentau River; thence following the meanderings of the Mermentau River in a northeasterly direction to its intersection with the south bank of Lake Arthur; thence following the south bank of Lake Arthur in an easterly direction to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 12 South, Range 4 West to point of beginning.

The Police Jury will meet on August 6, 2007, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. in the Courtroom of the Cameron Parish Courthouse in Cameron, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing objections to the creation of said District.

DONE AND SIGNED by order of the Police Jury of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, this 2nd day of July, 2007.

APPROVED: /s/ Darryl Farque DARRYL FARQUE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2 (JY 23)

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Ernest Ogea, Jr., please contact Bryan F. Gill, Jr., Attorney-at-Law, 427 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, phone number: 337-433-8116. RUN: July 12, 19, 26 (JY-24)

RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on Monday, 13 August 2007 until 2:00 PM at the Cameron Parish Police Jury temporary office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, Louisiana (337.775.5719)

Project Number: 2007-04 LCDBG DISASTER RECOVERY WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT II A: BOOSTER STATION AND/OR II B: GROUND STORAGE TANK

The project is receiving construction grant assistance from the Louisiana Division of Administration LCDBG Program. Prospective bidders are advised that technical assistance with forms is available from the Office of Community Development, telephone number 225-342-7412, Louisiana Division of Administration, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Executive order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

All contractors and subcontractors will be required to comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act pertaining to the minimum wage rates, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours Standards Act and the Local Public Works Payroll Evaluation Program. All contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race, color, creed or national origin.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the Owner no later than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening.

In particular, bidders should note the required attachments and certifications to be executed and submitted with the bid proposal.

The Contractor shall obtain, maintain during the life of the project and provide to the Owner copies of the following bonds and policies which shall be obtained from surety companies which appear on the U.S. Treasury Circular 570, licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana, in the amounts and for the purpose stated and subject to the Owner's approval.

BID BOND: A "Bid Guarantee" equivalent to 5% of the bid price consisting of a firm commitment, such as a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check, money order or other negotiable instrument shall accompany each bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required and within the time specified.

PERFORMANCE BOND: A performance bond of not less than 100% of the contract price shall be executed to assure the Contractor's faithful performance of the contract.

PAYMENT BOND: A payment bond of not less than 100% of the contract price shall be executed to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the performance of the work provided by the contract.

Bids must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, using ink and in both words and figures, with the unit price for the item or the lump sum for which the bid is made. The bidder shall provide all information indicated on the attached forms. Failure to provide the information indicated constitutes an informality in the proposal, rendering it subject to rejection by the owner.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the project on which the proposal is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the proposal form, and preferably sent by registered mail.

For the purpose of award, the product of the approximate quantities of each item shown in the proposal by their respective unit prices will be considered the amount of the bid on each item. The correct summation of these products will be the amount bid on the entire work.

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy. 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality.

Cameron Parish Police Jury /s/ Darryl Farque, President RUN: July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 (JY-25)

RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Office, 122 Recreation Ln., Cameron, LA (337-775-5719)

Project Number: 2007-10 POST RITA RESTORATION OF HOLLY BEACH ROADS

The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for contractors will apply; the project being classified as:

II. Highway, Street and Bridge Construction

Bids must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, using ink and in both words and figures, with the unit price for the item or the lump sum for which the bid is made. The bidder shall provide all information indicated on the attached forms. Failure to provide the information indicated constitutes an informality in the proposal, rendering it subject to rejection by the owner.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the project on which the proposal is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the proposal form, and preferably sent by registered mail.

For the purpose of award, the product of the approximate quantities of each item shown in the proposal by their respective unit and/or lump sum prices will be considered the amount of the bid on each item. The correct summation of these products will be the amount bid on the entire work.

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy. 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70640, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish Police Jury /s/ Darryl Farque, President RUN: July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 (JY-26)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids on or before the hour of 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at the Cameron Parish School Board Temporary Office, 1027 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70607 (physical address), P.O. Box 1548 Cameron Louisiana 70631 (mailing address) for the delivery and installation of athletic lockers to South Cameron High School gym complex at 753 Oak Grove Hwy, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643.

All bids arriving after this date and hour will be returned to bidder unopened.

Please include a timeline for construction upon acceptance of bid. Bid envelope shall be clearly marked on the outside "Bid on athletic lockers." Specifications and bid sheet may be obtained at the temporary School Board Office site in Grand Lake, LA from 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. on regular workdays. Contact: Doug Welch, Supervisor, phone: 337 905-5784 Ext. 105.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish School Board By: Stephanie Rodrigue, Superintendent RUN: July 19, 26, Aug. 2 (JY-36)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids on or before the hour of 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at the Cameron Parish School Board Temporary Office, 1027 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70607 (physical address), P.O. Box 1548 Cameron Louisiana 70631 (mailing address) for the construction of a covered walkway from temporary school building at South Cameron to South Cameron High School gym complex at 753 Oak Grove Hwy, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643.

All bids arriving after this date and hour will be returned to bidder unopened.

Please include a timeline for construction upon acceptance of bid. Bid envelope shall be clearly marked on the outside "Bid on SCHS Covered Walkway." Specifications and bid sheet may be obtained at the temporary School Board Office site in Grand Lake, LA from 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. on regular workdays. Contact: Doug Welch, Supervisor, phone: 337 905-5784 Ext. 105.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish School Board By: Stephanie Rodrigue, Superintendent RUN: July 19, 26, Aug. 2 (JY-37)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Acting under the authority of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, the Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids for the leasing of all surface rights including the rights of range, trapping, hunting, fishing, and farming, on the following described lands for the unexpired term as indicated in the description below:

SECTION - TOWNSHIP - RANGE, UNEXPIRED TERM, DESCRIPTION; 16-14-12, 2 years, Seven (7) miles West of Southwest Corner of Sabine Lake within boundaries of Sabine Refuge; adjacent to Starks Canal; 16-15-5, 3 years, Located in Grand Chenier area; bordered on the North by La. Highway 82; 561.21 acres; 16-15-14, 4 years, Nine (9) miles East of Texas line and one (1) mile North of Gulf of Mexico in Johnson Bayou, less 20 acres under separate lease, containing 620 acres (A description map may be seen in the School Board Office during normal working hours.) NOTE: Leaseholders on listed sections have until July 31, 2007 to renew the lease. If annual rental payment is received prior to this date the bids on these sections will be returned unopened. All bids must be sealed; the envelope marked "Bid - Section 16, Township __, Range __" and may be forwarded through the U.S. Mail to the Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron,

LA 70631. Bidder must offer an annual rental of not less than \$2.00 per acre for a lease with a primary term of five years to end July 31st, 2012. Annual renewal rentals will be due each year by July 31st, in order to continue the lease in effect. Cash payment or a certified or cashier's check, or teller's check, or an official check issued by a bank in favor of the Cameron Parish School Board for the amount of the annual rental for the first year shall accompany and be deposited with the bid (no checks other than types noted above are acceptable) and the rental thus deposited shall be forfeited to the Board as liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails to enter into written contract in accordance with his bid within ten (10) days after acceptance by the Board.

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Mhire, Ruby N., Grand Chenier; Miller, Grant, Hackberry; Montie, Darla S., Lake Charles; Moon, Kathy M., Creole; Morris, Duane D., Lake Charles; Morrison, Todd G., Cameron; Mudd, Chad E., Cameron; Murray, Brittnie,

Hackberry; Nunez, Burnell Jr., Jr., Cameron; Olson, Kevin Michael, Lake Charles; Perry, Shirley J., Cameron; Pippin, Cynthia J., Creole; Primeaux, Chad E., Lake Charles; Richard, Mary J., Lake Charles; Savant, Karen J., Hackberry; Savoie, Jody Paul, Hackberry; Savoie, Margie C., Grand Lake; Silcox, Robert Joe, Hackberry; Simmons, Shannon J., Lake Charles; Smith, Sherman J., Jr., Grand Chenier.

Soileau, Harold J., Hackberry; Stelly, Lola L., Hayes; Stewart, Keith, Grand Chenier; Stickel, Stephanie D., Bell City; Stine, Jamie R., Lake Charles; Swire, Phyllis N., Grand Chenier; Theriot, Larry J., Lake Charles; Theriot, Mark S., Grand Chenier; Thevis, Khristina Maria, Klondike; Thomas, Peggy W., Hackberry; Thomas, Rhonda L., Grand Lake; Thompson, Susan R., Cameron; Trahan, Alesha K., Cameron; Trahan, Amanda D., Lake Charles; Trahan, Anita, Hackberry; Vaughan, Bruce L., Cameron; Vincent, David D., Grand Chenier; Welch, Warren Corley, Cameron; Whittington, Peggy M., Cameron; Wright, Merline J., Hackberry. Run: July 26 (JU 45)

SHERIFF'S SALE
THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF CAMERON STATE OF LOUISIANA CITIFINANCIAL INC. ETC. VS. NO. 10-17109

THOMAS GARY BENOIT
By virtue of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, AUGUST 29, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA,

DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 82, A DISTANCE OF 169.0 FEET NORTH 76 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 50, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, THENCE NORTH 76 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 50 FEET ALONG SAID HIGHWAY 82 THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 100 FEET; OF WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A SURVEY PREPARED BY E. LEO REDDOCH, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON.

Seized under said writ, Terms: Cash Day of Sale. /s/ Theos Duhon, Sheriff CAMERON PARISH, LA Sheriff's Office, Cameron, La., July 19, 2007.

Charles K. Watts Attorney for Citifinancial, Inc. Run: July 26, Aug. 23 (JY 46)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Gravity Drainage District #5 on Friday, August 17, 2007 P.M. at the Grand Chenier Water Works District #9 Office, 4011 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643.

PROJECT NUMBER: 2007-19 PHASE 1 RESTORATION OF MERMEREAU RIVER NORTH BANK SPILL EMBANKMENT

The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for contractors will apply. The project being classified as:

II. Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction

III. Heavy Construction.
Bids must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, using ink and in both words and figures, with the unit price for the item or the lump sum for which the bid is made. The bidder shall provide all information indicated on the attached forms. Failure to provide the information indicated constitutes an informality on the proposal, rendering it subject to rejection by the owner.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the project on which the proposal is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal

and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the proposal form, and preferably send by registered mail.

For the purpose of award, the product of the approximate quantities of each item shown in the proposal by their respective unit and/or lump sum prices will be considered the amount of the bid on each item. The correct summation of these products will be the amount bid on the entire work.

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Gravity Drainage District #5.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 LA Hwy. 384, Sweet Lake Community, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at special Gravity Drainage District #5 meeting time to be determined at a later date. The Gravity Drainage District #5 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive information. Gravity Drainage District #5 /s/ D.Y. Billy Doland Jr., President Run: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16 (JY 47)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7

The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 board met for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on June 21, 2007.

Members present are: Rogerest Romero, E. Carol Trahan, Ricky Romero, and Curtis L. Trahan.

Absent: Ivan Barentine. Guests are: Scotty Badon and Marsha Trahan.

A motion was made by Rogerest Romero and seconded by Ricky Romero, and carried, to approve the May 17, 2007 minutes.

Marsha Trahan updated the Board on the progress of the 2005 audit; and gave a finance report.

A motion was made by Ricky Romero and seconded by E. Carol Trahan and carried, to approve and pay bills.

Scotty Badon updated the Board on projects, and the work needed to repair shop. Scotty will get a proposal on the repairs and bring it back to the board for discussion.

A motion was made by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Ricky Romero and carried to purchase needed office furniture.

A motion was made by Rogerest Romero and seconded by Ricky Romero and carried to approve permits:

LCUP# 070608 - Richard Harrington

LCUP# 070618 - Sabine Pass LNG, LP

LCUP# 070616 - Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline

LCUP# 070702 - Williams Gas Pipeline

LCUP# 070701 - Entergy Gulf States

On motion by Rogerest Romero, and seconded by E. Carol Trahan, and carried, the board was adjourned. /s/ Curtis L. Trahan, President CURTIS L. TRAHAN, PRESIDENT

Attest: /s/ Marsha Trahan Run: July 26 (JY 49)

BID NOTICE
CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7

Sealed bids will be received by the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2007 at the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage office, located at 205 Middle Ridge Road Johnson Bayou, Louisiana for the following:

Removal and replacement of all wall and roof panels on existing building. (approx size 41 feet by 41 feet x 41 feet eave height)

1. All material to match existing color and profile
2. Install new 14 gauge galvanized base angle on all walls.
3. Install new 26 gauge standard color trim and flashing.
4. Install new ridge vents.
5. Install (2) new 3' x 7" walk door units.
6. Remove and replace (2) existing 12'x12' doors and replace with (2) 26 gauge 125 mph wind load roll up doors with chain hoist.

Please call 337-569-2240 with any questions. By: /s/ Marsha Trahan MARSHA TRAHAN Run: July 26, Aug. 2 and 9 JY 54

PROCEEDINGS
Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control June 19, 2007

President, Cyndi Sellers called the Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control meeting to order on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at the Grand Lake Library at

4:30PM. The following members were present: Stephanie Rogers, John Calzada, Wanita Harrison, Gail Delcambre and Cyndi Sellers. Absent were: Kenny Trahan and Darryl Farque, Police Jury ex-officio member.

Wanita Harrison led the prayer and Stephanie Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the May 15, 2007 minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the financial report.

The board members discussed opening all branches until 6:00PM in the fall. Additional part-time employees would be hired at Johnson Bayou, Hackberry and Grand Lake at \$6.00/hour with incremental raises according to new salary schedules.

The next meeting was set for July 17, 2007 at 4:30 PM

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Calzada and seconded by Mrs. Rogers the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: Cyndi Sellers, Board President

ATTEST: Charlotte Trosclair, Secretary RUN: July 26 (JY-56)



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Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

For the Sale of July 21, 2007. Trading was active with a turnout of 463 Head. Compared to last week, Stocker and Feeder Cattle were 3.00 - 4.00 Higher. Good attendance of Buyers and very active on Trade. Slaughter Cows 3.00 - 4.00 Higher in Good Demand.

DeQuincy (Saturday) July 21: Livestock Receipts: Cattle 256, Horses 4 Hogs 20, Sheep 47, and Goats 114. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 75¢-100¢ per HD, Beef 150¢-225¢ per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.), 1.80-2.15 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.50-1.85 per lb., Heifers: 1.25-1.55 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.30-1.60 per lb., Heifers: 1.20-1.35 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.15-1.35 per lb., Heifers: 1.10-1.25 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: 1.00-1.20 per lb., Heifers: 1.00-1.10 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .90-1.05 per lb., Heifer: .85-1.00 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: .54-.57 per lb.; Canners: .43-.48 per lb.; Fat Cows: .48-.52 per lb.; Thin Cows: .33-.39 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .62-.66 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .48-.58 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 850¢-1100¢ per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 650¢-875¢ per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: .30-.33; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .27-.31; Butcher Pigs: .30-.35; Feeder Pigs: .55-.65; Sows 300-500 lbs. .22-.25 per lb.; Boars: .05-.07 per lb. **HORSES:** .25-.31 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 35¢-150¢ per HD.



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— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —
The Cameron Parish Police Jury is considering the following ordinance for possible adoption:

PUBLIC HEALTH - SANITARY CODE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Responsible Parties:
A person who owns, operates, manages, or otherwise controls any premises shall provide for sewage disposal in a manner which is in compliance with the State health code.

Discharges:
A person shall not directly or indirectly discharge, or allow to be discharged, the contents or effluent from any plumbing fixtures, vault, privy, portable toilet, or septic tank, into any road, street, gutter, ditch, water course, body of water, or onto the surface of the ground without a permit from the state health officer.

Land Application:
No sewage sludge or sewage treatment effluent shall be applied to land for treatment, disposal, irrigation or other purposes without a permit from the state health officer.

Violations; penalties:
Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be liable in damages to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as well as for any personal injury or property damage, including environmental damage that results from such violation.
Any person who violates the provisions of this article, or any permit issued hereunder shall, in addition to any other penalty or remedy provided hereunder or by any law, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or thirty (30) days in the parish jail or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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STARS AND STRIPES softball team recently won the title of 8U ASA State champs in Erath. The following week they traveled to Panama City Beach, Fla. to compete in the USFA competition and placed 9th. Coaches are, left to right: Casey Corman, Sheilah Conner, Richard LeBoeuf, Douaine Conner, Bryan Beard, and not pictured Kris Bonsall. Players are, from left to right, back row: K. K. Williams, Baleigh Conner, Reagan Stutes, Chassity Bradford, Allie Crooks, Sydnee McCall, and Brianne Beard. Front row: Abbie Delcambre, Marlee Boudreaux, Allie Bonsall, Amy Crooks, Abby LeBoeuf, and Emily Corman.



SAMANTHA WILLIAMS of the Grand Lake FFA Chapter was recently elected 2007-2008 Area III Federation Reporter. Her participation and involvement throughout the next year at the area level will bring back vital growth and leadership development to her chapter, school, and community. Samantha is the daughter of Randi Crain of Grand Lake.



THREE MEMBERS of the Grand Lake FFA officer's team recently attended the 2007 FFA Leadership Camp in Bunkie, LA. The group spent a week with other FFA members throughout our area of the state developing valuable leadership skills to benefit our school and communities. Members pictured from left to right are Samantha Williams, Corey Broussard, and Kayla Savoie, also attending but not pictured were advisors Mr. Scotty Poole and Mrs. Kim Montie.

Singer Sammy Kershaw to run for Lt. Governor

Country singer Sammy Kershaw 49, has announced that he's running for Louisiana Lieutenant Governor as a Republican, challenging incumbent Democrat Mitch Landrieu.

Kershaw, since 2005, has rented a home in Duson and before that had a home in Kaplan. A Vermilion Parish native, Kershaw has been a registered voter in Louisiana since 1999.

Kershaw, on June 13, announced his candidacy on the steps of the Vermilion Parish courthouse. Kershaw said he's running because he wants to expand the entertainment industry in the state and create new education programs to support the industry.

Kershaw, 49, performed at campaign events for President Bush in 2004, and at Bush's inaugural festivities in 2001. His hits include "She Don't Know She's Beautiful," "Third Rate Romance" and "Queen of My Double Wide Trailer."



Sammy Kershaw

Kershaw will run as a Republican candidate and is joined in his efforts by his wife, Lorrie Morgan who will be an active partner in his campaign.

Kershaw has been invited into American communities large and small, sharing not as a guest but as a trusted friend. He plans to promote the culture and tourism of Louisiana as Lt. Governor.



Engagement and wedding photos should be submitted to the Cameron Parish Pilot by 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Photos should be clear prints, head and shoulder pose, preferably 5x7.

Announcements and pictures are published free of charge.

Engagement and wedding forms are available to be picked up at the Cameron Parish Pilot office, located at 203 E. Harrison St., DeQuincy between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. The forms may be faxed, upon request, by calling 786-8004. The forms are also available online at:

www.dequincynews.com



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS PR Coordinator Trina Johnson presented a check to Allyson Bourriaque for the Cajun Heat girl's softball and Debbie Savoie for the Stars and Stripes girl's coach pitch teams. The donation was used to fund their teams trip to Panama City for a tournament which be held from July 8-15.

Winners of raffle told

Stars and Stripes 8U softball team recently held a raffle to raise money to attend the world nationals tournament in Panama City Beach, Fla.

The winners of the drawing of cash or gift cards were \$50 Walmart Card, J. Moch; Lowe's Card, Lynn Vincent; Olive Garden, Bob Dewey; Academy Card, Janet Welch and Whitney Richard,

50 Cash, Dena Waller; Don's Car Wash, Jessie Kovach; Stuffing Zoo, Shelly Conner; Visa Card, Darlene Higgins; Starbucks Card, Bob Crooks;

100 Mazens card, Badon Law Firm; Swashbucklers tickets, Joann Conner.

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