

THREE MOBILE homes on Hayes Picou Road in Cameron were damaged by Tropical Storm Edouard Tuesday morning. This one had its roof torn off. Another one lost a canopy and the third one had roof damage. A barn was blown down in Creole and a shrimp boat sank in Cameron.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SIGNS ARE up naming LA Highway 82 from Holly Beach to the Louisiana-Texas state line as Rodney Guilbeaux Memorial Highway. Guilbeaux worked tirelessly to protect the highway from coastal erosion, seeing the placement of breakwaters and sand nourishment of the beaches during his lifetime. The Louisiana legislature made the designation during the spring session.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Johnny Poole

John Poole constable candidate

John (Johnny) Poole, Jr., of Hackberry has announced his candidacy for Constable in Ward Six, Cameron Parish in the Oct. 4 election. He provided the following information about himself:

I have been a resident of Hackberry all my 52 years and graduated from Hackberry High School in 1974. I have been married to Gwen Gremillion Poole for 31 years. Together we raised four children who attended school in Hackberry.

I have been a member of St. Peters Catholic Apostolic Church for 52 years. In 2007, I was appointed to the Pastoral Council as Trustee of St. Peters Parish by Bishop Glen Provost. I also have served in the Parish Ministry as a Lector for 12 years.

I have served on the Marshland Festival board of directors for 19 years and I have actively supported youth and civic organizations in our community.

School to open next Tuesday

Cameron Parish schools will open for the 2008-09 school year on Tuesday, Aug. 12. They are Grand Lake, Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and South Cameron High and Elementary Schools. Cameron Elementary and South Cameron Elementary have been consolidated to the South Cameron High site.

The school offices and school board officer were closed Tuesday due to the threat of the storm but reopened on Wednesday. The School Board office is temporarily located at Grand Lake High School.

Benefit set for Gully

A benefit will be held Saturday, Aug. 16, to help with medical and funeral expenses of the late Neil Gully, who retired after 23 years of service with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.

The benefit will be held at the Iowa Knights of Columbus Hall beginning at 11 a.m. and will include barbecue dinners, a raffle and an auction.

For more information call 582-3383 or 786-2806.

Fishing Festival to be held Friday & Sat.

The 5th annual Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8 and 9, at the Grand Chenier Park. The following is the schedule of events:

- FRIDAY, AUG. 8**
12:01 a.m. - Fishing rodeo begins.
6 a.m. - Redfish challenge begins.
12 noon - Weigh station opens.
3 p.m. - Festival gates open; Food and craft booths open; 1st day Redfish challenge closes.
6 p.m. - Weigh station closes.
7:30 p.m. - Steel Shot performs.
12 a.m. - Grounds close

- SATURDAY, AUG. 9**
6 a.m. - Final day of Redfish challenge begins.
9 a.m. - Festival gates open.

10 a.m. - Food booths open; Festival Queen Pageant begins.

11 a.m. - Weigh station opens.

12 noon - Teardrops band performs.

3 p.m. - Redfish challenge ends.

3:30 p.m. - Static performs.

5 p.m. - Weigh station closes.

6 p.m. - Recognize corporate sponsors; Festival queen presented; Presentation of fishing awards.

7:30 p.m. - Jamie Bergeron and Kickin Cajuns.

9 p.m. - Fireworks on the river sponsored by Penelope Richard, attorney at law.

9:30 - Jamie Bergeron and Kickin Cajuns band.

12 a.m. - Festival closes.

For more information please contact Carl Broussard at 775-5316 or Penelope Richard at 775-8135.

Cleanup is continuing

FEMA (contracted through Witt) and the Coast Guard are still conducting a clean up of local waterways. Additional funds have been identified to further the work begun last year.

Please spread the word to your fellow "boaters" to report any areas of concern (mostly south of I-10) to

these guys They will be glad to come to you and let you show areas of concern on their maps so they can be reported to the Coast Guard.

Contact billy.crabb@associates.dhs.gov to report or meet regarding any obstructions in waterways that need to be addressed.

Announcement rules

The Cameron Pilot is accepting candidate announcements for Oct. 4 election.

The announcement article should be typed and kept to 400 words or less.

The newspaper will publish a one column photograph of each candidate, along with the article, which should include background information.

Photos can be attached to the article upon submission or e-mailed in a .jpg format to dequincynews@centurytel.net. Announcements and photos also can be mailed to Cameron Pilot, P. O. Box 995, DeQuincy, LA 70633.

The newspaper reserves the right to edit articles for grammar, punctuation, spelling and space.

The deadline for candidate submissions will be Monday, Sept. 15, the date that early voting for the election begins.

The newspaper offers a variety of advertising options for political candidates. For more information, call Jeffra DeViney, advertising manager, at 1-800-256-7323 or 912-5063.



CONSTRUCTION OF the new Sabine River bridge, linking Cameron Parish with Pleasure Island in Texas, is progressing. This view is from the Texas side.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Residents evacuate but storm damage minor

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Tropical Storm Edouard put a bit of a scare into lower Cameron Parish residents this week as, for the first time since Hurricane Rita, they were called to evacuate for a tropical system.

Edouard was just a cluster of showers in the northern Gulf waters, south of Biloxi, Miss., until it became a depression and then a tropical storm on Sunday evening, Aug. 3.

The Cameron Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, noting the proximity of the storm to land and the projected path taking it close to Southwest Louisiana, decided to order a mandatory evacuation on Monday morning.

OEP Director Clifton Hebert said the number of residents still living in travel trailers and the possibility that the storm could intensify to Category 1 and turn northerly during the night made evacuation the sensible thing to do. Landfall was projected around Galveston, Tex., but the cone of probability included extreme western Cameron Parish.

Hebert was pleased with the evacuation, noting that 65-70% of the lower Cameron Parish residents did leave. In addition, parish offices, libraries, and other agencies operating in temporary quarters loaded trailers, previously purchased for such an eventuality, with computers, equipment, files, etc., and moved them out.

Fire trucks, road equipment, and the Johnson Bayou and Creole bookmobiles were taken to higher ground. South Cameron Memorial Hospital placed sandbags in front of doors to stop windblown rain. The Police Jury meeting scheduled for Monday night was canceled.

Elderly residents were assisted with packing and travel arrangements by the Cameron Council on Aging. Julie Burleigh said many were apprehensive about the storm with Hurricane Rita so fresh in their minds.

A number of travel trailers were moved out of low lying areas by nervous owners. In Grand Lake, farmers hastened to harvest rice and bale hay before wind and rain destroyed their crops.

Mike Heinen, Director of Jeff Davis Electric Co-op, warned that if power went out during the night, crews would not attempt to repair them until sometime during the day on Tuesday, when it became safe to do so. Sheriff's deputies remained on patrol, and roadblocks were set up, preventing anyone from entering the area from 9 p.m. until the evacuation was lifted.

The town of Cameron, as well as other communities,

became eerily quiet on Monday evening as everyone watched and waited for Edouard.

And, just like Hurricane Rita, Edouard did make a northerly turn at the last minute, making landfall just west of Sabine Pass, Tex. It did not, however, intensify beyond 65 mph, which thankfully kept the effects minimal along the Louisiana coast.

DAMAGE REPORTS

During the early morning hours, Edouard took a sudden jog to the north, bringing strong winds and rain to Cameron Parish. In one Cameron neighborhood, the roof was peeled off a mobile home, and two others were damaged. A barn was reported blown down in Creole, and a shrimp boat sank in the Calcasieu River. Trees were blown down in Grand Chenier, Little Chenier, on Trosclair Road, and in the Cameron area.

Most other damage was confined to metal awnings and carports, shingles, siding and skirting.

Power went out between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m., and was repaired within about five or six hours, except for Johnson Bayou. Debris on the roadway made it difficult for crews to reach the area until after noon.

Projected tides of 4-5 feet

did not materialize. Water came over the road on Cameron and on Highway 82 west of AB Dock and west of Holly Beach. Roads closest to the Gulf, and low-lying parking lots along the Cameron docks also flooded, but the tides were only about two feet above normal.

The westerly path of the storm, skirting the coast, may have contributed to the minimal flooding.

Parish road crews had cleared all of the downed trees by 10 a.m., and the evacuation was lifted at noon. Parish officials said they were glad the storm didn't intensify, and felt lucky that Cameron Parish's first tropical system since Rita was a mild one.

By Wednesday morning, parish administrative offices were back in operation, having returned the files and equipment. Parish treasurer Bonnie Conner said that the parish learned from Hurricane Rita not to trust early weather reports.

All the file cabinets, some computers and other office equipment had been evacuated, and all computer files backed up to a secure location, so that parish operations could continue no matter what happened. The regular Police Jury meeting has been re-scheduled for Monday, Aug. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Officials pleased with local storm response

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

As the winds and rain from Tropical Storm Edouard began to subside around noon on Tuesday, a Blackhawk helicopter set down in Cameron, bringing state officials to view the effects of the storm. It was like old times, when Blackhawks were common in Cameron Parish skies after Hurricane Rita.

Major General Bennett Landreneau, of the Louisiana National Guard, was on board, along with Col. Mike Edmonson of the Louisiana State Police and Mark Cooper, Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP).

The visitors were sent by Governor Bobby Jindal to assess emergency operations and test communications. Cooper said that everything seemed to have gone "really well."

He was also very pleased with what they saw flying in - very little visible damage. He said Southwest Louisiana is one of the best prepared regions in the state and his office is very proud of OEP Directors Clifton Hebert and

Dick Gremillion (Calcasieu).

Gen. Landreneau said Cameron Parish was "very fortunate to have tremendous planning and coordination, including a really good communications network." He said that "maintaining communications is absolutely imperative."

Maj. Edmonson was impressed with the new 700 communications system, noting that every first responder - Sheriff's office, fire departments, ambulance - was able to communicate before, during and after the storm.

He said the real success story, however, is the people. "They listen and work with us to get the job done," he said, and he urged everyone to use the state website www.getagameplan.org to help them get ready for the next possible storm.

Cooper pointed out that Gov. Jindal had used general fund dollars in January to fully fund the transition to the 700 communications system, which is supposed to eliminate the horrendous communication problems experienced during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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STATE OFFICIALS met with local emergency personnel on Tuesday to evaluate the emergency response effort. Cameron OEP Director Clifton Hebert, Sheriff Theos Duhon, Major General Bennett Landreneau, GOHSEP Director Mark Cooper, and Louisiana State Police Major Mike Edmonson discussed the evacuation and communications.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



LUKE AND BARBARA Conner of Lafayette are shown racing at the Mid Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio during the Vintage Days Races July 25-31. Luke is the son of Loretta Theriot and Adam Conner, formerly of Creole.

Luke and Barbara Conner enjoy motorcycle racing

When Luke Conner isn't working at finding alternative fuel sources and wife, Barbara isn't fashioning her custom jewelry they can usually be found at the race tracks in various cities in the United States. Pictured above are the two racing at the Mid Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.

Luke raced in the Historic Sportsman 350 and 500 on a 1969 Honda CBXT350 race-bike, the Superbike Formula III, and the Thruxton Cup on the Triumph Thruxton. He was one of the top ten winners in all the races out of a field of 30-40 racers depending on the race.

Barabara ran in the Historic Production Lightweight and placed 9th

out of a field of 27 on a modified 1970 Honda CI 350.

Luke is the son of Loretta Theriot and Adam Conner formerly of Creole.

Benefit is set

A benefit for Julie Batts will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24, at Grand Chenier Park, beginning at 10 a.m. Julie was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre' Syndrome, and needs an additional year of therapy.

There will be a silent auction, bake sale, a regular auction, refreshments, raffle, live music, ice cold beer and barbecue chicken plate lunches will be available for purchase.

The public is invited to attend and help support this benefit.



Bank tells semi-annual dividend

The Board of Directors of Cameron State Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of \$2.50 per share, payable to shareholders of record as of June 30, for a total of \$1,742,073.

Roy Raftery, Jr., President and CEO, reports that Cameron State Bank is in excellent financial condition. "Our record-breaking growth is continuing and it is important that our customers and shareholders know that in spite of all the national media attention focusing on problems in the housing market, stock market and other areas of the economy, Cameron State Bank is more successful and secure than ever before in our over 40 year history."

As of June 30, Cameron State Bank's total assets are \$597,393,000, deposits are \$488,510,000, loans are \$357,748,000, capital is \$62,699,000 and income year to date is \$4,556,000. The bank's year to date return on assets is an excellent 1.50% and their return on equity is an outstanding 14.00%.

Tide gage is being removed

The National Ocean Service began removing the existing Calcasieu Pass (Cameron) tide gage Saturday, Aug. 2, after which tide and meteorological data will be temporarily suspended. This is due to the installation of a new Sentinel tide gage, which is designed to withstand the winds and tides of a category 4 hurricane.

The length of time of the outage is not known at this time, as it will coincide with the construction of the new tide gage currently in progress.



THE FIRST TROPICAL system to impact Louisiana since 2005 brought lots of media to town. Here Mike Sellers and Mike Steele from station WBRZ in Baton Rouge, get an interview with Col. Mike Edmonson of the Louisiana State police. New Orleans station WDSU was also filming. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

OFFICIALS

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During those days, many emergency personnel couldn't talk to other agencies, and relief efforts were severely hampered. The new system, which includes new hand-held radios for all agencies, is more powerful, and everyone can communicate.

Cameron Parish Police Jurors present for the meeting agreed. Thomas McDaniel said communications were really smooth. Kirk Burleigh said the OEP kept everyone - industry, law enforcement, and parish officials - well informed.

Charles Precht, who was in Grand Lake much of the time, said the conference calls really helped keep him up to date.

In all, everyone present felt that the new systems and procedures worked well, and Edouard was a good trial run for future, more serious storms. Everyone was also very happy there was so little damage this time.

Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy.

-Anne Frank

Workshop told for small business owners here

Louisiana Business & Technology Center (LBTC), in conjunction with Cameron Parish Planning & Development, will be hosting a workshop for entrepreneurs and small business owners to re-launch their businesses post-Rita by providing technical assistance, business counseling services, and entrepreneurial training. This service is free to business owners.

To receive assistance, the owners must complete and submit preliminary forms directly to LBTC and schedule an appointment for an initial business counseling session.

The purpose for the initial counseling session is to learn about the business and determine what issues they are encountering.

LBTC can provide assistance in areas such as business plan development, marketing and sales strategies, E-commerce, website cre-

ation and maintenance, financial analysis, human resource strategies, and many others.

LBTC will be available for initial business counseling sessions on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Cameron Office of Emergency Preparedness located at 128 D St in Cameron. To schedule an appointment please call 225-578-4702.

Ernie Broussard, Parish Planner & Executive Director of Cameron Parish Planning & Development states, "This is a rare occasion to secure advanced marketing, finance, and strategic assistance for our local business sectors. This will provide a linkage to outside markets and resources."

Preliminary forms are available at the Planning & Development office located at 122-E Recreation Center Lane in Cameron.

Grand Lake students to make trip to Washington, D.C.

Sixty middle school students at Grand Lake High School will be taking an educational field trip to Washington D. C. to participate in the Presidential Inauguration festivities in January 2009.

The students will tour the D. C. area which will include the monuments, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown.

Two special tours that the students will participate in are the Pentagon and the White House. In addition to the tours, the students will attend the inaugural parade, swearing in of the president and the inaugural address.

The students are currently participating in activities to raise funds to help defray the cost of their trip. On Saturday, Aug. 9, there will be a car wash at the school from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The car wash will be for donations.

On behalf of the student travelers, thank you for your support of this once in a lifetime chance. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the trip coordinator, Felisha Nunez at 1039 Highway 384, Lake Charles, LA 70607, 905-2231.



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Megan Ward of Moss Bluff is the July winner in Cameron State Bank's Great Escape Spa Giveaway. With two kids, three jobs and going to college, Megan deserves an indulgent spa getaway! She won the July "Total Relaxation" spa package at Spa du Lac, including an overnight stay at L'Auberge.

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A. J. AND ELSIE Toby of Arnaudville announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brandy Kaye Toby-Latiolais, to Brian Scott LeBoeuf, son of George and Gloria LeBoeuf of Abbeville, formerly of Cameron. The wedding is set for Sunday, Aug. 31 at Rip Van Winkle Gardens in Jefferson Island at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the Bayless Center in the Rip Van Winkle Gardens. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Golf tournament set

The 18th Annual Cameron Parish Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Grand Lake Scholarship Committee, will be held at the Gray Plantation Golf Course, Saturday, Sept. 20, starting at 8 a.m. Format will be a 2 Man Best Ball Format (each player plays own ball). \$100 per

person entry fee includes tournament fees, green fees, cart rental, and meal. Tournament is open to everyone. Teams flighted by Handicap.

Deadline for entry is Monday, Sept. 15. For more information call Ricky Guidry at 540-2825

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot Aug. 7, 1975
BRANDINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED IN PARISH
By GENEVA GRIFFITH

Many changes have taken place in Cameron Parish since the early settlers came here, but there is one custom that has changed very little—the method of branding cattle.

Cattle was the main reason the first people came to the parish, hunting pastures on which to graze their cattle herds, which, for some, were their only possessions when they were driven from their homes during the Civil War.

One such branding took place recently at the "Bluff", a narrow chertier of oak trees on the Mermentau River between Oak Grove community and Grand Chenier.

John H. Meaux, 86 year old patriarch of his family, carefully watched over the proceedings, even though he is almost blind and can no longer participate on horseback.

Meaux, who served Cameron Parish in the Louisiana Legislature as its representative for many years, recalls that this branding pen is located on the exact same spot that the very first settlers used.

The cattle are even inbred from the same cattle accompanying the early settlers to this part of the country. Inbreeding helps the cattle to cope with many of the hardships of marsh living, such as insects and diseases.

The cattle brandings are held twice each year—in the spring and fall. The spring branding is always the largest because more calves are born during that time.

It has always been the custom that when a child is born into the family it is given a brand and a calf is branded to start a herd for him.

Meaux was given his brand by his father who had brought it with him from Vermilion Parish over 100 years ago. It resembles a German swastika.

Brands have been applied since ancient times as symbols of ownership and in Louisiana their use has taken on some of the mystery that coats of arms have assumed elsewhere.

A cattleman has a brand, which, combined with cuts or slits on the ears of his cattle (called earmarks), distinguishes them from other rancher's stock.

Brands may be letters, numbers, symbols, or a combination of these. They may be stamped on or drawn with a running iron, which is a fast dying art.

Each year's letter is branded on the calf at the time the brand is applied, which signifies the year of branding, such as the letter 5 which is branded this year to signify the year 1975.

These brands are registered with the State Brand Commission, which, with the associated earmarks, establishes the owner's claim to all cattle so marked.

Ear markings are usually applied to cattle as added identification because

brands may be hard to read at a distance, and a cattleman can ride through a herd that is coming led with several owners and immediately spot his cattle from the ear marks.

Working the calves is done with assembly line efficiency. The calves are separated from their mothers by experienced cowboys who rope them and pull them into the branding pen.

Once in the pen, they are bulldogged and each is branded, ear marked, and vaccinated.

Each job is done by a different cowhand who is an expert in his job.

Branding is still done with heated irons, not with chemicals that cattlemen in some areas use.

Some are still heated over the open wood fires, but some have built specially designed heated grills fed by a butane burner for heating the branding iron.

After the calves are branded they are turned back into the herd to find their mothers, but not before the youngsters have their turn at bare-back bronc riding on the "little critters."

At noon everyone gathers at the ranch house where they are served up heaping portions of home grown, corn fed beef steaks, "dirty rice", beans and all the trimmings.

The 200 newly branded calves will then be turned out back into the marsh with their mothers where they will grow fat for market on the lush green saltgrass.

DUMP IS CLOSED

The Louisiana Health Department has closed the Creole garbage dump because of unsanitary conditions and is threatening to close all of the parish's other dumps.

In a letter to the jury last week, the health department reported that it had inspected all of the dumps and found them all entirely unsatisfactory. It cited open burning, flies and other unacceptable conditions.

ROAD PROJECTS

The Cameron Police Jury accepted the low bid of Roy Bailey Contractor of Creole Tuesday for the blacktopping of three roads in the parish.

The jury agreed to hard-surface the road to the Lacassine Wildlife Refuge with the understanding that the federal government will reimburse the parish.

The body also agreed to cooperate with the U. S. Corps of Engineers in securing rights of way and furnishing maintenance in connection with the construction of a road from Little Chenier to the Catfish Locks, a distance of about three miles.

HACKBERRY PROJECT

The Hackberry sewerage districts has been given the No. 1 project priority for federal environment protection funds for 1976 and is expected to get a sizable grant toward the construction of a sewerage collection system.

Parish Engineer George Bailey told the Cameron Police Jury Tuesday that the Hackberry project has been approved and that he and the sewerage board members will attend a pre-application conference in New Orleans on Aug. 12.

MUD PLAGUES HOLLY BEACH

Swimmers at Holly Beach are being plagued by an invasion of mud that has been identified as a dell-type of oilfield drilling mud.

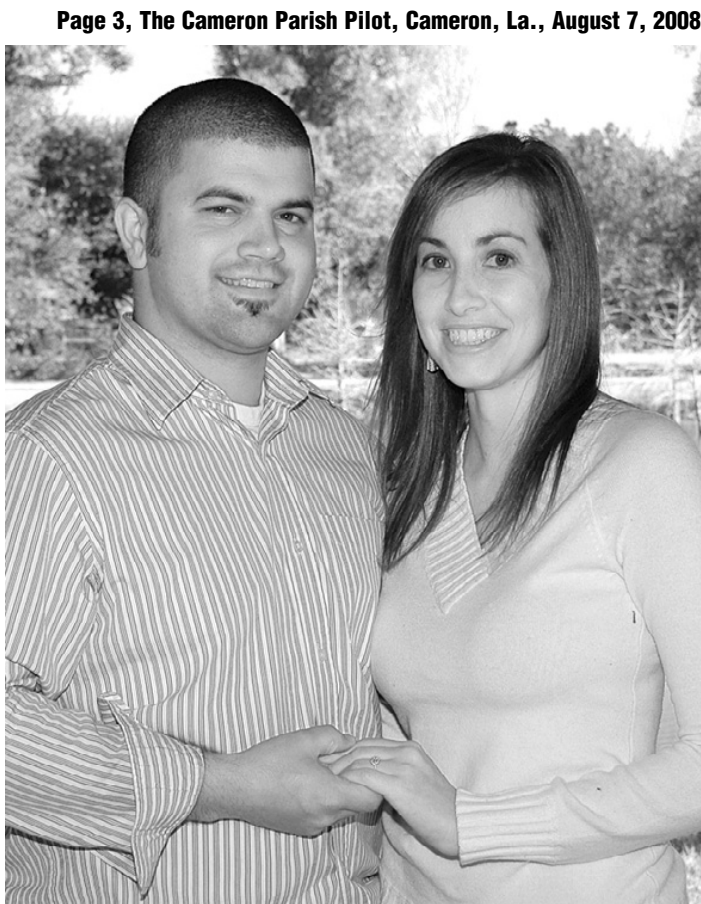
Police Juror Archie Berwick told the police jury Tuesday that he had heard that a mud company barge had sunk off the coast and that the mud was now drifting into shore.

State Rep. Conway LeBleu said that samples taken by the conservation department and coast guard and that the mud was apparently drilling mud.

Hunters ed to be held in L. C.

A hunter education course is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 5-6. Hours for Friday will be 6-9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. at the V.F.W. hall on Country Club Road in Lake Charles (one block west of Country Club Rd. and Nelson Rd. intersection).

Contact Margie at the V.F.W. at 477-7546 to pre-register.



MR. AND MRS. Shane Jouett of Grand Lake announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Paige Jouett, to Joseph Busby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Busby of Hackberry. The wedding is set for Friday, Sept. 19 at Prien Lake Park in Lake Charles at 6:30 p.m.

Schools not damaged

Cameron Parish School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue states that all schools in Cameron Parish and the Cameron Parish School Board Office appear to be in good shape and reopened on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 8 a.m.

Teachers who were scheduled to attend professional development in-services on Tuesday, Aug. 5, were asked to attend the Wednesday sessions at Grand lake High School.

New teachers were to

report to Westlake High School on Wednesday. The Southwest Louisiana High Performance Schools Greenbuilding Workshop, sponsored by Global Green USA, was held as scheduled at South Cameron High School on Wednesday.



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4. Use a battery-powered carbon monoxide detector when running your generator.
5. Gasoline and its vapors are extremely flammable, allow engine to cool at least 2 minutes before refueling. Always use fresh gas in your generator. If you do not plan to use your generator in 30 days, stabilize the gas with fuel stabilizer.
6. Maintain your generator according to the maintenance schedule for peak performance and safety.

7. Keep generator at least 5 feet away from any structures or combustible materials. Reflective exhaust heat can damage fuel tank causing fire.
8. When using extension cords, be sure they are of the grounded type and are rated for the application. Coiled cords can get HOT, always uncoil cords and lay them in flat open locations.
9. If you are connecting a generator into your home electrical system, have a qualified electrician install a Power Transfer Switch. Never plug your generator directly into your home outlet.
10. Protect your generator from exposure to rain and snow. Generators produce powerful voltage; DO NOT operate under wet conditions.
11. Consumers may visit www.briggsandstratton.com for more information on selecting, operating and maintaining generators.

Snapper fishing closed

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service reminds fishermen that the recreational fishery for red snapper in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico closed effective 12:01 a.m. local time Aug. 5, through Dec. 31, the end of the current fishing year.

The recreational fishery in federal waters will reopen on June 1, 2009, the beginning of the 2009 federal recreational fishing season.

Closure of the recreational red snapper fishery in federal waters complies with regulations implemented

under the Fishery Management Plan for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico, and in accordance with requirements specified in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

NOAA Fisheries Service is required to close a fishery or fishery sector in federal waters when the quota is met or projected to be met.

This and other Southeast Fishery Bulletins are available online at: http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/bulletins/2008_bu

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



RECREATION BOATERS

As I start to write, my mind like everyone else is focused on the Gulf of Mexico, I'm hoping everything turns out well. As there are many anglers preparing to fish the Cameron Saltwater Rodeo and Redfish Challenge that starts this Friday and Saturday, with offshore activities at the Grand Chenier Park Pavilion.

The CCA's S.T.A.R. Rodeo is into its last month and ends on Labor Day. Red Snapper fishing in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico is closed as of last Tuesday. Don't forget the Gueydan Duck Festival, Sunday, Aug. 24, for the state Duck calling contest.

HUNTING

Hunters are getting ready for the first split of dove season in early September, as well as the special teal season in mid-September.

Every hunter talks about how tough it is to hit the teal duck the first couple of days at the start of teal season, well, I would have to say I have way more troubles hitting doves than I do teals. I get my limits, but I burn up a lot of shotgun shells. It is said it takes 5 to 7 shots for every dove bagged. Well, for 8 doves, that's either 40 shots or 56 shots, and that's about my average. When they dip, my shots always zip by where I shot before the dip.

There's a new gun oil out by the name of Gunzilla, a gun cleaning agents that's 100% environmentally safe. This was invented by a soldier that came back from Iraq with sores on his hands, as many soldiers were using lots of gun oils to help keep their rifles clean and keeping their guns from jamming. It is made completely from plant matters, free of water and corrosive materials. No skin problems, and it's working great for hunters who shoot muzzleloaders. It doesn't smell like most gun oils. Not messy, so this is good news for hunters and gun owners.

GIBBSTOWN CONTEST

The afternoon Bass Tournament last week had Johnny and Justin Ledoux

with 4.53 pounds for first place and also the largest bass weighing 2.18.

Ricky Canik and Carl Broussard took second with 4.21 pounds. Jim Smith and Bryon Robertson has 4.08 pounds for third place.

HAYES CONTEST

Justin LeDoux and Brett Griffith had 4.35 pounds for first, followed by Doug Logan and Lance Wallace with 3.93 and Todd Jeffers and Chris Breaux had 3.45 pounds. LeDoux and Griffith had the largest bass, 2.14 pounds.

RECREATIONAL BOATERS

It seems that recreational boat owners became lucky, as for 35 years the EPA has exempted recreational boat owners from all the rules, from water-discharge regulations, that commercial vessels have to abide by. A federal judge had recently overturned the exemption, which would have anglers and other recreational boaters have to obtain state or federal permits for normal discharges from boats, like bilgewater, livewells, runoff from decks of boats, as well as engine coolers, like all outboard motor use, as goes through the tattle tail, to let you know your motor is getting water. This will go into effect on Sept. 30, 2008.

There was a bill introduced by a couple of senators to restore the EPA's exemption for recreational boats, and it has passed the state house and senate for this exemption and it seems it will be up to President Bush to sign this into law to keep the over 18 million recreational boats from falling under the clean water act. Just think how many recreational boats that would be off the water, cost thousands of dollars to redesign and what a headache this would have caused.

TOLEDO BEND

Garner Nunez and Jimmie Roberts took the grandchildren to the camp on Toledo this past week. Hot weather made it tough, only a couple of fish caught, however the kids caught bream in the boat house and enjoyed the swimming to cool off.

Aug. 14 is deadline for the next Praxis exams

Thursday, Aug. 14 is the registration deadline for the next Praxis exam that will be given Saturday, Sept. 13 in Farrar Hall at McNeese State University. The Praxis exams are a series of assessments that provide educational tests that Louisiana

uses as part of its teaching licensing certification process. Informational handouts and registration information can be found in the Office of Scholarships and Testing, Kaufman 156, or by visiting www.ets.org/praxis <<http://www.ets.org/praxis>>. A series of Praxis clinics will be held to provide educa-

tion majors information on the Praxis exams and study guides, according to Dr. Reba Powers, assistant professor of teacher education and Praxis coordinator for the Burton College of Education. The time, date and places of the clinics are:

5:25-8:05 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, Farrar 306;

1-4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8, Farrar 239;

5:25-8:05 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9, Farrar 306;

and 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, Farrar 239.

For more information, contact Powers at 475-5427 or by e-mail at rpowers@mcneese.edu <<mailto:rpowers@mcneese.edu>>.

Fins & Waters

By GLENN THOMAS

This handsome little grouper is fairly common in Louisiana, sometimes taken by anglers targeting snapper at relatively shallow rigs. But though it occurs all across the state, rock hind is not abundant in any location, so most fishermen who reel one in haven't seen it before and may not be able to identify it.

In fact, it is very tasty, has no size limit, and is counted in the five-per-person aggregate bag limit for black, gag, red, yellowfin, scamp, yellowmouth, yellowedge, misty, snowy and red hind groupers.

Identification of the rock hind can be a bit tricky, since there are other spotted reddish groupers. But the spots in the rock hind tend to be smaller on the back and larger on the belly, and it has dark blotches on its back.

The species most likely to be confused with the rock hind is the red hind (*Epinephelus guttatus*) which has small red spots all across the body, and each red spot has a small dark fleck in the center. The lower fins (pelvic and anal) and tail (caudal) fin of the red hind are also black-rimmed.

Another species in the same genus that might cause confusion is the speckled hind (*Epinephelus drummondhayi*, limit one per vessel), but it has light spots on a reddish-brown background.

Additionally, the yellowfin grouper (*Mycteroperca venenosa*) has reddish spots and sometimes exhibits an overall reddish color phase. This one is easy to separate because the pectoral (side) fins are always rimmed in yellow or orange.

The genus *Epinephelus* contains more than 180 species, with examples in seas all over the world. The rock hind is named for its

habitat preference. It is almost always found on hard structure.

Though seen at shallower oil rigs, some specimens come from sites more than 100 feet in depth. It tends to be solitary, and feeds mostly on crabs (70 percent of the diet) and fish (20 percent). The largest specimen on record weighed 8.99 lbs.

In Louisiana, our top record (8.74 lbs) is very close to the maximum size, but the range of records go down to 2.19 pounds and leaves plenty of room for more entries.

HIND, ROCK EPINEPHELUS ADSCENSIONIS

Weight (Lbs.), Angler's Name, Location Caught, Date Caught

8.74*, Prentiss Perkins, DDS, Vermillion Block 200, May 28, 2001

4.45*, Bennie R. Hux, Blk. 92 off SW Pass, May 1999

3.50*, Paul Hebert, South Timbalier Block 130, July 2005

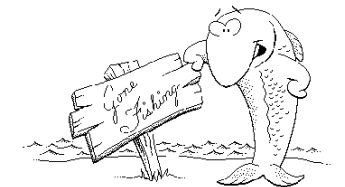
3.16*, Georgie DeRoche, Grand Isle Block 47, August 2005

2.81*, Mike Bourgeois, South Timbalier Blocks, October 2007

2.50*, Danny Crosby, East Bay, Venice, December 2007

2.19*, Danny Crosby, East Bay, Venice, December 2007

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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot July 31, 1975 NEW FUR FESTIVAL OFFICERS

Robert Ortego was elected president of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival Friday night at the annual board of directors meeting held at the Rockefeller Refuge.

Ortego was named to replace J. B. Jones Jr., who said he would not be able to serve another term.

Other officers elected are: "Bill" Morris, Ward Fontenot, Roland Troclair, Ray Stevens, vice presidents; Mrs. Geneva Griffith, secretary; Garner Nunez, treasurer; and J.B. Jones, Jr., president emeritus.

Jones appointed a committee to work up new parade rules composed of Bob Farley, chairman; Ray Stevens, Earl Mouton, Tommy Watts, and Roland Troclair.

Mrs. Charles F. Hebert, on behalf of the Cameron Parish Bi-Centennial Committee, requested that the theme of the 1976 Festival be the Bi-Centennial. Jones appointed E. J. Dronet to coordinate the Bi-Centennial celebration for the 1976 Festival.

Special guests were recognized by Jones, Miss Susan Baccigalopi, the former Miss Cameron Parish, and Miss Susan Woodgett, the reigning Miss Cameron Parish.

ALLIGATOR SEASON

"What I'm asking is can the federal people have their paperwork done in enough time to allow Louisiana to set a season starting September 20?"

That's how J. Burton Angelle, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Director, phrased the key question to Rick Parsons, enforcement officer for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

at a meeting of the commission in New Orleans this week.

Angelle, of course, was referring to an alligator season, and his obvious rush was to conduct a harvest before the alligator went into winter fasting thus reducing the catch.

Parson said that his service would certainly try to have everything completed by then."

Having received that answer, Jerry G. Jones, Commission member from Cameron, one of the parishes where the Louisiana gator purportedly will be delisted from the Endangered Species List, immediately made a motion that "Louisiana set a 1975 alligator season to run from Sept. 20 through Oct. 19."

45 TO GO TO CAMP

Forty-five Junior 4-Hers will be participating in 4-H Camp, Aug. 4-8, at Camp Grant Walker at Pollock. Cameron Parish 4-Hers from will be camping with approximately 200 other 4-Hers from other parishes.

Clifford Myers, County Agent, and Eileen Wittler, Assistant Home Economist, will be in charge of the group. Adult leaders from Cameron will be Mrs. Albert Guidry, Sweetlake, and Mrs. William Morris, Creole. Michael Beard, Pam Duhon, Cindy Morris, Jeff McCall and Suzanne Robichaux will serve as Junior Counselors for the week.

Junior 4-H girls who will attend are: Shari Beard, Renee' Boudreaux, Stephanie Boudreaux, Russie Buford, Christine Chesson, Claudette Cormier, Georgette Cormier, Rosalind Crain, Betty Dugas, Kimberly Elmer, Jennifer Lynn Granger, Marris Istre, Tammy Istre, Recia LeBove, Stacy Mudd, Barbara O'Blanc, Christine Powers, Therese Powers, Denise Rutherford, Kathleen Sanner, Ann Theriot and Dorothy Walther.

Boys participating are: Samuel Bailey, Blane Buford, Duncan Crain, Jack Dugas, Ronald Dupuis, Patrick Hebert, Fagon Istre, Tommy Istre, Shane Jouett, Scott LaBove, Thomas F. McCall, C.A. Mhire, Dennis Mhire, Lawrence Mhire, Michael Montie, Todd Montie, Mike Nunez, Bill Powers, Kirk Rutherford, Shadd Savoie and Brien Theriot.

Incoming college freshmen need the meningitis shot

The time has finally arrived when you have a young son or daughter that will be attending a college or university in a few weeks.

But before they leave the nest you need to get them a shot or as the Aussies say give them a jab.

Nearly 3,000 cases of meningococcal disease (meningitis) are reported every year in the U.S. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), between 10-12 percent of the cases are fatal (about 300 to 360).

Among those who survive, approximately 20 percent suffer long-term consequences, such as brain damage, kidney disease, hearing loss or loss of limbs.

WHY COLLEGE STUDENTS?

Over 16 million students annually attend a U.S. college or university. Studies have shown that freshmen living in dorms are particularly vulnerable to meningococcal disease.

Freshmen experience several lifestyle changes, such as living in crowded dormitories, patronizing bars, exposure active or passive smoking, irregular sleep patterns, lack of proper nutrition, and the sharing of personal items.

The disease rates begin to climb earlier in adolescence and peak between the ages of 15 and 20 years. Many people in a population can be a carrier of meningococcal bacteria (up to 11 percent) in the nose and back of the throat, and usually nothing happens to a person other than acquiring natural antibodies.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

Meningococcal disease is contagious and progresses very rapidly. The disease is spread through respiratory droplets (e.g., coughing, sneezing) and direct contact with someone who is infected.

Direct contact also includes: sharing eating utensils, cigarettes, beer bottles, glass, lip balm or a kiss. Anything an infected person touches with his or her mouth. How many college freshmen can you imagine not having a kiss or two during March Madness. Most cases occur in late winter or early spring.

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of meningococcal disease often resemble the flu or other minor fever involved illnesses, making it sometimes difficult to diagnose, and may include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, and confusion.

Untreated, the disease can progress rapidly, often within hours of the first symptoms, and can lead to shock, death or serious complications, including hearing loss, brain damage, kidney disease or limb amputations.

Students should seek medical care immediately if they experience two or more of these symptoms concurrently, or if the symptoms are unusually sudden or severe.

PREVENTION

Immunization can prevent up to 80 percent of meningococcal meningitis in adolescents and young adults. The vaccine is safe and effective against four of the five types of the bacteria responsible for meningitis in the U.S. and for the majority of cases in the college age population. The protection lasts approximately three to five years.

For more information about meningococcal meningitis and the vaccine that can help prevent it, visit the following web sites:

National Meningitis Association, www.nmaus.org
Meningitis Foundation of America, www.musa.org
American College Health Association, www.acha.org
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov

COLLEGE STUDENTS USING COLLEGE HEALTH CENTERS

The majority of these health centers are geared to handle only the very basic medical needs of the students. Very few campus

health centers are equipped or staffed to handle individual traumas or mass casualties from man made or natural disasters.

Most have limited hours of operation, typical hours are Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to Noon, and closed on Sundays. Students are told to utilize local hospitals for all emergencies and any hours when the health center is closed.

To have information available during a medical crisis students are normally required to complete a basic health and emergency contact questionnaire, which is stored at the health center as part of the student's record.

Very seldom are these paper records converted to digital computer files. As a result they are rarely kept up to date and are seldom accessible during emergency treatment.

YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR COLLEGE STUDENTS.

CrisisID has developed an easy to use, secure, straightforward system that keeps a summary of health information organized and accessible whenever and wherever needed worldwide.

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It also contains a list of various emergency contacts with multiple listing for each contact. Previous healthcare providers along with treatment locations can also be available.

CrisisID also provides users with the opportunity to designate what information they want to have available in a read only Emergency File, which Emergency Responders can use at the site or simultaneously with hospital emergency departments.

It makes it possible for a doctor at one hospital to easily provide information and communicate with a specialist at a distant hospital. Additionally, for security reasons, whenever this section is activated an email is automatically sent to the users account. With CrisisID the benefits are many, it lasts a life time, and the cost is low only \$1.00 a month.

For additional information about meningitis, demonstration of user friendly CrisisID.com, or free 45 day trial log on to CrisisID at www.CrisisID.com

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Sweeper at Grand Lake High School (5 day week). High School diploma is preferred. Starting salary: \$20,680.75.

Applications are located on the Cameron Parish School Board website as per the following www.cam-sch.org; then, Prospective Employees Tab; Job listings; Applications; Custodial Position Download/print the application and bring completed application at time of interview.

To schedule an interview, contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake High School. Phone: 337-905-5100.

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Boustany urges children be enrolled in program

U. S. Representative Charles W. Boustany, Jr., MD, R-Southwest Louisiana, introduced the Improving Children's Doctor Access Act of 2008, H.R. 6506, to encourage states to measure and report access problems for low-income children in SCHIP and to ensure that these children remain a top priority in states' enrollment efforts.

"I am proud to support S-CHIP and Louisiana's LaCHIP," Boustany said. "Ensuring children access to a doctor is critical to reducing healthcare costs and shorter waiting lines in emergency rooms across Southwest Louisiana."

My bill begins to gather data on the success of SCHIP nationally in accomplishing its goal. Knowing the program is working is the first step to ensure taxpayer dollars are being spent in a responsible way."

When it comes to expanding enrollment in SCHIP, our nation's neediest children must remain the program's top priority. Last year, at least 68,000 low-income children Louisiana remained eligible but were not enrolled in LaCHIP.

Most important, Congress has a duty to ensure SCHIP coverage actually delivers

timely care to enrolled children. A plastic government coverage card that only delays access and leads to long lines for care is an insult to low-income families.

Studies show children with Medicaid or SCHIP receive fewer recommended check ups and fewer visits with primary care providers than those with private coverage. According to national data from National Committee for Quality Assurance, more than half of parents with chronically ill children in Medicaid reported problems getting needed care quickly.

Parents, children and taxpayers deserve more accountability from the program. Some states still refuse to measure children's access problems.

The bill would: require states to indicate in their SCHIP annual reports how many children actually receive a primary care visit; encourage states to survey parents and report enrolled children are getting needed care and getting care quickly;

require states to report their plans to target enrollment outreach to needy children who don't already have private coverage.

Hurricane season doesn't end when school starts

The start of school is not the end of the hurricane season. Another three months remain for the season to end on Nov. 30.

"You might be caught up in school preparations, but it's still important to be prepared for a storm with a plan," advises LSU AgCenter family economist Dr. Gloria Nye. "A plan will help you cope during a storm and help you recover more easily after a storm."

She recommends making sure you are adequately insured as a homeowner.

"Review your homeowners insurance to be sure your coverage limits match any increases in property values," she says, adding, "Insurance coverage is available for the contents of your home and for the cost of living elsewhere while you make repairs if your home is damaged."

Also, Nye says to be aware that flood insurance does not take effect until 30 days after you purchase it. Don't forget insurance for personal property also is available for renters, and have an up-to-date inventory of your property (with video or pictures) to make it easier to make damage claims.

You'll need some supplies to survive in an emergency. Budget for added expenses, identify and gather what you'll need and keep it all in a central location. If you have important papers and documents, photo albums and other irreplaceable items stored in low cabinets or on the floor in closets, "Move them higher now," Nye says.

When choosing a place for flood-safe storage, Nye

advises not putting things in or on wood furniture, cabinets or counters. This furniture often floats and overturns in a flood. And particleboard may dissolve.

Prepare a "grab and go" box (preferably waterproof) for your family's important documents. Place papers in sealed waterproof plastic bags inside a durable sealed box, in a secure and easily accessible location.

This box should contain things like emergency phone numbers, copies of prescriptions, immunization records, health insurance cards or numbers, copies of insurance policies, deeds, wills, keys, checks and account or identification numbers for the bank, credit cards, driver's licenses, investments, Social Security and loan or debt obligations.

"Be sure you have an I.D. with you showing your address because re-entry to a disaster area is often restricted to residents," Nye said.

Depending on where you go in an evacuation, you may or may not be able to take your family's pet. Find out if your emergency shelter allows pets. If you have to leave your pet at home, how will it be protected from flood water and how will it be fed? Take a picture of you and your pet together for future identification. Keep the picture with your other important papers.

"When deciding whether to evacuate your family or ride it out, remember this: No piece of property is worth risking your family's life. Plan to evacuate early," Nye said.

Family disaster plan is urged for storm season

Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) urge all Louisiana residents to have a family disaster plan this hurricane season and be ready when severe weather approaches.

Everyone, including residents of any travel trailer or mobile home, should closely monitor and heed the warnings of state and local emergency officials when severe weather threatens.

Know what to do and be ready to leave when an evacuation order is given, and leave the trailer behind.

Mike Hall, the pre-designated Federal Coordinating Officer for the Louisiana Warm Cell hurricane planning team in Baton Rouge said, "Travel trailers and mobile homes are not as heavy and stable as permanent houses and are more vulnerable during severe weather."

FEMA housing units are intended to provide temporary housing, and in the case of approaching severe weather, should not be moved from their assigned locations."

GOHSEP director, Mark Cooper, reminds fellow Louisianans, "We're in the midst of an already active hurricane season and residents of temporary housing units are advised to be sure they know what to do when severe weather is on the way."

There is no substitute for individual preparedness when it comes to your safety and that of your family."

FEMA has distributed weather radios to those residents still residing in travel trailers, so that during a weather emergency, they can access the most up-to-date information.

If a severe weather warning is issued and local officials advise evacuation, residents should carry out their family's disaster plan. This should include gathering belongings and emergency supply kits, locking the unit's doors and windows, closing valves on propane tanks, turning off the electricity at the connection box and evacuating—preferably

to a pre-determined destination.

Here is a sampling of things to do to be aware and stay prepared:

Pack important items including a battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, medicines, non-perishable food, manual can opener, utility knife and first aid supplies.

Copy and store, in a waterproof bag, your important documents such as medical records, contracts, deeds, leases, banking records, insurance records and birth certificates.

Secure your unit, shut off the gas and leave your trailer in place.

Keep your vehicle fueled and pack some cash and a credit card. Gas pumps and ATMs may not be working.

Know where you are going. Have confirmed hotel reservations, make arrangements to stay with your friends and family or know where your nearest shelter is located.

If your household includes a person with a disability, you may need to take special steps to assist them. Remember their medications and travel requirements as you make your plan to evacuate.

Know where you will board your pet if there is not room where you are going. They sometimes become agitated during the onset of a storm, so a pet carrier is a must when you travel.

For more information on local hurricane preparedness, visit the State of Louisiana's website at www.gettagameplan.org.

FEMA's website, www.fema.gov, also features a series of links that provide information about what to do when severe weather approaches.

Homeland Security's www.ready.gov website is another valuable resource when preparing for a hurricane or tropical storm.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

— NOTICE —

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How to get your child organized for school

(StatePoint) Today's kids have the overflowing paperwork and bulging day planners of pint-sized CEOs. And organizing those activities and assignments takes capable assistants: mom and dad.

"Without parental intervention, virtually all elementary school children, and many middle and high school youths, will be unable to manage the flow of information from school to home and back again," says Dr. Anne Rambo, associate professor of family therapy at Nova Southeastern University in Florida and author of the book, "I Know My Child Can Do Better!"

Institute a daily backpack-unpacking ritual, she advises. Sit down with your child after school and sort through all the contents, putting them in one of six piles: trash; supplies; books; things to keep (like graded papers); long-term assignments (instructions for a book report due next month); and short-term assignments (homework due the next day).

"After you've thrown out the trash, put the books back, and saved what you wanted to keep, you're left with short- and long-term assignments. Designate a folder that returns to school, for homework, permission slips and everything else that should go back the next day," she says.

Keep a second folder for long-term projects at home. "Assignment sheets for reports due later, information about upcoming field trips, and the like stay in this folder."

"Organization is a skill your child needs for future academic success," she says. "A teacher doesn't have time to teach your child this. The task is up to you."



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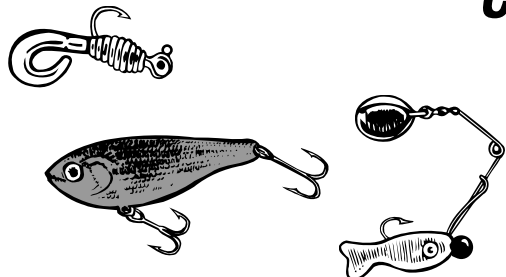
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The Redfish Challenge has a team tournament format where teams will be fishing for two (2) Redfish per day, between the slot size limit of 20 inches to 27 inches, over the two (2) days of the Festival. Contestants must use all means to weigh fish in 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.

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How to instill the love of reading in your youngster

When parents read aloud to their children, everyone wins, according to LSU AgCenter family development professor Dr. Rebecca White.

"Reading is fun for the adult and great for the children," White said. "It's easy for you and good for them." She explains that you don't even have to ration it because, unlike TV or ice cream, there's no such thing as too much.

"There's no such thing as too early, either," White said, noting that if you wait until preschool age to start reading to your children, you'll have missed out on years of opportunities to help your child with pre-literacy skills.

"If you even wait until they can talk, you'll have missed out on precious months where you can interact with your child in a beneficial way," the family expert added.

"As soon as your baby can focus her eyes on the pattern in your shirt or sweater,

start showing her the pictures found in infant books and talk about the images," she said.

Reading to tiny babies is a way of talking to them. Talking not only speeds brain development but also cements relationships. Make sure that anyone who ever cares for your baby takes reading to her for granted, White advises.

Reading to older babies is a way of expanding their experiences. You can't always find a real cat or truck or fried egg to tell them about, but you can always find pictures of those things in books. And linking the sight of things with the sounds of names boosts language learning.

"Reading to toddlers is educational and loving and fun," White said, adding that it's about language itself and discovering the joys of jokes and rhymes and funny, long words. It's about learning to "read" pictures to find the meanings of words or the answers to questions hiding behind those thrilling pull-tabs: Where's the kitten gone? There he is!

"Reading to young children is about the sheer, entrancing magic of stories unfolding between the pictures and the voice, playing to an emerging imagination and learning to put oneself in someone else's place," White said.

For related youth development topics, visit 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.

Gingers are a snap to grow

By DAN GILL
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

Months of hot, humid weather make summers in Louisiana a challenge to many of the plants in our gardens. As other plants languish in the heat, a wonderful group of plants called gingers thrive and delight us with bold foliage and attractive flowers. Native to tropical or semi-tropical regions, gingers flourish in the heat, rain and humidity. Planted into the garden now, they will still have time to get established before winter.

Despite their tropical origins, many gingers are hardy around the state and make excellent, permanent additions to the landscape. Gingers produce a thick, fleshy stem that grows at or just below the soil surface from what is called a rhizome. With a good, thick mulch of leaves or pine straw, the rhizome is easily protected during the winter. If the top is killed by hard freezes, the rhizome will resprout in the spring.

Gingers belong to the Zingiberaceae family. Their large leaves - which are sometimes variegated or attractively patterned - and vigorous clumping growth habit create an effect of tropical luxuriance, which many gardeners desire. In addition, most gingers we grow feature exotically beautiful and sometimes-fragrant flowers.

The plants we call gingers actually include many genera with many different sizes, growth habits and flower shapes. Low-growing gingers, like *Kaempferia pulchra* - smaller species of *Curcuma* or *Globba* - make great ground covers or clumps at the front of shady borders. Medium-sized gingers 3 to 6 feet tall include species of *Curcuma*, *Hedychium* and *Costus*, while the shell ginger (*Alpinia zerumbet*) grows 8 to 10 feet tall. These larger gingers are excellent choices for accents or screens or at the back of a border.

Gardeners who are working with shady areas will find a gold mine of shade-tolerant plants among the gingers. In their natural habi-

tats, most gingers grow under the canopies of trees in filtered light, although some grow in the open at the edge of water or in sunnier conditions. Most gingers will do best where they receive direct sun for about two to four hours a day and should not be planted in hot, sunny, dry locations. Shell ginger and some species of *Curcuma* and *Costus* will, however, grow in full sun.

Gingers thrive in moist, fertile soils rich in organic matter. When planting gingers into the landscape, choose a location with appropriate light and generously amend the soil with compost, well-rotted manure or peat moss. A 2- to 4-inch layer dug into the upper 8 inches of soil would be fine. Also, the addition of some general-purpose fertilizer will help create the nutrient-rich conditions in which gingers thrive.

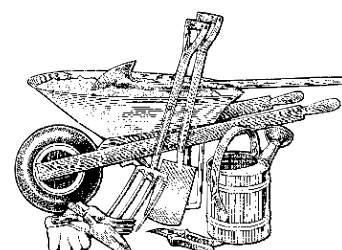
Under favorable growing conditions, many gingers grow vigorously and form clumps that should be periodically dug and divided. This keeps gingers from spreading into areas where they are not wanted and prevents the clumps from getting too large. This is best done in early April, although, many gardeners successfully divide gingers through the summer if new divisions are kept well-watered. Depending on how fast the plant grows and the amount of space allotted to it, dividing and replanting is generally done every couple of years.

Gingers, such as *Curcuma*, *Globba* and *Kaempferia*, go completely dormant in the winter. Their foliage turns yellow and brown in the fall, and the plants should be cut back at that time. Mark where they are growing, lest you forget and accidentally dig into them while they are dormant. They will sprout again in the spring and bloom during the summer. Keep them well-mulched over the winter.

Other gingers are evergreen (if they don't freeze back) and bloom on new shoots that grow each year, although old shoots may persist from the previous season. Plants in this group - such as butterfly ginger (*Hedychium*) and spiral ginger (*Costus*) - may be cut back to the ground in winter or early spring much as you would cannas. If plants are frozen back, all brown growth should be removed to just above ground level.

A few gingers, such as shell ginger (*Alpinia zerumbet*), are evergreen and bloom on the previous year's growth. Stalks that grew the summer before should not be cut back unless killed by freezes during winter. Shell ginger rarely blooms except in the mildest areas of the state. The variegated shell ginger is shorter-growing than the standard species and reaches 4 to 6 feet tall. The green foliage with brilliant yellow streaks is truly eye-catching and has made it one of the most popular gingers today.

People have occasionally asked me about the edibility of garden gingers. I would recommend you stick with common edible ginger, *Zingiber officinale*, for your cooking. Rhizomes are available at the supermarket, and it has the flavor we generally are looking for when a recipe calls for ginger.



How to decide whether your child is ready for preschool

Is your child ready for preschool? In Louisiana a child must turn 4 years old by Sept. 30 to be eligible for preschool services. Preschool in Louisiana is not mandatory; it's an option.

"Child development research tells us that children develop at their own rate," said LSU AgCenter early childhood education expert Cheri Gioe. "This means that some children may be stronger in one area of development than others their age group."

The youth development educator said that many aspects of a child's development contribute to future success in school:

*Children should be well-rounded socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically.
*Children should be healthy. They need regular medical care for checkups and immunizations.

*Young children need proper nutrition that includes fruits, vegetables and dairy products.

*Children need to sleep a minimum of 10-12 hours per night and nap during the day.

*Young children need periods of outdoor play that is supervised by an adult.

"Today's young children are often excited, even motivated about starting preschool," Gioe said. She noted that children entering preschool should be able to work in a group and get along with adults and other children. Children who are confident, independent and persistent and demonstrate self-control and the ability to cooperate typically are more successful than those who don't exhibit these characteristics.

"Young children entering preschool must be able to

understand and use language," Gioe said. Preschoolers will be involved in many activities that require the use of language in many different ways. To foster language development, Gioe said, parents should play with their children and help their children extend their play. They also should spend time talking and listening with their children daily.

"Remember to answer the questions they have because this helps broaden their knowledge base," Gioe said, adding, "Spend time reading aloud with your child daily."

The early youth development expert said behaviors a parent can teach and look for in a child in preparation for preschool include: can follow simple directions; helps around the house with chores; identifies shapes and colors; likes to sort items such as colored socks, shirts, pants, utensils; tries new things; works well alone; and finishes tasks.

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Skipping breakfast impairs students' school performance

Although most parents tell their children that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, many kids don't listen. Surveys show that as many as 48 percent of girls and 32 percent of boys do not eat breakfast every day.

Eating breakfast improves concentration, problem-solving ability, mental performance, memory and mood, according to LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames.

"With breakfast, students will think faster and clearer and will have better recall," Reames said, adding that breakfast eaters also score higher on tests and have better concentration and muscle coordination.

"Children who eat breakfast are more alert and perform better on school tests than children who do not eat breakfast. They are also more creative and energetic," the nutritionist said.

Some people believe that skipping breakfast may help them lose weight. Studies of adolescents, however, indicate that missing breakfast is associated with weight gain. Skipping meals often leads to overeating later in the day. Becoming over-hungry often leads to a lack of control and the inability to determine when you're full. This often leads to eating more calories than if you had a nutritious breakfast.

Hunger, even short-term hunger, decreases attention span and the ability to concentrate.

"Hungry children just can't do their best work," Reames said, explaining, "They're easily distracted and become fidgety, irritable and tired. Also, children who eat breakfast are less likely to miss class, be tardy or report they are sick than children who miss the morning meal."

Reames added that teachers shouldn't forget their breakfast either. The meal also provides them with the energy and nutrients they need to start the day. It's especially important for parents to eat a good breakfast every day, since parents are role models for their children. Children who see their parents eat breakfast are more likely to eat breakfast, too.

If you skip breakfast, your body has gone many hours without nutrients. Getting the 40-plus nutrients needed each day is more likely for those who eat a morning meal.

"Breakfast skippers may never make up the nutrients they miss," Reames said, noting that breakfast should provide children with about a quarter of their daily calories. Children who skip breakfast may not get as much protein, carbohydrates, calcium, iron and vitamin C each day as children who eat breakfast.

Breakfast provides glucose - the fuel needed to think, walk, talk and carry on all activities, because the brain and central nervous system run on glucose. Lack of glucose deprives the brain of nutrients, and the body has to work extra hard to break down any stored carbohydrate or turn fat or protein into a usable form for the brain to function.

"You'll begin to feel the effects when you're sitting in a classroom, trying to concentrate on reading or doing any other work," Reames said.

School breakfast is the best option to provide a balanced meal every school morning. School breakfasts provide a balance of nutrients, including carbohydrate, protein and fat.

A balanced breakfast such

as fruit, cereal and low-fat milk gives a sustained release of energy, which delays symptoms of hunger for several hours.

If there's no time in the morning to eat breakfast, there are plenty of items you can bring along with you to school or work, the nutritionist says. For example, carry a re-sealable bag of easy-to-eat whole-grain cereal or bring yogurt or small box of skim milk, juice or fruit.

"Even if you just tolerate food in the morning, try to have a little something - such as some juice - and bring along a mid/morning snack," Reames said. Other good portable items include whole-grain crackers, hard-cooked eggs, cottage cheese, low-fat granola bars or even a peanut butter sandwich. Single serving hot cereals, such as oatmeal, also are handy, because all you have to do is add hot water, which is available at most cafeterias or at the office.

The rush to school and work each day means some things have to be sacrificed - and often they include breakfast.

"Make eating breakfast a top priority in your and your children's lives," Reames said.

For related nutrition topics, click on the Food and Health link on the LSU AgCenter home page at www.lsuagcenter.com. For additional information about eating healthfully, contact the LSU AgCenter Extension agent in your parish.

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A positive attitude about back to school starts at home

A bad attitude about school can hinder a child's future. Parents and caregivers can either help or undermine the importance of doing well, according to LSU AgCenter family life professor Dr. Karen Overstreet.

Children are quick to pick up on not-so-subtle signals from parents who complain about schedules, the cost of school supplies or the summer reading program. These attitudes imply school is just a nuisance and really isn't that important.

"School is an extremely important part of a child's life," Overstreet said. "If parents and other adults place a high value on education, there is more likelihood that children will follow suit."

Overstreet advises getting children involved with positive back-to-school activities that help them see education is valued.

"Volunteer activities can be a good way for parents and kids to work together, and they are tangible ways of demonstrating the importance of our schools," Overstreet said. Some schools have community work days where volunteers come together to paint, landscape, unpack supplies or build playgrounds.

Roles for children depend on age groups, but planning for student involvement is important. A couple of parents or teens may plan activities for young children, while older children and adults paint or complete other tasks.

"The idea is for children to see the community involvement in their school," Overstreet said.

She suggests letting children pick out school supplies or collect outgrown uniforms to donate to community groups. Doing so let's them see that getting ready for school is so important that others pitch in, Overstreet says.

"Letting children make choices is another way of teaching them decision-making skills," the LSU AgCenter expert advised. "Shopping at a dollar store, for example, makes it easy for younger children to pick out items and still be within

budget, since the prices are similar."

To practice, tell your child that he or she may spend \$2 on supplies for the school supply drive, and let the youngster pick out the two items, she says, or older children may be encouraged to purchase items with their allowance.

"Spend time talking with your children - and listen carefully to what they are saying," Overstreet said. Are they repeating negative comments they hear from others or from the media about school? Is it possible they have some anxiety about a new experience?

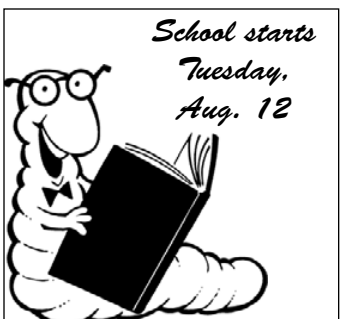
"It's OK to admit you didn't always look forward to the first day of school either," Overstreet said, remarking, "After all, many of us don't like to get up in the mornings or to do homework!"

Laughing over shared feelings is different from implying teachers are the problem or that school is bad.

"Challenge your child to figure out a way to celebrate the beginning of school by surprising someone," Overstreet said. She suggests writing a thank-you note to take with freshly baked cookies to last year's teacher or having a group of friends work with the principal to make welcome-back signs for the doorways.

"Children who feel some ownership in their school are likely to stay more involved and on track," Overstreet said.

For related youth and family topics, visit the family and home link on 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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The Cameron Parish Registrar's Office is trying to locate our military personnel. We need to get updated addresses on our Cameron Parish military men and women; they need a chance to be able to vote in any of our state and local elections.

If you know or if you have an address of our military personnel please call or send that information to our office.

Our phone number is: 337-775-5493. Our address is: Registrar of Voters, P O. Box 1, Cameron, LA 70631.

Thanks for your help,
Registrar of Voters Office

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2008-2009 Current Openings and New Positions

For all positions listed, applicants should download the appropriate application from www.camsch.org; and schedule an interview with the contact person listed for the position in which the applicant is interested. The applicant must submit the completed application to the contact person at the time of the interview. Applicants interested in itinerant positions involving two schools must schedule interviews with and provide copies of application to both contact persons.

Cameron Parish Pupil Appraisal Center, Contact: John White, Director (337) 540-0405.

School Psychologist (full or part-time position available)

Grand Lake High School (5 day week), Contact: David Duhan, Principal (337) 598-4774 or 302-2763

Special Education Teacher, K-4 Self-Contained Hackberry High School (4 day week), Contact Brenda Sanders, Principal (337) 762-2069

Teacher Aide (experience with autistic and/or pre-school children preferred)

South Cameron High School (4 day week), Contact: Carol Wainwright, Principal (337) 542-4772

Spanish Language Interpreter

Deadline for all applications is August 11, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

Available positions will continually be updated at www.camsch.org. Appointments will be approved at monthly meetings of the Cameron Parish School Board

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Liberty Gas Storage LLC

Please take notice that Liberty Gas Storage LLC ("Liberty") filed, on July 31, 2008, an application ("Application") with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") for approval to construct and operate new natural gas storage and pipeline facilities in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes in Louisiana. The underground natural gas storage facilities that Liberty proposes to construct will be located on a 159-acre tract of land owned by Liberty in Cameron Parish. This tract is located approximately three miles west of the town of Hackberry, Louisiana. In addition, Liberty proposes to construct natural gas pipeline and compression facilities and saltwater pipeline and disposal wells and other appurtenant facilities, which will be located in both Cameron and Calcasieu parishes. Liberty expects to begin construction activities in 2009, after receipt of approval from the Commission and other government agencies. Specific descriptions of the nature and location of all of the proposed facilities are set forth in the Application, as filed with the Commission. The Commission has assigned the following docket number to the Application: CP08-454-000.

The Commission has available a pamphlet that describes the Commission's procedures for the review of natural gas pipeline and storage projects, the rights of affected landowners, how the location of natural gas pipeline and storage projects are determined, and what safety and environmental issues may be involved. This pamphlet is entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?" and is available for viewing and printing at the Commission's internet website: www.ferc.gov.

Copies of the Application are available for public viewing at the following locations in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes:

Hackberry Public Library 983 Main Street Hackberry, Louisiana 70645 Telephone: 337-762-3978	Calcasieu Parish Public Library 301 West Claude Street Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605 Telephone: 337-475-8792
Grand Lake Public Library 961 Highway 384 Lake Charles, Louisiana Telephone: 337-598-5950	Sulphur Regional Library 1160 Cypress Street Sulphur, Louisiana 70663 Telephone: 337-527-7200

In addition, information regarding the Application may be obtained by contacting the following person:

Hugh Berglund, Operations Manager
Liberty Gas Storage LLC
2100 West Burton Street
Sulphur, Louisiana 70663
Telephone: 337-527-2256
Email: hberglund@semprapipelines.com

To the extent that the facilities proposed in the Application cross a landowner's property, Liberty will need to acquire an easement from that landowner. Questions about the rights of landowners at the proceedings to be conducted by the Commission regarding the Application, and the rights of landowners under the eminent domain laws of Louisiana, may be addressed by visiting the Commission's internet website (www.ferc.gov) or by calling the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 866-208-3372 (toll free). Liberty will be mailing to each landowner whose land will be crossed by the proposed facilities or whose land abuts a right-of-way or site that will be crossed or occupied by the proposed facilities a more detailed notice and description of the Application.

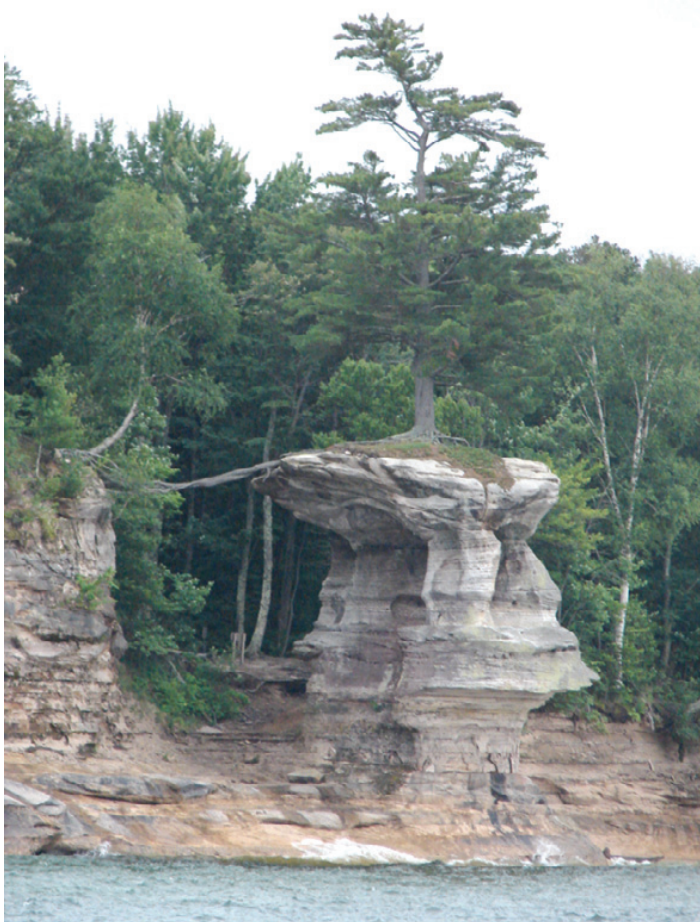
Liberty is engaged in the business of developing and operating natural gas storage projects. Liberty currently is completing construction of two natural gas storage caverns located in Sulphur, Louisiana.



FEMA TRAILERS in Cameron Parish seemed to have weathered Tropical Storm Edouard Tuesday. This one had no apparent damage. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THIS IS THE store rebuilt just over the Texas line on Pleasure Island. Some say is "on the ground", but it does have some natural elevation and is on a small dirt hill. It is causing some controversy. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Chapel Rock - notice the tree roots



Munising Falls



Greedy gulls



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

The waterfalls are gorgeous. There are about 17 falls with trails that are readily accessible for the average adult. Benches are available for hikers to rest while climbing back up the hills. A few of the easier trails have been paved for handicapped accessibility. Plentiful rainfall insured bountiful waterfalls, even at the Bridal Falls which is normally dry during the summer months.

I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Airman Blue is deployed overseas

Air Force Senior Airman Devin W. Blue has deployed overseas to a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U. S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq.

Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U. S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending

Grand Lake TV customers are getting new channels

Cameron Communications recently launched 13 new HD channels in Carlyss and Grand Lake. The programming expansion will give customers in these areas access to Discovery HD, ESPN HD, ESPN 2 HD, Food Network HD, KVHP-Fox HD, GOLF HD, HGTV HD, KPLC-NBC HD, Outdoor Channel HD, TNT HD as well as premium programming - including Cinemax HD, HBO HD and Showtime HD.

"We are excited to bring HDTV programming to our customers in Carlyss and Grand Lake," said George Mack, President of Cameron Communications.

"There's no doubt that

HDTV is the future format of today's television. Cameron Communications is committed to providing a state of the art fiber network, allowing our customers to enjoy enhanced services like HDTV, video-on-demand, DVR and high speed internet. We will offer additional HDTV channels in the future to meet the entertainment needs of our customers."

Cameron Communications' digital television offering now includes over 160 channels with Video On-Demand and DVR options. Grand Lake customers wanting more information should call 855-2009 and Carlyss customers should call 1-800-737-3900.

and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Blue, a fire and emergency services journeyman with four years of military service, is normally assigned

to Hurlburt Field, Fla.

He is the son of Cindy L. Blue, and grandson of Barbara Dickerson, both of Hackberry. He is a 2001 graduate of Hackberry High School.



You can go home again

By JULIE FLETCHER

My husband, Gary, and I recently traveled to Michigan, my childhood home, for a family reunion and mini-vacation. The reunion was the usual combination of old and new faces, family stories, a few comments like "no, that's not how it happened!" and lots of food.

We drove to the Upper Peninsula the next day for our vacation days. Like most states, there is more to do than time available. We decided to visit the towns of Sault Ste. Marie and Munising.

Sault Ste. Marie is known for the Soo Locks. We were able to watch the Algosar, a chemical freighter, pass through the locks from Huron to Superior. The St. Mary River drops from 600 ft. elevation on Lake Superior's side to 577 ft. on Lake Huron's side, with several rapids in between.

Not so hard to handle in a canoe, but tough in a cargo-laden ship. The four locks make it possible for ships to travel safely from Lake

Superior to Lake Huron, or vice versa.

Then we stopped near Paradise, Mich., to visit the Upper Tahquamenon Falls. These falls are the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi. Niagara Falls in New York is the biggest. The waterfall is a variety of shades of browns because of the tannins in the water which come from decaying leaves and tree branches. The water is soft enough that large clumps of foam collect in pools at the base of the falls.

Munising is a small town of approximately 2,374 people on the southern-central shore of Lake Superior that gets an average of 230 inches of snowfall each year!! Residents boast that "summer is three months of bad sledding."

But summer is also a great time to visit the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (the first ever national lakeshore) and the many area waterfalls. For those brave enough to face the 57°F surface waters of Lake Superior there are plenty of places to swim or to

rent kayaks or canoes.

We took a three hour cruise to view the Pictured Rocks from the lake - after first making sure that our boat wasn't the S. S. Minnow. Even with lightly choppy waters and drizzling rain the tour was thoroughly enjoyable. The colors on the cliffs come from minerals in the ground water that seeps out of the rock and down the sandstone cliffs. Black marks are made by manganese deposits, red by iron, blue-green by copper, and white by calcium. On the return trip one of the crew members tossed bread to the seagulls, who swarmed the area and fought over each piece.

We also walked down sand dunes to the lakeshore, and slogged back up those same dunes. Walking up sand dunes is fantastic leg exercise! I frequently stopped to admire the wet agate, jasper, and flint stones along the beach. Visitors to the National Lakeshore are encouraged to leave the stones for future visitors to enjoy.

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BUS FROM GRAND LAKE TO SOUTH CAMERON HIGH SCHOOL (AND TO THE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SITE AT GRAND LAKE)

To alleviate any congestion at Grand Lake High School, parents on the west side of Grand Lake whose children attend South Cameron High School are to meet the bus at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Property (Eighty Acres) at 6:45 AM; parents on the east side should meet the bus at the southeast corner of the parking lot of the Grand Lake High School baseball field at 6:55 AM. In accordance with FEMA policy, the bus cannot enter the FEMA Trailer Park in Grand Lake. It will stop at the gates of the trailer park for residents only. No one else can meet the bus at that FEMA location.

(This same bus will also transport students to and from South Cameron to the Alternative School Site at Grand Lake High School that will house students from both Grand Lake and South Cameron High Schools who have been suspended or expelled.)

A similar route will occur to transport students from Johnson Bayou to the Alternative School Site at Hackberry High School for students which have been suspended or expelled from Hackberry and Johnson Bayou High Schools.

Any Johnson Bayou students needing transportation from Hackberry on a daily basis are to contact Principal Gene Reynolds at 569-2773, so that arrangements can be made. (At the close of the school year, no one remained in need of such transportation.

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MINOR SHOULDER damages occurred when water ran across David Road near the Cameron jetties on Tuesday during Tropical Storm Edouard. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THIS WAS THE view from the Cameron Courthouse Tuesday morning during the passage of Tropical Storm Edouard. Damage was minor in this area. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



JACK-UP RIGS sought shelter in the Cameron loop and ship channel during Tropical Storm Edouard Tuesday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



MARSHALL STREET in Cameron, just in front of the Court House, stayed flooded most of Tuesday morning. The street sign in the left foreground has blown down. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



PARKING LOTS along the Cameron docks were under water for a time. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



DEJA VU - Blackhawk helicopter landing in Smith Field in Cameron, bringing state officials to view the effects of Tropical Storm Edouard on Tuesday, brings back memories of Hurricane Rita. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

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