

Absentee voting set on amend.

Absentee voting for the Sept. 18 election in Cameron Parish will be held Sept. 7-11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Registrar of Voters Office on the bottom floor of the courthouse in Cameron.

There are three items on the ballot:

*Constitutional Amendment No. 1 which defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

*Law Enforcement District Parishwide Proposition No. 1 on the renewal of an 8-mill tax.

*Law Enforcement District Provision No. 2--2 mill tax.

Persons eligible to vote absentee are those who will be out of the parish on election day, people who are 65 years of age and older and people who are working off the coast in state waters.

For information on voting and registration call Suzanne Sturlese, registrar, or Michelle Richard, deputy registrar, at 775-5493.

Amendment set on same sex unions

A constitutional amendment that defines marriage as the "union of one man and one woman" will be voted on in Louisiana on Saturday, Sept. 18.

The amendment, if passed, would prohibit the recognition of same sex unions contracted in other states or jurisdictions.

Same sex marriages already are prohibited in Louisiana. The constitutional amendment would make it impossible to change this law unless it was voted on by the public.

Most of Louisiana's legislators were co-sponsors of the constitutional amendment including Senators Cain, Mout and Theunissen and Representatives Hill, Johns and Flavin.

Aug. 18 is the deadline to vote in this election if voter is not already registered.

La. Senior Olympics to be held

Cameron Parish senior citizens are advised that the Louisiana Senior Olympics will be held Oct. 6, 7 and 8.

Parish seniors who qualified to participate are asked to notify Lori Broussard at 598-5158 when they get their qualification letters.

This must be done in order to provide transportation and room reservations

All Star event set at G. L.

The Grand Lake All Star program will hold a parent/student orientation and sign up Sept. 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Lake Recreation Center.

For more information call Lori Broussard at 598-5158. The class is limited to 12 students and will be on a first come basis.

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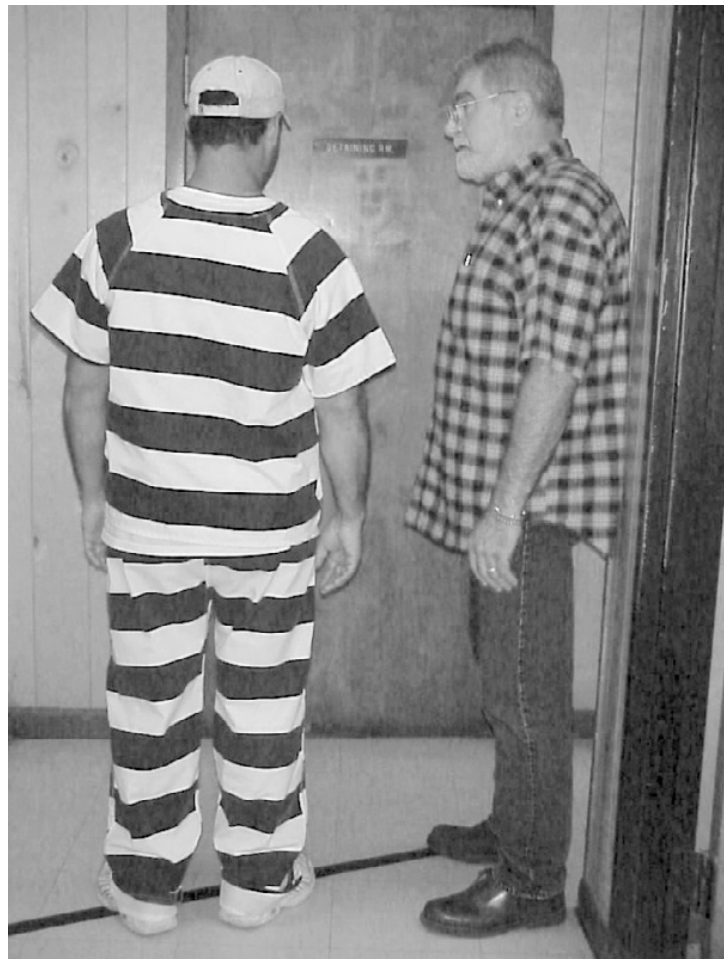
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SHERIFF THEOS DUHON has changed the uniform of parish prisoners to the black and white two piece suit shown here. He said he wants to avoid confusion with some oilfield workers who wear orange jumpsuits and the Phelps Correction prisoners who clean the roadsides, also in orange. He wanted a distinctive suit which couldn't be mistaken for anyone else, especially in times of crisis or evacuation. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Library board to roll back tax millage

The Cameron Parish Library Board voted Tuesday evening to roll back its tax millage as a result of the recent property tax assessment. The adjusted millage of 5.75 (down from 6.0) is expected to yield the same revenue as last year, \$853,077.65.

Board members expressed their commitment to providing the services which the people of Cameron want, while living within the budget they have been working with. Members plan to look at next year's budget to plan how to accommodate increased costs in some areas.

In response to many requests from Johnson's Bayou, Hackberry, and Grand Lake, the board voted to extend its branch library hours for the rest of the year. The branches had been enjoying extended summer hours which patrons wanted to continue. The new hours will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: 8:30-4:30; Thursday: 11:30-6:00; and Friday: 8:30-4:00. The funds needed to pay for these extra hours will be made up from other areas of the budget.

Another added expense for the library will be bookmobile repairs. The bookmobile's air conditioning compressor was sent to Florida for repair, and was destroyed by Hurricane Charley. Martin GMC, who sent it there, is looking for a replacement, which should cost \$1200.

On recommendation of the building committee, the board voted to engage the services of Gene Sellers, of The Sellers Group architectural firm, to design the renovations for the Grand Chenier branch library. The proposed design, which may be further altered, will include a children's area, four public computers, and a meeting room which will have after hours access. Committee member John Calzada praised both architects who applied, but said Sellers design ideas matched those of the board more closely. Building Committee members are Calzada, Wanita Harrison, and Kenny Trahan.

While the cost of the new library branch is expected to be in the \$200,000 range, board members reminded everyone that building costs have gone up tremendously since the Iraq war began, and this is a "turnkey" job. The building will be ready to put books in when it is done. The other branches were done in phases, and the total costs for each will be comparable. Librarian Charlotte Troclair said. The board also hopes to be able to provide meeting rooms for the other branches in the next few years.

Consideration of purchasing another vehicle to keep employees from having to use their personal vehicles for trips, etc., was tabled until next year, pending budget considerations.

Crab Fest to be held at B. Lake

Harbor Lights Bar & Restaurant at Big Lake will hold its first annual Crab Festival Saturday, Aug. 21.

There will be crab cookoff in the parking lot and live music from 4 to 11 p.m. There is a \$25 entry fee per team for the cookoff with the proceeds to go to local churches.

No ice chests will be permitted.

For more information call 598-4897, 489-4313, 274-9572 or 582-7749.

Ruling told on library employees

By SHAWN MARTIN
American Press

Part-time Cameron Parish Library maintenance employees can be paid extra for using their own equipment and tools for projects, according to the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

The board ruled Thursday that two part-time maintenance men at the library can be paid an extra \$5 an hour for projects that require the use of their personal tools, including lawn mowers.

The library does not furnish the two employees with tools or equipment. They are paid \$10 per hour each, and each works less than 27 hours per week.

To compensate for the use of their tools and equipment, Barrett, Asst. District Attorney, said the employees are paid an extra \$5 per hour each for each project.

Riders Club rodeo set

The Cameron Riders Club will have a rodeo on Friday, Aug. 27 with the books opening at 5 p.m. and the rodeo starting at 6 p.m.

There will be jack pot team roping and prize money will be given.

The rodeo had originally been scheduled for Aug. 28.

School bids to open soon

The Cameron Parish School Board will open bids on Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. on the construction of a new 40,750 square foot elementary school at Grand Lake.

The new facility will be constructed west of the existing school on a 19-acre tract purchased by the School Board.

The new school will consist of concrete drives and parking lots, drop-off canopy, kitchen, cafeteria, library, commons, restrooms, administrative area and 16 new classrooms.

The school will be steel framed with concrete block walls and brick exterior. The roof will be framed with metal trusses, decked and covered with a machine seamed standing seam metal roof.

C. Gayle Zembower is the architect on the project.

Who's Who

Monday, Aug. 23 is the deadline for Cameron Parish businesses, industries, churches, organizations, etc. to reserve space in the Cameron Pilot's 2004 Who's Who edition.

The section will feature profiles and photographs of local businesses, organizations, etc.

Call Jeffra DeViney, advertising manager, at 1-800-256-7323 or 337-786-8004 for more information or to reserve space.



ABOUT 6000 acres were burned on the Sabine Wildlife Refuge near Hackberry on this past weekend, resulting from a blaze that was set on private property. This picture of the fire along Hwy. 27 was taken by Larry "Gator" Smith of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

6000 acres burn on refuge in wild fire

A wildfire began burning on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge this past weekend when a fire set on private property crossed a 40 foot canal. The fire has burned approximately 4081 acres within Management Unit 3, located in the north central portion of the refuge.

This 28,000 acre impounded unit used primarily by fishermen has been temporarily closed to all uses until further notice. "The marsh grasses and other plants have evolved with repeated fires and the vegetation will recover. However, this is an uncontrolled wildfire that we are suppressing. Fires should only be introduced to the refuge under controlled conditions by professionals", said David Chisolm, Incident Commander.

Winds are expected to be out of the northeast at 5-9 mph. Monday fire management officials conducted a "burn-out" operation by using

a helicopter burning method. This operation involves burning the marsh and local fuels ahead of the wildfire. The strategy involves containing the wildfire within the canals surrounding Unit 3.

During this time of year many land owners burn their property in preparation for waterfowl hunting season. Under certain weather conditions, fire can jump over canals, roads and other features that typically border land ownership boundaries here in south Louisiana.

The Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, including Cameron Prairie, Sabine and Lacassine National Wildlife Refuges, would like to ask that all landowners planning to burn property adjacent to or near any of the refuges please let our Fire Management Staff know by calling 337-762-3816. If refuge officials are aware that a fire may be set they can take actions to prevent refuge wildfires.

Breast cancer program to be given at libraries

The Cameron Parish Library and Lake Charles Memorial Hospital Tele-Medicine Department in partnership with the Breast Health Center will present a series of seminars dedicated to educating women about breast cancer prevention through lifestyle choices and the importance of early detection and treatment.

The free seminar will take place on Tuesday, August 24 at 6 p.m. at all locations of the Cameron Parish Library.

Monthly educational programs representing both the traditional and complementary approaches to breast cancer and breast health will be presented via videoconferencing technology.

Each seminar will last approximately 1.5 hours and will be held in all branches of

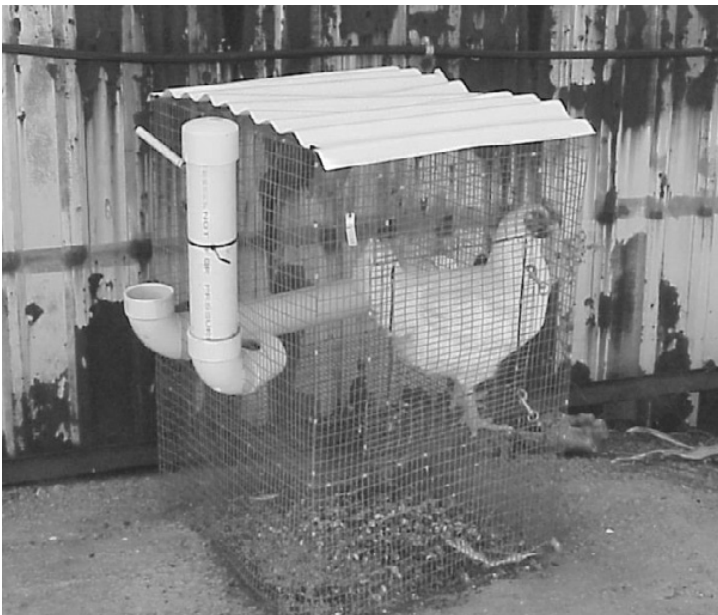
the Cameron Parish Library via Tele-Conference.

To register for each free seminar, please contact Dede Nunez at 775-5421 or via dnunez@pelican.state.lib.la. Through the use of videoconferencing technology, these programs will be made available to off-site locations around the state. Questions can be posed of the speakers in real time during the seminar.

Bring your mother or daughter to this special workshop presented by Kim Strong, Director of the Breast Health Center of LCMH. Some topics to be covered are sociology and psychology of breasts, breast anatomy and physiology, breast self-care, and everything you've ever wanted to know about breast health but were afraid to ask.



THIS BURNED OUT wreck behind the Sheriff's Dept. mechanic shop is all that is left after an accident Saturday that left Deputy Robert LaBove in the hospital with a shattered vertebrae. LaBove had swerved to avoid a car which failed to stop at a stop sign, lost control and hit a tree. The gas tank was punctured and the heat from the exhaust pipe set the patrol car on fire. Bystanders helped LaBove from the car. He is expected to make a full recovery in time. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THIS IS ONE of 25 "sentinel chickens" that the Cameron Mosquito Control agency has placed in all parts of Cameron Parish. Blood samples are taken by Josh Hightower, biologist, on a regular basis to test for West Nile virus and encephalitis. Two birds have been found this year in the parish (one at Cameron and one at Grand Lake) with West Nile virus, but there have been no human cases. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funerals



JOSEPH NICK TRAMONTE SR.

Funeral services for Joseph Nick Tramonte, Sr., 61, of Holly Beach, were held Saturday, Aug. 14, at Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Herbert May officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery.

Mr. Tramonte died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in his residence.

Mr. Tramonte had lived in the Lake Charles-Sulphur area before moving to Holly Beach in 1977. He served in the Navy and later was an insulator for many years. Mr. Tramonte was the owner of Joe Nick's Motel in Holly Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Tramonte of Holly

Beach; two daughters, Jennifer Tramonte Page of Sulphur and LaVonda Potts of Angleton, Tex.; three sons, Joseph Nick Tramonte, Jr., of Lake Charles, Jeffery Scott Tramonte of Fort Drum, N. Y., and Johnathan Nick Tramonte of DeQuincy; two sisters, Rosalie Bertrand of Longville and Ann Ball of Marlow, Okla; and 16 grandchildren.

LINDSEY FAITH BENOIT

Lindsey Faith Benoit, infant daughter of Kevin and Jonette Benoit, of Grand Lake, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004.

Her private graveside service was under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles.



Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes



By Geneva Griffith

I have been glued to my television set for the last two days watching Hurricane Charley and it's journey through the Gulf as it made landfall in Florida. I learned long ago that you cannot trust hurricanes so it is better to keep your eyes on them.

They lost Hurricane Audrey for a while, even though we were trying in 1957 to be informed. We had a marine radio and kept it on constantly, but that didn't help us in the end. That was before we had the advanced system we have today to track weather conditions.

Of course when you have children and old people in the home you don't prepare to leave until you have to. That is why we had not left when Hurricane Audrey headed directly our way. We were lucky to lose only one in our group. The century old oak trees saved our lives.

I will never get over losing my father-in-law, who drowned in my arms, but am

thankful my life was saved to be able to raise my two children.

My prayer is that the poor people in Florida who have been affected by this terrible storm can know that the Lord doesn't put on us any more worries than we can handle.

On a lighter note, we have had a very busy week here at the Village. We finally got up a bridge group and had a four table group there at our first meeting, although only one was a man. He said he had been living here since it was founded over 20 years ago, and plans to stay until he dies.

We had our monthly social at the club last night featuring a supper cooked by my next door neighbor Edmond Landry. There was 84 there. I won the door prize, a sewing kit designed and made by one of our members. I had also won a \$28 picture frame, playing bingo at a local department store at their Senior Citizen Day.

Calcasieu Pass was only civil War battle in the area

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The Battle of Calcasieu Pass on May 6, 1864, which took place at the mouth of the Calcasieu River, off Monkey Island, was the only battle which took place in Southwest Louisiana during the Civil War.

Cameron Parish as a political entity, was not organized until after the war ended. Because of its isolation from the outside world, it became, in a sense, a "No-Man's-Land", neglected by the Confederacy because of its inaccessibility, and prized by the Union navy as a source of supply.

Due to the lack of law and order in the area, Cameron Parish became a haven for deserters, draft dodgers, Union sympathizers and criminals.

Especially troublesome were the Jayhawks, a band of about 200 desperadoes who roamed the countryside stealing, looting, burning, and killing.

Oddly enough, it was the Jayhawks who were instrumental in bringing about the battle of Calcasieu Pass.

The battle brought together two determined foes-Union gunboats bent on "purchasing" stolen livestock and recruiting men to serve in the navy, and a "scrappy" band of Confederates determined to expel the invaders.

The two Union gunboats, Granite City and Wave, received orders April 15, 1864, to proceed to Calcasieu Pass to buy 250 head of cattle and 200 horses from the Jayhawks who had stolen the livestock from area farms.

The Wave arrived April 24 with gold for the purchase, bombing an abandoned Confederate fort on the way and anchoring two miles upstream.

Lt. Benjamin W. Loring was the commander and its armament included four 24-pounders, a 32-pound rifle, and a 20-pound Parrott rifle.

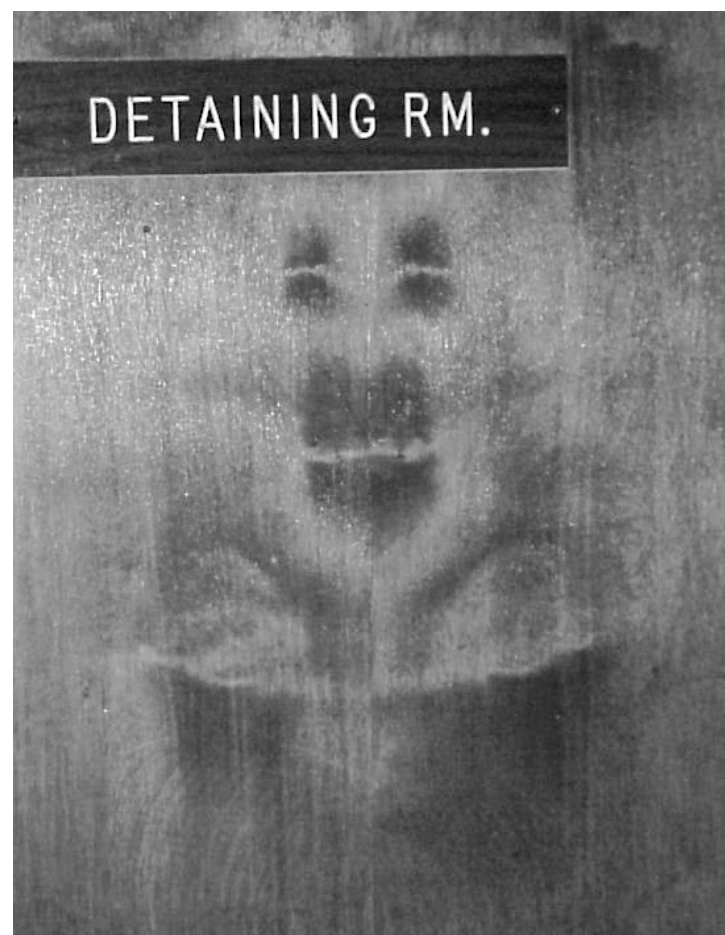
The Granite City, commanded by Lt. Charles W. Lamson, arrived two days later and anchored about 300 yards from the Wave, around the bend in the river.

The arrival of the gunboats abruptly reversed

Confederate neglect of Southwest Louisiana, and when Col. W. H. Griffin, at Fort Manhassett in Sabine Pass, received word of the landings, his first thought was: "This is it-The Invasion." He immediately wired General J. B. McGruder's Houston headquarters for instructions.

His reply was, "Attack the small force at Calcasieu at once, and disperse, defeat, or capture the expedition."

Major Felix McReynolds, Commandant of Fort Manhassett, led its two companies-one from Griffin's Battalion and one from Creuzbauer's Battery-along with other units, numbering about 300 in all, from the Fort to Calcasieu Pass, (during the



YES, YOU REALLY did see a face in the door of the Sheriff's Office Detaining Room. Sheriff Duhon thinks it looks like Gabby Hays. The shadowy design has always been on the door, employees say. The image is formed by the natural grain of the wood.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

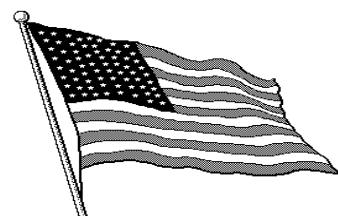
night to avoid detection) and began the attack on the two gunboats at daylight.

Creuzbauer's gunners opened fire at 1,000 yds. to cover the infantry's advance to the banks of the Calcasieu, the brave confederates making their stand in the salt grass marsh without any benefit of cover.

The confederate infantrymen had the benefit of surprise, but could get off only 10 rounds before the two gunboats opened fire.

In only 2 1/2 hrs. the two gunboats had been knocked

out by the crossfire of the confederate muskets and 22 Union and Confederate soldiers had gallantly died for their cause, many remaining behind to be buried in simple graves marked with white picket crosses on Monkey Island.



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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Lake Charles American Press, August 19, 1923)

STOCKMEN MOVE CATTLE BECAUSE OF HIGH WATER

H. K. Midkiff, federal supervisor of tick eradication for Southwest Louisiana, returned Thursday before noon from attending a meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, held in the town of Cameron, Wednesday. Mr. Midkiff stated that stockmen are moving their cattle out to the marshes and off the beaches on the Gulf, up into Calcasieu Parish, on account of high waters. He said that in the Geranen and Albert Vincent herds, about a hundred head were lost in the marshes below Hackberry.

Mr. Midkiff said that stockmen were also moving their cattle off St. John's Island on the west side of the Calcasieu River on account of overflow waters from that stream. In the town of Cameron, he said that the Calcasieu River was up to the door steps off the first stores.

S. W. Sweeney, Clerk of Court of Cameron, also came up on the steamer Rex Thursday morning and stated that he did not anticipate any serious damages from high water in Cameron with the Calcasieu falling at Lake Charles.

Fred Shutts, parish highway engineer, said Thursday morning, that the Calcasieu ran over the highway grade between the bridge and Westlake, to a depth of from 18 inches to two feet and that it would be ten days before the Old Spanish Trail is open for traffic unless the river falls faster than it has in the past two days.

(Cameron Pilot, August 19, 1971)

OIL INDUSTRY TO BE HONORED

The oil industry has been chosen to be honored at the 1972 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival in January in Cameron.

This decision was made by the board of directors of the Festival. W. F. Henry, Jr., was chairman of the committee that was chosen to conduct the poll of the directors.

Each year an industry is chosen to be honored and a

king is chosen from that industry to reign over the Festival.

The first industry so honored was Menhaden Fishing and King Fur No. 1 was Jack Styron. The Fur Industry was next honored with Alvin Dyson reigning as King Fur No. 2. Last year the Cattle Industry was chosen and Mark Richard reigned as King Fur No. 3. He will relinquish his crown at the 1972 festival to the new king for the oil industry.

STORY HOUR BIRTHDAY

A beautifully designed birthday cake, made and donated by Mrs. Dianne McCall of Grand Chenier, was enjoyed by members of the Cameron Parish Library Story Hour group last week at the library. They celebrated the third birthday of the story hour and it also marked the closing of the weekly event which has been held at the library each Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Nancy Nunez was story teller for the weekly sessions. Those attending the closing session and party were: Lisa and Anessa Clement, Gabe LaLande, Kristi Porche, Xann Murphy, Chris LaLande, Selika Miller, Delia Duhon, Karen Quinn, Raymond Duhon, Rebecca Conner and Dana Conner.

4-H MEMBERS WIN TRIP

Four Cameron Parish 4-H Club members will be among some 1400 4-H delegates from throughout the U.S. attending the 50th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 28-Dec. 2.

The Cameron Parish club members will receive the expense paid trip to the Congress for being named state winners in the recent state 4-H records contests.

Ricky Guidry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guidry of Sweetlake, was named state winner in boys achievement, and Yolanda Jo Seay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Seay of Hackberry, won the state honors in girls achievement.

Stephen Lowery, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lowery of Hackberry, was state winner in conservation of natural resources.

Michael Chesson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Chesson of Sweetlake, was state winner in Horse Achievement.

Other Cameron Parish 4-H members who were blue ribbon group winners were: Robby Mhire, Stephen Lowery, Gwendolyn Reasoner, Laura Lynn Hebert, Phillip Lowery, Nancy Johnson, Jody McCall, Yolanda Seay, and Pamela Duhon.

4-H CAMP

Fifty Cameron Parish 4-Hers attended camp this summer at Camp Grant Walker. Agents Uland Guidry and Patsy Granger and local leaders Mrs. Albert Guidry of Sweetlake, Mrs. John Prescott of Johnson Bayou, Mr. and Mrs. William O. Morris of Creole, and Mr. and Mrs. Fredman Theriot of Cameron, accompanied the campers.

Outstanding awards were presented to Susan Robicheaux, Grand Lake, and Michael Prescott, Johnson Bayou.

Blue ribbon awards for good camping were presented to Mike McCall, Blayne

Head start

Cameron Parish Head Start centers will begin classes, Aug. 25. Bus routes will make trial runs before to help estimate the time of pickup. If you have questions, call 775-2910.

Mayard, Ted Authement, Marlo Miller, Tommy Boudreaux, Denise McCall, Christine Powers, Cindy Morris, Edie Jones and Susan Howerton.

HIGHWAY CLEANED UP

"Operation Cleansweep," the brainchild of two Cameron Boy Scouts, was staged in the town of Cameron Monday. Sixteen members of Boy Scout Troop 210 waged a cleanup along Highway 27 from the Beach road east of town to the Monkey Island ferry and at the ball field in Cameron. Over six pick-up truck loads were cleared.

Leaders of the cleanup campaign were Terry Dronet, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dronet, and Eddit Benoit, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benoit, all of Cameron.

The two boys are working toward the Eagle Scout rank. This is their community service project. Both boys have all 21 merit badges needed for the high award.

Other scouts who took part in the clean-up were: Robert Hebert, Terry Kelley, R. J. Vinson, John Rice, Kirk Guidry, Bobby Jo Doxey, Steven Cheramie, Wendell Wilkerson, Timmy Alexander, Wayne Hebert, Kent Benoit, Ruben Doxey, Oscar Reyes, and James Wilkerson. Edward Benoit, Sr. furnished his truck to collect the trash. O'Neal Roberts is scoutmaster of the troop.

KINDERGARTEN WORKSHOP HELD

A workshop for kindergarten teachers and aides was held in the Cameron Parish School Board office Friday, Aug. 13.

Miss Mable Ross conducted the three-hour workshop. Supt. W. R. Smith welcomed the group of teachers and Thomas McCall, elementary supervisor, introduced Miss Ross who is a former supervisor of Early Childhood Education with the Calcasieu School Board.

The meeting was attended by the following principals, teachers and aides: Mesdames Frances Primeaux, Mary Jo Canik, Hulaine Kelley, Barbara Doxey, Peggy Boudreaux, Willa Dean Morris, Lucille Reasoner, Misses Jodie Hudson and Lucille Adnrews, Mrs. Robert Manuel, Adam Conner and W. O. Morris.

BLOCK TO SPEAK

W. T. Block, historian, author and a professor of history at Lamar State College, Beaumont, will be the speaker at the organizational meeting of the Cameron Parish Historical and Genealogical Society at the Cameron Parish Library, Aug. 19. Mrs. Coral Perry, parish librarian, said everyone interested in the history of Cameron Parish is invited.



School tells open house

South Cameron Elementary School will hold an open house Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to visit with the teacher and discuss procedures for classroom instruction this school year, according to Barry W. Richard, principal.

School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for all the Cameron Parish school for the week beginning Aug. 19 are as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 19 - Beef nachoes, tomato cup, Ranch beans, hash brown patty, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips, catsup and milk.

Friday, Aug. 20 - Fish portion, cole slaw, oven fries, banana pudding, catsup, hamburger bun, milk.

Monday, Aug. 23 - Chili dog, chili sauce, Tator Tots, buttered corn, chocolate chip cookies, catsup, hot dog bun, milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 24 - chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread, sliced bread, milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 25 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, brown gravy, peanut butter spread, yeast rolls, milk.

SCHS News

OPEN HOUSE

The faculty and staff would like to thank all parents and grandparents who attended Open House on Tuesday, Aug. 17. It was a tremendous success. It's the parents that help make our job possible.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Parents and friends of SCHS are encouraged to save "Box Tops for Education". Last year SCHS received \$200. Please send your "Box Tops" to the Home Ec. Department. Also parents may apply for a credit card and check out additional savings offered by "Box Tops for Education" at their website www.boxtops4education.com.

SPIRIT SHIRTS

Students may purchase school spirit t-shirts for \$10. Shirts will be available in the office.

ROSTER ITEM SALES

Contact any cheerleader to purchase a roster t-shirt, jacket, or bag.

IOWA JAMBOREE TICKETS

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the school office or from a Danceline member.

CALENDAR

Aug. 19 - Iowa scrimmage, 5 p.m. (Iowa).
Aug. 26 - Iowa jamboree.
Aug. 28 - JV Welsh jamboree.

4-H community meetings set

Cameron Parish 4-H will be holding several Community Livestock Meetings. Each community will select four members to serve as representation on the Livestock Advisory Committee. Community Meeting Dates are:

Cameron-South Cameron High Ag Dept; August 23, 6 p.m.

Creole-South Cameron High Ag Dept, August 23, 6 p.m.

Grand Chenier-South Cameron High Ag Dept,

August 23, 6 p.m.

Hackberry-Hackberry High Ag Dept, August 24, 6:30 p.m.

Grand Lake-Grand Lake Ag Dept, August 25, 7 p.m.

All parents are encouraged to attend. This committee determines the future of our livestock program in Cameron Parish. If you have any questions please contact the 4-H Office at 775-5516.

Jake Fontenot
Assistant County Agent 4-H

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE OF NOTICE: AUGUST 9, 2004

A public meeting will be held as follows:
Date: October 4, 2004 Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place of meeting: Administrative Office of the Cameron Parish School Board
246 Dewey Street, Cameron, LA 70631

This is to notify all interested parties that a public meeting will be held in order to:

- Adopt the adjusted millage rate for the tax year 2004 and to:
- Adopt the adjusted millage rate after Reassessment and roll forward the millage to a rate not to exceed the prior year's maximum millage for the tax year 2004.

Questions concerning this matter may be addressed to
Dr. Douglas L. Chance, Superintendent
(337) 775-5784

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Do you have flood insurance? Don't wait til storm in Gulf

By ROBERT WOOLEY
La. Comm. of Insurance

Even though the first three hurricanes of the season have not hit Louisiana, we must not be lulled into thinking that we will continue to be left out. Forecasters say the peak period for hurricanes has just begun, so we need to stay prepared for all of the disruptions that hurricanes can bring to our lives.

One of the first things you should do this storm season is review your insurance policy and call your producer if you have questions. Make sure your amount of coverage is what you want it to be. If you do not have flood insurance, find out what it would cost because flood damage is not covered under your homeowner's policy.

It takes 30 days after the date of purchase for a flood insurance policy to take effect, so buy as soon as possible. And remember, most insurance companies will not sell property insurance in South Louisiana after a hurricane has entered the Gulf of Mexico.

A problem many policyholders face after a storm is how to provide proof of loss of property. In order to be sure you are properly compensated by your insurance company, you should keep a record of

everything you own. Photograph or video every room, every piece of furniture and every other item of value in your house from clothes to fine china to antiques. Keep this record of your belongings and a copy of your insurance policy in a safe place away from your home, such as a bank safe deposit box.

If you have damage after a hurricane or other storm, try to call your producer at once. If you cannot get in touch with your producer or other insurance representative, call us and we may be able to give you additional information. When you talk to your producer, leave a phone number or the information on where the adjuster can reach you. Have a copy of your insurance policy and list of your possessions with you when you meet with the adjuster.

Keep receipts for any repairs, and give them to the adjuster, along with the photos you have taken. If you have problems coming to a settlement with your company within a reasonable length of time, fell free to contact us at 1-800-259-5300.



Coops send crews to aid in storm cleanup in Florida

While over a million Florida residents were trying to get out of the way of Hurricane Charley, 68 electric utility workers in service vehicles with specialized equipment from nine rural electric cooperatives in Louisiana were already on their way to help restore power knocked out by the storm's 145 mph Category 4 winds.

Among the workers from Jefferson Davis Electric Co-op (JDEC) sent to aid Peace River Electric Co-op headquartered at Wauchula, Fla. was one lineman from each of the Co-op's offices in Jennings and Cameron.

Peace River Electric Co-op had over 300 poles down and lost service to over half of its 30,000 meters. Getting service restored to all its consumers is expected to take about two weeks.

Hurricane Charley came ashore at Punta Gorda, Fla. about 2 p.m. on Friday the 13th, then cut diagonally across the state to enter the Atlantic Ocean at Daytona about 10 p.m. Friday evening. The storm caused 16 deaths, destroyed or seriously damaged over a half-million homes and businesses and left over two million people without electric power before making landfall again near Charleston, S.C. and heading up the Atlantic coast.

The Louisiana Electric Cooperatives implemented an Emergency Work Plan as soon as the storms first appeared in the Gulf of Mexico, preparing manpower and equipment to respond as needed. Crews were on their way to aid fellow consumer-owned electric cooperatives

repair damage before Hurricane Charley had even made landfall.

Nine Louisiana electric cooperatives sent crews to assist in making repairs. They included: Beauregard Electric based in DeRidder, seven workers; Claiborne Electric from Homer, 14 men; DEMCO based in Baton Rouge, 14 servicemen; Jefferson Davis Electric from Jennings, two men; Northeast La. Power Co-op in Winnsboro, five men; Pointe Coupee Electric membership Corp. in New Roads sent two men; South Louisiana Electric Co-op Assn., Houma sent six linemen; Valley Electric Membership Corp., Natchitoches, sent 11 men, and Washington-St. Tammany Electric of Franklinton sent six men.

The unexpected eastern turn of Hurricane Charley and its sudden intensification to a Category 4 storm magnified the damage. A total of 152 additional personnel from electric cooperatives in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama joined Florida Co-ops in making repairs. Georgia, S. Carolina and N. Carolina electric cooperatives were unable to send any linemen until Hurricane Charley has passed through their areas.



Cameron parish students better on test than peers

Students enrolled in Grade 4 and Grade 8 in Cameron Parish Schools continue to pass at a higher level on the LEAP 21 Test than many of their peers.

For example, 4th and 8th grade students in Cameron scored significantly higher than the statewide promotional percentage. At 4th grade the statewide percent was 78, and the percent for 4th grade students in Cameron was 12 points higher at 90. At 8th grade the statewide percent was 84, and the percent for 8th grade in Cameron was 7 points better at 91.

When Cameron 4th grade students are compared to students in neighboring parishes, Cameron students performed better than five next-door parishes. Fourth grade students in Cameron passed at a higher rate than students in other parishes by reaching the 90% promotional level as compared to: Acadia at 81; Allen at 88; Calcasieu at 84; Jeff Davis at 89; and, Vermilion at 81.

Eighth grade students in Cameron did an excellent job also. These students performed better than their fellow students in Southwest

Louisiana. Students in 8th grade scored a promotional rate of 91% compared to: Acadia at 84; Allen at 88; Beauregard at 90; Calcasieu at 86; and, Vermilion at 87.

Dr. Doug Chance, Superintendent of Cameron Parish Schools attributes the good scores to several sets of people starting with students. Students have worked very hard to adjust to the new testing procedures. Additionally, parents, grandparents, and others have assisted teachers prepare students to be successful on these tests.

According to Dr. Chance, students, parents, grandparents, teachers, and principals are to be congratulated for the outstanding promotional rate on the LEAP 21 Test.



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ATTENTION COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Judge Billy Woodard is running for re-election for the Third Circuit Court of Appeal, which includes the residents of Cameron Parish.

Judge Woodard has served as a member of the Court of Appeal for 12 years.

A meeting has been scheduled with all local commercial fishermen and any other interested parties on Friday, August 20, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building in Cameron to solicit opinions and hear the concerns of Cameron residents.

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Geese were important to families in earlier days

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The late Bernice Stewart wrote a column for the Pilot for many years. The following was printed in the Aug. 26, 1971 issue.)

By BERNICE STEWART

The importance of the domesticated goose a century ago in Cameron Parish is rarely remembered today.

When I was a very small girl, my Grandmother Stine fascinated me with tales woven around her own childhood experiences. I can almost see the lass that she must have been, so real did she make the little Susan McCall, born in 1863, appear to me.

One of the stories that she told me about the flock of geese that each family raised. They furnished meat for the table. The eggs, though large and rich, were seldom used unless chicken eggs were scarce, and then only in cakes or cornbread.

But the principal reason why the geese were kept was to furnish feathers and down for pillows and mattresses (feather beds, the early settlers of Cameron called them.)

"Picking the goose" was done just prior to the molting season when the feathers were naturally becoming loose. It seems that an older person, or youth, would catch a goose, hobble its legs, slip a hood, or sack, over its head, and hand it to a youngster to remove the soft down of the breast. The soft feathers and down under the wings were never plucked. They were retained as cushions for the wings to rest upon.

Judge Woodard to speak here

Judge Billy Woodard, who is seeking re-election to the Third Circuit Court of Appeal, will be at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex in Cameron at 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20 to seek opinions and hear concerns of Cameron residents.

Local commercial fishermen and other interested parties are invited to attend.

Judge Woodard's district includes Cameron Parish. She has served on the Circuit Court for the past 12 years.

Cameron Library News

MEMORIAL BOOKS
 Homeowner's Ultimate Tool Guide, J. B. Jones, Jr. by American Legion, Richard Brothers Post #0176;
 Don't The Decoys, Orrie P. Canik by Tony and Jennifer Taylor and Blake Conner;
 The Louisiana Capitol, J. B. Jones by Randall and Carlotta Boudoin;
 The Easterville Miracle, Garrett Duhon by Randall and Carlotta Boudoin;
 From Small Bits Of Charcoal, Dusty Mayard by Joe, Janice, Chris, Dane and Marissa Dupont.
 Top 100 Courses You Can Play, E. J. Dronet by Danny, Charlene and Michael Boudreaux;
 Agriculture System Models, Pierre Granger by Danny, Charlene and Michael Boudreaux;
 The Passion, Wardella Fontenot by Virginia Dupont, Jaimie Boudreaux and family;
 The Complete Guide To Hunting, Timothy Nunez by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baccigalopi.

NEW NOVELS
 Kill The Messenger, Tami Hoag; Blackbird House, Alice

Tarpons to scrimmage Iowa Thurs.

Thursday, Aug. 19 South Cameron will travel to class 3A Iowa for a scrimmage and then will participate in the Iowa Jamboree on Thursday, Aug. 26. The Tarpons will play in the first game of the jamboree.

Tickets for the Iowa Jamboree are \$5 and can be bought from members of the South Cameron High dance-line.

South Cameron will open the season on the road to DeQuincy on September 3.



Hoffman; Kiss Me While I Sleep, Linda Howard;
 Day Of The Dead, Judith A. Jance; Destiny Of Eagles, William W. Johnstone; Song Of Susannah, Stephen King;
 Royal Heist, Lynda LaPlante, The Sacrifice, Beverly Lewis; Requiem For A Realtor, Ralph M. McInerney; Maggie Without A Clue, Kasey Michaels.

Prescription safety

(NAPSA)-Anyone with an Internet account knows that we are deluged with e-mails urging us to buy our medicines online-save money, no prescription!

Unfortunately, falling for the sales pitch may be dangerous. Many of these Web sites offer unregulated, foreign or just plain counterfeit medicines. Here are some hints to help to make sure your prescription medicine is safe:

- Talk with your health care provider. Always consult your physician or pharmacist before taking any prescription medications.
- Have prescriptions for prescription medicines. Certified pharmacies always require a prescription from your health care provider. If an advertisement, Web site or e-mail offers you prescription medication without a prescription from your health care provider, it is not a certified pharmacy.
- Just say no to online prescriptions. Beware of Web sites and e-mails that offer to provide a prescription for a medication without having a physician see you in person.

• Know your rights to protect your rights. Beware of Web sites and e-mails that ask you to waive your legal rights in order to participate in their prescription program.

• Check for the VIPPS seal. Before buying prescription medications online, make sure the Internet drug seller is properly licensed in the United States and meets strict requirements regarding good pharmacy practice. One easy way to do this is to look for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites (VIPPS) seal on the pharmacy Web site.

• Report counterfeits right away. If you think you may have received a counterfeit medication, inform your pharmacist or physician immediately. Your health care professional can report the incident to the FDA Medwatch program at 1-800-FDA-1088.

For more information and advice, visit www.safemedicines.org.

NOTICE TO AT&T BUSINESS CUSTOMERS IN LOUISIANA

AT&T has filed tariffs to revise the bill timing for domestic Intrastate calls associated with All In One Rate Plans C, D, G, and H. Effective on or about September 17, 2004 the bill timing for these calls will change from 60 seconds (initial period) and 1 second (additional) to 60 seconds (initial period) and 60 seconds (additional).

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Cameron Parish Residents,

The following is a Report of Arrests made and Fines Collected for the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. I want to continue to keep you up-to-date on the activities of this Department. Please notice that the total for traffic citations is only the total amount of persons arrested and not the total of citations issued. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sheriff Theos Duhon

Sheriff Theos Duhon Reporting To The People of Cameron Parish Total Arrests Made July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

Total Arrests Made	This Year	Last Year	CARNAL KNOWLEDGE OF JUVENILE	2	1	FLIGHT FROM AN OFFICER	0	4
DWI	180	172	BURGLARY	6	2	CONTRIBUTE TO DELINQ. OF JUVENILE	11	10
UNDERAGE DWI	4	5	BURGLARY INHABITED DWELLING	3	0	DISTURBING THE PEACE	184	158
POSSESSION ALCOHOL ON SCHOOL PROP.	0	2	AGGRAVATED BURGLARY	0	1	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	4	3
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	54	68	UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INHABITED	4	2	TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	16	2
RECKLESS OPERATION	32	43	TRESPASSING	12	9	MISREPRESENTATION DURING BOOK	2	3
DWI - CHILD ENDANGERMENT	2	1	VEHICULAR TRESPASSING	2	1	REMAIN AFTER FORBIDDEN	24	5
DISPLAY OF POWER	0	3	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	0	4	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	6	2
HIT AND RUN	7	4	ATT. AGGR. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	0	1	CONSPIRACY	0	0
OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY	16	10	PUBLIC INTIMIDATION	1	0	PROBATION/PAROLE VIOLATION	26	36
NO PROOF OF INSURANCE	21	16	ILLEGAL USE OF WEAPON	3	6	BENCH WARRANTS	164	84
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	256	223	THEFT	53	40	FALSE IMPRISONMENT	6	5
VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE INJURY	2	1	AUTO THEFT	0	1	FALSE PERSONATION	0	0
EXTORTION	0	1	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOVEABLE	12	7	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL UNDER 21	4	3
TERRORIZING	0	1	ILLEGAL POSSESSION STOLEN THINGS	8	11	WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS	8	4
THREATENING PUBLIC OFFICIAL	0	1	FORGERY	1	0	SIMPLE RAPE	0	2
MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE	0	1	WORTHLESS CHECKS	12	16	FORCIBLE RAPE	0	2
SIMPLE BATTERY	75	65	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	63	49	ATTEMPTED FORCIBLE RAPE	0	1
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	21	6	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA W/INTENT	3	4	AGGRAVATED ORAL SEXUAL BATTERY	0	0
2ND DEGREE BATTERY	6	5	DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA	2	1	INDECENT BEHAVIOR W/JUVENILE	3	3
ATTEMPTED 2ND DEGREE BATTERY	3	1	POSSESSION OF CDS	23	29	SEXUAL BATTERY	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	18	10	POSSESSION OF CDS W/INTENT	6	4	SIMPLE KIDNAPPING	0	1
SIMPLE ASSAULT	23	10	DISTRIBUTION OF CDS	2	1	ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING	0	1
BATTERY ON AN OFFICER	7	1	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	48	37	ILLEGAL USE CDS IN PRESENCE MINOR	0	1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	46	29	RESISTING AN OFFICER	34	18	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ACCESS CARD	3	2
CRUELTY TO JUVENILE	8	3	SIMPLE CRIMINAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	25	17	INCEST	1	0
MOLESTATION OF JUVENILE	10	1	LITTERING	0	3	VAGRANCY	2	0

ARRESTS MADE PER MONTH					
2003	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2004	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
JULY	88	105	JANUARY	75	63
AUGUST	79	74	FEBRUARY	71	38
SEPTEMBER	95	61	MARCH	74	57
OCTOBER	65	57	APRIL	91	113
NOVEMBER	59	63	MAY	94	83
DECEMBER	45	53	JUNE	64	81
			TOTALS	900	848

SHERIFF'S FUND July 2003- June 2004

	District	Police	Clerk	Indigent	Crime	La Comm	Wildlife	State	38th	State	Head &	TOTAL	
	Sheriff	Attorney	Jury	Defenders	Lab	on Law Enf	& Fisheries	Police	Judicial	Treasurer	Spinal Injury		
July	\$2,272.64	\$5,051.36	\$8,704.09	\$1,659.69	\$4,800.00	\$1,390.00	\$66.22	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$955.00	\$382.00	\$515.00	\$25,886.00
August	\$3,768.78	\$6,673.14	\$16,161.77	\$1,758.82	\$5,390.00	\$1,873.00	\$480.36	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$1,070.00	\$428.00	\$670.00	\$38,608.87
September	\$5,857.83	\$11,805.29	\$24,762.79	\$3,492.63	\$10,202.50	\$3,003.00	\$473.46	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$2,055.00	\$822.00	\$1,005.00	\$63,739.50
October	\$3,233.48	\$6,598.72	\$13,193.29	\$1,982.57	\$6,205.00	\$1,763.00	\$593.74	\$70.00	\$100.00	\$1,180.00	\$472.00	\$500.00	\$35,891.80
November	\$5,487.87	\$12,665.27	\$21,751.71	\$4,098.50	\$11,937.50	\$3,280.00	\$234.40	\$130.00	\$25.00	\$2,405.00	\$962.00	\$1,115.00	\$64,092.25
December	\$2,405.77	\$4,755.51	\$9,567.04	\$1,440.94	\$4,250.00	\$1,330.00	\$264.74	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$845.00	\$338.00	\$475.00	\$25,827.00
January	\$3,781.38	\$8,351.16	\$13,895.68	\$2,809.25	\$7,972.50	\$2,470.00	\$312.78	\$55.00	\$125.00	\$1,605.00	\$642.00	\$960.00	\$42,979.75
February	\$2,679.10	\$5,051.14	\$10,849.79	\$1,529.44	\$4,475.00	\$1,450.00	\$269.54	\$30.00	\$125.00	\$870.00	\$348.00	\$515.00	\$28,192.01
March	\$4,320.15	\$6,851.93	\$16,972.70	\$1,877.94	\$6,057.50	\$2,390.00	\$499.28	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$1,090.00	\$436.00	\$850.00	\$41,755.50
April	\$5,245.21	\$8,997.01	\$21,404.48	\$2,626.08	\$8,375.00	\$2,590.00	\$511.30	\$30.00	\$325.00	\$1,450.00	\$580.00	\$1,190.00	\$53,324.08
May	\$4,165.91	\$7,560.67	\$19,303.57	\$2,061.88	\$5,907.50	\$1,993.00	\$520.76	\$10.00	\$75.00	\$1,175.00	\$470.00	\$635.00	\$43,878.29
June	\$3,834.71	\$7,081.63	\$14,545.79	\$2,164.19	\$6,180.00	\$2,030.00	\$297.92	\$30.00	\$250.00	\$1,245.00	\$498.00	\$860.00	\$39,017.24
TOTAL	\$47,052.83	\$91,442.83	\$191,112.70	\$27,501.93	\$81,752.50	\$25,562.00	\$4,524.50	\$780.00	\$1,850.00	\$15,945.00	\$6,378.00	\$9,290.00	\$503,192.29

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Social Security information

The six essentials of Social Security benefits

By Karen Jennings

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Lafayette

When I was in the grocery store check-out line the other day, I noticed the headlines on several magazines that were displayed above the counter-top. In almost every instance, there was a reference to "The four things you should know about" or "the 10 top reasons that"

I thought, gee, there must be a reason why people feel compelled to read those articles (I know that I did!).

So here is what I would consider the six essentials that everyone should know about Social Security.

Retirement

Benefits are payable at full retirement age (with reduced benefits available as early as age 62) for anyone with enough Social Security credits. The full retirement age is 65 for people born before 1938. The age gradually rises until it reaches 67 for people born in 1960 or later. People who delay retirement beyond full retirement age get special credit for each month they don't receive a benefit until they reach age 70.

Disability

Benefits can be paid to people at any age who have enough Social Security credits and who have a severe physical or mental impairment that is expected to prevent them from doing "substantial" work for a year or more or who have a condition that is expected to result in death. Generally, earnings of \$810 or more per month are considered substantial. The disability program includes incentives to smooth the transition back into the workforce, including continuation of benefits and health care coverage while a person attempts to work.

Family Benefits

If you are eligible for retirement or disability benefits, other members of your family might receive benefits, too. These include: your spouse if he or she is at least 62 years old or under 62 but caring for a child under age 16; and your children if they are unmarried and under age 18 or under 19 but still in school or 18 or older but disabled. If you are divorced, your ex-spouse could be eligible for benefits on your work record.

Survivors

When you die, certain members of your family may be eligible for benefits if you earned enough Social Security credits while you were working. Family members include: a widow(er) age 60 or older, age

50 or older if disabled or any age if caring for a child under age 16; your children if they are unmarried and under age 18, under 19 but still in school or 18 or older but disabled; and your parents if you were their primary means of support. A special one-time payment of \$255 may be made to your spouse or minor children when you die. If you are divorced, your ex-spouse could be eligible for a widow(er)'s benefit on your earnings record.

Only three major categories of benefits are actually paid for through your Social Security taxes: retirement, disability and survivors benefits. Because Social Security also administers the Supplemental Security Income program and enrolls people in Medicare, a short synopsis of benefits due under those programs also is included below.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI pays monthly benefits to people with low incomes and few assets if they are 65 and older or disabled. Payment amounts depend on a person's living arrangements and on their other income. Some states add money to the basic federal payment. To find out if you are eligible for SSI, you should contact your local Social Security office. (Note: SSI is not a Social Security benefit and its benefits are not financed by Social Security taxes. They are funded by general tax revenues.)

Medicare

There are two parts to Medicare: hospital insurance (sometimes called Part A) and medical insurance (sometimes called Part B). Generally, people who are over age 65 and getting Social Security automatically qualify for Medicare. So do people who have been getting disability benefits for two years. Others must file an application. Part A is paid for by a portion of the Social Security tax of people still working. It helps pay for inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing care and other services. Part B is paid for by those who are enrolled through monthly premiums (currently \$66.60 per month) and from general revenues. Part B of Medicare helps pay for such items as doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits and other medical services and supplies.

To find out if you might be eligible for any Social Security benefit, or for Supplemental Security Income payments, contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov. Medicare information is available online at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 2nd day of August 2004 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2004-01: Road Improvements in Cameron Parish-Asphaltic Concrete Overlay pursuant to the certain contract between Prairie Contractors, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 286979, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.
BY: Steve Trahan, President
RUN: Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, Sept. 2, 9, and 16 (Au-10)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that I have completed the listings of all property in the Parish of Cameron and have established the valuations thereon; and that the said listings will be exposed in my office at the Cameron Parish Courthouse, Room 24, for public inspection and correction for a period of 15 calendar days, beginning Tuesday, August 31, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. September 15, 2004. Any taxpayer desiring to examine his/her assessment is requested to call during the 15 day period. Forms for appeal are available to taxpayers and must be filed in person or by certified mail by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, 2004 with the Cameron Parish Police Jury at the Police Jury Annex.
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Seven are arrested for marijuana possession

Seven people were arrested for marijuana possession in one traffic stop last week. Deputy Steve Sturlese noticed two vehicles driving without lights early Friday morning, August 13, and pulled them over. He called Deputy Paul Sellers to assist, and they discovered marijuana in both vehicles, leading to the arrest of all occupants.

Polly Stevens, 37, of 197 Garfield, Crowley; Chance Nation, 17, of 14319 Chad Rd., Rayne; Joshua K. LeBlanc, 18, of 562 Cottage Ln., Church Point; Blaine R. Johnson, 17, of 3050 Kirk Rd, Maurice; and Bryan Paul Bonin, 18, of 5956 Grand Prairie Hwy., Rayne, were charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Nickolas J. Callahan, 17, 11231 Huey Dr., Abbeville, and Payton T. Sellers, 17, 5696 Alfred Rd., Maurice, were charged with marijuana possession only.

Wildlife agents arrested three persons on Saturday for robbing crab traps. Eric R. Benus, 35, of 150 Tyson Rd.,

Ragley; Jonathan M. Wallace, 35, of 7601 W. Carr Ln., Harrisburg, MD; and Shannon P. Stebbins, 22, of 15850 Hwy. 171, Ragley, were charged by wildlife agents Monceaux and Thomas with removing contents of crab traps.

Lately the Cameron Parish Sheriff's office has been picking up a number of people wanted on warrants from other parishes and even other states. Just last week five out of parish warrants were served.

Iberia Parish wanted Sau Hoang Nguyen, 41, of 122 Township Ln., Lafayette. Jefferson Davis Parish wanted Clifton Bergeaux, Jr., 35, of 1778 Tepetate Rd., Basile, and Eddie J. Peterson, 29, of 618 W. First St., Crowley.

Scott D. Shipley, 39, of 351 Fletcher Rd., Westlake, was arrested August 14 for disturbing the peace by fighting and found to be wanted in the state of Arizona.

Oneil Dartz, 41, of 147 Delaney Rd., Lake Charles, is being held on a fugitive warrant from Florida.

Others arrested last week were:

Aug. 12 Richard D. Davis, 27, 147 Granger Ln., Grand Lake - 2 counts worthless checks (warrants).

Aug. 13 Jace D. Picou, 22, 440 Everett Vincent, Hackberry - Simple Burglary, Theft; Harold D. Faircloth, 50, 2513 Hickory Hill Rd., Dry Prong - DWI.

Aug. 15 Jesus B. Aguirre, 27, 987 Oak Grove Hwy., Grand Chenier - DWI (2 counts).

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Cameron Parish Library is accepting applications for part-time employment at the Johnson Bayou Library. Applications will be available at all locations. Applications will be taken until 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2004. Salary: \$5.15 an hour. Cameron Parish Library does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin or political or religious opinions.

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Food Service Technician (7 hrs. per day) at Grand Lake School. High School diploma is preferred. To make application contact: David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake School. Phone: 337-598-2231. The deadline for submitting applications is August 24, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.
RUN: Aug. 5, 12, 19 (AU-20)



PEGGY KAVANAUGH of West Monroe caught this 22-pound redfish off the Cameron Jetty Pier at the recent Cameron Salt Water Fishing Rodeo and proudly poses with her fish and Michelle Mudd, Mrs. Louisiana. The winning redfish weighed 32 pounds.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Spoil disposal studied for liquid gas project

By **ROBERT SLOAN**
The Enterprise

Fish and bird habitats around Sabine Pass—as well as the sporting and commercial ventures they draw—might suffer if the dredged spoils from a proposed natural gas project are poorly placed, wildlife and fishing experts say.

Houston-based Cheniere Energy wants to build a natural gas pipeline in Sabine Pass, including a processing terminal for liquid natural gas tankers, on 570 acres on the Louisiana side of the pass. To do that, they must dredge about 4.5 million cubic yards of coastal mud and marsh to create a shipping channel.

What they do with those dredging "spoils"—described as an irregular pile that could be as much as 1,000 feet wide, 4 to 8 feet deep and up to two miles long—has worried recreational and commercial fishermen as well as wildlife advocates.

Cheniere wants to put the spoils just off the beach near the east Sabine jetty.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries supports that plan, among others, according to Marilyn Uhrich, spokeswoman with the U. S. Corps of Engineers Galveston District.

Cheniere's pipeline, terminal and dredging plans still must be approved by some state and federal agencies. If finally approved, the terminal would receive up to about 300 liquid natural gas (LNG) tankers per year. The plant would then vaporize the LNG and eventually deliver it by pipeline to homes and industries nationwide, according to the company.

Jerry Mambretti, Texas Parks and Wildlife ecosystem leader on Sabine Lake, said the dredged material might harm shrimp and fish in the "Louisiana pocket," the spot where Cheniere wants to dump it.

"It all depends on how it is placed," Mambretti said. "If it has no protection, and is just piled up, the silt will be suspended in the water column. That area now has a sandy bottom. If you restructure the bottom, I'm not sure what the long-term impact will be on shrimp, clams and fish."

But Mambretti also said that if the dredged material is protected with rocks, it could create good habitat and struc-

tures for fish like trout, reds and flounder—three sport fish that draw anglers to the area.

A good example, Mambretti said, is the granite rocks forming breakwaters along Holly Beach, La., about 20 miles east of the Sabine jetties.

Sabine Lake guide Jerry Norris believes placing dredging spoils along the jetty and beach is not good for birds or sport-fishing.

"That's not only a popular area for fishing, but is also a wintering area for various species of shorebirds," Norris said. "The dredging spoil that they want to place out there is 17 percent sand, and the rest is emulsified mud. There is no way that can be good for the fishery or the birds."

Norris suggested moving the spoils inland to help form wetlands.

Fred Dunham, a Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologist who endorsed the placement of spoils in the water along the beach, also suggested two other options: Moving the spoils farther east on the Louisiana beach, or dumping it inland at a site previously used by the Corps of Engineers.

Another option Dunham has herd of: Placing spoils off Texas Point, along the base of the west Sabine jetty, to prevent erosion.

Cheniere estimated the actual dredged piles could be 300 to 1,000 feet wide and 5,000 to 10,000 feet long. The coastal bottom in the proposed dumping site varies from 4 to 8 feet deep.

Tamara Young-Allen, FERC spokeswoman, said the Cheniere Energy terminal application, submitted in December 2003, could be approved within a month. Any notices will be FERC's Web site at www.ferc.gov.

Once approved, Cheniere predicts the terminal would be operational in late 2007.

Cheniere's Web site says the project "has been well received by members of the local community, obtaining a resolution of support from the Cameron Parish Police Jurors," as well as being endorsed by Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

Meyer said Cheniere will adhere closely to the State of Louisiana's rules for dredge material, including dumping it wherever state officials specify.

Cameron Outdoors

By **LOSTON MCEVERS**



FINAL TOURNAMENT

The Lemesche Bass Club will hold their final club tournament for 2004 Saturday, Aug. 28. Launching will be at the Gibbstown boat launch, with fishing to be in the Intracoastal Area East and the Big Burns. All members can pick either a club member or an angler outside the club to fish this last tournament.

Anglers are asked to be at the launch at 5:30 a.m. Sunrise will be at 6:43 a.m. A 25 hp motor is the maximum horse power to be used. Weigh-in will be at 3 p.m. at the launch.

The leader board has Richard Duhon (47.28 pts.) and Darren Richard (47.74 pts.) fighting for the lead, however club members count only 5 of the 6 tournaments, leaving out the worst tournament. Figures are, leaving out one event, the lead changed to Cory Broussard (41.3 pts.), Darren Richard (40.32 pts.), Richard Duhon (39.96 pts.) and J. M. Boudreaux (39.48 pts.), however this last tournament will surely tell the tale, and I'm sure changes will be made.

The club will hold their final meeting Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Creole K. C. Hall, skipping September because of alligator season.

GIBBSTOWN DOGFIGHT

The Gibbstown dogfight for week 16 had 18 boats entered. Fishing was extremely tough, as only one of the top three teams had a tournament limit of three fish.

First place team, with 2 bass, went to George Melancon and Lori Parker with a weight of 5.94, however they had the first place largest bass weighing 5.05 pounds, caught by George on a tube in the Big Burns. Second place went to Johnny LeDoux and Barron Guidry, 3 bass weighing 3.95, and third place went to Darren Richard and Todd Conner, with one bass weighing 3.85 lbs., good enough for second place largest bass.

COMING EVENTS

Upcoming events for August and September are:

*The Gueydan Duck Festival, Aug. 26 through Aug. 29 with lots of events to be held, also the first year for the State Duck and Goose Calling Contest at 1 p.m. on Sunday. (Info 888-536-6456.)

*August 27 - 28, Hunters Education Course at the Creole Fire Station in Creole. (Info, Mary Hebert, 538-2676 or 491-2593).

*Alligator season, Sept. 1-30.

*Dove season Sept. 4-12; Teal season, Gallinules and Rails Sept. 18-26, and Bow season (Area 3) Sept. 18 - Jan 15, 2005.

Delaine is named to Sabine Refuge post

Terence Delaine, a 14-year veteran of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who has spent most of his Service career at Sabine, has been selected as the refuge's new project leader. Sabine National Wildlife Refuge is located in Hackberry. Delaine began his new duties on August 8.

"Terence knows Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, its assets, and its challenges, better than anyone," said Sam D. Hamilton, Southeast Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "He is definitely the best man to take its helm, especially since he has been serving as Acting Project Leader for the past year."

From 1999 until he became Acting Project Leader at Sabine in 2003, Delaine served as Deputy Project Leader and oversaw maintenance, public use, law enforcement and oil and gas development at the refuge. In addition, Delaine also served as Acting Project Leader at Cameron Prairie, Sabine's sister refuge, in Bell City during 2000-2001.

Delaine started with the Service as a Refuge Operations Specialist at Sabine in 1990 until 1996, when he became the Deputy Project Leader at Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge for the next three years.

There's still time for the CCA's Statewide Tournament and Anglers Rodeo. Catch a tagged redfish or a big speckle trout, flounder, sheepshead, cobia, dorado or red snapper. The big trout to beat for the last month in our western division is 8.30 pounds and the over all trout to beat is 9.50.

NEW COMMAND

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Secretary Dwight Landreneau and Enforcement Division Administrator Colonel Winton Vidrine have announced the promotion of Lt. Jubal Marceaux to the rank of Captain. Marceaux will supervise LDWF Enforcement Division's Region V, covering the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Evangeline, Calcasieu, Cameron, Acadia, Vermilion and Jefferson Davis.

Marceaux is a 13 year veteran of the Enforcement Division and had previously served as supervisor of the Refuge Patrol Section, covering Marsh Island, Rockefeller and state wildlife refuges.

Marceaux has excellent education and training, highly dedicated and is a highly professional officer. He is from Abbeville. He replaces Captain Malcolm Hebert, one of our Cameron Parish folk, who retired in March of this year.

NEWS BRIEF

Here in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, our kids learn how to fish early in life, as it's our way of life and there's always a way for them to fish. Some places it's not like that. The state of Wisconsin had summer school for three weeks to teach kids how to get "Hooked on Fishing." Even the teachers had to go to school before they could qualify to be a certified Angler Education Instructor.

DID YA KNOW!

Louisiana State Law makers, Senate Bill 2, proposes a state constitution amendment, guaranteeing the right to hunt, fish and trap, subject to regulations, restrictions and prohibitions of the law. This bill will be on voting ballots this fall.

Researchers have documented that some migrating lesser snow and blue geese, make the entire trip from staging areas in Canada's James Bay, to their wintering grounds along the Louisiana Coast, a distance of more than 1700 miles, in one marathon flight.

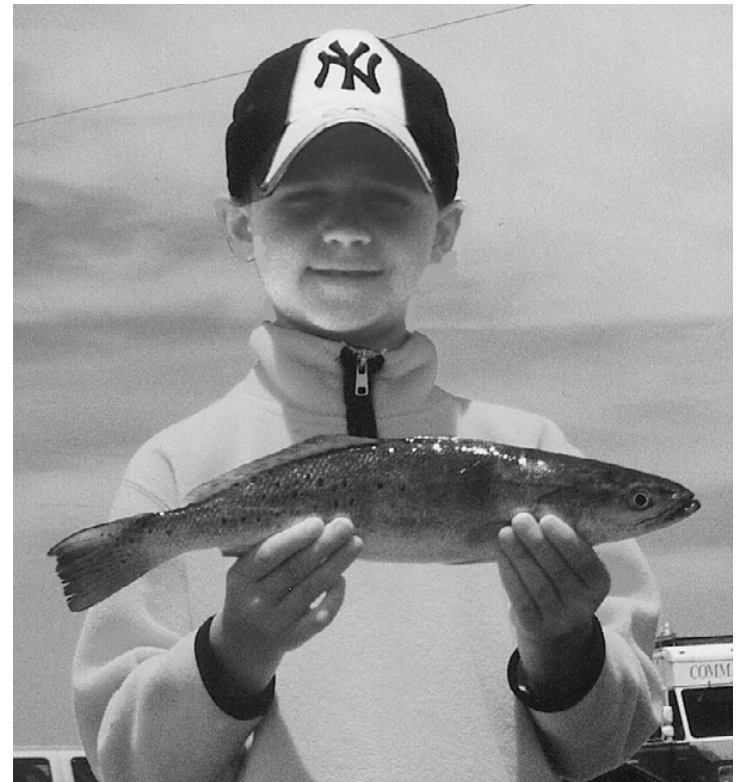
Estimated number of North American birds killed when flying into clear glass windows each year is one billion. I wonder how many in number that are killed flying into electric lines, towers, etc.

"Even through I worked at Cameron Prairie for a period of time, I don't feel like I ever left Sabine or the staff there," said Delaine. "I am looking forward to the challenging role of managing the refuge with its vast coastal habitat that is very dynamic because of its importance to estuarine-dependent fisheries and other wildlife such as migratory birds and waterfowl."

As Sabine's new Project Leader, Delaine hopes to develop marsh-oriented research projects with McNeese State University and Louisiana State University that will aid in making wildlife and habitat management decisions based on the latest science. He also will continue on-going projects and initiate new ones to help maintain and restore the refuge's coastal marsh habitat.

Delaine holds a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from McNeese State University. Before he joined the Service, he was a State Park Manager with the Louisiana Office of State Parks from 1981 until 1990. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force.

A native of Cuba, Ala., Delaine and his wife, Janet have two children - 13-year-old Terence Jr. (TJ), and Jasmine, age 16. Terence enjoys fishing, reading, and traveling with his family.



JEFF CHAMPAGNE proudly displays the 1 1/2 pound speckled trout which he entered in the recent Cameron Salt Water Fishing Rodeo. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Shrimp anti-dumping suit explained by dept.

Louisiana shrimpers, shrimp vessel owners and shrimp dealers will soon receive a packet of information including a letter from Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Dwight Landreneau explaining the importance of demonstrating public support for the shrimp anti-dumping suit to the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC). Along with the letter, shrimpers, vessel owners and buyers will receive a petition form addressed to the Secretary of the USITC. Before the USITC publishes its final determination concerning the anti-dumping suit, those individuals who have not already demonstrated public support for the trade action by submitting a letter to the USITC should do so by completing and returning the form letter to the USITC. In order to qualify for standing as an affected domestic producer and be considered eligible to potentially receive monies resulting from the imposition of anti-dumping duties, the USITC must receive public statements of support from those wishing to participate.

The "Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act" known as the "Byrd Amendment" allows distribution of anti-dumping and countervailing duties to qualified individuals or businesses that have qualifying expenses. Under the Byrd Amendment, monies generated from the collection of duties will be redistributed to qualified individuals or businesses for qualified expenses incurred in future but not past years. A statement of public support alone does not guarantee that one will receive any money, however, it does demonstrate the shrimp industry's unity in support of the trade action. At some later date, the U.S. Customs Service (USCS) will require more detailed information from claimants in order to be certified as an affected domestic producer. The Commissioner of the USCS makes the final determination as to who is eligible to receive funds and the amounts to be distributed based upon one's future qualifying expenses. Upon final determination of the dumping margins to be used in calculating the assessment of duties to be imposed against those countries targeted in the trade action, the USITC will have identified those individuals and businesses qualified as affected domestic producers.

In addition to Secretary Landreneau's letter and the USITC petition form is a list of Louisiana shrimp industry and community development organizations along with contact information that have agreed to provide assistance to those individuals upon request. For convenience, the LDWF has also provided a self-addressed return envelope for use in submitting letters of support to the Secretary of the USITC.

Interested individuals or businesses that do not receive these packets may also contact LDWF offices in Baton Rouge, Slidell, New Orleans, Bourg, New Iberia or Lake Charles for additional form letters or assistance. Form letters and contact information for Louisiana shrimp industry and community development organizations will also be available on the Department's website at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/apps/netgear/page1.asp> under News & Events.

The anti-dumping suit, filed on December 31, 2003 by the SSA seeks to stop the illegal dumping of certain foreign shrimp from Brazil, China, Ecuador, India, Thailand and Vietnam by placing tariffs on these shrimp. Last month, the United States Department of Commerce (USDOC) issued preliminary determinations imposing anti-dumping duties against these countries. Final determinations of the antidumping duty investigation are expected to be made by the USDOC before mid-December. It is also anticipated that the USITC will publish its final injury determinations in mid-January, 2005.

There is every reason to believe that Brazil, China, Ecuador, India, Thailand and Vietnam have been dumping shrimp into U.S. markets at less than fair value and the state fully supports the anti-dumping suit sponsored by the Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA). In an effort to halt illegal shrimp dumping practices, Governor Blanco has authorized the use of \$350,000 in federal grant funds (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/U.S. Department of Commerce Award No. NA03NMF4520310) in support of this trade action. The State Attorney General's Office has assisted in these efforts by developing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Secretary of the LDWF and the SSA for the transfer of these funds and the Attorney General's office will be closely monitoring the case in order to look after the interests of the Louisiana shrimp industry. Additionally, the legislature has enacted Act 904, which will raise and dedicate over \$525,000 to help pay legal fees. Through Executive Order (KBB 2004-05), the Louisiana Wild Caught Shrimp Industry Trade Action Advisory Council has been established in order to explore and develop additional funding sources to support the trade action.

Governor Blanco and Secretary Landreneau are deeply concerned about the effects that cheap foreign shrimp imports have had on the economic welfare of shrimpers and businesses and are committed to securing the maximum extent of relief available under the law for every Louisiana shrimper, vessel owner and business.

Oystering dates told

Opening and closing dates for the 2004-05 oyster season on the public grounds were set at the August 5, 2004 meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

The oyster season for the Calcasieu Lake public oyster ground will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2004 and will remain open until one-half

hour after sunset on April 30, 2005. However, these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures.



Library branches have new hours

Effective Monday, August 30, 2004, the Johnson Bayou, Hackberry and Grand Lake branches of the Cameron Parish Library will have new hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The hours at the main library will remain the same.

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