

Holly Beach drainage plans hit snags at Jury meeting

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

The long-awaited Holly Beach drainage project has hit a few snags, the Police Jury learned at their agenda meeting Tuesday evening. Problems include right of way issues, soft sand, and disturbance of existing driveways.

Project engineer Lonnie Harper explained that the FEMA project worksheet under which the project is being funded authorizes the replacement of pre-existing ditches, six feet wide at the top and of graduated depths. The problem is that over the many years that Holly Beach has existed, the centerline of the roads have meandered, so that in some cases the edge of the blacktop is touching private property. This would place the new ditches on private property, which the parish cannot do without an easement.

Parish Administrator Tina Horn said that getting easements from the thousands of property owners in Holly Beach would delay the project too much. District Attorney Cecil Sanner pointed out that if the parish had maintained the ditches for three years previously, then they belong to the parish regardless of where the property line lies.

Horn said that since the new ditches were filling up with sand as soon as it rained, the parish is now installing culverts and back-filling all the ditches after the contractor digs them. The parish will try to get a new

version of the PW written to cover the cost. With the back-filling, the property owners will not actually lose any use of their property.

In those cases where it is necessary to break into concrete driveways for proper placement of the new culverts, the concrete will be repaired.

Harper said the contractor is finding a lot of debris under the sand. Old culverts are also being located, many at a much lower depth than the new ditches will be. Some landowners insist that there was never a ditch in front of their property, but old culverts are being found in some cases.

The essential need, according to Harper, is for "a connected drainage system to get water out of that subdivision." Juror Sonny McGee is concerned about how to get water from the houses closest to the beach all the way to the outfall. There is a ridge of sand in the way, and a deep ditch would also allow salt water from high tides to flood the rest of the subdivision. Harper said some form of pump system may have to be installed there.

PARISH PROPERTY

Eddie Benoit, representing the Cameron Parish School Board, shared the results of a survey and appraisals on two pieces of property proposed for a swap. The School Board owns 3.95 acres on the island in Big Lake, which it leases to the parish for the water sys-

tem, fire department, and a playground.

The parish owns 10.5 acres in Grand Lake adjacent to the school, formerly the site of the parish barn but now used for school bus maintenance and parking.

Juror Charles Precht had approached former School Superintendent Doug Chance about a swap several months ago, to clear up and simplify ownership issues.

The Big Lake Property was valued at \$30,810, so the School Board proposes an even swap for 5.135 acres near the school, an equal value according to the appraisal. Jurors agreed to move forward with the proposal.

District Attorney clarified another lease of parish property. Head Start has a 50 year lease on a site in Grand Lake. After consultation with the federal agency, the terms were clarified to show that the parish will take care of grass cutting at the site, but only if there are funds available and the Jury agrees to it. The parish has no other obligations.

Head Start will retain the lease even if the local Head Start program fails for some reason. The agency can only use the site for another program of similar nature, that is - education.

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Grand Lake will honor military

Grand Lake School would like to honor all its graduates presently in the military at its annual Veterans Day program. If you or someone you know is a Grand Lake High School graduate and is currently serving in any branch of the military, please contact Jan Walker at Grand Lake Elementary.

Photo submissions are encouraged. Please write the person's name on the back, year graduated, branch of military, and where they are presently serving. Photos may be mailed to: Jan Walker at 1039 Hwy. 384, Lake Charles, La. 70607.

Our annual Veterans Day program will be held Monday, Nov. 12 beginning at 9 a.m. The community and all local veterans are invited to attend.

This year's program will have many special guests including a Wounded Warrior and the Color Guard from Ft. Polk.



Early voting begins soon

Although most of the 38 local candidates for public office have taken advantage of the free front page announcement and photo in the Pilot, several have not done so.

If they do want this free announcement, the deadline for submitting these to the Pilot is Oct. 1 for the Oct. 4 issue.

For information on such announcements in the Pilot, please telephone 1-800-256-7323 or 786-8004.

However, the Pilot will

continue to accept paid political advertising up to and including the final issue on Oct. 18 just prior to the election on Oct. 20. For advertising information, call 912-5063.

Early voting for the Oct. 20 election may be done in the Registrar of Voters office behind the courthouse from Oct 6 to Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with the exception of Sunday.)

More information on early voting can be found in the Registrar's ad elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot.

Grand Lake Fall Festival

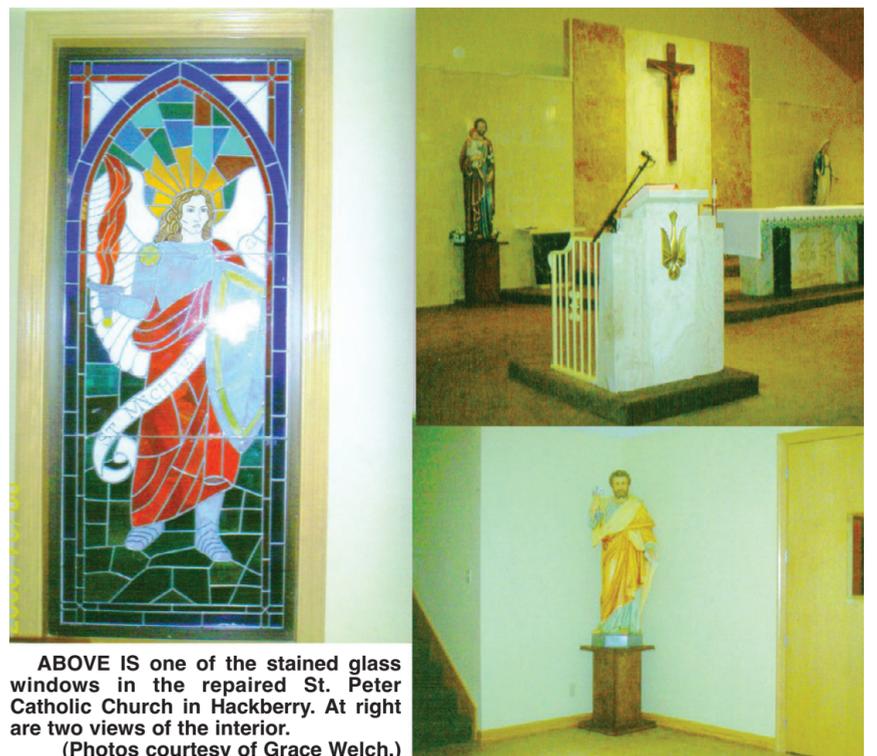
Grand Lake School will host Fall Festival 2007 on the school grounds. The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

This event promises to be even more fun than ever. Lots of food will be on sale such as Hackett's sausage-on-a-stick, hamburgers and fries, jambalaya, boudin and soft drinks.

Some activities include a cakewalk, split-the-pot, stick-

horse barrel racing, face painting and many games for small children. They will even have a haunted house! The back gym will serve as an outdoor-style cafe' with beignets and flavored coffees. The Library will also be holding its semi-annual Book Fair during the festival.

Bring the entire family and come have a great time at this annual fundraiser for the school.



ABOVE IS one of the stained glass windows in the repaired St. Peter Catholic Church in Hackberry. At right are two views of the interior. (Photos courtesy of Grace Welch.)



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT Day was held Thursday, Sept. 20 at Johnson Bayou High School. Shown above are students, teachers, members of United Way and Junior Achievement, and representatives from Cheniere Energy.



Rodney Guilbeaux, Jr.

R. Guilbeaux rites are held in Sulphur

Also known as the "Black Cajun", Rodney John Guilbeaux, Jr., 80, former resident of Constance Beach, passed away Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007 in Lake Charles.

He was born in Kaplan and served during WWII as a LT jg radio officer in the U.S. Merchant Marines. While living in New Orleans, he worked as a District Manager in the Circulation Department for the Times Picayune Publishing Co.

He owned and operated the Gulf Coast Store in Holly Beach and then worked as Advertising Manager for Wise SW Builder Publications in Sulphur.

He worked 31 years for the Borden Co., from which he retired as General Sales Manager.

In his later years, he was secretary for the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage Board. Rodney was very active in his church, being a member of 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, and serving as Eucharistic Minister at Holy Trinity Church in Holly Beach, Our Lady of Assumption Church in Johnson Bayou, and Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Sulphur.

Rodney was very committed to community service and was a Past President or Chairman of the Board of the following organizations: Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce, Lake Charles High Noon Lions Club, Louisiana Lions Eye Research Foundation, Louisiana Lions' League for Crippled Children, Better Business Bureau of SW LA, SW LA Safety Engineering Society, Calcasieu Area Safety Council, International Order of Alhambra, Our Lady's School Organization.

Rodney served as District Governor for District 8-0 for

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Guilbeaux champion of coastline

By **HEATHER REGAN WHITE**
(American Press)

The Louisiana coastline has lost a fierce champion with the passing of Rodney Guilbeaux Jr., who was buried Saturday.

Guilbeaux, a resident of Constance Beach and Sulphur, died Thursday.

He wore many hats over his 80 years on Earth, but in the minutes of a 2002 meeting with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in Galveston, Tex., one might find the hat in which he was most comfortable - environmental warrior.

"I apologize for not having all this together, but for three weeks, I've been out of pocket. I buried my wife Friday, but this is important to us and I've got to have my say," Guilbeaux said in an introduction to opposition to dredge soils being left on Louisiana banks after the dredging of a ship channel.

At the meeting, Guilbeaux spoke - for over an hour - as a representative for seen organizations he was a member of, including gravity drainage boards, Lions clubs, and the Sabine Lighthouse Association.

It was one of the hundreds of meetings he attended over the years, delivering his message of coastal preservation with charm, humor and humility.

Having lost many family members in Hurricane Audrey in 1957, Guilbeaux had a respect for the elements.

"Mother Nature, she's going to do what she wants. You can change your situation, but she's still going to have her say," he told a Fox News reporter after Hurricane Rita.

Notarial exam

The notarial examination for Cameron Parish will be given Saturday, Dec. 1.

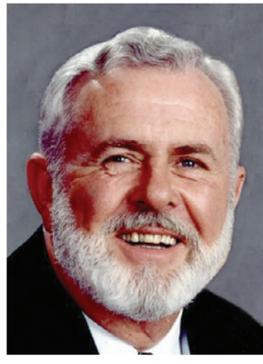
Applications may be picked up at Jones Law Firm, 1409 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, during regular business hours and must be returned by Friday, Oct. 5.

Homecoming edition

A special Homecoming edition will be published on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Ad reservations need to be made by Thursday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m.

Classes are invited to announce any Homecoming activities.



J. Braxton Blake, Jr.

Braxton Blake dies Thursday in L. Charles

Joseph Braxton Blake Jr., 74, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007 at a Lake Charles Hospital.

Mr. Blake was reared in Carteret County, N. C. He came to Cameron Parish with the menhaden industry in 1952 on being discharged from the United States Army as a staff sergeant.

His initiation into the oil field began in 1954 as a roustabout for Cameron Construction Co. In the years following, he was manager of Cameron Barge Terminal; president and manager of The Barge Terminal Inc.; and co-owner of Standby Boats Inc., Deepwater Boats Inc. and Bluewater Boats Inc.

In 1973, he returned to Cameron Construction Co. as manager on the retirement of C. A. Rogers and in 1975 became president. Cameron Rental Equipment Inc. was formed in 1981, and he was its president.

He was past president of the Louisiana Oil Field Contractor's Association and also held memberships in the Louisiana Association of Business and Industries and the Public Affairs Research Council.

He was past president and a former member of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, having served two terms. He was a member of the Cameron Parish Planning Commission; a past member of the Cameron Parish Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee; and on the Highway 171 Commission, the Louisiana Western Corridor Committee, the DOC Committee and U. S. and Cameron Parish Chambers of Commerce.

He served on the St. Patrick Hospital Board of Councilors in Lake Charles and was past president of the

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TEACHERS IN Cameron Parish received \$25 checks to purchase school materials. Shown above at the presentation were, from left: Hackberry High Principal Austin LaBove, Grand Lake High School Principal David Duhon, Cameron Parish School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, Rev. Bill Edwards of Boulevard Church of Christ in Lake Charles, Johnson Bayou High School Principal Gene Reynolds, Cameron Parish Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction and Project Coordinator Nancy Boudreaux, Rev. Roger Corley of Maplewood Church of Christ in Sulphur, Rev. Russell May of South Sulphur Church of Christ and South Cameron High School Principal Carol "Zeke" Wainwright. (Photo by Tracy Lannin)

Funerals

VELMA R. BROUSSARD

Velma R. Broussard, 79, of DeRidder died Sunday, Sept. 23, in DeRidder. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 25 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder with the Rev. P. Nonis officiated. Burial was in Beauregard Cemetery in DeRidder.

She is survived by one son, Michael Broussard and wife Virginia; one brother; Roy Nunez, and two grandchildren, Michall Arden Broussard and Lelan Anthony.

ANNIE L. DUHON

Annie Laura Duhon, 88, of Hackberry, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, in a local care center.

She was a native of Hackberry and had lived in the Groves/Beaumont area before returning to Hackberry 21 years ago upon her retirement from St. Elizabeth Hospital. She was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

Survivors include her brother-in-law, Arthur Johnson of Sulphur; two nieces, Victoria and Eileen; and three nephews, Kevin, Kenneth, and Kent.

Her funeral was held Monday, Sept. 24, in St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry. The Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in New Hackberry Cemetery.

We should never permit ourselves to do anything that we are not willing to see our children do.
Brigham Young

PRESTON JOHN VANICOR

Preston John Vanicor, 67, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007.

He was a native of Welsh and was a musician and enjoyed his band, Van Preston and the Night Rockers.

Survivors include four sons, Van Vanicor and wife Sandra of Rayne, Shane Vanicor and wife Edith of Grand Lake, Jules Vanicor of Westlake, and Jeremy Vanicor and wife Elice of Ragley; three daughters, Vickie Thibodeaux and husband Terry of Scott, Shawn Chassion and husband Brandon of Welsh, and Delta Nelson and husband Scotty of LeBleu Settlement; three brothers, Ellis, Newt and Milton Vanicor; one sister, Cecil Leger; and 13 grandchildren.

His funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lacassine. The Rev. Augustine Mulanjanany will officiate. Burial will be in Lacassine Cemetery.

The art of living lies not in eliminating but in growing with troubles. ~ Bernard Baruch

Hackberry 4-H Club meets

By JOLIE TRAHAN

The first Hackberry 4-H meeting was held Wednesday, Sept. 12. Samantha Little the President called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sydney Broussard and the 4-H pledge was led by Destiny Simon. Madison Shove read the

Memorial books told by Library

Three books have been donated to the Cameron Parish Library in memory of Henry LeBlanc, Philip Simon and Anola Simon by J. D. and Mae Simon, Patricia Walther family and Suzanne May family. The books are the John Deer Tractor Legacy, New Complete Home Landscaping and Better Homes and Garden Quilting.

Two books were donated in memory of Lorene Landry by Mr. and Mrs. George Landry and family. They were Guide to Grow Beautiful Flowers and Let It Shine.

Other memorial books were, with honorees, donors and titles listed in that order:

Dudley Joseph Swire, Miami Corporation, Louisiana Cowboys;

Lorene Landry, Billy and Bobbie Darbonne, The Partical Gardener;

Maw Maw Betty Savoie, Zoie Boudreaux, Big Hook Crochet;

Emma L. "Tou" Theriot, Joyce Jones, Encyclopedia of Cajun & Creole Cuisine;

Olga Marie Mhire, Bates Family Trust, Mary Engelbreit's Outdoor Companion.



CAMERON PARISH public officials were invited to participate in a business luncheon with Senator Mary Landrieu at Sha Sha's in Creole on Saturday, Sept. 22, as guests of Cheniere Energy who sponsored the tour of Cameron Parish early in the day. Pictured are, from left, JUDGE Ward Fontenot, School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron Parish OHSEP Director Clifton Hebert, Cameron Parish Police Jury President Darryl Farque, Senator Landrieu, Police Juror Scott Trahan, Police Juror Sonny Magee, Police Juror Charles Precht, West Cameron Port Board Member Howard Romero, Clerk of Court Carl Broussard. Kneeling are Cameron Parish Animal Control Officer Joe Dyson and Mrs. Dyson. In addition to Cameron Parish Police Jury and School Board issues, discussion centered on the need for post offices to return to Creole and Grand Chenier, as well as for zip codes to be established in Grand Lake and Johnson Bayou. (Photo by Tracy Lannin.)

Chenier's oaks aided Confederates

(American Press) (Oct. 18, 2006)

The beautiful groves of moss-draped live oaks that mark the Cheniers of lower Cameron Parish were designated to play an important part in the history of the United States.

In 1828, President John Quincy Adams, in what was believed to be the first conservation project in the United States, designated that the oak groves be placed in the Naval Live Oak Preserve in order to provide critical ship-building supplies for the U. S. Navy. The slow-growing and naturally curing live oak was preferred for laying the keels of wooden vessels.

Wooden-hulled gunboats were used by the Confederate army to run guns and ammunition from Campeche, Mexico to the wharves of the "Bluff," or Grand Chenier, and were shipped out to be used by the South in their ill-fated War Between the States.

Captain James Welch, who married Martha Rutherford, daughter of the first settler on "Oak Grove" piloted one of these gunboats or the Confederate Army.

Free stress management is offered

Louisiana Spirit will be providing a free stress management series on Monday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Cameron Branch Library. The first of the series will begin Oct. 8 and will feature "Fun and Laughter."

Other topics which will be discussed during the series lasting through Nov. 5 are "Effects of Stress on the Body," Systems of Support," "Relaxation Skill Sets," and "Compassion Fatigue and Burnout." Everyone is invited to attend.

The mission of Louisiana Spirit Hurricane Recovery is to offer crisis counseling that empowers Louisiana hurricane survivors to build resilience, recover and move towards self sufficiency.

In southwest Louisiana, the program is being administered by Volunteers of America. For more information about Louisiana Spirit, call the Lake Charles office at 433-6460 or toll-free at 1-866-405-2673.

School lunches told

Cameron Parish School lunches are as follows:

Friday, Sept. 28 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, sweet peas, yellow cake, pineapple topping, wheat sliced bread, milk

Monday, Oct. 1 - Hamburger, french fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookies, hamburger bun, catsup, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - Enchilada casserole, tossed

salad, baked potato, chilled peach slices, wheat sliced bread, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 3 - Chili frito pie, whole kernal corn, apple/orange wedges, royal brownies, wheat sliced bread, milk

Thursday, Oct. 4 - Beef nachos, salsa, pinto beans, fresh vegetables, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips, salad dressing, milk

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CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS Public Relations Coordinator Trina Johnson presented Mrs. Louise Cole, President of the Cameron Parish NAACP with a check for \$250. The donation will be used to offset the organization's expense trip to the 29th Annual Pageant of Praise.

McNeese Career Fair to be held on October 1

The McNeese State University Fall Career Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, in Parra Ballroom of the Student Union Annex.

"Dress to Impress!" is the theme for the event, which is designed to provide McNeese students of all majors and classifications and alumni an opportunity to meet potential employers and representatives from business, industry, government and professional/graduate schools, according to Kathy Bond, director of Career Services at McNeese.

"Graduating seniors and alumni are advised to have several copies of their resume available and be dressed to impress. Underclassmen will be able to explore and discuss career choices and ways students can best prepare for

employment in their fields," said Bond.

Sponsors for the fall fair include BP, ECP Tech Services Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Expro Americas, F. Miller Construction LLC, Global Industries Offshore, Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services, Pfizer Inc., PPG Industries Inc.,

RSC Equipment Rental, Sasol North America, Target, Total Petrochemicals USA Inc. and URS Process & Energy Group.

A list of 109 participants along with a listing of preferred majors may be viewed online at www.mcneese.edu/career/ or for more information call McNeese Career Services Center at 475-5612 or 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5612

Teachers are each given \$25

Sulphur and Lake Charles Churches of Christ partnered to present every teacher in Cameron Parish with a \$25 check to assist with classroom materials and supplies, for a total contribution of \$3900 to the classrooms of Cameron Parish.

Participating in the presentation on Tuesday, Sept. 18, were Hackberry High Principal Austin LaBove, Grand Lake High School Principal David Duhon, Cameron Parish School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, Reverend Bill

Edwards of Boulevard Church of Christ in Lake Charles, Johnson Bayou High School Principal Gene Reynolds, Cameron Parish Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction and Project Coordinator Nancy Boudreaux, Reverend Roger Corley of Maplewood Church of Christ in Sulphur, Reverend Russell May of South Sulphur Church of Christ and South Cameron High School Principal Carol "Zeke" Wainwright.

Through member donations from throughout the country, a warehouse in Hackberry was a distribution point for furniture, appliances and home furnishings immediately after Hurricane Rita, and elementary teachers received monetary assistance for classroom supplies during the 2006-07 school year.



THE ABOVE persons represented the Cameron Parish NAACP Chapter in the mass march in Jena last week. They included Louise Cole, chapter president; Charles Cole; Kelsi Victorian, queen; Pauline McArthur, Little Miss Cameron NAACP; and Rosalyn Aaron, Deb Miss NAACP. Also pictured are Dr. Ernest Johnson, state NAACP president, and Willis Edward, national NAACP board member. About 70,000 marchers took part in the event including Jesse Jackson and Rev. Al Sharpton.

HOLLY BEACH

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OTHER MATTERS

The new ice plant announced for Cameron last month by Kevin Savoie of the LSU Ag Center has been found to be unsuitable for the intended location. A substitute site has been proposed for Hackberry. Savoie will have details at the regular Police Jury meeting on Monday, Oct. 1.

It is hoped that the court house elevator will be in use for that meeting, now that the Fire Marshal has approved the alarm system. A final meeting with the Fire Marshal will be held Thursday.

Jurors agreed to have a budget meeting soon to set priorities for road improvements and placement of the new excavator. A lively discussion about which district will get the excavator first resulted in no definite decision. It will depend on all permits being in place.

Jurors did decide that any Gravity Drainage District that wants to use the equip-

ment for a project will have to pay the \$500-800 cost of moving it to the site and sign a cooperative service agreement with the Jury.



MR. AND MRS. Allen Duplantis of Lacassine announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda, to Brent Morales, son of George and Janice Morales of Creole. The wedding is set for Saturday, Oct. 6 at The Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Lake Charles at 1:30 p.m. A reception will follow at the Iowa KC Hall.

Marriage—a book of which the first chapter is written in poetry and the remaining chapters written in prose.

- Beverly Nichols

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Cameron Parish has gotten \$125 million from FEMA

By HECTOR SAN MIGUEL
(American Press)

Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Southwest Louisiana and Southeast Texas for Hurricane Rita recovery efforts exceeds \$2 billion.

Gill Jamieson, FEMA's associate deputy administrator for Gulf Coast recovery, made the announcement Monday - the two-year anniversary of Rita's arrival on the coast.

"While many people associate the 2005 hurricane season with Katrina, Hurricane Rita also left a trail of devastation," Jamieson said Monday.

FEMA reported Monday that it has paid out more than \$914 million toward debris removal, hurricane-related emergency services, and repair and reconstruction of storm-damaged infrastructure in Texas and Louisiana.

The agency has also provided more than \$1.13 billion to more than 400,000 households in Louisiana and Texas to help families recover from Rita, according to FEMA

reports.

The agency reports that the number of Hurricane Rita victims living in FEMA-assisted temporary housing units in Southwest Louisiana and Southeast Texas has dropped dramatically.

As of a year ago, 16,246 families were still living in FEMA-provided temporary units. In the past year, 10,000 of those families have moved into more permanent housing.

Jim Stark, director of the Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office in New Orleans, was in Lake Charles on Monday to meet with local government officials.

Statistics released by FEMA show that Cameron Parish has received \$125 million in public assistance. Calcasieu Parish has received \$96 million, and Vermilion Parish has gotten \$37 million.

Asked how FEMA's efforts are faring in Cameron Parish, Stark said, "We have made some real progress in schools and public infrastructure repairs down there."

Stark planned to meet on Monday with Clinton Hebert, director of Cameron's Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Principals review aid from FEMA

FEMA and Louisiana Public Assistance personnel in the Educational Facilities Group spent the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the FEMA Joint Field Office in Lake Charles with Cameron Parish principals reviewing all FEMA Project Worksheets for their particular school sites.

The principals have been given until Oct. 2, to seek input in verifying the accuracy of what has been captured to date and identifying any other potential FEMA issues.

Participants in the session were South Cameron High School Principal Carol "Zeke" Wainwright, Grand Lake High School Principal David Duhon, Hackberry High School Principal Austin LaBove, FEMA Public Assistance Coordinator David Fila, FEMA Deputy Public Assistance Coordinator Erny Leach, Cameron Parish School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, Louisiana Public Assistance Coordinator Jack Holderfield and Johnson Bayou High School Principal Gene Reynolds.



PARTICIPANTS IN a FEMA workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 18 were, from left: South Cameron High School Principal Carol "Zeke" Wainwright, Grand Lake High School Principal David Duhon, Hackberry High School Principal Austin LaBove, FEMA Public Assistance Coordinator David Fila, FEMA Deputy Public Assistance Coordinator Erny Leach, Cameron Parish School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, Louisiana Public Assistance Coordinator Jack Holderfield and Johnson Bayou High School Principal Gene Reynolds. (Photo by Tracy Lannin.)

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Lions International, and was a board member of: SW LA Restaurant Assoc., Calcasieu United Appeals, West Cameron Port Commission, Environmental Development Task Force in LA, and St. Louis HS School Board.

Rodney was an avid lover of sports and enjoyed being a radio announcer for MSU Basketball and the Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament.

He also coached the St. Charles Academy Girls' Softball team, and the VFW "Vets" Dixie Youth Baseball team in Sulphur. For his work in youth recreation, he was inducted into the Wall of Honor for SPAR.

Rodney was an early proponent for the Prevention of Coastal Erosion in Louisiana. He was an active member of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, and received a Coastal Stewardship Award in 1998 for his work in that area. He was instrumental in securing the breakwater systems along Hwy. 82 in Cameron Parish. For his work in promoting the parish and for his erosion prevention efforts, Cameron Parish named him Citizen of the Year in 1997.

Rodney was a KPLC Weather Watcher for Constance Beach.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mickey Guilbeaux. Survivors include his five children (and their spouses), Analee Gregory, Gisele (Alton) Puckett, Denise (Richard) Donahoe, Rodney John Guilbeaux III (Linda), Jimmy "Jimbeaux" Guilbeaux, Sr. (Mary), 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held Saturday, Sept. 22, in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church. The Principal Celebrant was Rev. Roland Vaughn and was assisted by Rev. Joe Gosselin and the Very Rev. Daniel Torres. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery of Carlyss.

Memorial donations may be made to the Louisiana Lions' League for Crippled Children. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.mem.com

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BLAKE cont. from Pg. 1

Cameron Council on Aging Board of Directors; a former member of the South Cameron Hospital Board and the Lake Charles Port Authority; a past president of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, 1980-88, and of the Cameron Lions Club; 1978 Lion of the Year; a member of American Legion Post 176; past president of the Ark-La-Tex Texas Longhorn Breeders; a member of the Texas Longhorn Breeders Associating of America Board of Directors; a life member of the Louisiana and national cattlemen associations; a member of the Wakefield United Methodist Church board of trustees; past master of Cameron Lodge 439 F. & A.M.; and a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Mystic Shrine and Order of the Eastern Star.

After his retirement, Mr. Blake obtained his license as an auctioneer and real estate salesman.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Joseph B. Blake Sr. and Neta Carol Eubanks Blake; a brother, George Allen Blake; a sister,

Lydia Frances Blake Pittman; and his in-laws, Charles "Buster" and Alma Roberta Eagleson Rogers.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Jeanne Rogers Blake of Moss Bluff; two daughters, Roberta Carrol Blake Pinch and husband William John Pinch Jr. of Welsh and Charla Jo Blake of Dallas; one sister, Ella Carol Blake Stroud and husband Bobby of Orange Park, Fla.; one granddaughter, Whitnie Victoria Pinch of Welsh.

Mr. Blake's funeral was held Sunday, Sept. 23, in Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. The Rev. James Moore officiated. Burial was in Wakefield Methodist Cemetery in Cameron.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donation be made to Wakefield Methodist Church in Cameron or to Cameron Lodge 439 F. & A.M. in his memory; they may be mailed to 2306 Goos Road, Moss Bluff, La. 70611, in Mrs. Blake's care.

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HOMECOMING NEWS

Homecoming Spirit Week has been announced. Monday is camouflage day, Tuesday is favorite collegiate or profession sport, Wednesday is twin day, Thursday is Tarpon Spirit day.

Homecoming Banquet will be on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the school gym. The banquet will cost \$20 per person. Tickets are on sale in the school office until Oct. 1. Everyone who plans to attend the banquet, along with your guest, must sign-up in the office. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour; at 7 p.m. the meal will be served; and at 9 p.m. there will be a Homecoming Court presentation.

The meal will consist of salad, ribeye or marinated chicken breast, cheese potatoes, green beans, corn, roll, tea and dessert. A professional photographer and DJ will be present during the banquet.

HOMECOMING ALUMNI SOCIAL

A Homecoming Alumni Social will be Friday, Oct. 5, from 5 to 6 p.m.

This year the graduates of 1998, 1983 and 1958 will be honored. The Class members of 1998 are: Lacie Baccigalopi, Cheryl Bertrand, Derek Bertrand, Sara Billings, Natalie Boudreaux, Neil Boudreaux, Chad Bridges, Alisha Broussard, Jennifer Broussard,

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DANCE LINE CAMP

Come and join the SCHS Danceline, "Tarpon Dazzlers," as they host the Annual Elementary Dance Camp to be held Saturday, Oct. 20, at South Cameron High School in the gym. Cost will be \$35 per participant. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with a final presentation at 3 p.m. Camp is open to grades K-8th.

Participants are to bring a sack lunch (drinks will be provided). All participants will receive a danceline t-shirt and will perform at half time for the South Cameron vs.

Oberlin game Friday, Oct. 26.

Forms will be sent home at SCHS, but if there are any little girls from the other area schools wishing to attend, please contact Sharon Picou at SCHS 542.4628 or 542.4860. Forms will be due back by Tuesday, Oct. 9.

SADIE HAWKINS DANCE

Tarpon Dazzlers are hosting a Sadie Hawkins dance on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 7 to 11 p.m. for grades 6 through 12. Cover charge will be \$5 per person. The theme for this year's dance is "Sadie Goes Hunting". So come join us in your best camo attire.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept. 27, JV Football, Welsh (home)

Sept. 28, Football, at Welsh, 7 p.m.

Oct. 4, JV Football, Merryville (away)

Oct. 5, Football Homecoming, Merryville, 7 p.m.

Go Tarpons!

Scholarships to be given

The Propeller Club Ports of Southwest Louisiana is seeking applications for their 2008 scholarship awards.

These scholarships range from \$500 to \$2000 each year and are awarded to graduating seniors of parents who work in the local maritime community.

Propeller Club members are asked to pass the application to their coworkers who may have a graduating senior.

Any Senior from Cameron, Calcasieu, Allen, Beauregard and Jeff Davis parishes are encouraged to apply and all applications will be considered. For a copy of the application call Ship to Shore at 474-0730 or email info at shiptoshoreco.com.

Application deadline is Jan 18, 2008. Accepted applicants will then write a short essay and have personal interviews.

Do You Remember?

By KEITH HAMBRICK

Cameron Pilot, Sept. 19, 1974

MURPHY RETIRES

By Geneva Griffith

Charles L. "Tince"

Murphy, who served the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office department for 25 years and 8 months before retiring recently as the Chief Deputy of the department, was feted with a "going away" party last week in Cameron, hosted by Sheriff Claude Eagleson and the staff and members of the sheriff's department.

Murphy served under two sheriff's O. B. Carter and Claude Eagleson. He began work in 1948 and on Nov. 15, 1956 became Chief Deputy and served in that position for 18 years.

SC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The South Cameron High School Athletic Association has initiated steps to produce a new bus for the Tarpon team as the current one is in bad need of costly repairs.

4-H ELECTS OFFICERS

The South Cameron High Senior 4-H Club held its first monthly meeting Sept. 12. The officers for this year are: President, Mike McCall; vice president, Vickie Savoie; secretary, Denise McCall; treasurer, Nancy Nunez; reporter, Vickie Savoie; parliamentarians, Liz Richard and Russel Savoie.



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Tarpons beat Tigers 28-22 last week

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

In a back and forth see-saw battle, the South Cameron Tarpons scored the winning touchdown late in the 4th quarter on a Jonathon Trahan 3 yard run to steal a victory from the Lake Arthur Tigers 28-22.

Ben Bonin, who rushed for 225 yards for the Tigers, scored on a 54 yard run and converted the 2 point conversion to give the Tigers a 22-21 lead with 4:43 remaining in the contest. After a Tarpon punt the Tigers were poised to run out the clock and claim the victory but Bonin fumbled the ball away on his own 22

yard line, paving the way for the Tarpons victory.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Tigers reached paydirt first on a Ben Bonin 4 yard run set up by a Tarpon fumble on their own 10 yard line.

The Tarpons first score was set up by a turnover also when the Lake Arthur quarterback threw an interception at their own 20 yard line. The Tarpons capped off the drive with a Kirby Kingery 1 yard run to take a 7-6 halftime lead. Kingery had 56 yards on 17 carries. Jonathon Trahan had 33 yards on 13 carries.

The Tarpons extended their lead to 14-6 in the 3rd quarter on a Jonathon Trahan 3 yard run. The touchdown was set up by a Kyle Little to Trahan 54 yard pass play. Little completed 2 passes for 64 yards.

The Tigers tied the score at 14-14 on a Bonin 34 yard jaunt late in the third quarter.

The Tarpons took a 21-14 lead on a Jaylon Ball 27 yard run with 6:10 remaining in the game. Ball, the Tarpons leading playmaker thus far this season, was held to no touches until the touchdown play. Ball ended up with 33 yards on 2 carries and did not have a reception on the night.

Tarpons to play Welsh this week

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The (2-2) South Cameron Tarpons will continue their tour of class 2-A schools as they hit the road this week to take on the (1-3) Welsh Greyhounds.

The Tarpons hope to continue the momentum they built up from last week with a thrilling home victory over the Lake Arthur Tigers 28-22. The Tarpons scored late in the 4th quarter to take the victory and even their record at 2-2.

The Greyhounds only victory thus far came in week 1 against Red River by a score of 34-28. The Greyhounds lost the next three weeks in a row to Rayne 27-6, Opelousas Catholic 23-8 and last week 21-20 to a very tough Oakdale team.

The Tarpons are looking to keep their winning streak alive in preparation for their district opener against Merryville next week.



Fishing for sharks will end on Sat.

Commercial fishing for large coastal sharks, as defined by Louisiana rule (L.A.C. 76:VII.357), closed in Louisiana waters at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, and the closure will remain in effect until 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2008. Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico will also be closed for commercial harvest of large coastal sharks during the same time period.

Under the authority given to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in its rule LAC 76:VII.357.M.2 which allows the secretary to declare a closed season, Undersecretary Janice Lansing, acting on behalf of Secretary Bryant O. Hammett, Jr., made the decision upon notice from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the sub-quota for large coastal sharks has been exceeded, and that the season closure is necessary to ensure that the established quotas are not further exceeded.

Upon closure of this season Sept. 22, all commercial harvest, possession, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sale or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade or sell large coastal sharks or their fins is prohibited through 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2008.

The large coastal shark group is composed of the great hammerhead, scalloped hammerhead, smooth hammerhead, nurse shark, blacktip shark, bull shark, lemon shark, sandbar shark, silky shark, spinner shark and tiger shark.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



There are more days to enjoy the special teal season. It's all over this Sunday, Sept. 30 at Sundown.

I had a chance to hunt in areas that are loaded with teals and most hunters I've talk to have done well, with just a few minutes to get their limits, but I've also had hunters in the West Creole Marsh who are not seeing teals like they would like. Hunters tell me the sea marshes are still holding their own, and good limits are being bagged.

I did get a duck count from the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, but only on Mottled ducks (Summer Mallards) and Blue and Green Winged Teals. It seems that Southwest Louisiana is the place for this year's teal hunt.

Greenwing teals in Southwest are 17,000. The Blue-Wing count 208,000 in the Southwest area, but only 21,000 for the Southeast and 20,000 for Cataloula Lake for a total of 249,000 bluewinged teals.

The Southwest ended up with 245,000 ducks, Southeast 37,000 and Catahoula Lake 20,000, so

that's 302,000 for the state. I really think that there were more birds in our Southwest area, as the count was done on the coastal zone, Sept. 10-12.

When we got that good north wind, I'd say the North Creole Marsh alone had 200,000 bluewings plus lots of Mallards and Mexican Squealers. Also hunters in the Hackberry and Holly Beach area had a good number of Bluewing teals.

FISHING

Everyone who fished the Calcasieu and Big Lake area, is really talking about the new artificial reef by the island in Turner's Bay, which biologists for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries claim will bring oysters and that's good for fishing also. This was made possible by the LDWF and the CCA, but the money came for the Chevron Corporation, Dynamic Industries, and LDWF Foundation, Matt Durrand Construction and NOAA Lafayette.

This is the time of the year for flounder fishing. They'll be in the shoreline around the lake, toward the ship channel in Cameron, on the bank by the refuse cuts on the lakes east side and then on our beaches, from Beach Prong to Johnson Bayou.

There are lots of anglers who use live baits like shiners or shrimp, but I find I have just as good luck using a very small grub on a 1/8 ounce lead head or a small beetle on a lead head. Sometimes I'll go to 1/4 ounce lead head, but I prefer the 1/8 ounce with a strong hook.

I do not use the lead head that comes with a beetle spin, as they are weak, I prefer the local made lead heads, as the hooks will catch a trout or even a redfish if you happen to hook one.

I haven't made a trip on Toledo Bend for a while, but a friend of mine tells me boat traffic is light, and that lots of the marinas are only open for sales on weekends in some areas, although the boat launches are open and can put your money in the box on an honor system.

Water conditions are still good, as the lake is just under 170 ft. MSL, with water temperature running in the low 80 degree range.

Firearm course to be held

Cameron Sheriff's Office will be holding a firearms safety course Friday Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center. The course will be open to women of Cameron Parish 18 and older.

Time will run 2 to 3 hours. Attendance is limited to the first 20 that register. Course will provide a better understanding of firearms, safety, basic handling and address concerns and questions.

On Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. course participants will have the opportunity to shoot firearms at the Sheriff's Office range in Cameron. Both must be attended to shoot. Registration forms are available in the Sheriff's Office at the Courthouse in Cameron and the Substation in Hackberry.

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Also, a new population census will be taken in 2010, updating and possibly affecting Cameron Parish government representation. It is very important to get our people back so we can have fair representation at the Parish and State levels of government. Our children are the future of Cameron Parish, and our local leaders shape the future of Cameron Parish. We need good, strong leaders who will stand up and do what is right for the people of Cameron Parish.

If elected to represent you, I will do everything I can to encourage residents and businesses to come home to Cameron Parish. I will strive to help Cameron Parish return, rebuild, and grow.

The job of your Police Juror is to represent you and the needs and concerns that affect you. As a Cameron Parish resident and business owner, I want to represent you on the Police Jury with proven leadership. Please call me if you have any questions and let's discuss how I can represent you as your Police Juror. I can be reached at home, (337) 542-4540 or cell, (337) 912-2900.

If I don't get the chance to visit with you before election day, please remember to vote on Saturday, October 20, and remind all your family and friends to vote.

Sincerely,

Thomas McDaniel
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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Cameron Pilot Sept. 12, 1974 EVACUATION ROUTE NEEDED

By Geneva Griffith
The desperate need for another hurricane evacuation route out of lower Cameron Parish was pointed up early Sunday morning when it became apparent that Hurricane Carmen was a threat to Cameron.

Around 3 a.m. the potentially dangerous hurricane, which had plowed across the Gulf of Mexico from Campeche Bay, suddenly took a northwesterly course, deviating from its previous northerly course. To the harried citizens of lower Cameron this meant a hasty evacuation.

Since an evacuation for Pecan Island had been ordered, this meant that an extra burden was thrown on the already overtaxed narrow two-lane escape route for the whole parish. (Since the hurricane was headed in that direction the Pecan Islanders were forced to escape through the westerly route, through Creole.)

The early morning traffic, in pitch-dark blackness, was bumper to bumper all the way to Lake Charles. Miraculously, there were no accidents, and fortunately the hurricane skirted the parish.

This brought close to home the thought that in 1957 over 500 of our loved ones had to die in Hurricane Audrey before the National Weather Bureau would bring its system of hurricane warnings up to date. (Today we have a warning system that is second to none.)

DEALER PRAISED FOR AID TO EVACUEES

By Mrs. Harold Carter

Last Saturday night when

most of the citizens of lower Cameron Parish busily concerned themselves (and understandably so) with getting out of here ahead of threatening Carmen, there was at least one person who concerned himself not with this thought but with the thought of others and their needs.

This person was Raymond Thibeau, Creole Shell Service Station operator, who decided at 10 o'clock Saturday night, after hearing of Carmen's drift to the west, to open up his station and keep it open throughout the night--come Carmen or whatever--so that persons evacuating at this ungodly hour would be assured of gas for their vehicles to make it out of here.

With pelting, blinding rain, high wind and pitch darkness making his job anything but pleasant, Thibeau manned the gas pumps by himself all throughout the night and into the morning hours on Sunday. He reported that there was no end to the vehicles stopping for the precious liquid which the drivers had either forgotten or neglected to get earlier.

Most, Thibeau said, expressed gratitude to him for his keeping the station open throughout the emergency with one evacuee, whose gas tank was setting on empty, telling him that the lighted, open gas station at three o'clock in the morning was just about the most welcome sight he had ever seen.

SAVE THE TURTLES

Mr. and Mrs. Abra Conner of East Creole have been concerned for some time about the dwindling number of turtles in the Cameron Parish marshes.

They have been lost to predators who feed the eggs, rodents, and to droughts. Realizing what a delicacy turtle meat is and how much food it furnishes to local residents, the Conners started going out into the marsh several years ago and collecting the eggs. They bring them to their home where they place them in a protected area until they hatch.

Last week around 1000 baby turtles hatched out of their shells at the Conner home and the Conners are waiting for just the right time to turn them out into the back marsh where they will grow to maturity and end up in a delicious dish on Cameron Parish tables.

COLE WINS TOP HONORS

Charles Cole, drum major for the South Cameron High School marching band, garnered top honors at McNeese Band Camp this summer. In the five different categories in which he participated, he received the ratings for drum major: good, very good, very, very good, and excellent twice.

At the Talent Night performance, once again Charles exhibited his routine which rated him top performer.

"TEEMAN" HAS BIRTHDAY

"When I looked out the front door and saw all those people I thought my heart would burst." These were the words of Charlie "TeeMan" Davis when his neighbors, friends, and family surprised him Tuesday afternoon with a surprise birthday party on his 80th birthday.

Grand Chenier people descended on "TeeMan's" house in a group to give him his very first birthday party. He was presented with a beautifully decorated birthday cake and cake and punch was served to everyone from a refreshment table set up on his

front porch. In recalling his early life on Grand Chenier, "TeeMan" said that he never attended school in his life, and since with no formal education he could not read, he memorized all of the parts to Model T and Model A cars and set up a mechanic shop to work on cars on Grand Chenier.

He continued to work on cars until retirement several years ago.

His shop was a favorite hangout for local domino players, and "TeeMan" became an expert player. He spends his days now working in his garden and recalling the past events on Grand Chenier.

Helping celebrate the occasion with him were his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren from as far away as California.

PATSY GRANGER TAKES NEW JOB

Miss Patsy Ann Granger, Home Demonstration Agent for Cameron Parish the past 13 years, will be guest of honor at an open house sponsored by the Cameron Parish Extension Homemakers Council Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Cameron Recreation Center. Friends of "Miss Patsy" are invited to attend.

Miss Granger transferred on Sept. 9 to Jefferson Davis Parish as Home Agent and will be working with Hadley Fontenot, former Cameron County Agent.

Miss Granger, a native of the Grand Lake area, has been in extension employment for 19 years, beginning as associate home demonstration agent in Evangeline Parish on June 1, 1955. On Sept. 1, 1957, she went to Jefferson Davis Parish as HD agent and remained there until Sept. 1, 1958, when she moved to St. Landry Parish as associate HD agent. She came to Cameron as agent on Aug. 20, 1960.

ROUNDABOUT THE PARISH

Cameron Parish schools have enrolled 2220 students this fall, nine more than last year. Enrollment by school is: Cameron Elementary 424, Grand Chenier Elementary 142, Grand Lake 342, Johnson Bayou 184, Hackberry 344, South Cameron Elementary 286, and South Cameron 498. E. R. Hendricks is in instrument school in Ponca City, Okla.

REMEMBER?

By KEITH HAMBRICK

Cameron Pilot, Sept. 19, 1974

TRIBUTE PAID TO 'MISS NONA'

By Nell Colligan

I liked Miss Nona very much, and what's more, so did everyone else in Cameron.

She was a vital part of our life in the parish, having been Registrar of Voters some 25 years or more. Although past retirement age, she continued to work because she liked being in "the thick of things."

Miss Nona had a warmth about herself. She was interested in people and they could tell it in a minute. Generous in matters large and small, publicly and privately, she looked at the bright side of life, and whenever she did cross one life's little valley of personal discouragement, she kept the crossing mainly to herself. She was at peace with herself and with the world, and it was plain to see she liked her life.

ROUNDABOUT THE PARISH

These Johnson Bayou 4-Hers attended Camp Grant Walker July 26, Shane Noel, Kevin Noel, Larry Don billiot, Coy Caudell, Tommy Istre, Roy Reed Troy Caudell and Mike Badon.

Cameron Parish 4-H members who were awarded a free trip to Wildlife Camp at Pollock are pictured as they boarded the bus, Denise Ruthford, Mike Prescott and Bill Robicheaux.

Members attending a dog workshop conducted for Johnson Bayou 4-H members by Leslie Prescott were Timmy Istre, Tommy Istre, Elaine Barnett, Tammy Istre, Tammy Labit, Mike Prescott and "Breaux."

Chairing the different communities in the Community Line Campaign for funds to combat children's lung disease are Mrs. Jerry G. Jones, Cameron and Grand Chenier; Mrs. R. S. McComie, Johnson Bayou; Mrs. J. T. Primeaux, Creole; Peggy Conner, Pecan Island; Mrs. J. B. Colligan, Hackberry.

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EARLY VOTING SOON TO BEGIN

Early voting for the Oct. 20, 2007 election will be at the Registrar of Voters office at 122-F Recreation Ln. behind the courthouse.

Early voting has added another Saturday to the early voting days for the convenience of our voters.

Early voting will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Saturday, Oct. 6 and the week of Monday, Oct. 8 through Saturday, Oct. 13. Please remember when you go vote, you must have a picture ID with you.

Finally, any person who feels they need assistance in voting due to a physical disability such as poor eyesight or other **MUST** get a physician's certificate confirming the need for assistance in voting and submit it to the registrar prior to the election or give the certificate to the commissioners at the polls on Election Day.

Thanks,
Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar

RUN: Sept. 20, 27 & Oct. 4 (S-24)

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Landrieu, Boustany tell continued support for area

By **SEN. MARY LANDRIEU & REP. CHARLES BOUSTANY**

Two years ago, Hurricane Rita came crashing ashore along the Louisiana/Texas border. With winds in excess of 120 miles per hour pushing a 20-foot wall of water, the storm wreaked catastrophic damage across Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana.

The storm at its peak was the most intense ever to have entered the Gulf of Mexico, breaking a record set only three weeks earlier by Hurricane Katrina. When the skies cleared, Rita ranked as the third-most-expensive natural disaster in U.S. history.

In any other circumstance, the devastation of more than 20,000 homes, an interruption to our core national energy infrastructure and the destruction of half a billion dollars in agriculture, forests and fisheries would be big news - and it should be. Yet this catastrophe has been lost in the media shadow of Hurricane Katrina, all but forgotten by too many in Washington, D.C., and the national media, and still very much in need of attention from both.

There is simply no substitute for a firsthand appreciation of the storm's wrath and the long-term recovery needs of the region. As we fight for the tools to rebuild and recover from both hurricanes, our greatest ally has been the impact of eyewitness understanding - and our greatest enemies have been ignorance and passive disregard.

We are tremendously grateful to all those who have shared in and told Southeast Louisiana's important story of hope and recovery. But this story does not end at the Mississippi River. Rita was massive, but nonetheless a "traditional" hurricane. Katrina's effects were magnified by the failure of federal levees and the flooding that

followed. With different disasters come unique challenges to recovery - and stories equally worth telling.

With Rita approaching, Southwest Louisiana communities mounted an evacuation operation far larger than ever before envisioned. Not only did residents of these parishes need to seek safety themselves, but thousands of Katrina evacuees they had opened their hearts and homes to were incorporated into the plans as well.

The unique combination of energy, petrochemical, timber, fishing and other regional bedrock industries serving our nation are now suffering from an equally unique labor shortage. The nature of the damage also raises questions as to whether homeowners affected by Rita will be eligible for the same rebuilding assistance as those flooded as a result of levee breaks. All the while, a failed federal bureaucracy continues to meter out miles of red tape, without the consistent guidance or decision-making to hint when, if ever, projects can move forward.

Yet, without the national spotlight rightly afforded Katrina-affected areas, the people of Cameron, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Vermilion, Iberia and other Rita-devastated parishes have marched on. With generations-old roots in their community and the vibrant Louisiana spirit in their hearts, they have pulled themselves up and begun the difficult yet essential process of rebuilding. Theirs is an untold story in need of witnesses with strong voices.

And so, to the hardworking members of the media, our colleagues in Washington and to millions of Americans, we ask simply: Do not forget Hurricane Rita. It too has many lessons to offer for how we prepare for and recover from natural disasters. It tells a tale of distinctly American spirit and community. The stalwart people of south Louisiana continue to work hard to serve our nation's energy, agriculture and other needs as they work to rebuild their own homes. This story of hope, recovery, resilience and service can never be forgotten.

(Sen. Mary Landrieu (D) is Louisiana's senior Senator. Rep. Charles Boustany (R) represents Louisiana's 7th district.)

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GARAGE SALE
HUGE GARAGE Sale: Saturday, Oct. 6, 7 am til 2 pm. 131 John St., Cameron. turn at caution light on Marshall St. and follow the signs. Lots of everything. 9/27 & 10/4p.

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POSITION AVAILABLE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

The Cameron Parish School Board is receiving applications for the following listed position.

Teacher
Special Education (Certified in Louisiana or eligible for certification)

Persons applying for the **teaching position** should call 337-905-5784 ext. 111 in order to request an application. Applications must be presented at time of interview. To schedule an interview, contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake High School; 337-905-5100 or 337-905-2231.

The application and documents requested must be received by 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 28, 2007.

RUN: Sept. 20 & 27 (S-37)

Position Available Cameron Parish School Board

The Cameron Parish School Board is receiving applications for the following listed position:

Teacher: 8th grade English and Secondary English I, II, III and IV (Certified in Louisiana or eligible for certification).

Persons applying for the **teaching position** should call 337-905-5784 ext. 111 in order to request an application. Applications must be presented at time of interview.

To schedule an interview contact: Mr. Gene Reynolds, Principal, Johnson Bayou High School; 337-569-2773 or 337-569-2138.

The application and documents requested must be received by 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 5, 2007.

RUN: Sept. 27 & Oct. 4 (S-43)

—PUBLIC NOTICE —

Pumpkin Ridge Road or Parish Road 217 will be closed to traffic beginning Monday, October 8, 2007 at seven o'clock a.m. and will remain closed to traffic for approximately two weeks. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time of construction.

RUN: Sept. 27 & Oct. 4 (S 50)

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Part-time Sweeper at Grand Lake School. High School diploma is preferred.

To make application contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake School; Phone: 337-905-5100.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, September 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

RUN: Sept. 20 & 27 (S-36)

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Food Service Technician (8 hrs./day) at Grand Lake High School. High School diploma is preferred.

To make application contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake High School. Phone: 337-905-2231 or 905-5100.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, October 5, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Run: 9/27 & 10/4 (S-44)

— JOB AD —

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

1) Grand Lake High School District (exact route to be determined).

To make application contact: Mr. Doug Welch, Transportation Supervisor, Cameron Parish School Board. Phone: 337-905-5784 ext. 105.

The following documents will be required:

1. Proof of high school graduation or equivalent
2. Copy of driver's license with "S" endorsement
3. Proof of satisfactory medical examination
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RUN: Sept. 20 & 27 (S-38)

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**** Designer ****

The **Designer** is responsible for producing and maintaining drawings such as PFD's, P&ID's, electrical one lines, isometrics, etc., 3D model and documentations related to the Cameron LNG facility. The **Designer** will coordinate with engineering, maintenance, operation, and HSE departments. Knowledge of 2D CADD and 5-7 years experience in design related work in an industrial environment or related field is required.

**** Materials Coordinator ****

The role of the **Material Coordinator** is to coordinate the materials and supply warehousing and inventory control operation. Candidates should possess a minimum of 3 years experience in warehousing and materials management, or a closely related field. Experience with a Computerized Inventory Control System is also required.

**** Operations and Maintenance Coordinator ****

The role of the **Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Coordinator** is to plan, coordinate and schedule the maintenance activities and Preventive Maintenance (PM) activities of the Cameron LNG terminal facility. Candidates should possess a minimum of 2-4 years experience in planning in an industrial environment.

To learn more about available positions at Cameron LNG, go to www.laworks.net. For consideration e-mail your resume to LNGStaffing@SempraGlobal.com.

Cameron LNG is committed to recruiting and employing the best and brightest employees from the Cameron and Calcasieu parishes and surrounding areas for years to come. We offer competitive salaries and exceptional benefits.

For more information on Cameron LNG, please visit www.cameronlng.com.

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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 4th day of September 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-06: Post Rita Restoration of Cameron Parish Courthouse Elevator pursuant to the certain contract between Charles Miller Construction Company and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 303570, 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, in all 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.

/s/ Darryl Farque
DARRYL FARQUE
PRESIDENT

Run: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 (S 14)

ADVERTISEMENT

The Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, does hereby advertise for sealed bids and will open same on:

1. October 16, 2007
2. At 135 Berwick Rd, Johnson Bayou, LA 70631 at the hour of 6:30 p.m.
3. For: **Hurricane Rita Repairs to the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center.**

4. Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of Moss Architects, Inc., 3221 Ryan Street, Suite B, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601, (337) 433-8166. Complete documents may be obtained from the Architect upon deposit of \$140.00 for each set of documents. Deposit is fully refundable for the first set of documents to all bonafide prime* bidders upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. The deposit of all other set of documents will be refunded fifty percent (50%) upon return of documents as stated above. *Prime bidders is defined as licensed General Contractors bidding this job as such.

5. Preference is given to materials, supplies, and provisions that are produced, manufactured, or grown in Louisiana, quality being equal to articles offered by competitors outside the State.

6. All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check or cashier's check drawn on a bank insured by the FDIC, or the Bid Bond Form contained in contract documents, written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with an A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond insurer as a licensed agent in this state and who is residing in this state, and that it is listed thereon as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in this instrument, all in accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2218. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.

7. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount, written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with an A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, all in accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2219. The bond shall be countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as an insurance agent in this State, and who is residing in this State.

8. Bids shall be accepted only from contractors who are licensed under LA-R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification of Building Construction. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA-R.S. 38:2214.

9. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with LA-R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the Bid Form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

10. The public shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between the Owner and the Contractor is fully executed.

11. Official action on this bid will be taken within forty-day (45) days by the Owner.

12. All bids must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: BID FOR: "Hurricane Rita Repairs to the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center" Johnson Bayou Recreation District.
Runs: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4 (S 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2008, Sierra Optima will no longer offer coverage of Medicare Advantage benefits to our Medicare members in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. If you are a current member, you may remain enrolled until December 31, 2007.

For additional information, we suggest you call Sierra Optima at 1-888-274-2207; TTY: 1-800-349-3538. For help and information about Medicare, please call 1-800-

Medicare (1-800-633-4227). Individuals that use a telephone device for the hearing impaired can call 1-877-486-2048.

Material ID: H4449.41NVSHL07
Run: Sept. 27 (S 35)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Acting under the authority of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, the Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids for the leasing of surface rights including the rights of range, fishing, and farming, on the following described lands:

SECTION - TOWNSHIP - RANGE; DESCRIPTION
16-12-10; Partial section; containing 435 acres, more or less, bordering Black Lake; three (3) miles West of Calcasieu Lake.

(A description map may be seen in the School Board Office during normal working hours.)

All bids must be sealed; the envelope marked "Bid - Section 16, Township ____, Range ____" and may be forwarded through the U.S. Mail to the Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631. Bidder must offer an annual rental of not less than \$2.00 per acre for a lease with a primary term of five years to end July 31st, 2012 (remaining time on lease is 4 years and 10 months). Annual renewal rentals will be due each year by July 31st, in order to continue the lease in effect. Cash payment or a certified or cashier's check, or teller's check, or an official check issued by a bank in favor of the Cameron Parish School Board for the amount of the annual rental for the first year shall accompany and be deposited with the bid (no checks other than types noted above are acceptable) and the rental thus deposited shall be forfeited to the Board as liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails to enter into written contract in accordance with his bid within ten (10) days after acceptance by the Board.

The bid submitted must include the following information: Name of Bidder, Address of Bidder, Phone Number of Bidder.

If farming rights are utilized, bidder may offer annual rental plus a fractional part of not less than one-sixth (1/6) of any and all crops produced and saved during the year. The value of the one-sixth (1/6) share shall not be considered in the awarding of the lease unless the bidder guarantees a specific amount which shall be added to and accompany the bid.

Should the one-sixth (1/6) value of crops be less than the cash guarantee paid at the time of the lease, the Cameron Parish School Board shall demand such additional payment as necessary to bring the value adjustment to a full one-sixth (1/6) of crops produced and harvested on any and all listed sections. Lessor reserves the right to gather and dispose of alligator eggs from the lease premises, without any compensation to lessee.

The surface rights and privileges granted in the lease are restricted to range, farming, and fishing and these rights shall in no way, manner, or form interfere with the granting of a mineral lease or the full utilization of all rights and privileges granted in any mineral lease.

It is further agreed and understood between the contracting parties hereto that this lease shall be heritable, but shall not be subject to mortgage, pledge, hypothecation or seizure and sale, nor shall the said lease be assigned, subleased, or otherwise transferred by the said lessee unless authorized by prior written approval of the lessor. Such assignment, sublease or transfer of said lease shall be subject to terms and conditions as may be deemed proper by the lessor. Terms and conditions for subleasing may be obtained by contacting the Cameron Parish School Board land manager.

The Cameron Parish School Board does not warrant or provide ingress or egress to the leased premises. Ingress and egress is the sole responsibility of lessee.

Bids will be received until the hour of 4:00 p.m., October 8, 2007, at which time all bids received will be opened and considered in public session of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids received.

BY: /s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE RODRIGUE,
SUPERINTENDENT
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
Runs: Sept. 20, 27 & Oct. 4 (S 39)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SP# 9319
Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read by the Purchasing Section of the Division of Administration, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor Suite 2-160, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804 at 10:00 A.M. for the following:

File No. O11055X, Bid No. 2220343 - Engine, Oct 10
Bid proposal forms, information and specifications may be obtained by accessing the bid number in LaPac at www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp or from the purchasing section listed above. No bids will be received after the date and hour specified. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

DENISE LEA - Director of State Purchasing - FAX (225) 342-8688
Run: Sept. 27 (S 45)

PROCEEDINGS

CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
AUGUST 6, 2007
The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2007, at the

Cameron Courthouse in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 5:30 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Douaine Conner, Mr. Charles Precht, III, Mr. Steve Trahan and Mr. James Doxey.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the reading of the minutes of July 2, 2007, July 17, 2007 and July 30, 2007 shall be dispensed with and approved.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas W. "Sonny" McCall departed this life on July 24, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, this body and people of Cameron Parish shall be eternally indebted unto the late Mr. Thomas W. "Sonny" McCall for his faithful service as Cameron Parish Civil Defense Director from 1970 to 1976.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, in regular session convened on this 6th day of August, 2007, that:

SECTION I: The Secretary is hereby directed to spread this resolution on the Minutes of this body and forward certified copies thereof to the family of the deceased.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Cameron Parish Police Jury this 6th day of August, 2007.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Mr. Ricky L. Taylor departed this life on July 9, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, this body and people of Cameron Parish shall be eternally indebted unto the late Mr. Ricky L. Taylor for his faithful service as a member of the Gravity Drainage District No. Eight Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, in regular session convened on this 6th day of August, 2007, that:

SECTION I: The Secretary is hereby directed to spread this resolution on the Minutes of this body and forward certified copies thereof to the family of the deceased.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Cameron Parish Police Jury this 6th day of August, 2007.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. Ballard Exploration Company - Sabine Lake, T14S, R15W, (proposed 8-inch pipeline, platform & walkway to serve the 19095 Well No. 1 & SL 16095 Facility), Cameron Parish, LA (070801)

b. Nippon Oil Exploration USA Ltd. - Johnson Bayou, Section 32, T15S, R13W, (proposed pipelines, excavation mat, & pipeline removal), Cameron Parish, LA (070803)

c. Pel-Tex Oil Company, LLC - East Creole, Section 17, T14S, R6W, (proposed drill site with wing, well, driveway, & board road to drill the North America Land Company, Inc. Well No. 2), Cameron Parish, LA (070805)

d. Ballard Exploration Company, Inc. - Sabine Lake, Section N/A, T13S, R14W, (proposed 4-inch flowline to serve the SL 16095 Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA (070806)

e. Rozel Operating Company - Creole, West Cameron Area Block 2, (proposed pipeline installation to serve SL 18423 Well No. 2), Cameron Parish, LA (070809)

f. Energy Partners LTD - Grand Chenier, East Cameron Area, (proposed 4-inch pipeline from SL 17120 No. 1 to SL 16980 No. 1 Blocks 4 & 9), Cameron Parish, LA (070810)

g. ExxonMobil Production Company - East Mud Lake Field, Section 19, T14S, R10W, (proposed well abandonment of the Luther C-10 Well), Cameron Parish, LA (070811)

h. LLOG Exploration Company, LLC - Grand Chenier, Section 15, T14S, R3W, (proposed wheel washing, drill barge, platform, and structures to drill the Adam Gabler Nunez Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA (070812)

i. Louisiana Gas Development Corp. - Klondike, Section 6, T12S, R3W, (proposed board road, drill-site, and structures to drill the Daigle Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA (070815)

j. Gulfport Energy Corporation - Calcasieu Lake, Section N/A, T12S, R9W, (proposed installation of drilling barge for SL 50 Well No. 153), Cameron Parish, LA (070816)

k. Chevron U.S.A. Inc. - Cameron, West Cameron Area, (proposed to drill SL 4418 Well No. 11 Block 14), Cameron Parish, LA (070817)

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by

the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. Entergy Gulf States, Inc. - Hackberry, Section 12, T12S, R10W, (proposed power poles at Sempa LNG Facility), Cameron Parish, LA (070802)

b. Wendell Broussard - Grand Chenier, Section 3, T15S, R6W, (proposed wharf/pier), Cameron Parish, LA (070804)

c. Leon Duhon - Sweetlake, Section 15, T12S, R8W, (proposed excavation for fish pond), Cameron Parish, LA (070807)

d. Breaux, Inc. - Hackberry, Angler Bay Subdivision, Section 44, T12S, R10W, (proposes to construct a 112 lot subdivision, bulkhead, and excavation of canal), Cameron Parish, LA (070808)

e. Thomas Cormier - Johnson Bayou, Section 43, T15S, R13W, (proposed to rebuild levee for crawfish pond damaged by Hurricane Rita), Cameron Parish, LA (070813)

f. Cameron Parish Water Works Dist. No. 2, Ward 6 - Hackberry, Section 23, T12S, R10W, (proposed water line extension to Sempa facility), Cameron Parish, LA (070814)

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Arnold Jones, Sr. and Albert John Crain are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the East Cameron Port Commission.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that consideration for the term of Brandon Hebert as a member of the East Cameron Port Commission shall be tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Bobby Hession shall be reappointed to serve as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Seven Board.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that Jimmy Paul Saltzman shall be reappointed to serve as a member of the Gravity Drainage District No. Eight Board.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Geraldyn Myers, Clifford Broussard, Greg Hornsby and Urcin Miller, Jr. shall be reappointed to serve as members of the Fire Protection District No. Sixteen Board.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Pamela Monceaux Thibodeaux shall be appointed to serve as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Sixteen Board.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall accept the resignation of Joseph McCall as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Nine Board and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Mr. McCall thanking him for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Earnestine T. Horn shall be appointed to serve as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Nine Board.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bid was received for the purchase of one (1) Hurst ML-28 Rescue Tool Set (Jaws of Life) on behalf of the Fire Protection District No. One:

BIDDER; BID AMOUNT
River Country Rescue;
\$25,650.00

Considering the bid of River Country Rescue to be the only responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bids were received for the purchase and installation of one (1) 60 HZ, 150 KW Diesel Generator:

BIDDER; BID AMOUNT
Watson Electric Co., Inc.;
\$47,389.33

Seven O Residential & Commercial; 48,750.00
Considering the bid of Watson Electric Co., Inc. to be the lowest responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bids were received for Project No. 2007-04, Water System Improvements for the Town of Grand Lake, Contract I:

BIDDER; BASE BID
Teche Construction;
\$398,660.86

Janco Water Division;
384,084.06
CAD-SON Construction;
495,163.00

Blake D. Hines, Inc.;
445,794.30

DIGCO Utility Construction LP; 577,975.00

Considering the bid of Janco Water Division to be the lowest responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bid was received for Project No. 2007-10, Post-Rita Restoration of Holly Beach Roads:

BIDDER; BASE BID
K.A.S. Construction; \$
824,290.40

Considering the bid of K.A.S. Construction to be the only responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted, pending Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project worksheet alignment.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby ratify the decision of Lonnie Harper, P.E., to readvertise for the acceptance of bids for Project 2007-04, Water

System Improvement for the Town of Grand Lake, Contract IIA and Contract IIB, Booster Station and Ground Storage Tank, respectively. The decision was necessitated by the fact no bids had previously been received for the booster station and ground storage tank portions of the project and the fact the project funding is subjected to time constraints.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase a new vehicle through state contract on behalf of the Library.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for a new vehicle to be used by the Building Permit Official.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the project, Striping of Parish Roads, performed by Stars & Stripes Traffic System, L.L.C. as complete and satisfactory.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the State of Louisiana to accept one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) provided for by Act 18 of the Regular Session of 2007, the General Appropriations Act. The funds will be used to aid in a water line project for the Lowry community.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an Amendment to Sub-Lease Agreement by and between the Fire Protection District No. Ten and the Waterworks District No. Ten. The amendment extends the term of the sub-lease and allows for the rebuilding of the Holly Beach Fire Station on property leased by the Waterworks District No. Ten Board.

Jennifer Jones responded to questions asked by Dot Theriot related to the proposed relocation of the Grand Lake Rural Health Clinic. Mrs. Theriot asked to go on record opposing the clinic being located in the northern part of the parish.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District providing for the Police Jury to fund relocation costs to move the Grand Lake Rural Clinic from privately leased property to parish-owned property in Grand Lake.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for a Coastal Zone Management Program for 2007-2008.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

A resolution of the Cameron Parish Police Jury confirming its intent to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana in order to participate in the Capital Outlay Appropriations program R.S. 39:112 with complying provisions R.S. 39:122.

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury has completed a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement form establishing its interest to participate in ACT 28 of 2007 (Capital Outlay Act), indicating use of general obligation bonds as a means of finance and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as a means of securing general obligation bonds for financing, to establish a *Line of Credit* with the State Bond Commission in order to facilitate the projects enumerated in House Bill No. 2, under Cameron Square Project No. 50-J12-07B-01 (909) and Holly Beach Sewer Project No. 50-J12-07B-02 (1216) and;

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as well as a request for a *Line of Credit* form has been filed and submitted with the Division of Administration under the Office of Facility Planning & Control, the State Bond Commission, and the Office of the Attorney General in pursuit of all requirements pertaining thereto;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Cameron Parish Police Jury hereby affirms and authorizes the President to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement data form between the State of Louisiana and the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as well as, the official completion and submission of the request for a *Line of Credit* for the projects mentioned herein.

Adopted and Approved this 6th Day of August, 2007.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the following item shall be added to the agenda:
12. President Authority to Sign:

f. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement - Johnson Bayou Recreation

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Johnson Bayou Recreation District allowing the latter to rebuild the Johnson Bayou Multipurpose Building on property leased by the Jury.

The President asked if there were any oral or written comments regarding the proposed abandonment of the last 252' of Catherine Lane in the Old Settlement of Big Lake. No oral or written comments were received.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

BE IT RESOLVED by the Cameron Parish Police Jury in regular session convened on this 6th day of August, 2007, that:

Last 252' of Catherine Lane in Old Settlement, Section 10, T12S, R9W, Cameron Parish, LA

SECTION I: The following described public road right of way, the same being of no further public use, necessity or convenience, be and the same is hereby abandoned:

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of August, 2007.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

The President asked if there were any oral or written comments regarding the proposed creation of the Waterworks District No. Sixteen. No oral or written comments were received.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and declared duly adopted:

CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE X. WATERWORKS
DIVISION 10. DISTRICT NO. 16
Sec. 20-385: **Created;**
Boundaries

Waterworks District No. 16 of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, is hereby created under the provisions of Sections 3811 to 3821, both inclusive, of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, all within the limits of the Parish of Cameron and shall compromise and embrace all of the territory within the following described boundaries, to wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence in a Westerly direction along the North corporate limit line of Cameron

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the driver of a vehicle may lawfully operate the vehicle on any parish road shoulder in accordance with the normal standards of prudent conduct to protect himself or others from harm. When the emergency ends, the vehicle shall not be operated on the parish road shoulder.

Violations; penalties.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article, in addition to any other penalty or remedy provided hereunder or by any law, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or thirty (30) days in the parish jail or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The following Ordinance was offered by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. McGee and declared duly adopted:

PUBLIC HEALTH - SANITARY CODE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Responsible Parties:

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

Discharges:

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

Land Application:

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

Violations; penalties.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be liable in damages to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as well as for any personal injury or property damage, including environmental damage that results from such violation.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article, or any permit issued hereunder shall, in addition to any other penalty or remedy provided hereunder or by any law, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or thirty (30) days in the parish jail or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. McGee and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

A resolution of the Cameron Parish Police Jury establishing and affirming the Cameron Square Project with its related Waterfront component as its Priority 1 project in its Parishwide recovery initiative and further establishing the sequence of projects identifying its 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th highest priority projects as it relates to the Parish's economic development, housing and infrastructure recovery programs.

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury (hereinafter Jury) submitted the Cameron Square Program to the Louisiana Recovery Authority (hereafter LRA) as the Jury's Priority 1 Recovery Program Element;

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning & Development (hereafter OPD), on behalf of the Jury, made a PowerPoint presentation on Cameron Square at LRA's Regional Resource Fair held in Lake Charles during Oct. 2006, in which the presentation included a request for substantial funding from the LRA/CDBG Program;

WHEREAS, the OPD has previously presented the Jury with a Development Plan Concept Layout for the Cameron Square Program;

WHEREAS, the Jury desires to initiate and accelerate all necessary recovery development activities without further delay;

WHEREAS, the OPD has provided the Jury with a Presentation Document involving various action items authorizing services and funding for the Cameron Square Program and related Parishwide Activities;

WHEREAS, the Jury now desires to formally affirm and designate the Cameron Square Program as the highest priority long-term Parishwide recovery program for Cameron Parish;

WHEREAS, the Jury further desires to designate the East Annex Project as the Priority 1 Project of the Cameron Square Program; the Holly Beach Sewer as the Priority 2 Project; the Cameron Loop Dredging as the Priority 3 project; Parishwide Road & Infrastructure as Priority 4 project; and the development of West Cameron Port Authority as Priority 5 project and;

WHEREAS, there has been substantial public input from a series of public hearings Parishwide to determine these projects;

WHEREAS, the Jury additionally desires to initiate final planning, programming, design and related special technical services necessary to initiate implementation of the Cameron Square Program and its related projects;

WHEREAS, the Jury recognizes the need to provide the necessary professional services for Parishwide Recovery Activity and for Priority 1 Cameron Square Project (East Annex); Priority 2 Holly Beach Sewer Project; Priority 3 Cameron Loop Dredging project; Priority 4 Parishwide Road & Infrastructure Project; and Priority 5 West Cameron Port Authority project;

WHEREAS, the Jury, desires to utilize and maximize any available funding from various resources including, but not limited to, FEMA Public Assistance PW program funds and potential funding from the Cheniere Pilot Program;

WHEREAS, the Police Jury recognizes that in order to utilize and maximize use of other funding resources to augment the Jury's appropriation, it will be necessary to initiate and advance professional program management/administration services on the Parishwide level including, but not limited to, preparation of a) Preliminary Funding Strategy Plan (PFSP), b) Project Worksheet Action Plan (PWAP) relative to FEMA Project Worksheets, c) assistance and preparation of agency funding requests, and d) other Parishwide programming/planning activities including direct special services activity in support of the advancing Cameron Square Program and its related projects;

WHEREAS, the Jury's administrative staff has requested and stated their need for outsource support on the FEMA Public Assistance Project Worksheet Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Cameron Parish Police Jury hereby affirms and authorizes the following:

Section 1: Affirms the Cameron Square Program as the Selected Priority 1 Parishwide Long-Term Recovery Program of Cameron Parish; the Holly Beach Sewer as the selected Priority 2 project; and the Dredging of the Cameron Loop as the selected Priority 3 project; the Parishwide Road & Infrastructure as the selected Priority 4 project; and the Development of West Cameron Port Authority and its implications for fisheries, maritime, and waterfront development as the selected Priority 5 project;

Section 2: Affirms the East Annex Building of the Cameron Square Program as the Jury's Priority 1 Project when considering potential utilization of the subject building for the Tax Assessor, District Attorney and Other uses to be programmed;

Section 3: Authorizes the Parish Administrator and the Executive Director (ED) of OPD to negotiate, execute, administrate, manage and oversee the Task Orders authorized under this resolution provided the terms are consistent with the subject executed agreements under which the Task Orders are issued. The ED is also directed and authorized to review all progress billings under the Task Orders against budget control sheets and to issue and execute Recommendations for Payments (RFP) to Jury administration.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th Day of August, 2007.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

After a process of elimination to pare down a field of four (4) candidates vying for the position of parishwide road superintendent, the field was narrowed to two (2) candidates, Kurt Storm and Lawrence L. Faulk, Jr.

The vote in favor of Kurt Storm was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Magnus McGee, Charles Precht, III., Steve Trahan
NAYS: Scott Trahan, James Doxey, Douaine Conner, Darryl Farque

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

The vote in favor of Lawrence L. Faulk, Jr. was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Darryl Farque, Scott Trahan, James Doxey, Douaine Conner
NAYS: Magnus McGee, Charles Precht, III., Steve Trahan
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Lawrence L. Faulk, Jr., is hereby appointed as the parishwide road superintendent.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt a Public Records Request Policy.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the July, 2007 bills.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby change the September meeting date to 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, September 4, 2007, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Sept. 27 (S 46)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
August 20, 2007

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, August 20, 2007, at the Cameron Courtroom in the Village of Cameron at 4:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Douaine Conner, Mr. Steve Trahan and Mr. Charles Precht, III.; absent was Mr. James Doxey and Mr. Magnus McGee.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bid

FEMA provided assistance in reopening J. B. School

By MICHAEL WIENER

One school in Cameron may be small, but it did not go unnoticed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Johnson Bayou High School's 143 students recently began classes back in their permanent facility, nearly two years after it was devastated by Hurricane Rita. FEMA paid to fund repairs to the school, allowing it to reopen for this school year.

The school's students, who are in grades K-12, had been forced into temporary facilities after the hurricane's 10 foot storm surge caused significant damages to the building. The 1960s facility suffered severe flood and wind damages.

While the school has not reached its pre-Rita enrollment of more than 190 students, Cameron Parish Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue said Johnson Bayou is growing. The school added 11 students this year. She said FEMA was "awesome" in its dedicated effort to assist in reopening the school.

"We were able to start the first day of school in a wonderfully restored building," Rodrigue added. "There's no way we could have done that on our own."

Homecoming edition deadlines

A special Homecoming edition will be published on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Ad reservations need to be made by Thursday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m.

Classes are invited to

announce any Homecoming activities.

Send ad information, photo with return address and payment to P. O. Box 995, DeQuincy, LA 70633.

See homecoming ad in this issue for pricing.

was received for Project 2007-04, Contract IIA, Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Water System Improvements - Booster Station:

BIDDER: BID AMOUNT
Griner Drilling; \$252,600
Trek, Inc.; 263,933

Considering the bid of Griner Drilling to be the lowest responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Steve Trahan and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bid was received for Project 2007-04, Contract IIB, Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Water System Improvements - Ground Storage Tank:

BIDDER: BID AMOUNT
American Tool Services; \$344,628.77
Trek, Inc.; 236,503.00

Considering the bid of Trek, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Sept. 27 (S 47)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Recreation District 6 on **Wednesday, October 17, 2007 until 6:30 p.m.** at the Office of Emergency Preparedness, 128 D St., Cameron, La (337-775-5719)

**Project Number: 2007-15
POST RITA RESTORATION OF THE EAST CAMERON RECREATION CENTER**

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

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

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

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

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

More than \$3.7 million has been obligated for replacement and repairs to the permanent facility, while an additional \$82,163 went toward temporary facilities.

When projects are obligated by FEMA through its supplemental Public Assistance grant, the funds are transferred to a Smartlink account. This allows the applicant, in this case the Cameron Parish School Board, to work with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness as quickly as possible to access the reimbursement monies.

The state may require additional documentation from the applicant before disbursing the funds. Obligated funds may change over time as the project worksheet is a living grant that is often adjusted as bids come in and scope of work is aligned.

The Public Assistance program works with state and local officials to fund recovery measures and the rebuilding of government and certain private nonprofit organizations' buildings, as well as roads, bridges and water and sewer plants. In order for the process to be successful, federal, state and local partners coordinate to draw up project plans, fund these projects and oversee their completion.

shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper and Associates, Inc., 2746 La Hwy. 384, Bell City, Louisiana (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Recreation District 6 meeting. The Cameron Recreation District 6 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Recreation District No. 6
/s/ Mary Clark
MARY CLARK
PRESIDENT
Runs: Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 (S 48)

**NOTICE
MEETING TO BE HELD AT
CAMERON COURTROOM
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY AGENDA**
October 1, 2007
5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer
3. Reading of Minutes
4. Approval for Additions to Agenda

5. Board of Review Hearing
6. Resolution - Joseph B. Blake, Jr.

7. Resolution - Rodney Guilbeaux

8. Resolution - DOTD

9. Resolution - Calcasieu Parish Public Trust Authority

10. Drilling Permits:

a. Gulfport Energy Corporation - E. Hackberry Field, Section N/A, T12S, R9W, (proposed installation of drilling barge for SL 340 Well No. 149), Cameron Parish, LA. (071001)

b. Callon Petroleum Operating, Inc. - Grand Chenier, East Cameron Area Block 2, (proposed (1) 6-inch pipeline to serve the S.L. 18121 Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (071002)

c. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPL) - Johnson Bayou, (proposed construction of a natural gas metering station for metering product from and into multiple lines from various carriers), Cameron Parish, LA. (071003)

11. Other Permits:
a. Chevron U.S.A. Inc. - Offshore, West Cameron 17 Field, (proposed site clearance No. 07-0062), Cameron Parish, LA. (071004)

12. Appointments:

a. Ambulance Dist. #2 - Vicky Monceaux - term expired

b. Sweetlake - Grand Lake Cemetery Board - Jim Paul Dupont - term expired

c. Waterworks Dist. #11 - Grace Robideaux - term expired

d. Waterworks Dist. #7 - Dale LeBoeuf - Greg Comeaux

13. President Authority to Sign:

a. Amendment to Agreement - Office of Public Safety

14. Acceptance of Bids:

a. Culverts

b. 2008 Truck

c. Project 2007-14 - Muria Office Bldg. & Fire Station

15. Advertise for Bids:

a. Cameron Fire #1 - Main Station

16. RFP for Administrative Services - CDBG Projects

17. Hearing - Intention to Abandon - Parish Road No. 301

18. Abandonment - Parish Road No. 301

19. Pay September 2007 Bills

20. Staff Report:

Run: Sept. 27 (S 49)

Cameron native aided in the recovery with FEMA

By MICHAEL WIENER

Wendy Primeaux, life long resident of Cameron Parish recalls the day she went back to see her home in Grand Lake after the devastating effects of Hurricane Rita.

"Devastation was the only thing I could think about when I returned home," said Primeaux, who had recently purchased her home four months prior to the hurricane. "There were no shingles on my roof, the shutters were hanging off and water was everywhere. Trees were blown down and broken everywhere you looked, and you could not see the grass because it was filled with piles of debris."

In the midst of all the chaos, Primeaux's thoughts always went back to her mother. "I thought, if it is this bad here, what is mom's house like?" said Primeaux.

Primeaux's mother's home was 50 miles south in lower Cameron Parish along Highway 82. There were no landmarks, homes or telephone poles. The structures were completely gone.

Before the hurricane, Primeaux was a stay at home mom and her husband worked for Alcoa Carbon Products. During the height of the storm, they left with their three children and evacuated to Oakdale.

Shortly after returning, her husband went back to work, while Wendy Primeaux was advised by a friend that a

local temp agency was hiring people to work for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). She took advantage of the opportunity and was hired by FEMA in November 2005, where she worked in Long-Term Community Recovery for Cameron and Calcasieu parishes as an administrative assistant/event planner.

Primeaux became the park management lead for the Lake Charles Field Office in April 2006 until March 2007. In this position, she served as a commercial park liaison.

"Each day I worked brought the opportunity to relate to applicants who had suffered the same hardships as I had," said Primeaux.

When commercial park owners and applicants living in these parks saw Primeaux's familiar face, it lessened the frustration towards FEMA that they may have felt. When park management dissolved, Primeaux joined the Field Operations team and now heads up the organization of all Web Based Action Requests. Managing these requests allows her to keep track of how many units are being deactivated, which directly relates to continued recovery of Cameron Parish.

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.

Family's experience in Hurricane Rita recalled

By MICHAEL WIENER

Having learned a powerful lesson from hurricanes Katrina and Audrey (48 years before), all of Clair Thomson's family members evacuated their homes in Cameron Parish well before Hurricane Rita struck. As immediate and extended family began to trickle into the Lafayette home of Clair and Mike Thomson, many believed it would only be a few days before they would begin the two-hour drive home.

After the storm passed, it was immediately clear lower Cameron Parish was completely destroyed. There were no standing structures, and all of the landmarks and recognizable markers were simply gone.

Before long, Thomson would have 21 relatives living in her three-bedroom home.

"We had people everywhere. Many slept on the floor for weeks," Thomson recalled. "My in-laws from New Iberia delivered a cooked meal a day for weeks to keep everyone fed."

Of the 12 homes her relatives had in Cameron Parish, only one survived the storm. Three months passed before the majority of her family's immediate housing needs were met. None of the jobs held by her family members prior to Hurricane Rita existed anymore since the infrastructure was destroyed.

"My family found work wherever they could get it in the Lafayette and Lake Charles area," Thomson said.

She knew she had to do

Do You Remember?

By KEITH HAMBRICK

**Cameron Pilot,
Sept. 19, 1974**

DAIGLE INSTALLED
Warner Daigle was installed as president of the South Cameron Jaycees at the annual banquet Saturday night in the Cameron Recreation Center.

Other officers and directors installed were: Tommy Watts, secretary; Ward Fontenot, treasurer; Ray Stenven and Curtis Thibodeaux, vice presidents; and Scott Henry, Edward Pederson, Bryan Richard, Terry Conner, Ronnie Picou, and Phillip Trosclair, directors.

CONTRACT IS SIGNED

Work started last week on the third phase of the Cameron-Creole watershed project on the Creole canal with the signing of a \$156,936.90 contract.

The contract was between the Board of Commissioners of the Gravity drainage District No. 4 of Cameron

Parish and the Creole Oilfield Service, Inc. who was awarded the contract.

The contract calls for the digging of the channel of the Creole canal through Creole to the Little Chenier road, on the west side of La. Hwy. 27.

**WYNONA WELCH,
REGISTRAR**

Services for Miss Wynona Welch, longtime Cameron resident and Registrar of Voters, were held Friday, Sept. 13, in Cameron Baptist Church. The Rev. C. M. Kelley, pastor officiated. Burial was in Rutherford Cemetery.

Miss Welch attended school in Bell City and then studied at SLI (present-day ULL) in Lafayette. She taught school at Big Lake and Cameron. Miss Welch worked for the federal ration board during World War II. She became Registrar of Voters after her father, A. P. Welch, Sr., held the post for a number of years.



AMY HELMS, a 1993 graduate of South Cameron High, currently serves as the Maintenance and Operations Recruiter for Chevron. Her job is to speak to high school and college students from the southern states on the topic of offshore career opportunities. As a component of the Chevron Energy for Learning grant, Cameron Parish Schools will continue to have opportunities for career and postsecondary presentations. Helms visited Grand Lake High School, as pictured, on Sept. 20, as well as South Cameron High School. She will also visit Hackberry and Johnson Bayou High Schools.



SENATOR MARY LANDRIEU traveled from Washington, D.C., to Louisiana last weekend for a first hand update on Hurricane Rita recovery issues, just ahead of the Sept. 24th, second anniversary. On Saturday, the Senator visited with Superintendent of Cameron Parish Schools Stephanie Rodrigue at South Cameron High School to discuss the ongoing construction challenges of FEMA projects. They are pictured at the site of the future PreK-12 elevated, wind-resistant complex. (Photo by Tracy Lannin.)



JOHNSON BAYOU High School student Andrew Bant is shown above with the condiment holder he built for the JBHS concession stand.



A PLACE CALLED HOME

A 64-page picture book featuring the photographs of Bill Turnbull

Through the lens of his camera, Bill Turnbull fixed in time colorful images of the beauty of the *cheniers*, beaches, marshes, swamps, and prairies of Cameron Parish. Taken between two of the worst natural disasters the area has ever experienced, Hurricane Audrey (1957) and Hurricane Rita (2005), Bill's photographs vividly remind us of the beauty that was and will be again. With an eye for detail that most of us hold only in our personal memory, he recorded the scenic beauty of the parish that for many years Bill and I were proud to call home.

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POLICE JUROR Darryl Farque (center) accepted a USDA grant for \$550,000 on behalf of the Grand Lake/Sweetlake Fire Department, flanked by Louisiana Senator Jerry Theunissen, Mrs. Blade Morrish, LA Rep. Gil Pinac, USDA State Rural Development Director Clyde Holloway, and US Rep. Charles Boustany. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE GRAND CHENIER Fire Department was awarded a USDA Rural Development grant of \$80,000 to buy a new command post trailer. Parish officials accepted on their behalf. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Doxey home at Grand Chenier was oldest on Gulf Coast

(American Press)
 (Aug. 12, 1972)
 The old Doxey house was built by William M. Doxey about 1840 on the highest point of land in Grand Chenier, about eleven feet above sea level.

Tradition tells that when Doxey and Milledge McCall came to the island, they found only one man here. He was Bill Beasley, a ship wreck victim who saved himself by clinging to a mahogany table from the wrecked schooner. He is said to have spent each night in the oak trees on the chenier to keep away from the wild beasts of the area.

The mahogany table that served as Beasley's raft stood in the kitchen of the Doxey house for over 100 years, but no one knows when or to

where it disappeared. The house that served as living quarters twenty years before the Civil War was also occupied by a cigar factory.

It was remodeled and enlarged in 1890 by carpenters from Abbeville, who used cypress throughout the house. In 1917, the second floor was expanded with four bedrooms and a hall, the staircase was revised, and two additional gables were added to the roof. It was also remodeled in 1948 by its owner, John Paul Crain.

For generations, the old house was a refuge for those fleeing from high waters that often flooded the area. It withstood the ravages of Hurricane Audrey in 1957, but is no longer in existence.



THE HACKBERRY Fire Department accepted a \$300,000 USDA Rural Development grant which has been used for an emergency response system and vehicle. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE CREOLE Fire Department accepted a \$300,000 USDA Rural Development grant to be used for a pumper truck, apparatus truck, and related fire equipment. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS Public Relations Coordinator Trina Johnson presented a check for \$500 to Assistant Principal Sethie Trosclair and Coach Steve Barnett for South Cameron High football team. The donation will be used for this year's football programs.

Birth announced

LANCE JOSHUA SMITH lbs. and 10 ozs.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith Jr. of Grand Lake announce the birth of their 3rd child, Lance Joshua, Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Women and Children's Hospital in Lake Charles. He weighed 7 lbs. and 10 ozs. Grandparents are Charles Sr. and Linda Smith of Grand Lake and Jimmy and Jan Roberts of Grand Chenier. The couple's other children are Lennis James, 10 and Luke Joseph, 4.

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