



A DISASTER RECOVERY Center has opened in Grand Lake to help Cameron Parish residents apply for recovery aid. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Debris removal has begun in the parish

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and its contractors began removing debris in Louisiana's Cameron Parish Thursday, Oct. 16.

As of Tuesday, Oct. 21, around 5,000 cubic yards of debris has been removed. The Corps estimates there is 85,000 cubic yards of debris left and that it will take until mid-December to finish the cleanup. Debris is currently being taken to a dumpsite in Lake Charles.

Under the umbrella of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, the Corps is removing authorized debris along the public right-of-ways of local roads.

Disposal efforts associated with this cleanup are being done in close coordination with Cameron Parish officials, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection

Agency, among others.

To assist in making this operation as efficient as possible, the Corps of Engineers requests residents place debris on the right-of-ways and sort it into the following four piles: construction and demolition materials, vegetation, hazardous household waste items, white items (large appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, freezers, etc.) and electronic (E-Waste), such as computers, micro-wave ovens, VCRs, televisions, etc.

The trucks will operate during daylight hours. Residents are urged to use caution when passing these vehicles, especially when they are removing debris on local roads. It is not anticipated that any roads will need to be closed during this process.

Early voting ends Tuesday

Early voting for the Nov. 4, election will end Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Registrar of Voters office now located in the South Cameron Hospital, East wing nurses station, on 5360 West Creole Hwy, Creole, according to Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar of Voters. This election is for President, U. S. Representative, U. S. Senator along with Constitutional Amendments and local race for Justice of Peace and Constables in Wards 3 and 6.

Early voting begin at 8:30

a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21 and will run through Tuesday, Oct. 28, (excluding Sunday).

Remember when you go to vote you must have a picture ID with you.

Finally, any person who needs assistance in voting due to a physical disability such as poor eyesight 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.

Recovery Center now in G. Lake

A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) opened Monday, Oct. 20 in Grand Lake to assist residents who had damage or losses from hurricanes Gustav and Ike, according to Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials.

The center is located in the Grand Lake Recreation building at 108 Recreation Lane and will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Disaster Recovery Center staff can answer questions about registration for disaster assistance and hazard mitigation, help with disaster loan applications and provide information and contacts for other programs.

Commissioner course set here

A general course of instruction for anyone wishing to become certified to work as a Cameron Parish election commissioner will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Grand Lake High School cafeteria, according to Carl Broussard, Clerk of Court.

The Course is also for all Commissioners-in-Charge, commissioners, and Alternate Commissioners who were selected to work for the upcoming election to be held on Tuesday, Nov 4.



THESE CAMERON residents brought back medals from the Louisiana Senior Olympics games held Oct. 9-11 in Baton Rouge. They were sponsored by the Cameron Council on Aging. From left are: Beulah Bradley: Washer Pitch - 1st, Shuffleboard - 1st, Softball Distance - 2nd, Horseshoes - 2nd, Frisbee throw - 3rd; Toney Oblanc: Softball Accuracy - 2nd; Margret Pitts: Basketball Free Throw - 1st, Softball Accuracy - 2nd, Horseshoes - 2nd; Alice Reeves: Horseshoes - 1st, Softball Accuracy - 1st, Basketball Free Throw - 1st, Softball Distance - 1st, Washer Pitch - 2nd, Football Accuracy - 2nd, Frisbee Accuracy - 3rd; Gerald Hebert: Triple Jump - 1st, Long Jump - 2nd, Basketball Free Throw - 2nd, Football Accuracy - 2nd, Softball Accuracy - 3rd, Softball Distance - 2nd.



A CLASSROOM in the "new temporary" campus for South Cameron schools is shown above. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

South Cameron schools now open at Lake Charles site

By CYNDI SELLERS

Capital One Bank associates, led by Cameron branch manager Yvonne Mhire, presented South Cameron High School with boxes of school and office supplies on Monday. Local associates had contributed to a fund to purchase supplies from a wish list supplied by the school.

The local effort was supplemented by Susann Morse of New Jersey, who heard about the effort during a conference call. Her birthday was coming up, and she asked her friends and family not to give her a gift, but instead contribute supplies for South Cameron. She sent four boxes to Lake Charles.

When the children heard about her birthday wish, they decided to send handmade birthday cards to Ms. Morse, since she didn't get any presents.

Thanks to the efforts of these caring individuals, displaced South Cameron students and staff have notebooks, construction paper,

scissors, paper clips, rubber bands, books, and more.

"Our company Make A Difference Day was set for Saturday, but we did this earlier because they needed the supplies," said Connie Hay, one of the group who made the delivery. "We are just excited to be in a position to help."

SCHOOL TOUR

School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue and Assistant Principal Sethie Trosclair conducted a tour of the temporary school site in Lake Charles, showing the Capital One employees how a former ice rink and bingo hall had been transformed into a very functional school.

The visitors were surprised by how quiet the learning areas were, considering the size and lack of ceilings. They were impressed with the functionality of the facility, which includes a cafeteria and ADA approved restrooms, and the fact that the smallest children are in separate rooms.

Rodrigue explained that middle school PE is held at the nearby recreation facility, and football and basketball practice and games are held at Lake Charles-Boston Academy.

Administrative offices and some classes are located in former offices once used by FEMA, when the building was the site of the Joint Field Office after Hurricane Rita.

The 36,000 square foot building has a capacity of 950 occupants, and the school and staff total around 450. Trosclair said that the school's enrollment is about 90% of pre-Ike totals, but additional students were being enrolled that very day.

Bus routes run from Reeves, Kaplan, and other areas towns where Cameron Parish residents have sought refuge. Rodrigue expects to have a new set of temporary classrooms set up in Creole by mid-term, but the school seems comfortably situated for now.

Applications must be made for housing

By CYNDI SELLERS

"It is vitally important that Cameron Parish residents go in to the Disaster Recovery Centers and sign up for immediate needs for temporary housing," said Parish Administrator Tina Horn Wednesday.

During a conference call on Tuesday, FEMA representatives said only 47 Cameron Parish residents have asked for temporary housing assistance. At the same time, 472 residents are housed with relatives and friends. If these people want to move back on their property in lower Cameron Parish, they must tell FEMA so or such housing will not be made available.

Another issue is that FEMA will not place mobile homes, including park models, in a V zone, and they insist that the DFIRM maps, not yet approved for Cameron Parish, are the maps they will use. Most of Cameron Parish will be a V zone is these maps are approved.

FEMA will not use travel trailers for this storm because of the formaldehyde issue.

DRCs are located in Hackberry at the Community Center, in Grand Lake at the Recreation Center, and in Lake Charles at the old Trinity Baptist Church on Ryan Street.

At the DRC, residents may apply for FEMA assistance, check on the status of FEMA and SBA applications, learn about hazard mitigation assistance and the National Flood Insurance Program, or speak to a Louisiana Spirit representative about other needs.

Three parish dump sites not opened

By CYNDI SELLERS

Debris removal issues dominated the Police Jury's weekly meeting held Monday at the Cameron Prairie Refuge Headquarters. Truck and dump site operators were present to find out why the three lower Cameron Parish disposal sites were not operating.

OEP Director Clifton Hebert reported that it was only after the Corps of Engineers was assigned the mission that he discovered that the three sites were not fully approved for disposal.

The sites have been approved by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, but not by NEPA, the National Environmental Protection Agency, as required by FEMA.

During Hurricane Rita recovery, the NEPA certification was waived, and parish authorities assumed that it would be so for Ike. A Corps of Engineers representative explained that the application for NEPA approval is being fast tracked, and he hopes to have approval for a least some of the sites by next week.

In the meantime, debris must be trucked to an approved site in Calcasieu Parish. Because of the distance involved, no debris is being collected in any area except Grand Lake/Big Lake. It would cost operators too much to make the trip from

lower Cameron Parish or Hackberry.

The Corps insists that its contractor is beginning to meet its target of 3000 cubic yards per day, however, truck operators located in lower Cameron Parish cannot make enough trips in a day to be financially feasible.

Jurors were concerned that the 100% FEMA reimbursement for debris removal will end on Oct. 24, and virtually none of the debris in lower Cameron Parish will have been removed due to the certification issue. After that date, the parish's share of expenses will be either 10% or 25% and the negotiated price will still be for 75 mile trips, not the shorter trips available if the lower Cameron Parish sites are approved.

Lance Mudd said, "Thirty yard trucks can't make enough money with 75 mile trips, and small operators can't afford 80 yard trucks because they don't follow storms."

The issue remains unresolved, and discussions are continuing.

Private property debris removal and demolitions have not yet been approved, Hebert said, although the request has been sent to FEMA through the state coordinator's office.

In anticipation of approval, Hebert is asking residents to come in to his office at South Cameron Memorial Hospital or the Hackberry Community

Food for Seniors notice given

Attention all pre-registered Food for Seniors clients:

If your contact information (phone or address) has changed due to the storm please call Toni Broussard, 598-5158, at Cameron Council on Aging. She will be ordering food boxes for November and will need to be able to contact you.

Holly B. Association meetings postponed

Monthly meetings of the Holly Beach Improvement Group have been postponed until further notice with officers to be elected at the next meeting.

For more information call Deborah Vincent at 318-925-8373.

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FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST Mary Mannhein of LSU was the speaker at the Author's Dinner held recently. She has been helping with the identification of bodies displaced by Hurricane Ike. Shown above are Wanita Harrison, Mrs. Mannhein, and Cyndi Sellers. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Sellers are members of the Cameron Parish Library Board.

(Photo by Paul Sellers.)



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS donated school supplies to Hackberry High and Johnson Bayou schools. Students shown above with supplies are (front row, from left): Haleigh Jinks, Gabe Hebert, Kimberlynn Hebert, Kelvin Shelton; (back row) William Breiaupt, Blake Hebert, Hunter Trahan, and Payton Dodge.



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS donated school supplies to South Cameron school. Public Relations Coordinator's Trina Johnson and Jason LeBlanc presented Cameron Parish School Board members Michelle Trahan, Tracy Lannin and Superintendent, Stephanie Rodrigue with the school supplies. Pictured from left are: Trina Johnson, Michelle Trahan, Jason LeBlanc, Tracy Lannin, and Stephanie Rodrigue.

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CAPITAL ONE Bank employees are shown with supplies they donated to South Cameron Elementary School, and Mrs. Norma Jo Pinch's kindergarten students. Standing, from left, are Assistant Principal Sethie Trosclair, Jared LeBleue, Sarah Courville, Yvonne Mhire, Susie LeBleue, Paul Lungaro, Connie Hay, Hollie Leger, Nanette Daigle, and Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue.

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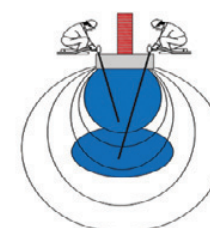
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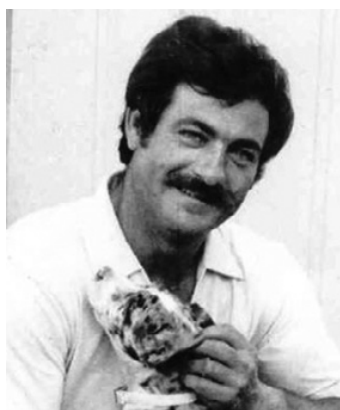
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Funerals



CHARLES "DANNY" SANNER

Funeral services for Charles "Danny" Sanner, 50, of Lake Charles will be at 2 p.m. Thursday Oct. 23, in Robison Funeral Home chapel in Sulphur. The Rev. Rommel Tolentino will officiate.

Mr. Sanner died Monday, Oct. 20, 2008 in a local care facility after a battle with cancer. He was born in 29 Palms, Calif. and raised in Hackberry. He was a graduate of Hackberry High School and was employed as a truck driver.

Mr. Sanner is survived by his daughter, Jessica Sanner of Baton Rouge; mother, Sybil Lackey of Lake Charles; two brothers, the Rev. Jimmy Sanner of Hackberry and Patrick Sanner of Carlyss; sister, Kathleen Sanner, of Hackberry; former wife, Bonnie Darbonne of Baton Rouge.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Paul Sanner and stepfather, Homer C. Lackey.

MICHAEL T. FONTENOT (Nov. 16, 1949 - Oct. 17, 2008)

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at Vincent Funeral in Abbeville honoring the life of Michael Tenes Fontenot, 58, who died Friday, Oct. 17, 2008 at Abbeville General Hospital.

He was laid to rest at St. James Cemetery, Reverend Greg Chauvin officiating the services.

Michael was born in Kaplan on Nov. 16, 1949, the son of Tenes Fontenot and Maudry Marie Marceaux. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; brothers, Bradley Francis Fontenot and James Elwood Fontenot; and sister, Sue Fontenot.

After serving his country in the Army during Vietnam, Mr. Fontenot worked the remainder of his life as a welder and welding inspector. He was an avid outdoorsman with a keen aim, and he was also a master mason.

He is survived by one son, Michael Charles Fontenot; one daughter, Celeste Shelly Fontenot-Byler and husband Rusty Patrick Byler; one grandchild, Gauge Patrick Byler, all of Hackberry; and niece and nephew, Ahna Miguel Sagrera and Jean-Paul Andre Perrodin.

Visitation was held at Vincent Funeral Home in Abbeville, 209 S. St. Charles Street, on Monday, Oct. 20, from 10:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. with a Rosary prayed at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. until time of service.

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POLICE JURY

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Center to sign up for right of entry, right of refusal, or demolition. If packages are already prepared, then the process of demolition or clearing can begin immediately upon approval, he said.

Louisiana DOTD has begun picking up debris on state highways in Hackberry, and has been repairing some sections of LA 27 between Cameron and Creole.

Hebert asked that residents be careful not to cover water meters and utilities with debris, because removal crews may damage them.

He also stressed that vehicles, especially trucks, need to obey the speed limit. There have been several near accidents on LA 27 when speeding trucks on curves nearly forced drivers off the non-existent shoulder. Debris removal will further complicate the traffic hazard, and drivers are asked to be especially careful.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Parish Planning and Development Director Ernie Broussard reported that the Louisiana Recovery Authority has approved disposal of Road Home acquired property. Land located in Cameron Parish will be given to the parish government within 30 days, he said.

Once transferred, the parish can choose which properties to use for local purposes and which to make available for purchase by private individuals. Jurors have plans for some of the property already.

Temporary housing was to be addressed in a conference call on Tuesday. Juror Sonny McGee said, "We can't get our volunteer firemen back without temporary housing."

Broussard said federal aid for Ike would probably be transferred to the parishes directly, although the amount each parish would get was not yet decided.

Jurors voted to make offers on three parcels of property adjacent to the Cameron Court House if they are approved for Community Development Block Grants. If not approved, only one property will be purchased. The property is to be used for the West Annex which will house the parish administrative offices.

Four libraries are open

The Cameron Parish library announces that four locations are now open for patron use. Grand Lake Library re-opened on Tuesday after repairs from minor water damage. Hackberry patrons are using the large bookmobile formerly located in Johnson Bayou while their branch is being repaired.

The Grand Chenier Library is open, having received only minor damage, and Lowry's bookmobile branch is open Monday and Thursday.

Patrons may use computers, make copies, send faxes, check out books, videos, and magazines, or just read the newspaper. Some branches have video gaming stations for children.

The Library is working to provide service in Cameron as soon as possible, in an effort to help residents and workers with their information and communication needs.



CAMERON PARISH School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue led employees of Capital One on a tour of the new location for South Cameron schools. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

S. Cameron School News

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Oct 23 - Football - S. C. vs Hamilton Christian - Home (LCB stadium), Senior Night- presentation at 6:35 p.m.

Oct 23-Nov 9 - State Fair of Louisiana - Shreveport

Oct 25 - ACT Test

Oct 28 - Graduate Sales Presentation for Jrs. and Srs. 9 a.m.

Oct 30 - Progress Reports will be sent out

Nov 11 - Graduate Sales Orders 9 a.m.

Kirk Burleigh elected to serve on committee

Elected and appointed officials from eight parishes gathered on Oct. 14 for a meeting at the Prien Lake Park in Lake Charles. Calcasieu Parish hosted the meeting for members of the Police Jury Association. In addition to Calcasieu Parish, Region VII includes Acadia, Allen, Beaugard, Cameron, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, and Vermilion.

Gerald "Mike" McLeod of Beaugard Parish was elected Region VII President for the upcoming year, along with A. J. Credeur from Acadia Parish as Region VII Vice President. In addition, Beaugard's Betty Cunningham was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Francis Andrepoint from Calcasieu Parish was re-elected to serve as Region VII's

Executive Board Member. Pervis Gaspard from Vermilion Parish and Byron Buller from Jefferson Davis Parish were both elected to the Agriculture Committee. Cameron Parish's Kirk Burleigh was elected to serve on the Emergency Preparedness Committee, and Joe Landry from Jefferson Davis was elected to the Drainage Committee. Hal McMillin from Calcasieu Parish was elected to serve on the Highway Committee.



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Recovery Center has answers

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At the center you can meet federal and state customer service staff face-to-face to discuss your recovery, check the status of your application for federal aid or apply for a low interest loan. You can even learn ways to prevent damage to your home during future storms. You don't need an appointment.

Is "Fifolet" still roaming the parish?

By GENEVA GRIFFITH (Cameron Pilot, Oct 30, 1975)

Do the "Fifolet" still roam the Cameron Parish marshes?

The "Fifolet" or Will O' The Wisp were so named by the early Arcadians and were frequent phenomena in the dank, forever moist, lowland marshes.

Known by various names like "Jack-O-Lanterns" and "Fox Fires" the ghostly, bluish-white, orange or greenish lights are harmless, but it is difficult to convince the beholder that they are when the faint lights are seen on very dark nights.

The dancing lights, which appear as ball of fire, often taking on various grotesque shapes, is caused by luminous fungi that grow on decaying wood or luminous bacteria on dead fish, flesh of animals of all kinds, including man, eggs, sausages, and various dead invertebrates.

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SOUTHWEST HOME Builders Assoc. provided hot food and hurricane repair information at the Cameron courthouse last Friday. All were welcome to eat. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Jury urges amendment support

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is urging all parish citizens to vote yes on Constitutional Amendment #4 on Nov. 4 as its passage could mean an additional \$1 million increase in state funds for the parish in 2009 and an additional \$2 million thereafter.

The Lake Charles American Press recently ran an editorial also supporting Amendment #4. That editorial read in part:

On the principal that the closer to home we keep our tax dollars, the better off we are, we recommend that voters approve Amendment 4, which will allocate more state revenue tax revenues to the parishes. It is one of

seven amendments to be voted on in the General Election Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The state constitution requires that 20 percent of taxes paid to the state for production of natural resources such as oil and gas be rebated to the police juries in the parishes where they are generated. However, there is a cap of \$850,000 a year on the amount a parish can receive in a year.

This amendment would increase the cap to \$1.85 million for 2009 and \$2.85 million in 2010. After that, it would grow on a scale keyed to the national inflation rate. The amendment also requires that 50 percent of a parish's share be dedicated to

the Parish Transportation Fund, a fund into which other state aid is funneled and which is governed by established spending rules.

If the amendment passes, the cap would be increased in an estimated 30 parishes that would earn above the \$850,000 level including Cameron.

Although adoption of Amendment 4 would cost the state an estimated \$36.9 million in 2009 and \$56.3 million in 2010, it has gained the endorsement of Gov. Bobby Jindal. It is also supported by the Council for a Better Louisiana, the good-government alliance and the Police Jury Association.

The idea of the state rebate is that the parishes where the revenues are produced suffer negative impacts caused by the production of the resources, such as wear and tear on roads, bridges and other infrastructures from the traffic of oil drilling equipment, etc. Local governments are not allowed to levy severance taxes.

We like the idea that the amendment dedicates 50 percent of a parish's revenues from the severance tax to the Parish Transportation Fund, which is the primary reason for its creation in the first place.

Change clocks, change batteries

In 2008, the day to set your clocks back and change the batteries in your smoke detectors is November 2.

The Change Your Clock Change Your Battery® message also reminds families to change the batteries in their carbon monoxide detectors and their emergency flashlights so they are prepared in case a severe winter storm causes a power outage in their home.

International Association of Fire Chiefs reminds people that the best way to protect your family in a home fire is to have a working smoke detector. A smoke detector doubles your chances of surviving a home fire-but only if it works.

You can learn more about fire safety online at www.iafc.org and www.energizer.com.

Support is told for amendment

Barry Erwin, Executive Director for the Council for A Better Louisiana, announced that his statewide organization will support Constitutional Amendment #4. This will keep local dollars within an eligible parish to build and maintain local roads and bridges. Luke Letlow of Governor Jindal's office announced earlier the Governor's support of the Amendment. Sam Fulton, President of the Police Jury Association, stated, "The statewide board of the PJA voted unanimously to support this equal share amendment."

Currently, the state receives 97% and the locals receive 3% of the General Severance Tax on Oil and Gas. Should this amendment pass, the state will receive 92% and the locals 8% of the tax. It will direct at least 50% of the local share be used to address local Parish Transportation needs.

'Temporary' housing is offered

In response to a request from the state of Louisiana, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering mobile homes and park model units only to families who need continued temporary housing assistance after hurricanes Gustav and Ike in the five, state-identified priority parishes of Cameron, Calcasieu, Terrebonne, Lafourche and Jefferson.

FEMA has been reaching out to victims of Gustav and Ike to determine their temporary housing needs and the most suitable housing options. Calls have been placed to more than 8,500 households and it has been determined that direct housing is the most suitable temporary housing option for 239 households so far.

At this point, all Louisiana residents affected by hurricanes Gustav and Ike who have requested emergency housing assistance have received it through various programs including hotel stays (the Transitional Sheltering Assistance program), rental assistance, rental resource identification assistance, funding for home repair and replacement, and longer-term rental assistance through the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP).

Direct housing in the form of mobile homes and park model units is another form of temporary housing that can be used to augment the other tools that have been identified and utilized to address the temporary housing needs of Louisiana residents.

Residents can register for assistance by going online to www.fema.gov, or by calling FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585. The deadline for registration has been extended to Nov. 14, for Hurricane Gustav and Nov. 26, for Hurricane Ike.

"Knowledge begets knowledge. The more I see, the more impressed I am - not with what we know - but with how tremendous the areas are as yet unexplored."
- John H. Glenn, Jr.

Rat poison available here

Due to the indefinite closure of the Cameron Parish Health Unit by Hurricane Ike, the Department of Health and Hospitals Region V Office of Public Health has updated the locations where citizens can pick up no-cost rat poison in Cameron Parish.

An overabundance of rats and human contact with rats can cause health problems, contamination issues and damage to property. Since Hurricane Ike, the destruction or abandonment of structures may be ideal conditions for an increase in the rat population.

The Cameron Parish Health Unit has always been one of several locations in Cameron Parish that provided people with rat poison to help avoid contact which

could result in hazardous health effects. The closure of the health unit and other distribution locations due to Hurricane Ike resulted in the need for new distribution points.

Individuals may pick up the rat poison at any of the following locations:

Cameron Water Works, 126 Ann St., Cameron, 775-5660.

Chesson's Grocery, 1005 Hwy 27, Sweet Lake, 598-2719.

Hackberry Water Works, 973 Main St., Hackberry, 762-3935.

The Cameron Parish Police Jury purchases the poison, which is then ordered and distributed to various pick-up sites by Cameron Parish Health Unit staff.

New application form told

The Office of Economic Development announced that the Economic Development Administration will be introducing a new, streamlined single application form to accelerate recovery projects.

The new Form ED-900 consolidates all EDA-specific requirements into the single application form and will incorporate program specific applications but will allow a wide range of federal grant assistance.

Ernie Broussard, Executive Director, Planning and Development for Cameron Parish says, "The new single application form will significantly reduce the paperwork burden on applicants and government personnel while speeding up the decision making process for applicants under the Paperwork Reduction Act."

The Office of Management and Budget

suggests that the new form will reduce the application burden to business and industry from 46 hours to 22 hours by the new ED-900 Form.

The office suggests applicants to download and submit application packages through www.grants.gov or applicants may secure a hard copy application from the EDA regional office or soon alternative.

The Office of Planning and Development is seeking a supply of these forms to assist local business and industry in their recovery efforts. This form will be in use and available beginning Nov 1.

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THE CAFETERIA has been set up in the new location for the South Cameron schools. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE COMPUTER LAB for South Cameron High School is set up along a wall in the school's new location. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Letters

Let us support each other

Dear Editor:

As I went to check on our home that had flooded for Hurricane Ike this evening, I saw a mostly dark neighborhood with just a few occupants. It was good to see these occupants were home. My neighborhood flooded as many in Cameron Parish did also. Our home in Cameron was destroyed during Hurricane Rita.

I traveled to the end of McCain Road and recalled the day the neighborhood

flooded. I saw the water coming up slowly at first on the gravel end, then more rapidly. I remember making three marks with the heel of my shoe in the shell and looking back to see the first mark filling with water just after I made the third mark.

Later I checked and it had got to the blacktop only to rise more rapidly with the flood growing into the lots and widening. I called my wife to tell her we would probably get flooded and that it was only a matter of time.

So, now what? This is the question we are all asking ourselves. We know first things first. We have our meetings. We restore utilities. We build back infrastructure. We need schools, churches, stores, businesses and homes to start. We understand that.

But how about you? Are you going to be okay? We have to take stock of what we lost and what we did not lose. We have to remind ourselves again that we lost our homes and possessions but we did not lose our loved ones. Some of us had a scare with the flooding but everyone came out alive.

This does not mean we will not be affected emotionally. I believe we will be affected in different ways for different people throughout our lives because of Hurricanes Rita and Ike.

Of importance to all of us is that we still have Cameron Parish. We still have that unity when we see each other outside the parish at a store shopping or out to eat. We still greet each other and hug and shake hands. We will never lose that.

Everything made by man will soon perish but everything of God is for eternity. This is evident in our relationships with each other during the midst and the aftermath of the storms. Goodness comes out in people.

Whatever our decisions are during the aftermath, let's support each other. There will be different decisions for different families. But, let's always remain the people of Cameron Parish with warm hearts and helping hands.

I love Cameron Parish,

but every so more dearly, the people in it.

/s/ Ron Johnson

Wants more G.L. news

Dear Editor:

First of all I want to express my gratitude for posting the Cameron Pilot online every week. I am originally from Sweetlake/Grand Lake area. I haven't missed an online post of the Pilot since I discovered it online. Keep up the great work as always.

I only have one suggestion. Being that I live in northern Illinois and have been for many years, I would

like to see an occasional picture of some of what I always called "the old landmarks", i.e. Boones' Corner, Grand Lake School or maybe even an occasional story on some of the old timers of those areas. History of Boone's Corner would be a good one or some early pictures of Grand Lake School or stories on some of the older or retired teachers.

I know the Cameron Pilot has to "spread the news" about all the communities in Cameron Parish, but it would sure be nice to see a feature on the above.

Sincerely,
/s/ Charles Paulsboe



School menus are told

Cameron Parish school lunch menus for the coming week are as follows:

Friday, Oct. 24, Barbecue burger, Oven fries, baked beans, banana bread squares, hamburger bun, catsup, mayonnaise pack, milk.

Monday, Oct. 27, Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, pudding, hamburger bun, mayonnaise pack, catsup, milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, Chicken fajitas, fixings cup, baked potato, banana bread squares, flour tortillas, sliced bread, butter sauce, catsup, milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, Baked ham, lettuce cup, car-

rots, yellow cake, pineapple topping, wheat sliced bread, mayonnaise pack, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 30, Baked chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, fresh fruit cup, brown gravy, wheat biscuits, milk.



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New construction of elevated homes will start around \$100/ft² under roof, and for land/home packages we'll just add in the cost of the lot to

the total price. The homes can be equipped with elevators in addition to stairs to ease the climbing of stairs.

If we can help you, please give us a call and we will be happy to visit with you, show you some of the homes we have constructed, and give you a written bid on your project. We can give you a firm bid, or we can build on a cost plus basis if you prefer to do some of the work yourself, whichever you prefer.

Even if we don't get the chance to work with you, please remember this. A reputable contractor should have 15-30 day credit accounts with suppliers to provide materials for your project. You should not be required to give reputable contractors money up front to start your project, but instead only after materials are present at the worksite and a percentage of the work is completed.



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CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS Public Relations Coordinator Jason LeBlanc presented a check for \$500 to Coach Danny Miller for the Grand Lake Hornets basketball program. The donation will go towards the purchase of uniforms and equipment.

Tarpons first loss of season is to Bearcats

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The Basile Bearcats picked the right time to get healthy as they faced a key district opponent in the undefeated South Cameron Tarpons last Thursday night in Lake Charles. The Bearcats ran their district record to 2-0 with a 14-7 record over 6th ranked South Cameron. The Tarpons were

cruising along with a 5-0 record until they ran into a newly revived Basile squad.

Basile, 2-4 overall, won its second straight district game after starting the season 0-4. Basile took a 14-0 halftime lead on a pair of touchdown runs; one from Gavin Fontenot from 2 yards out and the other, a 26 yard jaunt from Derrick Thomas.

The Tarpons' usually reliable offense turned the ball

Tarpons to play Warriors

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

It doesn't get any easier for the Tarpons this week as they face last year's district champion Hamilton Christian Warriors (5-1, 2-0) this Thursday night in Cougar stadium. The Tarpons hope to win to stay in the race for the district championship with Basile at 2-0 and Hamilton Christian at 2-0.

The Warriors suffered heavy losses to graduation from last year's 11-1 team. Hamilton Christian beat Gueydan, but lost to West St. John 30-14 in the second round of the play-offs last season.

The Warriors return only three starters on offense and six on defense, but have some very capable replacements with 13 seniors on the squad this year.

over on its first three possessions with two fumbles and an interception in the first quarter. The Bearcats' second touchdown came at the end of a 98 yard drive that ate up 11 minutes of the clock in the second quarter.

The Tarpons wasted a redzone opportunity when Basile picked off the Tarpon quarterback Kyle Little in the endzone with 11:30 to go in the game. The interception ended a Tarpon drive that covered 66 yards in about 6 minutes.

South Cameron finally scored with 1:40 remaining in the game when Little hit Ross Rowland with a 17 yard touchdown pass. The Tarpons attempted to get the ball back, but Basile recovered the onside kick to seal the victory.

Little attempted 17 passes in the game completing 12 for 140 yards. He was picked off twice on the night. Ross Rowland had 6 catches for 65 yards and Jody Trosclair added 3 catches for 38 yards. Dex Murphy carried the ball 15 times for 66 yards and Gabe Lalande had 3 carries for 18 yards and 1 catch for 9 yards.



Hackberry folks making a slow recovery from Ike

By COOT McINNIS

Guess what! We have finally got our power restored in Hackberry. Be aware of the estimated electric bills. For the month during and between Hurricane Gustav and Ike, our bill was estimated to be only \$100 less than the month before. The problem I had was we were actually home 11 days of billing cycle.

I called Entergy and questioned the estimate. I was advised to pay the estimated bill and the following month would show a credit. I asked the Entergy employee on the phone "what happens when Senior Citizens and fixed income families cannot pay these high prices?" I did not get an answer.

My first thought was what if the customers sent in estimated payments, but then the power could then be disconnected. I paid the bill, it took too long to get the power back on after Ike. My brother needed the power to be able to check the refrigerator, washer, dryer, freezer, stove and hot water heater. Needless to say the stove and hot water heater are salvageable, the rest is not.

Remember the DRC (Disaster Recovery Center) is located at the Hackberry Recreation Center. The POD (Place of Distribution) has moved from Hackberry to Johnson Bayou at the Community Center.

STORES OPEN

Browns Grocery is open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., if the times change it will be posted on the doors.

Circle A is open from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Curries is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and still repairing flats.

The mail has been sent out on the route, but anyone with a post office box still needs to pick up mail in Sulphur.

CAMERON VISIT

I rode to Cameron for the first time since the storm. I saw a definite flash back of Hurricane Rita.

I have been working a lot lately so I have not been able to check my emails. As you know my computer got damaged, so I have to use one at the library in Calcasieu Parish. My nephew, Brad, was able to retrieve some of my documents from the hard drive.

I am going to go visit Gracie this weekend. Just a reminder to those of us who do have family members displaced, keep in touch. A phone call could mean so much to someone who has been unable to return. I am not much of a letter writer (typed yes, handwriting no) but Gracie is.

She has over two hundred pen pals. I try to make sure she has enough stamps. I also know she will have her own copy of this, because I

send the Cameron Pilot to her. You never know when you will get a post card from Gracie so I try to keep her supplied with those too.

LIGHTS BRIGHT

When I go to work through Hackberry, the lights from LNG and the Salt Dome are bright. Hackberry from the north on Hwy 27 is a lot brighter than what it looked like a month ago. Holly Beach has street lights and so do the elevated homes. But the same as after Rita, there is a lot of vacant space between Holly Beach on Hwy 82.

Be careful of the sides of the road, the damage is not good. The DOTD signs are still up in Hackberry and at the Y in Holly Beach about speed limits. Holly Beach still states the time for curfew. If the tide comes up the beach water can sometimes cover part of the east bound lanes. This makes for an additional problem so all please use caution.

BUSINESSES UPDATE

Browns Deli is not open at this time, but possibly in a few weeks. Circle A Foods and Deli is back open and working with full menu.

The Dollar Store has been cleaned out and will notify the public when they reopen.

Cameron State Bank is not open at this time, the repairs are not complete. The local employees are like everyone else, displaced, Ann, Cindy and Tina have worked at the different branches of CSB.

CHURCH NEWS

Members of the First Baptist Church are attending services at Olivet Baptist Church in Sulphur on Patch Street.

Members of Hackberry Methodist Church are holding services at the Hackberry Methodist Church on Main Street.

Members of Hackberry Pentecostal Church are attending services at Carylls and in Sulphur.

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Alligator festival schedule

The 12th Annual Alligator Harvest Festival, sponsored by St. Eugene Catholic Church, will be held Sunday, Oct. 26, at Grand Chenier State Park. There will be a variety of food, barbecue chicken and brisket, rice dressing, fried alligator, boiled crabs, hamburgers, etc. No ice chests allowed. The public is invited. Free admission. There will be games for children.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 a.m. Little Mr. and Miss Contest
11 a.m. Lunch begins
11:15 a.m. Presentation of Joseph Sturlese Family Memorial Plaque for the largest alligator award.
1 p.m. Auction, Band (Steel Shot)
2 p.m. Silent Auction deadline
4 p.m. Raffle drawing, Cake walk, and Children's games.

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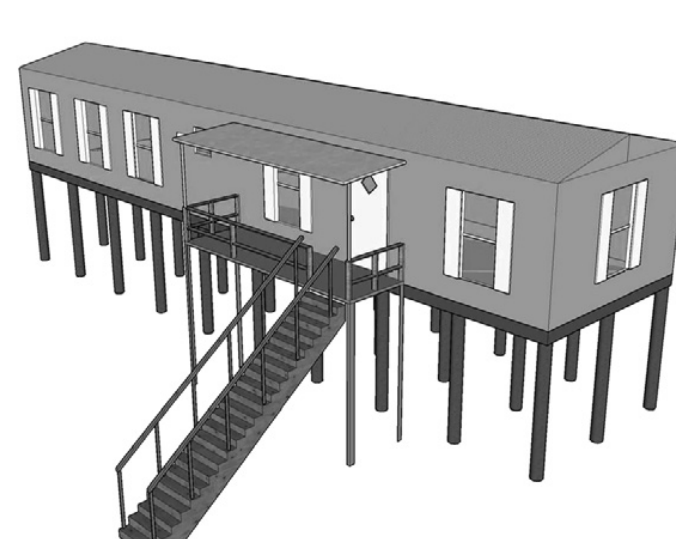
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Projects needing A&E services shall include damages incurred by Hurricane Rita to the Audrey Memorial Elementary School site.

Firms wishing to be considered for the providing of services shall be licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana.

Resume and Qualifications of A&E firms shall be submitted to: Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631.

Express mailing or hand delivery to: Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron Parish School Board, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607 (in temporary building on west side of Grand Lake High School).

Any questions should be e-mailed to: stephanie_rodrigue@camsch.org.

Solicitation deadline is November 3, 2008.

RUN: Oct. 16, 23, 30 (O-29)

— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —
NOVEMBER 4, 2008 ELECTION
AMENDMENT #4

On November 4, 2008, you will be asked to vote on Constitutional Amendment No. 4. The passage of Constitutional Amendment No. 4 will mean an additional \$1 million in 2009 and an additional \$2 million+ thereafter for Cameron Parish. The increase would come from severance tax on oil and gas produced in the Parish.

AT LEAST 50% OF THE INCREASE IN REVENUE MUST BE SPENT ON LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES. THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT DOES NOT CHANGE OR INCREASE THE CURRENT TAX RATE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE.

Magnus McGee, President
Cameron Parish Police Jury

RUN: Oct. 23 & 30 (O-38)

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot Oct. 23, 1975
DC-3 FORCED TO LAND HERE
 By GENEVA GRIFFITH
 A DC-3 on the Cameron landing strip? People could hardly believe their eyes Tuesday as the giant aircraft completely dwarfed the other small planes that use the small airstrip at Cameron.
 The DC-3 left London, England from Euroworld International Airline Operations headed for Houston, Texas.
 Not long after take off Captain Don J. Bullock stated that they started having trouble with the right

engine.
 On a fuel stop in Greenland the plane was tipped over in a 100-mile-an-hour wind smashing the left wing tip.
 After repairs the plane continued on but developed trouble in the right engine and it "knocked out" over the Gulf of Mexico.
 A quick check on the map revealed the tiny Cameron airstrip and the large one in Lake Charles.
 The pilot decided that if he would try to make the Lake Charles airfield he would have to feather the other engine and might not make it so he glided his

plane into the tiny field, barely clearing the power lines on the south boundary of the field.
 Mr. and Mrs. James W. Beaty who have a small plane they keep at the field were so awed at the feat of the English captain and his crew that they took the men on a tour of Cameron and out to dinner at a local cafe.
 The airplane was repaired by local mechanics and the crew and cleared the runway and proceeded on to its destination.

SHRIMP TRUCK HIJACKED

Steed's Shrimp Company of Cameron was notified Monday morning that a truck load of their shrimp being delivered to New York and Boston, and valued at \$63,292.50, was hijacked in Pennsylvania at 3 a.m. Monday morning, along with the whole truck-trailer rig.
 Tom Steed, owner of the local plant, said that this is the second time shrimp have been hijacked from him.

LAKE STUDY TO BE MADE

David Arnoldi, a marine fisheries biologist, has been assigned to the Lake Charles district office to conduct a long-term research program on speckled trout in Lake Charles, according to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.
 Arnoldi, who received his Masters Degree in marine fisheries from LSU, will begin tagging speckled trout to trace their movement and migration patterns, make seine surveys, and gather information about spawning and reproduction of speckled trout in the lake, with the ultimate aim to properly regulate the management of this fishery resource.
 The project in Lake Charles will extend over a period of three years. Sport fishermen and commercial fishermen who take tagged speckled trout are urged to cooperate in the research program by reporting the requested data.

MENARD NAMED MOSQUITO CHIEF

Donald E. Menard has been named Director of the Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1. Menard has been with the District since January of 1973 where he served as Biologist and Acting Director.
 He replaces Bruce Craven who resigned to accept the position of Director of the Calcasieu Mosquito Control Unit in Lake Charles.

HEADS CANCER SOCIETY

Mrs. Braxton Blake has been named president of the Cameron Parish chapter of the American Cancer Society. Other officers are Mrs. Harold Carter, 1st vice president; Dr. Cecil Clark, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Guthrie Perry, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Ortego, treasurer. Mrs. Albert Guidry has been named chairman and Mrs. Dupre Hebert, Jr., co-chairman of the parish chapter.

MISS ELMER IS NAMED WINNER

Susan Lee Elmer has been chosen as the South Cameron High School winner in the Bicentennial Seniors scholarship competition. The competition is a part of a nationwide scholar-

ship program of high school seniors currently being conducted by the National Association of Secondary School Principals with funds from the Shell Oil Company.
 Susan's winning composition consists of a "Bicentennial Minute," and a commentary discussing the relevance of this minute for today and for America's future. She also scored high on a current events test.

ALLIGATOR SEASON ENDS

By GENEVA GRIFFITH
 "Even though it is very late in the season I am confident that we killed our quota of alligators" spoke John Paul Crain about the alligator season in Cameron Parish which ended this week.
 Crain, who manages the vast 18,500 acre Cameron Meadows operation on Johnson Bayou, said that the company has a quota of just over 400 gators for this season.
 Each landowner was allotted a quota of tags according to the amount of land suitable for hunting that he owned.

When asked why he had only captured six females he explained that the females have learned to build their nests and raise their young back in the marsh away from the open streams. That is why you will seldom ever see one in the open streams.
 Three bull alligators were snared Wednesday morning and were hoisted for examination for the board of directors of the Cameron Meadows Land Company, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, who came to Johnson Bayou to check on the alligator operation and were entertained by Crain at Crain Bros. hunting camp on Johnson Bayou.

FRENCH DANCE

There will be a French Dance Friday, Oct. 24 at the Sweetlake Community Center for Beta Club Princess, Caren Beard. The band members are: French Accordion, Lyon Breaux; Lead Guitar, John Farque; Bass Guitar, Johnny Faulk; Fiddle, Raymond LeDoux; Drums, Morgan (Blacky) Faulk.

New bank locations are told

The Grand Lake and Hackberry locations of Cameron State Bank are temporarily closed while damage from Hurricane Ike is being repaired. During this time, the bank managers and banking staff have been relocated to other bank locations and are available to assist their customers.
 Greg Wicke and the Grand Lake staff are working out of the Oak Park Banking Center at 2231 Oak Park Boulevard in Lake Charles. The contact number is 312-7120. Ann Trahan and the Hackberry staff are working in the Carlyss Banking Center at 4494 Highway 27 in Sulphur. They can be reached at 312-7600.

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— NOTICE —

The regularly scheduled meeting of Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 for Thursday, November 20, 2008 has been changed to Monday, November 3, 2008.

November Meeting Date:
 Monday, November 3, 2008 -- 5:00 p.m.
 Office of Mosquito Control
 146 Theriot Road, Sweetlake, Louisiana
 RUN: OCT. 23 (O-36)

SEMIANNUAL GENERAL COURSE OF INSTRUCTIONS

Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, Carl Broussard, in accordance with R.S. 18:431 A. (1) (a), will be conducting a General Course of Instructions for ANYONE WISHING TO BECOME CERTIFIED TO WORK AS A CAMERON PARISH ELECTION COMMISSIONER.

This General Course of Instructions is also for all Commissioners-in-Charge, Commissioners, and Alternate Commissioners who were selected to work for the upcoming Presidential/Congressional/General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

This course will be held on the following date, time and location listed below:

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 Grand Lake High School - 6:30 p.m.
 Cafeteria, Grand Lake, La.
 RUN: Oct. 23 (O-42)

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Buses that do not run:

- Bus #6782; 1990; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 66
- Bus #2927; 1989; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #7304; 1992; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60

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- Bus #6783; 1990; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #9758; 1991; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #7303; 1992; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #9813; 1991; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #2925; 1989; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60

Handicap mini bus with no air conditioning:

- Bus #7079; 1995; International body; gasoline engine seating capacity 20

All bus engines were running when they were taken out of service. If bidding on more than one bus, each bus must have a separate bid. Check or money order in the amount of the bid must be sealed in an envelope, labeled "Surplus Bus # _____" on the outside of the envelope, and mailed to: Cameron Parish School Board, P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631. Bus description must be indicated on check or money order. Unsuccessful bids will be returned so please include address inside envelope. Cameron Parish School Board employees are not eligible to bid or purchase.

Please call Anna Murphy, Purchasing Agent, at 337-905-5784, ext. 109 with any questions. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Cameron Parish School Board
 /s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
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The Woodrow Broussard family would like to thank everyone that was there for us in our time of need & great loss. We would like to thank all of our family & friends, Christ The King Church & Father Wayne Leblue, Dr. Phillip Conner, Dr. Vargheres, Dr. Shamat, Dr. Luke Williams, Tom Hebert Baptist Church & Brother Chris, Dr Cormier, all of St. Pats Emergency Room Staff, also to M/M Dominic Miller for the use of their home for food after the funeral & all the cooks. that are so special to us and always will be remembered. Thank You So Much His Loving Wife & Children, Rebecca Broussard, Shiela Conner, Theresa Smith, Debra Henderson, Renee Mock, Travis Broussard, Darla Montie, Kurt Broussard

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING should be in the news office by 10 a.m. on Wednesday for that weeks Cameron Pilot. Classifieds must be prepaid to run that week. \$5.50 for the first 25 words and 10¢ a word after that. E-mail classifieds@centurytel.net for more information call (337)786-8004.

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•20 ACRES of wooded timberland for sale north of DeQuincy, Beauregard Parish. Please contact Darlene Nortman with Coldwell Banker Elite at (337) 274-2466 or (337) 463-2004 for more information.

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Association urges support of four amendments

The Executive Board of the Louisiana Municipal Association is urging voter support for four of the seven constitutional amendments on the statewide Nov. 4 ballot.

At its regularly scheduled bimonthly meeting on Oct. 15, the LMA Executive Board voted unanimously to endorse these changes to the Louisiana Constitution:

Amendment #2 - To require two additional days of notice before calling a special legislative session.

Amendment #4 - To redistribute state severance tax revenue to parishes.

Amendment #6 - To change the requirements for public bodies to re-sell expropriated property.

Amendment #7 - To authorize certain post-retirement benefit funds to be invested in stocks.

"These proposed amendments merit voters' consideration when they go to the polls," said LMA President Bill H. Robertson, mayor of Minden.

These amendments would require that the call for a special legislative session be issued at least seven calendar days prior to the start of the session; dedicate additional severance taxes to parishes of origin, restrict the use of a portion of these funds and dedicate a portion of severance taxes collected on state lands to the Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund; would remove the requirement that public bodies first offer expropriated property back to its prior owner before the property can be sold to a

third party if the property was taken to remove a threat to public health or safety and was held for less than 30 years, and also remove the requirement that such property be sold by public bid and eliminate the opportunity for certain property owners to challenge surplus takings; and allow public funds reserved for non-pension, post-employment benefits to be invested in stocks.

The LMA Board took no position on the remaining three constitutional amendments - Amendment #1, which deals with term limits for members of state boards and commissions; Amendment #3, which provides for temporary successors for legislators called to active military duty; and Amendment #5, which allows the transfer of special property tax assessment levels to new properties.

The Louisiana Municipal Association urges all citizens to become informed about all ballot issues and candidates seeking national and local offices and exercise their right to vote on Nov. 4, Mayor Robertson said.

The LMA, founded in 1926, is a non-profit and non-partisan organization whose members are the state's 305 incorporated villages, towns, and cities.



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Market Report
 For the Sale of Oct. 18, 2008. Trading was active with a turnout of 1032 Head. Compared to last week, good attendance of Buyers with good demand on all classes of cattle.

DeQuincy (Saturday) Oct. 18 Livestock
 Receipts: Cattle 871. Horses 1 Hogs 25. Sheep/Goats 135. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy None per HD, Beef 100^{lb}-150^{lb} per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.25-1.75 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.00-1.25 per lb., Heifers: .95-1.20 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: .90-1.05 per lb., Heifers: .85-1.05 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: .85-1.00 per lb., Heifers: .80-1.00 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: .85-90 per lb., Heifers: .75-.85 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .80-.85 per lb., Heifer: .70-.75 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: .45-.52 per lb.; Canners: .42-.47 per lb.; Fat Cows: .47-.49 per lb.; Thin Cows: .31-.37 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .62-.68 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .57-.60 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 800^{lb}-900^{lb} per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 600^{lb}-825^{lb} per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: .30-.45 per lb.; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .35-.45 per lb.; Butcher Pigs: .50-.70 per lb.; Feeder Pigs: none per lb.; Sows 300-500 lbs.: .23-.28 per lb.; Boars: .05-.10 per lb. **HORSES:** .22-.28 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 25^{lb}-110^{lb} per HD.

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NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES

According to Carl Broussard, Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, in accordance with Title 18:535B of the Louisiana Election Code, the following is the official listing of the Polling Places for the upcoming Presidential/Congressional/General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

— POLLING PLACES —

- Precinct 1, location: Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic
6240 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, LA
- Precinct 2, location: Cameron Parish Courthouse
119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 3, location: Hackberry Multipurpose Building
986 Main Street, Hackberry, LA
- Precinct 4, location: Hackberry Multipurpose Building
986 Main Street, Hackberry, LA
- Precinct 5, location: Grand Lake Recreation Center
108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, LA
- Precinct 8, location: Lowry Fire Station
460 Lowry Hwy., Lowry, LA
- Precinct 9, location: Klondike Community Center
Veterans Memorial Drive, Klondike, LA
- Precinct 12, location: South Cameron Memorial Hospital
5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA 70631
- Precinct 13, location: South Cameron Memorial Hospital
5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA 70631
- Precinct 14, location: Cameron Parish Courthouse
119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 15, location: Cameron Parish Courthouse
119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 16, location: Grand Lake Recreation Center
108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, LA
- Precinct 17, location: Grand Chenier Library
2867 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, LA

RUN: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (O-23)

NOTICE OF RELOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, the following is a listing of Cameron Parish Polling Places which had to be relocated due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ike along with their new locations.

These Polling Places were relocated by the Cameron Parish Police Jury to their new locations due to the devastation and emergency situations caused by Hurricane Ike.

- Precinct 1: Moved from the Johnson Bayou Community Center, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou and relocated to:
Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic, 6240 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou, LA
- Precinct 2: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:
Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 12: Moved from the Muria Fire Station, 129 Muria Road, Creole and relocated to:
South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA
- Precinct 13: Moved from the Creole Fire Station, 184B East Creole Hwy., Creole and relocated to:
South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA
- Precinct 14: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:
Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 15: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:
Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA

RUN: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (O-24)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES
ON BEHALF OF THE
STATE MINERAL BOARD
FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821**

By virtue of and in conformity with the provisions of Sub-part A of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other applicable laws, sealed bids will be received in the Office of Mineral Resources, LaSalle Office Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (P. O. Box 2027, Baton Rouge, LA 70821) on **November 4, 3:30 P.M.** or Monday, **before 10:00, 2008** for a lease to explore, drill for and produce oil, gas and any other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas on the following described tracts (**Tract Nos. 40435 through 40583, inclusive**) to be opened publicly **Wednesday, November 12, 2008** in the LaSalle Office Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, Capitol Complex, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

All bids shall offer a **"Cash Payment"** bonus, as set forth on the authorized bid form, for a lease having a primary term in conformity with whether said lease is an **inland offshore** lease and the said bonus shall maintain the lease in full force and effect for the first year. If the bid offers an **ANNUAL DELAY RENTAL**, which is mandatory for leases with terms of more than one (1) year, it shall not be for less than one-half (1/2) of the Cash Payment bonus bid and any bids containing an annual delay rental of less than one-half (1/2) of the Cash Payment bonus will be increased to the one-half (1/2) amount. Any lease granted shall be without warranty or any recourse whatsoever, either express or implied, against Lessor with regard to questions of title, not even for the return by Lessor of any payments received under the lease, and the Lessor shall be responsible therefore to Lessee. Under LSA-R. S. 30:127, the **Minimum Royalty bid** cannot be less than **one-eighth (1/8) of all oil, gas or other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas** and saved or utilized. **Rights to geothermal resources, free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and other solid minerals are to be excluded from any oil or gas mineral lease and bid purporting to include those rights will be disregarded as to the extent of those rights only.** All bidders are notified that the Mineral Board does not obligate itself to accept any bid, and that acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Mineral Board which reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to grant a lease on any portion of the tract advertised and to withdraw the remainder of the tract.

Act 8 of the 2000 Second Extraordinary Legislative Session established two additional fees to be collected from mineral lessees on all mineral leases awarded. **An additional fee of \$15 per acre will be collected and deposited into the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund. An additional fee of \$5 per acre will be collected and deposited into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund.** A separate check in the amount of \$20 per acre made payable to the Office of Mineral Resources shall accompany the original bid (inside the sealed bid envelope). Bidders may use a regular check for payment of the fees. The successful bidder will not receive the lease executed by the State Mineral Board until the fees are received. If the bidder is unsuccessful, both the fee check and the Cash Payment bonus check will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder.

All leases awarded shall be executed upon terms and conditions provided in the current State lease form with all applicable riders appended thereto a copy of which is available for review in the Office of Mineral Resources, Petroleum Lands Division, Leasing Section.

Certified check, cashier's check or bank money order payable to the **OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES** for the full amount of the aforesaid Cash Payment bonus shall be submitted with and accompany each bid, and no bid, once submitted, may be thereafter withdrawn or canceled. Once the bid is opened and accepted by the Mineral Board, the accompanying checks or money order shall be negotiated by the Office of Mineral Resources and the proceeds disbursed in the manner required by law.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Act 449 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature requires that a prospective lease holder for a State mineral lease be registered with the Office of Mineral Resources. Registration with the Office of Mineral Resources consists of filing the Prospective Leaseholder form and supplying this office with a certificate from the Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana attesting that the prospective leaseholder is in good standing as authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana. **UNDERSTAND** that being registered for nomination or any other purpose **DOES NOT CONSTITUTE REGISTRATION AS A PROSPECTIVE LEASEHOLDER.** Act 449 specifies that, **only those bidders who are registered prospective leaseholders with the office of mineral resources shall be allowed to bid on tracts for the purpose of obtaining a mineral lease from the state of Louisiana.** If an entity plans to submit a bid on a tract at any State mineral lease sale, that bid **WILL NOT** be accepted unless the bidding entity was properly registered with the Office of Mineral Resources prior to the lease sale at which its bid was submitted. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT!!!**

Under rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with authority granted by Act 106 of the First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 2002, a **fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the Cash Payment bonus** shall be collected from the bidder by **separate check, accompanying the original bid (inside the sealed bid envelope).** Bidders may use a **regular check for the 10% fee.** The successful bidder will not receive the lease executed by the State Mineral Board until the fee is received. If the bidder is unsuccessful, both the fee check and the Cash Payment bonus check will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder.

The successful bidder to whom the lease is awarded who receives the written lease executed by the State Mineral Board shall return the written lease, duly executed by Lessee (all of named Lessees on the lease instrument), within **TWENTY (20) DAYS** of receipt of same under penalty for failure to do so of forfeiture of the lease, including the Cash Payment bonus and fee tendered and negotiated.

Bids may be for the whole or any particularly described portion of the land advertised, but consistent with Mineral Board policy. All bidders are hereby notified that bids on portions of tracts shall be described by metes and bounds and be accompanied by a transparent plat outlining thereon the portion bid upon. The scale of the transparent plat shall be the same as the scale of the **OFFICIAL PLAT OUTLINE & A PLAT** CONTAINED HEREIN and should identify the Point of Beginning with X and Y coordinates (if applicable), the Section, Township and Range, the Block No. (if offshore), the Parish, any adjacent existing State Mineral Leases, and, further, should clearly show the entire tract boundaries in relationship to the portion bid upon. It shall also show the Topographic features (Land and Water) of the area in detail similar to the Official Plat containing the same. Failure to follow these guidelines in submitting a portion bid may result in outright rejection of the portion bid by the State

Mineral Board at its sole discretion.

Notice is given that the State Mineral Board will include provisions in the lease to insure applicable payments attributable to the lease property without regard to adverse title claims, disputes, litigation or title failure and the language of those provisions is available to any interested party at the Office of Mineral Resources. Prospective bidders should carefully examine the same prior to submitting any bid.

Some tracts available for leasing may be situated in the Louisiana Coastal Zone as defined in Act 361 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 1978 (promulgated as LSA-R. S. 49:213) and may be subject to the guidelines and regulations promulgated by the Coastal Management Section of the Department of Natural Resources for operations in the Coastal Zone.

NOTE: All bids shall specify the Cash Payment bonus for leases as a price per acre amount and an aggregate total amount, whereby a bid for the entire tract shall be controlled by the bid price per acre multiplied by the specified amount of state owned/claimed acreage advertised for the tract, and a bid for a portion of the tract shall be controlled by the actual amount of state owned/claimed acreage within the polygon boundaries of the portion bid. For purposes of rental payments, the price bid per acre for the Cash Bonus, reduced if appropriate to the rental price per acre but not less than one-half of the price per acre bid for the Cash Bonus multiplied by the state owned/claimed acreage of the entire tract is bid; actual acreage in portion bid polygon shall determine the amount of the rental payment throughout the primary term, regardless of any releases. For purposes of deferred development payments, one-half of the price per acre bid for the Cash Bonus multiplied by the state owned/claimed acreage within the remaining lease polygon, but any release, has to be included in the bid; actual acreage in portion bid polygon which unit activity is ongoing, shall determine the amount of the deferred development payment.

NOTE: Multiple portion bids on the same tract may be accepted by the State Mineral Board, even though they overlap. In the case of overlapping portion bids on the same tract, each of which is otherwise acceptable to the State, the State Mineral Board will indicate which one of the multiple bids on the same tract is most advantageous, considering the royalty, per acre cash payment, bonus, any additional consideration and what, in the sole discretion of the Mineral Board, is in the best interest of the State, and that bid (referred to as "Bid A") will be given priority in having a lease issued. The State Mineral Board will also indicate the acceptability of other portions of the same tract, if any, in the order of their acceptance (referred to respectively as "Bid B", "Bid C", etc.). Once the plat of "Bid A" 's portion has been rendered as accurately as possible, "Bid B" will be contacted and given an option to take a lease on the remaining portion of his portion bid acreage not overlapping "Bid A" 's bid portion, at "Bid B" 's per acre bid price (both as to bonus and rental); and thereafter, each successive bidder whose bid is otherwise acceptable will be given the option to take a lease on whatever portion remains of his portion bid acreage at his respective per acre bid price, less and except any prior portion bid acreage on which the successful bidder has opted to take a lease.

NOTE: If you require accommodations due to a disability in order to attend or participate in a meeting, please notify the Office of Mineral Resources at P. O. Box 2827, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2827 or 225-342-4606 at least two (2) working days before the meeting date.

INLAND TRACTS (Tract Nos. 40436 through 40514 inclusive, herein) are those tracts which lie landward of the Louisiana shoreline as defined by the report of the Special Master in the litigation in the Supreme Court of the United States styled United States v. Louisiana, et al., No. 9 Original and set out in the June 1975, Decree of said Supreme Court. All bids on inland tracts cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding **three (3) years.** Bids that specify a primary term exceeding three (3) years for an inland tract may be rejected outright or the primary term changed to three (3) years at the sole discretion of the State Mineral Board.

TRACT 40466 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description as to which title is vested in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease or and not presently under mineral lease, shall be subject to the provisions of Act 106 of the Louisiana Legislature of 2002, as amended, having Coordinates of X = 1,560,368.00 and Y = 460,932.05; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 1812 the following courses: North 89 degrees 17 minutes 54 seconds West 98.23 feet; South 00 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds West 1,743.30 feet and North 89 degrees 17 minutes 54 seconds West 1,500.00 feet to its Westernmost corner also being the Northeast corner of State Lease No. 19401 having Coordinates of X = 1,549,933.00 and Y = 459,208.45; thence West 360.54 feet along the North boundary of said State Lease No. 19401 to its Northwest corner also being a point on the East boundary of State Lease No. 18809 having Coordinates of X = 1,558,388.00 and Y = 459,208.45; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 18809 the following courses: North 927.55 feet and West approximately 3,108 feet to a point on the Eastern boundary of State Lease No. 344 having Coordinates of X = 460,136.00; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 344 the following courses: Northerly 3,407 feet and Southwesterly along an arc to the left with a radius of 3,000.00 feet to a point of intersection with an East-West line having a Coordinate of Y = 460,791.00; thence West approximately 1,230 feet along said line to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,549,933.00 and Y = 460,791.00; thence North 9,110.00 feet to the point of beginning, **LESS AND EXCEPT** that portion, if any, of State Lease No. 344, as amended, and State Lease No. 18809 which may lie within the above described tract, containing approximately **2,039 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

NOTE: The above description of the Tract nominated for lease has been provided and corrected, where required, exclusively by the nomination party. Any mineral lease selected from this Tract and awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board shall be without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should the mineral lease awarded by

the Louisiana State Mineral Board be subsequently modified, cancelled or abrogated due to the existence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions which may affect all or any portion of the leased Tract, it shall not relieve the Lessee of the obligation to pay any bonus due thereon to the Louisiana State Mineral Board, nor shall the Louisiana State Mineral Board be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessor prior to such modification, cancellation, or abrogation, including, but not limited to, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects, including any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

TRACT 40467 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description as to which title is vested in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease or and not presently under mineral lease, shall be subject to the provisions of Act 106 of the Louisiana Legislature of 2002, as amended, having Coordinates of X = 1,570,803.00 and Y = 463,884.00; thence along the boundary of State Lease No. 19562 the following courses: West 3,490.00 feet and South 3,353.14 feet to its Northwest corner also being a point on the Northern boundary of State Lease No. 18505 having Coordinates of X = 1,567,383.00 and Y = 460,530.86; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 18505 the following courses: West 2,103.43 feet and South 02 degrees 41 minutes 17 seconds West 842.97 feet to its Northwest corner having Coordinates of X = 1,565,240.04 and Y = 459,688.82; thence West 304.45 feet to the Northern boundary of State Lease No. 1812, as amended having Coordinates of X = 1,564,935.59 and Y = 459,688.82; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 1812 the following courses: North 89 degrees 17 minutes 54 seconds West 2,040.70 feet, North 00 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds East 1,187.20 feet and North 89 degrees 17 minutes 54 seconds West 2,541.77 feet to a point on its Northern boundary having Coordinates of X = 1,560,368.00 and Y = 460,932.05; thence North 8,968.95 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **1,197 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

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NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

TRACT 40468 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description as to which title is vested in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease or and not presently under mineral lease, shall be subject to the provisions of Act 106 of the Louisiana Legislature of 2002, as amended, having Coordinates of X = 1,549,933.00 and Y = 459,688.82; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 18505 the following courses: South 02 degrees 41 minutes 17 seconds West 2,761.63 feet; South 60 degrees 10 minutes 5 seconds East 2,676.00 feet to its Northwest corner having Coordinates of X = 1,570,803.00 and Y = 455,599.61; thence South 3,917.61 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,570,803.00 and Y = 451,682.00; thence West 10,435.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,560,368.00 and Y = 451,682.00; thence North 8,466.42 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **210 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

NOTE: The above description of the Tract nominated for lease has been provided and corrected, where required, exclusively by the nomination party. Any mineral lease selected from this Tract and awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board shall be without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should the mineral lease awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board be subsequently modified, cancelled or abrogated due to the existence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions which may affect all or any portion of the leased Tract, it shall not relieve the Lessee of the obligation to pay any bonus due thereon to the Louisiana State Mineral Board, nor shall the Louisiana State Mineral Board be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessor prior to such modification, cancellation, or abrogation, including, but not limited to, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of

implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

TRACT 40471 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description as to which title is vested in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease or and not presently under mineral lease, shall be subject to the provisions of Act 106 of the Louisiana Legislature of 2002, as amended, having Coordinates of X = 1,549,933.00 and Y = 456,549.00; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 18809 the following courses: South 2,822.89 feet and East 8,455.00 feet to a point on the Western boundary of State Lease No. 344, as amended, having a Coordinate Y = 460,791.00; thence Southeasterly along an arc to the left with a radius of 3,000.00 feet to a point of intersection with the boundary of State Lease No. 18809 having a Coordinate of Y = 459,207.00; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 18809 the following courses: South 2,822.89 feet and East 8,455.00 feet to a point on the Western boundary of State Lease No. 344, as amended, having a Coordinate Y = 460,791.00; 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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 9th day of September, 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Project No. 2007-14: Post-Rita Restoration of the Muria Fire Station, pursuant to the certain contract between Sam Istre Construction and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 307522 in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 (S 17)

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES

According to Carl Broussard, Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish in accordance with Title 18:535B of the Louisiana Election Code, the following is the official listing of the Polling Places for the upcoming Presidential/Congressional/General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

POLLING PLACES

Precinct 1: location: Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic, 6240 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, La.

Precinct 2: location: Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.

Precinct 3: location: Hackberry Multipurpose Building, 986 Main Street, Hackberry, La.

Precinct 4: location: Hackberry Multipurpose Building, 986 Main Street, Hackberry, La.

Precinct 5: location: Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, La

Precinct 8: location: Lowry Fire Station, 460 Lowry Hwy., Lowry, La.

Precinct 9: location: Klondike Community Center, Veterans Memorial Drive, Klondike, La.

Precinct 12: location: South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.

Precinct 13: location: South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.

Precinct 14: location: Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.

Precinct 15: location: Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.

Precinct 16: location: Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, La.

Precinct 17: location: Grand Chenier Library, 2867 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, La.
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NOTICE OF RELOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, the following is a listing of Cameron Parish Polling Places

which had to be relocated due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ike along with their new locations.

These Polling Places were relocated by the Cameron Parish Placess Jury to their new locations due to the devastation and emergency situations caused by Hurricane Ike.

Precinct 1: Moved from the Johnson Bayou Community Center, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou and relocated to:

JOHNSON BAYOU RURAL HEALTH CLINIC, 6240 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou, La.

Precinct 2: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:

CAMERON PARISH COURTHOUSE, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.

Precinct 12: Moved from the Muria Fire Station, 129 Muria Road, Creole and relocated to:

SOUTH CAMERON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.

Precinct 13: Moved from the Creole Fire Station, 184B East Creole Hwy., Creole and relocated to:

SOUTH CAMERON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.

Precinct 14: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:

CAMERON PARISH COURTHOUSE, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.

Precinct 15: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, and relocated to:

CAMERON PARISH COURTHOUSE, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, Claiborne Office Building, 1201 North Third Street, Conference Room I-145 (South Entrance 1st Floor-1st door on the right), Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 2:00 p.m., **Tuesday, November 25 2008.**

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.

FOR: Hurricane Rita Repairs, DOTD District 07 - Holly Beach Unit, Holly Beach, Louisiana

PROJECT NUMBER: 01-107-05B-13, Part UA

Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:

Jeffrey M. Kudla, Architect, LLC 429 Kirby Street Lake Charles, La. 70701 337-436-3650

upon deposit of \$100.00 for each set of documents. Deposit on the first two sets are fully refundable to all bonafide prime Bidders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Fifty percent (50%) of the deposit of all other sets of documents will be refunded upon return of documents as state above.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base

Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

TRACT 40482 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description as to which title is vested in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on November 12, 2008, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,539,498.00 and Y = 441,247.00; thence East 10,435.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,549,933.00 and Y = 441,247.00; thence South 10,435.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,539,498.00 and Y = 430,812.00; thence North 10,435.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **2,499 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

NOTE: The above description of the Tract nominated for lease has been provided and corrected, where required, exclusively by the nomination party. Any mineral lease selected from this Tract and awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board shall be without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should the mineral lease awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board be subsequently modified, cancelled or abrogated due to the existence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions which may affect all or any portion of the leased Tract, it shall not relieve the Lessee of the obligation to pay any bonus due thereon to the Louisiana State Mineral Board, nor shall the Louisiana State Mineral Board be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessor prior to such modification, cancellation, or abrogation, including, but not limited to, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Facility Planning and Control Bid Bond Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana, signed by the surety's agency or attorney-in-fact. Surety must be listed on the current U. S. Department of the Treasury Management Service list of approved bonding companies as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in the Bond, or must be a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety qualifies by virtue of its Best's listing, the amount of the Bond may not exceed ten percent (10%) of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. The Bid Bond shall be in favor of the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control, and shall be accompanied by appropriate power of attorney. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by a method is acceptable.

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. Surety must be listed currently on the U. S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service List (Treasury List) as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the contract amount, or must be an insurance company domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. If surety is qualified other than by listing on the Treasury list, the contract amount may not exceed fifteen percent of policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance and may not exceed the amount of \$500,000. However, a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide shall not be subject to the \$500,000 limitation, provided that the contract amount does not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide nor fifteen percent of the policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. The Bond shall be signed by the surety's agent or attorney-in-fact.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at Holly Beach Maintenance Unit, Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) District 07, 5501 HWY 27 (Holly Beach Hwy), Holly Beach, LA.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for classification of **Building Construction**. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

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.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the granting of lines of credit, or the sale of bonds of bonds by the State Bond Commission. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

Facility Planning and Control is a participant in the Small Entrepreneurship Program (the Hudson Initiative) and bidders are encouraged to consider participation. Information is available from the Office of Facility Planning and Control or on its website at www.doa.louisiana.gov/fpc/fpc.htm

STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL JERRY W. JONES, DIRECTOR RUN: Oct. 23, 30 & Nov. 6 (O 34)

PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in special session on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Lake Charles. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Nathan Griffith, and Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr. Members absent were Brad Locke.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to accept the minutes as read.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to approve the bills as paid.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to authorize President Nathan Griffith to sign the following: Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10 hereby authorizes Lonnie G. Harper and Associates to provide emergency engineering services for the emergency repairs to the section of water distribution line from Johnson Bayou to the Sabine Pass LNG facility and any other required repairs that are found to be a result of damage caused by Hurricane Ike, as requested by the owner.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried authorizing Rhonda Morrison to obtain a credit card for emergency purchases.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and

FEMA tells rebuilding requirements

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) advises Louisiana residents who must repair flood-damaged homes or businesses to be aware of the special requirements for buildings that have been substantially damaged or will be substantially improved. Individual property owners need to work closely with their local community officials to ensure compliance with floodplain regulations - or else their flood insurance rates could be significantly higher.

Both substantially damaged and substantially improved structures must be brought into compliance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. Among other things, these regulations can require that homes be elevated to or above the 100-year or base flood level, and that businesses and non-residential structures be flood-proofed.

The NFIP, a Federal program enabling property owners to purchase flood insurance, is based on an agreement between local communities and the Federal government. Under this agreement, new construction and substantially improved structures located in a flood hazard area will be mitigated to reduce future flood risks. In return, the Federal government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses. As a result of this agreement, if a home or business is located in the 100-year floodplain (a special flood hazard area where there is a 1 percent chance of flooding in any given year), the community's flood regulations may affect how people repair, rebuild or relocate their homes or businesses.

Below are some frequently asked questions and answers.

What is a substantially damaged building?

A substantially damaged building is a structure that has been so badly damaged that to repair it will require an expenditure of 50 percent

ried to pay Loretta Trahan \$10.00 a day for fuel allowance at the end of each month for using her personal vehicle to travel to work from her place of lodging under these out of the ordinary circumstances.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to allow Operators to purchase fill dirt, as needed to insure the safety of the water system, as long as they follow proper procurement measures.

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of November 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved: Nathan Griffith, President

Attest: Connie Trahan, Secretary RUN: Oct. 23 (O 35)

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Cameron Parish Police Jury will meet as a Board of Review on Saturday, October 25, 2008 thru Saturday, November 8, 2008 with the actual hearing date being Friday, November 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge, 1428 Hwy 27, Sweetlake, Bell City, Louisiana 70630 to hear any and all protests from taxpayers on their 2008 assessments.

The Board shall consider the written or oral protests of any taxpayer desiring to be heard that has filed protests 7 days prior to the public hearing. Protests shall be filed in person at the Police Jury office located at South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana 70631 or by certified mail to Post Office Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.

R. E. "Bobby" Conner, CLA Cameron Parish Assessor RUN: Oct. 23 & 30 (O 39)

SEMIANNUAL GENERAL COURSE OF INSTRUCTIONS

Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, Carl Broussard, in accordance with R.S. 18:431 A. (1)(a), will be conducting a General Course of Instructions for ANYONE WISHING TO BECOME CERTIFIED TO WORK AS A CAMERON PARISH ELECTION COMMISSIONER. This General Course of Instructions is also for all Commissioners-in-Charge, Commissioners, and Alternate Commissioners who were selected to work for the upcoming Presidential/Congressional/General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. This course will be held on the following date, time and location listed below:

Tuesday, October 28, 2008, Grand Lake High School Cafeteria, Grand Lake, LA, 6:30 P.M.
RUN: Oct. 23 (O 41)

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



DOVE SEASON

Dove season opened last Saturday, Oct. 18, for the second split and will run through Nov. 30. I got good reports about the Sweetlake area. A friend of mine told me they bagged more of the ring-neck doves than the mourning doves.

No information on lower Cameron, dove hunts or rabbit and squirrel. I did get reports of deer being seen in the Creole, Grand Chenier areas and some of our area deer hunters did go right above the Cameron Parish line into Vermilion Parish and got to bag their deer.

Last week I mentioned about mudboat trails, well where I hunt in Grand Chenier, I go through a bayou with canes on both sides and it seems there's not much bayou open as Ike's water pushed the canes into the bayou as well as the trails.

DUCK AND GOOSE SEASON

Nov. 8, opening of duck and goose season in our western area, is right around the corner, so it's time to get the hunting spots ready. We do have a few teal in the area I hunt, but I still have my fingers crossed as to if we'll really have ducks in our marshes to amount to the time and money it'll take to redig ditches and make new blinds. I know the cost of shells and decoys has really gone up, as I bought some last week.

HOUSE BILLS

I couldn't help but notice HB 701, about the definition of game fish status, a bill to clean up game fish statutes. It defines game fish, commercial fish, and recreational fish, such that their use is consistent throughout the statutes.

Specifically, it defines game fish as: Freshwater game fish means largemouth bass, spotted bass, shadow bass, black and white crappie, white bass, yellow bass, striped bass, hybrid striped bass and any species of bream. Saltwater game fish, means any sailfish, blue marlin, black marlin, striped marlin, harvest marlin, white marlin and red drum

or more of the building's pre-damaged market value. For example, if the market value of a home is \$100,000 but it sustains damage and the damage will cost \$50,000 or more to repair, that home is considered substantially damaged.

What is a substantially improved building?

A substantially improved building is one that will be reconstructed, rehabilitated, will receive an addition, or otherwise be improved and the improvement cost equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the start of construction. This term includes structures which have incurred substantial damage.

What happens if a substantially damaged or substantially improved structure is not built in compliance with community floodplain management regulations?

Sometimes a building sustains less than 50 percent damage; however the owner decides not only to repair the building, but also to improve it. The result can be a substantially improved building. For example, if repairing the building costs 30 percent of the structure's market value and adding another room costs 20 percent or more of the structure's market value, then taken together, the repairs and improvement equal 50 percent of the structure's market value so that the owner now has a substantially improved building.

Who determines whether a structure has been substantially damaged?

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the community permit official to ensure that market value estimates are reasonably accurate and that the cost estimate reasonably reflects the actual costs to fully repair the damage and make any other improvements to the structure. However, the local permit official may require the permit applicant or owner of the building to supply the necessary information, such as appraisals, construction cost estimates, etc.

How much accuracy is needed in determining whether a structure is substantially damaged?

The closer the improvement or damage appears to approach 50 percent of the

(redfish).

I would guess any other fresh and saltwater fish we catch like speckle trout, flounder, gar, catfish for example would be called recreational fish.

AREA FISHING

Good limits of trout, reds and flounders are being reported, on Big Lake, especially following the birds and hitting the weirs on the southeast end of the lake. Lead heads with soft plastic have been good, with sand eels in white and chartrouse tails, or on the D.O.A. shrimp. The lower Cameron area, the Mermentau River and Grand Chenier, Hog Bayou/Jetty area is producing redfish, as well as in our local marshes. A 1/4 ounce lead head with a plastic cockahoe minnow with chartrouse red tail has been good.

SABINE LAKE

Louisiana and Texas both jointly own Sabine Lake and have a reciprocal agreement that allows anglers from either state to fish the other state's waters on the main body of the lake, with their own state licenses.

Anglers entering a cut on the neighboring states territory, must have that state's license. Remember when you get out of the main body, if you only have a Louisiana fishing license, don't fish cuts on the Texas side, I don't fish the Jetties or channel leading to the jetties with only a Louisiana license.

The reciprocal agreement between Texas and Louisiana was changed back in the late 1990s to end at Texas and Louisiana points. It's sort of tricky, but these laws are being strictly enforced, so be sure you are legal, or it could be an expensive ticket.

I noticed that my Texas fishing license is only for freshwater, so I'll get the saltwater added. Their annual freshwater license is \$55 and to add saltwater to it is a total of \$65.

Anglers, there's good fishing in Sabine Lake, especially on the Louisiana side, but don't forget, the side you launch on is, you have to have that state's license.

market value of the structure, the greater the precision needed in determining substantial improvement. For example, if the damage suffered appears to be minor (40 percent or less) compared to the market value of the structure, more approximate methods for determining substantial improvement may be acceptable. The same is true if the damage suffered is extensive (60 percent or more). However, if the damage suffered or improvement to be made is suspected to be between 40 percent and 60 percent of the structure's market value, then detailed, itemized estimates for the cost of repair and definitive estimates of market value must be used.

What happens if a substantially damaged or substantially improved structure is not built in compliance with community floodplain management regulations?

If a structure is substantially damaged or substantially improved and is not in compliance with the community's floodplain management regulations, insurance rates and premiums will be significantly higher for that structure. For substantially damaged structures that have their lowest floors several feet or more below the base flood elevation, the annual premium could increase to thousands of dollars. Structures that are not built in compliance jeopardize the community by putting them in violation of their flood damage prevention ordinance, which could result in the community being put on probation or suspended from the NFIP.



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Can One Issue Be That Important?

**By The Most Reverend Jude Speyrer
Bishop-Emeritus, Diocese of Lake Charles**

A perplexed parishioner approached me with a question. "What's wrong with being a single-issue voter?" she wanted to know.

"The number of issues has nothing to do with it" I replied. "It really depends on the issue. One issue by itself could be enough."

She tearfully went on to describe how a circle of relatives had ridiculed her as a 'single-issue voter' when she expressed a preference for pro-life candidates despite candidates' positions on other matters. "They made me feel guilty for selecting a person for his stand against abortion alone as though this was an 'un-civic' thing for me to do."

I knew exactly what she meant. In reply I told the lady that something I had said to a close friend in conversation only the previous week had provoked the same strongly voiced criticism. I too was taunted for being a 'single-issue' voter. His spirited outburst had come when I voiced an automatic preference, (as you would expect) for political candidates who are pro-life. My friend's comment on my voting choice was made to sound like an accusation. It implied that I should always base my selection on more than one feature of a nominee's platform before he (or society) would approve of my action as a voter.

A slow thinker, only later did I organize my thoughts. His finger pointing caused me to wonder. I asked myself what was so wrong with being a 'single-issue' voter anyway? Particularly in a question of life or death. How many issues does it take to make a voter's decision worthy of society's approval? Besides, why should I care what society thinks?

Except for their stand on protection for the unborn, there is often not a dime's worth of difference between the views of people running for office. And even when positions on other matters do clash, for me whether a candidate is pro-life or supports abortion over-rides absolutely everything else.

The conflict between life and death for the unborn is so unconditional that even where major contradictions among candidates exist, enough of an issue is already present to decide the matter then and there. Everything else is secondary.

A glass may be full of Grade-A milk but one single drop of poison renders it deadly and undrinkable!

Looking back, I am willing to bet that many Germans, for instance, would have welcomed a majority of 'single-issue' voters in the March 1933 elections in that country. Instead, Hitler was put in office as German citizens gave the Nazi Party almost 44 percent of the vote.

Of course, Hitler had pledged many other blessings: reduction in unemployment, material recovery (it's the economy, Dummkopf!) and taking credit for the general world-wide improvement, which just happened to coincide with his promises.

How did the German people respond? In a later plebiscite, Hitler's platform received the support of 90 percent of the electorate!

Make no mistake about it. A human life is a human life, whether in Germany, Rwanda or in the United States. And at any time, in any place; whether inside the womb or at its end in an Intensive Care Unit. The only distinction I can see between the 'final solution' in Germany 65 years ago and 'ethnic cleansing' now is only half a century of time and membership in tribes that simply bear different names.

In the present-day version of that Nazi atrocity, discrimination in this country while not as racial as fifty years ago revolves instead around age. We are going after the unborn and the elderly.

Worse yet, attempts are even made at justifying the destruction of the unborn by invoking a mother's right to end the baby's existence; and in the case of the elderly and terminally ill, people speak of a right to suicide and euthanasia.

Surely Pope John Paul II was on target when he warned about 'the culture of death.' This was the topic of several homilies to American Catholics to mention only one country among the dozens he visited. This message, most strongly expressed in his encyclical letter "Evangelium Vitae," (The Gospel of Life) is all about the precious value of human existence. It leaves no doubt about the sinfulness of abortion and euthanasia.

To take seriously the sanctity of life and to question a political candidate's intention of protecting the right to life surely goes to the heart of the matter. In the context of the general elections I can honestly state that especially for the Christian disciple it is not possible to raise an issue of greater importance.

But that same disciple owes no apology to anyone for voting his conscience. Since this is so, why then should he, of all people, need additional issues? When a candidate is not pro-life what possible difference can other issues make?

(Editor's note: This column originally ran in the Catholic Calendar of Friday, November 1, 1996. It has also been reprinted prior to the 2004 general election. Modified slightly, its message now is even more important as the November 4 election draws near.)

Seminary bourse opened to honor judge's wife

LAKE CHARLES — Judge Henry Yelverton, a retired Third Circuit Court of Appeal judge, has opened a seminary bourse in honor of his wife, Lorraine, on her recent birthday.

A seminary bourse is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education of seminarians. The principal of the fund is never spent but invested, with the interest used each year for seminarian education expenses. Since the principal is never touched, this fund is truly a "gift that keeps on giving." Donations made to the fund will continue to support the education of seminarians every year, as long as the Diocese exists.

"Lorraine loves seminarians," Judge Yelverton said. "Ask Monsignor Harry Greig. He will remember the unforgettable breakfasts she cooked for him and his fellow seminarians during an Advent season nearly 40 years ago when they stayed in our home."

"Our Lord has graced my life with 55 of her birthdays," the judge continued. "She is the most nearly perfect woman I have ever known. She is beautiful and gracious, and possessed of an unlimited capacity for love. Our seven children, 15 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren will agree with this assessment. Nothing I can give her matches her merit. Her model in all things is the Mother of Our Lord."

The "Lorraine Yelverton" Seminary Bourse was begun with a \$2,000 contribution. This brings the total of burses for the Diocese of Lake Charles to \$760,036.33.

Contributions in any amount are welcome to be added to current burses or you may, like Judge Yelverton, open a bourse in the name of a loved one. Seminary burses can be started with any amount of money and

contributions may be made to already established burses.

For more information on seminary burses, contact Chip Gauthier, Director of

Development, Diocese of Lake Charles, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, 337-439-7400, Ext. 307, or chip.gauthier@lcdioocese.org.



Diocese of Lake Charles Seminary Burses

Msrgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$6,982.50
Bishop Jeanmard	\$9,276.69
Latrielle Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Charles Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Gelu Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Henry Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Msrgr. William J. Teurlings	\$3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Israel Hebert Family	\$15,000.00
Fr. Moise Hebert	\$2,231.66
Pro Ecclesia	\$5,203.55
Immaculate Conception	\$3,092.23
Saint Joseph	\$1,203.35
Lake Charles Seminary	\$15,000.00
Cure d' Ars	\$3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. C. Delahoussaye	\$15,000.00
Msrgr. Lerschen	\$1,203.35
Saint Theresa	\$5,356.71
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	\$1,666.46
Msrgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$15,000.00
Herrington Family	\$15,000.00
Horvath Family	\$12,500.00
Harry Van Tiel Family	\$1,031.96
Habetz-Oustalet-Mitchell Families	\$5,000.00
Msrgr. A. Van Buijtenen	\$5,000.00
Msrgr. Jules Daigle	\$15,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Galip Jacobs/Sam Joseph	\$600.00
Msrgr. Charles Levasseur	\$70,000.00
Plauche Family	\$4,000.00
Rev. Oscar S Vasquez-Munoz	\$1,429.00
Msrgr. Bede Becnel	\$23,652.68
Jeffery Savant	\$2,435.00
Rev. Robert Lee Shreve	\$25,973.33
Bishop Jude Speyrer	\$4,000.00
Our Lady of the Snows/ CDA Court	\$20,200.00
Msrgr. Curtis Vidrine	\$28,689.60
Msrgr. Murphy Bernard	\$27,476.90
Rev. Alphonse M. Volpe	\$25,122.62
East Deanery Serra Club	\$550.00
Msrgr. Charles Dubois	\$9,926.70
Msrgr. Amos J. Vincent	\$34,723.21
Rev. Oris A. Broussard	\$27,810.66
Msrgr. Irving A. DeBlanc	\$157,897.43
Rev. John Giles	\$25,132.21
Rev. Maurice Martineau	\$27,087.40
Truman Stacey	\$10,382.09
*Lorraine Yelverton	\$2,000.00
Total	\$760,036.33
*Newly established	

Pilgrimage dates to St. Paul of Elton announced

LAKE CHARLES — The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has designated the Church of St. Paul in Elton as a pilgrimage site during this Year of St. Paul where pilgrims may earn a Plenary Indulgence for their visit there.

"It is the only parish in our Diocese named for the great disciple," Bishop Provost said. "The Plenary Indulgence from temporal punishment due to sin is granted to all who visit there and who are truly repentant and have received absolution in the Sacrament of Penance and participated in Holy Communion, as well as have offered prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father."

"This same indulgence is extended to our sick and homebound or those who for some

important reason cannot make pilgrimage and have fulfilled the same conditions of sacramental absolution, Eucharistic participation, and prayers for the Holy Father," the Bishop said.

Bishop Provost also provided a schedule of days of pilgrimage to St. Paul, including the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, November 18, 2008; the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25, 2009; and the feast day of St. Timothy and St. Titus, January 26, 2009. Also, the anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Lake Charles, April 25, 2009; the feast day of St. Barnabas, June 11, 2009 and the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, June 29, 2009, the close of the Year of St. Paul.

Did you know ...

The courageous people of Cameron Parish have faced much devastation and strife in the past three years but hurricanes Rita and Ike, along with Audrey in 1957, were not the only storms to cause problems for the churches and people there. Hurricanes have mauled the coastal areas numerous times, including September 1865, October 1886, September 1900, 1909, and 1918. Each time rebuilding has taken place the faith communities have continued just as they did after Audrey and Rita and will do now following Ike. Hurricane Audrey took the largest human toll with more than 500 dead.

St. Theodore Church in Moss Bluff was a mission chapel before its elevation to canonical parish. Do you know the name of the parish that gave birth to St. Theodore? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.



Bishop Glen John Provost speaks to the crowd of Catholic men attending the October First Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast held in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office building at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets. Bishop Provost will celebrate Mass at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral for everyone prior to each men's prayer breakfast. The next breakfast will break with tradition and be held on Thursday, Nov. 6 instead of Friday, Nov. 7. All Catholic men are invited to attend and must call 439-7400 to register.

Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel working on 100 years

LAKE CHARLES — A Catholic education for the African American children of the community, in good times and bad, has been provided by the stalwart teachers, lay people as well as religious sisters, for generations of students at Sacred Heart Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School.

The school, currently celebrating its centennial of establishment, is the only school in the Diocese of Lake Charles to be able to boast that a Saint of the Church trod its halls. Saint Katharine Drexel, the Philadelphia native, used her inherited wealth to open and fund schools for Native Americans and African Americans in the South and on Indian reservations. She also established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament order and many of those religious women taught at Sacred Heart over the years. She was canonized a Saint of the Catholic Church on October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

Dr. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow leads the current group of educators at the Louisiana Avenue location of the school.

Not only is the school celebrating its 100th anniversary but the faculty, staff and elementary students are happy to be back in their classrooms after a nearly three year reconstruction forced by Hurricane Rita in September 2005. Students in grades first through fifth spent their time in the former Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic school site on Cherry Street.

The damage to the original building was so devastating that it was gutted to the studs and completely rebuilt.

"They did quite a bit of work to the outside as well," Dr. Bellow said. "In many ways it is a new facility. The alumni come and they struggle to find the school that they knew."

"I think they are very proud of what we have been able to accomplish with the help of many," Bellow continued. "It's certainly a new opportunity for us to improve our presence in the community, to improve our teaching capabilities, to attract contemporary parents who want the best for their students. Part of that, of course, is a bright and fresh facility that has the latest technology."

During the reconstruction the school was re-wired for the latest in technology.

"We are moving very quickly in that area," she said. "The teachers are working to incorporate the new technologies into their curriculum. That is our number one priority."

Along with the reconstructed elementary building, work began during the summer and continues into the fall term at the junior high facility across the street. The damage from the 2005 storm was not as great at that building but it couldn't renovate one part of the campus without doing work on the other. This has forced Bellow and the school to work on raising money.

"With very good support from members of the Catholic community we are improving the junior high," Bellow continued. "We are changing the configuration of the classrooms and refreshing

the interior as well."

Prior to the hurricane the school had 135 children enrolled. When it reopened after the storm, only 116 returned. "That was one of our struggles during hurricane recovery and even now we are still in hurricane recovery in a number of ways."

First day enrollment for the 2008-2009 school term stood at 108.

Because people have been so busy doing the work of educating the children of Sacred Heart Saint Katharine Drexel, they have had scant time to do much marketing. The centennial year provides a perfect opportunity to do just that, according to Bellow.

"One of our challenges is to project the traditional image of Sacred Heart in a new setting," she said. "This is a tricky message to communicate. The alumni and others in the community know that it is time for Sacred Heart to heighten its profile and to let people know who we were, who we are, what kind of future identity we will have."

"We are so fortunate to have so many Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart graduates in the community to help us in that area and I think that the assistance and support in public relations is a godsend. It is as cycle of time."

Many people in the community may have taken Sacred Heart for granted in the sense that "it has been here since 1908, of course it is going to be here forever."

"In a 100 year old institution you have to fight as hard as you can to make sure it becomes 101, 105 or 110," Bellow said. "The school is too important to the whole community, not just the Church community. The business community depends on the students that we educate and send out into the world."

Women's Prayer Luncheon Nov. 4

LAKE CHARLES — The inaugural Women's Prayer Luncheon with Bishop Glen John Provost will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4, in the Buccaneer Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center, located on the third floor.

Seating will be available at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon will begin at noon. Attendees are urged to arrive at 11:30 a.m.

Reservations are still being taken by calling 439-7400 and must be secured by sending in a check in the amount of \$10 made out to the Diocese of Lake Charles or \$10 cash to Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601-8616, before Oct. 29. Checks should be made out to Diocese of Lake Charles.

All those who registered for the Sept. 2 luncheon may attend but must re-register at 439-7400 and send the \$10.

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- **Gross loans were \$358 million, a \$30 million increase over last year**
- **Deposits were \$489 million, an \$11 million increase over last year**
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