

Early voting to begin for election

Early voting for the Nov. 7 election will be conducted at the following locations and dates for those who would like to vote early or who will be out of the parish on election day.

Registrar of Voters office - Parish Courthouse, 1000 Ryan St. - Rm. 7, Lake Charles. Thursday, Oct. 26 - Saturday, Oct. 28 and Monday, Oct. 30 - Tuesday, Oct. 31. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. including Saturday.

Sulphur City Council Chambers - City Hall, 500 N. Huntington St., Sulphur. Friday, Oct. 27, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (For all West Calcasieu residents who would like to vote early or who will be out of the Parish on Nov. 7.)

Items on the ballot are as follows:

*U. S. Representative 7th Congressional District.

*Parishwide Proposition to authorize relocation of riverboat gaming activities to Sugarcane Bay Resort and Casino.

*Waterworks District No. 14 of Ward 5 Proposition.

*Eight Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

Remember to bring identification.

Amendment to benefit the parish

Constitutional Amendment #2 on the Nov. 7 ballot would have a beneficial effect on Cameron Parish if passed, according to Bonnie Conner, Cameron Police Jury treasurer.

The amendment would raise the severance tax distribution limit that parishes currently receive from a maximum of \$750,000 a year. Conner said the passage would probably bring in another \$150,000 to the parish.

"This is not a tax on the people," she said.

The Public Affairs Research Council had the following comment on the amendment:

"Raising the severance tax distribution limit would benefit the parishes that currently are receiving the maximum \$750,000 a year. Of the 31 parishes receiving the maximum amount in 2005, 30 would have been eligible for the full \$100,000 increase if the cap were raised to \$850,000."

Veterans to be honored

Grand Lake High School will honor all persons who have served in the military by hosting a Veterans Day program Friday, Nov. 10 from 9-10 a.m. in the front gym.

All veterans and their families are invited as well as all other Cameron Parish residents. A representative from each branch of the military will be present, and a keynote speaker will deliver an inspirational message.

A reception will follow.

Meeting set

The Cameron Parish NAACP Branch is meeting in a temporary location every third Friday at 6 p.m. at the New Sunlight Church located at 515 Washington St. in Lake Charles.

For more information contact Louise Cole, president, or Charles Cole, secretary, at 433-0998 or 775-5240.

Members in good standing are invited to run for Branch offices.

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TAT AND SING Faulk stand on the steps of their former home in Cameron. Sing Faulk recounts his experiences during Hurricane Rita in this issue. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Faulk tells harrowing experience in Rita

By CYNDI SELLERS

In many public speeches, state officials have stated that in Hurricane Rita "everyone got out and not one life was lost." Neither of those statements are precisely true. The Pilot has previously reported on the death of Joseph Swartz, of Cameron, who chose to remain behind, and the fisherman who was stranded here, who survived in the courthouse. Others have also claimed to have stayed through the storm.

Untold until now has been the story of Sing Faulk, 80 year old Cameron resident, who was evacuated through the efforts of OEP Director Freddie Richard and others who were afraid of what would happen if he were left behind. Faulk now tells his story of what followed.

An unwilling evacuee, Faulk had to be persuaded to leave his home in Cameron. As he tells it, "Freddie Richard, John LeBlanc, Mark LeBeouf, and Eddie Benoit came to my house about noon and said I had to leave. I wasn't going because one time I went out and my business was

burned down. I had too much down here - the Dollar Store, washeria, rent houses, and my home - I didn't want to leave."

Faulk was planning to go to the courthouse on his tractor if the weather got too bad; he was going to get food together to take up there, and he had a 25 kw generator on hand for power.

He says the OEP staff forced him to leave, saying they would have him arrested if necessary. "We left with two in front and one in back, to keep me from turning around," he said.

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Singing to be held Sunday

A Fifth Sunday Singing will be hosted jointly by the First Baptist Church of Cameron and the Oak Grove Baptist Church this Sunday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. in the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

All are invited to attend an evening of hymn singing and special music, followed by refreshments provided by both churches.

All Cameron Parish churches are invited to participate in the program, the first to be held in lower Cameron Parish since Hurricane Rita.

Banquet set

The Gulf Coast Chapter of Delta Waterfowl Banquet will be held at the VFW Hall, 2130 Country Club Road in Lake Charles, Thursday, Nov. 2. The social will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be \$35 single and \$45 per couple (includes an annual membership and quarterly magazine).

There will be a live and silent auction, raffles, and door prizes. Items available are sculptures, guns, hand-carved decoys, prints, and guided hunts.

For more information call Dave Kestel at 478-8611.

Festival to be one day event here

John LeBlanc, president has announced plans for the 50th Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival. Last year's event was canceled due to Hurricane Rita.

All pageants will be held in Lake Charles at the Rosa Hart Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 6 beginning at 12 noon and ending with the Queen's Pageant at 7 p.m.

The festival will be a one day event, Saturday, Jan. 13, in Cameron at the fairgrounds. All regularly scheduled events will be held.

A final planning meeting will be held Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. at the Central Library in Lake Charles. Anyone interested in volunteering should attend this meeting. A schedule of events will be announced in the near future.

For more information, email John LeBlanc at jleblanc@camtel.net.

Job Fair to be held Thursday

Seacor Marine and Baker Hughes are among employers who will recruit workers at a job fair 9 a.m. - 12 noon Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Cameron Courthouse.

Seacor Marine operates vessels that support offshore oil and gas exploration. Baker Hughes provides products and services for drilling, formation evaluation, completion and production for the oil and natural gas industry.

The job fair is co-sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Labor and the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Other companies scheduled to take part in the job fair include Cameron Communications, Crain Brothers, Omni Energy Services, That Homebuilder Guy and the Cameron Parish Library.

The event will be in a temporary building on the courthouse grounds.

For information, call Carol Pettyjohn with the Louisiana Department of Labor at 475-4900, ext. 145.

Business in new location

Bayou Signs & Banners, formerly located in Cameron, has reopened at 397 W. Precht Rd. in Sweetlake, according to owner Carryl Hebert.

The business can provide custom signs, banners, vinyl letters and graphics for boats, cars, office buildings, etc. The telephone numbers are 630-9027, 598-4790 and 421-8382, pager.



SHOWN ABOVE is the front of the newly dedicated Hurricane Rita monument. (Photo by Grace Welch.)

Time capsule, Rita monument placed

By CYNDI SELLERS

On Saturday, many Cameron Parish residents braved the rain to attend the dedication of a monument on the courthouse grounds dedicated to the memories of the over 340 deceased family members whose remains were scattered across the marshes by the flooding of Hurricane Rita. Special thanks are also given to those who worked so hard to return them to their final resting places.

A time capsule, in the form of a concrete, stainless steel lined, vacuum sealed vault, was filled with memorabilia from the storm brought by residents, and then buried in

front of the monument. It is to be opened in 50 years.

The monument and vault were donated by Hixson and Johnson Funeral Homes and SI Industries, who all had representatives on hand to commemorate the event and to praise the people of Cameron for their courage and hard work in restoring their communities.

The actual ceremony had to be moved into the court room because of the rain. State elected officials represented at the ceremony were Gov. Kathleen Blanco, Sen. David Vitter, and Rep. Charles Boustany (who had to leave before the ceremony).

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Court rules in favor of West Cameron Port

The Louisiana Supreme Court, in a rendered opinion dated Oct. 13, 2006, denied the requested venue exception originally filed by the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District regarding the district court litigation between the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District and the West Cameron Port Commission.

In their continuum the Lake Charles Port challenged the decisions by the Trail Court at District Level and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals that established that Cameron Parish was in fact the proper venue for the lawsuit. The Supreme Court subsequently denied the request of the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District that was requesting a transfer of venue from Cameron Parish to Calcasieu Parish.

A digest of the Supreme

Court following docket 2006-CC-1749 substantially held that there is no substantive merit that warranted or granted virtue to a change in venue from Cameron Parish. The case will now be heard by Judge Ward Fontenot in Cameron Parish at a date yet to be determined.

The original court case is centered around a jurisdictional dispute between the West Cameron Port Commission and the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District concerning the validity of developing properties within Cameron Parish that are outside the boundaries of the Lake Charles Port's original district. The jurisdictional issue was filed by the West Cameron Port Commission in connection with current and future development rights along the ship channel and its adjacent environs.



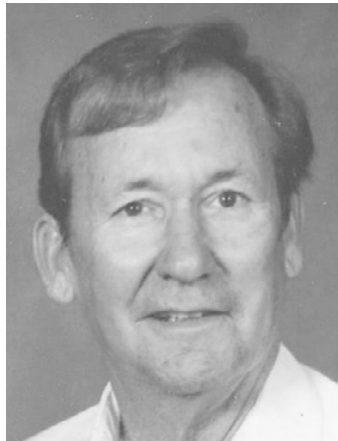
THREE OF THE individuals involved in the recovery and reburial of caskets washed out of the ground in Cameron Parish by Hurricane Rita stand next to the Hurricane Rita monument and behind the Time Capsule which was buried in a ceremony at the Cameron Courthouse Saturday. They were Jerrod Daigle, Hixson Funeral Home general manager; Zeb Johnson, Johnson Funeral Home president; and Keith Gallagher, SI Funeral Services regional manager. Their firms were responsible for refurbishing the 38 cemeteries disrupted by Hurricane Rita and the reburial of nearly 300 recovered bodies.



SOUTH CAMERON High School Homecoming Royalty for 2006 is shown above: Kristi Breaux, Lexi Canik, Kimily Bourriaque, Rachael Fountain, Dixie DeSonnier, Shetaura January, Queen Jaclyn Higgins, Haley Willis, Amanda Hackler, Katelyn Reina, Kami Savoie, Falon Welch, Kelsey Mudd, and Jadah Primeaux.

Funeral

H'ween Party to be held



ALTON E. WHITE

Alton Eugene "Gene" White, 77, of Starks, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, in his residence.

He was a native of Walton County, Fla. and had lived in Starks for the last 40 years coming from Orange, Tex. He was a retired U.S. Army veteran and had also retired with Zapata Haynie as a Chief Spotter Pilot and with Southland Field Aviation as Airport Manager. Alton was a lifetime member of the Starks VFW Post #4759, a member of the Starks Lions Club, the West Calcasieu Community Center Authority, and was President of the Board of Commissioners Ward 5 Water District #14.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred "Midge" White of Starks; three sons, Donavon Eugene White and wife, Janice of Russellville, Ky., Michael Lee White of Starks, and Christopher Eugene

Evans P. Mhire Knights of Columbus Council 8324 will host a halloween party and costume contest at the Grand Chenier Park Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5 - 7 p.m. Judging will start at 6 p.m.

Certificates will be given in place of trophies. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served at no charge to the public.

"Please bring the youngsters for some Halloween fun," a spokesman said.

White and wife, Erin of Groves, Tex.; one daughter, Tina Stanley of Starks; son-in-law, Stevie Stanley of Starks; two sisters, Vonelle Shinn of Starks and Christine Briggs of Yucaipa, Calif.; one brother, Willard White and wife, Evelyn of Starks; one step-brother, Jimmy Taylor and wife, Sherri of El Paso, Tex.; the mother of his first three children, Mary Lou O'Rear of Starks; and four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by two brothers, James and Wayland White; and his parents, Burie White and Cola Taylor.

His funeral was held Monday, Oct. 23, in First Baptist Church of Starks. The Revs. Robert Davis and David Morgret officiated. Burial was in VFW Cemetery under the direction of Hixson-Snyder Funeral Home of DeQuincy.

(Paid Memorial)



FAULK

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But before he left he loaded the generator on his pickup truck, a one year old V-8 engine white Ford Lariat, and parked the tractor on an adjacent lot, with the bucket down and the brakes locked.

The convoy stopped at Cameron Prairie Refuge headquarters, and Faulk says he was told that he could stay the night and go back into Cameron the next morning to check on his property. He watched as Cameron Sheriff's deputies chased down a couple of road block runners heading back into Cameron, but was mostly left alone until about 5 p.m., when Mark LeBeouf said "We're going to Lake Charles, what are you going to do?"

Angry that the people who had made him leave home were now going to leave him on his own, he waited until dark, about 7 or 8 p.m. His daughter called to ask him to go to the house in LeBleu Settlement where the family was staying, but he decided to go back to Cameron instead.

A northeast wind was blowing 60-70 mph, he guessed, when he crossed the Gibbstown Bridge. He had to gear down for better control. The weight of the 25 kw generator on the back of the truck helped keep it stable on the road. Driving slowly, he arrived in Creole about 10 p.m. and turned west.

By this time, the wind had begun to turn to the east, and debris was flying. "Tin, roof metal, was flying all over the place," he says. "I couldn't go over 5 mph." Near Fredman Theriot's house, "it looked like all hell had broken loose, looked like a tornado, with things flying all over the place. I thought maybe someone's trying to tell me something." So at Hixson Funeral Home he made a u-turn and headed back to Creole.

"At Roy Bailey's metal building there was lots of tin in the dark, with the lightning, I could see things flying - and big pieces of timbers on the road near Kenneth Montie's house," he remembers, "but the old Ford, he went through that."

Reaching Creole, Faulk turned south. "it was good sailing then - no poles down at that time." He got to the floodgate near Oak Grove about 11 p.m. and saw water over the road "where Charlie LaBove used to live" and turned around again.

The wind was blowing harder by that time, he estimated 100 mph, and he knew that the storm had been out in the Gulf for several days, and if the wind direction changed to the south the water would definitely come in. "I was in a typhoon in the summer of '45 in the South Pacific in World War II, then

in Audrey and Carla," he says. "I knew if the wind went south what would happen."

It took an hour to get back to Creole. About midnight, he parked on the west side of Cameron State Bank. Some time later a big oak limb crashed onto the truck, shattering the windshield and lodging on the roof. He tried to move the truck, but it was held tight by the limb. He opened the door and the wind pulled it against the fender. He tried to move the limb, but couldn't. He tied the door to the headache rack and kept trying "for dear life."

Finally around 12:30 or 1 p.m., he worked the limb off the truck and headed north. After only a short distance, a downed power line caught on the headache rack. "I had put a toolbox, rope, and bolt cutters in the truck, and hand tools. I got out, and the rack was on the side, so I cut the line and tied the door to the generator, and started north again."

"I don't see how I made it. There were fences and metal on the road. I was lucky the (utility) poles were on the west side of the road. Around 2 a.m. the wind was almost due south - the truck was almost going by itself. I got to the Gibbstown Bridge around 2:30 or 3 a.m."

At the foot of the bridge, Faulk says he stopped to rest for about 30 minutes and noticed that the water was almost up to the level of the highway, but not over it. He then crossed the bridge and returned to the refuge headquarters, remaining until daybreak, about 5:30 or so.

Heading back south, he had made it a couple of miles past the bridge when around 6 a.m. he could see debris on the highway, and the water just over the road. There was only about a 6 ft. clear strip in the middle of the road, so he backed up about a thousand feet until he could turn around and returned to the foot of the bridge and stopped to work on the door.

After about 30 minutes, he noticed there was water around his shoes. Water was rising at about 6 inches per hour, he said, and had begun to flow over the highway from west to east. He believes the Gulf had breached the levees along the Calcasieu Lake and was flowing east along the Intracoastal Waterway levee to the bridge.

Heading back north, near Holmwood, Faulk saw some of the OEP staff that had left him behind the night before. They were going back down, so he followed them back to the refuge. They asked him if he had gone back to Cameron, and he told them he hadn't, because he says they told him they could put him in jail for going back.

Finally, Faulk headed north one last time, finding his family in LeBleu Settlement at Betty Corbello's house around noon on Saturday. His granddaughter Racissa called out "Maw Maw, Maw Maw! Come quick! Paw Paw's here! And he looks like a skint rat!" His wife Tat says they all expected to find him "floating in the waves" somewhere after the events of the night. "He looked terrible. We fed him and got him into some dry clothes and he went to sleep."

Faulk tried several times over the next days to get back into Cameron to find out

about his home and business, but was turned away each time. Finally he gave up and waited until the official "look and leave" days two weeks later.

Asked what it felt like when he was pinned down by the oak limb, Faulk says "I lost all my fear in World War II. If I had someone with me, maybe I could have had better ideas, but I had to make my own decisions, and at 80 years old you kind of slow down. I was about getting to the end. I had a life jacket on over my raincoat, in case the flood got me. I had a .22 pistol in case I had to leave the truck." Tat added that exercise over the years had helped make him strong enough to handle the stress.

When Sing Faulk finally got back home, there was nothing left but the front steps. The tractor had turned over. The white Ford truck that had been practically new "didn't have one square foot that wasn't dented or scratched." Sing and Tat have a FEMA trailer on the property, but do not plan to rebuild the house. They hope to get a mobile home and put it next to the steps.

TIME CAPSULE

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A letter from Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert was delivered by Boustany, to be placed in the time capsule along with a commemoration of the Hurricane Rita from the Congressional Record.

A combined community choir accompanied by musicians from several churches provided music to accent the proceedings, and students representing each Cameron Parish school presented packages containing the time capsule submissions of students from each school. Stephanie Rodrigue served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Local officials including Police Juror Scott Trahan, OEP Director Clifton Hebert, and Planning and Development Director Ernie Broussard spoke about the recovery effort, and praised the DMORT team for their respectful and dedicated efforts to restore each disturbed body to its resting place.

To the strains of "Taps," the Moss Bluff VFW Post folded a flag, donated by Sen. Vitter, that had flown over the US Capital, to be placed in the time capsule.

After the ceremony closed with the singing of "You Are My Sunshine" just as the sun came out, the crowd went downstairs to place all the memorabilia into the vault, which was then blessed by Father Joseph McGrath and sealed.

Following the ceremony, everyone was treated to a shrimp boil, sponsored by the Police Jury and Cameron Communications.

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Keith Hambrick

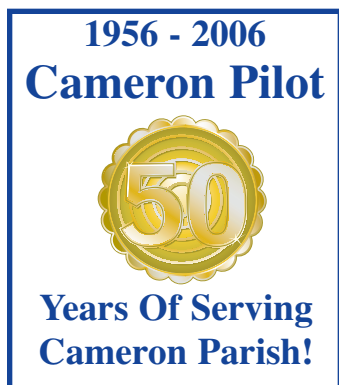
(EDITOR'S NOTE--The Cameron Pilot is celebrating its 50th birthday this month, having first being published in October, 1956. One of the persons who has contributed much to the Pilot for nearly half of that time has been Keith Hambrick. He has done the research on the "It Seems Just Like Yesterday" column. He makes his home in Westlake.)

Keith Hambrick began his historical columns in the Cameron Pilot and DeQuincy News 22 years ago in August, 1984. He has published articles in Louisiana History, the Journal of the Louisiana Historical Association: the Attakapas Gazette, an historical magazine for Southwest Louisiana; East Texas Historical Journal, and North Louisiana Historical Journal; and book reviews in Louisiana History and the Attakapas Gazette and in the Arkansas Historical Quarterly and the Alabama Historical Review.

Hambrick's article in Louisiana History, "The Swedish Nightingale in New Orleans, Jenny Lind's Visit of 1851," has been selected for inclusion in a forthcoming edited book about the history of entertainment in Louisiana to be published by the Center for Louisiana Studies.

His article in the North Louisiana Historical Journal about two brothers on opposite sides in the Civil War was the basis of an editorial by the Shreveport Times.

Hambrick's work has also appeared in the Lake Charles American Press, the Beauregard Times and Beauregard Daily News, Leesville Daily Leader, Westlake/Moss Bluff News,



Sportsworld, and Lagniappe. Presently, Hambrick has finished editing and annotating all the Louisiana travels of Catharine Cole (Mrs. Martha Field), staff writer of the New Orleans Daily Picayune and plans a limited issue release of a CD-ROM of Miss Cole's Louisiana travels which will also include a book of her literary columns which she titled Catharine Cole's Book and published in 1897. Hambrick is almost through annotating her 1897 book.

Hambrick was born and raised in Westlake and is a graduate of Westlake High School and McNeese State University. At WHS, he was a big nose tackle and kick-off man on the football team, and played against both South Cameron and DeQuincy, areas which his columns now cover. Hambrick says Westlake was pretty good in those days, and "we won."

(EDITOR'S NOTE--One of the longest writers for the Cameron Pilot during the past 50 years is Loston McEvers who started writing his outdoors column 32 years ago. This past year he won a first place award in the Best Sports Column in competition sponsored by the Louisiana Press Assoc. Here is his story as told by himself.)

I was born in Grand Chenier on Nov. 21, 1938 to Rufus and Evyone (Sturlese) McEvers. My father died when I was 2 1/2 years old of blood poisoning, a year before the tetanus shots came out. My mother then married Ernest Richard, who was my father for over 50 years.

I attended South Cameron High School and graduated in the Class of 1956, the last high school class of Grand Chenier High School. South Cameron was built and consolidated lower Cameron high



Loston McEvers

schools in 1957.

I played football, basketball, softball and ran track in high school. I went to McComb Mississippi Junior College to play football on a scholarship, but decided to join the Army to see the world. I went to Fort Chaffee, Ark. and then to Fort Bliss, Tex. for 24 weeks of training and went to New Mexico "Little Canyon" to study and fire guided missiles to include White Sands Proving Grounds. I transferred to the missile site for the 551st guided missile Nike Ajax, in Van Nuys, Calif. and then worked in headquarters office.

When Hurricane Audrey came in 1957, I came home to help pick up bodies and worked with the U. S. Army and Civil Defense.

I was released from the Army Oct. 22, 1957 and returned to Grand Chenier, lived in an Army tent for a year and helped my parents rebuild. I was called back for the Bay of Pigs campaign and got discharged in October of 1962.

I worked in the oilfields for Crain Brothers for a few years, then married Glender

Broussard February 8, 1958, we had a son Rufus (Rudy) on our first anniversary Feb. 8, 1957, and a daughter Jocelyn McEvers Broussard four years later.

I continued to work the oilfields roughnecking, following the rigs from place to place and came back to Grand Chenier and went in oilfield production and roustabouting. I again worked for Crain Brothers running a dragline doing pipeline work.

I worked for Rockefeller Refuge for five years as a spud barge crane operator and then quit and went back to school. I graduated from Sowela Tech in 1969. I attended McNeese getting extra hours. Went into business for myself in Creole in 1969 with an auto repair shop and a full service station, later turning the station into a convenience store, Rudy's Fisherman Stop. I built a auto parts store and warehouse, Loston's Auto Inc.

I serviced many of our local stores with automotive additives, oils and fishing supplies. During this time I had two wreckers and a storage yard for 17 years. I semi-retired in 2002, but built a large warehouse to continue doing my road work, selling the business to my daughter Jocelyn Broussard which she operated until Hurricane Rita took its toll. I have since

retired.

I played country music for 30 plus years from California to Florida having my own band "Swamp Country", and retired from that also, only playing for the church choir and private parties as well as for senior citizens.

I taught auto and diesel classes at the Cameron Votech school located at the Audrey Memorial site for a couple of years, back in the '80s.

Barry Wayne Richard, Phillip Trosclair and I formed the Lemesche Bass Club in 1974 when we had up to 75 members. I was always asking Mrs. Geneva Griffith to write the winners and one day she told me to write the article myself and thanks to her, I started with a monthly article that turned into a weekly article.

The Lemesche club still exists with 20 members (since storm) with Carl Broussard as president.

I am a 3rd degree Knight of Columbus and served as Grand Knight three times and served as District Deputy for the lower Cameron Parish area for five years.

Served on Cameron Council of Aging two years; Creole Civil Defense 15 years; belong to Sacred Heart Church in Creole; and at present am president of Cameron

Parish School Board

I am financial officer for board of Lower Cameron EMT Ambulance Service.

I lost business, home and everything in Hurricane Rita and I'm now living in Sweetlake, but will rebuild in Creole this coming year, if things go right. Do I miss Creole, yes, but I'm happy where I am now, as my wife and I know what it was like moving around the country when I was in the oilfield.

Will I go back to Creole, yes I will build something there, but not fancy, something I can afford to lose, because of the high price of insurance.

My wife sometimes tells me, can I make an appointment?

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DEPUTY RONNIE SWIRE trains on the F.A.T.S. (Fire Arm Training System) equipment at the Hackberry substation. The equipment has been in Grand Lake and Hackberry for several days, allowing Cameron Sheriff's deputies to train in various simulated situations. In the background are Special Agent Mickey Maranto and Cameron Sheriff's Office firearms instructor David French, controlling the scenario.

(Photo by Paul Sellers.)

Sheriff deputies receive advance firearm training

By CYNDI SELLERS

Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office personnel this week are receiving the most advanced firearms training possible, according to firearms instructor David French. The F.A.T.S. virtual training system provides interactive live training for officers in a nearly infinite variety of situations.

Sessions take place in a specially equipped trailer which has been located in Grand Lake and in

Hackberry over the past week. Inside, a computer and projection screen place officers in various situations ranging from robberies, to vehicle stops, to hostages and suicide attempts. There are even S.W.A.T. scenarios which can accommodate up to eight participants.

French is able to choose different responses from the virtual characters to make each scenario different from the others. There is even a shootback feature which fires foam bullets at the officers, who have cardboard "walls" and "vehicles" to hide behind. Deputies who have used the system say it is very realistic and highly effective.

The system is made by Fire Arms Training Systems, a virtual training solutions company, and was purchased by the Louisiana Attorney General's office for use throughout the state. French worked with Special Agent John Sylvest to coordinate use of the system by Cameron Parish. French hopes to have the unit return at least once a year.



DEREK BLACKSHER, pitcher for the McNeese Cowboys, is shown working with Johnson Bayou youths at a baseball clinic held Oct. 21 at the school. The clinic was sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Letters to the Editor

Fla. reader recollects

Dear Sir:

I received my issue of the Pilot today dated Oct. 5. I'm responding to the note of how long I've received the Pilot.

My husband was a fisherman, we lived for a period of over 20 years from Morgan City to Port Arthur, Tex., in several areas, shrimping and then menhaden (Pogy) in Cameron for 13 years.

We left Cameron in 1950. The next seven years we lived in Empire, Sabine Pass and Port Arthur through the fishing season. Kept up with Cameron friends. My husband died with a heart attack in 1957.

Mrs. Tom Steed sent me the paper when "Audrey" hit Cameron, eventually, the Colligan family sent it to me. I visited many times over the years. I am 95 years old now and I have been so grateful for the paper and the news that has meant so much to me. So much has happened through the years. I've located relatives in my husband's side of the family through Nell Colligan's column, etc.

I can honestly say, the paper has been a memory and appreciated with a good cup of coffee and toast in the morning.

Please excuse the writing, I am sending a check for a one year subscription.

I haven't been able to keep connect with the Colligan girls for a while now, but I'm still trying.

It's your Birthday! "Cameron Pilot" Have the happiest one ever!

Helena Skipper
111 S. 15th St.
Fernandina Beach, Fla.
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Johnson's congratulations

Dear Jerry,

On behalf of the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau, I would like to congratulate you on your sincere dedication to the Cameron Pilot for the last 50 years. Your talent for writing and devotion to Cameron Parish has not gone unnoticed.

We are grateful to have someone of your caliber in our area and we are thrilled to know that the paper has weathered the storm and is still going strong.

Sincerely,
/s/ Shelley Johnson, LCTP
Executive Director

Texas reader says thanks

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your coverage of Hurricane Rita and recovery efforts.

Marguerite Domatti
Dallas, Tex.

Free shots offered

Cameron Parish residents can receive free vaccines for flu, pneumonia and tetanus thanks to a grant from Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center in cooperation with West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital.

Residents may get their shots every Wednesday through Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon at the Hackberry Rural Health Clinic at 1020 Main Street. The phone number is 762-3762.

Johnson Bayou High

By REESA BOUDREAUX

REBEL SPORTS

J. B. Lady Rebels, 72 vs. Bethel, 51 - High scorer Charmayne Barentine 26 points. Also in double digits: Tabatha Harrington 16 pts., Destiny Sonnier 13 pts., and Shalyn Broussard 11 pts.

J. B. Rebels, 76 vs. Bethel, 57 - High scorer Blaine Trahan. Also double digits: Dustin Badon 18 pts. and Aaron Jinks 14 pts.

Upcoming games: Oct. 25 - 28 Bel City Tournament.

PTO

The Johnson Bayou PTO handed out Rebel spirit pins to students last week. A sin-

cere thanks to those involved in this kind gesture.

STUDENT EVENTS

Testing is being held this week.

Tuesday - Thursday, Oct. 31 is Drug Free Week and students will wear red ribbons. A poster contest and other activities will take place.

Charlie Philips with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes led a baseball clinic Saturday, Oct. 21 at the JBRC. Thirty-seven participants braved the rain to be part of the event. Derek Blacksher, pitcher for MSU helped the participants learn basic fundamentals.

Move your vehicle after crash

In most cases, Louisiana law requires motorists involved in a crash to remove their vehicles from the roadway. Vehicles should be safely moved to the shoulder of the road to avoid creating more hazards and to reduce traffic congestion. Exceptions to the law include if the driver was injured and is unable to move the vehicle, if the crash caused serious injury or the death of any person or if the crash disabled the vehicle.

Some motorists mistakenly believe that they are not supposed to move their vehicles until police arrive to investigate the crash. However, a 2001 law requires that crashed vehicles be moved off the road.

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission reminds motorists that crashes on public roads should be reported to authorities and they should remain at the scene until police arrive.

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Lunch menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish school for the week beginning Friday, Oct. 27 are as follows. All meals are served with milk.

Friday, Oct. 27 - Beef finger steaks, mashed potatoes, orange wedges, white sauce, wheat sliced bread.

Monday, Oct. 30 - Chicken Alfredo, tossed salad, orange wedges, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, Jello w/fruit.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 - Meatballs for gravy, brown gravy, rice, carrots, fruit salad, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls.

Wednesday, Nov. 1 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, wheat sliced bread, white sauce.

Thursday, Nov. 2 - Beef nachos, tomato cup, Ranch beans, steamed broccoli, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips.

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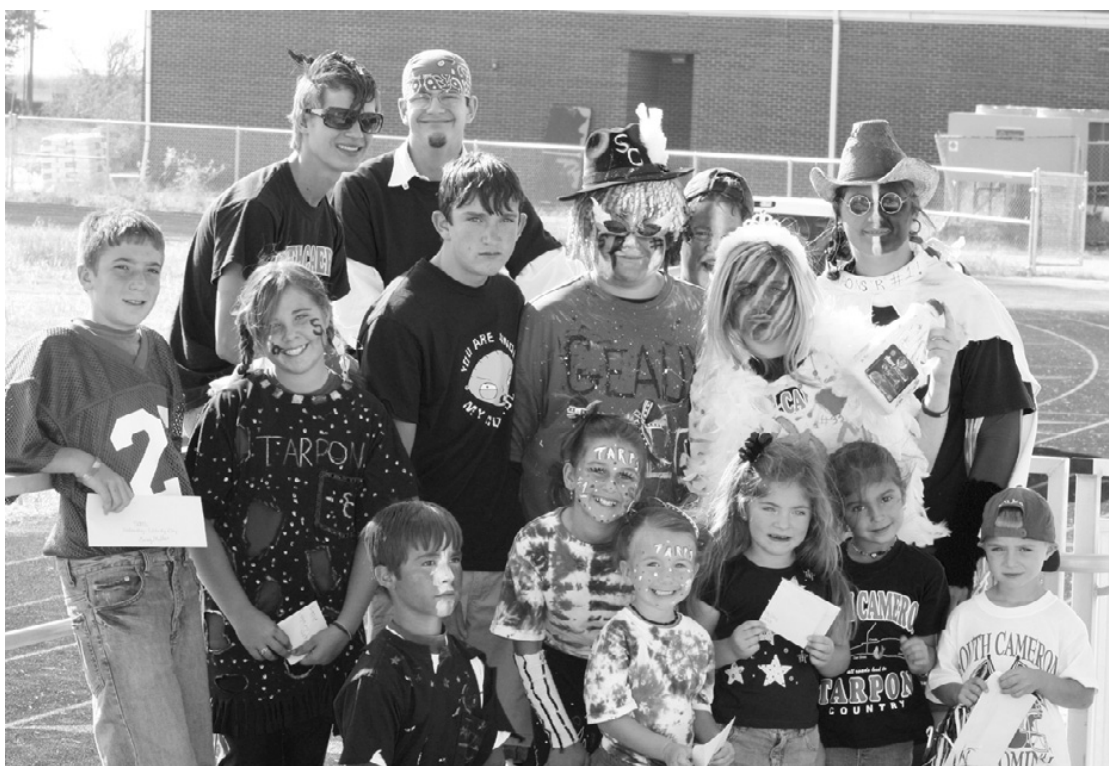
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SOUTH CAMERON High School Homecoming Week Winners Corey Miller, Abbie Miller, Luke Miller, Morgan Hardy, Allie Hardy, Kaylyn Savoie, Gracie Benoit, Lucas Troclair, Chance Savoie, Arlis Duhon, Hubert Doxey, Jonathan Quinn, Buddy Miller, Lyndi Vincent, Whitney Richard.



SHOWN ABOVE are students who represented Cameron Parish Schools at the dedication of the Time Capsule in Cameron Saturday. Each placed in the capsule writings and drawings of their fellow students telling how Hurricane Rita affected their lives. From left are Stephanie Cheramie, Grand Lake; Kimberly Trahan, Johnson Bayou; Britney Bourriaque, Johnson Bayou (also representing Hackberry); Joshua Wicke, South Cameron; and Stephanie Rodrigue, school supervisor in charge of the school project. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

South Cameron High School News

By TRACY LANIN

FALL PICTURES

All students will be required to take pictures on Tuesday, Oct. 31. These pictures will be used in the yearbook. All orders must be prepaid. Order forms are in the school office.

4-H NEWS

Officers for 2006-07 are President: Jill Duddleston, Vice-President: Chad Benoit, Secretary: Kami Savoie, Treasurer: Cody Jouett, Reporter: Ashley Thibodeaux, Parliamentarian: Brett

Richard and Molly Alexander, CRD; Bailey E. Richard, Javen Little, Shelby Wolfe.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 26 - Football Merryville Senior Night (home).
Oct. 31 - Fall pictures.
Nov. 3 - Football Oberlin (away).

WE'VE BEEN DOING SOME GROWING. The population of the American Colonies in 1610 was 350.

Tarps take win over Indians

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The South Cameron Tarpons rushed for 334 yards enroute to a 29-12 key district victory over the Elton Indians. The win upped the Tarpons record to 5-3, 2-1 on the year. Elton fell to 3-5, 1-2 on the season.

The Tarpons used the running game almost exclusively, only throwing the ball 3 times in the contest. Justin Picou rushed for 143 yards and two touchdowns. Deil Lalande also went over the 100 yard mark with 105 yards and Ronnie George chipped in 80 yards on 18 carries.

The Tarpons used two 4th quarter scores to put a very close game away. The score was 14-12 when with 6:39 remaining in the game Justin Picou capped a 52 yard drive with a 23 yard run to up the Tarpons lead to 21 -12. Ronnie George added a little icing to the cake with a 1 yard run with 20 seconds remaining.

South Cameron opened the scoring after taking over on a punt at their own 13 yard line. Deil Lalande had a nice 63 yard run to set up Picou's 23 yard run and give the Tarpons a 7-0 lead.

Elton answered quickly on the first play following the Tarpon kickoff on Dustin Lavan's 65 yard run.

The Tarpons grabbed a 14 -6 halftime lead on a Lalande 4 yard run with 17 seconds in the half. The touchdown capped an 11 play 63 yard drive. The Indians scored on their first possession in the second half on a Lavan 21 yard run.

The Tarpons will take on the 2-6, 1-2 Merryville Panthers Thursday night at Barbe stadium in a district matchup. The game is important for the Tarpons, who are currently 10th in the state power ratings and need to finish in the top 16 to get a home playoff game. The Tarpons last game of the season will be against undefeated and district leading Oberlin.



Chris' Picks

CHRIS' PICKS

Last week I went 9-1 for a season record at 75-27 with a .735 winning percentage.

This week my picks are:
South Cameron over Merryville
DeQuincy over East Beauregard
Pickering over Vinton
South Beauregard over Rosepine
Kinder over Acadiana Prep
Sam Houston over McNeese
Tulane over Army
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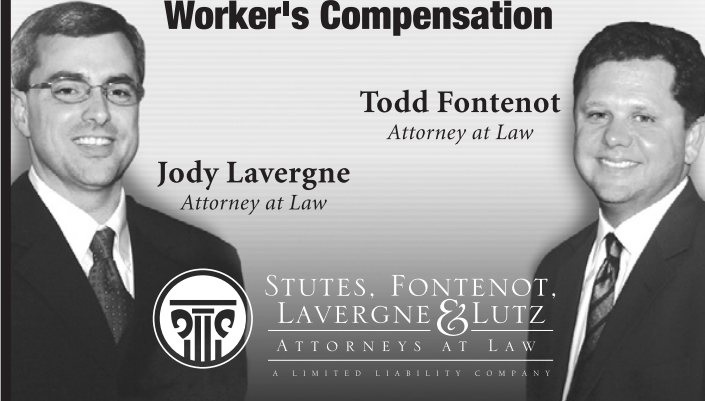
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CAMERON PARISH Chief Deputy Ron Johnson here presents a key to the parish to a group of AmeriCorps leaders during a ceremony held at the courthouse honoring the volunteers.



SIXTY CURRENT and former members of First Baptist Church, Cameron, met on Sept. 24 in the tent on the church grounds for a remembrance and thanksgiving service, followed by dinner in the tent. (Photo by Paul Sellers)

Halloween event set

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be participating in a Trunk-or-Treat Halloween celebration sponsored by the student council from Johnson Bayou High School. The event will be held Monday, Oct. 30.

Everyone is invited to hand out candy in the trunkbed of your vehicle. (You are encouraged to decorate your vehicle.) Start parking vehicles at 5 p.m., handing out of

candy will last from 6 - 7 p.m. After candy is handed out students and parents can participate in the activities until 8 p.m.

Hayride will be from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Ride tickets will be \$1.

The recreation will provide chili, drinks and candy. Everyone is invited to attend. All recreation center rules apply. For more information contact Stacey Badon at 802-8383.

Amendments to be voted on Nov. 7

Seven proposed amendments to the Louisiana Constitution will be voted on in the Nov. 7 election.

The following is a summary of these amendments as prepared by the Public Research Council:

#1 - A vote **for** would expand eligibility for a property tax assessment freeze to certain current and former military members, certain people with permanent and total disabilities and some of their surviving spouses.

A vote **against** would continue to allow only those who are 65 years of age or older and some of their surviving spouses to be eligible for the property tax assessment freeze.

#2 - A vote **for** would increase the maximum amount of state oil and gas severance tax revenue a parish government could receive each year from \$750,000 to \$850,000.

A vote **against** would retain the present limit at \$750,000 per parish.

#3 - A vote **for** would exempt from property taxes certain medical equipment leased for five years or longer to small, rural nonprofit hospitals.

A vote **against** would maintain a property tax exemption only for medical equipment owned, not leased, by small, rural nonprofit hospitals.

#4 - A vote **for** would

exempt motor vehicles from municipal property taxes.

A vote **against** would continue to allow municipalities to levy property taxes on motor vehicles.

#5 - A vote **for** would grant a property tax exemption for art placed on consignment.

A vote **against** would maintain the current property tax exemptions, which do not include consigned art.

#6 - A vote **for** would give the Legislature specific authority to create new family and juvenile judgeships.

A vote **against** would leave some existing family and juvenile judgeships subject to legal challenge.

#7 - A vote **for** would consolidate the seven separate assessors in New Orleans into a single, parish-wide office.

A vote **against** would maintain the seven separate assessors in New Orleans.

#8 - A vote **for** would establish the Central Community School System, a new public school district that would include four public schools that are now part of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS).

A vote **against** would maintain the status quo, and public schools in the Central community would remain part of the EBRPSS.

Meeting to be held

A meeting of all property owners in the beach community of Holly Beach will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Boyd Boudreaux boat shed at 2314 Teal St. in Holly Beach.

A Holly Beach Homeowners Association will be formed and there will be discussion of elevations,

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and DRC, the contractor in charge of towing cars and vessels damaged by the hurricanes are expanding the process to private property. Up to now, the state and its contractor have towed more than 10,000 cars and recreational boats from the public right of way.

However, under the expanded program, people who have abandoned cars or boats remaining on their property as a result of hurricanes Katrina or Rita now have an approved process where they can have the items removed free of charge by the state. Property owners should go to the DEQ website at www.deq.louisiana.gov or the DRC website at www.drcusa.com for a copy of the right-of-entry form and for more information concerning the process involved. Local government, businesses, apartment complex owners and others can use the same form of removing vehicles and vessels from their premises.

Anyone wanting a car or boat removed must fill out and sign a right-of-entry form that can be found on either of the websites. The signed copy should be faxed, hand delivered or mailed to DRC. Cars and boats that are going to be removed from private property must be within 200 feet of a public access road.

The car or recreational boat will be towed to one of DRC's staging areas and the Louisiana State Police will send a notice to the vehicle owner's last known address advising them where the vehicle or vessel can be found if they are interested in retrieving it.

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SOUTH CAMERON students, Pre-K through 12, and staff will receive a large variety of safety equipment due to a very generous donation from Duke Energy Gas Transmission Corporation, presented by Keith Champagne, Area Supervisor, far right and Telesha Bertrand, Area Analyst II, right of center. The donation will provide for the purchase of a security camera system, safety aprons, goggles and gloves, burn kits, eye wash stations, first aid kits and other items for the classrooms, science labs, the cafeteria and kitchen, and school offices. Accepting the \$17,000 donation to replace safety equipment lost to Hurricane Rita were Thomas Lee Trosclair, South Cameron High School Assistant Principal Sethie Trosclair, Daniel Dupre, Rachel Fountain, Jensen Bertrand, and South Cameron High School Principal Zeke Wainwright.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



DE RAINS CAME

Last week I said that the water in the marsh was low and we needed rain. Well, I didn't think we'd get the type of rain and high tide that we got. It sure made it tough on folks in the lower Cameron area. With Gulf water in the streets of Cameron, water on highways in the Hackberry, Holly Beach and Johnson Bayou areas.

Bundicks Lake residents again got lots of high water. The rains did help out Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn Lakes, putting about two feet of water in those two lakes. Toledo's 161.94 low went up to 164.02 which really helps out the lake as well as the two feet on Lake Sam Rayburn.

Travis Broussard and Lynn Thibodeaux fished Sam Rayburn last Saturday and caught some nice bass. Travis said that the water is over the grass beds and lily pads.

The Big Burn marsh has its share of water, which will help out the duck hunters fixing their blinds, as water was very low. I don't know what this will do to the ducks, as two much water will surely move them. I noticed there were still a few ducks along the Gibbstown Road marshes, but not as many as there were before the rain.

Duck season is fast approaching, only 16 days until opening day and there's more rain in the forecast for this week. The Youth Waterfowl Weekend hunt for our western area will be Nov.

4 and 5.

I'm not getting any good reports on deer being bagged in the lower Cameron Parish area. Some tell me they don't see many signs of deer, maybe the colder weather and the rut next month will help out.

The oyster season opened in West Cove Oct. 16, and we do know there was damage to some of the beds, but with the amount of rain that fell and the flood stage at Kinder, the La. Wildlife & Fisheries has the authority to close the season for as many days, or until the high water recedes. The lower Calcasieu lake area will open Nov. 1, maybe the water situation will be okay for opening.

VISITORS TALK

I spoke with a middle-aged couple from Tennessee last week, in the Oak Grove area. These folks had made the trip to Louisiana and down to Cameron Parish three years ago. They knew of Hurricane Rita, but still wanted to see the beauty of the Creole Nature Trail. They couldn't believe the destruction along the nature trail, so they decided to go on in to Pecan Island and travel the coast all the way to New Orleans and Mississippi to really see what the Hurricanes did to the coast.

LITTER

Many anglers throw their plastic baits in the water while changing baits or a pile thrown in the boat and then

overboard at days end. Also fishing line that's cut while changing baits or lots of line while re-spooling on the water. The fishing line is a killer for fish, when they get tangled up and was a killer for blue herons and other birds that get tangled up.

Plastic worms do harm to fish, plastic sinks to the bottom of the lake and will get eaten by something, mostly fish. If you catch a large skinny bass and see a plastic worm down it's throat and it is not the worm you threw out, this bass is starving to death as sometime the bass can't throw the plastic back up or past it through it's digestive system, so it can't feed or swallow any food it takes in.

It is said that the estimated one million sea birds and 100,000 sea mammals and turtles killed each year by plastic thrown overboard. Items this includes are fishing line, nets, garbage bags, balloons, plastic lures and six pack holders. We need to be extra cautious and make it a habit to have a bag and put all trash in it and take it back to the landing.

Many anglers including myself, have started using the new 100% biodegradable lures, environmentally friendly alternatives to the traditional soft plastic baits. There is the Berkly Gulp and the Food Source lures on the market. The Food Source lures are all food and completely biodegradable.

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The rain sort of slowed the dove hunting, but I did notice that in the Sweetlake area they had a couple hundred doves on the highlines and fences as I was traveling to Iowa this past weekend. As we went further up, there were still a few doves along the highway all the way to

Discover La. Hunting Weekend coming up

Anyone interested in participating in the 2006 Discover Louisiana Hunting Weekend, scheduled for the Nov. 24-26 Thanksgiving weekend, now has more time to prepare.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) promotion, targeting new hunters who want to experience the outdoors, requires participants to complete a hunter education course before they receive a no-cost DLH permit. The original deadline for course completion had been Oct. 31, but the new deadline has been set for Nov. 15.

"It has never been easier to obtain hunter safety certification," said John Sturgis, LDWF Hunter Education Program manager. "If your busy schedule does not permit you to attend the standard education course, you can try our home study program.

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My granddaughter made a trip to Eunice two weekends ago and they all had their limits of doves. She's a great shot on deer, but had never hunted doves. When she killed her first dove that day, she seemed to get it into her mind, I can hit a dove flying.

Students can study at their own pace and convenience, and then attend a six-hour field day for course completion."

The Discover Louisiana Hunting promotion allows both Louisiana residents and non-residents, 16 years of age and older, to experience recreational hunting for the first time or enjoy the sport again. In addition to hunter education certification, participants must also partner with a licensed Louisiana resident hunter who will serve as a host hunter. The host hunter will serve as mentor for the DLH permittee and can be a relative, neighbor, friend or co-worker.

All interested participants who need to obtain hunter education certification are urged to sign up for a class in a location near their home town. A list of courses around the state is available on the DLH Web site -- www.discoverlouisianahunting.com. An on-line version of the course is available through the DLH web site or a CD-ROM version can be obtained by calling the LDWF office nearest the participant. Hunter education courses are free and certification obtained in another state will be accepted.

During the Discover Louisiana Hunting weekend, only quail, rabbit, squirrel and deer can be hunted. For daily bag and possession limits and deer zone restrictions refer to the 2006-07 Louisiana Hunting Season and WMA Regulations Booklet or go to www.discoverlouisianahunting.com and click on "Regulations."

The DLH permit offer is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Once a participant utilizes the no cost weekend hunting option, appropriate licenses and permits must be obtained for all future hunting trips in Louisiana.

Any interested participant without Internet access can call any of the following LDWF offices Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for permit application assistance:

*Grand Chenier: 5476 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, LA 70643; ph. 337-538-2276

*Lake Charles: 1213 North Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, LA 70601; ph. 337-491-2575

DLH Weekend supporting sponsors and partners include: Academy Sports & Outdoors, Bass Pro Shops/Bossier City, Bayou State Bowhunters Association, Bowie Outfitters, Ducks Unlimited, Hunter's Run Gun Club, Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Foundation, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, National Wild Turkey Federation and Safari Club International.



CYNDI SELLERS is shown conducting a choir representing Cameron Parish churches during the ceremony last Saturday commemorating the reburial of nearly 300 bodies disturbed by Hurricane Rita. A Time Capsule was also buried during the ceremonies. (Photo courtesy of Alan Chapman.)



LARRY JINKS, Beau Rodrigue and Ervis Portie loaded the trees for delivery to Johnson Bayou High School. (Photo by Nancy Boudreaux.)



THE HONOR GUARD of the VFW Post 9933 Gil Lee Post of Moss Bluff attended the dedication of the Hurricane Rita monument. Two of the Post Guard are seen folding the American Flag for the Ceremony. They are brothers, Jesse and Albert Hollingshead. (Photo by Grace Welch.)



MRS. DESONIER'S enrichment class at Hackberry High School, Managing a Checking Account, visited Cameron State Bank in Hackberry. Ann Trahan, branch manager, showed the group around the bank and discussed the many services offered. The students filled out an application and will have a "mock" checking account from which they make deposits, write checks and balance their account. The students in the class are: Chelsie Benoit, Zach Hebert, Dustin Kelley, Courtney Kibodeaux, Shannon Landry, Kenton Leonards, Samantha Little, Forrest Menard, Dillan Welch, and Robert Savant. Each six weeks the sixth and seventh graders attend a different enrichment class including VoAg, FACS, computer literacy, and reading and math tutoring.