

Last week for debris removal

Residents in Cameron and Vermilion parishes are urged to move hurricane related debris to the public right-of-ways this week, if they want it removed.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and its contractors are making their final pass in both parishes and expect to finish up this week.

To assist in making this operation as efficient as possible, the Corps requests residents sort debris into the following five 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.

As of Nov. 7, more than 38,000 cubic yards of debris has been removed from Cameron Parish and more than 12,000 cubic yards of debris has been removed from Vermilion Parish.

FEMA tells grants for 3 projects

(American Press)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has announced that it will disburse nearly \$2 million for three projects in Cameron Parish.

The money is part of funds obligated by FEMA for areas hit by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. They cover areas such as mosquito abatement, blue roofs, dead animal removal and debris removal.

The projects: *\$650,590 for repairs to Trosclair Road, which was damaged by flooding from Hurricane Ike.

*\$1.2 million to the Cameron Parish School Board to replace destroyed trailers at the South Cameron K-12 temporary school facility.

*\$17,280 to the parish for repairs to the fence and gates at the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 4.

Students get MSU rings

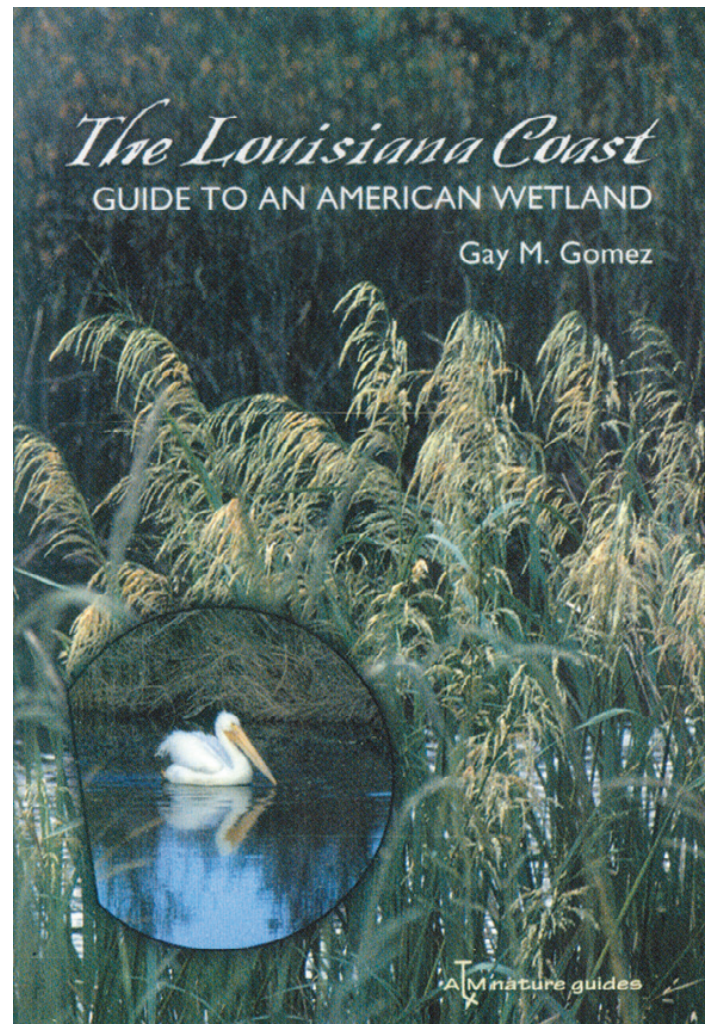
Forty-three students received their official McNeese State University rings during the recent fall ring ceremony detailing the meaning and symbolism of the ring.

The McNeese Official Ring is available to all alumni, undergraduate students having earned a minimum of 75 hours while pursuing a baccalaureate degree, and degree candidates for the associate, master's or specialist degree.

Area ring recipients are Heather Adams and Amanda Wrate, both of Hackberry.

For the record

The photograph of the Grand Lake Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball players that ran in the Pilot last week was taken by Tara Frazier. The photo was mistakenly credited to someone else. We'll do better next time!



New book features state's wetlands

Gay M. Gomez, Assistant Professor of Geography at McNeese State University, has written a second book that deals with the Louisiana coast, including the Cameron Parish area.

Her first book, *A Wetland Biography, Seasons on Louisiana's Chenier Plain*, came out several years ago and included much information about Cameron Parish.

Her new book, *The Louisiana Coast, Guide to an American Wetland*, also includes much information on Cameron Parish as well as the rest of the state's coast.

The new book was published by Texas A&M University Press and includes 182 color photos and five maps. It sells for \$24 and may be ordered directly from the publisher or from Amazon.com.

A news release states: Hurricane Katrina gave the nation an urgent reminder of the extent and value of Louisiana's wetlands when daily discussions of subsidence and sedimentation revealed how much ordinary coastal processes affect humanity--and vice versa. Now, with a native Louisiana naturalist as a guide, readers can learn how best to enjoy, appreciate, and protect this vanishing landscape.

Part natural history and part field guide, *The Louisiana Coast* takes readers across one of only three major chenier plains in the world to the Atchafalaya Basin, the largest river basin swamp on the continent, and through the network of bayous, natural levees, cypress swamps, marshes, and barrier islands of the Deltaic Plain.

Color photographs illustrate chapters on vegetation, wildlife, and rich human culture that defines Louisiana. With the intimate knowledge of one whose life has been shaped by this remarkable environment, author Gay M. Gomez leads visitors to nature trails, wildlife refuges, Audubon sanctuaries, and parks. A visitor's guide at the end of the book features destinations open to the public for wildlife watching, photography, and even hunting, fishing, crabbing, and cast netting.

Gay M. Gomez is associate professor of geography at McNeese State University. A professional nature guide and longtime activist and champion for the preservation of the state's wetlands, she has served on the board of directors for the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and the Louisiana Ornithological Society, and on the advisory board for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' White Lake Wetland Conservation Area.

Pilot now on sale at Kelly's in G. Chenier

Kelley's Mart, 3261 Grand Chenier Hwy, Grand Chenier, has re-opened. They have groceries, but no gas. The Cameron Parish Pilot newsstand is available.

The Pilot requests that newsstand vendors please call and let us know when they re-open at the following number 1-800-256-7323.

Johnson B. homecoming set Friday

Johnson Bayou High School will hold its annual homecoming on Friday, Dec. 12, at SPAR in Sulphur. Classes being honored will be 1958, '68, '78, '88, '98 and 2004. The Rebels will play host to the Hathaway Hornets.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Boys game - 5 p.m.; Homecoming court - half-time; Recognition of honored classes - between games; Girls game.

All former students, principals, teachers, and staff are encouraged to attend. A reception for all honored classes will also be held.

Homecoming maids are: 9th grade, Harmony Trahan; 10th grade, Chelsey Leger; 11th grade, Christy Rarick and Janice Trahan; 12th grade, Eden Broussard and Christian Viator.

Tarpons in bi-district game Friday

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The South Cameron Tarpons will host Gueydan in the bi-district round of the play-offs at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Kinder Yellow Jacket stadium in Kinder. The move to Kinder was to give the teams an extra day of rest before the big game.

The Tarpons are seeded #11 in class 1A with the Bears at #22. The Tarpons lost to Oak Grove 62-27 in the first round last year. The Tarpons are looking to advance to the regional round for the first time in four tries.

Gueydan lost to the Tarpons' district rival Hamilton Christian in the first round 48-14. Gueydan finished second in district 8-1A with a 7-2 record. They both had one common opponent with Gueydan beating Elton 44-13, with South Cameron beating the Indians 42-6.

Vermilion meeting set

Officials have called a meeting to discuss hurricanes and storm protection plans for Vermilion Parish.

The meeting, Thursday night at the Abbeville High School Auditorium, was called by the Vermilion Parish Coastal Protection and Restoration Advisory Committee and the Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

Lower Vermilion Parish was inundated by the salty storm surge from Hurricane Rita in 2005 and again by Hurricane Ike this September even though that storm made landfall at Galveston, Tex.

The storm surge damaged homes, schools and businesses and ruined rice fields, sugar cane, crawfish ponds and energy facilities.

2 temporary school campuses to be ready by Dec. 12

By CYNDI SELLERS

Temporary campuses at South Cameron and Johnson Bayou schools are on schedule to be completed by Dec. 15, the Cameron Parish School Board learned Monday. Meanwhile, repairs, renovations and expansions are in various stages at Hackberry and Grand Lake schools.

James Hoffpauir, architect, and Selena Cisneros, engineer, of Hoffpauir Architects, LLC, the Board's project management firm, gave an extensive report on all current projects at the Board's regular meeting, held at the Chancery of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

At Johnson Bayou, classroom and restroom buildings were set to arrive on Nov. 12, with kitchen/cafeteria buildings to arrive two weeks later. The Board has advertised for a moveable weather barrier for the pavilion, to allow for use in inclement weather, and a temporary freezer and cooler for the kitchen.

At South Cameron, classroom buildings have been delivered and are set. The restrooms were to be delivered on Monday, and the kitchen/cafeteria buildings are to arrive in two weeks. Electrical work is set for the week of Nov. 24 at both sites. Playground cleaning restoration, and replacement of

equipment is being bid for both campuses.

The arrangement of the temporary classrooms will be different than after Hurricane Rita, said Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, due to using a different company, based on cost effectiveness. The cafeterias will be larger, and the kitchen will be connected.

\$1.2 MILLION GRANT

On Friday, a FEMA press release announced a \$1.2 million grant to replace the destroyed temporary classrooms at South Cameron. A Project Worksheet is being written for the repair of the SCHS gym, but the design of the future ag building there has been put on hold pending FEMA review of Ike damages.

Rodrigue was to meet with Congressman Charles Boustany on Wednesday to discuss the implications of FEMA using the DFIRM maps for Ike recovery. It could mean the difference between repairing or rebuilding Johnson Bayou School, for example.

Gym expansions at Hackberry and Grand Lake are in the design phases, according to Hoffpauir, and bids have been received for the replacement of the damaged girls' gym floor at Hackberry.

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Mobile homes must be elevated

By CYNDI SELLERS

Mobile home owners who received minimal flood damage from Hurricane Ike will be unpleasantly surprised to find that FEMA has declared a mobile home with any flood water above the finished floor level to be substantially damaged. This means the mobile home may be repaired, but must be elevated. No reasoning was given for this statement, which was announced at the Cameron Parish Police Jury's voting meeting held on Friday, but mobile homes come under different rules than frame houses.

Many homeowners were forced to resort to mobile homes for housing after the destruction of Hurricane Rita. For many, the insurance, including flood, was provided through the mobile home company. Unlike the National Flood Insurance Program, private insurance does not provide Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) funds to elevate after substantial damage. Now, mobile home owners with even very

little damage will be forced to find funds to elevate their homes or lose them entirely.

Myles Hebert, of the Parish permit office, said that under the new building rules, a permit must be obtained before any repairs are done, and a permit for substantial damage must include elevation.

Meanwhile, FEMA has not changed its position of temporary housing in areas of Cameron Parish that may become V zones. Parish Administrator Tina Horn says the Parish will continue to fight for park trailers. She encouraged residents to go the local Disaster Recovery Centers and follow up on their FEMA application to make sure a true picture of their needs was given. The DRCs will only be open for another week or so, so time is of the essence, she said.

DEBRIS MISSION NEARLY OVER

Parish OEP Director Clifton Hebert announced that the debris removal mission by the Corps of Engineers is nearly over, with final pass to have begun on Nov. 8. Jamie Triplett, of the Corps, gave a timeline for completion. Completion of final pass should take five days, beginning in Grand Lake on Nov. 8 with construction and demolition and vegetative debris to be completed by Nov. 12-13 and white goods, etc. completed by Nov. 17-18.

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Meeting set

The monthly meeting for the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Johnson Bayou Community Center, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy.



AS VOTERS went to the polls on Nov. 4, many stopped by the Johnson Bayou Community Center for chili and cake. Mr. Alvin Trahan, life-long resident of Johnson Bayou, also stopped by and was greeted with a birthday cake by friends and family in honor of his 84th birthday. (Photo by Juanita Sandifer.)



PICTURED MAKING plans for the upcoming "Cameron Parish Cooks Up a Storm" are event chairpersons Darleen Taylor, JoAnn Nunez, and Brett Bordelon. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6 at Grand Lake High School and features cooking competition divisions for age 5 to adult. For more information contact the Cameron Parish 4-H Office at 337-905-1318.

Funerals



MARY LOU JOANEN

Mary Lou Joanen, 74, of Sweet Lake passed away at 7:55 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008 in her residence.

She was a native of Lake Charles and a graduate of St. Charles Academy and Vincent Business College. Mary Lou had resided in Grand Chenier until her retirement.

She was the secretary at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, Rockefeller Refuge, in Grand Chenier. Mrs. Joanen was a resident of Sweet Lake and a member of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Joanen; two sons, Dudley Thomas Fawor and James Kim Fawor and wife Barbara; three grandchildren, Jamey Kendal Fawor, Shaun Joseph Fawor, and Jonathan Kip Fawor.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mrs. Mary Lou LeFort and father, Bert Alvin Stoker.

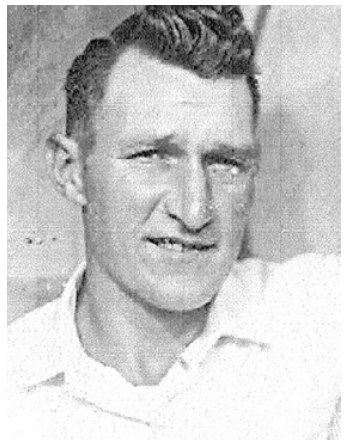
Her funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at St. Patrick Catholic Chapel in Sweet Lake. Monsignor Harry Greig officiated. Burial was

in Sweet Lake/Grand Lake Community Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Visitation was held at 2-9:00 p.m., Tuesday, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and from 8-9:30 a.m., Wednesday in the funeral home.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society, One Lake Shore Drive Suite 1585, Lake Charles, LA 70629 or Alzheimer's Association, 3717 Government Street Suite #7, Alexandria, LA 71302.

Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net (Paid Memorial)



RUDY E. SOUTHERN

Rudy E. Southern, 71, died Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008 in his home.

He was a native of Floresville, Tex and a Korean War veteran who resided in Cameron Parish many years until Hurricane Rita. He served in the U. S. Marine Corp. He was a certified welder.

He is survived by his wife, Annette Southern; mother Beatrice; children, Robin Takes and husband T. J., David and wife Donna,

Ronald Lee Beggs, his stepchildren, David and Tammy Broussard, Mark and Jenny Broussard, Bonita and Paul Wagner; brothers, Winston Southern, Ronnie Southern, Garland Southern, and sister Delores; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sons Rudy Jr. and Richard.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 13, in Johnson Funeral Home chapel. Rev. Amanda Seymour and Jeannie George will officiate. Burial will be in First Baptist Cemetery in Cameron.

RONALD LEE BEGGS

Ronald Lee Beggs, 65, of Hackberry, died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, in Sulphur.

He was a native of Enid, Okla., and had lived in the Hackberry area for the last 10 years.

Survivors include his stepdaughter, Christine L. Weldon; stepsons, Edward J. Brenner and wife, Cindy, and Michael E. Brenner and wife, Rhonda, all of Lee Summit, Mo.; brother, Warren Beggs; sister, Roxy Johns.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Jean Beggs.

His funeral was held Monday, Nov. 10, in Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. Graveside services were held Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Little Hill Cemetery in Liberty Hill, Tex.

VEDA DUHON

Veda Duhon, 90, of Creole, died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, in a local hospital.

Veda was born in Creole to Zedore Richard and Leontine Bossagalapi Richard. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Legion of Mary and Catholic Daughters.

Survivors include her children, Wildren Badon, Valerie Duhon and Dorothy Duhon; one sister, Larnice Duhon; 10 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Odia "Jack" Duhon; and son, Johnny Duhon.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, Nov. 11, from St. Patrick Catholic Church in Sweetlake. Father Joe McGrath officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles.

RITA ANN KELLY NATALI

Rita Ann Kelly Natali, 58, of Lake Charles died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008.

She was born in Carlyss. She grew up in Carlyss and attended Vincent Settlement, W. W. Lewis and Sulphur High School.

She worked as a secretary for General Refrigeration Company before going into retail sales.

Survivors include her husband, George M. Natali of Lake Charles; her mother, Lora Kelly of Sulphur; two sons, Terry Natali and wife Darlene and Kevin Natali, all of Lake Charles; one daughter, Katie Lanthier and husband Jason of Lake Charles; one sister, Marilyn McCown of Sulphur; one brother, Roger Kelly of Hackberry; and five grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Friday, Nov. 7, at Hixson Funeral Home in Lake Charles. The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens.

MOBILE HOMES

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White goods - refrigerators, stoves, etc - household goods, and gas engines are picked up by different crews, at different times, than vegetation and C&D, said Triplett, but it will all be picked up.

Police Jurors were asked to ride through their districts and identify any spots missed so that the entire mission can be completed by Nov. 21.

Once the third and final pass ends, homeowners or volunteer groups who are still gutting or demolishing homes will be responsible for transporting debris to the parish dumps. This is very different from the Rita recovery when it took several months for the final passes to be complete.

Hebert noted that the State DOT has begun clearing debris from state highways, and he would make sure those crews understood that they are allowed to pick up commercial debris. Corps contractors on parish roads have also been collecting commercial debris, which was made eligible this year.

Hebert reported that 160 residents have requested demolitions, but very few have asked for property cleanup. Time is short to request either assistance. Hebert said the more requests he has, the better the chance of getting a demolition mission approved, and the quicker demolition can take place once it is approved.

Jennifer Jones said those who were waiting on insurance companies should just take pictures and file for demolition, since companies are obligated to inspect the property within 60 days. "If they haven't come, it's their fault," she said. Hebert said his team would take lots of photos as well, so the property would be well documented. Residents should take many interior photos, including ceilings and floors, to document what was in the house - lights, ceiling fans, moldings, central air, etc.

The EPA reported that it was only days away from completion of the recovery of orphan containers and hazardous materials from the marshes. A few areas are being delayed because of duck season, but plans are to finish within 14 days. Over 7000 containers have been retrieved, with 2500 being returned to their rightful owners so far, which is a big improvement from Hurricane Rita. The storage site at the west Cameron Ferry landing will be closed soon, and all remaining containers taken to a disposal site.

MARIA JESUS POSADA

Maria Jesus Posada, 82, of Cameron died Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008 in Lake Charles.

She was a resident of Cameron for 38 years and a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Patrick Catholic Church.

She was a member of Catholic Daughters, Ladies Altar Society, Cursillo of Our Lady Star of the Sea and was a member of Gathering Friends.

She is survived by her son, Peter Anthony Posada of Cameron; a brother, Auerillo Posada of San Antonio, Tex.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 8, at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church. The Rev. McGrath officiated. Burial was in Our Lady Star of the Sea Cemetery.

Don Voros, Sabine Refuge manager, said the refuge will open for duck hunting when the EPA finishes, probably in time for the second split.

Hebert reported that the side scan sonar evaluation of the Monkey Island Loop is complete and the Coast Guard can soon begin to remove Rita debris, including sunken vessels, from the waterway. Ike debris will have to wait until later.

The DMORT team is still trying to find 75 missing caskets. Funds are being sought for another helicopter fly-over. Of great importance is getting a GPS reading for all caskets so recovery crews can find them. Without exact locations, crews can spend hours combing the reported area and still not find the remains.

Caskets are to be brought to the Cameron Multi-purpose Building for storage and re-burial as soon as it is cleaned out.

RECOVERY PROJECTS

The Parish Planning Office reported that a meeting has been set on the Community Development Block Grant funding for the West Cameron Annex. Environmental review is set to begin soon on the property and will take three to four months. Since it will take at least six months for funding to be approved, the timing is good.

A cost estimate was received for the Chenier House, which is to be built to replace the LSU Extension Office in Cameron. The project is ready to be advertised for bids, with a new PW version to be written if the cost goes over the approved amount.

A meeting is set for today, Thursday, Nov. 13, on the Holly Beach Sewer project, with the aim of moving the \$450 million in allocated funds from Priority 5 to Priority 1.

A Project Worksheet is being written for replacement and elevation of the two ice making machines lost during Ike. Both machines were to be located in Cameron for use of commercial fisheries. The Jury will advertise for bids for replacement immediately.

Requests for proposals are to be sought for a compa-

Grand Chenier Library now fully open

The Grand Chenier Library is now open and fully functional. All patrons are welcome to take advantage of the many services including free wireless internet, copy/faxes, books, magazines, DVDs, games and Nintendo Wii.

Library hours are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information contact the library at 538-2214 or 538-2212. Fax at 538-2216

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

"Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily.

Thursday, Nov. 13 - Kid's fun day, Movie Time

Friday, Nov. 14 - La. Spirit Arts & Crafts 1-3 p.m.

Call 538-2214 for more information about weekly programs.

ny to identify private property utilities. In the event that private property debris removal or demolitions takes place, sewer, gas, electrical and water must be identified and marked to prevent damage. Having a company lined up to do this will save time later on, said Horn.

Donation of the Grand Chenier temporary library building to the parish was approved. The leasing company, Williams Scotsman, wants to give the building to the library rather than be responsible for any unknown damage from Ike. The Library Board is confident that there is no hidden damage and approved the donation. The Gates Foundation had been paying the lease fees, and will continue to provide maintenance funds for the remaining 14 months of the three year grant term.

In other business, the Jury voted to advertise for a part time Animal Control officer, to apply for a community disaster loan, and get proposals for removing the carpet in the Tax Assessor's office.

Dinah Billings was re-appointed to the Library Board of Control.

We wish to sincerely thank you for all of your help and continuing efforts in the recovery process and the rebuilding of our home and our lives after Hurricane Ike. Please accept our apologies if we have omitted anyone's names.

- Tommy and Aimee Arceneaux
- Robbie, Debbie and Reggie Armistead
- Lee Allen and Carol Benoit
- Blalock Construction
- Janelle Boudoin
- Cameron Council on Aging
- Rob Cameron of State Farm Insurance
- Robert and Janice Crador
- Gilbert Demary
- Donna DiBattista
- Kathy and Shane Delaney
- Eric and Claudette Dinger
- Wanda Fontenot
- Francis Haymark
- Agnes Hebert
- Billy and Phyllis Johnson
- Gerald and Peggy LaGrange
- Thomas and Barbara LeMaire
- Bill and Anggie Martin
- Gail Morris of State Farm Insurance
- Adam and Dolores Young
- Tiffany Young
- Church of the King of Lake Charles
- Northland Church of Orlando, Florida
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Martial and Lisa Young

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Hackberry News

By COOT McINNIS

I made another trip to Houston to see Gracie she is doing great, so is my sister who had a diabetic episode. Before I went I had to go to the Post Office in Sulphur to pick up mail. While I was there I saw Cheryl Sanders who asked about Gracie. Cheryl's mother, Joyce Schexnider, and Gracie worked in the lunch room at Hackberry High for a number of years.

On Halloween night when I passed by the community center, it looked like the "Trunk or Treat" turned out to be a big "bash". This is one way to keep the children safe and off the street for those who forgot Halloween is a kid's treat for fun.

On Monday, Nov. 10, I made a trip to Cameron to the Clerk of Court's office which is in the Courthouse. On the way, north of the Kelso Bridge where the boat was on its side on the south bound shoulder, I noticed a crew there removing it.

The boat has been there since Ike. Upon traveling southbound, I noticed that the shoulders have shell on them now. They still have a drop off so please travel accordingly and safely. A crew is doing the resurfacing of the Highway 27. They are not completely finished, one lane is being worked on at this time.

Watch out for the workers, there is a "pilot" vehicle that gives directions to follow until the workers are passed up. The beach road east of Holly Beach was not under water but due to the high winds the water was

rising. The water had a lot of white caps in it. This is a low area, but seems to be washing away so caution to those traveling east of Holly Beach.

Brown's Grocery is open now from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. They are still working on the Deli. The Post Office in Hackberry has reopened. I went by there and got a snapshot of Pam East and Lawana Welch.

I noticed there were debris removal trucks in Hackberry. I spoke to a few employees on Friday on Lakebreeze Road. The supervisor did not want his picture taken. The two young men are from Florida as well as the supervisor. One advised me he was the truck driver and the other was a flagger. Neither could tell me how they came to be working in Cameron Parish.

They advised they were with the Corps of Engineers. I remember after Hurricane Rita there were a lot of out of state personnel working as contract laborers. I

What I did not understand after Rita I still don't understand after Hurricane Ike, how come local Cameron Parish people are not working? Would it not be more considerate to have local people who have lost their homes and jobs try to be able to be compensated with a job?

Where and why do they have so many out of area people helping within our parish? How does someone go to work for FEMA or other contractors and who do you talk to to find out?

Sowela Tech registration

Sowela Technical Community College spring 2009 registration begins Wednesday, Nov. 12. Registration will open at 8 a.m. Wednesday for graduating students; all other students will be able to register beginning at 9 a.m. Registration will close Thursday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. Spring classes will begin

Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Prospective students have until Dec. 9 to apply. Late registration for the spring semester will be Jan. 7-15.

For more information call the Sowela student affairs' office at 491-2688 or 800-256-0483 or visit www.sowela.edu.



Mrs. Blake Anthony Murphy

Murphy-Broussard vows are said in Lake Charles

Meagan Elizabeth Broussard and Blake Anthony Murphy were married Saturday Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Lake Charles. Father Rommel Tolentino officiated the double ring ceremony. Markie Spears provided the music and vocals.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Randy (Sabrina) Broussard of Hackberry and Mr. and Mrs. Terry (Mona) Murphy of Hackberry.

Given in marriage by her

Richard on winning 4-H meat team

The Louisiana 4-H Meat Judging Team won seventh place overall at the 2008 American Royal Livestock Show National 4-H Meat Evaluation and Identification Contest held Oct. 28 at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

Competing against top meat-judging teams in the nation, the Louisiana team placed third in beef judging, sixth in pork judging, fifth in retail judging, sixth in total reasons, sixth in total judging and seventh in retail identification.

Though no awards were presented for the "placing only" phase of the contest, the Louisiana team dominated this category and placed first.

Team members included Ashley Johnson, a Carencro High School graduate; Dru Broussard and Lance Martin, both of Carencro High School; and Brett Richard of South Cameron High School.

The team had the opportunity to practice in the Oklahoma State University Meats Lab before the actual competition. From there, they traveled to Manhattan, Kan., for the contest.

Next, they traveled to Kansas City, Mo., for the American Royal Awards Breakfast where the winners were announced. The rest of the trip consisted of educational tours of the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Okla., and Express Ranches in Yukon, Okla. The last stop was the historic stockyards in Fort Worth, Tex.

father, the bride wore a strapless A-line Sottero and Midgley wedding gown in champagne and ivory lace over light gold and also wore a lace appliquéd veil. She carried a bouquet of fresh roses, and calla lilies in yellow and burnt orange.

Alexis Mallett was the matron of honor and Lauren Broussard was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Lindsey Bufford, Nicole Fenetz, Miranda Hicks and Lindsay Landry. Jr. bridesmaid was Sydney Broussard. They wore strapless chiffon dresses in chocolate with ivory sashes and carried small bouquets.

The flower girl was Ella Duhon who wore a tea length sleeveless ivory dress with a chocolate chiffon sash and carried a flower ball.

Bestman was T. J. Murphy and groomsmen included K. J. Kovach, Brian Brown, Jeffery Moore, Brett Stansel and Travis Spicer. Jr. groomsmen was Peyton Delome. The ring bearer was Dean Sanner. Ushers were Jay Sanner, Brennon Duhon and Matthew Spicer.

A reception followed in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church Life Center.

The bride is a graduate of Hackberry High School and McNeese State University. The groom graduated from Hackberry High School.

The bride is employed by West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital. The groom is employed by Devall Towing.

After a honeymoon cruise to Cozumel, the couple will make their home in Hackberry.

Parishwide cooking contest to be held Dec. 6 in G. L.

By RUBY MILLER

Cameron Parish cooks have long been known for their unique cooking styles which meld the flavors, aromas and textures of select spices with seafood, vegetable or beef to create taste bud pleasing meals found nowhere else in the world.

So, Cameron Parish cooks are challenged to pull out the pots, tie on the aprons and get ready to present their best gastronomic delight.

"Cameron Cooks Up a Storm", a parish wide cooking competition, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, at Grand Lake High School in the cafeteria. 4-Hers, parents, grandparents, and cooks from all over the parish are invited to compete. The times, divisions and categories are listed below.

SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Registration.
9-11 a.m. Judging and Special Programs/Activities.
11:00-11:45 a.m. Awards

DIVISIONS

Elementary, 9-10 years old.

Krewe to hold fall meeting on Nov. 16

The Krewe De Deux Lac of the Grand Lake, Sweetlake, and Big Lake areas will hold their fall meeting and lunch at the Grand Lake Multipurpose Building on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m.

The meeting is for old and new members wishing to join to discuss the election for the Mardi Gras court, run and ball. The Krewe will serve crawfish etouffee for lunch. Members are asked to bring their own drinks.

Junior, 11-13 years old.
Senior, 14-19 years old.
Adult, 19 and over.
PeeWee 5-8 years old - Limited Categories.

CONTESTS/CATEGORIES

Egg Cookery - Appetizer/Salad, Main Dish, Dessert.

Poultry Cookery - Chicken, Process Poultry Products, Other Poultry Meats.

Sugar Cookery - Baked, Non-Baked

Seafood Cookery - Oyster, Shrimp, Crab, Fish or Other Seafood, Crawfish.

Beef Cookery - Low-Calorie Main Dish, Quick & Easy Main Dish, On-Dish Meal.

Rice Cookery - Rice Main Dish, Rice Side Dish, Rice Dessert.

Favorite Foods - Main Dish, Vegetable/Fruit, Breads, Dessert, Appetizers, Snack Edible Center Piece

PeeWee Cooks - Snacks, Cookies, Non-Edible.

For more information, contact the Cameron Parish 4-H Office at 905-1318.

New 4-H Club to meet

The newly formed Cameron Parish 4-H SET (Science, Engineering, and Technology) Club will meet on Monday, Nov. 24, at 9 a.m. at the 4-H office.

For more information contact the Cameron Parish 4-H Office at 905-1318.

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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



DUCK SEASON OPENS

When duck season opened, there weren't many hunters in the Grand Chenier area. The hunters I talked to did well, with most getting a pintail in their limits.

Jerome Rutherford and I on Saturday had 11 birds, lost three and on Sunday we had 12 birds, lost six, all teals, lots of blue wings. Saturday our ducks were a mixture of teals, gadwall and wigeons. We did get a chance to shoot coots, good pool-do gumbo with potato salad, really made you realize it was hunting season.

This week as we celebrate Veterans Day, I would like to say to all our veterans, you made fishing and hunting possible for us, to live in a free country and to be able to enjoy the American Outdoors. To all our veterans thanks from all Southwest/Cameron Outdoorsmen.

The geese have reached the Sweetlake rice fields and area marshes, and as they have moved down, we should start seeing them move and cross our marshes.

FISH SALTWATER

Saltwater fishing is at its high point throughout our parish. I noticed last Sunday, boats were stacked up at the Mermentau River Bridge in Grand Chenier. Redfish and drums were hitting cracked crab, shrimp and livebaits. The Cameron and Grand Chenier jetties are producing large redfish.

The Big Lake area is still at its best. Topwater baits, work the birds, plastics are working well at the weirs. Jerome Rutherford and

James Boudreaux limited out on Redfish and had a few specks, fishing the Lambert Bayou area - lots of anglers are using live shrimp, picking up a mix of fish, to include flounders and croakers, along with some nice sheepheads.

RAYBURN AND TOLEDO

Caution is advised on both lakes. Rayburn is seven plus feet below normal with no boat lanes. While the Big Bend is four feet below normal and there's still logs across boat lanes from our past hurricanes. Some of these are just below the water. Traveling before daylight and after dark really gets risky. Both of the lakes are producing nice bass, with Rayburn's bass schooling.

DECOY SPREAD

Duck hunters have different ways of setting up their decoys. Some use a dozen, some use 10 or 12 dozen. I like to use two dozen teals (mix green winged and blue winged).

I set them up to the left and right of my spread, then I have a dozen gray duck next to the teals, then the wigeons, six or so, a dozen of mallards, next and six or so pintails. By the bank on each side by the canes, I put out three coot decoys on each side and on my right I also have a large Blue Heron on a PVC stake.

I have two 8 to 10 ft. dividers where I put my electric ducks one in each divided, one higher than the other. This makes me 5 dozen decoys plus my Blue Heron.

Set your decoys your way, and experiment to find out what works better. I use 60

Basketball Roundup

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BOYS

Grand Lake 64, Hackberry 47 - The Hornets' Aaron Duhon led all scorers with 21 points. Jordan Hebert and Sam Johnston added 12 points each. John Edenfield paced the Mustangs with 19 points. Mason Hicks added 12 points.

Johnson Bayou 59, Singer 30 - Dustin Badon led the Rebels with 25 points and D. Jinks added 12 as the Rebels claimed 3rd place in the Reeves Tournament.

Grand Lake 47, Harrisonburg 29 - Jordan Hebert scored 16 points and Jayce Hebert added 13 as the Hornets finished 3rd in the Lacassine Tournament.

GIRLS

Grand Lake 69, Hackberry 30 - Kat Kingham led the Lady Hornets (7-0) with 17 points and Shelby Thomas chipped in 12 points. Heather Girlinghouse added 11 points. D. J. Simon was the leading scorer for Hackberry with 11 points.

Grand Lake 38, Bell City 23 - Kat Kingham scored 15 points in the Lady Hornets' championship game of the Lacassine Tourney.

decoys and I used to use 120 to 144 decoys. but I find I do just as good with half as much. The reason I use the Blue Heron is, ducks and other birds know it's a cautious bird and it makes them feel that it is safe to land where there are Blue Herons fishing for their meals.

If you get a chance, take a youth hunting and maybe even on a fishing trip at the same time. Catch ya next week!

CAMPUSES

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ATHLETIC PROJECTS

Various other athletic projects are still in the design phase, including the Hackberry rodeo arena and track and field repair, and Grand Lake ball field and overall athletic fields master plan. The contractor for the renovation of the Grand Lake gym restrooms has been given notice to proceed. Athletic fields for Johnson Bayou are in design phase.

The Board voted to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Creole Recreation district to move athletic assets from the South Cameron Elementary baseball field to the recreation district complex next to the Creole Fire Station. Rodrigue said Cameron Communications, which had provided the ball field improvements, had been contacted and was not opposed to the move. The SCES site will remain as green space.

CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING

Construction on the new administration building in Cameron has been delayed by Gustav and Ike, but the contractor has started setting up for pile driving. The contractor, Priola Construction, had asked for a 50 day extension and a \$51,000 contract increase due to Ike damages, but the Board turned down both requests, based on Hoffpauir's recommendation that facilities under construction are the responsibility of the contractor until the owner has accepted the work as complete. Hoffpauir didn't think there were 50 days that the contractor could not work, since he had priority access to the site.

According to Priola, all the layout points were destroyed and had to be re-surveyed, fill dirt has turned to mud, and the steel drawings have been delayed by Gustav damage at the detailer's business place.

Other post Rita construction is still proceeding. Architect David Brossett was hired to design an elevated warehouse and elevated bus maintenance facility, to be built at the former Audrey Memorial site on Trosclair Road. Brossett's firm specializes in energy efficient and environmentally friendly designs.

The Board voted to submit possible alternative projects to FEMA to use funds not needed for their original purposes, such as Cameron Elementary School's five buildings. In priority order, they are: 1. Addition of elevated Family and Consumer Science, Agriscience and Technology structure, renovation of older construction, and addition of elevated classrooms at Grand Lake School. 2. Improvements not covered as storm damaged to athletic complexes at all four schools. 3. Various bus lawn or other needed equipment.

If any of these projects are not acceptable as Alternative Funds projects, they will be submitted as Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds projects. The Grand Lake additions are needed due to population displacement, said Rodrigue.

OUT OF PARISH BUSING

In an effort to give parents a clear framework in which to plan ahead, the Board

Tarpons finish season with 7-2 record; in the playoffs

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The South Cameron Tarpons whipped the winless Elton Indians 42-26 in Elton last Friday night, behind a strong performance from Dex Murphy who scored four touchdowns and kicked six extra points in the district 5-1A match-up. Murphy rushed for 139 yards on 11 carries.

The Tarpons finish the regular season with a 7-2 overall and 3-2 district record and will be at home to play in the first round of the state play-offs. This will be the Tarpons 11th trip to the play-offs in the last 12 years.

Dex Murphy started the

scoring for the Tarpons with an 8 yard run. After Elton made the score 7-6 on a Landen Carmen 6 yard run, Murphy added a 3 yard score. Carmen kept it close as he answered with a 17 yard jaunt.

The Tarpons then upped their lead on a Jody Trosclair 47 yard pass reception from Kyle Little to give The Tarpons a 21 -12 lead. The Indians refused to give up though as Carmen scored his third touchdown of the night on a 77 yard run. Carmen finished the night with 307 yards on 27 carries.

The Tarpons took a 28 to 19 halftime lead via the air-waves when Kyle Little hit Murphy for a 24 yard touchdown pass. Little was 5 of 8 for 131 yards. Elton answered again to keep the game close on Carmen's fourth touchdown of the night, this time from 6 yards out. The extra point kick made the score 28-26 Tarpons.

South Cameron finally put the Indians away with two second half scores, one on a Dylan Conner 31 yard run and the other on a Murphy 54 yard run.

Benefit rodeo in DeQuincy

A benefit rodeo will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Penny's Rodeo Arena, 1029 Pilgrim Rest Road in DeQuincy, beginning at 6 p.m.

Raffle tickets for a live hog are being sold at Chesson Farm and Ranch at 110 N. Holly Street for \$2 each or three for \$5. The pig has been donated by Chesson's and Bob Sanders.

Participants in the rodeo should pre-register by calling 786-8142. Plan to arrive by 5 p.m.

Entry fees are as follows: Jr. Bulls, \$15; Jr. Bareback, \$15; Jr. and Sr. Barrels, \$15; Jr. and Sr. Barrel Pickup, \$30 per team; Sr. Bareback, \$30; Calf Roping, \$30; Team Roping, \$60 per team; Sr. Bulls, \$60 (\$1,000 added to the jackpot, only on this event).

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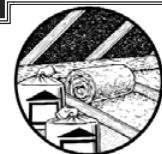
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New telephone scam is reported making rounds

By DRU RICHARDS

This one is pretty slick since they provide you with all the information, except the one piece they want.

Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. This information is worth reading. By understanding how the Visa and MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

One of our employees was called on Wednesday from 'Visa', and I was called on Thursday from MasterCard'. The scam works like this: Caller: 'This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at Visa. My Badge number is 12460.

Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your Visa card which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona?

When you say 'No', the caller continues with, 'Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?'

You say 'yes'. The caller continues - 'I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security.'

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a six digit number. 'Do you need me to read it again?'

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, 'I need to verify you are in possession of your card'. He'll ask you to 'turn your card over and look for some numbers'. There are seven numbers; the first four are part of your card number, the next three are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the three numbers to him.

After you tell the caller the three numbers, he'll say, 'That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?' After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, 'Don't hesitate to call back if you do, and hangs up.'

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The Real Visa Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the Visa account. Visa is reissuing us a new number. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them! Instead, tell them you'll call Visa or MasterCard directly for verification of their conversation.

The real Visa told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your three digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a 'Jason Richardson with MasterCard' with a word-for-word repeat of the Visa scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by Visa. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

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Hackberry was looking for a paved road back in 1941

(EDITOR'S NOTE-- Despite the hurricanes, Hackberry has a good paved road going north and south, but things were a lot different 67 years ago when this letter to the American Press was written. The writer, Bernard Duhon, later became a Cameron Parish Police Juror.)

Lake Charles American Press Nov. 10, 1941

Dear Editor:

With reference to Highway 104, when I was a young man 16 or 17 years of age we used to work three days per month to keep up this same highway, and did keep it in fairly good condition, and in Little Prairie, where the Gulf now has its oil wells, there were only a few buggy trails.

Later on I left home and went to the oil fields to work, at a time when roughnecking was really tough, but managed to come out on top. However, the companies got to where they did not want the tough kind of boys, which made it a much better place to work. During the last boom at Spindletop I quit the oil fields and came back to good old Hackberry to live, and found a fairly good road down here for cars to travel over.

When they brought in oil at Hackberry and people began to move in and drill more wells and haul more machinery to do the work, the state of Louisiana took over Highway 104 to help the people have a better road to travel over, and to haul pipe and machinery over, or anything that the oil companies needed to put these wells down such as mud, cement, etc. Due to the hauling of all this, it became nearly impossible to pass over the road.

The shell on the highway became ground up into dust, and the trucks would break through the surface of the road and it was necessary to winch the trucks and cars out of the holes. We finally got some more shell and put down on this low bed and it helped some, but it could not last on account of the tide waters passing over the highway, and the heavy trucks that constantly travel this road. At times it was impossible to think of leav-

ing Hackberry and going to Sulphur without having to be pulled out six or seven times en route.

Then Huey P. Long came to Hackberry and made a beautiful speech about how he was not only going to give the good people of Hackberry a paved highway but was going to pave a highway to the Cameron Parish Courthouse.

However, we are still waiting for this paved highway. So when O. K. Allen came out for governor of this good old state we are living in, Huey Long came back to Hackberry and made the same promises for Allen as he did for himself.

Then when Mr. Leche came out for governor, we were promised a paved highway to one mile beyond the Hackberry Catholic Church. When Mr. Leche resigned in favor of Earl K. Long, we were not promised anything since he did not have time while in office to do much. However, while Mr. Leche was governor our roads got almost impassable and he raised the road from two to two and a half feet and put about six inches of shell on all the road that had been raised. The heavy trucks and the other traffic going over this highway soon had the roadbed down to where it was again impassable.

Then we had another governor's race with Earl K. Long, Jimmie Noe, Vincent Moseley, Jimmie Morrison and Sam Jones, our present governor, running. While this race was going on the road to Hackberry became so bad it was almost impossible to travel out of Hackberry, so Earl Long had some shell put on Highway 104, in order that they could get to Hackberry and make a speech. The men that spoke for Mr. Long stated that Cameron Parish did not have a single foot of paved highway, that Cameron Parish was getting enough revenue to build a first-class highway, put in first-class condition to one mile south of the Catholic Church at Hackberry; that Cameron Parish had been giving more revenue before that time and that they could not understand why Hackberry and Cameron Parish people had been neglected like they had been, with all the money that

Page 5, The Cameron Parish Pilot, Cameron, La., November 13, 2008 had been taken away from Hackberry.

Then Sam Jones came down here and made a talk himself, and in his talk he also stated that the people of Hackberry had been mistreated, and that if he became governor one of the first things he was going to do was to see that the people of Hackberry got a concrete highway.

We have given our present office holders two years to begin to fix up our Highway 104, which has needed so much attention, and which has been getting plenty of revenue from Hackberry. Our present roadbed is practically gone, and in some places is gone, and right here on Hackberry Island, there are places where the road is much lower than the prairie.

The only way these places can get drained is for the cars and trucks passing through to carry a certain amount of water out to the higher places and we finally got the low places dried up, and then they put a few

loads of shell.

Sometimes Highway 104 is so rough and covered over with water that you can only travel about six or 10 miles an hour, and then when the road gets dry and they get it graded so you can travel on it, the dust is so thick you can hardly see where you are driving, which makes it very dangerous to travel. Also the people of Hackberry are having a hard time keeping up their cars on account of having to push one another out of holes and pulling off their bumpers.

It would seem to me that the men holding the high offices would finally give the good people of Hackberry a good road, which is something that we not only deserve but something we have paid for not only one time but a number of times.

It seems every time there is an election they tell us of the good people of Hackberry, but after the election we are, apparently, of no more good to them.

/s/ Bernard Duhon

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Center offers foot care tips for diabetics

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 60 percent of lower-limb amputation, not caused by trauma, occur in people with diabetes. In 2004, nearly 71,000 such amputation changed people's lives forever.

"The good news is that comprehensive foot care programs can reduce amputation rates by 45 to 85 percent," said Maureen Lannan, MD, Medical Director of the Wound Healing Center at West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital.

The Center offers these preventative tips:

*Leg and foot blood vessels can narrow and harden due to diabetes.

Help fight poor circulation by keeping blood pressure and cholesterol under control. Something as simple as not crossing your legs can also improve blood flow.

*Risk factors are highest for those with longer duration of the disease who use insulin and who smoke. Stop smoking and control glucose levels - an A1c blood test can give you an overview of your average glucose levels and, typically, every percentage point drop in test results can reduce the risk of microvas-

cular complications by 40 percent.

*Ask your healthcare provider for a thorough foot examination and to add it to your check-up routine for future visits.

*Diabetes can cause reduced sensation in the lower limbs making it hard to know if you have an injury. Check your feet daily and look between your toes for blisters, cuts and scratches. Use an unbreakable mirror for hard to see areas or ask someone to help you.

*Changes that diabetes can cause in the skin of your feet include dryness and calluses which occur more often and build up faster. Do not use chemical agents to remove calluses and corns since they can further damage your skin. See a healthcare professional to remove loose pieces of skin off your feet.

*Wear clean seamless socks and proper footwear. Medicare and many health care providers will reimburse a certain amount of money for shoes and custom inserts prescribed by a doctor.

*Seek medical treatment if a leg or foot wound has not healed in 30 days or shows signs of infection such as increased pain, redness or swelling, foul wound odor or a change in color or amount of drainage from the wound.

The Wound Healing Center is located at West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital in Sulphur, phone, 528-4708.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot Nov. 13, 1975 SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS PLAN

Final approval for a reappointment plan for the Cameron Parish School Board was approved by the board Monday and it will be submitted to the U. S. Attorney General's office in Washington soon.

The plan calls for six districts with one board member from each as follows: District 1-Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach area; District 2-Town of Cameron; District 3-Hackberry area; District 4-Creole-Little Chenier area; District 5-Grand Chenier area; District 6-Grand Lake, Sweetlake, Lowery and Klondike areas.

Mrs. Paula Wagner was named as the Title 9 coordinator for the parish and anyone having a complaint against the board should file it with her.

Mrs. C. A. Riggs, board member, asked if this resolution would affect the school athletic program. Supt. U. W. Dickerson said he did not think it would as the board is providing a good athletic program for girls.

The board also adopted a program to add French language study in the parish elementary schools. It requested the state to furnish the parish with four French exchange teachers for the 1976-77 term.

Supt. Dickerson said that most of the parish school lunch programs were going in the hole at the present student rate of 40 cents per meal which was set in 1971. A motion to raise the lunches to 50 cents a day was tabled after the vote was three for and three against.

BASS CLUB MEETS

A fish fry was held Monday night at the Woodmen of the World Hall in Creole for members of the newly organized Le Mesche Bass Club and their families.

Lonnie McEvers, club president, showed club members the new club patches and insignia designed especially for them by Leslie Griffith.

The colorful patches show a large mouth bass jumping out of the water in the marsh. (Le Mesche is "Marsh" in French).

There are 44 members in the new club. Club officers are: McEvers, president; Phillip Trosclair, vice president; Barry Wayne Richard, secretary-treasurer; Wayne Batts, reporter; Fredman Theriot, photographer; and Leslie Griffith, designer.

Board members are: Ronnie Conner, Hayes Picou, Jr., Larry Conner, Joe Clark, Darrel Dupont, and Bryan Richard.

NEW ASSISTANT AGENT NAMED

John Gary Wicke has been named assistant county agent for Cameron Parish, according to Clifford Myers, county agent.

Wicke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wicke of Lake Charles. His mother is the former Ira "Teen" Theriot of Creole. He was a 1970 graduate of Landry High School and graduated in May from McNeese where he majored in Animal Science.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY AWARDS

By GENEVA GRIFFITH "Look to new Horizons" was the theme of the annual Cameron Parish Extension Homemakers Council Achievement Day held Saturday at the Cameron Elementary School.

The Creole Club was the hostess club and received first place honors for the high point club winner of the day. Grand Chenier came in second and Sweetlake, third.

The Grand Chenier Club took all three top placings for Achievement Day exhibits. Mrs. Lori McNeese won first place; Mrs. Ira Thrasher, second, and Mrs. Wayne Wood, third.

Mrs. J. M. Theriot of Creole walked off with top honors in the dress review in both the tailored sports-wear and "Dress Up" categories, which made her the parish representative to the State contest at LSU in Baton Rouge next summer.

Mrs. Eileen Wittler, Assistant Home Economist, presented plaques to the Outstanding Club Women from each club, which is determined on a point system from activities of each women participated in throughout the year.

Winners were: Mrs. Ronald David, Klondike-Lowery; Mrs. Elwood Robicheaux, Sweetlake; Mrs. Mayola Wick, Creole; Mrs. Charles F. Hebert, Cameron; Mrs. Evans Mhire, Grand Chenier and Mrs. Nate Hebert, Hackberry.

New officers are: Mrs. Albert Guidry, president; Mrs. Nate Hebert, president-elect for 1977; Mrs. Evan Mhire, 1st vice president; Mrs. John Portie, 2nd vice president; Mrs. David, 3rd vice president; Mrs. John Prescott, secretary; Mrs. Robert Ortego, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Precht, publicity book; Mrs. Geneva Griffith, reporter; Mrs. Charles F. Hebert, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Harold Carter, past-president.

In a salute to the Bicentennial each club presented a skit with the theme "Historical Moments in Cameron Parish History."

The Creole Club came out first with "A Typical Chenier Perdue Household of the 1840s," The Sweetlake Club placed second with "A History of Cameron Parish Transportation," and the Cameron Club third with a "A typical Early Cameron Parish School."

ROUNDAABOUT THE PARISH

Pam Duhon of Grand Lake will be one of 39 of Louisiana's top 4-H Club members to represent the state at the annual National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Nov. 30-Dec. 4.

These Seniors have played their last SCHS football game: Terry Miller, Greg Boudreaux, Roddy Broussard, Gerald Mouton, Clay Richard, Blayne Mayard, Martin Trahan, Glen Kelley Joey Reina, Kim Savoie and Dexter Harrison.

Dec. 1 deadline to apply for fisheries assistance

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) announced the extension of the deadline to submit required forms for the Hurricane Katrina and Rita Federal Fisheries Economic Assistance program to Dec. 1.

The program was created for prequalified (2004-2005) licensed resident commercial fishermen, certain commercial fishing vessel license holders, wholesale/retail seafood dealers and charter boat fishing guides impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

To date, LDWF has dispensed \$18.8 million to more than 3,700 qualified applicants. In May 2008, LDWF mailed nearly 9,000 information packets to individuals and entities that were determined prequalified for the program. Although some eligible participants have chosen not to participate, approximately 1,700 eligible participants have failed to submit necessary documents.

"In consideration of the number of participants who have not responded, LDWF has extended this deadline to provide added economic opportunity to those in the Louisiana fishing industry," said LDWF Secretary Robert Barham.

LDWF is providing \$28.2 million in assistance to the state's commercial fishing and charter boat industries through a \$41.3 million federal fisheries economic assistance grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. Louisiana resident commercial fishermen, certain commercial fishing vessel license holders and certain commercial seafood wholesalers/retailers with trip ticket recorded sales or purchases of seafood during the 12-month period (Sept. 1, 2004 -

Aug. 31, 2005) prior to Hurricane Katrina as well as Louisiana resident charter boat operators who held a LDWF charter boat fishing guide license in the qualifying period (Sept. 1, 2004 - Aug. 31, 2005) qualify for some level of personal assistance.

LDWF requires trip tickets to collect commercial landings and associated information by trip. Trip tickets dated during the eligible period but submitted after Sept. 1, 2007 with not be considered.

LDWF is administering the distribution of personal assistance payments to qualified resident charter boat fishing guides, commercial resident shrimp, oyster, crab, and saltwater finfish fishermen and certain commercial fishing vessel license holders in the shrimp, oyster, saltwater fish and menhaden fisheries and wholesale/retail seafood dealers and freshwater finfish and wild crawfish fishermen who resided in the 27 LDWF - defined hurricane impacted parishes using trip ticket report records.

The South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) and affiliated planning districts are receiving and processing all information about this assistance program and anyone who is qualified to receive assistance and has not received a packet should contact the SCPDC as soon as possible by calling 1-800-630-3791 (toll-free) or 985-655-1051 (local) or mailing SCPDC at P.O. Box 1240, Gray, LA 70359-9902 or visiting through the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. Louisiana resident commercial fishermen, certain commercial fishing vessel license holders and certain commercial seafood wholesalers/retailers with trip ticket recorded sales or purchases of seafood during the 12-month period (Sept. 1, 2004 -

dated address information. Many eligible participants have moved or been displaced by the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita as well as Gustav and Ike and have not renewed their fishing licenses, leaving LDWF with outdated address information.

Arrests made by Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept.

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. Nov. 3-11:

Alejandro Juvenal Gonzalez-Leija, 50, Lake Charles; Illegal Alien - Hold for Border patrol, Dist. the Peace by Intoxication.

Larry Gene Hysell, 69, Sulphur; Bench Warrant for DWI, Bench Warrant for No Drivers License, Bench Warrant for No Insurance.

Cory T. Williams, 28, 151 Edna's Rd, Lake Charles; Warrant for Illegal Possession of Stolen Goods.

Lawson A. Midkiff, 45, Hebert Trailer Park Road #28, Lake Charles; Warrant for Simple Assault.

Lawrence Henry Mallett, 40, 100 Brenda Ln., Cameron; Possession of Legend Drugs (with Intent to Distribute).

Kent A. Duhon, 36, 142 Alvin Rd, Cameron; Brought from Court to Serve Time - 5 Years DOC.

Robert Angelo Ellzey, 28, 6675 Hwy 90 E. #160, Lake Charles; Bench Warrant for

Possession of Alcohol Underage, Bench Warrant for Suspension and Display of Power.

Catherine L. Rizer, 35, Lake Charles; Warrant from Calcasieu Parish.

David Allen Duplechain, 38, 101 Helm Ln., Bell City; Resisting an Officer, Simple Battery, Criminal Trespassing, Domestic Abuse Battery, Simple Criminal Damage to Property.

Denny J. Hebert, 54, No address; Obscenity.

Paul Allen Richard, 42, Jennings; Careless Operation, DWI.

Brandy Nicole Smith, 25, Lake Charles; Warrant from Calcasieu Parish.

Quentin Soileau, 26, Lake Charles; Warrant from Calcasieu Parish, Speeding, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Control Substance - Schedule II, No Drivers License in Possession.

Anthony Busnell, 22, Lake Charles; Bench Warrant for Suspension.



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Description: The Library Director is responsible for all aspects of library operation, including hiring and supervision of employees, collection development, budgeting and financial management, grant writing, public relations, and facilities management. The Director reports to the Library Board of Control and serves as secretary for the Board.

Requirements: Master of Library and Information Science degree from ALA accredited program and five years of library experience, with some supervisory experience. State certification required within one year of employment. Knowledge of and experience in financial management, budgeting, human resource management, technology, collection development, public relations and communication required. Grant writing helpful. Ability to work with government, educational and community groups essential.

Salary and Benefits: \$40,000-\$60,000 range, depending on qualifications. Excellent retirement, insurance, and vacation/sick leave/holidays as provided for all Cameron Parish employees. Library vehicle available for work related travel within the parish.

Send resume and contact information for three professional references to: Cynthia L. Sellers, P. O. Box 44, Cameron, LA 70631.

Deadline: Nov. 17, 2008

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THE QUE PASA Taqueria recently helped teach the Frolicking Frogs class from Grand Lake Head Start about food groups and nutrition. The children made tacos, toured the restaurant, sampled Mexican soda and enjoyed fruit smoothies.



THESE BAYOU GHOULS celebrated Halloween by visiting the volunteer firemen and EMTs at the Johnson Bayou Community Center who treated them with lots of goodies. Making up the ghostly group were Derek and Joe Storm, Zach and Gabe Hebert, and Wyatt Garrard. (Photo by Juanita Sandifer.)



THESE SENIOR citizens observed Halloween with a party at the Cameron Parish Council on Aging senior center in Grand Lake.



THIS SENIOR citizen was one of those who observed Halloween at the Cameron Council on Aging party at the Grand Lake senior center last week.

Commissioner-in-charge class

Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court will offer a course of instruction for persons applying to be Commissioner-in-Charge for the 2009 year term. This course is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Lake High School Cafeteria.

Persons wishing to qualify to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge for Cameron Parish Elections to be held in 2009 must be a certified Commissioner of Elections for Cameron Parish and must have worked at least two elections in the previous four years.

Applicants are invited to apply in person, by phone at 775-5316, or in writing to the Clerk of Court, P. O. Box 549, Cameron, LA 70631.

Your written application must include the following information: Name; mailing address; zip code; telephone number(s); Social Security number; and the Precinct in which you are registered to vote.

The deadline for receiving applications to become a Commissioner-in-Charge is Thursday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m.

The 2009 Commissioners-in-Charge for Cameron Parish will be selected at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 5; by a public drawing held by the Cameron Parish Board of Election Supervisors in the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court's Office located at the Courthouse in Cameron, La.

Cameron LNG seeks new permit

Cameron LNG, LLC has applied for a Coastal Use permit for the continuing authorized construction of an LNG facility in Cameron Parish.

Re-authorization is requested for the following previously proposed and permitted installations: an access road, a security office/drive, two process areas, a power house, a LNG storage tank, a staging area, a construction dock, a parking area, a dredging of the barge dock area, and the continuance of previously authorized dredging in the ship channel.

Approximately 50,000 cubic yards of waterbottoms may be dredged for construction of the barge dock; approximately 500,000 cubic yards of material remain to be dredged in the previously authorized birthing area within the ship channel.

No new work is included with this re-authorization request that was not already authorized under the current permit.

Courthouse featured in award winning book

Robert D. Leighninger, Jr., faculty associate in the School of Social Work at Arizona State University, recently received the American Public Works Association Abel Wolman Award.

Established in 1987, the Abel Wolman Award is presented annually by APWA's Public Works Historical Society to recognize the best new book published in the field of public works history. Leighninger was selected for the award by a committee of public works professionals and scholars.

Leighninger's award-winning book, *Building Louisiana: The Legacy of the Public Works Administration* (University Press of Mississippi, 2007), documents the ambitious and artful structures erected in Louisiana by the Public Works Administration of the 1930s. Through extensive research in the National Archives and field work within the state, Leighninger places the edifices in social and political context.

Leighninger's book featured a photograph of the Cameron Parish Courthouse and made the following comment about it and several Louisiana courthouses built

by the PWA:

"Further testimony to the structures' solidity can be found in Cameron Parish, where its courthouse was one of the few buildings in town to weather Hurricane Audrey in 1957 without serious damage. In 2005 Hurricane Rita leveled almost the entire town, but the courthouse is still standing."

Leighninger's book came out before Hurricane Ike, but he would have added that the Cameron Courthouse once again withstood a terrible storm.

"It is nice to have one's work recognized by fellow academics, but recognition by public works practitioners - the people who actually do the work - is a whole other thing," said Leighninger.

Leighninger's book covers Louisiana state projects of interests including "Big Charity" hospital and the Carville leprosy center among others, and draws lessons from the Public Works Administration's history that can be applied to current political concerns. A former resident of Baton Rouge, Leighninger is also the author of *Long Range Public Investment: The Forgotten Legacy of the New Deal*.

School menus told

Cameron Parish school lunch menus are as follows:
Friday, Nov. 14, Soft Tacos, Fixings Cup, Pinto Beans, Carrot Cake, Flour Tortillas, Wheat Sliced Bread, Milk.

Monday, Nov. 17, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit Salad, Peanut Butter Cookie, Wheat Sliced Bread, Milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, Chicken Nuggets, Oven Fries, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Sliced Bread, Salad Dressing, Barbeque Sauce, Catsup, Milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, Turkey Roast, Rice, Lima Beans, Orange Wedges, Cornbread, Milk.

Thursday, Nov. 20, Baked Ham, Lettuce Cup, Carrots, Yellow Cake, Pineapple Topping, Wheat Sliced Bread, Mayonnaise Pack, Milk.



JOHNSON BAYOU Baptist Church resumed its Sunday morning services on Sunday, Nov. 9. Members met at the home of Pastor Jack Gandy and his wife, Linda. The church's parsonage was spared with just minor damage to the steps and roof. The entire church building was destroyed by Hurricane Ike. Members will continue to meet each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the parsonage.

South Cameron High School News

Tarpon sweat suit orders are currently being taken in the high school office. You must prepay.

Student Council will elect officers on Tuesday, Nov. 18. Tarpon Dazzlers are taking orders for pajama bottoms or boxer shorts until Thursday.

Nov. 13, is the last day to turn in 4-H enrollment cards and dues. 4-H club meetings will be next Tuesday.

CALENDAR

Nov. 14 - South Cameron vs. Gueydan in Kinder (Bi-District Playoffs).

Nov. 17 - Sixth Grade Spirit Ring Orders.

Nov. 18 - Jr. and Sr. 4-H Meetings.

Nov. 18 - Fall School Pictures - All students must take these pictures but are not required to purchase them.



4-H Leaders bake sale set Sat. & Sun.

By SAMANTHA WILLIAMS

The Cameron Parish 4-H Jr. Leader Bake Sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15-16, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Desserts such as cookies, brownies, and cakes will be sold. All proceeds to benefit the Cameron Parish 4-H Jr. Leader Club.



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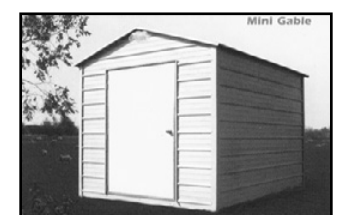
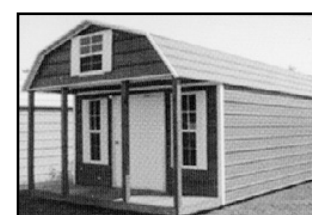
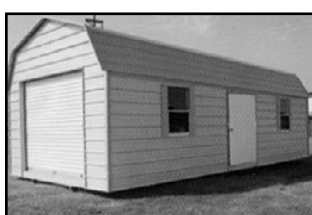
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