

THE CAMERON PARISH Library Board recognized outgoing Parish Librarian Charlotte Trosclair's eight years of service at their regular monthly meeting on Monday. Mrs. Trosclair is expected to be named the Vermilion Parish librarian. Pictured above are: Wanita Harrison, Trosclair, John Calzada, Cyndi Sellers, and Gail Delcambre.

Cameron families get \$6.9 million in grants

Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator R. David Paulson met recently with Senator Mary Landrieu and Congressman Charles Boustany to discuss temporary housing options for disaster victims of hurricanes Gustav and Ike, specifically those in Cameron Parish. FEMA is committed to working with State and Parish officials to identify the best available options for facilitating the recovery of Cameron Parish. FEMA cannot legally place temporary housing units in a coastal high hazard area delineated by best available floodplain data.

Administrator Paulson discussed with Senator Landrieu and Congressman Boustany the need to be flexible in maximizing federal resources and funding for areas impacted by hurricanes Gustav and Ike within FEMA's legal authorities. Placing housing units in identified high-risk areas would not only violate FEMA legal authorities, it also would disregard a basic tenet of agency policy: "nothing is more important than assuring the health and safety of disaster victims."

Administrator Paulson also discussed other available options for housing and encouraged Senator Landrieu and Congressman Boustany to support FEMA's responsibility to provide safe, suitable and habitable temporary housing.

FEMA continues to case-work each eligible family in Cameron Parish to ensure they are receiving and able to take advantage of the benefits offered under the Individuals and Households Program. To date, FEMA has provided the following assistance to families within Cameron Parish:

- \$6.9 million in grants to families.
- 788 households have been provided with rental assis-

tance. Thus far, FEMA has referred 264 families in Cameron Parish to HUD for enrollment in the DHAP program.

107 households have received the maximum grant FEMA can offer, under law, of \$28,800. The average payout for approved families in Cameron Parish is \$7,169.33.

FEMA has housed 160 families in hotels through our Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program.

Currently there are 57 identified eligible applicants for direct housing in Cameron Parish. FEMA has inspected 29 of the proposed sites for these eligible applicants and determined that the site is approved for placement of temporary housing unit. FEMA continues to work with the remaining 28 applicants to locate feasible sites for placement of a temporary housing unit.

Sweetlake Methodists to observe 100th

On Sunday, Dec. 7, at 9:30 a.m., Sweet Lake United Methodist Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. There will be a free catered meal from Hackett's Cajun Kitchen, live entertainment, and Sweet Lake United Methodist Church memorabilia on display. There will be opportunities for you to purchase historic Centennial Anniversary books as well as T-shirts, coffee mugs, and lots of other keepsakes.

The Bishop will be there for the Anniversary Service as well as past ministers and their families, and friends. Don't miss the unveiling of the Cornerstone time capsule. The public is invited.

Grand Lake bank back in business

In another sign of recovery from Hurricane Ike, the Cameron State Bank Grand Lake banking center reopened Monday, Nov. 3. A Grand Re-Opening celebration was held recently to welcome back customers and residents in the area.

Then bank had 18 inches of water as a result of the hurricane, requiring a lot of interior work and replacement of the furnishings. Manager Greg Wicke said he's glad to have the bank open again because it is one more indication the area is getting back to normal. "Having your bank in your area open and ready to help is one of the important factors in rebuilding a community. It's a return to normalcy to see familiar faces, both for us and for our customers," he said.

The bank is located at 10323 Gulf Highway. For more information, call the Cameron State Bank Grand Lake banking center at 598-3173.

Senior Food Boxes to be given out

The Cameron Council on Aging announced that Food for Seniors boxes can be picked up Thursday, Nov. 20.

Hackberry residents can pick up boxes in Hackberry at the community center. Cameron, Creole, Grand Chenier, and Grand Lake residents can pick up at Grand Lake Senior Center from 12 - 4 p.m.

At this time these will be the only locations available for pick-up. Please make arrangements to have your box picked up. If you have any questions please call Toni at 598-5158 or Hackberry can call Christina at 438-2889.



CAMERON RESIDENT Jimmy Dyson, center, explains his housing situation to Congressman Charles Boustany, right, during a fact finding mission Wednesday, Nov. 12 as Police Juror Kirk Burleigh looks on. Like many others, Dyson has seen his standard of living deteriorate since Hurricane Rita - from a solid three bedroom home, to a mobile home, to a camper trailer - and his future in Cameron is unsure. He had to buy a camper to be near his shrimp boat, because he said items were stolen from the boat in Cameron while he was in Lake Charles, and now has no more money to rebuild a home.

Boustany gets earful during Cameron visit

By CYNDI SELLERS

Congressman Charles Boustany came to Cameron Wednesday, Nov. 12, "to talk to people and see what their problems are." He got an earful. From Parish Administrator Tina Horn, OEP Director Clifton Hebert, and Police Jurors, to regular citizens on the streets, the foremost concern was temporary and permanent housing.

Referring to FEMA's decision not to use camper trailers or to allow park models in potential V-zones, Horn said "You can't shut down a community just because they had a disaster there. Recovery will take time, but you can't relocate an entire coastal community."

Boustany said the policy of not rebuilding public buildings in a V-zone could backfire. "Most of Washington D. C. is in a tidal basin," he pointed out.

Boustany said the answer in the long run might be to re-write the Stafford Act, especially for coastal communities. Hebert agreed that flooding events are not "one size fits all."

TENTS VIEWED

After touring the Cameron area, viewing tents in which people are living, and visiting with a local family, Boustany said he will talk to the head of FEMA in Washington and ask him to give people time to make decisions and consider options. He said that, from what he has heard, the current direction of FEMA will "destroy the way of life in Cameron Parish." He said the nation must support the seafood and oil and gas industry, and folks need to be able to live near their work.

Hebert said a trip is being planned to Sabine Pass, Tex., to see what is being done there. "If there are trailers in a V-zone five miles from the coast in Chambers County, it should be the same as five miles from the coast in Cameron Parish," he said.

The most serious flaw in the V-zone issue, according to Horn, is that the preliminary DFIRM maps haven't even gone through the entire process for adoption. "When we appeal and they are shown their mistakes, they'll have to re-do the maps," she

said. Hebert added that even though FEMA has claimed the DFIRM maps are the latest and best science, "they haven't been tested to prove they are the latest and greatest."

SCHOOL ISSUES

School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue explained that the School Board is facing financial difficulties since learning that the \$6 million it has invested in temporary buildings will now not be reimbursed, even though only a few were in a V-zone. She said the Board should be reimbursed for the buildings that were in an AE zone based on the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) maps currently in force.

"We fought for months to rebuild above the ABFEs, and FEMA wouldn't pay the difference, but now they want to hold us to the DFIRMs," Rodrigue said. Boustany agreed that they are "changing the rules in the middle of the game."

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FEMA to survey sites in parish for trailers

U. S. Sen. David Vitter announced a decision by FEMA officials regarding the placement of temporary housing units in hurricane-damaged Cameron Parish, but cautioned that there was still progress to be made to ensure that the needs of local residents are met.

FEMA had previously denied requests to provide mobile homes or park model trailers to local residents who sustained damage to their homes because agency flood zone maps put 80 percent of the parish in a high risk "V Zone."

A significant portion of Cameron Parish residents make their living as fishermen and they say the FEMA housing units are too far from the coast.

"During our initial conversation on Nov. 7, I expressed to FEMA Administrator Paulson my concerns with this current policy," Vitter said. "These sorts of bureaucratic roadblocks are counterproductive and I believe that a six-month waiver of this federal rule is appropriate. These residents need to be near the coast, where they conduct their business."

In a discussion today with Paulson, Vitter asked that this policy be revisited and FEMA agreed to conduct a survey of the parish to identify potential sites within the V Zone for the placement of trailers.

"I am pleased that he has

agreed to give this situation the attention it deserves and a FEMA team will survey the parish to identify potential trailer sites that would allow local fishermen to remain near the coast," added Vitter. Vitter also announced that he has authored an amendment that would provide a more concrete solution to this situation and allow FEMA to place temporary housing units in lower Cameron Parish. Vitter plans to introduce the language as an amendment to the stimulus bill that Congress will consider in the coming days.

"The residents of Cameron Parish have been through some tough times over the past few years. Fishing communities make up a large part of the parish and it is simply unacceptable to have these fishermen relocate to inland locations," said Vitter.

"As these residents move forward with the recovery process, the last thing they need is this sort of pushback from a federal agency. We should be helping them put their lives back together, not hindering the recovery process and endangering their livelihoods."

Federal regulations prohibit FEMA from placing temporary housing units in areas likely to be damaged by hurricanes and FEMA's designation of parts of Cameron Parish as a Velocity Zone, or "V Zone", means

J. B. & H. B. mail routes to be moved

By CYNDI SELLERS

Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach postal routes will be moved to the Hackberry Post Office beginning Friday, Nov. 21. On Friday, that mail will no longer be at Drew Station in Lake Charles, but may be picked up at the Hackberry Post Office between 1 and 3 pm. On Saturday, mail will be available from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Future times will be posted at the Hackberry Post Office.

Home delivery will resume on Saturday, Nov. 29 for Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach. Cameron Postmaster Brian Craddock said the move is an effort to save travel time for residents, who have had to drive 150 miles round trip for their mail.

Cameron post office box holders, who have to travel 100 miles round trip for their mail, should have a post office in Cameron by the end of the year, according to officials.

that the risk of damage is too great for temporary housing units.

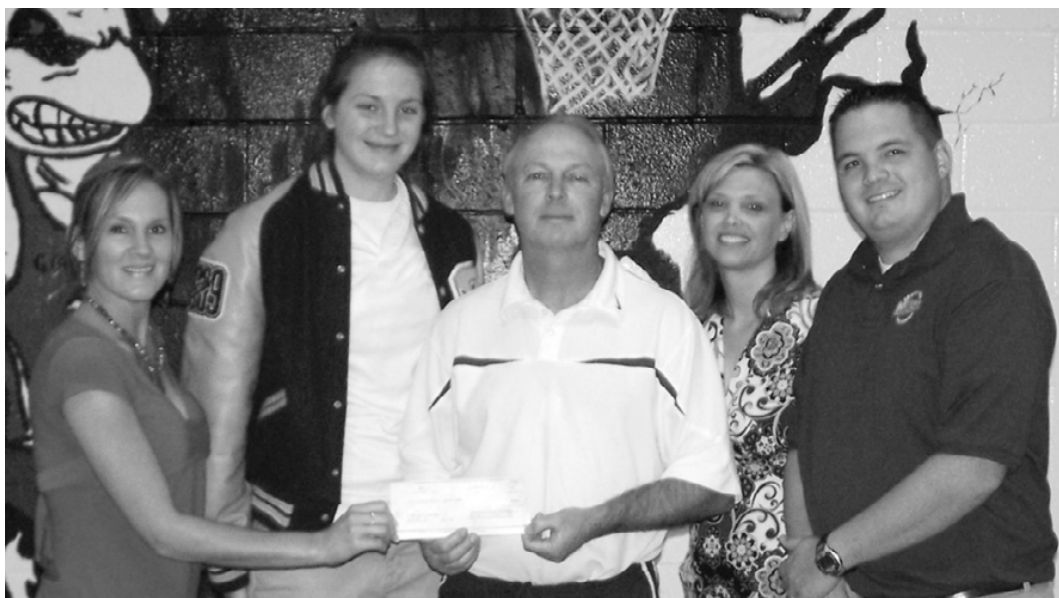
Vitter and officials from Cameron Parish contend that FEMA is using preliminary flood maps that have not been formally approved and are facing an appeal. Today's decision means that FEMA may allow for the placement of temporary housing units on sites within the V Zone.



Wal-Mart Stores recently named Dana Hicks, elementary teacher at Hackberry High School, as the 2008 Teacher of the Year. Phil Terrell, manager of the Sulphur store, and other executives, made a surprise visit to Hackberry on Monday, Nov. 17, and presented Mrs. Hicks with a plaque, a gift card, and a check for \$1000 for Hackberry High School. She was nominated by students at Hackberry High School for this honor. Pictured above are Mrs. Hicks, her second grade students, Principal Brenda Sanders, and the Wal-Mart managing staff.



THE SABINE REFUGE headquarters building is now under construction. The refuge buildings were destroyed by Hurricane Ike.



TRINA JOHNSON, Cameron Communications representative, is shown presenting a \$500 check for the sponsorship of the Grand Lake basketball tournament, Nov. 12-15 at the school. Shown above were, from left: Trina Johnson, Kat Kingham, Coach Danny Miller, Coach Huffer and Coach Miano.

Grand Lake's "dynamic duo" sign to play MSU basketball

Grand Lake High's dynamic duo, Elizabeth and Katherine Kingham, became McNeese State women's basketball's first two signees of the 2009-10 season by signing a letter of intent the first day of the early signing period.

The Kinghams, members of the 2007-08 AAU Junior National Championship team, two time Cameron Parish Champions, two time all district first team and all state honorees, will join a team of nine fellow Louisianians on the Cowgirl roster, including the Iota twins, Ashlyn and Caitlyn Baggett, making McNeese the only team in NCAA division I currently with two sets of twins on the roster.

Katherine, a 6' 2" center, is on track to finish her high school career averaging 17.6 ppg, 12 rpg, and five blocks. She has been honored with

Southwest Louisiana first team honors, as well as All State first team accolades.

"Kat has so much upside," says head coach Brooks Donald Williams. "I have watched her get better and better over the years. I am excited about getting to work with her."

Elizabeth, a 6' 0" power forward is averaging 20.3 ppg and 5.7 rpg, after three games thus far in her 2008-09 season, shooting 71% from field. Liz is also a first team all district selection in the 07-08 season, as well as second team All State honors.

"I am really excited to be a part of Cowgirl basketball" says Liz. "I think this program is really going to keep improving year after year."

With the Grand Lake twins signing, McNeese adds to the local signing list that Williams and staff have

brought to the women's basketball program.

"When I got here, we had one returning Louisiana player on the roster," Williams states. "One of our main goals in recruiting was to sign Louisiana first. Although, unfortunately, we cannot sign everyone locally, we want to do our best to recruit everyone in Louisiana that we feel is a fit for our program and give them a hard look. I am so proud that we have done that and continue to recruit locally."

The Kinghams play for one of the winningest girls' basketball coaches in the state of Louisiana, have something in common with Williams and assistant coach Leslie Whitney. Williams and Whitney are native of Jennings, and grew up playing basketball in the Danny Miller era.



KAT KINGHAM was crowned as Grand Lake's 2008 Homecoming Queen.

"To sign a player (or two) of Danny Miller's is an honor," Williams says. "He is a great coach, and Leslie and I both have so much respect for him and what he has done for girls' basketball in Louisiana. He is one of the best. It is exciting to sign young ladies who you know are growing and learning from a coach who will prepare them for the next level."

Not only have the Kingham sisters learned in Miller's environment, they have taken their game on the road to compete nationally for Charlie Domino (Domino's AAU organization), which gained recruitment from schools nationwide.

"Liz and Kat are wonderful student-athletes with great character and will be a huge asset to our program," says Williams. "We have watched them on the national level and they have battled and competed with the best in the country. With their work ethic and enthusiasm they will impact our program greatly."

J. B. board resets meeting

Johnson Bayou Recreation Center has rescheduled their monthly meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 6 p.m.



GRAND LAKE High School basketball players, Katherine (left) and Elizabeth Kingham, are pictured with Grand Lake Coach Danny Miller at a ceremony held last week at which they signed letters of intent to play for McNeese after graduating next year.

Basketball Scores

By **CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER**

BOYS
Grand Lake 57, Ascension 42 - Sam Johnston led all scorers with 20 points. Jordan Hebert chipped in 19 points for the Hornets and Jacob Hebert added 10 points.

Northside Christian 57, Hackberry 39 - John Eddenfield led the Mustangs with 11 points and Austin Moore added 10 points.

Johnson Bayou 68, Bethel 61 - Dustin Badon was the leading scorer for the Rebels with 23 points. Colton Stanley added 16 and Michael Trahan scored 13 points.

Lacassine 57, Grand Lake 45 - Sam Johnston scored 15 points for the Hornets in the championship game of the Grand Lake Tournament. Jayce added 10 for the 6-6 Hornets.

Port Barre 63, Grand Lake 60 - Jordan Hebert scored 30 points for the 6-7 Hornets. Jayce Hebert added 15 points.

GIRLS
Grand Lake 73, Hathaway 64 - Kat Kingham and Heather Girlinghouse chipped in 20 points each as the Lady Hornets claimed the championship of the Grand Lake Tournament.

Grand Lake 62, Elizabeth 55 - Liz Kingham paced the Lady Hornets with 20 points. Heather Girlinghouse added 16 and Kat Kingham scored 13 as the Lady Hornets move to 10-0 on the young season.

Grand Lake 54, Lacassine 35 - Kat Kingham scored 12 points for the Lady Hornets. Heather Girlinghouse and Amber Trahan added 11 points each.

Bethel 32, Johnson Bayou 22 - Eden Broussard scored 10 points for the Lady Rebels.

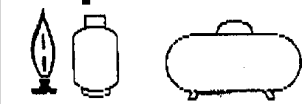
Grand Lake 65, Port Barre 43 - Kat Kingham scored 27 points as the Lady Hornets improve to 13-0 on the year. Liz Kingham added 16 points.

Two deputies graduate from basic academy

Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. deputies Kenneth Haerling and Kyle Young graduated from the Calcasieu Parish Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy this week. They were among 36 officers representing 14 agencies in the five-parish area, who completed 324 hours of instruction in all phases of basic law enforcement. All officers passed the Louisiana Peace Officer Standard Testing exam and are now certified as Basic Peace Officers.

The Calcasieu Parish Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy is located in Lake Charles and provides accredited training, serving law enforcement agencies in the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jeff Davis. It was established in 1974 and is administered by Calcasieu Parish Sheriff Tony Mancuso.

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CONGRESSMAN CHARLES BOUSTANY greets Cameron resident Loraine Dyson in front of her new camper and destroyed mobile home. Boustany was in town on a fact finding visit Wednesday, Nov. 12. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Johnson Bayou bookmobile program set

The Johnson Bayou Bookmobile, located next to the Hackberry Library, will be hosting a Thanksgiving Storytime and Craft hour, Friday, Nov. 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The event is geared for ages 5-10 years.

They will also be hosting a Wii Game Challenge, Friday, Nov. 21 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This event is geared for ages 11-15.

Also available are fax and copy capabilities, wireless internet, and a variety of services.

Bookmobile hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grand Chenier Library tells activities

The Grand Chenier library is open and fully functional.

"Crossword Daze" - 10 a.m. daily.

Thursday, Nov. 20 - Kids Fun Day, Movie Time - 1 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21 - La. Spirit Arts & Crafts - 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24 - Kids Fun Day - Wii Games, Computer Time, and Free Time - 1-2 p.m.

Low Impact Walking Program - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25 - Kids Fun Day - Wii Games, Computer Time, and Free Time - 1-2 p.m.

Low Impact Walking Program - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - Kids Fun Day - Wii Games, Computer Time, and Free Time - 1-2 p.m.

Low Impact Walking Program - 2 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28 - Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Call 538-2214 for more information about weekly programs.

Tarpons are eliminated in playoffs

By **CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER**

The Gueydan Bears scored twice in the third quarter to take a 24-12 lead and then held the Tarpons scoreless in the second half as they upset South Cameron 30-12 in the bi-district round of the play-offs Friday night.

The Tarpons matched the Bears with two first half scores. The first one came on a Dex Murphy 1 yard run and then, in the second quarter, Gabe Lalande hauled in a 17 yard pass from Kyle Little to complete the scoring on the night for the Tarpons.

Gueydan's Darren Gums did a lot of the damage on the night scoring 3 times in the second half, on runs of 45 and 10 yards and on a 95 yard interception return. Gums rushed 19 times for 139 yards. The Tarpons Dex Murphy had 72 yards on 13 carries.

South Cameron ended the season at 7-3.

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.
-William James



CONGRESSMAN CHARLES BOUSTANY met with parish leaders Wednesday, Nov. 12 as reporters looked on. Seated, from left, are Parish OEP Director Clifton Hebert, Clerk of Court Carl Broussard, Parish Administrator Tina Horn, and Boustany. School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue and Police Juror Kirk Burleigh are facing away. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

South Cameron High School News

TARPON SWEAT SUITS

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

PIZZA SALES

Members of FBLA are conducting a fundraiser selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits until Dec. 1, to raise money for District and State Competition

ALL DISTRICT TEAMS

Congratulations to the following boys for making 5-1A All District Team:

2nd Team - Ross Rowland (split end), Ty Savoie (defensive lineman), Jody Trosclair (linebacker), and Dylan Conner (Defensive Back).

1st Team - Jordan Rutherford (defensive lineman), Hunter Canik (linebacker), Dex Murphy (defensive back), Tony Baccigalopi

(offensive lineman), Jody Trosclair (tightend), Dex Murphy (offensive back), Kyle Little (quarterback).

Mr. Zeke wishes all students, faculty, and staff a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

CALENDAR

Nov. 20 - Students Dismissed at 4 p.m. for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Nov 20-30 - Thanksgiving Holidays.

Nov. 20 - SC vs DeQuincy - Girls Basketball - Away.

Nov 24-25 - Hamilton Christian Tourney - Girls Only.

Dec. 2 - Return to school at 7:45 a.m.

Dec. 2 - SC vs Johnson Bayou- Basketball - LCB Gym.

Dec 3-4 & 6 - Hackberry Basketball Tourney.

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BOUSTANY

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The lack of temporary housing is affecting basic infrastructure, according to Hebert. Two volunteer fire departments are paying outside firefighters to cover their areas while the local firemen are out of the parish because of lack of housing. Ambulance districts are being affected also.

FIRE DEPT. NEED

Making matters worse, the parish's FEMA reimbursement rate is now only 75% of cost, even though Texas counties had more days of 100% reimbursement. "These volunteer fire departments can't keep paying this forever," Hebert said. "With industry up and running at least 80% of capacity, fire protection is a necessity."

Boustany said he had asked why not use the park models for a short time, until the next hurricane season which is six months away. He said he was told there was still a danger from winter storms. Locals said winter storms do not flood most areas of the parish.

Another housing related issue is mitigation. Funds set aside for elevation of existing homes has been slow to arrive, in some cases just before Hurricane Ike. Hebert said, "My mother got her mitigation money the day before Ike. Elevation could have saved her home. People cannot survive these lengthy waits."

Carl Broussard said the parish was unable to get mitigation funds to lift the court house HVAC chillers and boilers, which were ruined again during Ike. "We were ready to do it ourselves," he said, "before Ike hit." Rodrigue believed mitigation is the greatest battle for public entities. "The dollars are there, but there is so much red tape," Broussard said "I don't believe we have another five years to wait around."

MOBILE HOME PARK

FEMA government liaison Joe Hill pointed out that the agency is moving mobile homes and park models into Shandy Acres mobile home park in Grand Lake, and is looking for other locations not in a V-zone. He said one more park has been found that FEMA can use. The agency has proposed a bus system to transport lower

Cameron Parish residents to their jobs and home sites from the parks in upper Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes.

Police Juror Scott Trahan said a bus route would not meet the needs of the residents who would need to bring tools, materials, etc. to their sites.

Hebert also asked for help with demolitions and private property debris removal, which have not yet been approved by FEMA. "We've heard it's coming, but should have had an answer last Friday." Hebert doesn't expect an answer on these issues any time soon, because Texas Ike and Louisiana Gustav victims are just getting back into their areas.

In the long term, Boustany said, "Practical building codes, including elevation, must be combined with a comprehensive coastal restoration and protection plan to protect this way of life. We're not going to walk away from our coast. We need to protect it."

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

-Mark Twain

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GABRIELA VILLALPANDO and Hunter McCain led the Pledge of Allegiance when the Frolicking Frogs class from Grand Lake Head Start visited the Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home in Jennings for Veterans Day. The class made thank you cards and small American flags to present to the residents in appreciation for their service to our country.

Hackberry comings and goings after hurricane

By COOT McINNIS
As I was going to work one morning I noticed something written on the highway north of the Kelso Bridge. It was too dark for me to see what it was, but when I got off work I was able to read it. The Seniors of 2009 marked their spot on the highway. The only thing is no one knows what senior class did this, or when. This had to be done at night as day time there is so much traffic and someone surely would have

called this in to the Sheriff's Office.

DON'T DUMP!

I did notice someone dropped off some appliances on Hwy. 27 south of Hackberry. I guess they could not figure out where the trash dump was at. Maybe they forgot to put it out by the roadway and it got left behind after the debris had been picked up, we seemed to have had enough litter after Hurricane Ike,

that this did not need to happen.

The house by the water tower has been in the process of being raised up. I am not sure who lives there or how high they have to put the house in the air. The house has been there a long time, it looks different not being on the ground, but hopefully will be safer from any high water.

CATHOLIC NEWS

I stopped and visited with Tammy Welch, Father Rommel Tolentino and Marilyn Gibbs at the Catholic Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

St. Peter Catholic Church has announced that CCD classes, Kindergarten through seventh grades will start on Nov. 30, after Mass. There will be a Teachers meeting for CCD after Mass on Nov. 29.

Starting on Nov. 29, Saturday Mass will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday and at 9 a.m. on Sundays. CCD for grades 8th through 11th for Johnson Bayou and Hackberry started on Monday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the CCD building.

MEETS DOCTOR

My son, Luke finally got to meet the doctor who saved his life last October. Luke had never seen Dr. Todd Peavy because he had a loss of eyesight.

Luke did remember Dr. Peavy's voice. Dr. Peavy never saw Luke standing up as he was bedridden during his stay at Women's and Children Hospital. After a handshake and conversation Luke gave Dr. Peavy a hug and a thank you for what he had done for him. Dr. Peavy never gave up on my son and it is because of a doctor like him, we have Luke today.

Please remember the school children will be out for the Thanksgiving Holidays. To everyone who reads this have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



PASTOR JACK GANDY stands in front of his congregation at the first Sunday service after Hurricane Ike. Hanging behind Pastor Gandy is a cross that was donated to the church when the sanctuary was built some 42 years ago. (Photo courtesy of Juanita Sandifer.)

Oak trees are planted along the cheniers

By JOHN GUIDROZ
American Press

It's not every day that people get to see Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach climb a tree.

Roach sat on the Calcasieu Manor live oak tree on Shell Beach Drive on Friday to promote the Acorns of Hope tree-planting mission.

The tree's caretakers, Carolyn Woosley and her sister, Marie, sat alongside the mayor to discuss the project, which is in its second year.

Carolyn Woosley said the effort brings together 35 certified arborists from the U.S. and Canada. They will bike 250 miles along the Chenier Plain, replanting 2,000 live oak trees along the way.

Most of the arborists are members of the Tour des Trees bicycling group, she said.

The tour began at the Ward 3 Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19. Stops included the Rockefeller Refuge, Abbeville, New Iberia and Houma.

Woosley said the effort is a way to restore valuable coastal trees, reduce coastal erosion, and provide breeding areas for birds and wildlife.

"We have lost one-third of the Chenier Plain since 1932, and we lost 84 square miles of it since Hurricane Rita," she said. "This effort is the only way the Chenier Plain will exist in the future."

Project founder Bob Thibodeaux said he uses select acorns from several 100-plus-year-old trees around the state to grow more than 10,000 "genetically superior" live oak trees.

Along with the Calcasieu Manor, other live oaks used in the growing effort include the Jim Bowie live oak, the Evangeline live oak and the St. John Cathedral live oak.

Deadline extended for filing for SBA loans

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Small Business Administration has announced that the filing deadline to return loan applications for Hurricane Ike property damage has been extended to Dec. 11. Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications can be filed until June 15, 2009.

Disaster loans of up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private, non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to homeowners and businesses

to help with the cost of making improvements that minimize or prevent the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

Louisiana disaster victims should first register with FEMA by calling 800-621-3362. SBA customer service representatives are available at 13 Disaster Recovery centers and other locations to help with the application process. No appointment is necessary.

Additionally, Louisiana disaster victims may now go on line to file an SBA application," said Michael W. Ricks, SBA Louisiana District Director.

The SBA has so far granted over \$100 million in disaster loans to Louisiana residents who sustained damages from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Most gnats lay their eggs on water, where they float for several days before hatching.

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THE GRAND LAKE FFA participated in the Fall Fest at Grand Lake High School Saturday, Nov. 8. **Samantha Williams, Misty Lesueur, and Julia Quinn** are shown in the student-made "Chuckwagon" serving up barbecue sandwiches. The booth served as one of the group's annual fundraisers.

Grand Lake High School announces honor students

The following is a list of Banner and Honor Roll students for Grand Lake High School:

BANNER ROLL

Grade 1 - Issac Arabie; Chloee Babineaux; Brailyn Benson; Zachery Bertrand; Hayden Brown; Jessica Donaldson; Gabrielle Gay; Madelynn Granger; Chase Landry; Jonathan Lavergne; Jasmyne Leger; Lennex Lomeli; Luke Mccardle; Ana Mcfarlain; Mason Montie; Kylie Oliver; Alaina Picou; Kristopher Quibodeaux; Logan Roussell; Kaly N Savoie; Maggie Theriot; Cade Vedder.
Grade 2 - Caleb Boening; Mallary Davis; Christopher Duhon; Jackson Gerber; Camron Haig; Grant Harris; Kayla Kay; Ashton Landreneaux; Megan Latilais; Cade Lavergne; Adam Mcfatter; Cade Nieves; Teala Schiele; Sadie

Soileau; Trey Taylor; Austin Vincent.

Grade 3 - Lauren Boudoin; Thomas Delaney; Emily Poole; Gabrielle Talbot; Ty Taylor; Madison Theriot.

Grade 4 - Mallory Dupuie; Cameron Granger; Katelynn Granger; Paul Guidry; Alexis Reeves.

Grade 5 - Hannah Arabie; Darien Boudreaux; James Drounette; Ally Thomas.

Grade 6 - Kyndal Berkey; Cloie Broussard; Lynsey Mhire; Brycen Savoie.

Grade 7 - Zane Bellon; Alexis Breau; Callie Brevelle; Timothy Foreman; Shyla Gordon; Tiffanie Knowlton; Regan Lejeune; Megan McCullen; Vivian Reyes; Sara Richard; Victoria Thomas.

Grade 8 - Jensen Bertrand; Calley Conner; Lexi Conner; Morgan Fontenot; Leann Larocca; Rebecca Monceaux; Darbi

Champion; Aimee Clark; Seth Cooper; Cortney Delaney; Katherine Deshotel; Laikyn Dubard; Courtland Granger; Audrey Harris; Luke Miller; Brett Pickett; Addilyn Poole; Stephen Poole; Joy Richard; Sheridan Smith; Samuel Vincent; Erica Williams.

Grade 9 - Megan Aguilard; Chanler Borel; Justin Conner; Haley Davis; Lauren Hebert; Colleen Manuel; Hannah Savoie; Brittany Thibodeaux; Paige Vedder.
Grade 10 - Katie Fruge; Tyler Hebert; Kallan Mudd; Ricky Richard; Taylor Smith.
Grade 11 - Laiken Conner; Emma Fontenot; Tasha Fontenot; Kaylee Gauthreaux; Colton Larocca; Misty Lesueur; Shawnee Pearce; William Precht; Micah Richard; Samuel Richard; Sandra Vincent.

Montie; Andrew Ogea; Kortney Olson.

Grade 9 - Chelsea Guidry; Halie Stevens; Shelby Thomas.

Grade 10 - Kimberlee Babineaux; Alysha Hackler.

Grade 11 - Sara Dupre; Heather Girlinghouse; Blake Madison.

Grade 12 - Taylor Beard; Halie Cooper; Evan Guidry; Craig Manuel; Megan Poole; Victoria Roach.

HONOR ROLL

Grade 1 - Abby Babineaux; Luke Benoit; Kaitlin Coffey; Kael Delcambre; Dylan Doucet; Jolee Gaspard; Logun Granger; Laney Hampton; Conner Haynie; Tommie Horner; Cassidy Keller; Karli Leger; Logan Mancilla; Wyatt Mccain; Brandon Morgan; Nicholas Primeaux; Gage Racca; Rainna Smith; Amy Stevens; Luke Thomas; Chazton Trahan; Claire Zaunbrecher.

Grade 2 - Dru Bertrand; Michael Clark; Macie Conner; Marlie Conner; Sabra Edwards; Brandon Labove; Chandler Ledoux; Mark Manuel; Noah Morgan; Wesley Quinn; Kole Reed; Kristopher Reina; Allison Romero; Jaren Sonnier; Zachary Stathakos; Lee Roy Stevens; Cayce Thibodeaux; Clay Trahan; Zeke Verzwylt; Karisma Vidal; Ethan Williams.

Grade 3 - Marlee Boudreaux; Matthew Brasseaux; Madison Breaux; Maeleigh Conner; Zachary Cooper; Kade Delcambre; Destiny Doxey; Alayna Ewing; Gavin Guidry; Kirston Landreneaux; Cecilia Lomeli; Yasury Lozoya; Jordan Morgan; Quincy Mudd; Ashlyn Poole; Thompson Saffell; Karlee Thomas; Bryce Toerner; Joseph Trahan; Jayleigh Young.

Grade 4 - Brennan Abadie; Marris Dupont; Frank LaBove; Hagyn Miller; Tanner Olson; Alanah Theriot; Kamryn Trahan.

Grade 5 - Zachary Brasseaux; Cavan Duhon; Kelsey Duhon; Madison Frazier; Laura McFatter; Morgan Quinn; Garen Romero; Allison Ross; Kevin Stockman; Lucas Verret; Coryn Vincent.

Grade 6 - Dylan Champion; Aimee Clark; Seth Cooper; Cortney Delaney; Katherine Deshotel; Laikyn Dubard; Courtland Granger; Audrey Harris; Luke Miller; Brett Pickett; Addilyn Poole; Stephen Poole; Joy Richard; Sheridan Smith; Samuel Vincent; Erica Williams.

Grade 7 - Lacey Boudreaux; Kylie Davidson; Andres Jasso; Kayleigh Landry; Blair Little; Brianna Murphy; Jarrett Nunez; Chandler Pesson; Jeffrey Racca; David Shaw; Halee Sullivan; Cheyenne Theriot.
Grade 8 - Katelyn Babineaux; Brooke Bertram; John Boudreaux; Dylan Copper; Jessica Carter; Bethanne Delaney; Blair Derouen; Kent Doxey; Chance Duhon; Rebecca Dupont; Robert Ezell; Joshua Fitkin; Erin Gilbert; Alexandra Kennedy; Paige Landreneau; Julianne Lannin; Abby Miller; Marlie Mudd; Sydney Myers; Wyatt Pearce; Savannah Quinn; James Stoute; Julie Theriot; Karissa Trahan; Katelyn Vincent; Joshua Wicke.

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MEMBERS of the Grand Lake FFA served as color guards in the Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Grand Lake High School Gym. Participants shown above were: (back row, from left) Lex Conner, Jonathan Quinn, Alysha Hackler, Kirstyn Vincent, Samantha Williams, Hunter Berkey, and Jed Williams; (middle row) Shawnee Pearce, LaRayne Picou, Kallan Mudd, Joanna Gaspard, Jenna Conner; (front row): Javen Little, Blake Widcamp, Lance Beard, Daniel Chaisson, and Matthew Thibodeaux.

Deer hunts on two wildlife areas have been cancelled

Due to military training, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries managed deer hunts on the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) for Nov. 28-30 have been cancelled.

All future hunting season dates and managed deer hunts will proceed as scheduled on these two WMAs. Please refer to the 2008-09 Louisiana Hunting Regulations pamphlet for further information on future hunting dates and seasons.

For those interested in hunting on Fort Polk or Peason Ridge WMAs, a special registration for using the mandatory self-clearing permits is required once per year and can be obtained at Building #7654 at North

Grade 12 - Justin Aguilard; Laura Brown; Jayce Hebert; Elizabeth Kingham; Katherine Kingham; Jade Miller; Dylan Morgan; Victoria Nunez; Amanda Richard; Blake Saltzman; James Schiele; Kaylyn Shaw; Samantha Williams.

Fort Polk. Daily military self-clearing permits are required and can be obtained at self clearing permit stations. Please check daily posted maps at self clearing

permit stations showing closed hunting areas for that day.

For more information on areas open to hunt on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs, please call 1-888-718-3029 or 531-5715.

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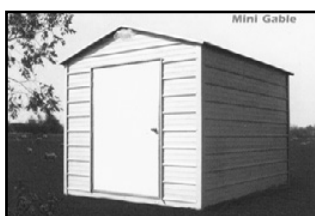
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ON HAND Monday, Nov. 3 for the reopening of the Cameron State Bank Grand Lake Banking Center were these members of the Grand Lake staff: (from left) Shelly Granger, Anne Gaspard, Heather Reeves, Sonja Howard, and Greg Wicke, manager.



JOHNSON BAYOU School's Peyton Dodge and Hackberry's Abbie Delcambre stand next to the Veterans Poster in the school's lobby. Students dressed in red, white, and blue in honor of the nation's veterans.

Validation set for 4-H FHA animals

4-H and FFA members who will be exhibiting market hogs in the upcoming spring livestock shows must have their animals validated on Friday, Dec. 5. Cameron Parish will host two designated validation locations.

Validations will be conducted at the Hackberry High School Ag Department and in Creole at the home of Nicky Rodrigue, located between Sacred Heart Church and South Cameron Memorial Hospital. Both sites will be open from 1-6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5. For more information, contact the Cameron Parish 4-H Office at 905-1318.



MOLLY ALEXANDER, chairman of a year-long 4-H anti-litter project, and Gregoire Theriot, Hackberry High Senior 4-H club leader, display a calendar put together by the Cameron Parish 4-H Junior Leaders Club and the Hackberry 4-H Club. The calendar includes the artwork of 4-H students and carries an anti-litter message for each month. Club members visited each elementary school relating the legal consequences of littering in Cameron Parish. For more information on the calendar call the 4-H office at (337) 905-1318.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



NEW DUCK COUNT

Finally a Pacific front brought about 2 1/2 inches of rain, putting fresh water into our marshes, helping to get the salt water out which helps our marsh and our ducks coming down. We got the Canadian cold front dropping temperatures into the low 30s and bringing in a few new ducks.

Hunters who I talked to in the Grand Lake/Sweetlake area say duck hunting is slow. There is quite a few snow and blue geese in the area and several hundred specklebelly that are visible from the highway. There were reports of specs killed in the Prairie Marsh of Grand Chenier. It seems the closer to the coast, duck hunting is better, from Johnson Bayou through Pecan Island.

The northern part of the Burns is better as ducks leave the northern rice fields in the early morning headed south to the marshes and to the beaches to eat sand and clean their gizzards.

We have been killing our limits by 7:30 a.m., but some mornings we have to stay longer to limit out. We all call this the late flights. I find the late flying ducks decoy easier.

DUCK COUNT

The November duck count across the state was better than September, (twice as much), 958,000 from 486,000. The 958,000 count is 40% lower than last November's estimate of 1.6 million, less than half of the 30 year average (2.1 million), and is the lowest November estimate since the survey began in 1969. The four lowest counts occurred in the last six years.

Compared to November 2007, there were fewer of all species except green-winged teal (212,000 vs. 163,000), and about the same number of mallards. All species except shovelers were below their long-term November averages. Blue-winged teal (113,000 vs. 455,000), gadwall (320,000 vs. 498,000) and pintails (88,000 vs. 198,000), showed the biggest differences from last

November's estimates.

Nearly 80% of total ducks in coastal Louisiana were in the southwest, with large concentrations on the east side of the Rockefeller Refuge, portions of Sabine and Lacassine National Wildlife Refuges and flooded farm fields northwest of Lacassine. The 684,000 ducks in southwest Louisiana are only half of the 1.38 million seen in 2007. Southeast Louisiana and Catahoula Lake same as 2007, there were 142,000 ducks and 98,000 geese (65% specs, 35% snow geese) in northwest Louisiana, higher than last year's and also higher than 2004-05. Shovelers and pintails, gadwall, green and blue wing teal also in the Grand Coteau area. Red River and Toledo Bend area 14,000 ducks counted.

Generally we see fewer ducks during November surveys in recent years, there are three factors contributed to this year's low estimate. We've had warm temperatures, plus states to our north reported a delay in migration, not enough cold fronts, very little rainfall since September hurricanes. Much of the flooded areas have either dried up or been used for agriculture purposes. Impacts of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike have been substantial. Storm surges,

Vitter tells \$40 million for fisheries

U. S. Sen. David Vitter announced the award of \$40 million in disaster funding to help Louisiana's fishing industry recover from the impact of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

"The recent hurricanes that struck Louisiana this past September had a devastating impact on a segment of our economy that was still recovering from Hurricanes Rita and Katrina," said Vitter. "These fisheries are of great importance to Louisiana, and the rest of the country and we cannot forget the important role that they play in our state and local economies."

Funds will be awarded to Louisiana by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for projects that will assess damage and help restore fishery operations throughout the state, with a special emphasis on wetlands and other natural habitats.

Landrieu announces aid for fisheries damages

United States Senator Mary Landrieu, D-La., announced that Louisiana will receive \$40 million in disaster assistance for fisheries devastated by recent storms. This money comes from \$75 million that was a part of the Continuing Resolution, which was signed into law in September.

"This year's hurricanes were truly statewide disasters, and their devastation stretched from Louisiana's agricultural North to our southern coast in the Gulf," Sen. Landrieu said. "Our fishing industry - which is the largest seafood producer in the lower 48 states - is critical to the nation's economy, and desperately requires this federal assistance to clear debris from our waterways and make repairs to damaged docks, icehouses

and other infrastructure. I am pleased to see that Louisiana is getting its share of this important disaster recovery money and hope it will help get our shrimpers and fisherman back up and running again."

This funding will be available through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and each state receiving disaster recovery funds will submit a spending plan that NOAA will approve. Under this announcement, Texas will also be eligible for up to \$7 million.

According to NOAA, these funds should be used for "projects that assess the economic and social effects of the commercial fishery failure, restore the fishery, or prevent a similar failure in the future."

high salinity flood waters in our coastal marshes haven't helped; less vegetation, a primary food source for migrating and wintering waterfowl was washed away or killed by salt water.

In places we have broken levees and water control

structures, but again we have plugged up marshes where our saltwater stayed and couldn't get out and in East Creole, water is still trapped. This will not keep our ducks in the area marshes.

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THESE WERE the costume winners at the Halloween dance held Oct. 18 at Grand Lake High School. From left: Best Overall costume - Callie Brevelle, as Dorothy; first runner-up - Regan LeJeune, as Sarah Palin; Most Original - Alyssa Walker, pirate; Scariest - David Guidry, as Scream; and Funniest - Josh Fitkin, riding an ostrich.



THESE WERE some of the children who dressed in costumes for the Halloween costume contest held at the Hackberry Recreation Center.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot, Oct. 30, 1975. MERMENTAU PLAN IS APPROVED

A decision by the New Orleans District Engineer recommending Federal assumption of maintenance on the Mermentau River, Gulf of Mexico Navigation Channel in Cameron Parish has been concurred in by the Lower Mississippi Valley Division Engineer in Vicksburg, Miss.

The total estimated Federal first cost in \$205,000; the total non-Federal first cost is \$24,000. The annual charge for maintenance is \$99,000; the average annual benefits are \$714,000.

Dredged material removed during maintenance periods would be deposited in existing dredged disposal areas parallel to the channel's land cut, in the

open waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and in lower Mud Lake to create approximately 525 acres of new saline marsh over the 50-year project life.

SEVERAL AREAS TO GET GAS

A number of communities in lower Cameron Parish may secure natural gas service in the future as the results of an agreement worked out between the Cameron Police Jury a pipeline company and a gas distribution company.

The Louisiana Resources Co. of Tulsa, Okla. recently applied for a permit to lay a intrastate natural gas pipeline across the lower part of the parish from Johnson Bayou north of the Grand Chenier area to the Cow Island area of Vermilion Parish.

The police jury asked if it

would be possible for the company to put some taps on the line so that gas could be furnished several communities of the parish presently without gas.

At a meeting with the jury Monday in Cameron, the company agreed to this proposal and said taps would be put at the Johnson Bayou school, Constance Beach, Holly Beach, Oak Grove, Grand Chenier (north of the Mermentau River) and three additional taps to be selected by the jury in the future.

CINDY SHOWS CHAMP

Cindy Nunez exhibited the Grand Champion lamb at the Louisiana State Fair last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nunez of Hackberry and is a member of the Hackberry Senior 4-H Club.

The Cameron Parish 4-H Club group composed of Jimmy Sanner, Sharon Nunez, Cindy Nunez, Todd Montie, Patrick Doland, Kathy Penny, Joni Gray and Kevin Jouett placed first in group competition.

In addition, four of the top lambs selected to represent Louisiana in Chicago the latter part of next month were Cameron Parish 4-H members. They are: Todd Montie, Joni Gray, Kathy Penny and Cindy Nunez.

FURS NAMED VETERANS OFFICER

Jerry W. Furs of Cameron has been named as the Cameron Parish Veterans Service Officer effective Oct. 15, it was announced by Percy A. Lemoine, Director of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs and Roland J. Troclair, Jr., Cameron Parish Police Jury President.

Furs replaces Deil Lalande, who held the position for a number of years. Lalande recently resigned to run for public office.

A native of Cameron, Furs graduated from South Cameron High School and attended McNeese. He has been engaged in offshore oil work. He also has a band and has made several records. Furs served two years in the Army and was in Vietnam for a year.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME WINNERS

The First Baptist Church of Grand Chenier held a Halloween Party at the church Monday evening. Games were played and a costume contest held.

Winners of the costume contest were: prettiest, Mrs. Venice Nash; ugliest, Mr. Julian Arrant and Ken Nunez; corniest, Mrs. Berry

Tips to raise awareness of what you eat

Here are a few suggestions to make you more mindful of your eating habits:

- Reduce. Put 20 percent less food than you think you want on your plate. To make up the difference, add 20 percent more fruits and vegetables.
- Relocate. Move all eating to the dining room or kitchen table. You're less likely to eat mindlessly at the table than in front of the TV or at the kitchen counter.
- Repackage. When you

buy jumbo-sized boxes of

food at a warehouse club, break them up into single servings in small Ziploc

bags. To create your own healthy eating profile, visit www.mindlesseating.org.

— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will again hold its meetings in the courtroom of the Cameron Courthouse.

RUN: Nov. 20 (N-30)

— JOB OPENING —

Cameron Parish Police Jury will accept job applications until 1:30 p.m., Friday, November 21, 2008 for a part-time Animal Control Officer.

Cameron Parish Police Jury does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin, or political or religious opinions.

RUN: Nov. 13 & 20 (N-6)

2009 COMMISSIONERS-IN-CHARGE COURSE OF INSTRUCTIONS

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, November 20, 2008 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 (2) elections in the previous 4 years. Applicants are invited to apply in person, by phone at (337) 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, November 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

The 2009 Commissioners-in-Charge for Cameron Parish will be selected at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 5, 2008; 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, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.

RUN: Nov. 13 & 20 (N-17)

TARGA MIDSTREAM SERVICES, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND TARGA NGL PIPELINE COMPANY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Parishes in Southwest Louisiana
Acadia, Calcasieu, Cameron & Jefferson Davis

PIPELINE SAFETY

Targa Midstream Services Limited Partnership ("Targa"), is the operator of pipelines that transport Gas/Natural Gas Liquids/Highly Volatile Liquids (HVL's) and/or liquid products in the states of Louisiana and Texas.

For your personal protection, and for the protection of our pipelines to ensure continuous operation, please follow these safety procedures.

EXCAVATION: Contact Targa 48 hours prior to any excavation, construction or similar activity occurring in or near the area of Targa's pipelines. Line markers and signs generally mark the approximate location of Targa's pipelines. However, technicians are available to locate and mark exact locations and help work activities to ensure public safety, minimize impacts and mitigate interference to service. Targa's pipeline location service is free of charge.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED ON AERIAL MARKERS & SIGNS.

FOR PIPELINE LOCATION AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL
1-800-4TEXLOU / 1-800-483-9583 (24 Hours)
(337) 762-4833 (Day Only)

EMERGENCIES: If you hear pressure escaping, or see a vapor cloud or fire at or near, any Targa pipeline:

- Do not enter or pass through the product vapor cloud
- Evacuate the area immediately. Do not attempt to correct the problem
- Notify local law enforcement agencies, the fire department and Targa
- Do not return to the area, and help keep others from the area

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1-800-272-3020

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TARGA

CONTACT US AT:
Targa Midstream Services LP
1399 Davison Road
Sulphur, LA 70663
(337) 583-4682



Cameron LNG LLC

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Cameron LNG is a liquefied natural gas (LNG) receipt terminal in construction just north of the community of Hackberry in Cameron Parish. This facility will have the capacity to process 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day and will begin commercial operations in mid 2009. We are currently staffing for the following position:

Multi-Skilled Electrician

Responsible for performing electrical and minor instrument maintenance, troubleshooting, installation, preventive maintenance and repair of electrical systems.

Qualifications

High school diploma and technical degree in electrical, instrumentation or related field required. LNG, industrial or petrochemical experience is preferred.

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Just follow this simple two-step process:

- 1) Go to www.laworks.net & click on "search for jobs" for detailed description
- 2) Apply online at www.sempra.com/careers

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

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Classifieds

REAL ESTATE

CENTURY21 BESSETTE
Realty, Inc., Office: 337-474-2185, Grace Robideaux, Realtor: 496-1611

•842 W FRIESEN Rd: Mobile homes welcome!! 1.12 acres with mechanical system and well in place, needing to be re-done due to hurricane Rita. 11 ft elevation required. Already 5 ft above with 3 ft house pad. Received Road Home elevation money with 2 yrs remaining occupancy required. Call C21 Bessette 474-2185 and ask for Grace (496-1611) for more details.

•NEW! 6 month old 18 X 80 Cavalier mobile home on 1 acre in Grand Lake. 85 loads of dirt for the foundation. No hurricane damage to this one. \$93,500

•HEBERT CAMP Road lots: Tract 3&4 \$25,500, Tract 1 \$22,500

REDUCED!!! 25 + acres in Big Lake. Approx 233' on lake & 3/2 doublewide for \$225,000 or front 3 acres & home for \$150,000.00. No water inside for hurricane. 2/13/08.

HIGH AND DRY: 27.5 Acres, 2125 Graybow Road, Deridder. \$174,900. 337-274-3321.11/5 - 11/27p.

GRAND LAKE -118 Brian Circle. 5 yr. old 3 bedroom/ 2 1/2 bath, 1655 living, fireplace, custom cabinets, built-ins. All appliances, restricted subdivision. No damage from Rita or Ike. Not in flood zone. \$169,500. Ph. 598-5179. 11/12 - 12/3p.

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

REAL ESTATE

CENTURY21 MIKE D
Bono & Co.'s, 4410 Nelson Rd., Lake Charles, La. 70605, (337) 478-1578. Darrell Carriere, Agent, Phone: (337) 802-8251.

•ONE ACRE, home, 2/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, \$161,500.

•SOUTH LAKE Charles/Vacant acre, ready to build, next to home in south Lake Charles, \$40,000.

•IOWA, LA - 3 bedroom, 1 bath large home, fenced in large yard, \$106,000.

•SE LAKE Charles/Iowa, La. - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath large home on one acre, \$179,500. Much more! Must see!

•S LAKE Charles - 3 bedroom, 2 bath large home, 1 1/2 years old, some inside completion needed. Seller will offer stipends for completion. Make offer, \$205,700.

•LAKE CHARLES - Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath town home; many amenities, must see. All appliances remain. Prien Pare area, \$158,500.

LAKE CHARLES - Completely updated home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new appliances, Oak Park area. New Price, \$114,500.

LAKE CHARLES - Near I-210, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large fenced yard and more, \$74,500.

•LAKE CHARLES/IOWA Area - Large double wide mobile home, 1/2 acre, only 4 years old, great back yard, much more to see, \$102,500.

•WESTLAKE: Excellent location, 2 bath, 4 bedroom home, 1 1/2 stories. Anxious seller, make offer, \$102,500.

FOR SALE By Owner in DeQuincy: 212 Coffee St., three bedroom, 3 bath. Apartment, pool. Reduced to \$160,000. Call 764-6716. 11/5 - 11/29

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: 1626 Enterprise Blvd., Lake Charles - 4BR/3BA large home 3000SF with lots of storage and nice guest quarters, great courtyard, fireplace, never flooded, \$164,900 Reinauer Real Estate 310-6352, Mel Cole 855-3991. 10/30 - 11/19p

LOOKING TO retreat/relocate? Nice 3 B/R brick home near Dry Creek. Features large Family rm, central a/h, carport. All on 5 acres, near East Beauregard Sch. For more info. call Lynn or Russell at Wingate Real Estate, 337-462-0331. 11/5 & 11/20mc

FOR SALE

METAL OUTLET Metal Roofing ~ Carports ~ Metal Buildings ~ Patio Cover Kits ~ C's & Z's ~ Custom Trim ~ RV & Equipment Covers ~ Metal Doors ~ Windows. 337-625-2778. 2241 E. Napoleon, Sulphur. Open Mon.-Fri. 7 am-5 pm, Sat. 7 am-12 noon. ttc.

FOR SALE: Mobile home, 2004 16x80 Signature SH/127. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with secret room, front and back porch. Ready to be moved. Asking \$31,000. Call (337) 598-5190 or 802-5528. 10/22 - 11/19p.

FOR SALE: '06 White cargo trailer, 16 ft x 6 1/2 ft. Side door, back ramp door, 2 axles, \$3800. Call (337) 304-8756 or (337) 802-9700. 10/30 - 11/29p.

FOR SALE: Bassett armoire and 2 matching night stands, cherry wood. Excellent condition. Asking \$200. Call 598-5945. If no answer, leave message. 11/20 - 11/28p.

FOR SALE: Grand Lake - Mobile home, 1994 14 x 52 Legend. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, all appliances, some furniture. \$13,000. Call (337) 513-9103. 11/20p.

ATTRACT ATTENTION: Need promotional items for trade shows, festivals, fairs, school events, etc. Call us, we can help! Rely on Wise Ideas Printing & Promotions to help you develop a customized program for your next event. Check out our website: www.bestwiseideas.com. Call Jeffra Wise DeViney for competitive quotes & sales catalogs. Phone: 912-5063.

NOTICE

WISE IDEAS Printing & Promotions, your key to making your small business look like Big Business!! With business cards, postcards, presentation folders, media kits, print advertisements, flyers, promotional products, Signage and more we can personalize a marketing plan for you. Give Jeffra DeViney, sales consultant a call, 912.5063. Check out our website: www.bestwiseideas.com. We accept most major credit cards. 6/18

RENTAL SPACES

NOW OPEN: Kenny's RV Park. Daily, weekly and monthly rates available. 1577 W. Fourth St., next to Kenny's Katfish Depot in DeQuincy, La.. Kenny Davis, Owner. Phone: (337) 786-5562. 10/1 - ttc.

NOTICE

DO YOU need your mobile home: Moved, re-leveled or re-blocked. Call D & D Transporters, Inc. Phone: (337) 439-4994. An accredited business with the BBB and proud to be a member of the LMHA. 11/20 - 12/1p

Dec. 1 is deadline for fishermen

Fishermen who were affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita have until Monday, Dec. 1, to submit their application for the Federal Economic Assistance program the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) announced today.

"Those fishermen, vessel license holders, seafood dealers and charter boat fishing guides who are eligible for the federal economic assistance program and have yet to send in their applications should do so right away," said LDWF Secretary Robert Barham. "We want to make sure all eligible participants apply so as not to lose out on funding that is critical to the recovery of the fishing industry."

Since LDWF announced the extension of the program in late October, 43 additional participants have been able to submit their applications for assistance. So far LDWF has paid out \$21 million to over 4,400 applicants since the application process began in May.

LDWF sent out 9,000 information packets in May to those participants who were determined pre-qualified for the program. This week LDWF will mail out final reminders to eligible participants who have yet to submit their applications for the federal economic assistance program.

Those who think they may be eligible and have not received an information packet may contact South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) at 1-800-630-3791 or 985-655-1051 (local) or mailing SCPDC at P. O. Box 1240, Gray, LA 70359-9902 or visiting the SCPDC Web site at www.scpdc.org/fisheriesassistance. SCPDC and affiliated planning districts are receiving and processing all information about this assistance program.

LDWF officials stress that this is a deadline to apply, not the deadline of the entire program. Fishermen, vessel license holders, seafood dealers and charter boat fishing guides who have already applied for the program may contact SCPDC to check on the status of their applications.

It is estimated that the total infrastructure and economic loss from hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 and hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008 totaled over \$750 million. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was charged with the coordination and distribution of federal recovery funds.

For more information, contact Laura Deslatte, La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, ph. 225-765-2335 or ldeslatte@wlf.louisiana.gov.

When tea is designated "orange pekoe," the name refers to the size of the leaves rather than the flavor. Orange pekoe are the largest leaves.

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November 23
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Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 8, 2008 in the Police Jury Administrative Office of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 3560 W. Creole Highway, Cameron, LA 70631 for the purchase of office furniture, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Police Jury Administrative Office by calling (337) 775-5718.

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER
SECRETARY
RUN: Nov. 20 & 27 (N 31)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project shall be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until Monday, December 15, 2008 until 11:00 AM at the South Cameron Memorial Hospital 5360 W Creole Hwy, Creole, LA 70632 (337-775-5718).

Project Number: 2008-25
Post IKE RESTORATION OF THE CAMERON HEALTH UNIT

The rules and regulations for the state licensing board will apply. The project is being classified as:

I. Building Construction

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

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

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

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Full information and proposal forms are available upon a nonrefundable deposit of \$50.00 per set at the office of the engineer 337-905-1079.

Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc.
2746 Highway 384
Bell City, LA 70630

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive any formality.

Cameron Parish Police Jury
/s/ Magnus McGee,
President
RUN: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 (N 32)

A ton of new \$20 bills would be worth about \$19.6 million.

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF JOHNSON BAYOU

Any person or persons having a claim against WesternGeco arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, or materials in the performance of seismic operations conducted in the Gulf of Mexico over the last 18 months is asked to report their claim to the Cameron Parish Police Jury office prior to December 19, 2008.

RUN: Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4 (N-28)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive bids until the hour of 12:00 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2008, to the Cameron Parish School Board Administrative Office, for purchase with the option to lease, of temporary/portable refrigeration and freezer units to be used at Johnson Bayou High School, Johnson Bayou, temporary facility for a period of 36 months. Bid purchase and lease prices should include delivery and set-up price, as well as a removal fee.

Delivery date for units to be received is December 22, 2008. Detailed specification for each unit shall be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607.

All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time sent to the above address. Bids to be sent to the Attention of Selena Cisneros, Project Manager.

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

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Stephanie Rodrigue,
Superintendent

RUN: Nov. 13, 20, 27 (N 12)

Public Notice

from the
Cameron Parish Assessor's Office
All Pre-Rita
and
Pre-Ike
Homeowners

If your house was destroyed by one of the above hurricanes, your form and house photos may still be on file. We are giving you this opportunity to come by the office to pick them up. Please call first to verify this information is still on file. We will hold the forms and photos only until April 1, 2009.

Due to the cost and large amount of forms still on file, we CANNOT mail them.

If you have a new mailing address or your homestead has changed, please contact this office immediately.

Cameron Assessor's Office
119 Smith Circle ~ Room 24
Cameron, LA 70631
(337) 775-5416 or 775-5663

Dear Local Merchant,
Number 3 Reason why you should increase your advertising. . .

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 20th day of October 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Waste System Improvements pursuant to the certain Contract I between said Cameron Parish Jury and Jan's Construction for a Water Distribution System recorded under File No. 306624, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.
By: Magnus McGee, President
RUN: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Dec. 4 (O 43)

LEGAL NOTICE
This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 20th day of October 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Water System Improvements pursuant to the certain Contract IIA between said Cameron Parish Police Jury and Griner Drilling for a Waterwell Refurbishment recorded under File No. 306625, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums in the absence of any such claims or liens.
By: Magnus McGee, President
RUN: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Dec. 4 (O 44)

LEGAL NOTICE
This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting regular session convened on the 20th day of October 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Water System Improvements pursuant to the certain Contract IIB between said Cameron Parish Police Jury and TREK, Inc. for a Ground Storage Tank recorded under File No. 306626, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc. in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.
By: Magnus McGee, President
RUN: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4 (O 45)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on **Thursday, November 20, 2008 until 2:00 PM** at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 122A Recreation Ln., Cameron, LA (337-775-5719)
Project Number: 2008-12
PARISH WIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE I

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

II Highway, Street, and Bridge Design

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

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

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Full information and proposals forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00

per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informality.

Cameron Parish Police Jury
/s/ Magnus McGee, President
RUN: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Application for Authorization For Limited Amendment to Export Foreign Sourced LNG at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal

On October 21, 2008, Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. ("Sabine Pass") filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act seeking authorization to add export functionality to the Sabine Pass facility so that the facility may be used to export, as well as import, foreign sourced LNG. The addition of the export functionality is intended to enhance commercial flexibility for customers of the Sabine Pass project as well as enable Sabine Pass to maintain more efficient operations.

The proposed export functionality will be implemented at the existing Sabine Pass facility located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana and will involve modifying up to four existing valves and certain operational procedures. There will be no impacts to land or water resources or to the Sabine-Neches Waterway as a result of the proposed modifications to the terminal.

Each application filed with FERC receives a Docket Number for reference purposes. The Sabine Pass application has been assigned Docket Nos. CP04-47-001 and CP05-396-001. If you would like, you may review this application, which is available to you: (1) at the FERC, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20426, (2) on the FERC website at <http://ferc.gov> using the "e-Library" link (for assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659; (3) by calling us at (800) 690-1361 or writing to us at Sabine Pass LNG, L.P., 700 Milam Street, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77002, and requesting a copy, and (4) at the Cameron Parish Library located at 498 Marshall Street, Cameron, LA 70631.

If you have any questions regarding Sabine Pass or its proposal to add export functionality to the Sabine Pass project, please call Patricia Outtrim at (713) 375-5000 or toll free at (877) 375-5001.
RUN: Nov. 13 & 20 (N 7)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control August 18, 2008

President, Cyndi Sellers called the Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control meeting to order on Monday, August 18, 2008 at the Grand Lake Library at 3:00 P.M. The following members were: Wanita Harrison, John Calzada, Gail Delcambre, Dinah Billings and Cyndi Sellers. Absent were: Kenny Trahan, and Magnus McGee, Police Jury ex-officio member.

Dinah Billings led the prayer and Gail Delcambre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Billings and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the July 21, 2008 minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the financial report as presented.

On the motion of Mrs. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to amend and add to the agenda Unattended Child and Interactive Game Policy.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Billings and carried the board unanimously voted to accept option two (2) of the Cheniere Bond Plan for \$590,000.00.

On the motion of Mrs. Delcambre, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the unattended child and Interactive Game Policy.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to increase full time employees \$1.25/hour, part-time employees \$1.00/hour and Solinet full time employees \$0.50/hour for cost of living expenses.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the parish travel policy for all library employees.

On the motion of Mrs. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to replace Microfilm lost in Hurricane Rita from LSU.

On the motion of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Mr. Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to allow any board member to sign bills if President is unavailable.

Mrs. Sellers appointed the following members to a salary committee; Mr. Calzada, Mrs. Delcambre, and Mrs. Sellers.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Calzada and seconded by Mrs. Billings the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/ Cyndi Sellers
Cyndi Sellers,
Board President

ATTEST:
Charlotte Troclair, Secretary
RUN: Nov. 20 (N 19)

PROCEEDINGS
Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control August 22, 2008 Special Meeting

President, Cyndi Sellers called the Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control meeting to order on Friday, August 22, 2008 at the Grand Lake Library at 10:00 A.M. The following members were present: John Calzada, Gail Delcambre, Dinah Billings and Cyndi Sellers. Absent were: Kenny Trahan, Wanita Harrison and Magnus McGee, Police Jury ex-officio member.

Dinah Billings led the prayer and John Calzada led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Eugene Sellers, Jr. reviewed the Grand Chenier Library site plans with the option to bid the parking and a book lift as an alternate.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to recommend to the Cameron Parish Police Jury to hire the lowest bid of Daniel J. Holder for a Geotechnical Engineer.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Billings and carried the board unanimously voted to proceed with archaeological and environmental surveys on all sites as necessary.

Marshall Sellers, representing the Sellers Group, presented a review of the Johnson Bayou Library site. He further presented three scenarios for the proposed new Johnson Bayou Library.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the Clerestory Schematic Perspective for the design for the new Johnson Bayou Library.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Billings and seconded by Mrs. Calzada the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/ Cyndi Sellers
Cyndi Sellers,
Board President

ATTEST:

Charlotte Troclair,
Secretary
RUN: Nov. 20 (N 20)

PROCEEDINGS

A regular monthly meeting of the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at the waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were: Mr. Alton Schexnider, Mr. Donald Broussard, Mr. Richard Erickson, Mr. Darrell Duhon, and Mr. Anthony Hicks. Members absent: None. Guest: None. Employees present were: Mr. Kelly Cloud, Mr. Glenn Welch, and Mrs. Marilyn LaBauve.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Schexnider.

Mr. Broussard moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mr. Hicks brought up meters for the community, Mr. Duhon moved to table this, Mr. Erickson seconded, and it was carried.

Mr. Erickson moved to pay the bills, Mr. Hicks seconded, and it carried.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Broussard seconded, and it carried to repair the flush valve by Mr. Donald Gray's.

Mr. Cloud gave an update on the projects that are ongoing.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Erickson seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Alton Schexnider, President
Richard Erickson
Sec/Treasurer
RUN: Nov. 20 (N 21)

PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held on Wednesday, October 08, 2008 at the Waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana at 5:00 P.M.

Members present: Mr. Alton Schexnider, Mr. Donald Broussard, Mr. Richard Erickson, Mr. Darrell Duhon, and Mr. Anthony Hicks. Members absent: None. Guest: Mr. John Lowery. Employees present: Mr. Kelly Cloud, Mr. Glenn Welch, and Mrs. Carrie Hewitt.

Mr. Schexnider opened the meeting.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Hicks seconded, and it carried to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Cloud informed the Board that the water was okay to drink. DHH sent the results to OEP.

Mr. Cloud gave updates on the project at Well Site #2 and #3.

Mr. Broussard moved, Mr. Erickson seconded and carried to pay all the bills.

Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Duhon seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Alton Schexnider, President
Richard Erickson
Sec/Treasurer
RUN: Nov. 20 (N 22)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will receive sealed bids until 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 15, 2008, at the office of Mosquito Control in Sweetlake, Louisiana, and for chemicals and fuels.

All Bids must be submitted on bid forms; Bid forms and Bid Specifications may be obtained from the Mosquito Control office at 146 Theriot Road, Sweetlake, Louisiana.

Bids should be mailed or delivered to Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1, 146 Theriot Road, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, and be marked "BID FORM ENCLOSED" on the outside of the envelope.

If you have any questions please call 337-905-5941. Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

Mosquito Abatement District No. 1
Julian S. Robichaux, Director
RUN: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4 & 11 (N 23)

PROCEEDINGS

Parish of Cameron October 13, 2008

The Cameron Parish School Board met at its regular meeting on this date, members in attendance are: R. Scott Nunez, Loston McEvers, Dot Theriot, Marsha Trahan, Dwayne Sanner and Karen Nunez; absent was Marvin Trahan.

The prayer and the pledge were led by Father Joseph McGrath and Tracy Lannin.

On the motion of Mr. McEvers, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board approved the agenda with addendum.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board approved the minutes as printed from the September 8, 2008 regular board meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Trahan Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board approved the following Financial Issues:

Received the Financial Statement and reports of Current Investments - Mrs. Smythe

Authorized payment of the bills - Ms. Lannin

Receive monthly update on FEMA issues, with overall payments of \$5,755,140.29 to date, per spread sheet, with \$16,578.08 in ready to pay and \$4,020,639.84 in request for funds submitted to be paid - Superintendent

On the motion of Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved \$425,950.86 in interest earnings on 16th section funds to be divided equally among Cameron Parish School Board's 319 full-time and 4 part-time employees as of October 1, 2008, at approximately \$1300 gross pay, and prorated for those who are part-time employees, as well as for any employees working for Cameron Parish School Board for 30 days or less, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mr. McEvers, the Board received the acknowledgment of \$1000 one time supplement per 120 full-time and 3 part-time support personnel, prorated for part-time permanent support personnel, as ordered and funded by the Louisiana Legislature, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board received updates from Hammonds and Sills Law Firm in reference to Select Acts of the 2008 Louisiana Legislative Session, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mrs. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board received an acknowledgment of the FEMA declarations of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike as a disaster for Cameron Parish under categories A (Debris Removal) and B (Emergency Protective Measures) at 100% in Category B for a limited number of days, yet to be announced, with categories C through G declared at 25% cost shares, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mr. McEvers, the Board received copies of advertisements in reference to information and declaration following Hurricane Ike:

Initial Plans and Information for Cameron Parish Families -- September 16, 2008

Emergency Declaration Issued for Cameron Parish School Board -- September 17, 2008

Updated Information for Cameron Parish School Families -- September 18, 2008

Letter to Employees -- September 24, 2008

Cameron Parish School Board Updates -- September 25, 2008

Advertisement for Architectural & Engineering Services - Temporary Facilities -- September 25, 2008

Advertisement for Architectural & Engineering Services - Hackberry High School -- September 25, 2008

Advertisement for Architectural & Engineering Services - Johnson Bayou High School -- September 25, 2008

Advertisement for Architectural & Engineering Services - South Cameron High School -- September 25, 2008

Job Opening - Request for Qualifications for Manager of FEMA Construction and Other Projects -- September 25, 2008

Bid for Portable Buildings for Johnson Bayou and South Cameron High Schools -- September 25, 2008

Cameron Parish School Board Updates -- October 2, 2008

Reopening Announcement -- October 9, 2008

On the motion of Mr. McEvers, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approving Superintendent's recommendations on the following firms to handle projects noted:

James L. Hoffpauir, AIA with Hoffpauir Architects, LLC - Project Management Firm funded through FEMA and General Fund, as dictated by scope of work on individual projects;

Vincent and Shows - Repairs, renovations and/or replacement of South Cameron High School Gymnasium Building;

Randall D. Broussard, Architects, LLC - Johnson Bayou New Construction and Temporary Campus; Hackberry High School New Construction, Renovations and Repairs; South Cameron High School Alternate Site in Lake Charles; Temporary Campus in Creole, LA;

On the motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded Mrs. Trahan, the Board approved advertising for Request for Qualifications for architect design and bid package for replacement of elevated Cameron Parish School Board Warehouse with Bus Garage Facility at former site of Audrey Memorial School, as previously approved, and with design to align with FEMA Scope of Work for both structures, as presented by the Superintendent.

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On the motion of Mrs. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board requested from FEMA a review of funds to cover gym renovations and expansion at Hackberry High School as an Ike Improved Project with supplemental funding as a Rita Alternate Project; and gym expansion at Grand Lake High School as a Rita Alternate Project and direct Architect Randall Broussard to move forward with designs on both projects and bid packages to reference both or one project, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mr. McEvers, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board acknowledged FEMA's evaluation of the South Cameron High School Gymnasium Building as to percentage of damage in reference to repair versus replacement costs, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Nunez, the Board acknowledged an increase from \$11,717,404.00 to \$14,500,287.00 in Hurricane Rita CDBG funding and approve a resolution authorizing the School Board Superintendent to enter into the required Cooperative Endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery Unit to secure community development block grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds: to utilize the State's Administrative Consultant, Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC, to administer the program on behalf of the school district; and, to authorize the Superintendent to sign any and all documents required in the submission of the required application and subsequent administration of the program, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mrs. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Trahan, the Board approved to advertise for bids or utilize state contract to purchase the following additions to the Cameron Parish School Board maintenance fleet with funding to be applied to Cameron Parish School Board allotment of Hurricane Rita CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds:

One (1) diesel delivery truck utilizing current truck as trade-in and developing specs to include current lift gate;

One (1) 16' utility trailer retrofitted to house a freezer compartment for the delivery of Child Nutrition foods;

Two (2) 3/4 ton diesel pick-up trucks with tool beds (vans to remain in the fleet to use for excess deliveries, school events, and evacuations).

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board received updates on current projects from Hoffpauir Architects, LLC, Cameron Parish School Board's Project Management Firm, presented by James Hoffpauir, Architect and Selena Cisneros, Engineer.

On the motion of Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved waiving school uniform requirement until replacements can be purchased and only for those students who truly lost their uniforms to Hurricane Ike with parents of those students required to contact the School Principal, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mr. McEvers, seconded by Mrs. Trahan, the Board authorized the Superintendent to complete and sign all documents relevant to purchase of Johnson Bayou High School which are near finalization, as per recommendation of District Attorney Cecil Sanner and presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board approved the quotes on buildings for purchase, with the option to lease, of portable classrooms, restrooms, kitchen and cafeteria at Johnson Bayou and South Cameron High Schools for the 2009-2011 school sessions, bid as one project and as separate projects as presented by the Selena Cisneros, Engineer.

BIDDER, AMOUNT (*denotes low bidder)

M Space, \$3,427,784.00 (24 month lease South Cameron High School); \$2,173,863.00 (purchase Johnson Bayou High School); *\$5,601,647.00 TOTAL

Williams Scotsman, \$4,058,888.00 (South Cameron High School); \$2,539,626.00 (Johnson Bayou High School); \$6,598,514.00 SUB-TOTAL; \$1,121,747.38 (Finance Charges not included in Bid) \$7,720,261.38 TOTAL.

Comark, Bid withdrawn due to their notation of problem with authorization of Surety Bond

On the motion of Mr. McEvers, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board acknowledged the Joint Services Agreement with Jeff Davis Parish School Board to utilize Jeff Davis Parish School Board maintenance personnel to re-establish school sites with Cameron Parish School Board to reimburse Jeff Davis Parish School Board for daily wages and travel, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Trahan, the Board approved granting permission to Chris Vincent to clean debris out of ditches on Section 16-14-7, located north of the trash dump in Creole, with Mr. Vincent responsible for securing appropriate parish permits and providing copies of those permits to Cameron Parish School Board in hold harmless agreement with input from District Attorney Cecil Sanner, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Nunez, the Board approved revisions to

2008-2009 school calendars to reflect additional school days and extensions to the school days to recover time lost to Hurricane Ike prior to testing while allowing spans of days for contractors to work at all school sites as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mrs. Nunez, seconded by Mr. Nunez, the Board approved the Personnel Report as presented by the Superintendent.

Personnel Recommendations: The following personnel items are recommended by the Superintendent.

/s/ Stephanie D. Rodrigue,
10-13-2008
Stephanie D. Rodrigue,
Superintendent

PERSONNEL REPORT

RESIGNATION
Kathleen Berry Pupil Appraisal Center, School Psychologist, effective October 4, 2008

Leave Without Pay
Nicole Thibodeaux Grand Lake High School, Lunchroom Technician, October 30, 2008 through March 2, 2009

On the motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Nunez, the Board approved to enter into Executive Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE to enter into Executive Session:

YEAS: Mr. Nunez, Mr. McEvers, Mrs. Theriot, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Sanner, and Mrs. Nunez

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Trahan

On the motion of Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved to enter into regular session.

ROLL CALL VOTE to enter into Regular Session and continue legal proceedings against RSUI Indemnity Company:

YEAS: Mr. Nunez, Mr. McEvers, Mrs. Theriot, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Sanner, and Mrs. Nunez

NAY: None
ABSENT: Mr. Trahan

On the motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mrs. Trahan, the Board adjourned the regular school meeting.

APPROVED:

Dwayne Sanner, President
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:

Stephanie D. Rodrigue,
Superintendent
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

RUN: NOV. 20 (N 25)

Minutes of Meeting
Cameron Parish
Drainage District 9
October 20, 2008, 6:00 PM
Hackberry Community Center

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Byron Gibbs: President
Wesley Hardin: Vice President

Veronica Sellers;
Secretary/Treasurer

Members Present: Byron Gibbs, Wesley Hardin, Grant Gremillion, Jared Desormeaux

Member Absent: Paul Constance

Guests: Norris East, Larry Bacque, Jeff Courville

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account:
\$257,842.54
CDs: \$150,000.00

No meeting was held in September due to Hurricane Ike. The Treasurer's Report were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. W. Hardin made a motion to approve the minutes of previous meeting as presented. Grant Gremillion seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS:

1. B. Gibbs said he received a letter from Natural Resources Conservation Service, an organization that gives assistance in debris removal from drainage areas as a result of storms Gustav/Ike. He said, if we qualify, they would pay 75% of the cost to remove the debris. Further discussion was held on the options of the program. B. Gibbs made a motion to the board to sign up for the program. W. Hardin made a motion to accept the motion and J. Desormeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. B. Gibbs said he will meet with Frank Chapman, NRCS Lake Charles Field Office, to discuss the specifics. He said a special meeting will be called November 10 to discuss the options.

3. B. Gibbs stated that there is a home that washed into the Lake Breeze canal. A discussion was held to take one-time sponsorship to remove the debris from the canal.

4. L. Bacque asked about the debris in Kelso Bayou. The board informed Mr. Bacque that FEMA was the one to be contacted.



CLEAN-UP OF THE Cameron Library on Tuesday will make possible the return of the Cameron Bookmobile to the site in the near future. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CAPITAL ONE BANK resumed operation in Cameron on Wednesday. Manager Yvonne Mhire and her staff are happy to be back in Cameron and look forward to seeing all their local customers. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE DARLA K gas station and convenience store has been open for several weeks in Cameron, and is now the center of a mini business district, with Capital One Bank on one side, and Hurricane Cafe and the Library on the other. The Post Office (when it re-opens) and Cameron Cable and Cordage are around the corner. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Cameron's mini-business district

Recovery in lower Cameron threatened by regulations

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

"The only constant is change." "The more things change the more they stay the same." These two tried and true sayings, seemingly at odds with each other, can be applied to Cameron Parish in these times of great change.

The history of Cameron Parish is the story of a people who have continually embraced change but have held to a solid and unchanging core. Over the years change has resulted from the forces of nature, politics, and economics. How the population has responded to these forces and adapted to them, without losing the basics that define their culture, is a story that should be told, for forces are now being brought to bear that could bring about the final demise of this unique people.

The culture at risk is that of the Chenier Plain, that rare geological feature which has shaped the lives of its residents. The first permanent American settlers arrived in the mid-1800s, some reportedly seeking a lifestyle free from the social ills of the growing cities. Land on the Cheniers was fertile, game was plentiful, and the area was isolated by rivers, bayous, and thousands of acres of marsh. Early settlers grew or killed most of their own food, and raised cash crops of cotton and oranges to purchase other necessities, which were brought in by boat.

Two successive killing freezes put an end to the citrus industry, and the nation-

wide collapse of the cotton industry took away that option as well. But economic survival was sustained by fur trapping, fishing, alligator and duck hunting.

The Civil War brought an unwelcome disruption to the isolated Cheniers. First soldiers and then carpetbaggers appeared, but left no lasting impact on the quiet chenier lifestyle.

In the early 1900s Cameron was a seaport and resort. The paddlewheeler Borealis Rex brought travelers, mail and supplies twice a week. Folks came to stay at the resort hotel on the coast, enjoying seafood, swimming, and relaxation. Some were sent by their doctors as the salt water and fresh air were thought to have healing properties.

Over the years several hurricanes left their mark on Coastal Cameron Parish. Homes were destroyed and lives were lost, yet most of the people stayed and rebuilt. Some of the older and larger homes were so well-built that they sheltered many neighbors. Johnson Bayou was severely impacted more than once, but, always, enough returned to start again.

Two important discoveries later boosted the economy: oil in Hackberry, and shrimp off Cameron.

The discovery of large quantities of shrimp at Cameron brought boats and processors. In the early days shrimp were dried on large wooden platforms. Workers were brought in to rake the drying shrimp and package them for shipment. The mood was said to be something like a boom town of the gold rush days.

The real gold rush hit in the 1950s when oil drilling on and off shore brought workers and money to the coast. In this decade, roads were finally paved, reliably connecting the coast to the mainland for the first time.

In the beginning, these roads brought improvements.

Businesses proliferated - lumber yards, cafes, dry goods, furniture and electronics stores, even a car dealership.

Cameron was growing, and even the tragedy of Hurricane Audrey couldn't hold it back for long. Hundreds of lives were lost in that terrible storm, and many homes were destroyed, but within five years the towns and countryside were re-built, better than ever.

Some people moved away, but many returned to the place and way of life they had always known. Business continued to be strong through the 1960s and early 1970s, but improved transportation began to have an impact on retail stores as travel to Lake Charles and Sulphur became easier.

During this period, Cameron became the nation's number one fishing port by volume, largely due to the menhaden, or pogy, fishing industry. Shrimping remained strong, with several processing plants in operation.

The oil boom of the 1970s and early '80s caused a housing shortage as workers

flooded into the parish for high paying jobs. Rents and property values were high, traffic was congested in Cameron, and money was being made everywhere.

Then the crash came. Oil prices bottomed out and the boom went bust. At the same time, the shrimping industry began to suffer as fewer shrimp were being taken. Family boats were sold as the younger generation could no longer make a living on the water.

In time, two of the three menhaden plants closed, and eventually only one shrimp processor was left. Again, people began to move away, but many stayed to continue their traditional lifestyles.

Hurricane Rita, 48 years after Hurricane Audrey, caused the greatest disruption in the history of the parish. New federal regulations and state imposed building codes made it very difficult for the population to return to their homes, and many re-located elsewhere. Yet, as always, a significant number did return to take up life as they had always known it.

Shrimpers, cattlemen, and duck hunters were the first to return. The oil and gas industry, now the mainstay of the economy, was in high gear for recovery.

A population shift to the north, which had begun years before, increased dramatically. The formerly small farming communities of Grand Lake and Sweetlake saw a housing boom that threatened to overwhelm community resources as rice fields were converted into subdivisions.

Still, a new normalcy was beginning to emerge when Hurricane Ike, defying all precedents, flooded the entire northern Gulf Coast and most of Cameron Parish on its way to destroying the upper Texas coast.

The fragile recovery in lower Cameron Parish now hangs by a thread. For years now, Cameron Parish has exported seafood, beef, rice, oil and gas - and people. Every family has seen children move away for better jobs, educational opportunities, or a more cosmopolitan lifestyle. Hurricane Rita caused a Diaspora, or dispersal, of residents who were not able to rebuild.

Today, new and more stringent federal regulations threaten to tip the balance and bring an end to the culture that has existed here for over 150 years. Yet, who knows what the next five years will bring?

Once again the oil and gas industry is in full swing, though the world economy may impact it soon. Shrimpers are back with their boats, but housing regulations threaten to force them to leave. Cattle are back in their pastures, and duck season is on again - the boom of shotguns at dawn is like an echo down through the years of our ancestors who came to the coast to live quiet, free lives, taking care of themselves and burdening no one.



Surrender ceremony recalled-- a mirror of election end

EDITOR'S NOTE -- Curt Iles of Dry Creek is the author of a number of inspirational books and is a much sought after dinner speaker. He is the former manager of the Dry Creek Baptist Camp.)

By **CURT ILES**

It's probably more than ironic in referring back to April 1865 after the historic election of Barack Obama as our president.

However, in the weeks since our election, I've daily thought of the long ago events at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia--where our American Civil War ended on the 9th of April that year.

I've visited that site twice. Each time, standing in the living room of the restored McLean House, I've experienced an overwhelming sense of history in the room where Generals Grant and Lee sat down and ended our nation's bloody, four-year war.

Union General U. S. Grant was well known for his tenacity and nickname, "Unconditional Surrender," Grant. However, on this day of victory, he was completely gracious in his dealings with the defeated Southern army.

Equally gracious in defeat was General Robert E. Lee. Everyone present in the room that day commented on

the dignified actions and attitudes of both men.

The next day, the defeated Confederates stacked their arms and turned in their battle flags, while the Union Army (commanded by Grant to show quiet respect) silently watched.

Every man present on that day was deeply moved by the events. Union General Joshua Chamberlain told this anecdotal story:

"As a Confederate soldier folded his battle flag, tearfully laying it on the stacked rifles, he stepped back and pointed to the nearby American flag. Loud enough for all gathered to hear he said, 'Boys, that's my flag now. I'm an American and that's now my flag.'"

As we approach a historic peacetime transfer of power in our beloved United States, the echoes of that soldier's words reverberate in my heart.

"That's my flag--I'm an American."

It's not a political statement, but rather an expression of the heart--the place where all great statements flow from. I'm an American--and that's my flag.

After the ceremonies, the two armies separated. The victors headed north to celebration and praise in our Nation's capital, while the vanquished began the long walk home to their cities and farms.

Healthy food choices will keep diabetes in check

By the **National Diabetes Education Program**

(NAPSA)-If you have a family history of diabetes, or you've been told by a health care professional that you're at risk for type 2 diabetes, you can prevent or delay the onset of the disease by losing 5 to 7 percent of your body weight (10 to 14 pounds if you weigh 200 pounds).

To lose weight safely, make healthy food choices, like eating more fruits and vegetables, and be physically active for 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) recommends easy and inexpensive ways to increase the number of fruits and vegetables you eat as you take small steps to lose weight and lower your diabetes risk:

- Visit an ethnic food store or farmer's market to try a new fruit or vegetable each week.
- Substitute spinach, onions, or mushrooms for one of the eggs or half of the cheese in omelets.
- Buy produce in season and freeze some to use later, or buy frozen, dried, or low-sodium canned vegetables and fruits. Choose fruit without added sugar or syrups and vegetables without added salt, butter, or sauces.
- Add strawberries, peaches, blueberries, or bananas to your waffles, pancakes, cereal, oatmeal, or toast.
- Add broccoli, carrots, zucchini, or eggplant between the layers of your favorite lasagna recipe.
- Combine different fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes, mangos, onions, and peppers with lime juice and cilantro to make salsa.
- Try steaming your vegetables or using low-salt spices and lemon juice to add flavor.
- Choose pineapples, peppers, mushrooms, or toma-

toes as pizza toppings.

- Add lettuce, tomato, onion, and cucumber to sandwiches, wraps, and burritos.

Eating more fruits and vegetables also supplies essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber that may help protect you from chronic diseases. To learn more about how many fruits and vegetables you need daily, use the online calculator at www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov.

For a free copy of NDEP's Your GAME PLAN to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes, which includes a fat and calorie counter and physical activity tracker, plus more diabetes prevention tips, call 1-888-693-NDEP (6337) or visit www.YourDiabetesInfo.org.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Diabetes Education Program is jointly sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with the support of more than 200 partner organizations.

Funeral



BETTY L. NUNEZ

Funeral services for Betty L. Nunez, 71, of Hackberry, will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21, in Robison Funeral Home. Rev. Jason Dunham will officiate. Burial will follow in Hackberry Cemetery under the direction of Robison Funeral Home.

Visitation will begin on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 3-9 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 21, from 8 a.m. until time of service.

Mrs. Nunez died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008 in a Lake Charles Hospital.

Mrs. Nunez was a native of Tulsa and lifelong resident of Hackberry. She graduated from Hackberry High School and worked as a Clerk for Mobil Oil Company.

Betty will be greatly missed by all who knew her, she dedicated her life to taking care of others especially her family, her church, and school. She was a permanent fixture at the school for almost 40 years keeping score for the ball teams.

She was a Bookkeeper/Treasurer for First Baptist Church and Hackberry Cemetery. She taught Sunday School and was a Justice of the Peace.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, J.B. Nunez; her parents, Jim and Estelle Dennis; and two sisters, Shirley Storm and Linda Dennis.

Survivors include three daughters, Mona Murphy and husband Terry, Cindy Duhon and husband Kent, Sharon Sanner and husband Dwayne, all of Hackberry; two brothers, Jim Dennis and wife Sharon of Carlys; Kenny Dennis and wife Pat of Hackberry; 10 grandchildren, T. J. Murphy, Blake Murphy and wife Meagan, Landon Duhon and wife Jessica, Brennan Duhon, Erica Duhon, Jay Sanner, Allyson Sanner, Lesley Sanner, Dean Sanner and Justin Cramberg; and two great-grandchildren, Peyton Delome and Ella Duhon. (Paid Memorial)



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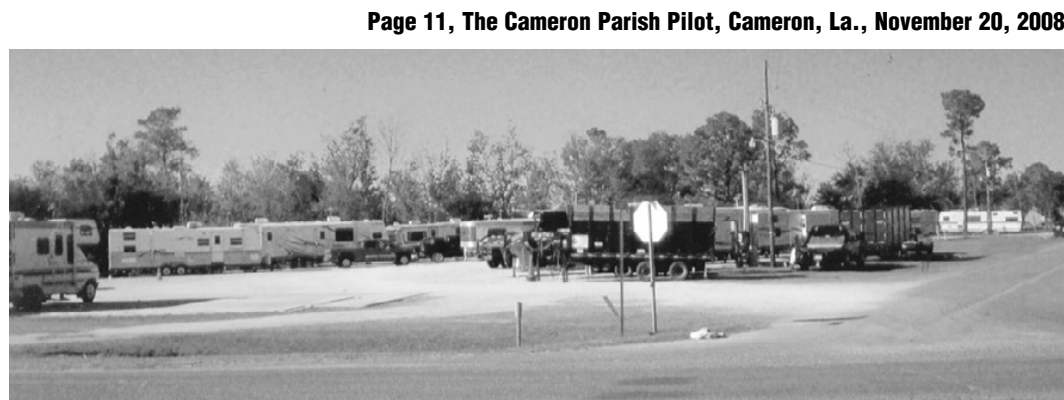
ARMS Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

SPEECH Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

TIME If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 or get to the hospital fast. Brain cells are dying.



A STORM DEBRIS removal crew is shown at work on Lakeview Street in Hackberry. The area was badly damaged by Hurricane Ike. (Photo by Coot McClinnis.)



CONSTRUCTION WORKERS are living in trailers at this trailer park while repairs are being made to homes and businesses in the area. (Photo by Coot McClinnis.)

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot Nov. 20, 1975 ASSESSOR HAS YEAR TO GO YET

Most Cameron Parish candidates elected to office either in the Nov. 1 primary or in the Dec. 13 general election will take office on July 1, 1976, six months from now, but one successful candidate has a whole year to go before he assumes his new duties.

He is Ambrose Savoie, who was elected to succeed Leslie Richard as tax assessor after Richard decided not to seek re-election.

Richard will continue as assessor until Jan. 1, 1977 when Savoie, who is the present deputy assessor, will take over.

Savoie explains that the assessor's term is set up on a

calendar year basis under state law.

"The assessor is responsible for setting the assessments on property at the first of the year," he explained. "It wouldn't work out for one person to set the assessment at the first of the year, and then have his successor come in six months later and not be familiar with the assessments."

In Savoie's case, however, there wouldn't be any problem. He has been serving as Richard's deputy for the past 17 years and knows Cameron Parish's assessments "inside out."

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

William Saltzman was named "Knight of the Year" at the annual awards banquet held Sunday night in the church hall of Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus No. 5461.

Past recipients of the award have been: James L. Derouen, 1964; the late Ray Champagne, 1965; Mar Richard, 1966; Hayes Picou, 1967; Heliare Hebert, 1968; Amos Miller, 1969; B. J. Dronet, 1970; Earl Mouton, 1971; Sam LeBouef, 1972; W. H. Carter, 1973; and Claude Hebert, 1974.

Saltzman is a charter member of the local Knights of Columbus and a past grand knight.

Awards were presented to eight new members; Dr. Cecil W. Clark, Joseph A. Duhon, Kirk Burleigh, Milton V. Theriot, John Stubbins, Terry Dronet, Eddie Benoit, and Bermon Cheramie.

SYRUP MADE AT CHENIER

By ELORA MONTIE

An old fashion syrup making was held last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Swire in Grand Chenier.

The large rollers used to squeeze the juice from the sugar cane belong to the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swire, who used to make syrup in the past. Their sons, Dudley and Durphy Swire, are carrying on the syrup making tradition.

There was one change this year. Instead of using a horse to turn the grinder, the Swires used a tractor.

After the juice was extracted, it was boiled down to syrup in a large fire-heated vat.

Many folks came by to view the grinding. Many of the younger people had never seen it done before.

OFF TO CHICAGO

Twenty-two Louisiana 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America beef and sheep exhibitors have been selected to represent the state at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago Thanksgiving week.

Six of the sheep exhibitors are from Cameron Parish. They are: Cindy Nunez, Kathy Penny and Joni Gray, all of Hackberry; Rebecca Kay Morris and Robert Montie, both of Creole, and Shana Jouett, Cameron.

JAIL HAS 'STAR BOARDERS'

The Cameron Parish jail presently has five "star boarders" who may be around awhile.

They are prisoners who have been sentenced in district court here to terms at the Louisiana State Prison, but due to the "freeze" placed on the transfer of prisoners to Angola, have had to remain here.

A federal judge issued an order six months or so ago stopping the transfer of prisoners to Angola until the crowded conditions there can be corrected.

Sheriff Claude Eagleson said the freeze has not seriously affected Cameron as it has in some place such as Orleans Parish where the parish jail is overflowing. The Cameron jail presently only has about eight or ten prisoners.

The five "frozen" prisoners are serving terms for the following offenses: manslaughter, aggravated battery, theft, negligent homicide, and burglary and theft.

Most are local men and most have been made trustees since they are considered harmless or not apt to try to escape.

The prisoners are an added expense to the sheriff's department as the meals are \$2.50 per prisoner per day, but this has not proven a big problem.

MERMENTAU PROJECT

A public hearing to discuss dredge disposal measures for the navigation project on Mermentau River, Bayous Nezpique and des Cannes, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1975.

The Mermentau River project includes enlargement and realignment of the Mermentau River to provide a 12-foot deep channel beginning at the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, north through Lake Arthur and into Bayous

Nezpique and des Cannes ending at the Interstate 10 Highway crossing.

CAMERON ELEMENTARY FINALISTS

The Cameron Elementary School held its elimination contest for the Little Miss and Mister Cameron Contest. Twelve boys and twelve girls were chosen from the first, second and third grades.

The finalists selected were: Corey Roy, Ronnie Southern, Gabriel Fontenot, Larry Keiser, Chris Morales, John Wilkerson, Corey Seaus, Billy Joe Albarado, Timothy Racca, James Duddlestone, Carlos Frederick, Donavon Monceaux.

Debra Ann Wilson, Marlo Reyes, Jennifer Morales, Robel Venable, Crystal Picou, Natalie Peck, April Lynn Benoit, Vickie Gaspard, Shantelle Lancon, Angel Lee, Daphne Lynn Eakin, Jodi Lea Kelley.

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Chenier Ecology

By KEVIN SAVOIE

Effective May 18, 2009, new rules governing bycatch reduction devices (BRDs) for Gulf of Mexico shrimpers will be enforced. The intent of these changes is to improve bycatch reduction in the Gulf shrimp fishery and better meet the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Act states that a certified BRD must reduce finfish bycatch 30 percent by weight.

The Fisheye BRD must be placed along the top center of the cod end of a shrimp trawl, no further forward than 11 feet from the cod end tie-off rings. The Gulf Fisheye BRD is the same fisheye-type device that may be placed 15 meshes on either side of top center, between 8.5 feet and 12.5 feet from the cod end tie-off rings, thus expanding the allowable placement of the device in the cod end.

These two (overlapping) configurations of the fisheye-type device are also certified for use in the South Atlantic region. New data collected aboard Gulf of Mexico shrimp vessels indicated that a fisheye-type device placed more than 9 feet forward in the cod end of the net does not exclude 30 percent of the finfish by weight.

Therefore, the final rule will decertify the Gulf Fisheye BRD as it is designated in the regulations, and will restrict the allowable placement of the Fisheye

BRD to no farther forward than 9 feet from the tie-off rings.

The study also found the effectiveness of the Expanded Mesh BRD has decreased. Recent tests of the Expanded Mesh BRD in the Gulf of Mexico indicate it is only achieving about a 17 percent reduction in the weight of total finfish bycatch. The final rule also decertifies the Expanded Mesh BRD in the Gulf of Mexico. Illustrations of the various BRD designs and installation instructions for some of the BRDs can be found at <http://sero-nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/BRDs.htm>.



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— NOTICE TO BIDDERS —

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until **11:00 A.M., December 5, 2008**, at the Office of **Randall D. Broussard – Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663** for **SLAB & FOUNDATION DEMOLITION at South Cameron Elementary School Site, Grand Chenier Warehouse Facility Site, Administration Building Site, Audrey Memorial School Site and Cameron Elementary School Site**. Complete plans and specifications may be obtained from Randall D. Broussard – Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663.

No Bid shall be considered or accepted unless the bid is accompanied by bid security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Base Bid and all Additive Alternates. The bid security shall be in the form of a certified check or cashier's check drawn on a bank insured by the FDIC, or a Bid Bond Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with a A.M. Best rating of "A" or better, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond insurer as a licensed agent in this state and who is residing in this state.

Each bid must be placed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "Slab & Foundation Demolition at South Cameron Elementary School Site, Grand Chenier Warehouse Facility Site, Administration Building Site, Audrey Memorial School Site and Cameron Elementary School Site". The sealed envelope shall bear the name, address and license number of the bidder.

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

A deposit may be required on the bid documents; however, the deposit shall not exceed twice the actual cost of reproduction. Deposits on the first set of documents furnished bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders the deposit less actual cost of reproduction, will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (e).

Stephanie Rodrigue,
Superintendent

Cameron Parish School Board

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BUDGET HEARING ON FUNDS OF THE CAMERON PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DIST. NUMBER 1

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, December 15, 2008, at the office of Mosquito Control, 146 Theriot Road, Sweetlake, Louisiana for the purpose of hearing written and oral comments from the public concerning the Amended Budget for the fiscal year 2008 and the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2009 and the use of funds as contained in that proposed budget.

Regulations require a hearing on the proposed use of these funds before the budget is adopted each year. All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interests of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and to submit comments.

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• NOTICE TO BIDDERS •

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until **11:00 A.M., December 8, 2008**, at the Office of **Randall D. Broussard – Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663** for **Storm Repairs at Hackberry School**. Complete plans and specifications may be obtained from Randall D. Broussard – Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663.

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Cameron Parish School Board

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Solar panels energize St. Margaret Catholic School

LAKE CHARLES – The idea for an Eagle Scout project has brought St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School to the forefront of solar energy in the state of Louisiana. The recent ribbon cutting ceremony made St. Margaret the first school in the state to have a classroom's energy needs provided through solar energy.

Thomas Breaux, who will soon receive his Eagle Scout award, thought it would be a great idea to benefit his former elementary school and the teacher who energized him and all her students about the subject of science.

"Mrs. (Judy) Reeves had always said she wanted her

classroom to be solar powered," Thomas said. A sophomore at St. Louis Catholic High School, Thomas, along with his scout-leader father Sam, raised over \$10,000 to see the project to completion.

"I just knew it would make her happy," Thomas continued. "She gave a lot to me and I felt I needed to give something back to her."

Thomas will receive his Eagle Scout award on February 16. He is also thinking about turning the activity into a science fair project.

Mrs. Reeves has taught for 17 years and been the science teacher at St. Margaret for the past 10 years.

She has always spoken strongly to her students about conserving energy and things that can be done to conserve energy.

"We do many projects dealing with energy awareness and energy conservation, including the renewable sources of energy - solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, and biomass" Reeves said. "I probably mentioned more than one time about how nice it would be to have solar as a sustainable form of energy on our school, never knowing that Thomas would make my dream come true one day."

The panels on the school's roof right over Mrs. Reeves' classroom provide about twice the amount of electricity used by the classroom.

The completion of the project was honored on Wednesday, Oct. 29 with a ribbon cutting at the school with the Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, and Lake Charles mayor Randy Roach taking part.

"Thomas wrote over 100 letters to people and organizations spelling out his project and asking them for financial support," Sam said. "Money was received from a number of people, including a grant from Entergy, and also several small fund raisers were held to add additional funds."

Beginning in October 2006, Thomas and his father were brainstorming ideas for his Eagle Scout project and the solar panel concept began to take form. The pair went to Mrs. Brenda Dufrene, school principal, to see what she thought of the idea.

"We went to her and she wanted us to go before the school board," said Sam Breaux. "They needed to be reassured that the project would be done in professional manner and find



Members of the Science Club of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School in Lake Charles, help with the installation of solar panels. The project was the brainchild of St. Margaret graduate Thomas Breaux who came up the idea as part of the process of earning his Eagle Scout award. The school is the first in the State of Louisiana to have solar power. The panels produce twice as much electricity as that needed to operate the school's science classroom and science lab.



Thomas Breaux, a sophomore at St. Louis Catholic High School and graduate of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, both in Lake Charles, flips the switch to begin using the energy produced by the solar panels he and members of the science club of St. Margaret assisted in placing on the roof above the school's science classroom. Breaux came up with the idea as part of his work to become an Eagle Scout.

out just what type of installation was planned."

"Thomas was involved for a number of years as a student with our science club here at St. Margaret" Dufrene said. She noted that it was not a surprise that Thomas had come up with such an idea.

"I was excited and impressed that Thomas would want to do this kind of project for our school," she continued. "It is exciting for me and for the school that he wanted to endow the school like this."

Once the pair had the approval of the principal and the school board, they still had to meet and reassure Rev. William

Miller, pastor of St. Margaret Church.

"Father Miller also had some experts come to our meeting with him and we answered a great many questions about the project and how the installation would be handled," Sam said.

Thomas and Sam worked with Gulf South Solar of Baton Rouge and with a local electrical contractor, Conner Electric, to make sure that everything was done professionally and safely.

Meters were installed on all the outlets in Mrs. Reeves' classroom to monitor the power consumed by the electrical equipment found in the room, which doubles as the school's

science lab. The monitoring provided the opportunity to change out equipment that was wasting electricity and with the changes more than a 50 percent reduction in energy usage was achieved.

Now, the solar panels provide twice as much electricity needed to power the science classroom.

According to Dufrene, it will take from six to eight months of monitoring the school's electric bill to determine how much the solar panels will decrease utility costs.

"We believe it will make a difference though," Dufrene said.

Office of Black Catholics sets Day of Reflection

LAKE CHARLES – The Office of Black Catholic Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles will sponsor a Day of Reflection and Action for African American Catholics on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic High School.

A follow-up gathering from the National Black Catholic Congress X in 2007, the morning will allow those attending to reflect and propose action steps on the eight National Black Catholic Congress principles of

Spirituality, Parish Life, Catholic Education, Youth and Young Adults, Social Justice, Africa, Racism and HIV/AIDS.

Black Catholics from throughout the Diocese are invited to attend the Day of Reflection so that they may go back to the respective parishes and plan individual action steps on a given principle which can be implemented in their own faith community.

For information please contact Deacon Edward Lavine at 439-7436.

Meals with Bishop Provost scheduled

LAKE CHARLES – Future dates for meals with Bishop Glen John Provost have been scheduled for various groups in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

The next Women's Prayer Luncheon with Bishop Provost will be held at 12 noon Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the Buccaneer Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Women who wish to attend are asked to send their check for \$10 to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 to register. Please make the check out to the Diocese of Lake Charles.

The next two Men's First Friday Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Glen John Provost will be held Dec. 5 and Feb. 6 in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office building, located at the corner of Bilbo and Kirby streets. There will be no breakfast in January. First Friday Mass will be celebrated on each day for all that wish to attend at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral and the men's breakfast will begin at 7 a.m.

Men are asked to call 439-7400 to register for the breakfasts.

40 Hours Devotion sites announced for Nov., Dec.

LAKE CHARLES — Churches in the Diocese of Lake Charles will continue to host 40 Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament promoting vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in the Diocese of Lake Charles during the remainder of November and into December.

The Devotion will be held at St. Joseph Church in DeRidder from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 24-26.

December hosts will be in the Eastern Deanery of the Diocese beginning with Our Lady of the

Lake in Lake Arthur, from Sunday, Nov. 30 through Saturday, Dec. 6. St. Lawrence Church in Raymond will be the host of the Devotion from 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8 through 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The parishes of St. Charles Borromeo in Fenton and St. John Vianney in Bell City along with the chapel of St. John the Evangelist in Lacassine will be the sites beginning Sunday, Dec. 14 through Saturday, Dec. 20.

Forty Hours Devotion will not be held from Friday, Dec. 21 through Saturday, Jan. 3.



In the left photo, Judges Guy Bradberry, left, and Kent Savoie, right, walk into the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the Red Mass celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost, at right, preceded by Rev. Derek Covert, the Master of Ceremonies for the Liturgy held Oct. 13.



Bishop Glen John Provost prepares to read the opening prayer at the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor. Priests concelebrating were, from left, Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May, Rev. Whitney G. Miller, and Msgr. James Gaddy. Serving the Bishop was Deacon Wayne Chapman.

Did you know . . .

With the establishment of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Lake Charles on Oct. 15, 1919, the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers took responsibility for the leadership of the faith community. To that time, the spiritual needs of the African American community were seen to by the priests of Immaculate Conception Church. Masses were celebrated in the school-house which actually preceded the building of the first church in 1920. The Holy Ghost Fathers served the community until 1989, followed by the Society of the Divine Word until 1999. In that year, Rev. Henry Mancuso became the first diocesan priest to shepherd the parish, a post he continues to this day.

During the years of World War II two parishes were established in Southwest Louisiana. Do you know which they were? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.