

SHERIFF THEOS DUHON is now driving this red Hummer donated for one year by General Motors. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Thanksgiving bittersweet for parish

By CYNDI SELLERS

Bittersweet is an orange berry often used in fall flower arrangements. A bright spray of bittersweet adds color and texture to the composition, creating a more pleasing appearance.

Bittersweet is also an appropriate adjective to describe the holiday we residents of Cameron Parish are about to celebrate.

As we gather with family and friends we will give thanks most of all that we are all alive and safe. As bad as Cameron Parish looks, at least we didn't have to search for victims.

We'll be thankful for those who took us in and shared their homes and possessions with us.

We are thankful for whatever shelter we have, even an RV.

We give thanks for the selfless giving of the volunteers who organized and operated distribution centers for clothes, food, and supplies.

And for the hundreds, perhaps thousands of helpers - National Guard, fire fighters, law enforcement, emergency medical teams, electrical, water and phone workers, church assistance teams, Americorps volunteers, and more - who traveled so far and gave so much time away from their homes and families to take care of our homes and families.

And yet, it is bitter to contemplate the holiday season ahead, which will be so different from those of the past.

For many, this season will bring home just how much has been lost. Not just things, although the loss of special, precious items will be felt greatly, but also churches, neighborhoods, and whole communities.

For some, the loss of family members after the storm will be an additional grief, as the numbers of frail and elderly who have passed during this time of stress has increased.

Our faith can sustain us, but we need the help of caring and compassionate friends to help us through.

So even as we give thanks this week, we will have moments of grief. It's OK; grief is normal. God understands. Our friends who are going through the same thing understand, too. And we'll get through this together.

## Hymn sing set at Sweetlake

A Holiday Hymn Sing will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 27 at Sweetlake United Methodist Church to start the Christmas Season off with a joyful tone.

Everyone is invited to come and sing; extra musicians are welcome.

point, the Petit's car began to hydroplane.

Struggling to regain control, 71 year old Larry Petit found himself reversed and sliding off the road. He wasn't going very fast, and would probably have been all right, except that the car hit a bridge piling just low enough to flip the 1989 Cadillac over instead of stopping it.

The car came to rest upside down in fairly shallow water, but Petit was unable to get his wife Karol, 63, out in time. Presumed drowned, she perished - in the rain, in the dark, on a strange and lonely stretch of highway in the devastated place they had come to help.

(This tragedy marks the third fatality in Cameron Parish since Hurricane Rita. It reminds everyone traveling in the damaged area to be cautious and alert. Sheriff Duhon says citations have been issued for speeds from 60 to 115 mph in the 45 mph evacuation zones. Let's be careful out there!)

## Everything went wrong for couple helping here

By CYNDI SELLERS

"Everything went wrong" for Larry and Karol Petit of Mogadore, Ohio on the night of Nov. 15, reflected Investigator Kim Nunez of the Cameron Sheriff's Office.

The couple was working in the Hackberry area as claims adjusters for State Farm Insurance. It got late, and a strong cold front moved in just about dusk, bringing wind, lightning, and a lot of rain.

Trying to find their way back to Lake Charles in the dark, in a strange town, the couple got turned around and headed south instead of north on Hwy. 27.

Near 10 p.m. they found themselves at the Holly Beach checkpoint, where the National Guard explained that they should turn around and head back the way they had come.

The rain was heavy, and the ruts in the road filled with water. On a curve less than two miles from the check-

## Bereavement support offered by parish church

Sweetlake United Methodist Church is sponsoring Hurricane Healing Through the Holidays, a series of bereavement support group meetings to be held at the church each Tuesday from Nov. 29 through Dec. 20.

Sessions will be held for adults and children at 10 a.m.

and for adults only at 6 p.m.

These sessions are being offered to the community to help them deal with personal loss and the emotional effects from this past hurricane season. The holiday season may make feelings of loss even sharper for many Cameron Parish residents.

Sessions will be led by master's level counselors and social workers provided by Odyssey Health Care of Lake Charles.

If interested in attending, please call the church office at 598-1000 so they will know how many to expect.



## Office moves

The Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters office has been relocated in Lake Charles to 4830 Lake St. in the office of Cecil Sanner (top floor). The mailing address is the same as before, P. O. Box 1, Cameron LA 70631.

This is a temporary office until our permanent temporary office is ready in about 4 - 6 weeks.

The phone number is 794-2618 or 478-5208, according to Suzanne Sturlese, Register of Voters.



SOUTH CAMERON Memorial Hospital's portable clinic is nearing completion in Grand Lake. The hospital hopes to be ready to provide medical services to Cameron Parish residents very soon. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Police Jury addresses storm recovery issues

By CYNDI SELLERS

Clifton Hebert, Assistant Director of the Cameron Emergency Operations Center, and Chief John Harris gave a report on the status of the parish to the Police Jury Monday evening at Grand Lake School.

In brief, 75% of electrical transmissions lines are in, and 100% of northern Cameron Parish has electricity available. The Mermentau River powerline crossing is almost complete, and the Holly Beach area has main lines.

Only water districts 1 and 9 do not have drinkable water, but all lines are pressurized and chlorination and testing is ongoing.

The Sprint tower in Grand Chenier has been repaired, improving communications in that area, although still spotty. Cameron Communications is still working on buried lines and cable.

Four debris collection sites have been set up around the parish. So far the Grand Lake site has received the most debris. The Johnson Bayou site just opened, but debris removal will speed up in that area now.

Parishwide, there are an average of 45 trucks operating per day, for a total of 230-240 loads per day. Any bad weather slows down the removal effort.

The 45 mph speed limit is still in effect; there is a \$140 fine for violators.

The burn ban is still in effect, due to hazardous materials still in the area. The fine is \$150.

The EPA has picked up about 35,000 hazardous materials items or containers; they estimate there is that much still to recover.

No campers or trailers are being allowed for hunting camps.

There have been four fires, two of them major, four gas leaks, and some acid spills.

Law enforcement is responding to an average of seven calls per day. Over 600 speeding tickets have been issued since Nov. 1.

At this time there is no medical facility in Cameron Parish capable of dealing with a major problem such as a heart attack. The South Cameron Memorial Hospital in Grand Lake is close to completion.

The reasons given for continuing the mandatory evacuation are:

- Hazardous materials
- Utility company traffic
- Hazardous roads
- Wide loads/heavy equipment
- Debris clean up
- Security issues - law

enforcement stretched thin.

### GROUP HOUSING

The EOC says FEMA has signed an agreement to install a group housing site at the former Cameron Motel site. The FEMA representative said she knows it is not the same as being at home, but "we cannot put you in an unsafe situation. The one thing you can't get back is friends and family."

FEMA will soon be able to install RV's at the site, using existing sewer drains and pumping out the sump station daily.

### DEBRIS REMOVAL

Public property debris removal extends 6-8 feet from the edge of secondary roads and to the utility pole line on primary roads. Any debris placed in these rights of way will be removed by the Corps of Engineers contractors.

Residents who are in a hurry to have property cleaned up were urged to move debris into the rights of way and not wait for private property removal.

Mike Deitrich, Incident Management Team leader, said he had just come from a conference call which was "the most positive so far" on the Right of Entry form dilemma. He is very hopeful that a finalized ROE will be ready for homeowners within the next three days.

Structure assessment teams have already begun their work in Johnson Bayou, and another team will be starting in Grand Chenier this week. The teams will design a grid for private property crews.

The EOC expects to have crews on private land within two weeks.

### MANDATORY EVACUATION

Police Juror Sonny McGee asked the Police Jury to lift the mandatory Evacuation for the western end of Johnson Bayou, based on the lower level of damage in that area. He said it looks similar to Hackberry and Big Pasture, with undamaged houses standing, and he felt they should be able to get electricity.

McGee's motion died for lack of a second with the other jurors opting to wait two weeks for the EOC to get private debris removal going.

Juror Darryl Farque promised to revisit the evacuation issue at that time, however, if the two week scenario does not happen.

### FEMA EXPEDITED ASSISTANCE

The Jury voted to send a resolution to Congress asking

for approval for every household in the parish, who have not already done so, to receive the \$2000 expedited assistance checks promised by President Bush.

Bob Dewey, Congressman Boustany's local representative, said the Congressman is fighting to get this assistance for everyone who filed prior to Oct. 21, but he is not confident that everyone will get paid.

For those who evacuated and have receipts, reimbursement is possible for items such as generators and chainsaws purchased during the evacuation, hotel/motel, clothing, medicine, lost glasses, etc. Receipts should be brought to a Disaster Recovery Center to apply for reimbursement.

### PARISH ROAD POLICY

After much discussion, the Jury voted 4-3 to change the policy on accepting new parish roads, allowing limestone surfaced roads to be accepted for 365 days.

Juror Charles Precht proposed the measure to help developers add subdivisions to house those who want to move into upper Cameron Parish from the lower part. It was pointed out that non hard surface roads cost more to upkeep than blacktop, and the parish will be paying for this cost for years to come.

The vote was split evenly, with Precht, Douaine Conner, and Farque voting "yes," and McGee, James Doxey, and Steve Trahan voting "no." Jury President cast the deciding "yes" vote reluctantly.

### FULL-TIME OEP DIRECTOR

The jury voted to proceed with the process of hiring a full-time OEP director for the parish. The EOC Director, Kisha Killmer, is on a 90 day contract, and cannot extend for personal reasons.

Even though the parish has voted to extend the disaster declaration until Jan. 15, which allows FEMA to pay for a director at 100%, the emergency will extend far beyond that time, said Clifton Hebert. In addition, there are other emergencies, such as plant explosions, gas leaks, extensive fires, etc., that may occur during the non-hurricane season part of the year.

Cameron Parish is the only coastal Louisiana parish which does not have a full-time OEP director. Having one will make grants available which will also help pay for the position.

When a job description and salary range are available, the position will be advertised.

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GERALDINE MCDANIEL (center), assisted by her daughter, Lacey Delcambre, organized a huge Cameron Parish Yard Giveaway last Saturday at her home in Lake Charles. It was like a big reunion friends who hadn't seen each other for weeks met and shared their stories. Geraldine said, "It's mandatory that no one leaves here without a hug." Many Lake Charles residents donated clothing and household goods to help the people of Cameron Parish. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE SWEETLAKE METHODIST Church Hurricane distribution center will close today, Nov. 23, and relocate to the Grand Lake Community Center after Thanksgiving. Rev. Wayne Taylor (inset photo) says he can continue to get supplies as long as they're needed. The church will be hosting social services assistance, starting with grief counseling group sessions for adults and children dealing with losses due to Hurricane Rita. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

# Funerals

## URAL WELDON DICKERSON

Funeral services for M. Ural Weldon Dickerson, 82, of Ruston, were held Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston. Interment was in Antioch Cemetery in Quitman under the direction of Kilpatrick Funeral Home of Ruston.

Mr. Dickerson was born in Chatham, and died Nov. 20, 2005 in Ruston. He was a graduate of Chatham High School, Louisiana Tech, and Louisiana State University. He served in the United States Air Force in World War II. He was employed in Jackson Parish as a teacher and high school principal. He was also a principal, high school supervisor and school superintendent in Cameron Parish.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school class for many years. He was a member of Lincoln Parish Retired Teachers and Louisiana Retired School Superintendents.

Survivors include his wife Alma Ricks Dickerson; twin children, Dr. Byron Dickerson and wife Lisa of Atlanta, Ga. and Lydia Dickerson of Monroe; two grandchildren; one sister, Rita DeFreese.

## VELMA DYSON

Velma Jane Marcantel Dyson, 74, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2005 in a Winnfield nursing facility.

She was a native of Big Lake. She lived in Longville for 42 years before moving to Winnfield almost five years ago.

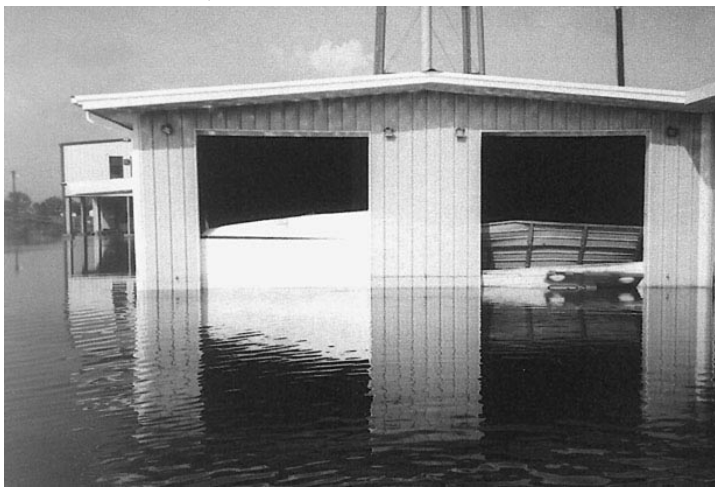
She was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth Dyson and wife, Cathy, of Lake Jackson, Tex.; one daughter, Charlene Kile and husband, Larry, of Winnfield; two sisters, Verdine Douglas of Lake Charles and Mildred Pelifigue of West Monroe; five grandchildren; two step-granddaughters; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, John Dyson of Houston.

Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Our Lady Queen of heaven Catholic Church. Father Aubrey Guilbeau officiated. Burial was in Grand Lake Community Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

## CECIL J. THOMPSON

Cecil J. "Moose" Thompson, 90, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, in a local care



THE JOHNSON BAYOU Fire Station was flooded and greatly damaged in Hurricane Rita.

(Photo by Rhonda Morrison.)

## Meeting to be held Dec. 1

The Grand Lake - Sweet Lake Action Alliance will hold a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Building in the back room. All members are urged to attend. The general public is always welcome.

facility.

Mr. Thompson was born Oct. 23, 1915, in St. Martinville. He graduated from the University of Louisiana Lafayette as a mathematics major. Mr. Thompson taught high school math for several years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force serving in World War II. Mr. Thompson retired from Amoco Production Company with 35 years of service as a field foreman and later a safety coordinator.

After retirement he resided in Hackberry and then in Lake Charles. He served on the Cameron Parish Mosquito Control Board for several years and was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Gail Delcambre and husband Bill of Hackberry, and Lynette Reed and husband Jimmy of Lake Charles; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. His wife, Marguerite Sanner Thompson preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 21, in the St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church hall in Hackberry. The Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in St. Peters Catholic Cemetery.



## FEMA tent burns Nov. 19

Saturday, Nov. 19, a fire started around 9 p.m. at Camp Cameron off Hwy. 27. The camp used as a mobilization base, and set up by FEMA, houses workers and resources assisting with hurricane Rita efforts.

The fire destroyed part of one wall tent and burned a portion of the artificial turf floor. The tent was not occupied at the time of the fire. The fire did not cause any injuries or loss of personal items or government gear. The tent had been equipped with a small heater that sat on the floor. Apparently the heater ignited the artificial turf and started the fire.

Camp officials commented that regular checks will be made from now on to insure that heaters are positioned in a stable location and that combustible materials are removed from the immediate vicinity. The burned tent was taken down and those staying there were moved to a new tent with a concrete floor.

## Agency to hold public meeting

The USDA Farm Service Agency will hold a public meeting on Monday, Nov. 28 to discuss the Emergency Conservation Program at the Calcasieu Extension Service Office, at 7101 Gulf Hwy., Lake Charles at 6:30 p.m. has been implemented for Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes and provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate cropland and pastures damaged by Hurricane Rita.

ECP cost-share participants will receive cost-share assistance of up to 100% of the cost to implement approved emergency conservation practices, such as debris removal and restoration of fences and conservation structures.

Producers determined to be involved in commercial farming and livestock operations (production of food or fiber) are eligible. Any interested parties are urged to attend. Applications for eligible producers will be accepted at the Lake Charles USDA Service Center, 1400 Hwy. 14.

## Ellender Bridge will close temporary

Beginning Monday, Nov. 28, and ending Dec. 2, temporary closures of the Ellender Bridge will again be made from 8 p.m. every evening until 5 a.m. each morning, therefore temporarily closing LA 27 north of Hackberry.

Bridge reopenings will be made at 10 p.m., 12 a.m., 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. as needed for the flow of vehicular traffic to go across the bridge.

In the event there is an emergency, and there is a need for emergency services personnel to cross the bridge, it will be re-opened. Notification should be made to Mr. Jerry Jones at 912-8593 or an alternate contact person, Mr. Jim Golding, at 884-9705.

This closure is required to reconstruct the fender system located beneath the Ellender Bridge.

## Information sought

Cameron Cubscouts (Pack 210) and Boy Scouts (Troop 210) are asked to contact Bobby Doxey to update contact information.

Scout leader Bobby Doxey can be reached at 802-8137 or emailed at bdoxey116@yahoo.com.



THE JOHNSON BAYOU Fire Station has been cleaned up and is back in business.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Badon home destroyed in fire Sunday night

By CYNDI SELLERS

A fire destroyed the Johnson Bayou home of the Russell Badon family Sunday night as many friends and neighbors were attending a town meeting in Hackberry concerning, in part, whether or not it is safe for people to move back into the community.

Chris Bowne, a firefighter with the Tidewater Incident Management Team from Chesapeake, VA, reported that two engines from Camp Cameron crossed the ferry and responded to the fire, 12 miles from the Texas border, along with one engine from the Johnson Bayou Volunteer Fire Department and one from the Hackberry Volunteer Fire Department.

Bowne said the roof and attic of the home were fully involved when they arrived and it took 40 minutes to bring the blaze under control, making several entries to attack the fire from inside the structure. It is believed that the fire was a result of a chimney fault, possibly as a result of wind damage during the storm.

Bowne and the IMT want people in the evacuated areas to understand that communications, such as paging systems for volunteer firefighters and the 911 system, are not at full efficiency in those areas and response time can be delayed considerably. He said the JBFD is short of equipment because of the storm as well.

He said there were only two JBFD firefighters at first, but eventually there was a

full team. He praised the dedication of these volunteers who came out at night after working all day on their own jobs and home clean up.

"Those guys just wouldn't give up," he said.

Fire safety officials remind everyone with fireplaces or woodstoves to have their chimney inspected for wind damage. Small cracks in the chimney can allow hot gasses to ignite wood or insulation in walls, attics, or roofs. The damage might not be visible to the untrained observer, and the fire might smolder for hours before being noticed, catching residents asleep in their beds.

Cameron Emergency Operations Center staff remind residents of lower Cameron Parish that there are many dangers in the evacuated areas, and increased response time by emergency services are just one of them. As electricity begins to be turned on at residences in the coming weeks, more fires are a possibility.

## DA's office relocated

The Cameron Parish District Attorney's Office has relocated to the office of the Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's Office at 1020 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. Their new telephone number is: 493-3255 and their fax number is: 493-3259.



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## Where Are They Now?

BY NELL COLLIGAN

First things first: one apology is in order. I think I omitted Hackberry in naming the places we would love to hear from. I know you had destruction too, so please write. I need to call around and try to get news of our precious Aunt Helen Colligan. It was hard enough to imagine Hackberry without Doc, but not to have Aunt Helen there is the crowning blow. By next week, I will find out where she has finally settled down.

I received the nicest letter from Donna Bailey Sponseller, Don and Joyce Bailey's young daughter. She is living at 6174 Branch Highway; Branch, La. 70516 with her husband Joe and her little son, Zoey. She says she is feeling so isolated and lost, just wishing "to see a friend or hear a familiar voice." I know many of you can identify with that. Please, those of you out there who know Donna, fill her box with letters. When everything else is lost, there is nothing better than news from a good friend.

That is the purpose of this column, to put you in touch with one another. And even if you don't know her, some of you old timers who went through Hurricane Audrey, send her a card and let her know how you got through the lonely days right after that storm. Coupled with the devastation was the grief for all the lost loved ones, so even though Rita was more destructive, we have our lives to be thankful for. Getting back to Donna, I need to mention that she said that her parents and her brother, Carey, are now in Church Point.

Myrna Conner called to say she is living at 162 T-John Road in Sweet Lake; 70607. Her cell phone is 794-3020. They are putting a FEMA trailer on their land and planning to rebuild. I think I heard a tear in her voice, so let her hear from you.

Buck Stevenson called to say that they are still living in their home in Big Lake although the house sustained about \$40,000 in damages. They plan to begin repairs soon. Their daughter Suni is at McNeese while the

younger one is still with them at home. Their son Cody is a plumber and lives near here in Youngsville. Boy, are his services needed EVERYWHERE!

Sonny McCall's sister, Mamie McCall Reynaud, emailed me to let me know that Sonny and Janie are living with Janie's sister, Peggy and her husband, Tom Managan in Maxie, La. She also said that Conway and Virgie LeBleu bought a home in Lake Charles and that Sybil McCall and Jenny Jones Bercier are living with them for the time being. Margaret Jones is also in Lake Charles, living near them.

My son Kevin and his family are coming for the week. Kevin has been so anxious to go to Cameron so he will probably make it there on Friday. I would like to go back with him but Granny will be babysitting with the girls, ages 7 and 10. I understand children are not allowed yet. It seems impossible for Kevin to imagine the town and neighborhoods of his childhood destroyed. I saw where they are bulldozing Cameron Elementary. That will be a heartbreak for Kevin, Elaine and Tim to see that empty lot, as it is for all of you.

We went to New Orleans Sunday with our daughter, Elaine to see the devastation there from Hurricane Katrina. Actually, we saw more total destruction in Cameron, but we did not go into the 9th Ward area. I am sure the destruction there is much worse. It is just the sheer number of homes, hundreds of them, block after block, with "blue roofs" and with residents' belongings piled up in driveways and on the roadside. Heaped on the neutral grounds of a boulevard in Lakeview is what seems like mountains of household debris of every description. Farther down the boulevard are more mountains of trees, limbs and yard debris.

Elaine lives six blocks from City Park on North Hennessey. All the shrubs and grass in Elaine's neighborhood are dead except for the beautiful camellias blooming in her front yard. There was no water on her

## Geneva to retire again

BY JERRY WISE

Geneva Griffith, veteran news writer, has retired for the second time from reporting duties with the Cameron Parish Pilot.

Geneva became a part-time reporter for the Pilot shortly after the paper was founded in 1957 and continued writing parish news for over 40 years.

Several years ago she retired and moved to a retirement village in Baton Rouge to be near her daughter and family.

From there she began writing a weekly column about her activities among the retirees which she has continued for several years.

However, the devastation caused by Hurricane Rita in which she lost three houses made her decide that it was too painful to ever visit the parish again or even to continue to write about it.

"I want to remember Cameron Parish as it was," she said.

Her daughter and son-in-law, Cherie and Pat Giblin have bought a home in Natchitoches near where their daughter and son-in-law live and they plan to move there when Pat retires in several years. Geneva plans to go too.

In the meantime she plans to stay in Village Woods where there are many things for retirees to do.

Who knows—perhaps she will have time now to write her memoirs.

## Repair begins on damaged roadways

Beginning Monday, Nov. 28, contractual crews will begin with the repair work to heavily damaged shoulders in Cameron Parish. Multiple crews will begin placing stone on shoulders simultaneously from:

Texas-Louisiana Line in an easterly direction along LA 82 to Holly Beach (Mile Post 0.0000 to 12.2600)  
Vermilion Parish-Cameron Parish line along this route in a westerly direction to the Mermentau River Bridge. (Mile Post 59.4000 to 84.3100)

Other state routes including LA 27, LA 1144, LA 384, LA 1143, and LA 385 will commence on completion of these primary routes.

It is requested that extreme care be taken when traveling, while this work is on going as there will be heavy trucks, dozers, motor patrols, along with personnel working along these routes.

street until the 17th Street Canal levee broke. The water rose three feet to within one inch of getting into her house. Even so, she has been displaced since the storm and does not expect to be back in her home until February or March. Her house is 113 years old, and with the wisdom of the old days, was built of cypress and is a little over three feet off the ground on brick pillars. The duct work for her central unit and even her wiring were all under her house instead of in the attic. The wiring beneath her house got wet, and until she has an electrician to inspect and replace the wiring, she cannot have her electricity connected. The waiting lists for electricians in the city are endless. Yet, when she looks at the devastation around her, continuing to be displaced seems a small inconvenience. She is thanking God for the wonderful friends who have opened their home to her.

The first Thanksgiving prayers in our country were offered after a period of great need and sacrifice on the part of our pilgrim fathers. They all knew they had much hardship yet ahead of them, but having seen the bountiful harvest, they took that day to thank their heavenly Father and to ask his help in the months and years ahead. May the peace they knew then be with each of you this Thanksgiving Day as you work to rebuild Cameron Parish or to start anew in some other place. God bless you all.



THIS CAR driven by Edward Smith of Cameron was involved in an accident at Hwy. 27 and Holbrook Park Road about 9 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 20. The other vehicle was driven by Jacob Floyd. Mrs. Edward Smith was critically injured and is in Lake Charles Memorial Hospital.

## Woman critical after Sunday wreck

A two-vehicle accident just north of Perkins Settlement, south of DeQuincy, Sunday morning, Nov. 20, resulted in serious injuries to the passenger in one vehicle.

Ed and Sandra Smith were driving north in an Explorer when they were rear-ended by a Ford Ranger pickup driven by Jacob Floyd,

18 of DeQuincy, causing the Explorer to flip over and hit a tree.

Mrs. Smith received extensive injuries and is in critical condition at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital. Mr. Smith was not injured. Mr. Floyd was treated and released from the hospital. The Smiths are from

Cameron and have evacuated to the DeQuincy area. He is the Centerpoint Energy representative for Cameron Parish.

State Police Troop D investigated the accident and Ward 6 Fire Department assisted and used the Jaws of Life to extricate the Smiths from their vehicle.

## Boat owners must contact Coast Guard

Any boat owners whose boats washed onto railroad bridge must immediately contact either Coast Guard's Mr Selph at 491-7805 or Sheron Faulk at Ship to Shore 474-0730 if they have not already done so. All boats will be removed this week by Coast Guard and demolished. Boat owners who want to recover their boats privately must make arrangements to remove them from railroad bridge immediately and notify Coast Guard of their intentions.

## POLICE JURY

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Juror Steve Trahan offered the suggestion that if salary is a problem with the jury's budget, each juror could give up 20% of his monthly salary to cover up to \$20,000 of it.

The Jury also voted to request an appropriation from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to assess and clean out the drainage laterals in the parish which were clogged with hurricane debris.

The Jury will meet Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. for a tax Board of Review and budget discussion.



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# Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



## DUCK COUNT FAIR

Our duck hunters in lower Cameron are still bagging a few ducks, but it's a hit and miss thing. The latest Coastal Zone population estimate below U. S. Hwy. 90 and on Catahoula Lake was taken from the second of Nov. and our zone, Nov. 7-9, this survey was taken by airplane.

Southwest species were mallards 9,000; mottled ducks 34,000; gadwall 212,000; widgeon 6,000; green-winged teal 210,000; blue-winged teal 27,000; shovelers 77,000; pintails 78,000; total dabblers 653,000. Southeast had 503,000 and Catahoula Lake 93,000 for a total of 1,249,000 ducks in the state. Diving ducks: scaup 4,000; ring neck 20,000; canvasback less than 1,000 for a total of 24,000. S. E. had 10,000 divers. Complete duck totals SW - 677,000; SE - 506,000; Catahoula - 100,000; for a count of 1,283,000. Coot counts were SW - 30,000; SE 110,000 and Catahoula - 10,000 for a 150,000 count. A 50,000 speckle belly count was taken in NE Louisiana.

The estimate of 1.28 million ducks recorded was 25% higher than last year's estimate (1.03 million), but similar to 2003's 1.27 million count. However it is much lower than the long term average of 2.2 million. Estimates for all species except green winged teal and northern shovelers are well below long term averages. Total duck numbers in SW La. were down from 797,000 last year; so the larger total estimate resulted from big increases at Catahoula Lake (16,000-2004) and in SE La. (207,000-2004). With all the disasters along our coast and marshes, I guess we're lucky to have a fair count on our duck populations.

## FISHING IS COOL

It's no secret that in many states, sales of recreational fishing licenses have been dropping. Since state Fish and Wildlife Agencies rely on license sales for a large part of their operating revenue, the dropping sales pinch makes budgets tight and with the hurricane damages, there's lots of loss, so it'll take lots of money for repairs.

Talks have been going on to youths in several states on both fishing and hunting and a large 86 percent of youth approve of legal fishing. 85 percent are interested in fishing with 50 percent very interested. Seventy-five percent want to fish more than they do, while 90 percent agree that fishing is a safe activity. 77 percent think their peers think that fishing is a "Little Cool" to "Very Cool", unfortunately the study also suggests that numbers of young anglers are declining.

## UNUSUAL CATCHES

In 1760, naturalists and explorers watched American Indians of the southeast catch largemouth bass with a "bob" and long pole and in 1770 a British reel maker, made a multiplying fishing reel, then in 1773 a claim of catching a 30 pound largemouth bass on the St. John River with a deer hair jiggerbob. An angler fishing in a lake hooks a fish, couldn't land, sets underwater camera finds U. S. Army plane that was lost since 1958. Crash recovered with body of pilot. Jigging with a fluke, anglers hooks 10 carat gold ring, with letters "SMS" and "RC", dated 1919, owner still not found. Angler reels in 20 pound catch, a 16 inch pipe bomb, packed with gunpowder, powder still dry, a "dangerous catch." My unusual catch most of the time is grass so we just say, I got a "grass bass".

## BASS FISHING RESULTS

I saved a few papers from Hurricane Rita, and I think that I saved all the results of the Gibbstown Dogfights and the Lemesche Bass Club for the March thru August bass fishing.

Gibbstown Dogfight Results for year 2005:  
Largest stringer (3 bass):  
1. Jeb Linscombe and Kenny Trahan, 11.67 lbs.  
2. Johnny LeDoux and Matthew Griffith, 8.84 lbs.  
3. Ricky Canik and Carol Broussard, 8.36 lbs.  
Largest bass:  
1. Jeb and Kenny, 6.11 lbs.  
2. John Stitzlein and Scottie Duff, 5.21 lbs.  
3. Johnny and Mathew, 4.79 lbs.

Lemesche Bass Club Results for year 2005:

Largest stringer (5 bass):  
1. Jeb Linscomb and George Melancon, May 15 - 15.10 lbs.

2. Richard Duhon and Todd Morales, July 10 - 12.70 lbs.

3. Richard Duhon and George Melancon, March 20 - 12.04 lbs.

Largest bass:  
1. Jeb Linscombe and George Melancon, 4.90 lbs.

2. Johnny LeDoux and Todd Morales, 3.90 lbs.

3. Carl Broussard and Loston McEvers, 3.84 lbs.

Largest choupique:  
1. Richard Duhon and todd Morales, 7.26 lbs.

2. Jeb Linscombe and Scottie Trosclair, 6.34 lbs.

3. Jeb Linscombe and George Melancon, 5.90 lbs.

The Rockefeller Refuge Jackpot Tournament held in March had Darren Richard with largest five bass stringer of 10 pounds and Loston McEvers largest bass at 4.45 pounds.

George Melancon won the Angler of the Year on points, beating out Richard Duhon by a small margin of .026 of a point.

## WATER WEIGH-IN

A new fish handling method, where live fish are weighed in water, this could be seen as a modern, future weigh-in rules at catch-and-release fishing tournament, called the Shiman Water Weigh-in System, as it was developed over a three year period, with funding provided by Shimans.

Researchers show that weigh-ins are the most stressful time for fish being handled in live-release tournaments. Fish can now be weighed accurately while in water, and will benefit the fish, saving more fish to be released back to the water, instead of losing a percentage of fish at weigh-in.

Bass showed 150 percent more in higher energy stored, when weighed in water, compared to other systems where bass are removed from water and placed on scales.

Although our people along the Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi coast have lost from strong hurricanes, we still have plenty to be thankful for: May each and everyone of you have a beautiful Thanksgiving Thursday with friends and family.

## LSU AgCenter office location

LSU AgCenter Cameron Parish Office is located at 7101 Gulf Hwy, Lake Charles, LA.

The telephone numbers for the Cameron Office are 562-8900 or 562-8901.

# BASKETBALL

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

Mustangs and Jay Sanner chipped in 13 points.

## BASKETBALL RESULTS

### BOYS

Grand Lake 90, Northside 71 - The Hornets had five players score in double digits. Brett Griffith slammed in 28 points. Deon Bergeron added 18 points. Brett Crochet chipped in 14 and Justin Howerton scored 12 points. Ashton Boudreaux added 11 points.

Hackberry 69, South Cameron 26 - The Mustangs' home court for this season will be the Sulphur Parks and Recreation Aquatic Center. Hackberry's Travis Spicer led all scorers with 14 points. Ian Blue added 10 points. Daniel Kelly led the Tarpons with 12 points and Jaylon Ball added 10 points.

Grand Lake 61, South Cameron 35 - The 7-2 Hornets were led by Brett Griffith with 21 points. Justin Howerton chipped in 10 points. Jaylon Ball was the leading scorer for the Tarpons with 13 points. Daniel Kelly added 10 points.

Hackberry 62, Bell City 28 - Travis Spicer scored 17 points for the

### GIRLS

LaGrange JV 52, Johnson Bayou 33 - Charmayne Barrentine led the Lady Rebels with 17 points.

St. Louis 55, Johnson Bayou 28 - Charmayne Barrentine was the leading scorer with 13 points.

Grand Lake 62, Northside 32 - Meagan Miller scored 15 points for the Lady Hornets.

Hackberry 48, South Cameron 32 - Amanda Miller led the Lady Mustangs (4-4) with 17 points. Mandy Michalko added 15 points. Rachel Fountain and Whitney Richard led the Lady Tarpons with 11 points each.

Grand Lake 64, South Cameron 42 - Marlena Laverne was the leading scorer for the Lady Hornets with 15 points. Meagan Miller added 14 and Brandi Carroll chipped in 12 points. Lady Tarpons' D'Nae Desonnier led all scorers with 20 points. Rachael Fountain added 13 points.

## Lunch menus set for Nov. 28 thru Nov. 30

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning Nov. 28 are as follows:

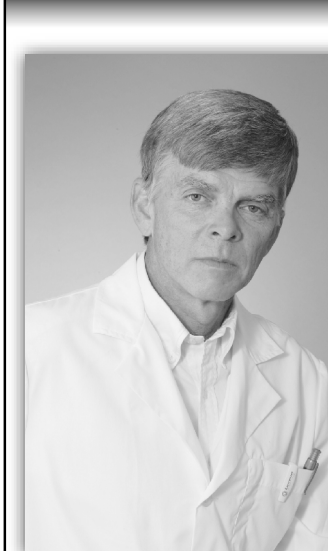
Monday, Nov. 28 - Chicken Alfredo, tossed salad, orange wedges, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, Jello w/fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 -

Meatballs for gravy, brown gravy rice, carrots, fruit salad, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, wheat sliced bread, white sauce, milk.

## Dr. Sanders is Seeing Patients in a New Office



Due to damage from Hurricane Rita, Dr. Richard Sanders has relocated his family practice from Creole to The Clinic — Moss Bluff.

The office is located at 277 Hwy. 171 North, Suite 8, in Moss Bluff. Office hours are 8am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

The Clinic — Moss Bluff provides comprehensive primary care for patients of all ages. Dr. Sanders joins Dr. Jason Morris and Dr. Mary Sherk in this newly-opened office.

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## Panel meets with public at Hackberry center

By CYNDI SELLERS

Anger and frustration were evident Sunday evening as Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach residents met with disaster recovery officials to discuss the progress of debris removal and the lifting of the evacuation order in their area.

Police Juror Sonny McGee organized the meeting at the Hackberry Community Center. On the panel were Kisha Killmer, Emergency Operations Center Director; Davey Phillips, FEMA temporary housing; Marjorie Courtright, Army Corps of Engineers; Dane Thibodeaux, Ryan King, Rickey Mahaffey, and Mike Daigle, with the Office of Public Health; Mike Dietrich, Incident Management Team director; and Sheriff Theos Duhon.

McGee said he knows people were getting "antsy" and wanting to get back to their homes. He said "One thing we've done poorly is that we've not communicated well with the public, but we have a plan," and this meeting was set up to explain the plan.

Killmer spoke first and took the majority of the questions. She said public information has been a problem because so many things outside her control keep changing, such as rulings from FEMA, the Corps, and the state.

However, she said major meetings last week in Baton Rouge were very productive and she is now confident that the last obstacles to getting private property cleared are about to be overcome.

The main sticking point has been getting a right of entry form that all agencies can agree on. Killmer said the EOC is trying to put pressure on the legal departments of FEMA and the Corps to finalize a form, and thinks it will be done in the next few days.

Assessment teams have already been covering the area determining what needs to be removed, and by the time the forms are available and signed demolition can begin immediately.

Killmer said she understood residents' frustration, and shared it. She said even with all the delays Cameron Parish is setting the pace for storm recovery among the devastated coastal parishes. She asked people to be patient for two more weeks, during which time she expects to see equipment on private property in Johnson Bayou.

EOC staff want the public to understand a few things about private property debris removal.

First, the parish can't do it because it is illegal for parish equipment to be used on private property.

Second, the parish couldn't afford to do it, even if it was legal. It doesn't have the personnel or equipment to clean the whole parish.

Third, in the beginning FEMA said there was no way they could do it, because of restrictions in the Stafford Act.

It was only after people were brought down here to see the unbelievable debris, and made to understand the public health and safety hazard, that FEMA and the state Office of Public Health said yes, they could do it after all.

Therefore, if the evacuation is lifted and people begin to re-populate the area, the parish would be saying, in effect, that there is no longer a danger to public health and safety. The arrangement by which private property is to be cleared would go away.

Some property owners at the meeting said that would be fine with them; they would clean their own property. Some said they couldn't afford to have it done and asked if the others would come clean theirs as well. An informal vote was taken on lifting the evacuation, and the result was about even.

The EOC plan is to begin debris removal on private property within two weeks, starting in Johnson Bayou and then adding other areas as soon as assessments can be done and crews brought in. The easiest areas to clear will be done first, and the evacuation order will be lifted on a rolling basis as areas are cleared.

A new Right of Entry form and a legal description of the property will be needed for each property.

Cameron, being the most complex area the clean up, will be the last area taken on. The area of destruction there is very dense, and the sewer system is very damaged as well.

Holly Beach residents found out that they will not be able to rebuild until the new sewer system is put in place. Rickey Mahaffey, OPH Region 5 Environmental Services, said that subdivisions of more than 125 lots are required by law to have a community sewer system.

Holly Beach has 2000 lots which held 500 permanent structures and 500 movable ones.

The Holly Beach subdivision was developed in the 1930's and has evolved over the years using 25'x50' lots.

In the early 1980's, camps (not residences) on lots with 50 ft. of road frontage and 5000 sq. ft. of area were allowed to have mechanical systems. The code is now 60 ft. and 12,000 sq. ft. Since the subdivision has been totally destroyed, OPH looks at it as a new installation.

OPH engineer Mike Daigle offered to work with owners and the OPH to see if an interim system could possibly be developed.

Mahaffey also said that self-contained units will not be allowed on home sites because of the difficulty in getting them emptied. They must be hooked up to an

## Web site is established for residents

Parish officials have announced that a Web site has been established for residents to stay updated on parish progress.

The Web site, cameronrecovery.com, includes notices about traffic conditions, FEMA assistance and other updates for the parish's full and part-time residents, Parish Administrator Tina Horn said.

Information about cleanup dangers, lines to federal agencies and a list of insurance company phone numbers are available on the Web site.

Another section contains news releases on events in the parish and recovery plans.

### CAMERON UPDATES

Here are updates from Cameron Parish.

More information is available online at [www.cameronrecovery.com](http://www.cameronrecovery.com):

\*Two distribution centers for food, water and ice have been established. One is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily at the Grand Lake Community Center. The second, at the Hackberry Community Center, is open from daylight to dusk daily.

\*Residents can move home as soon as the parish determines that there are no longer health and safety issues in the southern half of the parish.

\*The parish is looking into the possibility of providing a group housing site where residents can set up travel trailers and be close to home, but nothing has been finalized.

\*Electric companies are still working to restore power to areas of Cameron Parish.

\*To have a septic system inspected, residents should call Ryan King at 475-3209.

\*All of the main water lines in the parish have been restored.

\*Water is potable in Hackberry, Johnson Bayou, Holly Beach, Grand Lake, Creole and Sweetlake. Water in Cameron and Grand Chenier is under boil order.

\*Hunters and fishermen with valid licenses will be allowed through parish checkpoints. Duck hunters should plan to hunt from dawn until noon each day.

## Speed limit still 45 in parish


Cameron Parish Sheriff Theos Duhon reminds all who drive Cameron Parish roads to be cautious and drive the 45 mph parish-wide speed limit currently in effect. "We have a lot of workers with equipment working on a variety of projects next to, or on the roads, please slow down for these workers and equipment, and watch for road hazards," he said. "With removal actions occurring along the roadways, driving conditions are treacherous. The number one priority is to get people home safely at the end of a day of hard work."

Contrary to posted speed limit signs, the enforced speed limit is 45 mph parish-wide. Increased traffic along parish roadways among public and private drivers creates a situation that requires every driver's undivided attention when behind the wheel.

Last week the Army Corps of Engineers had over twenty trucks in the Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach areas hauling debris. The EPA will be working along the west side of the Cameron ship channel cleaning up hazardous materials and orphan containers.

approved system.

Dane Thibodeaux reported that most of the systems on the ridge area have been assessed and 80% of them seem to be fine. Where there are deficiencies, owners are being notified so that they can make repairs before applying for electricity. He said and extra inspector has been brought in and they are trying to get to as many systems as possible.



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# Dinah is amazed at help given

I guess I was a skeptic just like everyone else. We hear so much of the bad things people do to each other and so much destruction nationwide, we all come to believe that basically people do not care about people. It took the brutal arrival of Hurricane Rita to wake me up and show me the spirit of the nation in a different light. Shortly after Rita's destructive visit, I attended a School Board meeting at the Grand Lake School cafeteria. Clifton Hebert approached me and asked me to round up my crew (my staff) and man the Grand Lake Mass Distribution Center to be established at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Building. My dedicated staff and I opened the center on Oct. 3. From that date till this date, supplies, clothing, household goods, dog food, food and much, much more have come in from every state in our country. Calls for relief came pouring in immediately. Volunteers and staff members unloaded over 30 - 18 wheelers in the parking lot of the center.

Over 4,000 Cameron residents were serviced in the first four days. Ice, water and MREs were distributed by the National Guard. The Salvation Army cooked for us for five days, the American Red Cross arrived and cooked for three days. A hot meal was welcomed by all. Mrs. Lena Guidry, Darlene Guidry, and Mrs. Peggy Eagleson prepared quick, hot meals for the staff, volunteers and the military for several days. Rod Cook of the American Red Cross brought workers to sign up folks for relief funds and provide information for a few days. The distribution center handed out 5,720 lbs of cattle and horse feed for residents as well as the popular "blue tarps". The department of health came and vaccinated folks for tetanus. Family and Youth Counseling Services was on hand for mental health counseling, as were counselors from Red Cross. Local animal patrol officers helped folks by feeding their dogs and cats in places near their homes and helping residents relocate their animals through the Calcasieu Animal Shelter.

Terry Taylor and volunteers from the local machinists union in Lake Charles delivered two truck loads of canned goods and other supplies. Terry Ewing and his wife Donna, from Ruston, headed up the efforts to deliver coats, pillows, blankets, car seats, baby items, trash cans and other various needed items. Their contact was Mayor Randy Roach through the former Senator Randy Ewing. Everyone, everywhere was thinking of our needs.

Lions District Governor Bob Andrepont stayed on the telephone with me, finding out what we needed and when we could handle the items. The Lions Clubs are responsible for the medication payments funds through the Grand Lake Lions Club.

The V.F.W. group from Lake Charles showed up with supplies and helped hand them out.

Ricky Dee and church family from DeRidder made several loads of groceries, paper items and baby supplies. Dr. Miles Mitchum and members of the Sale Street Baptist Church arrived with a wide variety of needed items.

The Foundation of Hope group delivered canned goods, baby items, pet items, fresh fruit and many other items. UMCOR Methodist group brought care packets and storm buckets to aide in our clean up efforts.

It amazes me every time my cell phone rings at what generosity there is in our great land. The towns of Lyme and Old Lyme, Conn. have decided to adopt our parish. In the next few weeks a used fire truck will arrive compliments of the towns, a used dump truck has been promised to the parish, furniture for the schools and financial donations. A Community Action Agency in New York has adopted my agencies and my staff. They will be sending furniture and financial donations.

I am yet, still amazed. The Philip Morris Foundation has adopted some of our families for Christmas and so have many local churches. The Vernon Community Action Agency was instrumental in assisting the Head Start programs with receiving furniture and toys for the children. Dr. Robert Loftin, University Animal Clinic, put me in touch with an 18-wheeler load of pet supplies and food that was delivered and disbursed.

United Way of Southwest Louisiana, Director Tom Morris and his committee of folks set out to help in Disaster Relief graciously donated a brand new mobile home to the Cameron Council on Aging. This mobile home is to be used to replace office space lost in Cameron at 723 Marshall Street. It is located near the satellite center on Hwy 384 in Grand Lake. United Way also provided a fork lift for the Sweet Lake Methodist Church to unload supplies at its Relief Center operations.

What a grand THANK YOU we have for the United Way team who came to our rescue. Friends from a Mass. United Way traveled here to help us and bring us supplies. They were on hand to work for us for three days.

Neil Moling from Church World Services made sure that we received blankets last week and flood buckets. He has been working with a team of us to revive the Faith Share Mission and put it back into helping residents. Adele Mart and Kathy Hebert headed up a drive to secure pillows and blankets for us.

The members and volunteers of the Sweet Lake Methodist Church under the direction of Bro. Wayne Taylor have been working very HARD to see that their

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Wise:

I want to report to the residents of Cameron Parish on some recent developments in obtaining payment on our insurance policies.

I was recently contacted by Senator James David Cain from Dry Creek and asked to appear before the Senate Committee on Insurance in Baton Rouge to discuss insurance problems experienced by the residents of Cameron Parish. Although Senator Cain does not represent our parish, he has many friends in this area and was concerned about our situation.

I appeared before the committee on November 9th and explained that the residents of our parish were not looking for a handout or complaining about tree limbs being in their yards. FEMA has informed us that there were 1,053 flood insurance policies issued in Cameron Parish. However, in almost all cases, the coverage provided by flood insurance was grossly insufficient.

As I explained to the committee, we have had great difficulty contacting our adjusters and, worst of all, the insurance carriers are routinely denying coverage under the homeowners' policies, based on "flood exclusions." We have been told that our insurance companies will deny all homeowners' claims, regardless of the condition of the property, if the loss occurred in lower Cameron. Of course, the flood policies are funded by the NFIP.

At first, when a homeowner's claim was disputed, the insurance carriers were sending engineers to determine whether the loss was caused by flood or windstorm. The truth, as every resident of lower Cameron knows, is that there were countless tornadoes spawned by Hurricane Rita, and our homes and businesses were subjected to hurricane-force winds for many hours before the water came over the roads. We do not believe that our homes were still standing when the water arrived. In any event, the insurance companies are now refusing to send engineers.

At the initial meeting, Senator Don Cravens, committee member from Opelousas, called upon mem-

bers of the insurance industry to provide an explanation for these practices - none were prepared to address these issues. Senator Cain then scheduled another meeting for the following week and directed the insurance companies to send representatives qualified to speak to these issues.

The following week, I returned, supported by Senator Jerry Theunissen, who introduced me to the committee and expressed his support for our position. I had also received messages of support from Representative Mickey Frith and Representative Chuck Kleckley. The insurance companies flatly denied any wrongdoing and claimed their adjustment procedure was exemplary.

The State Farm representative even refused to admit that any insurance company has the burden of establishing an exclusion precluding coverage. As Senator Cain told him, "Even an old country boy knows that!" Earlier in the day, I also met with Commissioner of Insurance Robert Wooley, who plans to implement a mediation program to help us resolve our claims without having to resort to litigation, which would prove to be both costly and time-consuming.

Senator Cain has asked me to return on December 15th to discuss some proposed legislation designed to protect the rights of consumers and level the field with insurance companies.

We are facing serious problems now in getting our schools, churches and health care facilities rebuilt. Over and over, I hear that we don't need these facilities in lower Cameron, because no one will return. Yet, we are unable to rebuild until we obtain the benefits we have paid for from our insurers. We are not looking for a free lunch or a windfall - we want what we deserve and we must fight to get it. Only then will be able to go home. Please express your gratitude to our elected representatives for their efforts on our behalf, and please don't give up! We can do this together.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Jennifer Jones

storehouse of supplies and groceries services all storm victims in many ways. These folks have worked unselfishly for many weeks moving, storing and loading supplies.

Mary Billedeaux and friends from the Diocese have donated funds to help buy turkeys for residents to have a happy holiday. Christine Womens Association from Houston delivered buckets of love, loaded with cleaning supplies and toys.

And the list goes on and on. Hopefully many of you were not as skeptical as I, however, I have learned my lesson the hard way. People are basically good and GOD is GREAT!

Hurricane Rita came and took our material possessions, but she didn't take our lives and she didn't take our spirit! Cameron Parish will indeed rise again and with the continuous help of all that I have named and many more, we will rise bigger and better! I can not wait for Cameron Parish to be in good enough shape to be available to help others in other states as they have helped us.

As you read through this article, if you have any unmet needs that we as the Cameron Council on Aging and Community Action Agency can help you with, please call on us, we are here for all residents not just those over sixty or under six, we may not have all the answers but we are here to try. Call us at 598-5158 or 598-5800. We can make you an appointment to meet with one of our case workers and help you find answers to the needs you have. Help us to help you!!!  
Dinah Landry, Director



# California church helps H. B. with supplies and workers

As we all know, Hurricane Rita brought much destruction to all of Cameron Parish. One church from California, Cornerstone Fellowship, a Calvary Chapel Church from Livermore, discovered Hackberry's plight and adopted the town to help struggling families in their recovery efforts.

In a missionary outreach effort, Cornerstone established a fund to purchase needed supplies and materials such as chain saws, tools, work trailers, rental vehicles, etc. They then sent a team of helpers to do the necessary clean-up work. Using Jimmy Brown as a principle contact or point person, they have during the past several weeks come to the aid of numerous Hackberry families. They have cleared trees and debris

from yards, moved appliances, knocked down porches and performed other clean-up jobs as needed. The first team has just departed and another has arrived. These teams are made up of 6-8 employed, professional people who are giving of themselves and their time to help us where needed.

Cornerstone is also taking the names of families to sponsor with Christmas gifts. They expect around 200 families will be sponsored. If you know of someone or some family who could use a little help with Christmas this year, drop by Brown's Food Store and talk to the Cornerstone helper at the table in the front of the store. The Cornerstone Fellowship teams are being sponsored by First Baptist Church in Hackberry.

# South Cameron High School News

**FBLA NEWS**  
FBLA members are reminded to pay \$20 dues to Mrs. Hession before the end of Nov.

**FFA NEWS**  
Students interested in participating in FFA need to pay club dues to Mr. Nicky before the end of Nov.

**SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**  
New scholarship applications are in Mr. Broussard's office. They are Burger King, Miss Louisiana Teen America. Remember to check on-line

for Horatio Alger and Walmart Scholarships. Those students interested in attending McNeese State University may pick up applications and scholarships forms next week from Mr. Broussard. ACT packets are in the counselor's office.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**  
November 28 - Classes resume.

November 29 - Basketball Bethel Christian (home).

December 2 - Basketball DeQuincy (away).

December 6 - Basketball Reeves (away).

# Roofing program to close

The Louisiana Recovery Field Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, executing their FEMA-assigned temporary roofing mission, has announced the closure of the program in 34 parishes effective at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17.

"We have been diligently working and have already placed more than 70,000 temporary roofs of the estimated 82,000 needed throughout the

state of Louisiana," said Col. Charlie Smithers, the Corps of Engineers commander of the LA RFO.

The parishes set for closure include:

Beauregard, Calcasieu, and Cameron.

"The parishes placed on the closure list have seen a significant drop in requests for Rights of Entry, indicating the majority of needs there have been met," said Ralph Roza, the Corps' roofing mission manager.

Residents in affected parishes are strongly encouraged to apply for the program if they feel they need assistance. Residents who apply for the program prior to 5 p.m. on Nov. 17 will be eligible for consideration, but after 5 p.m. on Nov. 17, right of entry centers will be closed and residents in these parishes will no longer be able to apply for assistance under the blue roof program.

The program will continue in Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard parishes.

Operation Blue Roof provides temporary repairs to roofs damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Corps contractors install temporary roof coverings at no cost to homeowners.

Individuals interested in learning more about Operation Blue Roof can call toll free, 1-888-766-3258.

# FEMA information clarified

On Sunday evening, as part of a public meeting in Hackberry, David Phillips, FEMA Housing Representative for Cameron Parish, clarified information regarding FEMA trailers for displaced Parish residents. He then fielded questions from those in attendance. It was noted that there has been conflicting information regarding the process and related details. Among the points Phillips made were:

\*To date, 931 applications have been made for FEMA trailers to furnish temporary living quarters for parish residents. This number has been stable for some time. Original FEMA projections were that 1,000 trailers would be needed. Residents who have not made an application may still do so.

\*These are travel trailers (RVs), not mobile homes.

\*If the applicant has an approved site to place the trailer, the trailer is delivered and set up on private property. The site must meet certain criteria including approved water and electric service and sewage disposal.

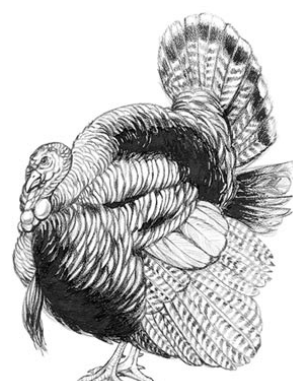
\*If an applicant does not have an approved site; they will remain on the list and will be furnished their trailer when a private site is avail-

able. They are NOT taken off the list if they cannot take immediate delivery as has been wrongly reported in some circles.

\*In lieu of a residential location, applicants may take delivery of the travel trailer at a commercial RV park on pads leased by FEMA. In these situations, FEMA prefers to contract to lease directly with the park, rather than have the applicant pay rent for the trailer space.

\*VERY IMPORTANT: Once a trailer is placed in an RV park, it may later be moved to the landowner's site even if the landowner's site later becomes approved. It must remain at the RV park. Also, once a trailer is placed on a landowner's approved site, the landowner may not move it to another site. To do so is a violation of law. Point to be taken: Applicants should be sure when they take delivery of a FEMA trailer that they are satisfied with the delivery site as its permanent location.

David Phillips invites anyone with specific questions to contact him at 533-3067 or 703-399-0986. The web site for the Cameron Parish recovery effort is [www.cameronrecovery.com](http://www.cameronrecovery.com).



## NOTICE TO CAMERON PARISH CITIZENS. . .

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is considering the following proposed ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE**  
TO ENACT SECTION 9-2 RELATIVE TO THE UNLAWFUL OUTDOOR BURNING OF GARBAGE, TRASH, WOOD, TREES, LIMBS, LEAVES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS OR CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION MATERIALS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE VIOLATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. "BURN BAN"

Be it enacted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury:  
Section 9-2. Unlawful burning of garbage, trash, wood, trees, limbs, leaves, household goods or construction/demolition materials "burn ban"; violation; enforcement.

(a) Unlawful Burning: No person, firm or corporation shall burn or dispose of by outdoor burning, any garbage, trash, wood, trees, limbs, leaves, household goods or construction/demolition materials during a period of "mandatory evacuation", "declaration of emergency", or any other time period as mandated by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, United States Government, or their Agencies.

(b) Waiver Permit: Any person, firm or corporation who desires to request a waiver of this "burn ban" shall apply to the Police Jury for a permit, and which application shall describe in detail the items to be burned, the location, the method and type of ignition/fuel, and the date(s), time and place of burning. The Police Jury, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether or not this waiver may be granted and the conditions of the waiver. The application fee for a waiver permit is \$25.00

(c) Violation and Penalty: Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this Section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$300.00 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days or both, plus the payment of court costs, in the discretion of the Court. Each occurrence shall constitute a separate offense.

(d) Enforcement: The Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office shall enforce the provisions of this Section.

Approved unanimously by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on Monday, November 07, 2005 in regular session at Grand Lake, Louisiana.

For Comments Please Call:  
**337-616-9667** RUN: Nov., 17, 24 & Dec. 1 (N-16)

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in special session convened on the 17th day of October, 2005 has accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Project Number 2005-02: Plumbing Repairs to Cameron Parish Jail pursuant to the certain contract between Charles Miller Construction Company Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 291977, in the book of Mortgages, Cameron, Louisiana.

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

BY:

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

RUNS: Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1 - O 10

### NOTICE

The following resolution was offered by Pat Howerton and seconded by Rachel Abadie:

#### RESOLUTION

A resolution making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval of the issuance by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, of not exceeding Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), desires to incur debt and issue not exceeding Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") for the purpose of paying operations, in anticipation of the revenues of the School Board, said Notes to mature on or before March 1, 2008 (or, in the case any of the Notes are sold to the Federal Government to evidence a loan under the Community Disaster Loan Act of 2005, then not exceeding five (5) years from the date of the Notes), and to bear interest at a fixed or variable rate not to exceed six per centum (6%) per annum; and

WHEREAS, the School Board desires to make formal application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval of the above described borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, that:

SECTION 1. Application is hereby made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the borrowing of not exceeding

Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) in the aggregate, by the School Board, to be evidenced by one or more Revenue Anticipation Notes, in multiple series (collectively the "Notes"), under the authority of Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other applicable constitutional and statutory authority, to bear interest from the date of each draw down at a fixed or variable rate not to exceed six per centum (6%) per annum, and to mature on or before March 1, 2008 (or, in the case any of the Notes are sold to the Federal Government to evidence a loan under the Community Disaster Loan Act of 2005, then not exceeding five (5) years from the date of said Notes) for the purpose of paying operations of the School Board in anticipation of its revenues. The Notes shall be secured by and payable from a pledge of revenues of the School Board for each fiscal year while the Notes are outstanding, after provision has been made for the payments required in connection with outstanding bonded indebtedness of the School Board. The Notes shall be issued in fully registered form, shall be sold to the purchasers thereof at a price not less than 98% of par, shall be issued on a taxable and/or tax-exempt basis, and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be deemed necessary by the School Board.

SECTION 2. The Notes are hereby authorized to be sold in one or more series and the President anathe Secretary of the School Board are hereby authorized to execute one or more Note Purchase Agreements, Notes or other documents in form and substance satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Issuer (including, without limitation, FEMA Form 90-1 00 "Local Government Resolution - Collateral Security", and any and all promissory notes, certificates or other documents required to evidence a loan under the Community Disaster Loan Act of 2005).

SECTION 3. A real necessity is hereby found for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Notes, and accordingly the law firm of Foley & Judell, LLP, Bond Counsel, is hereby employed as Bond Counsel to handle all matters of a legal nature in connection with the negotiation, sale, issuance and delivery of the Notes. Said special bond counsel shall prepare and submit to the Issuer all proceedings necessary for the due authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Notes, shall counsel the Issuer as to the issuance and sale of the Notes, and shall furnish their opinion covering the legality and tax-exemption of the Notes. The fee of Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of each series of the Notes is hereby fixed at a sum not to exceed 50% of that permitted by the Attorney General's fee schedule for each issue or issues of revenue bonds based on the principal amount of the Notes actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses; provided, however, that said fee shall be contingent upon the sale, issuance and delivery of the Notes. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his approval of the employment herein provided for.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately. This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

School Board Members  
Yea: Loston McEvers, Dwayne Sanner, Pat Howerton, Dorothy Theriot, Rachel Abadie,  
Nay:  
Absent: Clifton L. Morris, Marvin Trahan

### Abstaining

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of November, 2005.

/s/ Douglas L. Chance Secretary

/s/ Loston McEvers President

The following resolution was offered by Pat Howerton and seconded by Dwayne Sanner:

#### RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the sale of not exceeding Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, adopted a resolution on November 14, 2005, giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not -- exceeding Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes of the Issuer (the "Notes"), in one or more series, to pay operations of the Issuer in anticipation of the revenues of the Issuer; and

WHEREAS, on this date, application has been made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval to issue the Notes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, that:

SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of the Louisiana State Bond Commission, this School Board, under the provisions of Section 1430 of Title 39 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other applicable constitutional and statutory authority, hereby authorizes the issuance of not exceeding Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") of the School Board, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying operations of the School Board, in anticipation of its revenues, said Notes to mature on or before March 1, 2008 (or, in the case any of the Notes are sold to the Federal Government to evidence a loan under the Community Disaster Loan Act of 2005, then not exceeding five (5) years from the date of the Notes), and to bear interest from the date of each draw down at a fixed or variable rate not to exceed six per centum (6%) per annum. The Notes shall be secured by and payable from a pledge of revenues of the School Board for each fiscal year while the Notes are outstanding, after provision has been made for the payments required in connection with outstanding bonded indebtedness of the School Board. The Notes shall be issued in fully registered form, shall be sold to the purchasers thereof at a price not less than 98% of par, shall be issued on a taxable and/or tax-exempt basis, and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be deemed necessary by the School Board.

SECTION 2. The Notes are hereby authorized to be sold in one or more series, and to represent said indebtedness, the President and/or the Secretary of the School Board are hereby authorized to execute one or more Note Purchase Agreements, Notes and other documents in form and substance recommended by Bond Counsel to the Issuer.

SECTION 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become effective immediately. The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

School Board Members  
Yea: Loston McEvers, Dwayne Sanner, Pat Howerton, Dorothy Theriot, Rachel Abadie,  
Nay:  
Absent: Clifton L. Morris, Marvin Trahan  
Abstaining  
And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of November, 2005.  
/s/ Douglas L. Chance Secretary  
/s/ Loston McEvers President  
RUN: Nov. 24 (N 18)

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital Service District, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital Service District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on August 4, 2005, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2006, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION (BONDS)**  
**SUMMARY: AUTHORITY TO ISSUE \$25,000,000, 10 YEAR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF CALCASIEU-CAMERON HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FOR CONSTRUCTING AND ACQUIRING BUILDINGS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO BE USED IN PROVIDING HOSPITAL AND RELATED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES FOR THE WEST CALCASIEU CAMERON HOSPITAL,**

## Claims to be filed weekly

Starting Nov. 27, individuals receiving jobless benefits as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita must start filing weekly claims if they are to continue receiving aid, the Louisiana Department of Labor announced today.

In the aftermath of the disasters, an executive order waived the requirement that individuals file weekly claims for unemployment insurance. This enabled unemployed workers to receive benefits automatically.

"Essentially, we put all hurricane-related claimants on auto-pay so they could get relief quickly and easily," said Marianne Sullivan, assistant secretary of labor's Office of Regulatory Services.

"It is now the responsibility of each individual to contact us every week and let us know whether they need to continue receiving unemployment assistance, and so we can re-assess their eligibility."

The labor department has mailed multiple reminders to individuals receiving Unemployment Insurance and those receiving Disaster Unemployment Assistance instructing them on how to file weekly benefits. There are different reporting requirements for the two types of benefits.

Unemployment Insurance recipients can file claims using the labor department's automated "Easy Call" telephone system or online at www.LAWWORKS.net. The "Easy Call" system includes more than 30 local telephone numbers for the department's job centers across the state.

The numbers are listed on the mailers or can be found on the LAWWORKS.net Web site by clicking on the "Unemployment Insurance" tab and selecting "Easy Call Instructions." Those filing interstate claims can call the Interstate Liable Unit at (225) 342-8731 or (504) 568-7385.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance recipients can call the Louisiana/Mississippi

**INCLUDING ALL NECESSARY SITES, EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS THEREFOR, TITLE TO WHICH SHALL BE IN THE PUBLIC, TO BE PAYABLE FROM AD VALOREM TAXES.**

Shall Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital Service District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000), in one or more series, to run ten (10) years from date thereof, with interest at a rate or rates not exceeding eight per centum (8%) per annum, for the purpose of constructing and acquiring buildings, machinery and equipment, including both real and personal property, to be used in providing hospital and related health care facilities for the West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital, including all necessary sites, equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in the public, which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the District, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

**CALCASIEU PARISH POLLING PLACES**

Precinct: Location  
165; (IN PART) Sam Houston High School, 880 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy, Moss Bluff  
400; D S Perkins Elementary School, 565 N Crocker Street, Sulphur  
401; Cal Par Health Unit-Sulphur, 201 Edgar Street, Sulphur  
402; Frasch Park Recreation Center, 400 Picard Road, Sulphur  
403; Frasch Elementary School, 540 S Huntington Street, Sulphur  
404; R W Vincent Elementary School, 1634 Beglis Pkwy, Sulphur  
405; Center Crcl Recreation Bldg, 80 Center Cir, Maplewood  
406; W T Henning Elementary School, 774 Henning Drive, Sulphur  
407; R W Vincent Elementary School, 1634 Beglis Pkwy, Sulphur  
408; T D McMurry Park Gymnasium, 300 S Hazel Street, Maplewood  
440; Westlake High School, 1000 Garden Drive, Westlake  
441; S P Arnett Middle School, 400 Sulphur Ave, Westlake  
460E; Ward 4 Fire Protection District 4 Fire Station, 789 W Houston River Road, Sulphur  
460W; (IN PART) Ward 4 Fire Protection District 4 Fire Station, 789 W Houston River Road, Sulphur  
461; Mossville Recreation Center, 3825 Old Spanish Trail, Mossville  
462; S P Arnett Middle School, 400 Sulphur Ave, Westlake  
463; Westlake High School, 1000 Garden Drive, Westlake  
464; Riverside Park Pavilion, 1700 Miller Ave, Westlake  
465; Frasch Park Recreation

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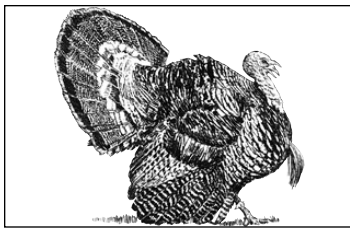
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Disaster Unemployment Assistance Weekly Claims Line at 1-888-217-2440 to file their claims.

In addition to the reinstatement of the reporting requirement, claimants must continue active searches for work as a condition for receiving unemployment assistance. This requirement was waived in the weeks after the hurricanes, but was reinstated Oct. 23.

Center, 400 Picard Road, Sulphur 466E; Carlyss Fire Station, 5151 Volunteer Road, Carlyss

466W; Carlyss Fire Station, 5151 Volunteer Road, Carlyss

467; Carlyss Fire Station, 5151 Volunteer Road, Carlyss

468; Ward 4 Rec Carlyss Complex, 6043 Carlyss Drive, Carlyss

469; (IN PART) Ward 4 Rec Carlyss Complex, 6043 Carlyss Drive, Carlyss

561; (IN PART) Starks School, 137 Hwy 109 South, Starks

562; (IN PART) Edgerly Fire Station, 2205 Edgerly Road, Vinton

700; Vinton City Hall, 1201 Horridge Street, Vinton

701; Vinton Northside Middle School, 900 Horridge Street, Vinton

702; Vinton High School, 1603 Grace Ave, Vinton

703; Shaw Park Recreation Building, 1615 Horridge Street, Vinton

760; Ward 7 Fire Station, 2815 Foreman Road, Vinton

761; Ward 7 Fire Station, 2815 Foreman Road, Vinton

762; (IN PART) Edgerly Fire Station, 2205 Edgerly Road, Vinton

**CAMERON PARISH POLLING PLACES**

Precinct: Location

3; Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Center Ln, Hackberry

4; Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Center Ln, Hackberry

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital, Large East Conference Room, 701 Cypress Street, Sulphur, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2006, at TWELVE O'CLOCK (12:00) NOON, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Sulphur, Louisiana, on this, the 4th day of August, 2005.

ATTEST:

/s/ Raphael Fontenot  
Chairman

/s/ Timothy Broussard  
Secretary

RUN: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15 (N 19)

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### NOTICE

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### NOTICE

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### IN MEMORY

In Loving Memory of  
Haye "Papa" Picou Sr.  
11-22-04  
Shelter-in

Grandfather's Wings  
I closed my eyes and drift slowly to sleep, and in my thoughts, you're there to keep. Wings of an angel, these surely shelter me.

There is a shining guiding brilliant safe light, comforting, watching, all through the night. It's the love of my Grandfather in my heart, keeping me warm, until the mornings start.

It doesn't seem like a year has already passed us by. We all have been through so much and we all miss you dearly. But I know in my heart that you watch over all of us.

Love,  
April, Kevin, Channing, Kasey & Emily  
Rodney, Hope, Luke and Little One on the Way

### Miller Livestock Markets, Inc.

#### Market Report

DeQuincy (Saturday) NOV. 19 Livestock Receipts: Cattle 622, Horses 3 Hogs 43, Sheep 64, and Goats 103. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 50<sup>±</sup>-75<sup>±</sup> per HD, Beef 125<sup>±</sup>-175<sup>±</sup> per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.70-2.05 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.35-1.85 per lb., Heifers: 1.20-1.65 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.20-1.55 per lb., Heifers: 1.15-1.45 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.15-1.40 per lb., Heifers: 1.10-1.30 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: 1.05-1.20 per lb., Heifers: .95-1.05 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .75-.90 per lb., Heifer: .75-.85 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: 50-.52 per lb.; Canners: 45-.49 per lb.; Fat Cows: 47-.50 per lb.; Thin Cows: 35-.45 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: 52-.57 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: 70-.77 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 800<sup>±</sup>-1075<sup>±</sup> per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 600<sup>±</sup>-1050<sup>±</sup> per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: 52-.56 per lb.; Medium Barrow & Gilts: 45-.50 per lb.; Butcher Pigs: 50-.65 per lb.; Feeder Pigs: 75-1.00 per lb.; Sows 300-500 lbs. 30-.34 per lb.; Boars: 10-15 per lb. **HORSES:** 20-.35 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 30<sup>±</sup>-185<sup>±</sup> per HD.

Jim Miller & the staff at Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. give thanks during this Holiday Season to all our valued customers. In observance of Thanksgiving, there will be no sale on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Wishing you & yours a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!  
Next Saturday Sale - Sat., Dec. 3

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**or Cell: 853-8363**  
**or 853-8364**

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**— NOTICE —**

**Cameron Parish Registrar's Office has been relocated in Lake Charles. We are now at 4830 Lake St. in the office of Cecil Sanner (top floor) Our mail is the same as before -- P. O. Box 1, Cameron, LA 70631. This is a temporary office til our permanent temporary office will be ready. I have been told that that will take about 4 - 6 weeks.**

**Our phone numbers are:**  
**1-337-794-2618 or 478-5208.**

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# here now and in the future.

Hurricane Rita had a devastating impact on our friends and neighbors in Louisiana.

We have dedicated our Government and Community Affairs and our Engineering and Construction teams to address the immediate daily needs of Rita's victims and the emergency personnel working in the area. Our executives are working closely with the Cameron Parish Police Jury, National Guard, FEMA, and other State and Federal agencies as they implement their recovery plan.

