

AT THEIR final Police jury meeting Monday night, outgoing Police Jurors and former Jury Presidents Steve Trahan (center) and Douaine Conner (right) received plaques commemorating their years of service to the parish. Jury President Darryl Farque (left) made the presentations, thanking the men for their hard work in Cameron Parish's hurricane recovery.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Stephanie Rodrigue

Rodrigue is named to Hall of Fame

The Louisiana 4-H program celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2008. As part of the celebration, 100 individuals from across the state have been selected as the first inductees into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame.

Because of her significant contributions to making the Louisiana and Cameron Parish's 4-H program a success, the Cameron Parish 4-H office is very proud to announce Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue has been selected as one of the inductees.

Stephanie Rodrigue's original assistance to the youth of 4-H began in 1978 when she volunteered in judging and other capacities for Assumption Parish 4-H events, during which time she was employed by Lafourche Parish School Board as a speech, English and special education teacher.

Her marriage in 1990 included a move to Cameron Parish. As a special education and English teacher, she began first to assist individual 4-H members with local, district and Short Course speeches and demonstrations, and then quickly accepted the 4-H leader position at South Cameron High School, subdividing the group into junior and senior clubs, all while also assisting with parish-wide 4-H activities, events and competitions.

Very soon after, she was elected as Secretary of the Cameron Parish Livestock Committee, and later to the Cameron Parish Foundation Board, positions that she holds to date.

The most significant impact of Mrs. Rodrigue's contributions lies both in the past and in the future. Her unique ability to know the history of 4-H in Cameron Parish, coupled with her desire to see the program develop into the future, was critical to the recovery of the 4-H program following the devastation of Cameron Parish after Hurricane Rita made landfall on Sept. 24, 2005.

As the point person for educational recovery with the Cameron Parish School Board, she realized that bringing even the smallest appearance of normalcy back to the classrooms and lives of the young people of Cameron Parish was paramount. For that reason, she worked toward 4-H meetings and the livestock program continuing.

Soon after the storm, an alliance was formed with the Lafayette Parish Junior Leaders. Even today, both groups are working together on the latest project - Acorns of Hope - which is restoring oak trees to public sites along



HUNDREDS OF Hackberry and Cameron Parish residents attended the annual Hackberry Holiday Festival last year. This was the scene at the lighting of the community Christmas tree. This year's festival, sponsored by Cameron LNG and other firms, will be held Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Hackberry Community Center.

Hackberry Festival is Thursday

The 4th annual Hackberry Holiday Festival will be held Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Hackberry Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. sponsored by Cameron LNG.

Community Christmas Events, will include photos with santa, ornament crafts, cookie decorating, holiday music program, live Christmas tree lighting, face painting, cake walk, food and beverages.

Holiday Marketplace will feature local artisans, businesses and school organizations selling and taking orders for holiday gifts, crafts and goody mixes.

For information contact: Kathy Helmer at 762-3305.

The event is organized by

the Hackberry High School Student clubs and organizations with generous support from these sponsors: Targa Midstream Services LP, Cameron Communications, Deep South Productions and Founding Partner and Event Underwriter, Cameron LNG.

Cameron IS recovering

By CYNDI SELLERS

Over the past few months, many visitors to Cameron have asked me, "What's the problem with Cameron? Why isn't it recovering like other hard hit areas of the parish?"

That's a hard question to answer, because there are many factors to recovery. On the one hand, there are increased government regulations, insurance problems, and economic difficulties. And Cameron was the last area of the parish to get cleaned up after the hurricane.

On the other hand, Cameron had more infrastructure than most other areas to begin with, and there has actually been a lot of recovery. All the dockside industries were back in operation early on. Some have increased their presence, such as the new MI facility on the ship channel.

FDF remodeled its building on Marshall Street.

New construction or remodeling includes two hardware stores, a Family Dollar store, a new gas station/convenience store, an equipment rental company, a motel, two restaurants, two churches, one bar, a law office, a fire sub-station, the Court House, the DA's office, and the Health Unit.

Operating in temporary facilities are a bank, post office, library, parish administration, and another convenience store. The list goes on.

We have an ice plant and several shrimp, fish and oyster businesses. There is more helicopter capacity now than before the storm. Housing, while slow to return to the town of Cameron, is steadily increasing in the subdivisions.

And 2008 looks much brighter, with two new businesses, Badon Law Firm and Cameron Food Mart, breaking ground and beginning dirt work this fall. The appearance of Marshall Street has contributed greatly to the impression that Cameron is not coming back. These two new buildings will help change that perception, even as they improve the quality of life for Cameron residents, especially the grocery store, which has been badly needed.

Two new houses are being started by non-profit agencies. The Mennonites are starting a new house in conjunction with Disaster Recovery Services, and Habitat for Humanity has begun its first Cameron Parish home. Tim Dupont of Farmer's Insurance says he is writing policies almost weekly in Cameron.

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Qualifying set for three elections

Qualifying for four political offices in Cameron Parish will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 12-13 in the Clerk of Court's office in the basement of the courthouse for these offices:

Democratic and Republican State Central Committee Members and Ward 5 Justice of the Peace.

For information on qualifications and fees call the Clerk of Court office at 775-5316.

The election will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 which is also the Presidential Primary Election.

Dist. 6 Police Juror to be elected Dec. 15

Voters in Precincts 2, 14 and 15 will vote Saturday, Dec. 15 in a runoff election for the District 6 Police Jury seat.

In the Nov. 17 election, Kirk Burleigh and Bryon "Goose" Richard had a 138 tie vote causing a runoff to be scheduled.

Burleigh is No. 79 and Richard No. 82 on the ballot.

James Doxey, who is presently the District 6 Police Juror, did not seek re-election.

Two other Police Jurors also did not seek re-election.

They are Steve Trahan, District 2; and Douaine Conner, District 4.

Other jurors who were elected in the Oct. 20 election were Magnus "Sonny" McGee, District 1; Charles Precht, District 3; Thomas McDaniel, District 4; Scott Trahan, District 5; Darryl Farque, District 7.

Steve Racca won the District 2 seat in the Nov. 17 runoff election.

Only four "old" jurors are returning: Sonny McGee, Charles Precht, Scott Trahan and Darryl Farque.

Cameron trailer park to be closed

By HECTOR SAN MIGUEL
American Press

A FEMA trailer park in Cameron Parish is among 50 statewide that are being targeted for closure by early next year.

Diane Perry, a Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman, said Wednesday that her agency will work with the occupants of the affected trailer parks to help them find alternative housing before the closures occur.

The 10-acre trailer park in Cameron Park - Shandy Acres - houses residents in 58 mobile homes. The park is fenced in and has 24-hour security. The park, which sits on former pasture, opened in June 2006. The Conner family of Cameron Parish owns the property.

Perry said the Crying Eagle FEMA trailer park in Calcasieu Parish is not on the closure list.

Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Grand Lake Lions Club will host a "Breakfast with Santa" for children of the parish. The breakfast will be held at the Grand Lake Recreation Center from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Children will eat with Santa and receive candy treats. All children are invited.

the coast.

She is playing a significant role in bringing that project to fruition in Cameron Parish. Mrs. Rodrigue's visionary concern for the future of Cameron Parish 4-H program will assure opportunities for the continued learning and growth of its membership.

Volunteer firemen needed by Cameron

What does a volunteer fire department need most?

Equipment is certainly needed, but the answer is volunteers, which without the department cannot operate.

Volunteers are badly needed for the town of Cameron's fire department, according to Fire Chief Ron Johnson.

The department has 8 or 10 volunteers at this time but only 2 or 3 are up-to-date on their training, he said.

The department is fortunate in that it has two modern pumper trucks and a mini-pumper, plus the fire fighting gear needed, all of which have been replaced since the storm by insurance, grants and donations.

A sub-station is located in the Garber Addition east of town and a new main station is being built at its pre-Rita

location next to the bank.

Johnson said the department has been fortunate in that there have been no major fires since Rita.

Sister fire departments in the Creole and Grand Chenier areas also have a mutual agreement to help Cameron in the case of a major fire.

Johnson urged anyone, male or female, who wishes to help Cameron recover to call him at 274-1837 and volunteer. All volunteers will be given proper training.

Energy aid is offered

Applications are being accepted by Cameron Community Action Agency for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). To be eligible, the total income for all persons in the household can not exceed 60% median income guidelines as shown below.

60% Median Income.	Size of Family Unit;	Monthly Income Limit
1;	\$1455	
2;	\$1902	
3;	\$2350	
4;	\$2797	
5;	\$3245	
6;	\$3692	
7;	\$3776	
8;	\$3860	

For families with more than 8 members, add \$84 to monthly income for each additional family member.

Applicants must bring one month's worth of income and/or receipt of AFDC, food Stamps (current month), SSI, Veteran's VA, Survivors' Pension, Social Security, Retirement, Pensions, and Annuities. Applicants must bring energy bill they need assistance in paying as well as social security cards for all members in household.

Applications are by appointment only. Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Cameron Community Action Agency at 905-6000 to make your appointment.



DIRT WORK has begun on the Cameron Food Mart building in Cameron, on the site of the former Gulfway Donut Shop and Mac-Nett buildings. Owners are Orson and Debbie Billings. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



NEW CONSTRUCTION is underway in Cameron. The Badon Law Firm has started work on a new office building near the Court House. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funeral

CARL "BROTHER" JINKS

Carl Wayne "Brother" Jinks, 74, of Vidor, Tex. died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, in Rock Springs, Tex., while on a hunting trip.

He was born in Johnson Bayou and had lived in Vidor for the last 40 years. He was a Korean War veteran and was retired from Mobil Chemical. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Vidor.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roland Jinks; sister, Elsie Erbeling; and daughter, Hope Boudreaux.

He is survived by his wife, Alberta "Tookie" Jinks of Vidor; his children, Debbie Partin, Brent Jinks and wife Pat, Carroll Jinks and Jennifer Glover and husband David, all of Vidor, Gay Maywald and husband Kyle of Beaumont, Tex., Leslie Wyble and husband Kirk of Groves, Tex. and Michael Boudreaux of Houston, and his mother, Thelma Jinks of Vidor; sister, Helen Packard of Lafayette, 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held Monday, Dec. 3, in First Baptist Church in Vidor. Burial was in Head of the Hollow Cemetery in Johnson Bayou.

Pearl Harbor Day is Friday

Friday, Dec. 7, is the 66th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor which marked the start of World War II.

The U.S.S. Arizona was one of the ships that was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941; and it is also the name of the memorial dedicated to those who lost their lives during that attack.

The memorial was dedicated in 1962 and is made up of three sections. The first is the entry and assembly rooms, followed by the central or middle area. This is where you can observe the sunken ship. This area is also reserved for ceremonies.

The third section is the shrine room. Engraved in marble are the names of all those killed on the Arizona. A U. S. flag is attached to severed mast of the U.S.S. Arizona and flies above the sunken battleship.

A total of 18 ships were sunk or beached, nine were damaged and more than 200 aircraft were destroyed or damaged. Almost 2,400 people were killed, and another 1,300 were injured.

Christmas Bingo set

The Special Christmas Bingo for the senior citizen residents (ages 55 and up) of the Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach community will be held on Friday Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. at the Johnson Bayou recreation center.

Game prizes will be spectacular and door prizes will be given away as well. Refreshments will be served. Come on out and enjoy food, fun and friends during this holiday season.



ANDREW BANT checks Santa's mailbox for letters from Johnson Bayou elementary students.

Bishop will bless J. B. chapel

Bishop Glen John Provost blessed Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron on Sunday, Nov. 18 and will bless our Lady of the Assumption Chapel in Johnson Bayou on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m.

Our Lady Star of the Sea was the second completed church blessed by Bishop Provost. He had previously blessed St. Eugene in Grand Chenier.

Work on the reconstruction of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole continues.

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapel in Johnson Bayou is a mission of St. Peter the Apostle Church in Hackberry, also heavily damaged by Rita. Work continues at St. Peter although Mass is being celebrated in the Church, according to Rev. Roland Vaughn, pastor.

Deacon George Stearns, Chancellor of the Diocese of Lake Charles, served as administrator of Our Lady of Star of the Sea during the reconstruction. Father Joseph McGarth will serve as administrator of the parish now that construction is complete.

In his litany of thanks, Deacon Stearns, also pointed out the generous contribution of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Pennsylvania. The community of religious sisters donated the pews now installed at Our Lady Star of the Sea. The Order was celebrating its 150th anniversary at the time of Hurricane Rita and had begun a project to renovate their chapel.

The Sisters wanted to provide someone in need with their pews rather than throwing them out. They learned about the Cameron church, whose layout closely resembled the Order's chapel in Erie. The pews and a number of other items, valued at between \$65,000 and \$75,000 came to Lake Charles in August 2006.



ON DEC. 3, thirty-six Johnson Bayou Fellowship of Christian Students sang Christmas carols to senior citizens at Holly Hill and Guardian House residents.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

BACK IN THE STATES

Staff Sergeant Ty K. Vincent returned from his third tour of Iraq Nov.10. He has returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina with the 82nd Air Borne.

He will be instructing new recruits. On March 5, 2008, SSG Vincent will transfer to Fort Hood, Tex. where he will continue instruction of hand to hand, field and commando tactics for the 1st Air Calvary. SSG Vincent is a 1998 graduate of Hackberry High School.

He is the son of Shane and Cyndi Vincent of Hackberry. He is married to the former Rebecca Little of DeQuincy and has three children, Michael, Madyson and Mathew.

CATHOLIC NEWS

There will be a Christmas pie sale. Deadline to order pies is Dec. 22. Pies will be ready Dec. 24.

The church office is now located in the CCD Department until the new offices are completed.

Little Miss, Mr. Contest announced

Any girl or boy between the ages of 7 and 9, as of Jan. 1, 2008 and enrolled in a Cameron Parish School is eligible to enter the Little Miss and Mister Cameron Parish Contest to be held Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008 at the Rosa Hart Theatre, located in the Civic Center in Lake Charles, at 10 a.m.

Entry fee is \$15. All Cameron Parish Schools have been given the entry forms. Deadline for entries is Dec. 15, and are to be mailed to Lil Miss/Mr. Cameron Parish, 1586 Green Acres, Lake Charles, LA 70607.

For more information contact Telesha Bertrand at 540-9449. The contest is a part of the 2008 Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival



AMERICORPS IS back in town! An Americorps CCC team from Sacramento, Calif., is helping Disaster Recovery Services and Habitat for Humanity build houses. This group is preparing a foundation for Darlene Crosby's new home in Cameron.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Movie night to be held at Johnson Rec. Center

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be hosting a movie night for all ages on Saturday Dec. 8, 15, and 22 at the Recreation Center. The movie will start at 6 p.m. and the recreation center will close at its regular time of 8 p.m. A different

Christmas movie will be shown each night during the holiday season.

All recreation center rules apply.

Contact Christen Trahan for more information on any of these events at 304-4622.



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The Central Library, 301 W. Claude Street, Lake Charles, will host a unique photography exhibit on loan from the Louisiana State Museum from November 30 to December 26.

"The Faces of Rural Louisiana: Through the Lens, 1890-1940," will be on display in front of the circulation desk of the first floor of the library. The exhibit focuses on the people of Louisiana from the turn of the century through the end of the 1930's.

Beginning in the 1880's, the mass production and availability of dry plate glass negatives allowed photographers the flexibility and technology to leave the confines of the portrait studio. Photographers began to venture out to remote area and capture the otherwise little known communities and landscapes.

The photographers, George Francois Mugnier, Charles Denison Keator, Olide P. Schexnayder, Fonville Winans, and Russell Lee, each documented a different region of rural Louisiana and their respective communities. From group portraits to images of the common man at work, we will view diverse faces in front of a backdrop of rural Louisiana landscapes.

For more information, please call the Calcasieu Parish Public Library at 337-475-8798, or visit the web site at www.calcasieu.lib.la.us



It Seems Just Like Yesterday



By Keith Hambrick

Cameron Pilot, Dec. 5, 1974 RECORD BUDGET ADOPTED

The Cameron Parish Police Jury has adopted a record budget of nearly two million dollars. The breakdown was \$1,400,000 for the general fund, \$500,000 for roads and bridges and \$37,067 for the criminal court, for a total of \$1,937,067.

Because of the possibility that all oil and gas production may decline in the future, the jury voted to set up a \$100,000 trust fund to draw on when these revenues do decline.

FESTIVAL IN MAGAZINE

The Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, to be held in Cameron Jan. 10-11, is receiving some nationwide publicity.

The Holiday Inn International magazine featured the festival in an article "Winter in the Bayou State" giving a rundown on the various festivals to be held in Louisiana in the winter.

The article points out that the unusual thing about Louisiana festivals is that "They lack the glossy, prefabricated look of events manufactured to serve solely as bait for visitors."

JURORS TO MEET WITH JUDGE

Members of the Cameron Parish Police Jury are scheduled to meet with Judge Edwin Hunter at a hearing in the Federal Court building Thursday morning concerning the jury's weighed vote plan.

The judge ordered the jury to use a weighed vote plan

several months ago until the parish is reapportioned following the 1975 election.

Since that time there have been three jury votes in which two of the members, Charles Riggs and Norman McCall, have outvoted the other four members since they have the majority votes under the weighed vote.

The first split vote was on a motion that the judge call an immediate election. The last two have been on the naming of a new member of the parish library board.

It was reported that the four jury members with the minority votes--Charles Precht, Archie Berwick, Lyle Crain and Ernest Myers have again requested the judge to call an immediate election for jurors.

NATIONAL WINNERS

Phillip Lowery of Hackberry has been selected as one of two winners nationally in the 4-H fishing program.

Young Lowery's favorite pastime is fishing, a sport he manages to pursue at least once a week. His family's farm has four one-acre fish ponds plus a 3/4 acre laying pond producing fingerlings.

During his seven years in the 4-H fishing program, Lowery has harvested over 24,500 lbs. of catfish.

The winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lowery of Hackberry and a freshman at McNeese majoring in architectural design.

Leslie Prescott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Prescott of Johnson Bayou, was one of the six national winners in the dog care and training program at the National 4-H Congress in Chicago this week.

Young Prescott, who enjoys hunting himself, has managed to build a profitable business by selling puppies to other hunters as well as training and boarding dogs. In four years of 4-H dog project work he has grossed over \$4,500.

69 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

The secret of a long life and a successful marriage of 69 years is "hard work" said Mrs. Lucius Theriot.

She and her husband celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary, Saturday at their home in Creole. She is 87 and her husband, 90. Both are in good health.

The Theriots were married in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole and the wedding reception was held in the home of her parents, the late Stanville Theriots.

Mrs. Theriot, the former Mary Ann Theriot, is the granddaughter of the late Vileor Theriot, the very first settler of Chenier Perdue who was an early cattle baron and landowner in the area.

The Theriots live on land which has been in the family since the area was first settled.

They ran a store prior to Hurricane Audrey in 1957, when the store was destroyed and farmed cotton, corn and potatoes. They also had cattle and still maintain a few head.

BIRD GROUP TO MEET

The annual Fall meeting of the Louisiana Ornithological Society will be



THE OFFICERS for Grand Lake High School Junior 4-H leaders for 2007-08 are shown above: (front row, from left) Sydney Myers, treasurer; Kellie Theriot, Community Relations Development Committee member; Karissa Trahan, parliamentarian; (back row) Jarrett Nunez, reporter; Abby Miller, President; Julianne Lannin, Secretary; and Darbi Montie, Vice President. Not pictured is Katie Deshotel, Community Relations Development Committee member.

Livestock show set

More than 150 area 4-H and Future Farmers of America students will participate in the 2007 McNeese State University Classic Livestock Show Friday-Sunday, Dec. 7-9, at Burton Coliseum.

The event, open to all livestock species, is sponsored by the McNeese Block & Bridle Club. This marks the return of the livestock show since Hurricane Rita hit the area in 2005.

The livestock show is open free to the public and will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Beef cattle and market lambs will show on Saturday while market hogs and market goats will show on Sunday. The barn will open at 3 p.m. Friday.

Educational demonstrations will be conducted by faculty members and students of the Harold and Pearl Dripps Department of Agricultural Sciences at McNeese.

For more information, call the Dripps Department of Agricultural Sciences at 475-5690.

held in Cameron, Friday and Saturday. There will be the customary informal get-together Friday evening at the Calcasieu Marine National Bank.

The annual banquet and business meeting will be at Fred's Restaurant, Saturday at 7 p.m.



OVER 35 4-H junior livestock exhibitors turned out for the Cameron Parish "Class Act" Showmanship this past weekend at Burton Coliseum. Pictured during one of the hands-on sessions is Morris Helmer of Hackberry guiding young showman in properly caring for and showing their goats. He is supported by his daughter Chelsi who has been showing goats for number of years.

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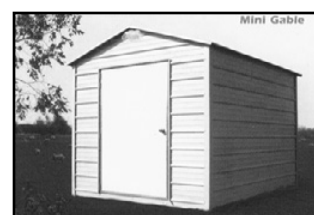
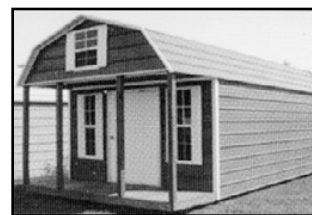
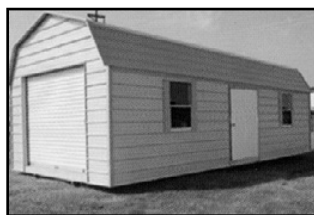
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Jury to spend \$3.8 million on capital projects in 2008

By CYNDI SELLERS

Cameron Parish plans to spend \$3.8 million on capital projects in 2008, in addition to FEMA funded rebuilding projects. On Monday night, police jurors adopted a budget which allows twice the 2007 expenditures.

The 2008 budget reflects a \$6.9 million beginning balance and receipts of \$9.6 million, with total expenditures of \$14.1 million. Non-FEMA expenditures for 2007 are expected to total about \$7 million.

Revenues have been increasing, partly due to the increased price of oil and partly due to increased industrial activity. Income from the state road royalty fund has been very good this year, according to parish accountant Darrell Williams, and is expected to stay high in 2008.

The exact nature of the capital improvements has yet to be decided, but the 2008 Police Jury, which will include three new members, will be prioritizing needs.

BIG MEDICAL BILL

Jurors learned that medical costs for inmate care will be much larger this month. Medical bills for a parish jail inmate who was hospitalized due to a drug overdose have reached \$200,508 and may go higher. The Police Jury is responsible for the cost of

medical care as needed for parish jail inmates, but it is usually minor.

Jurors rejected a permit application for a proposed excavation of a pond north of the beach ridge west of the Cameron Jetties. The excavated material was to be used for a house pad, but Jurors took into account a CWPRA project of beach nourishment set to begin in that area next year, and decided that the pond permit would be counterproductive and might damage prospects for coastal preservation funds.

Juror Sonny McGee asked District Attorney Cecil Sanner if the parish would be exposed to legal action by denying the permit. Sanner said no.

McGee also questioned the \$50,678 cost over-run on the Holly Beach ditch cleaning project. Parish Administrator Tina Horn said the amount was due to the cost of removing more debris from the area than was previously estimated. McGee wants to meet with the contractor, the engineer, and the parish road foreman to view the work before the 45 day waiting period ends.

The project was accepted as substantially complete. Work by parish crews on culverts continues, however.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Jones announced that a lawsuit brought on behalf of Cameron

Waterworks District #1 was successful in returning a settlement of \$78,000 on the district's insurance, representing two-thirds of the policy value. The claim was for storm damage.

The "jake brake" ordinance was postponed for 30 days to receive more information from the public. Options such as quiet time and residential areas only are being considered.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The agenda meeting which would have been scheduled for New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, has been moved to 3 pm Jan. 14. The regular voting meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on that day. Newly elected police jurors will have a planning time during the agenda meeting and be sworn in at the regular meeting.

All parish employees will get two extra holidays this year, due to a proclamation by Gov. Blanco making Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve state holidays, for this year only. Both days are Mondays, which gives employees a four day week-end.

Parish road crews were already being given Christmas Eve off to make up for time worked during Hurricane Humberto, so they will now take the day after Christmas instead. This means there will be no road crews working the week of Christmas, since they have a four day work week.

OTHER BUSINESS

A cooperative endeavor agreement was signed with the School Board and the Fur and Wildlife Festival to allow parish crews to clean up the Cameron Elementary School site and install barricades for the Festival to be held there again this year.

The \$15,000 appropriation for a replacement welcome sign in Hackberry was approved. Parish mileage rate was increased to 44 cents a mile for employees using their own vehicles on parish business.

Parish employees will have one more year to accrue comp time, but this will probably be the last year. Comp time is given in lieu of overtime pay, and amounts to one and one-half times the amount of overtime worked. Jurors said many employees plan to take the time in 2008 in order to work on their homes.

Tina Horn was appointed to the Waterworks District #9 board, replacing Walt Richard. A replacement for Scott Benoit, who resigned from the Gravity District #9 board will be announced next month.



South Cameron High School News

4-H NEWS

Livestock Entry Packets were mailed to 4-H exhibitors. All livestock entry information is due by Dec. 7. There is a 4-H showmanship clinic Sunday, Dec. 2, at Burton Coliseum.

The Premier Exhibitor test will be given this Saturday at Fall 4-H Day in Hackberry scheduled. If you can not attend to take the test, contact Mrs. Ruby Miller at the 4-H Office to schedule a time to take the test during the next week. You have until Dec. 14.

Attention all Shooting Sports participants, there will be a practice shoot this Sunday, Dec. 9, at the old Mosquito Control Barn in Cameron. Senior members will practice from 12:30-2 p.m., and junior members will shoot from 2-4:30 p.m. The Field Day activity has been postponed until January.

A 4-H Workshop Day will be held at South Cameron High on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 8:45-11:45 a.m. Six hands-on workshops will be delivered covering the project topics: Pets, Bicycle, Gardening, Foods and Nutrition, Environment, and Clothing. Pre-registration is not required, although it will help to make sure enough materials are available for all 4-Hers.

ATHLETICS

Letterman jackets and patches will be ordered on Dec. 10. All accessories, extras and patches must be prepaid at the time the order is placed. Jackets will not be ordered if payment is not made.

SENIOR NEWS

All seniors will be required to take senior portraits on Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the school library. The portraits will be taken by Lifetouch by Jerry Gibson. Class dues of \$5 must be paid by the

Christmas Holidays so that the class can focus on graduation. Seniors need to turn in a baby picture for the slideshow.

FBLA NEWS

FBLA members are collecting can goods for the Christmas baskets for the needy. Members need to bring their items to Mrs. Janna Kay.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Basketball roster t-shirts and sweat tops order forms are in the school office.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council members are having a money drive. The money will be given to Toys for Tots. Every student is asked to bring a minimum donation of \$1.

DAY WITH THE DOCTORS

Spend a "Day with the Doctors" will be Thursday, Feb. 2. All high school students considering becoming a doctor should attend. Applications are available from Mrs. Tina Savoie or online at www.swlaahec.com. The deadline for the application is Friday, Dec. 21.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 6 - Basketball - Hackberry (Away)
Dec. 11 - Student Council Meeting
Dec. 11-13 - Parish Basketball Tournament (Johnson Bayou)
Dec. 18 - Basketball Iowa (home)
Dec. 20 - Basketball Bell City (away)

School menus

Cameron Parish School lunch menus are as follows:

Friday, Dec. 7 - Beef finger steak, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, orange wedges, white sauce, wheat sliced bread, milk.

Monday, Dec. 10 - Chicken alfredo, tossed salad, orange wedges, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Meatballs brown gravy, rice, carrots, fruit salad, peanut butter, wheat rolls, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, sliced bread, brown gravy, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 13 - Oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, blackeyed peas, fruit cocktail, wheat biscuits, milk.

Friendship Tea Mix

By NINA WOODS

During the Holiday season, we're so blessed to have friends and family drop by the house to visit. This time of year in the Ozarks, nothing makes company feel more at home than sipping a hot beverage by the fireplace. This recipe came to me through a longtime friend and it has been a fixture in our house for years.

The best thing about it - besides tasting great - is that it is easy to make in advance and tastes like you worked all day on it.

FRIENDSHIP TEA MIX

1 18-ounce jar of Tang
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup presweetened lemonade mix
1/2 cup instant tea
1 package apricot jello
2 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves

Mix ingredients together and store in an airtight container. To make tea, spoon two or three spoonfuls into a cup and pour boiling water over it. Stir and enjoy!

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4 cups milk
1 (16 ounce) package frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 (16 ounce) package prepared chocolate frosting (your choice of flavor)

Directions:
Line the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking pan with graham crackers break them to fit. In a large bowl, combine the milk and vanilla pudding according to directions on box. Fold in the whipped topping. Spread a layer of the pudding mixture over the graham crackers. Alternate the graham cracker and pudding layers up to the top of the pan ending with graham crackers. Cook the container of prepared frosting, uncovered in the microwave for 1 minute on half power, after 30 seconds, stir. Should not be hot, just melted enough to pour over the top of the cake and spread. Refrigerate for at least 1-2 hours before serving. Makes 24 servings

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Cameron Outdoors



By LOSTON MCEVERS

FIRST DUCK SPLIT

Duck and Coot season ended last Sunday and the second split will be Dec. 15 thru Jan. 20. Goose season closed for one day and reopened Dec. 3 thru Dec. 14 on a conservation order for light geese, snows, blues and Ross geese. That's when you're allowed electronic calls, unplugged guns and no daily or possession limits. You can shoot until one-half hour after sunset.

When the second split starts again, Dec. 15, you again go back for a regular regulation goose hunt, which means, blow your own goose caller, plug your gun, go back to the daily and possession limit and back up your time for sunset.

There's still Rails and Gallinules, as well as rabbit and deer to hunt. During the month we'll be able to hunt doves, woodcock and snipes.

This duck season, I hear from most hunters was great in the northern marshes, providing there was feed, but good to slow in most southern seas marshes.

I do know our south seamarsh where I hunt, has no feed, a real brackish marsh, but the thing that helped us was ducks all come from the north, heading to Rockefeller Refuge and to the Gulf and beach, so we get to shoot at those ducks.

I can honestly say we had a good first split, missing our limit by 2 or 3 ducks only 4 days, plus two bad days at the end with one greenhead day and 2 teal the next.

Some hunters moved there

hunting to the north side of Highway 82, for better shooting. The Miami Corporation's Big Burn area held the most ducks, including Coots and Gallinules, because there's plenty of feed, from wild rice to wigeon grass. Thank God for the teal population, as that's helping lots of hunters to make their limits.

FISHING

It is said, one out of three anglers fish for largemouth bass, America's most popular game fish. Something that surprised me was that flounder is the most targeted salt-water fish. I know that lots of anglers in our area flounder fish. Our Gulf coast inland waters is surely known for speckle trout and redfish.

We've seen some strong winds, cold mornings, then a warming trend and then again strong wind. However there were some good fishing days to be had. Calcasieu Lake was choppy, but a couple of early mornings saw the lake calm enough to catch a few trout and a limit of reds.

Speaking of flounder, they're catching a few nice flounder, a friend of mind gave me four real nice flounder and we stuffed them with crab meat and shrimp, makes table fare worth a million dollars.

Well, while duck season closes for a few days, spruce up the old blind for the second split and get a few good days of fishing in. It does great things for the nerves

Basketball

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BOYS

Johnson Bayou 72, South Cameron 53 - The Rebels' Dustin Badon led all scorers with 24 points as JBHS won the 3rd place game of the Hackberry Tourney. Aaron Jinks added 21 points. Vinton won the tournament.

Leading scorers for the Tarpons were Lance Braxton, 15 points; Daniel Kelly, 12 points; and Garrett Taylor, 10 points.

Hackberry 65, Westlake 48 - Chris Spicer led the 10-4 Mustangs with 17 points in the consolation final of the Hackberry Tourney. Ian Blue chipped in 15 points and Steven Miller added 12 points.

Hackberry 64, Grand Lake 51 - Judd Addison and Aaron LaBove led the Mustangs with 16 points each. Dillon Thibodeaux added 13 points and Steven Miller scored 11 points. Jordan Hebert led the Hornets with 16 points. Sam Johnson added 11 points.

Vinton 68, Johnson Bayou 32 - Dustin Badon led the Rebels with 10 points.

Starks 60, Hackberry 53 - Judd Addison scored 13 points for the Mustangs. Dillon Thibodeaux added 12 points and Ian Blue scored 10 points.

GIRLS

Grand Lake 53, Hackberry 24 - The Lady Hornets improved to 18-2 on the year and won the championship of the Hackberry Tourney. Liz Kingham led the Lady Hornets with 13 points and Kat Kingham added 12

points. Grand Lake currently has a winning streak of 15 games. Allyson Sanner led the Lady Mustangs with 6 points.

Barbe 53, Johnson Bayou 47 - Charmayne Barrentine scored 18 points for the Lady Rebels. Shelby Trahan added 14 points in the 3rd place game of the Hackberry Tourney.

Hamilton Christian 66, South Cameron 44 - Whitney Richard scored 16 points for the Lady Tarpons.

Grand Lake 53, Barbe 21 - Shelby Thomas led the Lady Hornets with 14 points. Sonya Lavergne added 12 points and Kat Kingham chipped in 11 points.

Hackberry 53, Johnson Bayou 52 - The Mustangs' Allyson Sanner led all scorers with 29 points. Brooke Wing added 13 points. Charmayne Barrentine led the Lady Rebels with 19 points. Tabitha Harrington added 12 points and Eden Broussard scored 10 points.

Grand Lake 65, Hamilton Christian 55 - Kat Kingham poured in 29 points for Grand Lake. Liz Kingham added 23 points.

Hackberry 40, Westlake 36 - Brooke Wing scored 14 points for the Lady Mustangs and Kayla Sanner added 13 points.

Grand Lake 54, East Beauregard 39 - Liz Kingham scored 17 points for the Lady Hornets and Sonya Lavergne added 14 points.



Stocking up for holidays; here are some suggestions

(NAPSA)-You can keep your cool during the holiday season with a trip down the frozen and refrigerated aisles of the grocery store. Shop early and stock up so you'll have delectable appetizers, delicious meals and mouth-watering desserts at your fingertips.

The National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association suggests:

- **Appetizer Ideas:** Keep plenty of cheeses in the refrigerator-they make great appetizers for impromptu get-togethers and unexpected holiday guests. In your freezer, keep handy pre-cooked shrimp, meatballs, quiche, eggrolls and more-they take only minutes to prepare and can be served in festive holiday dishes.

- **Brunch Suggestions:** Convenient items for your freezer include muffins, waffles, pancakes, breakfast sandwiches, bagels and fruit. Combine fruit with yogurts and juices for smoothies that can make holiday mornings even more fun.

- **Super Snacks:** Convenient for hungry families and guests is a delicious pizza-out of the freezer, into the oven and ready to serve in minutes. Keep plenty of wings, dips and chips on hand.

- **Dinner Plans:** The frozen aisles offer a variety of fully prepared entrées-just heat and serve on busy shopping nights.
- **Side-Dish Pleasures:** Consider the large selection of frozen vegetables, potatoes and breads for terrific side dishes, making holiday meals less work.

- **Delightful Desserts:** Stock the freezer with delicious frozen pies, cakes and ice cream. Keep the refrigerator full of puddings, whipped toppings and ready-to-bake

cookies. Try this favorite holiday appetizer:

Hot Spinach and Artichoke Dip

1 (10 oz.) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
2 cups thawed, chopped frozen artichoke hearts
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 tsp. hot pepper sauce
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese

Squeeze excess liquid from thawed spinach and artichokes. Place spinach, mayonnaise, sour cream, hot pepper sauce, Parmesan cheese and 1/3 of Monterey Jack cheese in food processor. Process until just blended but slightly lumpy. Add artichokes and blend slightly to make a chunky mixture. Place in greased 1-qt. casserole dish. Top with remaining Monterey Jack cheese. Bake at 350° about 30 minutes or until bubbly. Serve with dipping toasts or chips.

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Roasted pepper roll-ups make good holiday snacks

1 15-ounce can white kidney beans, rinsed and drained
4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup packed fresh basil
1 Tablespoon milk
2 small cloves garlic, quartered
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1/3 cup roasted red sweet peppers, drained and finely chopped
10 6-inch flour tortillas
2 cups packed spinach leaves

For filling, in a blender container or food processor bowl combine the beans, cream cheese, basil, milk, garlic and black pepper. Cover and blend until

smooth. Stir in roasted red peppers. To assemble, spread about three tablespoons of the filling evenly over each tortilla to within 1/2 inch of the edges. Arrange spinach leaves over filling to cover. Carefully roll up tortillas tightly. Cover and chill roll-ups for 2 - 24 hours.

To serve, use a sharp knife to cut roll-ups crosswise into 1 1/2-inch slices.



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Dishing out healthy and delicious meals

(NAPSA)-People with a gift for serving up delicious-but healthful-dishes say it's important to present food that tastes good, is made with natural ingredients and is good for you. Fortunately, that doesn't have to mean skipping many classic recipes. These tips may help:

- **Portion Size-**You can help control weight gain by being wary of portion size. If you're serving meat, for instance, nutritionists say not to give a portion that's larger than a deck of cards. Fill the empty space on plates (and in stomachs) with veggies and whole grains.

- **Something On The Side-**Try serving a healthful vegetable soup and a side salad before dinner. That way, people can fill up on veggies, instead of less nutritious foods. Also, if you're trying to eat a little less, remember that our bodies often mistake thirst for hunger. So before you dig into dessert, try having a big glass of water and waiting a few minutes. You may turn out to be less hungry than you thought.

- **Cooking Tips-**Something as simple as switching to non-stick oil sprays can make a difference in how healthy a meal is. For instance, new Mazola Pure™ Cooking Spray is a healthier alternative to high-saturated-fat products such as butter or margarine. It adds Pure™ taste and Pure™ aroma to food, is perfect for fat-free cooking-and unlike other leading sprays, it does not contain alcohol or silicone. It comes in canola oil, extra virgin olive oil and natural butter flavors. It's also cholesterol free and has 0g trans fat per serving.

The spray can be used in a variety of ways including: adding light flavor when

grilling sandwiches, making popcorn, holding seasonings in place on meats and vegetables, sauteing, pan searing seafood and chicken, flipping pancakes and browning foods in the microwave.

Try this delicious and healthful recipe:

Seasoned Roasted Potatoes

2 lbs mini red or golden potatoes
2 teaspoons garlic, minced
2 teaspoons rosemary, dry
1 teaspoon Kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper, cracked
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated
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1. Preheat oven to 450°F.
2. Spray 9" x 13" baking pan with olive oil spray.
3. Combine garlic, rosemary, Kosher salt, and black pepper to make seasoning blend. Set aside.
4. Under cold running water, scrub potatoes to remove excess skin.
5. Cut potatoes into approximately 1" x 1" cubes. If using very small potatoes, do not cut.
6. Place potatoes in baking pan and spray with olive oil cooking spray until potatoes are coated. Mix potatoes after spraying to ensure even coating.
7. Add reserved seasoning blend and Parmesan cheese, and mix well. Spread mixture in a single layer and spray tops again, lightly with additional spray to help browning.
8. Bake at 450°F for 25 to 30 minutes.

Serves: 6
PrepTime: 10 minutes
More recipes are available at www.mazola.com.

Desserts to make for your racing fan

(NAPSA)-Leave it to star female race-car drivers to come up with desserts that are not only fast, but incredibly tempting. Using the most iconic ingredients-Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Hostess Cup Cakes-IRL's Danica Patrick, NASCAR's Leilani Münter and the National Hot Rod Association's Melanie Troxel easily made the cut for the Hostess Race Divas team.

Danica Patrick's Speedway Shortcake Twinkie-Style

10 Hostess Twinkies
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
8 ounces frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
5 to 6 cups thinly sliced fresh strawberries

Slice Twinkies in half horizontally and place, cut-side up, in a decorative or glass 9 x 13-inch dish. Twinkies will cover the entire bottom surface of the pan.

Beat cream cheese and sweetened condensed milk until well blended. Fold in whipped topping and vanilla.

Spread half of the cream cheese mixture over Twinkies; top with half of the sliced strawberries. Repeat layers. Refrigerate several hours.

Leilani Münter's Fast Track German Chocolate Tarts

1 box Hostess Ding Dongs
1 1/2 cups chopped pecans
2 1/2 cups sweetened flaked coconut
1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
1 1/2 cups sugar
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter
4 egg yolks, slightly beaten
2 teaspoons vanilla

Using a serrated knife, slice Ding Dongs in half horizontally. Place on platter and set aside.

Spread the pecans and

coconut on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 7 to 10 minutes or until toasted. Set aside.

Place evaporated milk, sugar, butter, egg yolks and vanilla in medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thick and golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in pecans and coconut. Allow mixture to cool for 30 to 45 minutes. Dollop a heaping spoonful on top of each sliced Ding Dong. Serve tarts at room temperature.

Tip: You can speed cooling by placing saucepan in ice water.

Melanie Troxel's Motoring Mud Pie

1 jar (11.75 ounces) hot fudge sauce
1 package (6 ounces) chocolate cookie pie crust
5 Hostess Cup Cakes
1 cup heavy whipping cream
1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar
1 package instant chocolate pudding mix
1 1/2 cups milk
1/4 cup chocolate shell topping

Remove lid and microwave hot fudge sauce on High (100%) power 20 to 30 seconds. Spoon half of sauce into bottom of pie shell.

Cut Cup Cakes in half, vertically. Arrange in pie crust, with filling facing edge of crust and continue in circles to cover entire crust.

Beat cream until soft peaks form; add confectioners' sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Whisk pudding mix and milk until thickened. Fold 3/4 cup whipped cream into the pudding. Spoon remaining whipped cream over top of pie. Refrigerate until set.

Spoon chocolate shell topping into center of the pie to resemble a mud puddle. Keep pie refrigerated until serving.

For more information, visit www.hostesscakes.com.

Appetizers for day or night gatherings

(NAPSA)-Just as your favorite black dress works day and night, you can also make your appetizer ingredients work around the clock. Whether it's a family gathering or an elegant evening affair, try these simple recipes from Chef Kyle Shadix.

Serve a Classic Brie

DAY: Pair a wheel of brie with fresh apples and pears. Place the cheese and fruit on a bed of lettuce to add a little freshness.

NIGHT: Wrap brie in phyllo dough; bake until golden brown. Top with a combination of chopped walnuts and berry jam for a festive touch.

Keep it Simple ALMONDS

DAY: Toss together red and green candy-coated chocolate pieces, pretzels, almonds and raisins. Let kids help themselves to this fun, healthy snack.

NIGHT: Coat almonds with garlic, rosemary, kosher salt and olive oil, and bake to a savory finish. Pair with Kalamata olives and feta cheese for an elegant appetizer tray.

Make it Festive TOMATOES

DAY: Slice string cheese in half lengthwise. Hollow out a cherry tomato and place end of string cheese in the center. Serve cherry tomato pops with veggie dip for an easy crowd pleaser.

NIGHT: Using a toothpick, spear half of a cherry tomato, a piece of basil, a mozzarella ball and another half of a tomato. Sprinkle the holiday skewers with salt and pepper and serve with an oil and

vinegar mixture.

Stick with the Tried-and-True MELBA TOAST

DAY: Spread light chive and onion cream cheese on Classic Old London Melba Snacks and top with a cucumber slice. The light, satisfying crunch will keep guests coming back for more.

NIGHT: Top Old London Sesame Melba Snacks with a shrimp, sour cream, green onion and artichoke mixture; this fresh, hearty spread will make other dips look plain wimpy.

Monterey Shrimp Serves 1

7-10 shrimp, fully cooked, roughly cut up
1/4 cup light sour cream
1 Tbsp green onion (green part only) or chives
1/4 cup artichoke heart (from a jar) well drained and finely chopped

Mix the above ingredients and spoon onto Old London Sesame Melba Snacks. Add fresh lemon zest or minced garlic to taste. Keep chilled until ready to eat.

For more recipes and party ideas, visit oldlondonfoods.com.



MOVIE NIGHTS

Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be hosting a movie night for all ages on Saturday, Dec. 8, 15, & 22, 2007 at the Recreation Center. Movies will start at 6 p.m. and the recreation center will close at the regular time (8 p.m.). We will be showing a different Christmas movie each night during the Holiday Season.

You may contact Christen Trahan for more information on on these events at 337-304-4622.

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How to keep your houseplants healthy

(NAPSA)-Houseplants bring a little bit of nature indoors-a beautiful touch of green that's not only soothing but that softens hard lines and glaring light in home or office. They can even improve indoor air quality.

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- Use quality potting soil. Good potting soil (never use regular garden soil in containers) promotes healthy roots by providing a balance of proper aeration, nutrition and moisture-holding capability.

- Water properly. Houseplants need frequent watering. Stick your finger into the top two inches of soil. If it is dry, it's probably time to water. Water thoroughly, so the entire rootball is wet and the excess water runs out the bottom of the pot. Don't leave standing water in the catch tray for more than a day or two because that can promote root disease.
- Fertilize regularly. The frequent watering required by most houseplants leaches nutrients out of the soil. Be sure to fertilize regularly.
- Increase humidity and avoid drafts. Keep plants away from heater vents, doorways or drafty windows. Increase humidity by setting plants on trays layered with small pebbles and filled with water. Or place them in naturally humid areas like kitchens or bathrooms (but only if there is adequate light).
- Keep the foliage clean. Dust that accumulates on the leaves of houseplants will block light and harbor insect pests. Clean leaves by wiping them with a moist towel or, in mild winter areas, take plants outdoors and hose them off.
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A "Study Guide" for student loans

(NAPSA)-Parents and students looking for help answering the confusing questions surrounding student loan financing now have an easy-to-use resource center to turn to for step-by-step guidance. The Smart Borrowing campaign, launched by The First Marblehead Corporation, offers information about the lowest-cost ways to finance a college education.

The campaign begins with www.smartborrowing.com, a new Web site that serves as a "study guide" for anyone seeking to undertake a self-education in higher education financing. The site is divided into five sections that focus on smart financing moves:

Start Early: A recent survey by First Marblehead revealed that less than one in five families (18 percent) had saved more than \$25,000 in total for college by the time students had entered their freshman year. That statistic is startling when considering the average cost of tuition and fees at a private, four-year college is over \$22,000 per year, excluding room and board. Start family discussions about how to pay for college as soon as you begin to

talk about academic and career goals.

Estimate Your Share: The survey found that more than one-quarter of students (26 percent) said they would be solely responsible for paying for college, while just over one in 10 parents (11 percent) said their children would be carrying the full load. To ensure that families are not borrowing too little or too much, it's really important that students and parents talk about-and agree on-how much they're going to need and who is going to be responsible for the financing. Remember that college costs include educational expenses like books, lab fees, materials or a laptop. The time for families to think about these costs is well before applying for financing.

Federal Aid First: Students and parents both felt that scholarships (95 percent), grants (81 percent) and savings (47 percent) were the top three ideal sources of college financing. Yet in reality, scholarships (65 percent), savings (63 percent) and federal loans (58 percent) are the top sources. The gap indicates many may not be considering the full range of financial aid

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- 1/4 cup Evaporated Milk
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- 2 Tablespoons Water
- 1/4 Teaspoon Vanilla
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Combine all ingredients except pecans. Place over medium heat, stirring until all sugar is dissolved. Add Young Pecans and continue to cook until pecans are completely sugared with no syrup left in the saucepan. Spread on wax paper and let cool.

options available.

Loan applicants should avail themselves of free and low-cost aid sources first, using private loans to supplement when necessary, not supplant, federal loans to cover the full cost of education.

Filling the Gap: Although federal loans generally offer more favorable rates, private loans offer a possible solution to those needing to fill a gap between the amount of scholarships, grants and federal loans they receive and the ultimate cost of their education.

Also, many don't fully understand that factors such as credit scores, co-signers and the loan amount can affect the amount they'll pay. For example, asking a parent, other relative or trustworthy friend to co-sign a private student loan can help to secure the best possible terms.

Borrowing Smart: According to the survey, students and parents were not aware of many student loan benefits. Less than half were aware that loan payments can be made electronically (47 percent) and that payment can begin before graduation (47 percent). When you do take out a loan:

- Make sure your lender provides you with loan documents written in clear, simple language.
 - Know that interest rates can and do change over time. Make sure you can afford monthly payments should your rate go up.
 - Make sure you are not penalized if you pay off your loan early.
 - Know that if you make a loan payment electronically, you may be entitled to an interest rate reduction.
 - You may be able to defer payments until you graduate.
- "More Americans than ever before are going to college and studies show the earning potential of a college graduate is about double that of someone with just a high school education," said Jack Kopnisky, Chief Executive Officer and President of The First Marblehead Corporation. "At the same time, costs are rising and the gap between what people have and what they need is growing. Through our Smart Borrowing campaign, we want to help educate students and parents on how best to fill that gap and, ultimately, achieve their dreams."

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CARD OF THANKS

The family of Pat and Margaret Doland wants to thank all who supported and prayed for them in their time of loss. It is greatly appreciated. 12/5mc

NEWS ARTICLES

with photos, engagement and wedding announcements, happy ads, and letters to the editor should be in the news office by 4 p.m. on Tuesdays for that weeks issue of the Cameron Pilot.

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— JOB AD —

Persons interested in a temporary position as a computer lab aide at Grand Lake High School should telephone 337-905-5784 ext 111 in order to request an application. The completed application should then be mailed or delivered to:

Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake High School, 337-905-5100.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, December 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

RUN: Dec. 6 & 13 (D-11)

— JOB OPENING —

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will accept job applications until 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 17, 2007, for one (1) full-time road crew position to work in the Grand Chenier-Little Chenier District. Welding and mechanical experience required.

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

RUN: Dec. 6 & 13 (D-20)

— NOTICE —

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, and by proclamation of the Governor of the State of Louisiana, dated September 6, 2007, in accordance with provisions of La. R. S. 18:621 (A) (2) and (3) calling for a special Primary Election to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008, and a General Election is hereby ordered to be held Saturday, March 8, 2006 for the purpose of electing a person to fill the vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace, Ward 5, in the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, due to the resignation of the Honorable Marsha Trahan.

Cameron Parish Justice of the Peace, Ward 5 encompasses All of Voting Precinct 1, Johnson Bayou and a Portion of Voting Precinct 4, Hackberry, where no voters reside.

Qualifying for candidates seeking said office shall be from Wednesday, December 12, 2007 through Friday, December 14, 2007 at the Cameron Parish Clerk of Courts Office, in Cameron, Louisiana.

The Clerk of Court's Office hours during qualifying will be as follows:

Wednesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 13th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, December 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

For a copy of qualifications and qualifying fees for the above named office; interested persons can call the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court's Office at (337) 775-5316 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Run: Nov. 29 & Dec. 6 (N-56)

Sheriff's report

The following persons were arrested by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. Nov. 22 - Dec. 4.

Dwayne Martin Reynolds, 38, Abilene, Tex., Public Intoxification, Fugitive Warrant.

Anita Abshire, 43, 70210A Gulf Beach Hwy. Cameron, Aggravated Battery.

Jolene Marie Hebert Doxey, 29, 105 Teal St., Cameron, Simple Battery.

Darrell Lee LeBlanc, 46, 200 Debra Lane, Cameron, Assault.

Brandon Lewis Magnuson, 24, 2572 Beauvoir, Iowa, D.W.I., Poss. of Marijuana, Poss. of Paraphernalia.

Jon Martin Daigle, 28, 4602 Ogden Rd, Lake Charles, Violation of Protective Order (2 counts)

Justin Lee Boudreaux, 19, 251 Bobbies Lane, Cameron, Aggravated Assault, Dist. the Peace by Fighting, Simple Assault.

Ronald George Jr., 19, 2339D Troclair Rd, Creole, Aggravated Assault, Dist. the Peace by Fighting.

Darcy R. Byler, 48, 108 Byler Lane, Hackberry, Aggravated Battery, Reckless Operation, Suspension.

Drew Joshua LaBove, 18, 136 Norman Lane, Cameron, Dist. the Peace by Fighting.

Herbert Edwin Carver, 52, Liberty, Tex., Suspension, Poss. of CDS II, Poss of Paraphernalia, Obstruction of Justice.

James Patrick Granger, 49, Carrabelle, Fla., Poss of CDS II.

Tiffany Nichole Jinks, 22, 176 Riggs Road, Hackberry, Identity Theft, Theft, Bench Warrant.

Herbert Charles Rhoades, 50, 368 Vanessa Ave, Lake Charles, Fugitive warrant.

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— NOTICE —

To all Cameron Parish Waterworks District #2 customers:

Effective December 2007, there will be a rate increase affecting all District #2 customers. This increase has become necessary due to a substantial increase in operating expenses (utilities, chemicals, fuel, insurance and other associated costs of operation).

The decision on this matter was not made in haste, but comes after many options were discussed. Our main concern is our customers and what is in the best interest of our Water District. Your cooperation and understanding on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Waterworks District #2 Board of Directors

RUN : NOV. 22, 29 & DEC. 6 (N-46)

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will receive bids until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at the office of Mosquito Control in Sweetlake, Louisiana, on chemicals and fuels.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Mosquito Control Headquarters.

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

Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 /s/ Julian S. Robichaux Julian S. Robichaux, Director Run: Nov. 22, 29 & Dec. 6 (N 42)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Qualifications

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is applying for grant monies under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Louisiana Recovery Program and other federal and state programs, for the purpose of securing funds for constructing/rebuilding buildings and facilities damaged by Hurricane Rita along with funding projects that would mitigate future hazard related costs. The Police Jury is interested in procuring hazard mitigation planning services and engineering services including project scoping and estimating once the projects are funded.

This is official notice that Cameron Parish Police Jury is submitting a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the update of the Cameron Parish's Hazard Mitigation Plan and subsequent scoping of mitigation projects identified during the update process. The project is fixed fee with a one year completion requirement starting once the grant monies have been approved. Knowledge of HMGP related grant programs is required.

Interested parties should send qualifications to the following: Margaret Theriot, P. O. Box 374 Cameron, LA 70632. Deadline for submission is December 10, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 337-775-7048. Runs: Nov. 29 & Dec. 6 (N 51)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be accepting sealed bids on the removal of remaining damaged fencing and the replacement of approximately 500 ft of 6 ft chain link fence at our Holly Beach location. The Fencing is to include 3 - 3 ft walk gates and 1 - 12 ft double gate. Bid Specification sheets are available upon request at The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center located at 135 Berwick Road, Johnson Bayou, LA 70631. All bids shall be sealed and clearly marked on outside "Johnson Bayou Recreation District - Holly Beach Fence" and must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17th, 2007. Bids may be mailed or dropped off at the Recreation Center Temporary Trailer located at 135 Berwick Road, Johnson Bayou, LA 70631.

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center is Tax Exempt.

All bids shall include itemized price list.

All bids should include the name, address, phone number, and name of authorized representative.

Successful bidder will be required to provide proof of insurance and must be licensed in the State of Louisiana.

For any questions or more information you may contact Christen Trahan at 337-569-2288 or 337-304-4622. Runs: Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & 13 (N 52)

NOTICE

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, Qualifying for the Saturday, February 9, 2008 Presidential Primary Election will be on the following dates and times listed below, at the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court's Office, located in the basement of the courthouse:

Wednesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on **Friday, December 14th** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Candidates can qualify for the following Cameron Parish Offices: **DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER.**

REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER.

DEMOCRATIC PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER and CAMERON PARISH JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, WARD 5.

Candidates seeking the above offices can contact the Clerk of Courts Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (337) 775-5516 for information on qualifications and qualifying fees. Run: Nov. 29 & Dec. 6 (N-53)

NOTICE

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, and by proclamation of the Governor of the State of Louisiana, dated September 6, 2007, in accordance with provisions of La. R. S. 18:621 (A) (2) and (3) calling for a special Primary Election to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008, and a General Election is hereby ordered to be held Saturday, March 8, 2006 for the purpose of electing a person to fill the vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace, Ward 5, in the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, due to the resignation of the Honorable Marsha Trahan.

Cameron Parish Justice of the Peace, Ward 5 encompasses All of Voting Precinct 1, Johnson Bayou and a Portion of Voting Precinct 4, Hackberry, where no voters reside. Qualifying for candidates seeking said office shall be from Wednesday, December 12, 2007 through Friday, December 14, 2007 at the Cameron Parish Clerk of Courts Office, in Cameron, Louisiana.

The Clerk of Court's Office hours during qualifying will be as follows:

Wednesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 13th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, December 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

For a copy of qualifications and qualifying fees for the above named office; interested persons can call the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court's Office at (337) 775-5316 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Run: Nov. 29 & Dec. 6 (N-55)

PUBLIC NOTICE LOWER CAMERON HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF A STAFF HOUSING BUILDING FOR SOUTH CAMERON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Lower Cameron Hospital Service District (the "District") is soliciting qualifications from professional architectural and engineering firms to provide architectural and engineering design services for the construction of overnight accommodations in the form of an apartment-style building to replace the structure that was destroyed by Hurricane Rita at South Cameron Memorial Hospital located at 5360 West Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.

The procedures for selection of the firm will be in accordance with the procurement requirements of the State of Louisiana and Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. All responses received by the District will be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria and corresponding point system that is identified in the Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services Package (the "Package"). The Package will identify the scope of the services to be performed by the selected firm and the structural design specifications. The District will award a contract to the respondent obtaining the highest score in the evaluation process.

Interested parties are invited to secure a Package by written request to: James Gregory Fawvor, Cameron Parish Police Jury, P.O. Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631, by fax request to Mr. Fawvor at (337) 775-5567 or by telephone request to Mr. Fawvor at (337) 775-5718, ext. 101. A response to this Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services must be hand-delivered or mailed to Mr. Fawvor at the above named address in such a manner that it is received no later than 12:00PM on Thursday, December 20, 2007. Hand-deliveries should be made to James Gregory Fawvor, Cameron Parish Police Jury, 122-A Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, Louisiana 70631. The District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages all small and minority-owned firms, women's business enterprises and Section 3 businesses to apply. Run: Dec. 6 & 13 (D 1)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9 MAY 31, 2007

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in regular session on Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 5:00 p.m., at Waterworks Office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Thompson McCall, Velma Doland, Wendell Rutherford, and Walt Richard. Members absent: John Allen Conner. Guest: Teddy Broussard.

It was moved by Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, that the meeting be called to order.

It was moved by Mrs. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard, and carried, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Doland and carried, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved: /s/ Thompson McCall THOMPSON MCCALL, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT #9

Attest: /s/ Wendell Rutherford WENDELL RUTHERFORD, ACTING SECRETARY Run: Dec. 6 (D-2)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9 SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in special session on Monday, September 10, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., Waterworks Office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

The following members were present, Walt Richard, Thompson

McCall and Wendell Rutherford. Member absent: John Allen Conner.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, that the meeting be called to order.

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, and carried, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, that the financial statement for month of August, 2007 be and the same is hereby approved.

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, and carried, that all monthly bills be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, that the following rate codes be added:

Compound meters - Residential 2" \$20.00/ per 11,000 gallons, thereafter \$1.30 per thousand
3/4" \$12.00/ per 11,000 gallons, thereafter \$1.30 per thousand
Commercial 2" \$45.00/ per 10,000 gallons
10,001-15,000 gallons \$2.15 per thousand, thereafter \$2.25 per thousand

3/4" \$25.00/ per 10,000 gallons
10,001-15,000 gallons, \$1.30 per thousand, thereafter \$1.80 per thousand.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, that the assistant to superintendent begin to work a four (4) day work week, effective immediately.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the meeting be declared adjourned.

Approved: /s/ Thompson McCall THOMPSON MCCALL, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT #9

Attest: /s/ Wendell Rutherford WENDELL RUTHERFORD, ACTING SECRETARY Run: Dec. 6 (D 3)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9 SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in regular session on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., Waterworks Office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Walt Richard, Thompson McCall and Wendell Rutherford. Member absent: John Allen Conner. Guest: Jay Rutherford.

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the meeting be called to order.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard, and carried, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the financial statement for month of September, 2007 be and the same is hereby approved.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard, and carried, that all monthly bills be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved: /s/ Thompson McCall THOMPSON MCCALL, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT #9

Attest: /s/ Wendell Rutherford WENDELL RUTHERFORD, ACTING SECRETARY Run: Dec. 6 (D 4)

NOTICE BY OWNER OF ACCEPTANCE OF WORK

This is to advise that the contract between Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, and Bergeron Welding, Inc. dated January 29, 2007, in the amount of \$347,571.36, which was filed and recorded on January 29, 2007, bearing File #302388, of the Records of Mortgages for Cameron Parish, Louisiana, is substantially complete and was accepted by Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, on November 27, 2007, and was recorded at the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court on November 29, 2007.

Any person or persons holding a claim against said contract for New Administration/Shop Building; Cameron Parish, Louisiana; LEI Project No. 06-030; should file a claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on or before January 13, 2008.

Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6 /s/ Alton Schexnider, President Run: Dec. 6, 20 & Jan. 3 (D 5)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OCTOBER 25, 2007

The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 Board met in regular session on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the water district office located at 126 Ann Street in the town of Cameron, Louisiana.

Members present were: J. C. Murphy, Bobby Doxey, James Boudreaux, and Paul Duhon. Absent: Tammy Peshoff, Angie Brown, Tony Porche

President J. C. Murphy called the meeting to order.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Paul Duhon and carried to approve and dispense from reading of the September minutes.

ried to approve the financial statement.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Bobby Doxey and carried that the bills for the month be paid.

On a motion by Bobby Doxey, seconded by Paul Duhon and carried to renew Bobcat and Backhoe insurance.

On a motion by Paul Duhon, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to change November meeting date to November 29, 2007 due to Thanksgiving holiday.

On a motion by Bobby Doxey, seconded by Paul Duhon and carried to approve Superintendent Petersen's attendance at The Louisiana Water Quality Technology Conference in Alexandria on December 11, 2007.

On a motion by Paul Duhon, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to go into executive session. Yeas 4, Nays 0.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Paul Duhon and carried to return to regular session. Yeas 4 Nays 0.

On a motion by Paul Duhon, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to amend the April 26, 2007 minutes to reflect a Clerical error of a 4.5 millage rate to a 5.0 millage rate for the 2007 tax roll.

On a motion by Paul Duhon, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried there being no further business the meeting stand adjourned.

/s/ J.C. Murphy J.C. Murphy, President Cameron Parish Water & Wastewater District #1 /s/ Kathryn Guilbeau Kathryn Guilbeau, Secretary Run: Dec. 6 (D 6)

CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT #1

The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District #1 will meet in regular session on December 27, 2007 to accept the proposed 2008 budget.

PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET
TOTAL REVENUES - 1,257,470
PAYROLL AND INSURANCE - 216,190
GENERAL MAINTENANCE - 430,490
CAPITAL OUTLAY - 410,000
TOTAL EXPENSES - 1,056,680
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) - 200,790
Run: Dec. 6 (D 8)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Assessor will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008. Said hearing shall be held at the office of the Assessor, Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana, at 10:00 a.m., December 14, 2007. The Cameron Parish Assessor's Office budget is always available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Assessor.

2007 AMENDED; 2008 PROPOSED

REVENUE:
Ad Valorem Taxes; 514611; 500000
State Revenue Sharing; 7002; 7002
Federal Revenue Sharing; 2991; 3000
Informational Services; 7500; 7500
Interest Earnings; 12000; 12000
Total Revenue; 544104; 529502
EXPENDITURES:
Personal Services; 432296; 433660
Supplies; 10100; 11100
Other Operating Expenses; 84966; 85966
Capital Outlay; 0; 40000
Total Expenditures; 527362; 570726
EXCESS: 16742; -41224
Run: Dec. 6 (D 9)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids are being solicited as follows and sealed bids will be opened and publicly read by the Purchasing Section of the Department of Natural Resources, Room 1263, 12th Floor, 617 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, La. 70802 at 11:00 a.m., on January 03, 2008.

Bid Proposal Number 431-2003-PA08-010

Abandonment of oil field sites located in Hackberry, East, and Wildcat Fields, Cameron Parish.

Only those contractors on the list of contractors approved by the Oil Field Site Restoration Commission as of December 06, 2007 the first public notice of solicitation, will be eligible for consideration. (Reference: Louisiana Oilfield Site Restoration Law, R. S. 30:80 et seq., ACT 404 of 1993)

A notice to bidders will be mailed to eligible contractors. Bid proposal form and specifications will be presented at the mandatory site visit to pre-registered contractors. Additional information may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, P. O. Box 94275 (617 N. 3rd St. - 9th Flr), Baton Rouge, LA. 70804-9275, Attention: Oilfield Site Restoration Division (or call Oilfield Site Restoration Division at 225-342-6397).

Evidence of authority to submit the bid will be required in accordance with R. S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(c) and/or R. S. 39:1594 (C)(2)(d).

This notice published to comply with Public Bid Law. Run: Dec. 6, 13 & 20 (D 12)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9 OCTOBER 25, 2007

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in regular session on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., Waterworks Office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Walt Richard, thompson McCall, Velma Doland and Wendell Rutherford. Member absent: John Allen Conner. Guests: Jay Rutherford, Lonnie Harper, Thomas McDaniel, Gayle

Zembower, Teddy Broussard and Kevin Warner.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Richard and carried, that the meeting be called to order.

Lonnie Harper presented a summary on rebuilding Muria (approx 6,000 sq. ft.) and Grand Chenier (approx 3,400 sq. ft.)

Gayle Zembower presented plans and explanation of design for Grand Chenier building.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Doland and carried, that a letter be sent to the Cameron Parish Police Jury expressing the intent of Mr. Lonnie Harper to begin advertising for receipt of bid for the Grand Chenier Waterworks Office and requesting concurrence by said Police Jury.

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the financial statement for month of October, 2007 be and the same is hereby approved.

It was moved by Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, and carried, that all monthly bills be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved: /s/ Thompson McCall THOMPSON MCCALL, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT #9

Attest: /s/ Wendell Rutherford WENDELL RUTHERFORD, ACTING SECRETARY Run: Dec. 6 (D 13)

38TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF LOUISIANA CAMERON PARISH, LA. CARL E. BROUSSARD CLERK OF COURT SUCCESSION OF VS. NO. 300-3433 WARREN HINCHEE FILED: NOV. 30, 2007 1:15 P.M. NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PATRICK TOOLE, duly appointed and qualified Administrator of the Succession of WARREN HINCHEE, has, pursuant to the Code of Civil Procedure, petitioned this Honorable Court for authority to the compromise this Succession's claims against the Succession of Henrietta Granger Hinchee, Docket Number 38,017, 14th Judicial District Court, under the terms and conditions set forth on in the Act of Compromise and Release filed herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the law made and provided in such cases, notice is hereby given that PATRICK TOOLE, Administrator, proposes to compromise the aforesaid claims under the terms and conditions set forth on in the Act of Compromise and Release filed herein, and the heirs, legatees and creditors are required to make opposition, if any they have or can, to such course, within seven days including Sundays and holidays, from the day of publication of this notice.

BY ORDER OF THE 38TH Judicial District Court on this 30th day of November, 2007. /s/ Debbie Savoie Clerk of Court Run: Dec. 6 (D 14)

PROCEEDINGS GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4 SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

Gravity Drainage District No. 4 held a regular meeting at Creole Fire Station in Creole, Louisiana at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, September 13, 2007.

PRESENT: Kevin Boudreaux, Raven Benoit, Michael Semien, Walter Rogers.

ABSENT: Leslie Griffith

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Boudreaux.

On motion of Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the minutes were approved.

There were no permits for approval.

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the financial report was approved.

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the following bills were approved for payment:

1) Cameron Parish Police Jury - \$2,085.00
2) Coastal Culverts - 1,848.00
3) TLC Lawn Service - 350.00
4) Galton Boudreaux - 1,950.00
5) Jeff Davis Electric - 36.48

Kevin Boudreaux reported the Oak Grove culvert is not up to par. There was a discussion of corrective action, as well as, other general drainage issues.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved: KEVIN BOUDREAUX, CHAIRMAN

Attest: MICHAEL SEMIEN, SECRETARY Run: Dec. 6 (D15)

PROCEEDINGS GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4 NOVEMBER 8, 2007

Gravity Drainage District No. 4 held a regular meeting at Creole Fire Station in Creole, Louisiana at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, November 8, 2007.

PRESENT: Kevin Boudreaux, Raven Benoit, Leslie Griffith, Walter Rogers, Michael Semien

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Boudreaux.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Semien, the minutes were approved.

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oned by Mr. Rogers, the following permit was approved:

Spectra Energy - proposed microwave tower & equipment building

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the financial report was approved.

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the following bills were approved for payment:

1) Galton Boudreaux - \$ 1650.00
2) Jeff Davis Electric - 35.70
3) Cameron Pilot - 54.00
4) Seven-O-Residential & Commercial - 220.00

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Semien and carried, the Board agreed to hire Wilkerson to transport donated rip-rap material to the Creole Canal; and furthermore, to hire an excavator and operator through Roy Bailey Construction to place the material once the ditch cleaning project is completed.

Kevin Boudreaux reported Miami Corporation had requested the removal of five (5) parish-installed culverts north of the Cotton Road Bridge. Bonnie Conner was requested to check with the Assessor to verify property ownership and to verify if the parish excavator could be used for removal of said culverts.

Mr. Boudreaux also reported Gregory Wolfe had requested a culvert with a flap gate be placed on the Nunez/Sturlese property if the family would be willing to sign easements.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved: KEVIN BOUDREAUX, CHAIRMAN

Attest: MICHAEL SEMIEN, SECRETARY Run: Dec. 6 (D 16)

PROCEEDINGS Parish of Cameron November 12,

Legal Notices

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Bidder, Amount
Lowe's, \$47,188.00
Landscape Management,
\$36,872.64
Total Recreation Products,
\$32,619.20*

Stine Lumber Company, No Bid Returned

On the motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board approved the bid from Ideal Lease-Atterberry for one each Refrigerator and Freezer Trailer for school lunch program at South Cameron High School (in comparison to lease price, as requested by FEMA) - Ms. Angie Styron

Bidder, Amount
Ideal Lease - Atterberry,
\$39,500.00 each trailer (2)*
Martin Pontiac GMC, No Bid Returned

U-Haul Truck Company, No Bid Returned

Ryder Transportation, No Bid Returned

* Denotes Low Bidder

On the motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Nunez, the Board approved out-of-state travel as follows with no cost to the Cameron Parish School Board:

Grand Lake High School Boys Basketball Team (Coach: Neal Kiser) - Tournament in Fouke, Arkansas, December 27-29, 2007 (20 students via private automobiles with requisite insurance and liability paperwork)

Grand Lake High School Track and Field (Coach: Ancil Delaney) - Track and Field Meet at Disneyworld Orlando, Florida, March 25-30, 2008 (15 students via charter bus)

South Cameron High School Art Class (Teacher: Sharon Campbell) - Stark Museum of Art in Orange, Texas, December 4, 2007 (25 students via Cameron Parish School Board bus)

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board approved the revisions to the Policy GBRL Holidays, as explained by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Nunez, the Board received a report on the Special Project Fund Softball Field (total cost to the Board is estimated at \$49,870.00), as presented by Mrs. Abadie and Mr. Nunez.

On the motion of Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mr. Nunez, the Board approved a contract between Cameron Parish School Board and Lake Charles Memorial Hospital for Sports Medicine Services at all 4 schools with weekly school site visits by athletic trainers and trainer services on a rotating basis at athletic events at a pro-rated cost of \$6,600.00 (\$1,650.00 per school) for 2007-2008, and an annual cost of \$10,000 (\$2,500 per school), thereafter, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board received technology update reports from the Superintendent:

Student Laptop Initiative at Grand Lake High School, grade 6 project (required a school with 2 sections of sixth grade) to be expanded to include all sixth grades in Cameron Parish with additional funding provided through Restart;

Provision of laptop and Activ Board bundles to all math and science teachers, grades 6 through 12, as well as PASCO scientific probes and equipment, funded through Chevron's Energy for Learning Grant; and Provision of instructional laptops to all other teachers at Grand Lake High School and South Cameron High School through Restart funding (Johnson Bayou High School teacher laptops were donated by Cheniere Energy in 2006 and Hackberry High School teacher laptops were donated by Volunteers on Call in 2007)

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board approved a procedure for all community non-profit organizations and churches that requires every request for use of school buildings to be approved by Cameron Parish School Board at an official meeting, with the Superintendent to poll board members if an emergency request is made not within the timeframe of an official meeting.

YEAS: Mr. Nunez, Mrs. Abadie, Mr. Sanner, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Trahan, and Mr. McEvers

NAYS: Mrs. Theriot

On the motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board received the monthly update on FEMA issues presented by the Superintendent.

Spreadsheet of current Project Worksheets, Obligations, Payments

Current challenges:
Johnson Bayou High School Repairs - over \$450,000 in change orders that are in question because of non-identified improvements and questionable adherence to scope of work with extensive efforts being made to justify the change orders

Administrative Office - FEMA is assisting in procuring an "after the fact" process for public comment on plans because there was no initial public input on design; request for environmental review in que; request for change of location in que

South Cameron High School - FEMA is requiring justification of the size of classrooms from 1958 to present without state standards for education buildings; request for environmental review in que; request for consolidation in que

Grand Lake High School Greenhouse and Barn - request for environmental review in que; request for change of location in que

Grand Lake High School, Johnson Bayou High School, and South Cameron High School tracks in initial engineering study Adviseement to Architects Gayle Zembower and Steve Shows in reference to construction of Central Administrative Office and South Cameron High School respectively, and in consideration

of current contracts with Cameron Communications, Computer One and Siemens Building Technologies in the development of the bid packages; thus leaving communication systems, networking, and utility control systems out of the bid packages.

October 26, 2007 request from State Superintendent Paul Pastorek to all severe hurricane impacted parishes to each submit 5 requests for expedition of FEMA projects to Chairman Don Powell in Washington with only 5 overall to be selected from the state for submission - South Cameron High School project submitted by Superintendent.

On the motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board received correspondence from the Superintendent as follows:

Information on 13th checks and special payroll dates (as disseminated to all personnel)

November 2, 2007 packet to parents (including information on the online Parent Command Center, staph infections, influenza and absenteeism with special note that all faculty members and janitorial staffs have been inserviced on necessary hygiene and cleaning procedures)

October 28, 2007 Baton Rouge Advocate article and map of proposed Southwest Louisiana levee plans

November 6, 2007 New York Times article on FEMA rebuilding issues

November 7, 2007 New York Times article on attempt to override water bill veto (same approach to be used to secure Road Home Funding in defense bill)

October 28, 2007 Parade article on the cost of academic testing in the United States Information packet on Louisiana School Board Association 2008 Convention in Shreveport. (Please call Stephanie Rodrigue by December 31, 2007, if you wish to attend any or all of the 3 day conference, so that registrations and room reservations can be confirmed)

Information from November 7, 2007 State Superintendents' Conference Call, specifically on topic of MRSA

On the motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board approved the following personnel report.

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

Stephanie D. Rodrigue, Superintendent Date

Personnel Report: Resignations:
Jennifer Tuxford Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten Teacher, Johnson Bayou High School effective November 13, 2007

Nancy Norman Resource Special Education Teacher at Grand Lake High School effective October 26, 2007
Retirement with Request for 25 Days Paid Sick Leave
Brenda Smith Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Grand Lake High School, effective January 14, 2007

Appointments
Kelly Benoit LPN, Child Specific at Grand Lake High School, effective November 13, 2007

Debbie Conner LPN, Child Specific at Grand Lake High School, effective November 13, 2007

Kayla Granger Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten Teacher, Johnson Bayou High School, effective November 13, 2007

Bernetta Vedder Resource Teacher-Special Education, Grand Lake High School, effective November 13, 2007
Extended Sick Leave

Jendi Trahan Teacher, Grand Lake High School, effective November 2, 2007 - January 3, 2008

Rebecca Trahan Teacher, South Cameron High School, effective November 15, 2007 - January 10, 2008
Transfer

Missy Poole FACS Teacher - Grand Lake High School, transition effective November 26, 2007
Return from Sabbatical Leave

Sharon Parsons Special Education Teacher - Grand Lake High School, effective January 14, 2008

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

Approved:
Loston McEvers, President
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:
Stephanie D. Rodrigue,
Superintendent
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

Attachment #1
Section, Date, Bidder/Amount
16-12-3, 11-12-07, Riceland Petroleum Co. \$104,706.35

Attachment #2
Section, Date, Bidder/Amount
16-12-13 11-12-07, Ric Bajon & Assoc. \$20,000.00

Attachment #3
CAMERON PARISH
PLAYGROUND
WOOD FIBER FILLER
G.L.S., H.H.S., J.B.S., & S.C.S.
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

BID DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2007 10:00 A.M.

Items on Quote, Lowe's Commercial Services Landscape Management Services Total Recreation Products, Inc., Stine's Lumber Company

289 CY Engineered Wood Fiber 1390 School St. Hackberry \$10,988.00, \$8,600.64, \$7,118.64, No Bid

242 CY Engineered Wood Fiber 1390 Hwy 384 Grand Lake \$9,380.00, \$7,201.92, \$6,145.30, No Bid

502 CY Engineered Wood Fiber 753 Oak Grove Hwy SCHS \$19,296.00, \$14,939.52, \$13,531.24, No Bid

206 CY Engineered Wood Fiber 6304 Gulf Beach Hwy JBHS \$8,040.00, \$6,130.56,

How to add a little shine to your holiday decor

(NAPSA)-This holiday season, why not add a little sparkle to your home decor-or create a dazzling gift that will shine above the rest? Festive home accents and sparkling gifts are just a spray away with Rust-Oleum Specialty Metallic Finishes.

Rust-Oleum's holiday-inspired gold and silver paints make creating the perfect home accent or perfect holiday gift quick and easy. And with a little imagination and a can of spray paint, the possibilities are endless. Here are a few simple holiday projects that are sure to surprise and delight your family and friends:

- Turn an ordinary wicker basket into a stylish holiday greeting-card holder with Metallic Finish gold paint. Add a burgundy ribbon for a touch of elegance.

- Purchase unfinished wood letters at your local craft store and create a glittering holiday message that's fit for any fireplace mantel. Just prime, spray with Metallic Finish gold or silver paint and enjoy the Joy of the Noel.

- Looking for an inexpensive hostess gift-or a gift for that special chocoholic on your list? Spray the lid of a glass

\$5,824.02, No Bid
Grand Total, \$47,188.00,
\$36,872.64, \$32,619.20, No Bid
- Denotes Low Bid

Attachment #4
SCHOOL SECURITY
CAMERA SYSTEMS
G.L.H.S., H.H.S., & S.C.H.S.

CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
BID DATE: NOVEMBER 8,
2007 10:00 A.M.

Items on Bid, Sylvan Special Systems, Ralph's, Industrial Electronics, Webb Communications, Lovolt Daniel Finigan

Grand Lake Security Camera Upgrade and Additions, \$79,381.35, \$39,770.87, No Bid Returned, No Bid Returned

Hackberry Security Camera Upgrade and Additions, \$54,449.87, \$27,881.24, No Bid Returned, No Bid Returned

South Cameron Security Camera System, \$78,043.12, \$42,419.46, No Bid Returned, No Bid Returned

Grand Total, \$211,874.34, \$110,071.57, No Bid Returned, No Bid Returned

Denotes low bid
Alternate to network systems to School/Central office server, \$3,500.00 software + \$75.00/hour, \$1,200.00, No Bid Returned, No Bid Returned

Attachment #5
Refrigerated and Freezer Trailers
Items on Bid, Atterberry Truck Sales, Inc, Martin Pontiac GMC, U-Haul Truck Company, Ryder Transportation,

20' Reefer Body on Trailer Refrigerated, \$39,500.00, No Bid Packet returned, No Bid Packet Returned, No Bid Packet Returned

20' Reefer Body on Trailer Freezer, \$39,500.00, No Bid Packet returned, No Bid Packet returned, No Bid Packet returned

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, application was made to the Cameron Parish School Board requesting that Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 3 West containing 650.35 acres, more or less, belonging to the Cameron Parish School Board, be advertised for an oil and gas lease, and

WHEREAS, in due course the requested advertisement for this lease was published in the Official Journal of the State of Louisiana and the Parish of Cameron for the prescribed statutory period of time, and

WHEREAS, in response to said advertisement the following bid was received and opened in public session of the Cameron Parish School Board on the 12th day of November, 2007 at a regular meeting of the Cameron Parish School Board:

BIDDER: Riceland Petroleum Company
BID: For a three (3) year lease on Oil, Gas and other Liquid Gaseous Hydrocarbon Mineral Lease on 650.35 acres more or less fully described as:

That certain tract or parcel of land containing 650.35 acres, more or less, being all of Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

CASH PAYMENT: \$104,706.35
ANNUAL RENTAL: \$104,706.35
ROYALTIES: 25%

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish School Board feels that it is in the best interest of the Cameron Parish School Board to accept the bid of Riceland Petroleum Company.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cameron Parish School Board in regular session convened at the Creole Fire Station, 184 E. Creole Hwy, Creole, LA 70632 on the 12th day of November, 2007 the bid of \$104,763.35 be accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Loston McEvers, President of the Cameron Parish School Board, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Cameron Parish School Board an oil and gas lease in favor of Fleetwood Resources, Inc. covering the above described bid as submitted and said lease to be subject to the approval of the State Mineral Board.

Adopted and approved the

container with Metallic Finish silver paint, fill the container with Hershey's Kisses, and tie a beautiful silver ribbon just below the lid for a chic holiday edible.

- Need a special centerpiece for your annual holiday gathering? Spray paint a trio of containers or small planters with Metallic Finish gold paint and fill with poinsettias or small evergreens for instant holiday magic.

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12th day of November, 2007.

Approved:
Loston McEvers, President
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

Attest:
Stephanie D. Rodrigue Secretary
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, application was made to the Cameron Parish School Board requesting that Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 13 West containing 80 acres, more or less, belonging to the Cameron Parish School Board, be advertised for an oil and gas lease, and

WHEREAS, in due course the requested advertisement for this lease was published in the Official Journal of the State of Louisiana and the Parish of Cameron for the prescribed statutory period of time, and

WHEREAS, in response to said advertisement the following bid was received and opened in public session of the Cameron Parish School Board on the 12th day of November, 2007 at a regular meeting of the Cameron Parish School Board:

BIDDER: Ric Bajon & Associates
BID: For a three (3) year lease on Oil, Gas and other Liquid Gaseous Hydrocarbon Mineral Lease on 80 acres more or less fully described as:

That certain tract or parcel of land containing 80 acres, more or less, being all of Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 13 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

CASH PAYMENT: \$20,000.00
ANNUAL RENTAL: \$20,000.00
ROYALTIES: 25%

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish School Board feels that it is in the best interest of the Cameron Parish School Board to accept the bid of Ric Bajon & Associates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cameron Parish School Board in regular session convened at the Creole Fire Station, 184 E. Creole Hwy, Creole, LA on the 12th day of November, 2007 the bid of \$20,000.00 be accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Loston McEvers, President of the Cameron Parish School Board, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Cameron Parish School Board an oil and gas lease in favor of Ric Bajon & Associates covering the above described bid as submitted and said lease to be subject to the approval of the State Mineral Board.

Adopted and approved the 12th day of November, 2007.

Approved:
Loston McEvers, President
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

Attest:
Stephanie D. Rodrigue, Secretary
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
Run: Dec. 6 (D 17)

LEGAL NOTICE
This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 3rd day of December, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-09: Post Rita Restoration of Holly Beach Drainage Facilities pursuant to the certain contract between K.A.S. Construction, LLC and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 305685 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: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
Run: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17 (D 18)

Holiday shopping made simple

(NAPSA)-If you want to reduce stress this holiday season, give yourself the gift of time.

That's the advice from an expert in consumer behavior who predicts time-starved Americans will turn increasingly to the Internet this year to manage their holiday shopping chores.

"The key to reducing stress in any shopping situation is to not wait until the last minute to do it, but of course, many of us are guilty of that even though we know we shouldn't wait," says Dr. David J. Urban, professor of marketing at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Business.

Dr. Urban explains that consumers tend to be "time poor," and that the Internet provides them with an opportunity to investigate a lot of products.

"Many Web sites allow consumers to do side-by-side comparisons of products. If a consumer can size up three or four products against each other on the computer screen, it really streamlines the purchase process," says Dr. Urban. "And many consumers like to check things out on the Web and then go to a traditional retail store to see the product in person before buying it."

The National Retail

Holidayproof your kitchen

(NAPSA)-Your shopping list is programmed into your BlackBerry and posted to your fridge. You've laundered the sheets (with a hint of lavender) and prepared the guest rooms for your sister and 5-year-old twin nephews. You've set your mp3 playlist to easy-listening grooves and even selected the menu as the host for an upcoming shindig at your abode. But before you slap on the apron, don't forget to holidayproof your kitchen.

During the holiday season, you're likely to spend more time in the kitchen-especially when entertaining company. It is good etiquette to offer your guests a full tour of the place you call home before sitting down to dinner. A sure way for your visitors to lose their appetite is to drink from a spotty glass or inhale a foul smell when grabbing a beverage from the fridge.

To prevent these embarrassing incidents, Laura Dellutri, has tips for how to upgrade the cleanliness of the room that's so central to the entertaining season-your kitchen.

1. Revamp your refrigerator. Clean the fridge inside and out. Dump expired food and make room for holiday goodies.

2. Deep-clean the dishwasher. Hard-water deposits, rust and food can build up inside the dishwasher and

Federation expects holiday sales this year to increase to \$474.5 billion, and predicts consumers will do almost one-third of their holiday shopping online.

"Our own research shows that about half of the customers who purchase consumer electronics in our stores have done product research beforehand at our Web site," said Mark Oldani, vice president and general manager of Circuit City Direct. "And, as the holidays approach, more and more of our customers who buy online with us choose to pick up their purchases in our stores. On Christmas Eve, that can be a real lifesaver for last-minute shoppers."

Who's Procrastinating?

"Women are just as time starved as men. Two-career households are a big reason for that," says Urban. "Women are also just as likely as men to use the Web for product information and for ordering. Retailers that have both a Web presence and brick-and-mortar stores report that it is not unusual for people to come into the store carrying printouts of Web pages containing information about products."

For more information, visit www.circuitcity.com.

impede its performance. The result is ineffective cleaning that leaves the dishes spotty, cloudy and dirty. Dishwasher Magic eliminates food stains and odors and is the only dishwasher cleaner that disinfects, killing 99.9 percent of bacteria like E. coli and salmonella.

3. Sanitize the garbage can. Polite guests will take their own plates into the kitchen following the main course-don't make them regret it! Be sure to disinfect and rinse the garbage can thoroughly.

4. Eat off your floors. Eighty-five percent of the dirt that enters your home sneaks in on your shoe bottoms. Have an 8'-10' mat for your front door/entry so that shoes can hit it at least six times.

5. Deodorize the disposer. Have you ever noticed an unpleasant smell coming from the garbage disposer? The cause is waste buildup that doesn't get removed during normal disposer use. Disposer Care scrubs away food, grease and odors, cleaning your entire garbage disposer and drain and leaving a fresh lemon scent.

Work with your kitchen, not against it. Ensure your kitchen looks, smells and feels clean before your next get-together. For more information, visit www.dishwashermagic.com and www.disposeracare.com.



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Small Fresh Harvest Basket
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Item 901-057 \$39.99



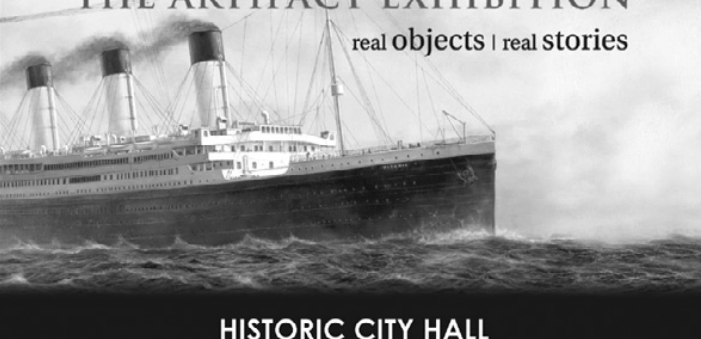
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- 1 lb. pork sausage
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 t. thyme
- 1 t. sage
- 1 c. walnuts, chopped
- 3 apples, cored and sliced
- 2 c. canned chicken broth



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a pan, combine 2 sticks butter with water and heat until butter is melted. Add dry cornbread stuffing and set aside.

In a pan, melt 1 T. butter over medium-high heat. Add sausage and brown lightly. Drain sausage and set aside. In the same pan, melt remaining butter and add onion, garlic, celery, thyme and sage. Brown until onion is translucent and celery is tender. Add walnuts and sauté for 1 minute. Add apples and sauté 1 minute more. Remove from heat, stir in sausage and combine with cornbread stuffing mixture.

Pour stuffing into a 10x15x2-inch pan and moisten with chicken broth. Cover with foil and bake 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes or until top is lightly browned.

PEPPERMINT BARK

- 2 lb. white chocolate
- 1 c. candy canes, crushed
- Peppermint flavoring (optional)



Line a baking sheet with waxed paper. Melt chocolate in a double boiler. Remove from heat, stir in candy canes and peppermint flavoring, if desired. Pour onto baking sheet and refrigerate 45 minutes or until firm. Remove from baking sheet, break into pieces and serve.

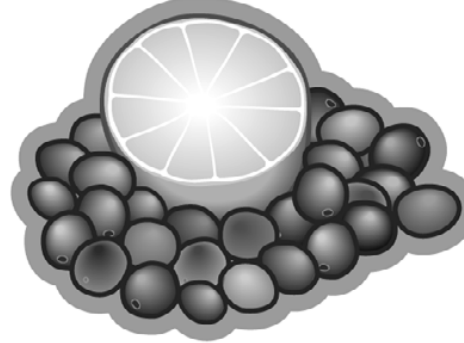
CRANBERRY UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

- 9 T. butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 lb. cranberries, rinsed and dried
- 1 egg
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 t. orange rind, minced
- 1-1/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 t. baking powder
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1/3 c. red currant jelly
- Whipped cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch pan with 3 T. butter, sprinkle 1/2 c. sugar on bottom and arrange cranberries on top.

In a bowl, beat remaining 6 T. butter and 1/2 c. sugar. Add egg, vanilla and orange rind, mix until well combined and set aside. In another bowl, sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry ingredients to butter mixture alternately with milk until well combined. Pour batter over cranberries and smooth down with a spoon.

Bake cake 30 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Transfer to a rack and let cool in pan for 20 minutes. Run a knife around inside of pan and invert onto a plate. In a small saucepan, melt currant jelly over low heat and brush on cake. Serve warm with whipped cream, if desired.



Eggnog Muffins

- 3 c. flour
- 1 T. baking powder
- 1/2 c. + 1 T. granulated sugar
- 1 t. + 1/2 t. ground nutmeg

- 1/2 t. + 1/4 t. ground cinnamon
- 2 large eggs
- 1 c. milk
- 1/2 c. melted butter, margarine or oil
- 2 t. rum or rum extract



Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, 1/2 c. sugar, 1 t. nutmeg and 1/2 t. cinnamon, and set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk eggs, milk, butter and rum. Pour liquid ingredients over dry and stir just until mixed. Spoon batter into 12 greased muffin cups. In a small bowl, combine 1 T. sugar, 1/2 t. nutmeg and 1/4 t. cinnamon. Sprinkle evenly over muffin tops. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden.

GINGERBREAD CAKE

- Butter, softened
- 1 c. vegetable oil
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. unsulphured molasses
- 2 T. crystallized ginger, minced
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 T. ground ginger
- 2 t. ground cinnamon
- 1 t. salt
- 1/4 t. ground cloves
- 1 c. water
- 1 T. baking soda
- Whipped cream or ice cream (optional)



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly butter a 9x13x2-inch cake pan and line bottom with wax paper.

In a bowl, beat together oil, sugar, molasses and crystallized ginger. Add eggs, beat until smooth and set aside. In another bowl, combine flour, ground ginger, cinnamon, salt and cloves. Add molasses mixture to flour mixture and stir until well combined.

In a small saucepan, bring water to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda. Add to batter and stir until just combined. Transfer batter to prepared pan and bake 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on a rack. Cut into squares and serve with whipped cream or ice cream, if desired.

Sweet Potato Biscuits

- 2-1/2 c. unbleached all-purpose flour, sifted
- 2 T. brown sugar
- 2 t. baking powder
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1/2 t. ground nutmeg

- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. granulated sugar
- 1/4 c. canola oil
- 3/4 c. + 2 T. cultured nonfat buttermilk
- 3/4 c. cooked sweet potato, mashed



Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Lightly spray a baking sheet with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, salt and sugar, and set aside. In a small bowl, combine oil, buttermilk and sweet potato. Add to dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Dough will be dry. Transfer dough to a floured work surface, knead a few times and pat to 1-inch thick 8x5-inch rectangle. Dip a sharp knife in flour and cut dough into thirds lengthwise. Dip knife into flour again and cut each long strip into 6 equal pieces, making 18 squares in all. Transfer biscuits to baking sheet and bake 12 to 13 minutes, or until tops are golden and firm to the touch. Serve warm.

LOW-FAT TRUFFLES

- 3 T. fat-free cream cheese
- 2 packets sugar substitute
- 1 t. flavored extract
- 2 T. unsweetened cocoa powder, divided



Combine cream cheese, sugar substitute, extract and 1 T. cocoa powder, and blend well. Refrigerate 15 minutes. Turn mixture into six small balls and roll in remaining 1 T. cocoa powder.



Happy Cooking This Holiday Season



MRS. CHERIE MYERS' class went to the Grant Christmas Tree Farm and Syrup Mill on Nov. 9. They were shown how Christmas trees are grown and cared for at the farm. The children also learned how sugar cane is grown, cut, and processed to make syrup. They enjoyed a hay ride, playing on hay bales, feeding animals, and had a picnic with their families. The class picked out their class Christmas tree, and it was now in their classroom.



THE THREE YEAR old class at Grand Lake Head Start is shown above dressed up in their pajamas for their Halloween Party.



SHOWN ACCEPTING a donation from El Paso Production is Crystal LeJeune of Cameron Branch Library. The donation of materials for children to construct gingerbread houses at the Cameron Branch Library's Christmas Party on Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. was made by El Paso Production Cameron Shore Base represented here by Maria Duhon, Brad Derouen, and Cory Doucet. The Christmas Party will feature free pictures with Santa, outdoor movie, crafts and lots more. Everyone is invited. For more information call 775-5421.

RECOVERY

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The School Board says it is almost ready to begin the new Central Office in Cameron, and Parish Planner Ernie Broussard says pilings may

be driven for the East Annex on Court House Square by March. The Cameron Fire Station is in the bid process now.

All in all, a lot has happened and is about to happen in Cameron. What would help with the perception of recovery would be an effort by



KENNEDY LEBLEU is pictured with her grandparents, Lorraine and Ervin LeBleu, at the Grand Lake Head Start Thanksgiving feast held Nov. 15 at the Fireman's Center.

Marshall Street property owners to clean up and maintain their empty lots, dispose of the final piles of debris, and make the street look like someone cares about it. Capital One Bank is a prime example of this attitude, with its Inspiration Park.

Local residents would also like to see the recreation center re-opened, the multi-purpose building repaired, and

the Jetty Pier parking lot resurfaced. Everyone knows these things take time, but the feeling is that the time is getting near.

The Fur Festival will be held in Cameron again this year, and there are Christmas lights on the Court House for the first time in memory. Cameron is recovering, and it will be better than ever, in time.



GAVIN MHIRE is pictured with his mother, Heather Mhire, and grandmother, Christy Nunez, at the Grand Lake Head Start Thanksgiving feast held Nov. 15 at the Fireman's Center.



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PICTURED ABOVE is the Johnson Bayou High School's new gym floor cover which was donated by Tennessee Gas Pipeline in conjunction with the El Paso Corporate Foundation. The total grant was \$10,000. Mr. Pat Prudomme with the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company presented the new gym floor cover to the school on November 28, 2007. The staff, students, and parents would like to thank Tennessee Gas Pipeline and El Paso Foundation for their concern and support of the school and community. Pictured, from left, are JBHS principal Mr. Gene Reynolds and Mr. Pat Prudomme.



THIS IS A view of the ER trauma room at the new South Cameron Memorial Hospital which was reopened last week after being closed for nearly two years due to Hurricane Rita. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



DANNY MILLER, head girls' basketball coach at Grand Lake High, got his 800th career win after the team's victory over Hackberry in Grand Lake's homecoming game. Coach Miller's wife, Dee, son, Jared, and daughter, Meagan, were also in attendance. Prior to taking over Grand Lake's program in the 2005-06 season, Miller also coached at Jennings, Iota, and Elton.



THIS IS THE multi-purpose room in the new South Cameron Memorial Hospital which reopened last week after being closed since Hurricane Rita in 2005. This room will replace the former solarium and will have room for five powered chairs. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Grand Chenier Library to hold several activities

Grand Chenier Library Branch has the following events planned:

"Crossword Daze", 10 a.m. daily, "After School Club"

Homework, research, web searching "Chess Your Luck". Newcomers can learn the game of chess from local students and put their skills to

the test. Thursdays, 4 p.m., Friday, Dec 7, "LA Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team", Arts and Crafts, "Home-made" Christmas Ornaments. Anyone interested in signing up for Crochet, Genealogy, or Watercolor Classes, please call 538-2214 to put your name on the list for future classes.

Christmas party for children to be held at Cam. Library

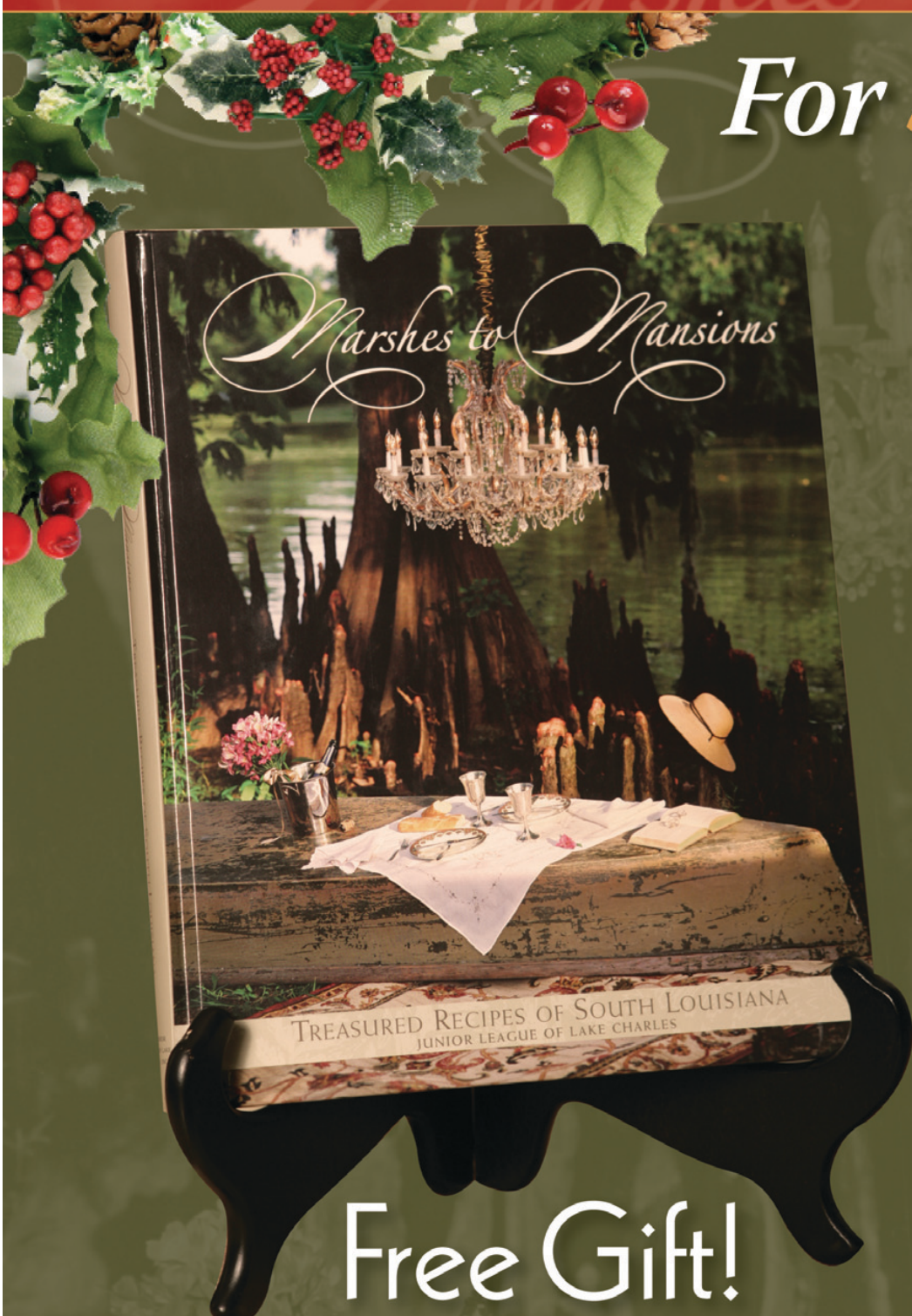
The Cameron Branch Library will be hosting a free Christmas party for children Dec. 13, at 5 p.m. The Cameron Library is located at 469 Marshall Street. The program is free to the public because of donations made from Cameron Communications, Cameron Lions Club, Chenier, Crain

Brothers, El Paso Production, Jeff Davis Electric, Market Basket and the Cameron Parish Library. The Cameron Branch Christmas Party will include free pictures with Santa, storytime, crafts, gingerbread house construction, music, homemade Christmas stockings, and a outdoor movie

(bring lawn chairs). Everyone is invited. The Cameron Branch Library is celebrating their first Christmas in their temporary building from Solinet: Gulf Coast Library Project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and would like to see the whole community come out for the celebration. For more information on the Cameron Library Christmas Party, please call 775-5421.

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