



PICTURED ABOVE were Hackberry youngsters who took part in the Hackberry Holiday Festival last year. This year's festival is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center. The event is underwritten by founding partner Cameron LNG, with support from local businesses including Targa Midstream Services, Cameron Communications, and Deep South Production.



SALT-KILLED TREES such as these, which threaten homes, roads, and electrical lines, may be removed by FEMA if the Police Jury decides to apply for the funds. The ruling allowing removal of such trees was made only three months ago. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## FEMA may remove salt-damaged trees

By CYNDI SELLERS

Hundreds of trees that were killed by salt water during Hurricane Rita may be eligible for removal through FEMA, the Police Jury learned Monday. Clay Kennelly, Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, told jurors that the local OEP had received erroneous information that the trees were not eligible, when in fact they had been approved around the first of September.

Dead trees along state rights of way are already included in a DOTD contract. A number of these trees have already fallen on the highways during high winds, endangering motorists. Kennelly said trees in the parish rights of way and on public property are eligible for removal, at the current 90/10% cost split. On private property, dead trees which are over six inches in diameter and pose a threat to structures, utility infrastructure, or roadways may also be removed at the same rate. Kennelly estimates 25-30% of properties have eligible trees.

In order to determine how to write the project worksheet for FEMA funding, an assessment will have to be made of the entire flooded area. Parish OEP Director Clifton Hebert is asking interested property owners to come in to his office and file a Right of Entry in order to have their trees assessed. He says all

earlier RoE forms have gone into files with the debris and demolition mission and new ones will be needed for this project.

In order to get the job done before the new funding deadline of March 31, Hebert plans to set a short timeline to get the RoE's filed. (See ad elsewhere in this issue.) After an assessment is made, the parish will decide whether to include private property and choose a management plan.

## Food to be distributed

Food will be distributed on Friday, Dec. 8, to Cameron Parish residents who meet income requirements at the tent operated by Minvielle Outreach Ministries in Cameron. Volunteers are needed Dec. 7 to unload the truck.

## Santa suit

Having a Christmas party; need a Santa suit? The Cameron Library is renewing its tradition which started in the early '70s of loaning Santa suits. Call your local library to reserve your suit today. All that is needed is your library card.



Bodie Whetstone

## Sweetlake youth is drowned

Bodie Lance Whetstone, 18, of Sweetlake accidentally drowned Monday morning, Dec. 4, 2006 when his small boat capsized near the Gibbstown Bridge on the Intracoastal Canal. His body was recovered later that afternoon in a search conducted by Wildlife & Fisheries agents and Calcasieu and Cameron Parish sheriff deputies.

He was a lifelong resident of Sweetlake and a graduate of Grand Lake High School. He was employed by Crain Brothers.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Greg (Benita) Whetstone; two sisters, Kimberly Yzelle and Kayla Lynn; paternal grandparents, Bodie Whetstone and Carol Granger, all of Sweetlake; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Lacombe of Lake Charles; two paternal great-grandmothers, Irma Granger of Sweetlake and Francis Whetstone of Centerville, Miss.; fiancée, Brittany Renee Nunez.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, from St. Patrick Catholic Church in Sweetlake. Monsignor Harry Greig will officiate. Burial will be in Granger cemetery.

Donations in memory of Bodie may be made to any Cameron State Bank account no. 4500506613.

## Church sets rededication

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church will have a re-dedication Mass at 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the refurbishing of the church.

The church was flooded with 24 inches of water during Hurricane Rita in September, 2005 and the interior, pews and furnishings had to be renewed due to mold.

A parish social will follow on the church grounds. Parishioners are asked to bring folding chairs and a dessert.

The public is invited to the Mass and social. Msgr. Harry Greig is the church pastor.

## Fundraiser

The Cameron Community Action Agency is holding a fund raiser. They are selling Gay Gomez's book hard cover, A Wetland Biography, an illustrated book on the marshes of Cameron Parish, featuring local folks.

Purchase your copy for \$8.50 now or secure several copies for gifts. The books can be purchased from the CAA office or by calling us at 905-6000.

## Write troops

Anyone wishing to send a Christmas card to our American military heroes who are recuperating from wounds this Christmas season can do so at the following address.

A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20307-5001

## Hackberry Festival is Friday

The third annual Hackberry Holiday Festival will be held Friday, Dec. 8, at the Hackberry Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m.

Community Christmas events include photos with Santa, ornament crafts, cookie decorating, holiday music program, live Christmas tree lighting, food and beverages.

A Holiday Marketplace will feature local artisans, businesses and school organizations selling and taking orders for holiday gifts, crafts and goody mixes. For information on booth space contact: Kathy Helmer or Kevin Moreau at 762-3305.

The festival was organized by the Hackberry High School

student council with support from these sponsors:

Founding partner and event underwriter, Cameron LNG LLC, an affiliate of Sempra LNG, and Santa's helpers - Targa Midstream Services LP, Cameron Communications, Deep South Productions.

The public is invited to attend.

## Beach issues confront jury

By CYNDI SELLERS

**HOLLY BEACH ISSUES**  
Holly Beach issues continue to confront the Police Jury, with little chance of resolution in the near future.

Prior to the regular monthly business meeting on Monday, Holly Beach residents met with representatives of various state agencies and legislators in the Cameron Court House to try to get answers to their questions. Rep. Mickey Frith, who attended the meeting, said that some questions were answered, but many

would not be satisfied with the results. A few residents and property owners stayed for the business meeting to express their concerns to the Jury.

Annette Schexnaider, a Vermilion Parish resident, asked that the parish administration provide clearer instructions for those who are trying to rebuild at Holly Beach. She said she had sought advice in March, and followed the items on the list given to her, but found out in November that she needed an expensive engineer's report on her foundation, causing a seri-

ous delay in the process. Parish Administrator Tina Horn said she would meet with the permitting staff to make sure all needed items are listed.

Linda Matthews asked whether the jury could seek an extension for new building codes and/or height requirements said to be going into effect Jan. 1. She was told that there are no new codes or height requirements, only a requirement that electrical and plumbing inspections must be made for new construction after that date.

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## Santa party

Cameron Council on Aging, Cameron Community Action Agency, Grand Lake - Sweetlake Volunteer Fire Department and other community leaders will be sponsoring a "Santa Party" for the children on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center.

Santa will be arriving by Fire Truck with toys and games for the little tots, up to 12 years of age. This day is made possible by a donation from good folks from north Louisiana.

Hot dogs will be served and all are invited to attend.

## Pageants set

Pageants will be held Jan. 6, 2007 at the Rosa Heart Theatre in Lake Charles. Applications will be distributed at the Cameron Parish Schools. Anyone needing an application or information, contact Lena Hebert 370-9103 or Debbie Duhon 249-1400.

Ages for the categories are as follows: Deb Miss 10-12, Teen Miss 13-14, Junior Miss 15-16 and Miss Cameron 17-22 as of Jan. 1, 2007.

## Food boxes

Food for Senior boxes will be available for pickup Thursday, Dec. 14 from noon to 4 p.m. and on Friday, Dec. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Persons must be pre-registered with the Cameron Council on Aging to receive the food.

## Council is 30 years old

The Cameron Council on Aging will hold a 30th Year Anniversary celebration on Monday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center, Hwy 384 in Grand Lake.

The Christmas-Anniversary party is sponsored by the COA and contributors. Police Juror, COA President Darryl

Farque invites everyone.

Door prizes will be given out and a great meal will be enjoyed. The local "Medicare Playboyz" will play throughout the morning and the Head Start classes will entertain.

Call 905-6000 and reserve your spot for this fun event or a ride.

## S. Cam. High gets gift

The Home Builders Association of Fargo, N.D., recently made a donation to the Home Builders Association of Southwest Louisiana (HBSWLA) to benefit the students at South Cameron High School.

The North Dakota association collected around \$4,000 for Hurricane Rita relief and passed the funds along to the Southwest Louisiana Association, which in turn used the money to purchase tools for the Vocational/Agriculture classes at South Cameron

High in hopes of replacing some of what was lost to Hurricane Rita.

"We couldn't think of a more deserving group to receive these tools," said Chad Deshotel, HBSWLA president. "We hope that these tools can be used as teaching instruments for rebuilding and possibly inspire a new generation of home builders for our region."

For more information, call the Home Builders Association at 478-7893 or visit www.hbaswla.org.

## Okla. church offers aid

The youth choir of the First Baptist Church of Valliant, Okla. is planning to visit Cameron on Dec. 27 and spend several days in helping the cleanup following Hurricane Rita.

The group has secured the donation of a number of washers and dryers which they plan to bring down on a

truck furnished by the church. These will be distributed to families in need of these machines.

Cindy Logan, a member of the Valliant church, visited Cameron recently and saw the needs of families here. She said her group will be working with the Cameron Baptist Church while here.



DARRYL FARQUE unveils an artist rendering of the new senior citizen housing to be built in Grand Lake by the Council on Aging. Construction is set to begin in just over 90 days. A similar facility will also be built in Hackberry after this one is finished. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



WORKERS FOR Barron Construction Company assemble forms for some of 242 piers that will support the new South Cameron Memorial Hospital. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

# Funeral

## JUANITA MOSES CARTER

Juanita Moses Carter, 79, of DeRidder, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006.

Her funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 2, in Grace Church of DeRidder. The Revs. George Lee Glass and George Lee Glass Jr. officiated. Burial was in Beaugard Cemetery.

Mrs. Carter was born in Longville, grew up in Hackberry and lived most of her life in DeRidder. She owned the Pine Park Camp Cafe in Arkansas and the Sea Brew Cafe in Houma. She was a member of Grace Church in DeRidder.

Survivors include her husband Clarence "Ted" Carter; sons Larry Alesi and wife Gloria Jean and Ronald Carter and wife Bellie; daughters Peggy Lee-Carter and Brenda Lambert and husband Alton; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## Pearl Harbor Day is Thurs.

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 attack marked the start of World War II 65 years ago.

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 a 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.

# It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Cameron Pilot, Dec. 6, 1973.

## TORNADO TAKES OFF ROOF

What was apparently a tornado, touched down in the town of Cameron at 10:10 p.m. Monday night blowing down the front of the Calcasieu Savings and Loan's office and ripping off half the roof.

The Association's computer and other equipment were badly damaged, but all of the records were saved without damage.

## FIRE DISTRICT CREATED

The Cameron Parish Police Jury Monday agreed to advertise its intention to create a new fire district for the parish, District No. 5, to include all the area and same boundaries as the district that serves Grand Chenier, Little Chenier, Chenier Perdue and Creole.

The jury also approved the creation of a Sewerage District to serve the town of Hackberry. Gerald LaBove, Tommy Goodrich and J. D. Busby will be on the board of commissioners.

A federal grant for an airport planning study of the parish is expected to be received soon, the jury was told by Parish Architect Sonny Hackett.

The jury adopted a resolution commending the public service of former Sheriff O. B. Carter, who died last week.

Mrs. Juanita Peppers, wife of a local shrimp boat operator, told the jury that the present fuel allocation plan for shrimping boats was working a hardship on many shrimpers.

Juror Charles Precht, a Sweetlake rice farmer, said the same quota system was in effect for the farmers and was creating a problem for them also.

## BANK IS REMODELED

Remodeling of the Hackberry branch of the Cameron State Bank has been completed, according to E. J. Dronet, president. Work consisted of enlargement of the lobby, an office and stor-

age area added, a new central air conditioning system and an additional teller station.

Mrs. Naomi Penny is branch manager.

## MEAUX HEADS CATTLEMEN

J. B. Meaux was elected president of the Cameron Parish Cattlemen Association at the fall barbecue Saturday night at the KC Hall in Creole.

Carl Hebert was elected vice president, and Uland Guidry, secretary-treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors were: Albert Guidry, James Cox, J. A. Lowery, Archie Berwick, Billy Doland, Telesmar Bonsall, Horace Montie, J. C. Reina, Whitney Baccigalopi and Mark Richard.

## LITTLE MISS CONTEST SET

Little Miss and Mr. Cameron Parish will be named Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Cameron Elementary School auditorium, according to Mrs. Guthrie Perry, contest chairman. Contestants who won contests in their communities will vie for the parish title.

Donna Broussard, and Jay David, "Little Miss and Mister Klondike-Lowery." Jennifer Granger, and Gregory Thomas Lannin, "Little Miss and Mister Sweetlake-Grand Lake."

Karen Savoie, and Kevin Fruge, "Little Miss and Mister Creole." Elda Faye Viator, and Terrell Boudoin, "Little Miss and Mister Cameron."

Xann Murphy, and Stacy Boggus, "Little Miss and Mister Grand Chenier." Robin Fontenot, and Brian Saltzman, "Little Miss and Mister Johnson Bayou."

Pamela Frey, and Randy LeBlanc, "Little Miss and Mister Hackberry."

## O. B. CARTER, FORMER SHERIFF

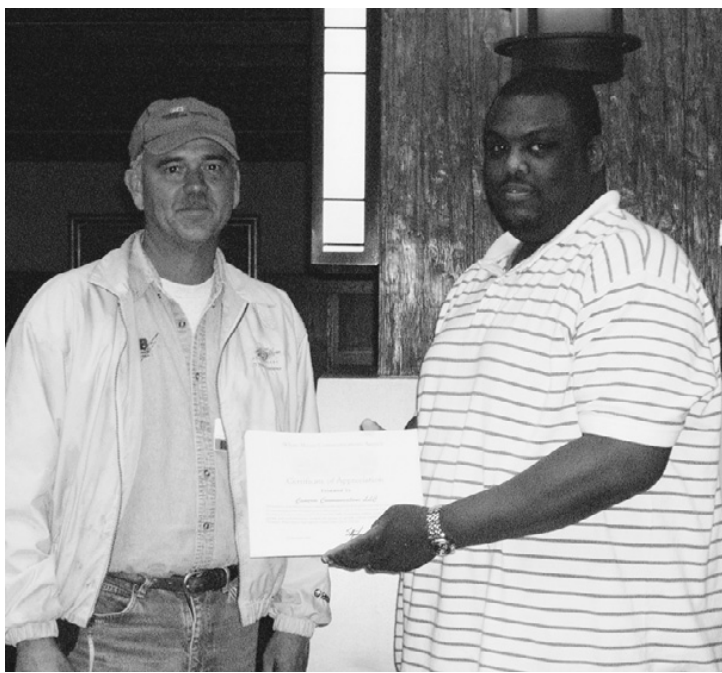
Services for Orlando Bernard (O.B.) Carter, 71, former sheriff of Cameron Parish for 16 years, were at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 in O'Donnell Funeral Home in Creole. The Rev. M. C. Kelley, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, officiated. Mr. Carter died Wednesday in his residence. He was succeeded by Claude Eagleson who still holds that position. He gained national recognition for the work of his office following the devastation of the lower section of the parish by Hurricane Audrey in 1957.

During his 16 years as sheriff, the office grew to keep step with the growth and progress of the parish. At his retirement the office had 13 full time and two call deputies as well as three other civil employees.

He was the son of the late Dr. S. O. Carter, pioneer doctor of Creole who practiced in the area 63 years before his retirement.

Before becoming sheriff, Mr. Carter had a varied career, which included two years as school teacher in Cameron Parish, office manager and bookkeeper for an insurance company and six years for a Lafayette bank.

He was Cameron Parish Director of Public Welfare six years prior to 32 months in the Army in Europe during World War II. He returned to Cameron and served as Veterans Service Officer for two years.



AT&T EXECUTIVE Service Manager, Richard Buie presented Cameron Communications employee Mark Seaford with certificates from the White House Communications Agency in recognition of their work during Vice President Cheney's visit in November.

## Telephone Co. commended for aid

Cameron Communications received six certificates of appreciation from the White House Communications Agency (WHCA). The certificates were given in recognition of the outstanding manner and professionalism shown during Vice President Dick Cheney's visit to Creole, Louisiana on Nov. 17-19.

Cameron Communications worked with the WHCA to provide critical communications for the Vice President, White House Staff and the United States Secret Service.

The following Cameron Communications divisions received the certificates: Install and Repair Group, Provisioning, Customer Care, Construction Group, Field Operations and Cameron Communications, LLC.



## School lunch menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week are as follows. All meals are served with milk.

Friday, Dec. 8 - Hot ham and cheese sandwich, lima beans, Tator Tots, chocolate cookie, hamburger bun, catsup.

Monday, Dec. 11 - Chili con carne and beans, baked beans, apple/orange wedges, carrot sticks, royal brownies, chocolate glaze, salad dressing, crackers.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread, wheat sliced bread, salad dressing, barbecue sauce.

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, chilled pear halves, brown gravy, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls.

Thursday, Dec. 14 - Baked chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, fresh fruit cup, brown gravy, wheat biscuits.

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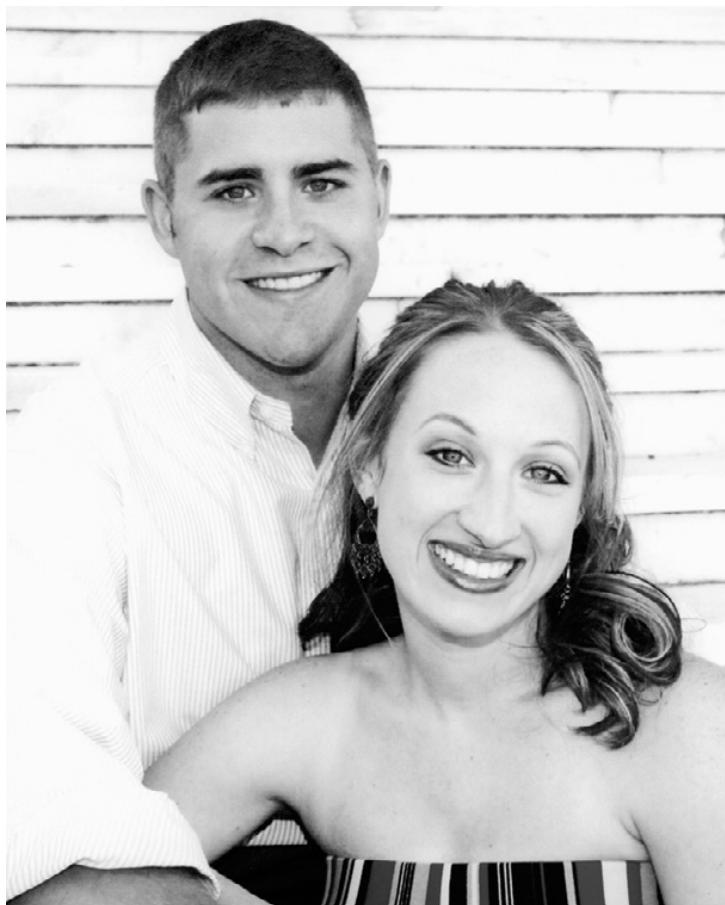
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**RONALD AND CANDACE Knowles** of Moss Bluff and **Mark Chesson** of Sweetlake announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **Samantha Marie Chesson**, to **Kyle Bryan LaRocque**, son of **Bryan and Renee LaRocque** of Moss Bluff. The wedding is set for Saturday, March 3 at Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles at 6 p.m. A reception will follow at the Lake Charles Country Club. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.



**MR. AND MRS. Michael Devall, Sr.**, of Hackberry announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **Mary Ena Devall**, to **Evan Edward Lowe**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lowe** of Boise, Idaho. The wedding is set for Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sulphur at 1:30 p.m. A reception will follow at The Veranda at Marilyn's.



**ERNEST (TOT) and Cecile (Cil) Welch** of Hackberry celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 24. The couple was married at Prompt Succor Catholic Church, Nov. 24, 1946. Their children and spouses are: Ernest (Johnny) and Ruby Welch of Hackberry, Evanna and Danny Oquinn of Carylss, Martha and Ernest Pine of Sulphur, Glenda and Tim Stelly of Carylss and Glenn and Betsy Welch of Hackberry. The Welch's have eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

## Letter to the Editor

### Pilot story is clarified

Dear Editor:

I would like to clarify the ham story in last week's Pilot.

During the last food giveaway Nov. 17 and 18, the truck with the hams was running late. The people that were there were told that if they wanted to get their groceries and wait around for the truck or they could come back. But they were also told that Rev. Cherly was on her way with the tickets. They could either write their names down or wait a few minutes for her to get there with the tickets, but was not to leave without signing the paper or getting a ticket.

If they left without doing so, we were not responsible for the problem.

Also they were told when the tickets ran out to put their names and numbers on a list and to come back by 12

noon Saturday, because we were closing. All you had to do was come and tell us about the mix up and we would have helped you.

Also, the only ones that were given two or three hams was the ones picking up for the elderly or were picking up for the ones they normally pickup for. Which we have affidavits on file, for these people. They do this every-time we give out groceries.

Yes, we did give out hams to anyone on Saturday after 1 p.m. because most of the people on the list didn't show up to get their ham. So we had to give them to somebody.

But what really needs to be said is thanks to the churches and Rev. Cherly for donating the hams, food, clothes, and water to Cameron Parish and for Walmart for donating the freezer truck and driver to get the hams down to Cameron.

God bless ya'll and we do appreciate it.

Kristy Mock  
Cameron

### Meeting to be held Tuesday

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District #3 will be holding their meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 2:30 pm in Cameron, La.



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## Wetland book being sold at discount price here

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Hardcover copies of Dr. Gay Gomez' book "A Wetlands Biography: Seasons on the Chenier Plain" are now being sold as a fundraiser by the Cameron Council on Aging at the bargain price of \$8.50, formerly \$40. Copies are available at the CCOA office in Grand Lake and at all Cameron Parish Library branches.

Dr. Gomez was told by the publisher that the hardcover edition was going out of print and all leftover copies would be shredded. She asked that the leftover copies be made available at a discount to

some Cameron Parish agency so that local citizens who may have lost their copies in the storm could replace them. The Council on Aging offered to do so.

Gomez spent several years researching the book, meeting with local people in all seasons of the year to understand the culture and geography of the unique chenier plains. Her doctoral thesis was published by the University of Texas Press as "A Wetlands Biography" and has been used as a college geography textbook. The book has many quotes and photographs of local people.

## McNeese tuition fees are due by January 11th

Students who have enrolled and registered by Web for McNeese State University's spring semester have until 4 p.m. Jan. 11 to pay tuition fees. Spring classes begin Jan. 16.

Fee payments may be made online at [www.mcneese.edu](http://www.mcneese.edu) through Web for Students, in person at the cashier's office located in Smith Hall, mailed to Administrative Accounting, Box 92935, Lake Charles, LA 70609 or placed in the drop box located on the north side of Smith Hall. The cashier's office will be open until 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10 for fee payments.

If payment is mailed, students should be sure to include the top portion of the fee bill with check, credit card authorization or financial aid/scholarship authorization form.

All paid fee receipts,

whether mailed or paid in person, can be picked up from the cashier's office. Students who fail to meet the fee payment deadline will lose all classes registered for and must register again during late registration and pay a \$50 late registration fee.

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Orders are currently being taken for the 50th Anniversary Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival Cookbook. This limited edition, collector's item will be a hard bound book featuring a compilation of photographs from previous festivals including royalty. This 50th Anniversary Cookbook focuses on recipes from each previous cookbook. The cookbooks will be available before Christmas. The cost of the cookbook is \$25.00.

This special and unique cookbook can be pre-ordered by submitting the order coupon below.

The cookbook can also be purchased at the festival pageants to be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater on January 6th or at the festival to held on January 12th & 13th in Cameron.

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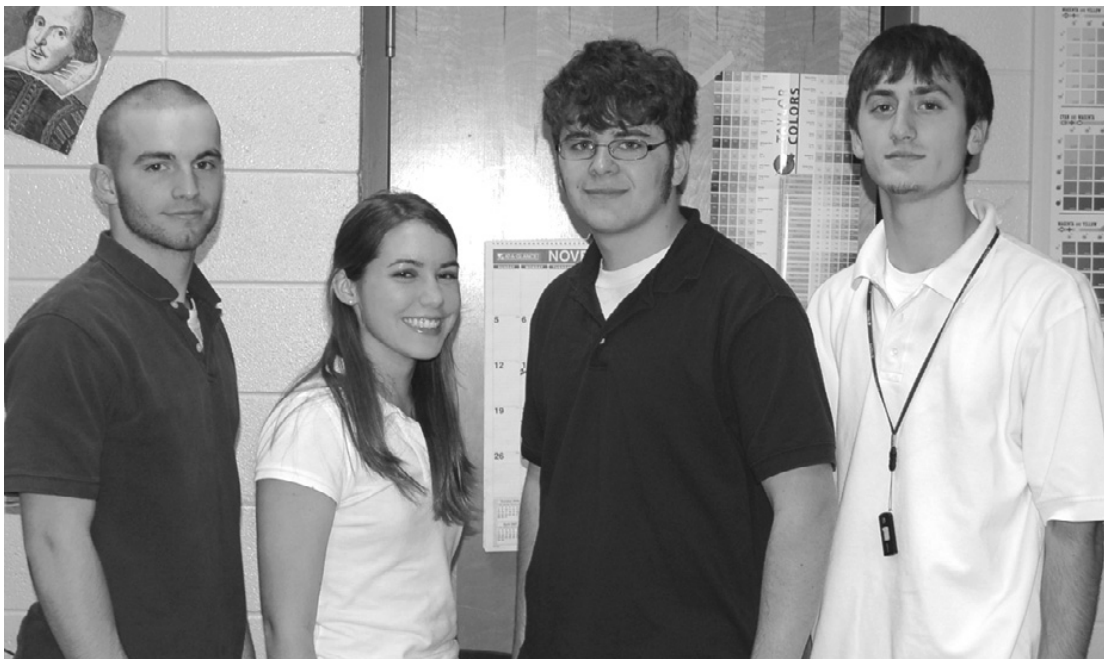
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GRAND LAKE Sr. Beta Quiz Bowl team members are, from left, Kory Dahlen, Sara Taylor, Jordan Precht and Baret Bercier.

## Sempre E. is seeking leaders

To expand its relationship with the businesses and communities within Southwest Louisiana, Sempra Energy has announced it is seeking local area leaders to serve on its new Southwest Louisiana Community Advisory Committee (SWLA CAC).

"We are excited about the opportunity to expand our relationship with this part of the state and its local leadership," said Kelly Prasser, community relations and events manager for Sempra Energy. "This new group will provide us with an additional opportunity to continue the dialogue with community representatives on the progress of all our projects in this area."

The SWLA CAC will be comprised of community and business leaders from throughout the Beauregard, Calcasieu and Cameron parishes. The committee is expected to meet quarterly with the principal responsibility of advising Sempra Energy and its affiliate companies about enhancing their positive relationship with the community and communicating major milestones on projects.

Applications for the Community Advisory Committee can be requested by e-mailing Sempra Energy at [Community@sempra.com](mailto:Community@sempra.com) or by calling the toll-free telephone number (877) 736-7729.

Applications must be received by Dec. 29, 2006. It is anticipated that the members of the SWLA CAC will be announced by mid-January, 2007.

Sempra Energy's affiliate companies have projects in the region either under construction or in phases of permitting. Liberty Gas Storage, a partnership of Sempra Pipelines and Storage Corp and ProLiance Transportation and Storage, LLC, is a gas storage facility under construction near Sulphur. A pipeline connecting the Liberty Gas Storage facility to several interstate gas transmission systems, and running through south Beauregard Parish, is nearly complete. Plans also are underway to permit another Sempra Pipelines and Storage and ProLiance gas storage project on more than 150 acres of property in Cameron Parish.

Sempra Energy, (NYSE: SRE) based in San Diego, is a Fortune 500 energy-services holding company with 2005 revenues of \$11.7 billion. The Sempra Energy companies' 14,000 employees serve more than 29 million consumers in the United States, Europe, Canada, Mexico, South America and Asia.

Sempra Pipelines & Storage is not the same company as the utilities, SDG&E or SoCalGas, and Sempra Pipelines & Storage is not regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission.



GRAND LAKE Senior Beta members Evan Guidry placed second in English and Corey Broussard placed third in Science at District.

## Cameron Parish Basketball

### BOYS

Johnson Bayou 62, South Cameron 46 - The Rebels' Blaine Trahan led all scorers with 33 points. Dustin Badon added 10. Jaylon Ball chipped in 20 points for the Tarpons and Lance Braxton added 10 points.

Vinton 78, Johnson Bayou 57 - Blaine Trahan led the Rebels with 29 points. Dustin Badon added 12 as Johnson Bayou falls to 8-6 on the year.

Hackberry 50, Starks 47 - Judd Addison and Travis Spicer chipped in 14 points each for the Mustangs. Ian Blue added 13 points. Hackberry improves to 7-2 on the year.

### GIRLS

Washington Marion 46, Grand Lake 31 - Kat Kingham scored 12 points for the Lady Hornets.

Hackberry 47, Barbe 38 - Allyson Sanner scored 16 points for the Lady Mustangs. Brooke Wing added 15 points and Carly Fountain added 10 points.

South Cameron 46, Vinton 43 - Whitney Richard paced the Lady Tarpons with 18 points. Katelyn Reina and Katheryn Reina added 10 points each.

Hamilton Christian 70, Johnson Bayou 31 - Charmayne Barrentine and Tabitha Harrington scored 6 points each for the Lady Rebels.

## Grand Lake rodeo team meeting set

By CHERIE MYERS

The Grand Lake Rodeo Team will be holding its first meeting on Monday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. in the Grand Lake Library.

All interested cowgirls and cowboys are invited to attend. Students in both elementary and high school grades interested in the sport of rodeo are encouraged to attend.

Parents are encouraged to attend to help form the goals and guidelines of the Rodeo Club. As a school, we would like to show our support to our High School Rodeo members at both the state and national level.

We will be planning activities such as western play days, clinics, and other fun activities. We will be selling T-Shirts to show our support for our Rodeo Team. The money raised from these activities will help defer costs of their letterman jackets and State Rodeo expenses.

Anyone interested in helping with the club please contact Teresa Roach.

Hamilton Christian 55, South Cameron 24 - Rachel Fountain was the leading scorer for the Lady Tarpons with 9 points.

South Cameron 38, Westlake 23 - Whitney Richard chipped in 13 points and Rachel Fountain added 12 for the Lady Tarpons.

South Cameron 50, Barbe 28 - Rachel Fountain led all scorers with 24 points. Whitney Richard added 18 for the 4-1 Lady Tarpons.

Grand Lake 47, Vinton 45 (OT) - Liz Kingham chipped in 22 points for the 10-7 Lady Hornets. Kat Kingham added 10 points.

Johnson Bayou 29, Hackberry 25 - The Lady Rebels improved to 12-3 on the year. Charmayne Barrentine led the Lady Rebels with 14 points. Allyson Sanner chipped in 16 points for the 6-8 Lady Mustangs.

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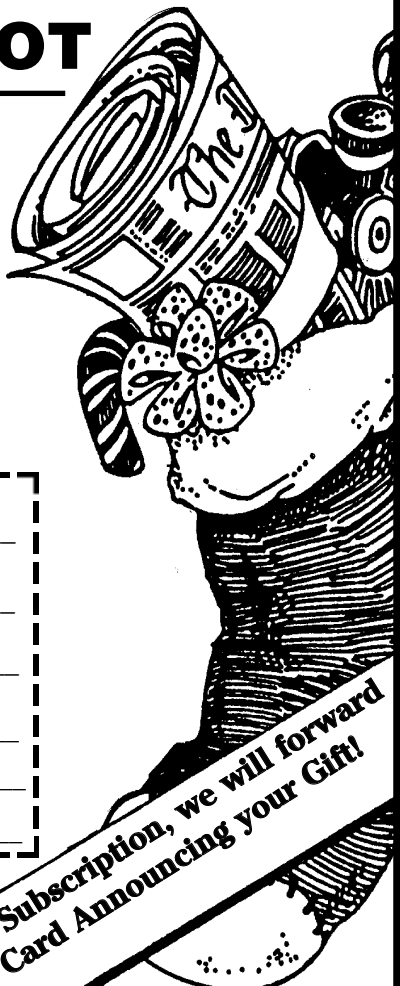
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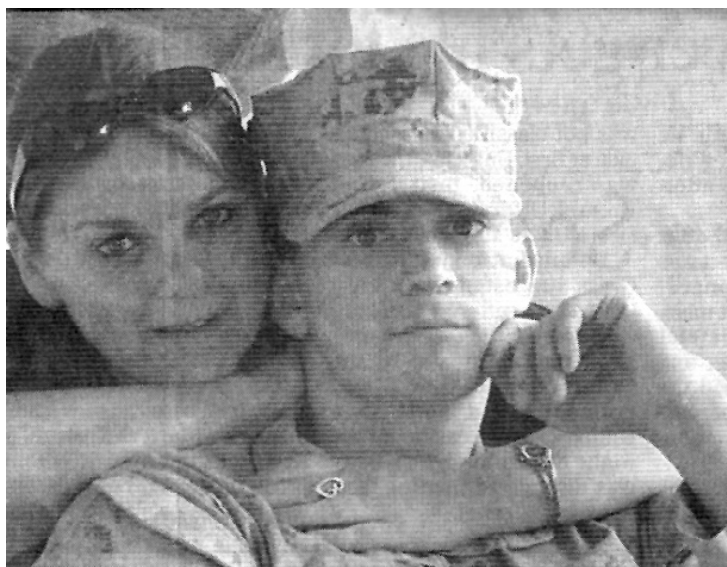












Kelly Wilson and Lance Cpl. Andre Wilson

## Kelly Wilson has reunion at overseas location

Kelly Wilson and her son Lance Cpl. Andre Wilson (known to his family and friends as Quinn) recently had a rare reunion.

Wilson is a 2005 graduate of Sam Houston High School is deployed with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. With the help and planning of Lt. Col. Desgrosseilliers and Major Leonard on Nov. 12 and 13 the mother and son were able

to meet and spend more than 24 hours together.

Kelly works for a government contractor and was able to visit her son on his base during a business trip while returning from the United States. Quinn was able to call his 13-year-old sister and the three talked together for the first time since June. Quinn turned 20 in November. Kelly is a former graduate of Hackberry High School.

## Many changes coming to red snapper fishing

By KEVIN SAVOIE

On Jan. 1, 2007, after nearly two decades of stock assessments, a license moratorium, fishery management plans with multiple amendments, seasonal closures and much socio-economic distress, the Gulf of Mexico red snapper commercial fishery will reach its final stage - privatization. By definition, privatization is the transfer to private ownership of an economic enterprise or public resource that has been under government ownership. Many changes will become effective in January, which will make the fishery more economically stable and will offer some security to shareholders.

To date, there are 139 Class I and 630 Class II red snapper permit holders in the Gulf of Mexico. Class I permit holders were allowed to land 2,000 lbs. per trip during open seasons while Class II permit holders were allowed to land 200 lbs. per trip. Under the new rule, there will be no classifications.

The commercial quota (2.55 million lbs for 2007) will be allocated to current permit holders based on share averages taken from historical landings. A share is the percentage of the total quota that each shareholder will be allotted. An allocation is the annual poundage that each shareholder is allotted in January of each year. Shares and allocations may be sold among permit holders in good standing.

The minimum allowable share sale will be .0001 percent, which in 2007 equates to 2.5 lbs. A person with an allocation can harvest fish at any time during the year. There is no use it or lose it clause, the share (percentage) will not change unless sold. However, any unused annual allocation is lost if not harvested by Dec. 31.

In order to prevent anyone from controlling a monopoly in the fishery, no person or corporation will be allowed to own shares exceeding the

maximum share issued to any one person for the 2007 fishing year.

The fishery will be totally managed electronically via the Internet, cell phone and phone lines. Each shareholder and dealer will have a computerized account set up in his/her name. A PIN and password will be required to access the account. At the time of sale, a shareholder's allocation will be debited instantaneously. Even share and allocation sales will be real-time.

Each vessel participating in the red snapper fishery will be required to have a vessel monitoring system (VMS) onboard and operational at all times. The VMS operates via satellites and gives the exact location of the vessel. Upon leaving port, the captain of the vessel must hail the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) office and notify of fishing activity. When returning to port to unload red snapper, the captain must call NMFS within three to 12 hours of unloading.

During the sale transaction, the dealer is required to collect and remit to NMFS a three percent cost recovery fee on the value of the red snapper landed. In order for red snapper to be shipped from a dealer's location, an approval code must be given to the shipment listing its volume.

Once any problems with the system are ironed out, the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery will be one of the most efficient, economically stable and closely monitored fish harvests in the Gulf.

Savoie is a natural resources and fisheries agent based in Lake Charles for the Louisiana Sea Grant Program and the Louisiana State University AgCenter. He can be reached at ksavoie@agcenter.lsu.edu. His column can also be found at <http://www.seagrantsfish.lsu.edu/resources/index.html>.

## Is there a ghost roaming Monkey Island location?

By W. T. BLOCK

When I was a youngster, I grew up listening to the tales of an old Confederate friend of my father's, Joe Steinhaus of Beaumont. Joe and my Grandpa Block had been Confederate soldiers together at Sabine Pass. Old Joe had fought in only one Civil War engagement, but his vivid descriptions of the Battle of Calcasieu Pass made it the equivalent to me of the Battle of Gettysburg. Joe was a raconteur of considerable talent, and I suppose my spell-bound face and upended hair goaded him on to extra exaggeration.

One tale Joe used to enjoy telling me was about the ghost of Calcasieu Pass. Before dying during the battle at Cameron the ghost had a name - Private William Kneip, who was a German immigrant. He and Sergeant Steinhaus were both soldiers in Creuzbauer's Battery of field artillery from Fayette County, Texas.

If anyone should visit the battle monument at Cameron courthouse, he would quickly find Private Kneip's name on it since he was one of the honored fighters killed in that battle.

I remember Mama telling Joe that her grandfather, Duncan Smith, had fought on the opposite side from Joe. A fire-breathing Abolitionist at Cameron, Smith had piloted the Union gunboat Wave up Calcasieu Pass and dropped its anchor opposite his home. After the battle, the Confederates searched Smith's home, hoping to collect the \$10,000 bounty on his head, but Smith successfully hid out under his wife's hoopskirts.

Creuzbauer's Battery was a part of the Sabine Pass garrison of 350 soldiers at the battle, and as commander of two 12-pound field guns, Steinhaus opened fire at the anchored gunboats at daylight of May 6, 1864. Having no steam up, the gunboats Wave and Granite City were at the mercy of the strong river currents to aim their guns. After sustaining 20 shell hits, Lt. Lamson of the Granite City lost all lust for battle, and he surrendered after a 30-minute fight.

On the other hand, Lt.

Loring of the Wave had no lust for surrender, and he fought another hour before striking colors, sustaining 65 shell hits on the Wave. While Steinhaus went to a rear caisson for a keg of gunpowder, killing Private Kneip instantly and wounding Private William Guhrs. Kneip suffered one shrapnel wound in his stomach, and another piece of shrapnel cut off his left foot above the ankle.

That afternoon Joe Steinhaus and a detail from his battery dug four graves for their fallen soldiers, Kneip, Henry Foesterman, John Lynch, and Fred Fahrenthold, and they buried them in the salt grass flat that now comprises Monkey Island. Steinhaus buried Kneip without his left foot, which he could not find.

The next day another soldier found Kneip's foot nearby in some salt grass, and since the dead were already buried, he walked over to the bank of Calcasieu River and threw it into the water.

Steinhaus stayed at Leesburg, now Cameron, for several months aboard the captured gunboat Granite City, since Confederates feared that the union blockade fleet would reenter the Calcasieu and attempt to recapture their vessels.

Old Joe said that on moonlight nights while he was there, there were reports of a ghostly figure hobbling along the banks of the river, crying out: "Where's my foot?" And sometimes the apparition said only: "Wo ist mein fuss?," which of course means the same thing in German.

I have heard no more for a long time about the ghost of Private Kneip treading the shores of Calcasieu Pass, remembering only how much it curled my hair up whenever I heard it.

It reminded me so much of the yankee cannoner aboard the Clifton, whose head was shot off at the Battle of Sabine Pass, and who wandered the marshes around Sabine Lake in search of his head.

Today, as the calls of raucous sea gulls shatter the ominous silence above Monkey Island, the earthly remains of William Kneip and 21 others killed in that battle lie reposed in total anonymity in the salt grass soil beneath.



A \$5000 DONATION from the Jones, Veras & Freiberg law firm of New Orleans will help fund a Reading Garden at the Cameron library site. Shown presenting the check to parish librarian Charlotte Trosclair, right, is Gladstone Jones. Local attorney Jennifer Jones, left, was instrumental in connecting the firm with the library.

## Citizens who had flood damage should register

Local, state and federal officials strongly urge citizens who suffered damages as a result of the severe storms in October to register with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regardless of registering or receiving assistance from a previous disaster.

"In the chaos that accompanies a disaster, rumors, half-truths and misunderstandings about disaster assistance may cause some storm-struck residents to disqualify themselves from much-needed help," according to Col. Thomas Kirkpatrick, state coordinating officer.

Recovery officials voiced concern that unreliable word-of-mouth information in distressed neighborhoods and communities may deprive eligible individuals and house-

holds of much needed aid from the State and FEMA.

"The last thing you need in a disaster is misinformation," said Federal Coordinating Officer Lee Champagne. "And the best way to avoid that problem is to call and ask for yourself just what kind of disaster assistance is available to you."

"Even though a Disaster Recovery Center may have left your area, residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated parishes can apply for assistance by registering online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired."

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GRAND LAKE students shown modeling T-shirts are: Dylan Morgan Amber Taylor. The T-Shirt committee members who designed the T-shirts are Kory Dahlen, Sara Taylor, and Stephanie Cheramie. The t-shirt design took first place at District.



THE SUDDEN arctic cold front that slammed into the parish last Thursday created an eerie sight on Highway 27 as steam from the warm marsh waters condensed in the abruptly colder air. The temperature dropped nearly 30 degrees in just over an hour, and high winds whipped the steam across the road. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CREWMEN HAVE begun to assemble the platform from which they will work to widen the culverts under the Creole bridge. Just last week, a truck fell into the canal and clogged traffic for over 12 hours. Traffic is expected to continue to use the bridge during the process. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



FROST ON Tuesday morning coated leaves and flowers as an unusually deep cold front chilled the parish. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

### Meeting to be held Monday

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m., Monday,

Dec. 11 to adopt the 2007 budget.

The jury meetings are being held in the courtroom in the courthouse since the Police Jury building was destroyed by Hurricane Rita.



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