

THE CAMERON Office of Emergency Preparedness has moved back to Cameron and is located next to the Cameron Multi-purpose Building. Debbie Billings, Margaret Theriot, and Casie McDaniel have been getting the new office in order and are glad to be back in their own space. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Dennis Wayne Batts Wayne Batts, former coach, principal dies

Dennis Wayne Batts, 59, of Lake Charles died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008 in his residence.

He graduated from LaGrange High School in 1967, Louisiana Tech in 1971 and McNeese State University in 1973. Upon his graduation, he was employed by South Cameron High School as a teacher and coach. He served the school as principal from 1982-1994.

He was Coach of the Year for Girls Basketball District 4AA from 1975-1976 and served as president of the Southwest Louisiana Association from 1983-1984.

He served on the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Principals Association from 1986-1988, and the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Committee from 1988-1994 and was Vice President of LHSAA from 1992-1994. He dedicated his last two years to caring for his daughter during her illness.

Survivors include his son, Paul Wayne Batts of Baton Rouge; daughter, Julie Marie Batts of Creole; grandchild, Brennon Batts; the mother of their children, Mona Batts; mother, Marie Batts Butler and stepfather, Jim Butler.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Batts; grandmothers, Ethel Greer and Alma Kaylor; grandfathers, Jay Kaylor and Basil Greer.

His funeral was held Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Hixon Funeral Home of Lake Charles. Father Ronnie Estes officiated. Graveside services were held Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Old Town Cemetery in Haynesville.

## G. L. Center is open til Dec. 12

The FEMA Disaster Relief Center is still open in the Grand Lake area at the Grand Lake Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday until Dec. 12.

Residents are urged to visit the center and check to see if their application was filed correctly.



THE CAMERON PARISH School Board received a donation of \$100,000 from Apache Corporation on Monday. Production Superintendent Ron Garber said, "We have all suffered significant losses, and we want to be part of the recovery." Garber and Douaine Conner, also with Apache, presented the check to Johnson Bayou School Board member Marsha Trahan, as Loston McEvers, Scott Nunez, Karen Nunez, Dot Theriot, Dwayne Sanner, and School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue looked on. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Board recovers additional \$10,250,000 in insurance

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish School Board agreed Monday to accept a settlement offer on contested Hurricane Rita property damages. The Board, with the assistance of the law firm of Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola and Taylor, was able to recover an additional \$10,250,000 from its insurance companies.

School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue said this settlement effectively doubles the Board's property damage recovery.

FEMA officials were surprised at the amount of the payment, which also benefits the agency, since the proceeds will go toward the cost of rebuilding, thus reducing its portion of the cost.

Altogether, the School Board's bottom line has improved when the reduction in underinsurance penalties is taken into account. Like most other parish government entities, the School Board faced severe under-insurance penalties because it only held the maximum \$500,000 in federal flood insurance on each site.

It was believed that no more coverage was available, but it turns out private insurance could have made up the difference, at a high price.

"Because of our good faith effort in going to bat for the School Board, FEMA is working on the insurance deduction," said Rodrigue. "FEMA has been very good for us, and we appreciate their help."

## Pilot to print early week of Christmas

Due to Christmas being on Thursday, the Pilot will be printed early that week and should reach subscribers on Wednesday, the day before Christmas.

Christmas greeting ads will be published in that issue. Businesses and organizations wishing to have such ads in that issue should have them in by Friday, Dec. 19. News stories will be accepted until 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 23.

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### FEMA LETTER

Future FEMA efforts are more questionable. Because of the likelihood of most of Cameron Parish being declared a V, or "velocity," zone, the rebuilding of structures destroyed by Hurricane Ike is in jeopardy. A Dec. 5 letter from FEMA's Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office Director Jim Stark to Paul Rainwater, Louisiana Recovery Authority Director, says because of the preliminary DFIRM maps "FEMA will not fund new construction, including temporary facilities or replacement projects in V-zones under the public assistance program. However, for eligible facilities, FEMA can fund the cost of relocating these facilities outside of the V-zone, provided the project is cost effective. Eligible costs include land acquisition, construction of ancillary facilities, site development for the new facility, and transportation for temporary support."

The letter goes on to say, "FEMA will continue to fund

repair of the damaged structures that are located within V-zones. In some instances, the costs of repair or replacement facilities that are functionally dependent upon their location on or in close proximity to water are eligible."

On-going projects from Rita are not affected by the V-zone problem, since they complied with the best available data at the time. "However, any proposed replacement project for which FEMA obligates funds after the date DFIRMS were issued will be subject to review and possible re-location," the letter states. The issue date FEMA is using is Feb. 28, 2008, when the DFIRMS were first unveiled.

### WORK WITH JURY

The Board voted to partner with the Cameron Parish Police Jury in any action it may take to resolve the DFIRM issue "in an effort to address the irreparable harm which may result by

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## 3-year efforts result in big insurance settlement

Cameron Parish School Board reached a settlement with its commercial property insurer RSUI Indemnity Company for damage caused by Hurricane Rita. The settlement ends an over three year effort by the School Board to receive reimbursement for Hurricane Rita damage, which occurred on Sept. 24, 2005.

With this settlement, the School Board will have received a total of over \$21 million from RSUI for wind-related damages sustained by Cameron Parish School Board properties. Due to the delay in adjusting the claim and the issuance of payments by its insurer, the settlement includes the payment of penalties and interest, as well as litigation costs and attorney fees.

FEMA provided financial aid to the School Board following Hurricane Rita; therefore, FEMA will share in a portion of the insurance proceeds obtained in the settlement.

The School Board and its representatives will continue to work with FEMA on reimbursement and other matters regarding financial aid to Cameron Parish School Board.

The School Board, through its attorneys Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola and Taylor, of Belle Chasse, and Kanner & Whiteley, of New Orleans filed suit against RSUI on Sept. 25, 2006. Working closely with Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue and Cameron Parish District Attorney Cecil Sanner, the attorneys for the School Board were able to negotiate the settlement on behalf of the School Board prior to trial.

The trial of this claim was set to begin on Dec. 8, before Judge Patricia Minaldi in the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana in Lake Charles.

The School Board voted unanimously to approve the settlement during its meeting on Dec. 8.

"We are very pleased with the result achieved and intend to use the School Board's portion of the settlement proceeds to continue to improve the educational system of Cameron Parish," said Superintendent Rodrigue. The attorneys are still finalizing the settlement documents. The settlement does not address the School Board's damage from Hurricane Ike, which were also insured by RSUI.

## Hackberry bank will reopen on Dec. 18th

Cameron State Bank's Hackberry Banking Center will re-open the week of Dec. 15. A Grand re-opening celebration will take place on Thursday, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m. - 12 Noon, with refreshments and door prizes. Customers and the public are invited.

This bank has been closed for nearly three months while repairs were made to damage caused by Hurricane Ike. Cameron State Bank President and CEO Roy Raftery, Jr., says every effort was made to get this bank reopened as quickly as possible, in order to provide support

to residents who are also working to recover from storm damage.

"We started in Cameron Parish and are very proud of our strong roots in this community. We are committed to being an ongoing part of the recovery effort and are ready to meet the financial needs of residents and businesses in the region."

The Hackberry Banking Center is located at 806 Main Street. It is one of two Cameron State Bank locations in Cameron Parish. The Grand Lake Banking Center reopened last month.

## Outside fire aid to end

Following Hurricane Ike when fire departments in Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach were unable to operate, outside fire departments were available to respond to fires in the two communities.

Effective Sunday, Dec. 6, this cooperative agreement

ended and volunteer firemen in the two communities will be on their own, according to a fire department spokesman who issued this statement:

Outside firemen will no longer be assisting our communities. All volunteer firemen need to be on alert to assist when the need arises.

To the industries: We ask that you cooperate to allow volunteer firemen employees to assist when needed.

To the residents: Please take extra precautions in being fire safe.

A special thank you goes out to all the firemen who assisted our departments during the Hurricane Ike recovery period.

## Council to hold Yule party Fri.

On Friday, Dec. 12, the Cameron Council on Aging will host its annual Christmas Party beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The day will be filled with fun, festivities, and fellowship. Lunch will be served. All seniors are invited. If you need a ride, call 905-6000.

The event will be held at the Grand Lake Fireman Center on Hwy. 384 in Grand Lake. Call for more information or to reserve your spot.

## J. B. rec center to reopen Fri.

Due to Hurricane Ike the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center has temporarily relocated to the Johnson Bayou Community Center and will be opening to the public on Friday, Dec. 12. The facility will have, air hockey, pool table, foosball, basketball downstairs, TV and wireless internet access.

In addition, the center will have a few concession items as well. A schedule of events for the holiday break will be sent out at a later date.

Remember that this is still the Recreation Center and all rules apply. Therefore you must be 10 years of age to be dropped off by yourself.

For any questions you may contact Christen Trahan at 304-4622.

Hours are Friday 2-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-8 p.m.



THE JOHNSON BAYOU High School Homecoming Court is pictured above. They are Eden Broussard and Christian Viator, seniors; Christy Rarick and Janice Trahan, juniors; Chelsey Leger, sophomore; and Harmony Trahan, freshman. The homecoming game between Johnson Bayou and Hathaway boys will be at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12 at S.P.A.R. in Sulphur. The court will be introduced at halftime and the classes of 1958, '68, '78, '88, '98, and 2004 will be honored between games. A reception for honored guests will be provided.



SANTA IS shown with two young attendees at the 5th annual Hackberry Holiday Festival held last Thursday at the Hackberry Community Center. The event was underwritten by Sempra Energy Foundation with additional aid from Hackberry Duck Off, Targa Midstream Services, Cameron Communications, Hackberry High School, and Deep South Productions. See additional photos inside. (Photo by Coot McInnis.)

# Funerals



**GEORGE E. SCHULTZ, SR.**

George Edward Schultz, Sr. 82, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008, in a local care center.

He was born in Sulphur and had lived in Baton Rouge, Sulphur, Singer, and DeQuincy before moving into assisted living. He was a graduate of Sulphur High School, and been a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Hargrove Bible Baptist Church.

He was employed by W. R. Grace for 31 years, retiring as Warehouse Supervisor.

Survivors include two daughters, Gwendolyn Delosey and husband, Gene of Sulphur, and Marla Cole and husband, Richard of DeQuincy; four sons, Gary

Schultz and wife, Beverly of Carlyss, George Schultz, Jr. of DeQuincy, Rev. Mark Schultz and wife, Beverly of Fields, and Greg Schultz of Sulphur; two brothers, Durl Schultz of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., and Joseph "J. D." Schultz of Hackberry; three sisters, Minnie Wait, Betty Pelloquin, and Lana Shearin, all of Sulphur; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Spell Schultz; and three siblings, Ray, Fred, and Orletta Schultz.

His funeral was at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. Durl Schultz and Rev. Mark Schultz officiated. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery South in Carlyss.

## JUDY ANN VINCENT

Judy Ann Vincent, 64, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008, in a local hospital.

She lived most of her life in the Creole/Cameron area and was an EMT for 22 years with South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her daughters, Tammy Ann Vincent and husband, Charles of Cameron, Stacy

# Landmen hold party for SC children

The Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen will host its second annual Christmas party for all preschoolers and Special Education students at South Cameron High School, for a total of 53 student participants, on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 12:30 p.m., in the dining area of South Cameron High School at its temporary Power Center location in Lake Charles.

In addition to a custom selected gift for each student, presented by Santa Claus, the event includes invitations for parents to participate, as well, and turkeys for the families of each student.

LAPL, as the association is known, has taken a special interest in the students of South Cameron High School since Hurricane Rita and has also provided instructional materials and art supplies for younger students.

The Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen promotes professionalism in land use by the petroleum industry with outreach to community needs, events and projects.

Ann Clement of Carlyss and Nicole Cheri Fenetz and husband, Cody of Carlyss; special friend, David Benefield of Cameron; brother, John Whitney Vincent Jr. of Sulphur; and twograndchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 6, in Johnson Funeral Home. Rev. Wayne LeBleu officiated. Burial was in St. Eugene Cemetery in Grand Chenier.



**WORK HAS BEGUN** to prepare the Cameron Post Office, which flooded in Hurricane Ike, to be removed. A replacement mobile unit is expected to arrive later this month. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Grand Chenier Library events

The Grand Chenier Library schedule is as follows:

"Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily.

Thursday, Dec. 11 - Kids Fun Day - Movie Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12 - Games and crafts for children 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15 - Kids Fun Day - Story Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 - Kids Fun Day - Movie Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 - Kids Fun Day - Story Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18 - Kids Fun Day, Movie Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19 - Games and crafts for children 1-3 p.m.

Call 538-2214 for more information about weekly programs.

## Faulk cookbook on sale now at parish libraries

The perfect gift for residents or former residents of Cameron Parish is The Faulk Family Cookbook.

It features unique photos and history of descendants of Joseph Faulk and Adele Miguez.

These keepsakes were compiled by Majorie "Pal" Thibodeaux Conner, a Faulk descendant.

The cookbooks can be purchased for \$18, while supplies last at all Cameron Parish Library locations.

## SCHOOL BOARD

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prohibiting the return of governmental and other infrastructure in the proposed V zone, thus adversely affecting the return of citizens to Cameron Parish."

A conference call was to be held on Tuesday to discuss these matters. The future of the Johnson Bayou School hangs in the balance. The school was extensively repaired after Hurricane Rita, and severely damaged after Hurricane Ike. If the current ruling holds, FEMA will not pay to build a new school. If the school is determined to be less than 50% damaged, it can be repaired.

Johnson Bayou School Board member Marsha Trahan said most of the school's students are planning to return to the temporary school campus now under construction.

FEMA has extended the time for application for Alternate Projects. The School Board voted last

month to designate funds from several unused PWs for alternate projects, but the deadline for application was December 30. That deadline has been extended to June 30, 2009, due to the "unprecedented volume of Alternate Projects" created as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. According to Jim Stark, approximately 80 such requests have been submitted to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

## PROGRESS REPORT

Project Manager James Hoffpauir gave a report on the progress of current FEMA and other projects.

Administration Building: Pile driving completed, pile cap construction started, structural steel scheduled for delivery by Dec. 31.

South Cameron School - Removal of additional old foundations completed, pile delivery scheduled for this week.

South Cameron concession stand/restrooms - Scheduled for completion next week.

SCHS Multi-purpose (gym) facility - PW still being written by FEMA, renovation design underway.

SCHS Vo Tech Building - Design underway.

Slab Removal at various sites - Bid awarded, work to begin in two weeks.

Grand Lake Gym restrooms renovation - Awaiting delivery of materials and fixtures.

Grand Lake Softball Field - Awaiting survey information to complete design, work to begin in January.

Grand Lake Gym Renovation (expansion) - In design stage, bidding scheduled for March, 2009.

Hackberry School Renovation - Phase I - Bid awarded, work to begin January 2009. Phase II to start March 2009.

Hackberry Rodeo Arena - Bids/quotes scheduled for January 2009.

Hackberry Girls' Gym Floor - under construction.

HHS Gym Renovation (expansion) - In design phase, bidding scheduled for March.

HHS - Ag Building - FEMA doing damage assessment, renovation in design stage, bidding in March.

Track and Field repair - In programming phase.

Johnson Bayou Outdoor Pavilion - Bidding for repairs and wind/weather break curtain system.

Johnson Bayou Track - bidding for replacement bleachers.

## TEMPORARY BUILDINGS

Selena Cisneros reported that the temporary buildings for South Cameron and Johnson Bayou are on track for completion by December 30, with school expected to start in the new buildings Jan. 5. Playground equipment is being bid, with completion by Jan. 30.

The Board voted to purchase a freezer truck trailer and a cooler truck trailer for the Johnson Bayou temporary campus. The low bid by Atterberry was \$68,920 to purchase. Three years of rental would have been \$77,184, so the purchase was deemed more cost effective.

Priola Construction was the low bidder on slab and foundation removal for various former school sites at \$630,000. All old concrete, driveways, pipes, etc., will be removed, fill added to level the grounds, and grass planted, leaving clean green-space.

## OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the Board voted to retain the law firm of Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola and Taylor, LLC for Hurricane Ike related insurance issues, with authority to hire adjusting and engineering experts.

The Board agreed to hire Randall Broussard Architects for Ike-related athletic field's issues. Broussard was previously contracted for Rita related issues on the same fields.

The Board voted to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Helena Parish School Board to donate surplus materials or furnishings to replace losses due to a fire at St. Helena Central High School.

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# Great Escape Spa GIVEAWAY

**NOVEMBER SPA WINNER: LACIE SAVOIE**

"This made my day!" said Lacie Savoie. Lacie is the winner of the November spa package from Cameron State Bank's Great Escape Spa Getaway. She is looking forward to enjoying her gift basket and several spa indulgences at Spa du Lac, including an overnight stay at L'Auberge du Lac.

December's giveaway is just around the corner. It's the Grand Prize trip to Lake Austin Spa Resort in Austin, Texas, worth over \$12,000! This trip for two is a seven-night stay, including airfare, gourmet meals, luxurious spa treatments, limousine service and much more.

Register today at any Cameron State Bank location. This exciting spa giveaway will be presented to the lucky winner on December 19, so be sure your name is included. At Cameron State Bank, we know how to help you stress less!

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**SHOULDER WORK** is being done on Hwy. 82 east of Holly Beach. The shoulders were damaged by Hurricane Ike. (Photo by Coot McInnis.)

## Chenier Knights honor long time members at meeting

The Evans P. Mhire Knights of Columbus Council of Eugene Catholic Church, Grand Chenier, held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Grand Knight Garry Primeaux reported the Council has 11 members with 25 years of service. They are Kenneth Badon, Tom Hess, Thomp McCall, Dennis Mhire, Lawrence Mhire, Robert E. Mhire, David Richard, Edmond Lee Richard, Mark Theriot, Denton Vincent and Zeke Wainwright.

Jimmy Roberts will achieve 50 years of service on Jan 1.

It was voted that the Council purchase K of C Service Pins for these members and present them at a banquet to be held once the Church Hall is completed.

Members also agreed to purchase three flags, an American Flag, a Knights of Columbus Flag and a Papal Flag as well as furniture for the Funeral Wake area all to be placed in the St. Eugene Church Hall once it is completed.

Zeke Wainwright reported that the Alligator Festival had a net income of \$27,000 which will go toward the insurance for St. Eugene. He said South Cameron High School needs volunteers to help with the move from Lake Charles back home to Oak Grove and asked that members with trucks and/or

trailers available contact him. The move will take place after student dismissal on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Michael Gulsby gave a report on the Knights of Columbus Insurance policies and annuities. Members needing information on life insurance or annuities may contact him.

Jimmy Saltzman presented the Council with the 2007-2008 Service Programs Columbian Award Plaque. This award is given to Councils which exhibit outstanding involvement with community and church needs. The award was accepted by Grand Knight Garry Primeaux. Saltzman praised the Council for its efforts in the reorganizing since Hurricanes Rita and Ike. "No other Council in this District has accomplished such goals," he said.

The Council is seeking new members. Anyone interested can contact any member of the Council. The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Grand Knight Primeaux stated "We would like to thank the Cameron Pilot for the publishing of all our announcements and information. It is important for our community to stay in touch with each other in these struggling times and the Cameron Pilot does an excellent job of that," stated Grand Knight Primeaux



## Disaster aid available to farmers for storm damages

Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said \$16 million in USDA Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funds are available through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to eligible Louisiana farmers and ranchers to repair farmland damaged by hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

The deadline to sign-up for the disaster aid in applicable ECP parishes is Jan. 15, 2009.

Strain said the program is available to eligible producers on a 75-25 cost-share basis for debris removal, repair conservation structures and fences that were damaged by the hurricanes.

"This is a much needed boost for Louisiana producers that suffered tremendous losses following sister storms Gustav and Ike," Strain said. "No parish or commodity was spared by these storms."

For land to be eligible, under USDA rules, the disaster must have created new conservation problems that:

\*if left untreated, will impair or endanger the land;



**FOR THE** third year in a row, Mennonite Disaster Services has set up a base camp at the former Cameron Place Apartments. Volunteers have begun foundation work on a house in Hackberry. Beginning in January teams will be building three Cameron Parish homes, the Hackberry project and two homes in the Cameron area. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



**STEEL IS** finally going up at the Cameron Fire Station, a welcome sight to the community. The Grand Chenier Fire Station, being built by the same contractor, is a bit further along. Both projects are being funded through FEMA public assistance grants. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## J. B. meeting set Dec. 16

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be having their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Johnson Bayou Community Center located at 5556 Gulf Beach in Johnson Bayou.

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## Hackberry News

By Coot McInnis

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Thursday, Dec. 4, the annual Community Christmas was held at the Hackberry Community Center. Those present, adults and children, were walking the cake walk to see what kind of holiday sweets they could win.

Kevin Moreau, Vo-Ag teacher at Hackberry High School, was the announcer. Along with announcing, he did a little singing and entertaining while the cake walk was going on.

After Santa Claus arrived, all the children got in line to have their picture taken with Santa. While having their picture taken, they were able to tell Santa Claus what they wanted him to bring them for Christmas.

Dana Hicks was the photographer. Those helping out were Clara Welch, Gwen Poole, and others.

At the counter by the kitchen, guests were lined up to get some great food. Music was by D J Drew East and friends.

Outside of the Community Center the officers were making sure all was safe.

### ROADWORK

Hwy. 82 is getting a face lift or the shoulders are. Sand is being placed on the south and north sides of the highway. The dump trucks were working there on Friday. Be cautious and watch the flaggers. They have a job to do also.

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## 16 parish high school students earn college credit at McNeese

In a new program adopted by the Cameron Parish School Board this year through a dual enrollment partnership with McNeese State University, a total of 16 high school seniors have earned three hours each of college credit during the 2008 fall semester.

Unlike previous programs that involved tuition costs and traveling to McNeese State University, these students successfully completed the coursework at their respective school sites.

The only exception were the weeks that schools were forced to close after Hurricane Ike. During that time, the students did attend classes at McNeese State University in Lake Charles.

Completing Math 113 from Hackberry High School were Kevin Alford, Clint Granger, Kelsey Helmer, Mason Hicks, Lauren Johnson, Jacob Poole and Lori Beth Shove. South Cameron High seniors Kimily Bourriaque, Haley McCall, Cody Jouett, Kobi Richard, Gabe LaLande, Collisse Dupont, Falon Welch, Tony Baccigalopi and Kyle Little successfully completed English 101.

The courses were offered at all four high schools and Math 113 was also open to all Cameron Parish seniors at Bell City High School. To be eligible to teach the course, McNeese requires a master's degree in the specific subject area and previous college level teaching experience.

Teachers who met the criteria for these two courses

were Luann Ballou, mathematics teacher at Hackberry High School, and Steven Melville, English teacher at South Cameron High School.

The cost of teachers salaries and textbooks were funded by Cameron Parish School Board. There was no cost to the students. Additionally, they are planning on taking the next level of courses this spring.

Cameron Parish School Board is hopeful that this program will continue to positively impact more seniors through the year by both jumpstarting their college careers and reducing the costs of their higher education.



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## South Cameron High School News

Jr. and Sr. 4-Hers are conducting a can food drive. Sr. 4-Hers bring can goods to Mrs. D'Juana or Mrs. Tina. Jr. 4-Hers bring can goods to Mrs. Melissa.

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

Jr. Beta members are reminded to bring two items for Santa's stocking.

### SENIOR 4-H NEWS

**By KATELYN HORN**  
The McNeese Classic Livestock Show was held Dec. 6-7. Participants were Braids LaBove, Bryce LaBove, Chan LaLande, Gabe LaLande, Bailey E. Richard, Brett Richard, Cami Richard, Kobi Richard, and Jacob Vaughan.

Results of the Braford show: Gabe - first place and Grand Champion Bull; Chan - second place heifer; Kobi - first place heifer; Cami - second place heifer; Braids - first place heifer; Bryce - first place heifer.

Results of the Brahman show: Brett - first place bull, second place heifer; Bailey E. - first place heifer; Jacob - first place, Grand Champion Bull, and Supreme Champion Bull.

Premier Exhibitor winners were Brett Richard and Amanda Wicke in the beef project and Brendan Trahan in the swine project.

### DANCE CAMP

South Cameron High School Tarpon Dazzlers are hosting their annual Dance Camp Saturday, Jan. 24, at Grand Lake's front gym. The cost is \$40 per participant and registration is set for 7:30 a.m. Final presentations will be at 12 noon. The

camp is open for students in grades K-8.

Participants will be provided drinks, a danceline T-shirt, and a certificate. They will perform between the girls and boys game verses Merryville. For more information contact Ms. Sharon Picou or Ms. Sheri Dubard at 542-4628.

### FBLA THANK YOU

The SCHS FBLA would like to thank everyone who purchased items from our Little Caesar's Fundraiser. Your contribution to our organization will aid in the cost of attending the District and State Conferences and other club activities.

Also, thanks to all the parents who gave their time to pickup and deliver the items. Your support of our school organization is appreciated.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec 11 - Progress Reports will be sent out.

Dec 11 - Girls and Boys Basketball - Hackberry - Away - SPAR.

Dec 13 - ACT Test.

Dec 16 & 18 - Parish Tourney - Away - SPAR in Sulphur.

Dec 18 - Christmas Holidays - 4 p.m. dismissal.

Dec 29-31 - Sulphur Tourney - Girls Only - SHS gym.

Jan 5 - Return to School - 7:45 a.m.

Jan 6 - DeQuincy - Away - Boys and Girls.

Jan 8 - Bethel Christian (Jennings) - Away - Boys and Girls.



## Basketball

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

### BOYS

**Grand Lake 57, Johnson Bayou 51** - Sam Johnson paced the Hornets with 21 points in the 3rd place game of the Hackberry tourney. Jayce Hebert and Jordan Hebert added 11 points each. Michael Trahan led the Rebels with 16 points. Dustin Badon chipped in 14 points and Jonathan Trahan scored 10 for Johnson Bayou.

**South Cameron 47, Hackberry 42** - Kyle Little scored 18 points for the Tarpons and Gabe LaLande added 12 points in the Hackberry tourney. John Eddenfield scored 18 points for tourney host Hackberry. Mason Hicks added 13 points. Westlake won the boys championship with a 75-57 win over Starks.

**Westlake 78, Grand Lake 53** - Jayce Hebert scored 18 points for the Hornets and Aaron Duhon added 12 points.

**Starks 49, Johnson Bayou 27** - Michael Trahan was the leading scorer for the Rebels with 11 points.

**Westlake 60, Hackberry 33** - John Eddenfield scored 11 points for Hackberry.

**Johnson Bayou 55,**

**South Cameron 51** - Michael Trahan chipped in 19 points for the Rebels and Dustin Badon added 13 points. The Tarpons' Kyle Little led all scorers with 29 points.

### GIRLS

**Grand Lake 79, Westlake 41** - The Lady Hornets improved to 18-1 on the year and claimed the championship of the Hackberry tourney with the win over the Lady Rams. Liz Kingham led all scorers with 25 points. Heather Girlinghouse added 15 points. Kat Kingham scored 14 points and Amber Trahan chipped in 10 points.

**Hackberry 58, South Cameron 23** - Sami Little scored 11 points for the 7-9 Lady Mustangs and DJ Simon added 10 points. Shelby Willis led the Lady Tarpons with 11 points.

**Hackberry 59, Johnson Bayou 30** - Sami Little chipped in 12 points for the Lady Mustangs. Allyson Sanner added 11 and DJ Simon scored 10 points. Eden Broussard scored 11 points for the Lady Rebels.

**Grand Lake 81, South Cameron 28** - Kat Kingham scored 13 points for the Lady Hornets. Liz Kingham and Amber Trahan added 12 points each. Shelby Willis scored 10 points for the Lady Tarpons.

**Westlake 48, Hackberry 31** - DJ Simon scored 14 points for the Lady Mustangs.

**South Cameron 62, Johnson Bayou 41** - Shelby Willis led the Lady Tarpons with 24 points. Haley McCall added 17 and Becka Richard scored 14 points. Eden Broussard was the leading scorer for the Lady Rebels with 13 points.

## Sabine Pass LNG president reports on 2008 activities

By KEITH TEAGUE  
President  
Sabine Pass LNG

2008 has been a year of milestones and challenges for Cheniere Energy. Construction of phase one of our Sabine Pass LNG facility was completed. We received our first three LNG cargoes, tested our terminal against the force of Hurricane Ike, and now prepare for the LNG market to return to the shores of North America.

The completion of phase one of Sabine Pass LNG represented the first new onshore LNG import terminal to be constructed in the US in nearly 30 years. This historic achievement was commemorated with a celebration at the Sabine Pass facility on April 21, 2008. Energy Secretary Bodman honored the event by giving the key note address. Senator Vitter, Congressman Boustany, Secretary of DNR Angelle, Police Juror Farque and representatives from FERC and USCG also praised Sabine Pass LNG and Cameron Parish during the opening ceremony.

The first LNG vessel to

arrive at the terminal, the CELESTINE RIVER, sailed from Nigeria, taking approximately 10 days to transit the Atlantic into the Gulf of Mexico. The dramatic moss sphere containment style vessel floated majestically in the berth on the opening day, having unloaded part of her cargo prior to the ceremony.

Cameron Parish made a mark in history again the day we received our second cargo. On June 22, the AL GHARRAFA, the first Q-Flex size LNG vessel ever to call on a US port, berthed at Sabine Pass LNG, ushering in an exciting era of larger vessels for LNG transport.

During the third quarter, Cheniere secured \$395 million of new financing to complete the next phase of our business plan - to purchase LNG and offer terminal and pipeline services to additional customers.

Over the course of the next 12 to 18 months, there be a nearly 30 percent increase in worldwide liquefaction capacity. We are proud to be ready to receive some of this new global LNG production.

## School Lunch Menus

Cameron Parish School lunch menus are as follows:

Friday, Dec. 12, Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, wheat rolls, white sauce, milk

Monday, Dec. 15, Chicken alfredo, tossed salad, fresh fruit cup, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, Meatballs for gravy, brown gravy, rice, carrots, orange

wedges, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, sliced bread, brown gravy, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 18, Baked ham, lettuce cup, carrots, yellow cake, pineapple topping, wheat sliced bread, mayonnaise pack, milk.

## Sowela tells registration

Sowela Technical Community College spring application deadline for prospective students is Thursday, Dec. 11. Students accepted to the college will register for spring classes during late registration Jan. 7-15.

Additionally, returning students who did not register during regular registration

will also register during late registration.

Sowela has an open admissions policy and offers all persons the opportunity to attend college and further their education.

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

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# Sheriff's Report

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. Dec. 2-9:

Brandi Leigh Jinks, 30, 157 Main St., Hackberry; Domestic abuse battery, Domestic abuse child endangerment law, Battery of a police officer, 2 counts of resisting an officer.

Claude Edward Jinks, 38, 157 Main St., Hackberry; Battery of a police officer, Resisting an officer, Obstruction of justice, Cameron bench warrant for driving under suspension.

Allan E. Lindie; Saint Pauls, NC; Felony theft (of fuel).

Ramiro Banuelose Pulido, 38, Mexico; Illegal alien/hold for border patrol.

Jesus Adrian Correa-Mata, 27, Mexico; Illegal alien/hold for border patrol.

Jose Murguia Correa, 41, Mexico; Illegal alien/hold for border patrol.

Marcus Ryan Melancon, 26, 447 Hwy 384, Lake Charles; Simple obstruction, DWI.

Martin Cade McCamey, 35, Sante Fe, Tex.; Disturbing the peace by public intoxication.

Cory Joseph Estes, 25, 6505 Nelson Road, Lake Charles; Warrant for theft (misdemeanor) 6 counts unauthorized use of an access card.

John Robert East, 39, 108 Byler Ln, Hackberry; Possession of CDS - Schedule II, Possession of drug paraphernalia.

James Edward Doucette, 34, 3593 Pinestraw Dr., Sulphur; Possession of CDS - Schedule II, Possession of drug paraphernalia, Driving under suspension, No proof of insurance, Driving on right side of roadway.

James Wayne Carey, 38, 3936 Wright, Sulphur; Possession of stolen things (felony), Possession of marijuana, Possession of drug paraphernalia.

William Joseph Carey, 29, 3936 Wright Rd, Sulphur; Possession of marijuana.

Lonnie Lawrence Crochet, 36, P. O. Box 345, Hackberry; Possession of marijuana, Possession of drug paraphernalia.

William Lynn Hutchinson, 39, 138 A. J. Lane, Hackberry; Disturbing the peace by intoxication.

Beverly Kay Carlin, 55, 138 A. J. Lane, Hackberry; Disturbing the peace by intoxication.

Shawn L. Breaux, 31, 2020 Carr Lane Lot 8, Sulphur; Entry on or remaining after being forbidden, Bench warrant - fail to appear - simple battery - dist, Bench warrant - fail to appear - cruelty to juvenile.

Elvin Bryant Jinks, Jr., 41, 512 Old Town Rd, Hackberry; Careless operation.

Amber Louise Fuselier, 23, 120 Donna Rd, Lake Charles; Bench warrant - fail to appear (theft of goods) (misdemeanor), Probation hold.

# It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



**Lake Charles American Press Dec. 11, 1940 CAMERON HD OFFICERS LISTED**  
Miss Sophie Bernard is the Home Demonstration Agent for Cameron Parish.

Club officers are: Big Lake-President, Mrs. Jasper Ogea; secretary, Mrs. Clarence Guidry. Cow Island-President, Mrs. Charles Richard; secretary, Mrs. Moise Sturlese. Creole-President, Mrs. Ursin Theriot; secretary, Miss Horace Montie. Oak Grove-President, Mrs. E. O. Stewart; secretary, Mrs. Raphael Theriot. Cameron-President, Mrs. Sanders Bertrand; secretary, Mrs. C. F. Hebert.

Grand Chenier-President Mrs. J. F. Sturlese; secretary, Mrs. Rufus McEvers. Johnson Bayou-President, Mrs. Jim Erbeling; secretary, Mrs. Dewey Raggio. Chenier Perdue-President, Mrs. Vian Theriot; secretary, Mrs. Olivier Boudreaux. (Hackberry not listed.)

**Cameron Pilot Dec. 11, 1975**

**SUIT IS THREATENED**  
The Cameron Parish School Board has adopted a reapportionment plan but one member has indicated he will file suit to try to prevent the plan from being implemented.

Pat Doland of Grand Chenier charged that the plan was unfair in that under it when his present term expires in 1976 he will not be able to seek re-election until 1980.

The board held a special meeting last Friday, Dec. 5 to adopt a reapportionment plan and after lengthy debate and several votes, adopted the following reapportionment plan by a 5 to 1 vote, with Doland opposing it.

All six of the present six board members will serve out their present terms with elections set in the new reapportioned districts.

The redistricting plan left both Doland, who now represents Ward 2, and Arnold Jones, who represents Ward 1, in the same district.

Since Doland's term expires in 1976 and Jones' term expires in 1980 and the election for their new district does not come until 1980, Doland would go out of office next year and could not run again until 1980.

At the school board's regular monthly meeting

Monday, Doland introduced a resolution to rescind the plan adopted at the Friday meeting. Preston Richard seconded the motion, but it was defeated 4 to 2 with only Doland and Richard voting for it.

**LUNCHES ARE UP 10 CENTS**

School lunches will cost 10¢ more a day effective Jan. 1 as the result of action taken by the Cameron School Board Monday.

Supt. U. W. Dickerson said that all of the school lunchrooms were having problems operating in the black, even with government commodities, due to inflation.

The board voted to increase the cost of lunches for students from 40¢ to 50¢ and for teachers from 75¢ to 85¢.

**WHAT TO DO WITH 500 BARRELS OF RICE**

The Cameron Parish School Board is the owner of 500 barrels of rice--and doesn't know what to do with it.

Ronald David, who farms-on-shares some school board-owned land in the Klondike area, told the board Monday that he had 500 barrels of rice for the board in his storage bins, but that the board would have to move it soon as he needs the storage space.

He said there was no market for rice at the present time so the board can't sell it and that the board can't put it under government loan because on of the board's other sharecroppers didn't comply with allotment quotas and the board was "not in compliance."

Mervyn Taylor, Ward 4 board member, who is also a rice farmer, said he would try to find some storage in his area where the rice can be held until April when the government will buy it if it is not sold before then.

Some members suggested using the rice in the school lunchrooms, but David pointed out that the rice was not hulled and that was over 80,000 pounds of rice involved--a lot of rice to eat.

**MRS. CARTER CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Mrs. Harold Carter of Creole was named to receive the 16th annual Doxey-Vincent VFW Post Citizenship award at the annual banquet last Saturday night in the Cameron Recreation Center.

Other nominees for the award were: Uland Guidry Jr., Mrs. Harold Frey, Lyle Crain, Colise Dupont and Larry Dyson.

U. S. Senator J. Bennett Johnston was the main speaker of the evening and was introduced by La. Rep. Conway LeBleu. E. J. Dronet served as master of ceremonies.

Amos Miller was presented with the Past Commander Pin by Charlton Fontenot, Fifth District Commander and Mrs. John Richard was presented with the auxiliary past president pin by Mrs. Shirley Savaunt, Fifth District President.

Waldon Doxey, Post Commander presented certificates to non-members. Mrs. Mathilda Doxey, a gold star mother, was honored by Mrs. John Richard and was presented with a corsage by Mrs. Waldon Doxey, president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Miss Cynthia Primeaux, South Cameron High School student, presented her speech which won the local "Voice of Democracy" contest, and which will be entered in national competition.

Rev. Mims Robertson, pastor of Wakefield United Methodist Church, gave the invocation and Rev. Alcide Sonnier, Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, gave the benediction.

# Tuition fees due at MSU

Students who have enrolled and registered for McNeese State University's spring semester have until 4 p.m. Jan. 12, to pay tuition fees.

Spring classes begin Jan. 14.

Fee payments may be made online at [www.mcneese.edu](http://www.mcneese.edu) or placed in the drop box located on the north side of Smith Hall.

The cashier's office will stay open until 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 8, for fee payments.

If payment is mailed, students should be sure to include the remittance portion of the fee bill with a 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 and must register again during late registration and pay a \$50 late registration fee.

For more information about fees, call the McNeese administrative accounting office at 475-5107

# Mural to be unveiled

"Vive la Louisiane!" A stained glass mural project created by The Grand Lake Talent Program, The Grand Lake Art Club, and community members will be unveiled at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Grand

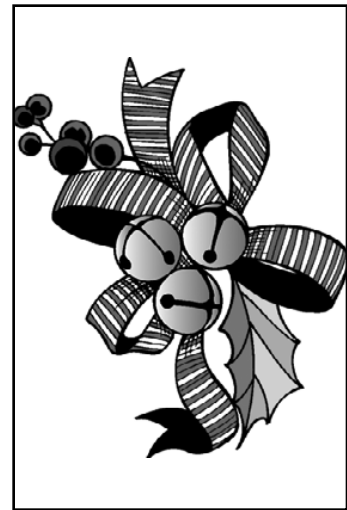
Lake High School 1039 Highway 384.

This artwork was funded by Cheniere Industries, Residents of Grand Lake and The Cameron Parish School Board.

**HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS**

The Cameron Lions Club has just received word that Santa Claus is on his way to Cameron. He will arrive at the Cameron Parish Courthouse Square on the Cameron firetruck on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m.

Murphy Theriot, 1st year trustee; Mrs. Billy R. Trahan, 2nd year trustee; Mrs. Lin Miller, Escort; Mrs. Wilson Conner, Watchman; and Mrs. Pete Duhon, Musician.



**WOODMEN LADIES ELECTION**

Mrs. John Allen Conner was elected president of the Woodmen of the World Ladies Court No 1170 at a meeting held at the WOW Hall in Creole. Other officers are: Mrs. Harold Carter, vice president; Mrs. Jeffrey Boudreaux, secretary and reporter; Mrs. Roland Primeaux, treasurer; Mrs. Woodrow Bertrand, scrapbook and photographer; Mrs.

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# Dear Santa

These are letters to Santa written by Ms. Ann's South Cameron Pre-K students:

Dear Santa,  
I was had one time, me and Jancy had a fight. I want a Hannah Montana band, and a Gabriella band. I want my brother to have Troy band and my other brother a Spiderman suit. I want my sister to have a Gabriella band, too. I want my mom to have a fake alligator to sleep with, and my Dad some new shoes. I will leave you some chicken nuggets and some French Fries. I will leave your reindeer some chocolate cookies.  
Heaven Manuel

Dear Santa,  
I have been bad one time this year. I was being mean to Reilly. I want you to bring me some camouflage short pants and a bra. I want some candy. I want you to bring my sisters some new shoes for school, and Allie some new boots. I want a Christmas tree for mom and a bunch of new boots for my dad. I will leave you some cookies and milk in my utility. I will leave ice cream cookies for your reindeer.  
Brynn Hardie

Dear Santa,  
I cried that is all. I want a tractor that is black and yellow and can dig holes. If I tell you what my Mom wants it will be a purse, and a new

cat. Dad wants clothes. Bring Mimi a new computer and one for me, too, so I can do homework on it. I want a big monster truck. I will leave you cookies on a table by the tree. I will leave Rudolph some chocolate chip cookies.  
Brett King

Dear Santa,  
I cried to come to school, that is the only time I was bad this year. I want you to bring a swing, a Thomas train, Walkie talkie, and a race track with two sides. I want a barbie that sings. I want some new blue jeans for mom. I want some new socks, because his old socks has holes. I will leave you some rice and gravy, beans and milk. I will leave some candy canes for your reindeer.  
Dylan Carroll

Dear Santa,  
I fought with Dylan this year. I hollered at my Mom. I want a trailer house for my mom, cookies for my sister. I want a tractor, and a playdodge. A cow trailer, with horses, jet skies, and an ice chest. I want a new wallet for dad, because my dog tore it up. I want a brand new barn for Dad. I want a Dodge for Grammy. I want a play goat for me and Gauge. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I will leave hot chocolate cookies. for your reindeer. I want Grammy some new

pencils. I want a brand new eighteen wheeler for Papa.  
Will Boudreaux

Dear Santa,  
I got a whipping because I was bad. I was arguing with my Dad. I want a horse trailer, low bar, truck, hay, fence and a barn. I want a tractor. I want a baby doll and baby swing for my sister. I want you to bring a little bitty toy for my baby sister, it has to have lights. I want a bed and mattress and a trailer house. I want that for my Mom. I want a little trailer for Dad so he can haul his crabs with. I will leave milk and popcorn, and some cookies for the reindeer.  
Gauge LaBove

Dear Santa,  
I was bad one time this year. I was throwing sticks. I want a milk truck, a cow truck, and a boat. I want legos, two of them. I want a barbie house, and a playset for my sisters, just one. I want a movie an alligator movie for Mom. I want a new saw for Dad so he can saw. I will leave some cookies for the reindeer with milk. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I will leave some cookies for Ms. Claus.  
Grant Trahan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a big truck. I want a dump truck. If my brother does something to me I tell him please stop. I want a 4-wheeler. I want some paint and colors for my sister. I want some paint and colors for my sister. I want a swing set. I want a BB gun for my brother. I want you to bring my Nanny a new phone. I will put some cookies and chocolate milk. I will put some gingerbread men for you. I will leave your reindeer some Christmas angel cookies.  
Jerett Dockins

Dear Santa,  
Happy Christmas. Please buy me some presents. I want a baby doll. I want another kitchen set. I want some clothes for my sisters. I want a Hannah Montana stage and a Dora pancake maker. I didn't be mean to my cousins or my sisters. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will leave our reindeer some food.  
Aaliyah LaBove

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please give me presents. I want a drum set, trampoline, Nintendo DS. I want a little monkey stuffed

animal for my baby brother. I want you to bring my Mom a new wallet. I want a new cell phone for my dad, because his old one broke. I will leave reindeer and Santa cookies with some milk.  
Audreanna Richard

Dear Santa,  
I have been bad one time this year. I wanted to wear a pair of blue jeans, but my Mom wouldn't let me wear them, so when I got to MaMa's I put blue jeans on. I want a red four wheeler, a truck and trailer. I want some balls. I want you to bring my sister some drums. I want you to bring my brother a gun. I want you to bring my Mom a new phone and bag. I want you to bring my Dad some new hats. I will leave you and your reindeer some big cookies and cake. I will also leave you some pepperoni pizza.  
Eli LeBleu

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I was bad one time, I told Allie she wasn't my friend. I want you to bring me a Dora doll, a cupcake maker, and a Santa Claus book, and a Santa Claus movie. I want you to bring my Mom a big shirt, some blue jean pants and a little Christmas tree. I want you to bring my Daddy some blue jeans like my Mommie, a clock, and that is it. I will leave Rudolph some Chocolate chips and for you I will leave Vanilla Chocolate Ice Cream.  
Reilly Marks

Dear Santa,  
I was bad one time this year. I didn't rest. I want a remote control dinosaur and a cow. I want a remote control puppy. I want a purse for Mom, a wallet for my dad, and a remote control playset for my Bubba. I will leave you some chicken, because I know you will tear it up and leave just the bones. I will leave the reindeer some potatoes.  
Jancy Lalande

Dear Santa,  
I want bad one time this year. I was mean to my friend at school. I want a baby for Christmas. I want a stuffed bear and lizard. I want you to bring a stuffed rabbit for my sister. I want you to bring my Mom a horse. I want a big huge boat for my Dad. I will leave you some corndogs and an apple. I will leave your reindeer some oranges and a huge apple.  
Aiden Farrell

# Chocolate Chip Pudding Cookies

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 3.5 ounce package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a medium bowl combine flour and baking soda. Set aside. In another large mixing bowl combine butter, sugars, vanilla, and pudding mix. Beat until smooth and creamy. Beat in eggs. Gradually stir in flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop batter by heaping teaspoonsful, about two inches apart, onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for nine - ten minutes, or until browned. Cool on wire racks.

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# Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



**SPLIT OPENS**  
The break between duck season split was enjoyed, as I know I got that two to three hours of extra sleep. Getting up at 3:30 a.m. to get ready, drive to the boat, then get to the blind all takes time, as shooting hours started before 6 a.m. to just a little after before the split.

The second split, opening this weekend, will see our sunrise later, so again we can get an extra 30 minutes or so of sleep. (Remember opening this weekend, Dec. 13, ducks, coots, snipes, geese, plus gallinules and rail still open.)

I'm seeing way more ducks in our lower eastern part of Cameron Parish, the Big Burn area, Grand Lake/Sweetlake rice fields, as well as the Cameron Prairie area. This last cold spell has helped bring more ducks down. Weather patterns in our midwest states, are key to waterfowl abundance in our area this month.

The first day of winter is Dec. 21, so we can actually say, "Old Man Winter" is here for a few months. We should start to see more wood duck numbers in our area by the end of December, as their numbers peak toward the end of December. Remember 2008 Commercial licenses expire Dec. 31.

## HUNTING AND FISHING

Our Louisiana hunters and anglers have a great impact on our state's economy. As we hear everyday on the news, things are bad, we're in a recession, layoffs, mortgage foreclosures and yes we're still trying to recover from hurricanes that have really made an impact along our coast. However, Louisiana's 678,000 hunters and fishing anglers have spent \$1.6 billion a year on hunting and fishing.

Hunters and anglers in Louisiana support 31,000 jobs bringing in a whopping \$786 million of payrolls for

workers across our state, plus our government gets its share of state and local taxes to a tune of \$176 million. If you put all sportsmen monies that are spent and help payrolls, there are more jobs and payrolls than large corporations operating in our state.

## STORM DAMAGE

We talked on economy for our state, but as much of our state's fishing was recouping from Hurricane Rita, two storms back to back, Gustav and Ike, really set our fishing back, both salt and freshwater. I do think Cameron Parish, although some harm may have been done to our saltwater fishing and some fresh water, I think we lost more freshwater fish, especially bass and perch. Areas to our east were hit way heavier, as Gustav brought them lots of saltwater where we didn't have much. then Ike really hit all of us with plenty of saltwater.

It is said that largemouth bass losses were about 10 percent of the fish killed.

Some of the other areas not hit as hard will be two years recovering, as well as the northeast Louisiana. The Calcasieu River and Mermentau River areas should be in the one to two years for recovery.

Our area freshwater marshes (Miami's Corporation Permit areas) our Big Burns area was just getting better after Hurricane Rita. The Lemesche Bass Club after Rita had 5 bass stringers top 7 pounds, then the following years up to 10 pounds or 5 bass, however our 2008 club tournament produced stringers up to 13 pounds, so our marshes were coming back.



# Fins & Waters

By GLENN THOMAS

According to the Project Leader of the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Don Voros, Sabine refuge will open to waterfowl hunting and some roadside recreation activities this Saturday, Dec. 13.

West Cove and Blue Crab recreation areas will open for fishing and crabbing, while the Wetland Walkway and Blue Goose Trail will open for wildlife observation and hiking.

Northline and Hog Island Gully recreation areas along with Vastar road will remain closed. These areas will be closed indefinitely until bridges, fishing piers, and parking lots are repaired.

Restroom facilities at both the Blue Goose Trail and the Wetland Walkway are also closed due to storm damage. Intermittent closures of refuge recreation areas may occur throughout the next year as repairs are being accomplished.

Portable restroom facilities will be available at the Blue Goose Trail, Wetland Walkway and the north and south sides of West Cove recreation area.

**Safety Warning** - Motorboat travel for waterfowl hunters may be hazardous due changed geography, underwater or floating debris, narrow boat runs, rough water, limited visibility, fog, vegetation, blind crossings, and swells or wakes from other watercraft. Hunters are encouraged to familiarize themselves with hunting areas prior to hunting. Sabine refuge will be open for scouting Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11-12 from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Waterfowl hunters may enter the refuge at West Cove recreation area or through Burton Canal via Black Bayou. Central canal has been cleared of storm debris from West Cove to the trap-

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Sabine hunting is open Wednesday/Thursday and Saturday/Sunday. Hunters can enter the refuge and launch at 4 a.m. Shooting hours end at 12 p.m. (noon) each day. Only portable blinds are allowed. All boats, blinds, and decoys must be removed immediately following each days hunt.

Youths, 17 and under, must have proof of successful completion of a Hunter Safety Course. All youths attending the hunt must be under the supervision of an adult age 21 or over. Each adult may supervise no more than two youths.

All refuge hunters are required to possess a refuge-hunting permit. The Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex Hunting Regulations 2008-2009 brochure will serve as the required permit when it has been signed and dated. The brochure is available at the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters Office which is located at Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge Office, and at hunter permit boxes at Sabine's West Cove recreation area.

Hunters may also obtain a brochure permit electronically from the Refuge Complex website at <http://www.fws.gov/swlrefuge> ecomplex under the Hunting Regulations link. Sabine hunters will have to print the Sabine NWR hunting map and specific regulations separately in addition to the Complex brochure. This one page addition to the brochure is found on the same web site under the Sabine NWR link, under Hunting Map.

Each hunting party is required to fill out a Waterfowl Harvest Data Form after each hunt and drop it in one of the designated drop boxes. Every party, whether successful or not, needs to complete the Data Form. This information provides us with a means to evaluate hunter effort on the refuge.

All permitted activities other than waterfowl hunting, such as fishing, crabbing, and hiking may only occur from sunrise to sunset. Possession of all applicable fishing licenses is required. Fish species may be taken in accordance with Louisiana Recreational Fishing Regulations. Fishing brochures are available at Blue Crab and West Cove recreation areas.

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## A 'shoestring' Christmas

How can we make this the happiest Christmas ever?

1. We can remember why Christmas exists in the first place. Luke's account of the first Christmas tells us that the greatest gift is not under anyone's Christmas tree, but available to everyone.

2. We can sing Christmas carols not only with our lips, but also with our hearts. Christmas is a time to celebrate in song. Won't you sing this year?

3. We can decorate our home with pine cones, holly and a live Christmas tree. An old-fashioned Christmas is still the best holiday of all.

4. We can serve someone else this Christmas. Give out coupons for everything from hugs and kisses to car washes. When the coupon is used during the next few months, with all the giving and receiving going on, it seems like it is Christmas all over again.

5. We can read Christmas classics to the children before they go to bed. A little hot chocolate and a platter of holiday shaped cookies always make the occasion joyful.

6. We can share stories of Christmases from the past. Kids love to hear how Grandma and Grandpa spent the holidays when they were children.

7. We can focus on the blessings we received last year. No matter how bad the year was, there is always to be thankful for.

Once we enjoy a simple, non-expensive holiday season, we may never want to go back to a 'shop till you drop' way of living again. Christmas is not a day to be dreaded. It's a day to be celebrated - even on a shoestring budget.

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# Classifieds

## REAL ESTATE

**CENTURY 21 BESSETTE Realty, Inc.**, Office: 337-474-2185, Grace Robideaux, Realtor: 496-1611

- 842 W FRIESEN Rd: Mobile homes welcome!! 1.12 acres with mechanical system and well in place, needing to be re-done due to hurricane Rita. 11 ft elevation required. Already 5 ft above with 3 ft house pad. Received Road Home elevation money with 2 yrs remaining occupancy required. Call C21 Bessette 474-2185 and ask for Grace (496-1611) for more details.
- NEW! 6 month old 18 X 80 Cavalier mobile home on 1 acre in Grand Lake. 85 loads of dirt for the foundation. No hurricane damage to this one. \$93,500
- HEBERT CAMP Road lots: Tract 3&4 \$25,500, Tract 1 \$22,500
- REDUCED!!! 25 + acres in Big Lake. Approx 233' on lake & 3/2 doublewide for \$225,000 or front 3 acres & home for \$150,000.00. No water inside for hurricane. 2/13tfc.

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

## REAL ESTATE

- HACKBERRY REDUCED: Waterfront Canal Lot in restricted sub. Very motivated seller.
- HACKBERRY: Short Term Offer on waterfront - 3/2 w/Boat House under house, lots of concrete, low maintenance, all appliances & its new! Never flooded. Now: \$239,900
- HACKBERRY: 3/2 Cottage Style Home on 1/2 acre in quiet country setting. Did not flood, 142,500
- JOHNSON BAYOU in Gulf Breeze Sub, 2/2 off the water on 2 lots, furnished. \$142,500
- HOLLY BEACH: .47 acres w/2 septic, electricity & water on west end of Teal. Great commercial/retail opportunity. Only \$125,000 w/possible elevation allowance.
- CONSTANCE BEACH: 75X75 lot on N Richard, \$25,000.
- LITTLE FLORIDA Beach: 50X100 off the beach lot, \$15,000.
- FOR these & all other listings, please call & ask for Kathy Ware, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Gallerie Realty @ 250-8085 or 625-3150. 12/10 - 12/17cfr

**FOR SALE:** Six beach front lots, 25'x 50' each in Holly Beach. 75' x 100' total footage. Call 898-9046 or 3710168. 12/4 - 17p.

## REAL ESTATE

**WANTED: WEST**  
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## HELP WANTED

**THE UNITED Way of Southwest Louisiana** is now accepting resumes for position of President. The position reports directly to the Board of Directors. Core responsibilities include developing and sustaining relationships with local non-profit agencies, industries and individuals; strategic planning; financial reporting; budgeting and fund raising. Applicant must possess strong leadership qualities, good verbal and written communications skills, some financial background, and the ability to make presentations to small and large groups. Competitive salary and benefits are available to successful applicant. The United Way of Southwest Louisiana is an equal opportunity employer. Send resume to: United Way of Southwest Louisiana, Attn: Search Committee, 715 Ryan St. Suite 102, Lake Charles, LA 70601, or SearchCommittee@unitedwaysla.org. All resumes must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2009. 12/10 - 12/17p

## FOR SALE

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

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## RENTAL SPACES

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

## CARD OF THANKS

**CARD OF THANKS**  
I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who attended the grand opening of Booth's Grocery. The gifts were greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Laurie Cocharo & Katherine LaSalle for the stock and everything you have done.

T Mae Booth

## CARD OF THANKS

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TO ALL OF MY FRIENDS FROM CAMERON PARISH,  
As of November 1, 2008, I have announced my retirement from Centerpoint Energy Gas Co. Our family Sandra, Douglas, Stephanie and I moved to Cameron Parish in January of 1977.

We found a people in Cameron Parish like no where else in the world. We consider it a great honor to have made so many new friends and to have worked with and for such great people for the past 31 years. I thank God for allowing us to live and work in Cameron Parish.

Although Sandra left us on Nov. 23, 2005, I can speak for her that she considered it a great honor to have worked with and served each of you. I also consider it such a great honor to have served as your gas man and friend.

It is such an honor to have been part of your lives. Each of you have a special place in my heart. You will always be remembered as a "true friend." Our prayer is for God's blessing to be on each of you.

Ed Smith

# "Let's make Christmas!"

(ARA) - The holiday season is a memorable time associated with fun, family and lots of presents. As you consider what to give the people on your gift list, why not try something different this year?

Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores suggests, "Let's make Christmas!" Handmade gifts are a trend across the country due to their highly personal nature and the fact that they often cost less than store bought items.

Atchison explains that many great gifts can be made for less than \$25. She advises aspiring crafters to choose a favorite project and make things in quantities. You'll save even more money because you buy the supplies and then split the cost. Consider gathering a few friends or family members and creating a gift-making get together! You'll get crafts done efficiently and spend quality time with the ones you love.

Here are some ideas to inspire you in creating homemade gifts this year:

- \* An apron is easy to personalize for the baker, chef or grill master.

- For the top chef of the family, consider buying a basic apron and decorating it to appeal to their personality. Add that famous family recipe in fabric marker to the front, a clever cooking saying, or even handprints of the grandkids. They are sure to love how unique and useful it is.

- \* Personalized note cards are fun, festive and useful.

There are always times you need a card to send out to a loved one. Wouldn't it be nice to have a supply readily at hand? This is a useful gift you can create for anyone from mother to teacher to mail carrier. Buy blank cards and envelopes and decorate with a variety of coordinating papers, ribbons and stamps. You can keep them general or create cards for different occasions such as birthdays and holidays for use throughout the year.

- \* For the host or hostess who always gives their all.

Traditionally, you might consider sewing a wine bag and bring a bottle of wine to your next holiday gathering. But why not step it up and make a bag for that baguette you're bringing or a nice container for the appetizer you were assigned for the pot luck?

- \* Clever pet toys keep furry friends happy.

Creating a gift for the family pet or for your friend who loves animals is the perfect way to show you care. Cat toys can easily be made out of leather and feather pieces. Add a bell and some catnip for some extra pizzazz. Dogs also love homemade toys, just make sure they can stand up to tougher play — rope and thick material work best.

- \* Add a little sparkle to make the season merry and bright.

Nothing brings out the brilliance of the season more than the shimmer of holiday decor. From shiny, hand-crafted ornaments and beaded tabletop trees, to sparkling votive holders or a joyful holiday planter, anyone on your list can celebrate in style with these decorations made just for them.

For more ideas and project instructions for homemade gifts, visit your local Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Store.

Courtesy of ARAcontent

# Reminder of FEMA registration deadlines

The deadlines to register for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individuals and Households Program are quickly approaching. There is just over one week left to register for Hurricane Gustav; the deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008. Right on the heels of that deadline is the Friday, Dec. 26, 2008 deadline to register for Hurricane Ike.

Any resident who suffered damage from either Hurricane Gustav or Ike but has not yet registered for assistance is urged to do so right away. Those residents who suffered damage from both disasters will need to register twice-once for each disaster.

Aid for eligible applicants may come in the form of temporary rental assistance or hotel stays and grants or loans to repair or replace damaged property and belongings. The Federal assistance program will not cover all losses, but is designed to help people return to livable housing.

Residents can register for assistance by going online to www.fema.gov, or by calling FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585. If you have already registered with FEMA, and have questions about your disaster assistance application, you can also call 1-888-294-2822.

Those who register are asked to have pen and paper ready to take down their case number. The toll-free call takes about 20 minutes, and can be taken in any language.

The call goes more quickly if residents have the following:

- Social Security number (including spouse's)

Address and zip code of the damaged property

Directions to the damaged home or property

Telephone numbers where FEMA can reach applicant

Private insurance policy, if any Bank information to enable direct deposit

Current mailing address

Twenty Louisiana parishes have been given the Federal Disaster Designation for Hurricane Ike and are eligible for disaster assistance to individuals and households: Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Sabine, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion and Vernon.

Fifty-three parishes have been designated for Federal disaster assistance to individuals and households for Hurricane Gustav: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Richland, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana and Winn.

## — NOTICE —

**The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be having their monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Johnson Bayou Community Center located at 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou, LA 70631.**

RUN: Dec. 11 (D-40)

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

**The Cameron Parish Police Jury will hold a special voting meeting at 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 15, 2008 in the courtroom of the Cameron Courthouse.**

RUN: Dec. 11 (D-22)

## Cameron Parish School Board

**Volunteers with Trailers (cargo or stock) needed to move Johnson Bayou High School and South Cameron High School back to school sites during the week of December 15 thru 19, 2008**

If you can help, please contact the following coordinators:

- Johnson Bayou High School - Spencer Owens (337) 762-3305
- Hackberry High School or (318) 426-6701 (cell)
- South Cameron High School - Nicky Rodrigue (337) 542-4418
- South Cameron High School or (337) 794-2929 (cell)

RUN: Dec. 11 & 18 **THANK YOU!** (D 37)

## CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

### Current Openings

**For all positions listed, applicants should download the appropriate application from www.camsch.org; and schedule an interview with the contact person listed for the position in which the applicant is interested. The applicant must submit the completed application to the contact person at the time of the interview.**

**Johnson Bayou High School (4 day week)**  
**Contact: Gene Reynolds, Principal (337) 515-4910 (cell), or (337) 762-3305 Hackberry High School Teacher/Coach Position**  
**Physical Education Teacher with coaching duties (Head Boys Baseball)**

**Deadline for applications is January 5, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.**

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**Grand Lake High School (5 day week)**  
**Contact: David Duhon, Principal (337) 905-2231 (school) or (337) 302-2763 (cell)**  
**Substitute Science Teacher**  
**Beginning January 3, 2009**

**Available positions will continually be updated at www.camsch.org. Appointments will be approved at monthly meetings of the Cameron Parish School Board.**  
**Website: www.camsch.org**  
**Run: Dec 11 and 18 (D 38)**

## — NOTICE —

**CHANGE OF MEETING DATES**  
**Cameron Parish Water District No. Nine has changed meeting dates as follows:**

**From: December 25, 2008 From: January 29, 2009**  
**To: December 29, 2008 To: January 26, 2009**

**All meetings begin at 5:00 o'clock p.m.**

RUN: Dec. 11 (D-42)

## ATTENTION:

### RESIDENTS OF JOHNSON BAYOU

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

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

## — JOB OPENING —

### Public Health Nutrition Educator/ Clerical/Nursing Assistant

**Full time position - Cameron Parish Health Unit. For information contact Polly Strickland, 337-824-2193, ext. 211.**

**Deadline is December 12, 2008, 2:30 p.m.**

**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. 4 & 11 (D-1)

## CAMERON FIRE DIST. #1

### Is Seeking Applicants For Full-Time Firemen Positions

**We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status.**

### FIREFIGHTER I PREFERRED

**Please send resumes with salary requirements to: Cameron Fire District #1, P. O. Box 1506, Cameron, Louisiana, 70631.**

**All resumes must be received by January 5, 2009.**

RUN: Dec. 11, 18, 24 (D-21)







# Legals

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by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 30, 2008 in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Administrative Office of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 W. Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana, for the purchase limestone, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office during normal business hours.

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY  
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18 (D 26)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 30, 2008 in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Administrative Office of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 W. Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana, for the purchase of one (1) Motor Grader, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office during normal business hours.

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY  
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18, (D 27)

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WEST JOHNSONS BAYOU FIELD 09-46

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. **TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009**, upon the application of **DELTA PETROLEUM CORPORATION**.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Oligocene-Eocene Zone, Reservoir A**, in the West Johnsons Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Oligocene-Eocene Zone, Reservoir A.
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from said unit.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Oligocene-Eocene Zone, Reservoir A is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone with a top of 15,305' in the Plains Resources, Inc.-Miami Fee No. 1 Well and the base of 19,215' in the Plains Resources, Inc.-Miami Fee No. 2 Well, located in Section 2, Township 14 South, Range 14 West.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Louisiana.**

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.  
BY ORDER OF:  
**JAMES H. WELSH**  
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, LA 12/5/08; 12/11/08  
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**IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.**  
RUN: Dec. 11 (D 28)

## PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular session on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the temporary office located in Hackberry, Louisiana. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Nathan Griffith, and Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr. Members absent were Brad Locke and Kurt Storm. Guest attending were: Gary Badon and Mark Young.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to accept the minutes as read.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to approve the bills as paid.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to hire Jason Redd as a part-time employee to assist Operators in Hurricane Ike recovery.

The temporary office location was discussed. Rhonda will remain in Hackberry at this time until further notice, due to no available office location in Johnson Bayou.

The Operators gave an update on the Hurricane Ike recovery. There are many repairs left to be made and the district has safe potable water.

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held in January 2009.  
Approved:  
/s/ Nathan Griffith



**STUDENTS IN Mrs. Darilyn Canik's and Mrs. Charlotte Hess' third grade classes are not only counting down the days to Christmas, they are counting down the days to return home to South Cameron School at Creole.**



**MS. MEGAN CLEMENT from Mud Bug Treasures in Grand Lake Head Start helped the Frolicking Frogs class paint Christmas ornaments for their class Christmas Tree.** (Photo by Kitty Askew.)



**THE BOOKMOBILE has returned to the Cameron Library site and will resume operations this week. Staff expect to be open for patrons on Friday. In the near future, the Mobile Electronic Laboratory will be available with extra computers for public use.** (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Nathan Griffith, President  
Attest: /s/ Connie Trahan  
Connie Trahan, Secretary  
RUN: Dec. 11 (D 29)

CAMERON PARISH GRAND CHENIER RECREATION DISTRICT #9 MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 8, 2008  
PRESENT: Charlotte Hess, Darrell East, Nina Jones, Kris Bonsall  
ABSENT: Christa Richard, Jake Fontenot

A meeting of the board of directors of the Cameron Parish Recreation District No. 9 was held at Rockefeller Refuge, Monday, September 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

On motion of Kris Bonsall, seconded by Darrell East, and carried, the board approves minutes from the previous meeting.

On motion of Darrell East, seconded by Charlotte Hess, and carried, the board approves the colors, surney beige and regal white, for all buildings on pool site.

On motion of Charlotte Hess, seconded by Nina Jones, and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD MEMBER /s/ Darrell East, President

ATTEST /s/ Rick Canik  
Attest  
RUN: Dec. 11 (D 30)

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Cameron Parish Assessor will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009. Said hearing shall be held at the office of the Assessor, Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana at 10:00 A.M., December 17, 2008. The Cameron Parish Assessor's Office budget is always available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Assessor.  
2008 Amended, 2009 Proposed  
Revenue:  
AD Valorem Taxes - 645042, 650000  
State revenue sharing - 5889, 6000  
Federal revenue sharing - 3696, 3600  
Informational services - 4000, 5000

**NOTICE FOR BIDS**  
The **CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** will receive bids until the hour of **11:00 a.m., Monday, January 5, 2009**, to the Cameron Parish School Board Administrative Office, for the repairs of playground areas and replacement of damaged equipment at four Cameron Parish School Board Sites. Sites included are South Cameron



**PICTURED ABOVE are the Red Hat Ladies of Hackberry and Johnson Bayou High Schools in their Red Hat apparel worn on Halloween. Shown here are Margaret Shove of Hackberry, Ruth Billedeaux of Hackberry, Dorine Beardon of Johnson Bayou, Marilyn Trahan of Johnson Bayou, Karen Hancock of Johnson Bayou, and Emma Hobbs of Hackberry.**



**THE FROLICKING FROGS class from Grand Lake Head Start visited Dr. Eric Sanders, DDS. Dr. Sanders' staff taught them how to keep their teeth happy and healthy.** (Photo by Kitty Askew.)



**THE CAMERON Council on Aging and Cameron Community Action Agency have set up a mobile unit in Cameron, next to the Cameron Library, to provide assistance to local residents.** (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



High School, Johnson Bayou High School, Grand Lake High School, and Hackberry High School.

Deadline for project completion at each site is January 31, 2009. A detailed bid list and specification packet shall be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607 or by emailing selena@hoffpaairarchitects.com.

All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time. Each bid must be placed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "CPSB Playground Equipment," the sealed envelope shall bear the name and address of the bidder, and marked to the Attention of Selena Cisneros, Project Manager. Mailed/hand delivered bids should be sent to the above address.

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

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
Stephanie Rodrigue  
Superintendent  
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18 (D 34)

## NOTICE FOR BIDS

The **CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** will receive bids until the hour of **11:30 a.m., Monday, January 5, 2009**, to the Cameron Parish School Board Administrative Office, for installation of temporary construction fencing for two Cameron Parish School Board sites. The two sites are Johnson Bayou High School, located at 6304 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, LA 70632 and South Cameron High School, located at 1038 Oak Grove Highway, Creole, LA.

Deadline for project completion at each site is January 19, 2009. A detailed bid list and specification packet shall be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607 or by emailing selena@hoffpaairarchitects.com.

All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time. Each bid must be placed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "Temporary Construction Fencing at JBHS and SCHS." The sealed envelope shall bear the name and address of the bidder, and marked to the Attention of Selena Cisneros,

Project Manager. Mailed/hand delivered bids should be sent to the above address.

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

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
Stephanie Rodrigue  
Superintendent  
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18 (D 35)

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until **10:00 A.M., January 2, 2009**, at the Office of **Randall D. Broussard - Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663 for Bleacher Replacement at Johnson Bayou School.** Complete plans and specifications may be obtained from Randall D. Broussard - Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663.

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

Each bid must be placed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "Bleacher Replacement at Johnson Bayou School." The sealed envelope shall bear the name, address and license number of the bidder.

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

A deposit may be required on the bid documents; however, the deposit shall not exceed twice the actual cost of reproduction. Deposits on the first set of documents furnished bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded

upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders the deposit less actual cost of reproduction, will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (e).

Stephanie Rodrigue, Superintendent  
Cameron Parish School Board  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that Green Tree Servicing LLC, the secured party having a security interest in a 2002 Fleetwood 80 x 18 mobile home bearing serial number TXFL112A38956FD22 and belonging to Steve Sturlese has been authorized by a Louisiana court to, and will in fact, retake possession of the said mobile home and dispose of same thereafter at public or private sale in accordance with La. R.S. 9:5363.1. For info contact 1400 Turbine Street Suite 200, Rapid City, SD 57703, (800) 458-4758.  
RUN: Dec. 11 (D 39)

**BUDGET HEARING ON FUNDS ON THE CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9**

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2008 at the waterworks office in Grand Chenier, Louisiana. The purpose of hearing will enable written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year 2009 and the use of funds as contained in that proposed budget.

Regulations require a hearing on the proposed use of these funds before the budget is adopted each year.

All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interest of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and to submit comments.

A summary of the proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Waterworks District No. 9 office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.  
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# HACKBERRY HOLIDAY FEST 2008



Some of the guests



Ernest Kyle enjoys the holiday mood



Kevin Moreau emceed the proceedings



Clara Welch in costume



Parents and friends watched the cakewalk



Swire children with holiday face paintings



Drew, Kevin and William played background music



Deputies Precht, Young, and O'Quinn



Faye Vincent waits in line for the good holiday food

(NAPSA)-Tis the season for holiday baking. A recent national survey found that more than 75 percent of respondents plan to bake holiday cookies this year. To celebrate this tradition, here's a festive recipe for chocolate lovers to ensure the season is sweeter than ever.

## Peanut Butter Blossoms

- Ingredients:
- 48 Hershey's Kisses Brand Milk Chocolates
  - 1/2 cup shortening
  - 3/4 cup Reese's Creamy Peanut Butter
  - 1/3 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
  - 1 egg
  - 2 tablespoons milk
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - Granulated sugar

### Directions:

Heat oven to 375°F. Remove wrappers from chocolates.

Beat shortening and peanut butter in large bowl until well blended. Add 1/3 cup granulated sugar and brown sugar; beat until fluffy. Add egg, milk and vanilla; beat well. Stir together flour, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into peanut butter mixture.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in granulated sugar; place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Immediately press a chocolate into center of each cookie; cookie will crack around edges. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Though holiday cookies are a dessert-tray staple, festive baking extends well beyond the cookie jar. For more delicious recipes featuring Hershey's Kisses Chocolates, visit [www.hersheyskitchens.com](http://www.hersheyskitchens.com).

## Cameron State Bank in Hackberry is Back in Business

# GRAND Re-OPENING!



We've completed repairs to storm damage caused by Hurricane Ike and are ready to celebrate the re-opening of our Hackberry Banking Center.

Please join us for a Grand Re-Opening Celebration

**Thursday, December 18**  
**9am - Noon**

Refreshments will be served and you can register to win great door prizes throughout the morning. Customers and the public are welcome.

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Hackberry Banking Center  
806 Main Street



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