

## Flu clinic to be held at G. Lake

The Region V Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health will host a walk-in flu clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Grand Lake Recreation Center, 1 to 3 p.m.

Because of 2004 flu vaccine shortage, the following persons are eligible for a flu vaccination from the Parish Health Unit:

People who are 65 years or older-even if you're in great health;

Children 6 to 23 months old-Children younger than 2 years old have one of the highest rates of hospitalization from influenza;

Adults and children with a chronic health condition-Like heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease, asthma, cancer, or HIV/AIDS (bring verification of chronic health condition);

Women who will be pregnant during flu season-Flu season is typically from November to March;

Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;

Children aged 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy.

Vaccine supply is limited and will be distributed to clients on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## Jones named 'Best Lawyer' by edition

Jennifer A. Jones has been selected by vote of her peers for inclusion in the most recent edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Attorneys are listed in the publication according to their area of special expertise. Ms. Jones was selected in the field of personal injury litigation. She was the only female member of the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association so honored.

Ms. Jones is a 1981 graduate of the LSU Law School, where she was a member of the Moot Court Board and the Order of the Coif. She is the daughter of the late Fae McCall Jones and the late Jennings B. Jones, Jr.

She is the First Assistant District Attorney for Cameron Parish and a member of the Jones Law Firm in Cameron, founded by her father in 1949.

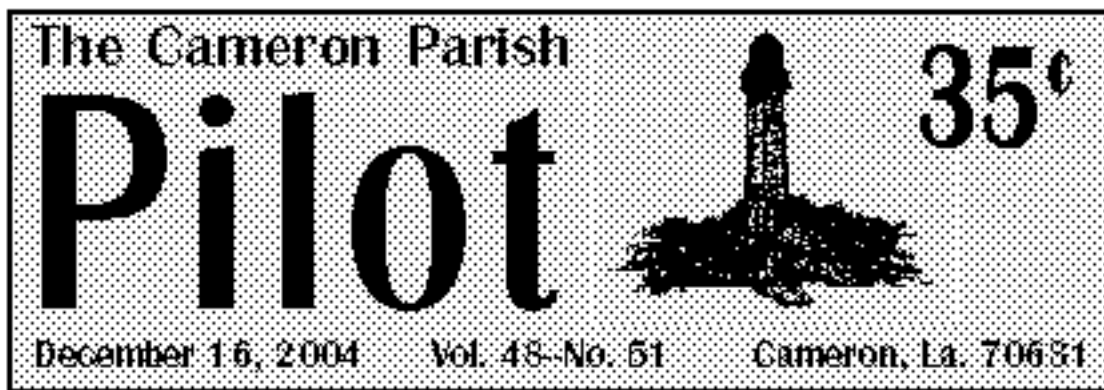
She is the mother of three sons, Patrick Hebert, with whom she practices, Christopher Hebert and Michael Bercier. She also practices in association with her cousin, Glenn W. Alexander, former District Attorney of Cameron Parish.

## Yule event

The Cameron KC's council 5461 will be hosting a community gumbo and visit from Santa. It will be held this Sunday, Dec. 12 at the KC hall in Cameron. Everyone is invited for the free gumbo which will be served at 11 with a visit from Santa at 11:30. Please join us for our annual community gathering.



**LITTLE MISS** Johnson Bayou is Bailey Badon, daughter of Barry Badon of Johnson Bayou and Tonya Kleinschmit of Sulphur and the granddaughter of Raymond and Sheryl Badon of Johnson Bayou and Binky and Wanda Jinks of Sulphur. **Little Mr. Johnson Bayou** is Kevin Harrington, son of Richard Harrington and Tonya Harrington of Johnson Bayou and the grandson of Jimmie and Judy Harrington of Johnson Bayou and Ashton and Alice Logan of Sweetlake. Bailey and Kevin will represent Johnson Bayou in the Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish pageant at the Fur and Wildlife Festival in January.



**CAMERON PARISH winners of the "The American Spirit" poster contest were honored by the School Board at their meeting Monday Afternoon. They are: kindergarten - Kimberlynn Hebert, Johnson Bayou High School; first grade - Blake Hebert, Johnson Bayou High School; second grade - Keylee Young, Johnson Bayou High School; third grade - Ian William Ray Griffith, Johnson Bayou High School; fourth grade - Samantha Little - Hackberry High School; fifth Grade - Dina Mendez, Cameron Elementary School; seventh Grade - Timothy Russell, Grand Lake High School; and eighth grade - Gabe LaLande, South Cameron High School. Shown with the students are Dr. Doug Chance, Superintendent, and School Board Vice-President Loston McEvers.**

## Chance's contract is renewed

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Dr. Doug Chance will continue to serve as Cameron Parish Superintendent of Schools until at least June, 2007. The Cameron Parish School Board met in executive session Monday evening to consider the superintendent's annual evaluation and returned with the recommendation to extend Chance's contract for two more years.

Chance said, "I want to thank the great people of Cameron Parish and appreciate the opportunity to work with them and their children."

Earlier, the board presented certificates to students who were the parish winners in the "The American Spirit" poster contest, sponsored by Attorney General Charles C. Foti and Art for America. The winning posters, from grades K-8, have been sent to Baton Rouge for the statewide contest.

John LeBlanc, president of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, announced to the board that the festival would be donating \$500 to each school in the parish out of this year's proceeds.

Bids of \$50 each on several surplus school buses were accepted.

In personnel matters, leaves were granted to Kristi LeDoux, Grand Lake teacher, Angela Jouett, Grand Lake bus driver, and Wendy Wicke, South Cameron Elementary teacher. The resignation of Christine Peloquin, Johnson Bayou High School counselor was accepted.

## Parade set Sat., Jan. 8

The 2005 Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 8, beginning at 11:30 a.m. according to Parade Chairman, Freddie Richard. This year motorcycles will start the parade followed by antique cars. Immediately following will be the Festival parade with floats, horses, etc.

The parade will line up as usual next to the old Cameron Construction Office on the east side of Cameron and will start at the Methodist Church. No throws will be put on the floats until they reach the starting point.

The route is also the same this year, beginning at the Methodist Church, proceeding through town, turning south at the FDF office and disbanding on the back street.

This year's parade will honor the menhaden industry. Judges will be in front of Hibernia Bank to judge the

floats from the different categories including junior division, senior division, commercial division and the Ed Swindell Memorial Award. In addition to floats, the parade also welcomes horseback riders, bicycles, trucks, etc.

If you have an entry for the parade, please contact Freddie Richard at 775-7382 after 5 p.m.



**A MOCK CRASH** was held at Johnson Bayou during Homecoming week to make students aware of the consequences of drinking and driving and not wearing seatbelts. Pictured above is Britni Oswalt, an unbuckled front passenger who was thrown through the windshield and died on impact.

## Mock wreck created to show driving dangers

This week is Homecoming Week for Johnson Bayou High School and there have been many events, one was sponsored by Cameron Parish Ambulance District Two.

It was a mock crash to make students aware of the consequences of drinking and driving and not wearing seatbelts. The crash involved teens out for a night of fun after the homecoming dance. Britni Oswalt was an unbuckled front passenger that was thrown through the windshield and died on impact. Her car was hit by a drunken driver. The drunken driver was Matt Conner and was

given a field sobriety test and arrested.

Father Vaughn administered the last rights to the victim. Other students involved in the 'accident' were Keith Badon, Crystan Badon, KK LeJeune, Ashton Boudreaux.

Other sponsors of the mock crash were Hixson Funeral Home of Sulphur, Stephens Wrecker Service of Cameron, Hurricane's SOS of Holly Beach, Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office, Johnson Bayou Volunteer Fire Department and Louisiana State Police Troop D.



**ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Kallan Mudd** won the 2004 rookie barrel racing championship for the Louisiana Rodeo Cowboys Association. She competed on Reeds Johnny Babe, her 12-year-old quarterhorse mare. Kallan is a sixth grade student at Grand Lake and is the daughter of Lance and Kelly Mudd.

## Dr. Sanders resigns from hospital's staff

Dr. Richard D. Sanders of Creole announced this week that he has voluntarily resigned from the staff of South Cameron Memorial Hospital after 24 years of service there.

Dr. Sanders said in a statement published elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot, that the hospital administration had told him they could no longer provide coverage for his patients if he was out of the thirty-minute response time of the hospital.

"I would have to have my own doctor coverage for my

patients, or I could use the emergency room doctor at the hospital for \$75 per hour," Dr. Sanders said. "Since I can not pay this fee I have resigned from the hospital."

Dr. Sanders said he will continue to practice medicine at his Creole office. He said he will be on the staff of the Lake Charles Memorial Hospital and Dr. Melvin Morris will be sharing calls with him.

"I wish the best for South Cameron Hospital, Pacer Corp. and staff," Dr. Sanders stated.

## Food donated by others for needy Cameron families

Needy families in Cameron Parish are in line to receive a helping hand from clients of the Probation and Parole Office thanks to a Southwest Louisiana initiative. Cameron Parish probationers and parolees donated 515 non-perishable food items to the Cameron Council on Aging and Community Action Agency through a program which allows them to bring in canned goods in lieu of community service or back fees.

Probation and Parole Supervisor Glenn Hanks explained that the program was conceived by one of his officers, Dan "Dusty" Doucet, inspired by Governor Blanco's Poverty Summit and Dept. of Corrections Director Richard Stalder's CORE (Corrections Organized for Re-Entry) program.

Hanks said the Probation and Parole office is there not just to lock up people, but to help them, and this program helps both the community and the offender. The offender gets to start the new year fresh, and is more likely to report regularly if he doesn't owe money, and the food items are donated to local food pantries.

The results of the program exceeded Hanks' expectations "very much." Some clients brought more than they needed, saying they felt like giving back to the community. Over 10,000 cans of food were turned in in Calcasieu and

over 6,000 in Jeff Davis Parish. Items collected in each parish will be distributed in that parish.

Dinah Landry, Executive Director of the CCOA/CCAA, proclaimed it a "very successful beginning" for the program. "I really appreciate this great surprise," she said, adding that the donation should fulfill all the needs for canned goods for holiday food baskets.

Bread items are still needed this week to complete the baskets, however. The agencies will be accepting food donations this week, and will even pick them up if necessary. Baskets will be delivered throughout the whole parish.

## Play told

South Cameron High School drama students will present "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$3 at the high school or from any cast member in the play.



**DINAH LANDRY**, Executive Director of the Cameron Council on Aging and the Cameron Community Action Agency, received a surprise donation of food items for the needy from clients of the Probation and Parole office. Shown delivering the 515 items are probation officer Dwayne Montgomery, at left, and Probation and Parole Supervisor Glenn Hanks, right.

**FUNERAL**



**MADLINE "PUDDY" SOLINA**

The funeral for Mrs. Madeline "Puddy" Solina, 60, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, from St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry. The Rev. Roland Vaughn will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Cemetery in Hackberry under the direction of Robison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Solina died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, in Hackberry. She was a native of Liberty, Tex., and was a lifelong resident of Hackberry. She was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. She was a former member of the Cameron Parish Library Board.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael L. Solina, Sr.

Survivors include three sons, Matthew Solina of Hackberry, Michael Solina, Jr. and wife Jacqueline of Texas City, Tex., and Rodney Solina and wife Gwen of Fort Worth, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. Marquette Parsley and husband John of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; mother, Mrs. Alice Reeves of Hackberry; three brothers,

**It Seems Just Like Yesterday**

By Keith Hambrick



**Cameron Pilot, Dec. 16, 1971 FLOODING IN CAMERON PARISH**  
The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission announced that heavy rains accumulating up to 12 inches in the most of Southwest Louisiana have resulted in the shift of a major portion of the duck population from the low lying coastal marshes northward into the rice lands bordering the Intracoastal Canal.

Surveys indicate that major concentrations of pintail greenwinged teal, mallards and other ducks are now present throughout an area lying generally between Louisiana Hwy. 14 and the Intracoastal Canal from Calcasieu Lake east to Vermilion Bay.

The Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge public hunting area between Lake Misere and the Intracoastal Canal is presently under five to six feet of water.

**FLOODING BAD AT GRAND CHENIER (Elora Montie)**

The high water in the Grand Chenier area is serious and the water is continuing to rise. Cattle have little grass to eat and little high ground on which to rest. Only the levees offer some haven for the herds. Some levees have broken. Many cattlemen are having to sell their cattle to get them out of the water.

The trappers also are in trouble as the high water has driven the fur-bearers out of the marsh onto the levees and

L.W. "Buster" Reeves of Nashville, Ark., Gilbert Reeves of Cankton and David Reeves of Lafayette; and eight grandchildren.

the highways where many are being killed by traffic.

**DISASTER TAG ASKED**  
The Cameron Parish Disaster Committee met in the Cameron courthouse Friday and sent a request to the state disaster committee that it declare Cameron and certain areas of Calcasieu Parish a disaster area and that feed be made available to cattlemen of the area at no charge.

The committee discussed the heavy amounts of rain here and in the Mermentau River Basin. It was pointed out that practically all of the grazing land in Cameron Parish is now flooded, with water from one to three feet deep it will take a long time for the water to drain from the flat land. Complicating the problem is a reversal of water flow. The water is now backing up over the land.

The grasses that are suitable for grazing are now submerged and will no doubt die and rot before the water is drained off. At this time of the year there will be no regrowth until next spring.

State Rep. Conway LeBlou asked that the disaster committee be called into session to recommend that the area be declared a disaster area. Numerous calls were also received from area cattlemen expressing concern and asking that some relief be requested.

Another industry suffering will be the trapping industry. The water is over many of the muskrat nests and the rats are having to abandon them. Added to this hardship is the fact that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has postponed the opening of the nutria trapping season until Dec. 15, instead of Dec. 1, as it has been in the past, thus creating a problem of more rats seeking feed in the flooded marshes.

The main problem facing this area is cattle grazing. Few, if any cattlemen will have enough hay to feed their cattle through the entire winter, the committee agreed.

**130 BUSINESSES FLOOD INSURED**

Cameron Parish is second only to Orleans Parish in the state and nation in the number of small businesses that are covered now under the National Flood Insurance Program. Cameron has 130 firms covered under the program. Cameron was one of the first in the country to qualify for the new insurance.

**LOCKS OPEN TO DRAIN OFF FLOOD**

The four Corps of Engineers' structures in the Mermentau River Basin are being kept open continuously



**CUBSCOUT LEADER Bobby Jo Doxey and Sheila Authement-Instructor of Pack #210 demonstrate the Heimlich maneuver and advised the boys when to use it in an emergency. This is part of their requirement to earn the "Readyman" activity badge, in which they will know when to react quickly when someone is ill or injured. The boys who participated were: Marcus Doxey, Kasey Mock, Jose Vargas, Christopher Guillot, Jeffery Racca, Jared Racca, Nicholas LaSalle, Kaleb Stoute, Kent Doxey, Marcus Doxey, Devaughn Thompson, T.J. January, and Corey Miller.**

**Area grads announced**

McNeese State University recognized graduates at fall commencement ceremonies held Saturday, Dec. 11 at Burton Coliseum.

Area honor student was: **Magna Cum Laude (3.70 - 3.89)**

Ashley Granger of Hackberry.

Area graduates were: **Batchelor of Arts** Elementary Education: Melissa Rene Este Guidry, Cameron; Courtnie Lynn King, Creole.

Sociology: Ashley Marie Granger, Hackberry.

**Batchelor of Science** Agricultural Sciences: Shannon Dale LaBove, Hackberry.

**Evangelist to speak Sat.**

David McDonald, an evangelist who has traveled to over 40 countries, will speak at the Bayou Lighthouse at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18. The church services are held in the Johnson Bayou Community Center.

For more information call Rev. Denny Vincent, Carlyss, 558-5640, or Debbie Griffith, 569-2571.

**Service set**

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held Friday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. at Wakefield United Methodist Church in Cameron.

A service of scriptures, candles and carols will be held. The public is invited.

**G. Lake court announced**

On Dec. 10, Grand Lake High School held its annual Homecoming Court. Senior maid, Katy Lavergne, was crowned the Homecoming Queen for the 2004-2005 school year.

Her court included senior maids Ashleigh Conner, Micah Hebert, Emily Lancaster, and Kourtney Sovereign; junior maids were Paige Fontenot, Kellie Garven, Brittany Houston, and Marlene Lavergne; sophomore maids were Melisa Dawsey, Hannah May, and Elizabeth Reon; and freshmen maids were Kayla Savoie and Amber Taylor.

**Free tax help offered by AARP**

Free tax service, sponsored by AARP will be available at the Cameron Parish Library in Cameron, Jan. 31 through April 11, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon every Monday.

AARP tax preparer will be at the library to prepare taxes free of charge for anyone 65 or over and for low and middle income families.

AARP tax preparer will do the following forms free of charge: Form 1040, schedule A-itemized deductions, schedule B-interest dividends, schedule C-easy (business income less than \$400), schedule D-capital gains and losses, schedule E-rent and royalty.

to relieve the flooding resulting from the torrential rains during the past week.

This was noted by Colonel Richard L. Hunt, new Orleans district engineer, who said the structures were opened following the down-pour Sunday, Dec. 5, and will be kept open until the flood threat subsides.

**AREA STUDENTS GRADUATE**

Parish students expecting to complete degree requirements this semester include Karen K. Miller, Creole, Kenneth P. Nunez, Jr., Grand Chenier; Marie R. Hobaugh, Cameron; Ike Amos Hobaugh, Cameron; John Albert Fosson, Grand Lake; Charlotte Duddleston, Creole and Warner D. Daigle, Cameron.

**ROUNABOUT THE PARISH**

Two Cameron Parish residents have been nominated for the "Southwest Louisiana Patriot of the Year" Award, presented annually by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. They are Mrs. Whitney Baccigalopi of Creole and Telesmar Bonsall of Cameron.

D. Y. (Billy) Doland, Jr. of Grand Chenier was out on horseback in the "Little District" north of the Mermentau River bridge when he spotted a wolf. The cattleman was able to get close enough to rope the wolf and bring him in. The wolf is about 2 to 3 years old and weighed 52 pounds. It will be given to LSU for study.



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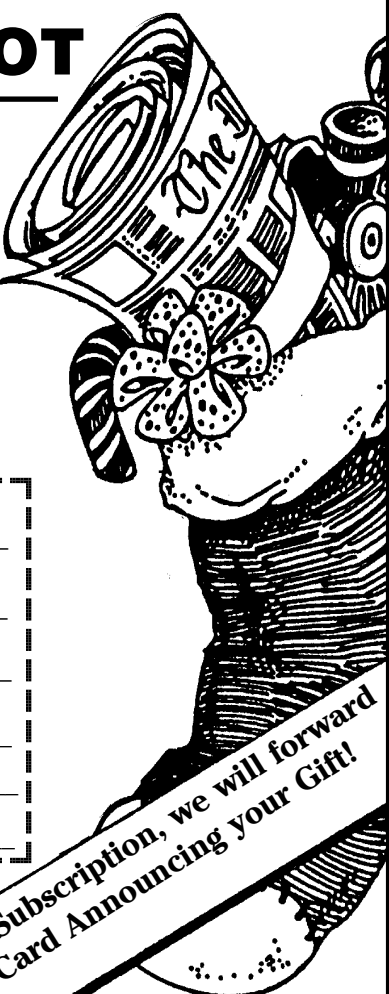
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## Cameron Parish Library News

### MEMORIAL BOOKS

Duck Hunting, Monroe Wicke by Mary Jo Canik;  
Country Stenciling, Verda Williams by Mary Jo Canik;  
The Image of God, Kent Mudd by Mary Jo Canik;  
1) 1000 Facts on Birds 2) Pete Dunne on Bird Watching 3) The Feed Watcher's Guide to Bird Feeding, Sophia Adeline Burch Landry by WGP Transco;  
Guide to Sharks, Tunas, Billfishes of the Gulf of Mexico, Alfred Vaughan by Joey and Belinda Dockins and family;  
Big Book of Scrap Crochet Afghans, Joel Oliver by Joey and Belinda Dockins and family;  
Saints and Angels, Joel Oliver by Joey and Belinda Dockins and family;  
The Quilter's Companion, Kathleen Duhon by Joey and

Belinda Dockins and family;  
Garden Insects, Elvin LeBoeuf by Joey and Belinda Dockins and family;  
Jewelry Making, Dorothy Mae Boudreaux by Frankie and Mary Henry;  
Month by Month Gardening in Louisiana, Murl Trahan by American Legion Richard Bros. Post #0176.

### NEW NOVELS

Silver Bells, Luanne Rice; Northern Lights, Nora Roberts, Color Blind, Jonathan Santlofer; To the Last Man a Novel of the First World War, Jeffrey M. Shaara; Wolves Eat Dogs, Martin Cruz Smith;  
Echoes, Danielle Steel; Jewels, Danielle Steel; In the Night Room, Peter Straub; Dark Water, Koji Suzuki; Bitch Creek, William G. Tappley; Murder at Union Station, Margaret Truman.

## Fisheries newsletter notice

If you did not change your Lagniappe Fisheries Newsletter subscription to e-mail (free) or send in the subscription form and \$10 last month, this will be your last newsletter. Budget problems have forced this action.  
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## Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith



My Christmas tree is up and I have had all kinds of remarks about it here in the Village. The Santa doll, which has been in my family for 76 years is the center of attention. It is the original doll except for the new clothes I made for it when the others got so ragged. Daddy won it in a drawing at a grocery store when we first moved to Port Arthur, when I was a little girl. So you see why I still have it.

We went to the Christmas play this week at the Jefferson Baptist Church. It was beautiful and we all agreed that it was as good as a Broadway production. Cherie and her friend Julie took me and some of my friends at the Village as our Christmas treat. The two Christmas trees reached to the ceiling and there were around 200 singers in the choir. They were accompanied by a symphony orchestra.

I am going to Texas to a Christmas party honoring our kindergarten gang. Several of us started to kindergarten together at DeQueen school in Port Arthur and always get

together for Christmas. My daughter is going to take me half way, where we will meet my son, who will take me to his house, then his wife will take me to the party. My son will pick me up and bring me back the next day. This may be the last time I will go.

Can you believe I was too tired tonight to go to the bingo games at the clubhouse? I was gone all morning to another Senior Citizen Day at McRee's department store where we shopped and played bingo. We enjoyed hot coffee, Krispy Kreme doughnuts and orange juice. We play for prizes donated by various vendors. Then this evening I got a permanent from a beautician that comes here during the week.

My great-grandchild McCall is here for the weekend. She has a bad bruise on her face from a fall she made while trying to walk. She is happy all the time and so curious to see everything. I am so thankful that I have lived long enough to see her. I am anxious to see what her reaction will be when she sees Santa.



SANTA (TONY PORCH) and his elves Haley Willis and Jaclyn Higgins were busy listening to 65 excited children's Christmas list this past Sunday at the Cameron KC's council 5461 annual Community Christmas.

## Creole Knights, Daughters hold Christmas supper

The Knights of Columbus Council 3014 and Catholic Daughters Court Mary Olive joined together last Saturday evening after Mass at the Creole KC Hall for a Christmas supper. Pastor Joseph McGrath of Sacred Heart said the blessing.

There was a gift exchange. Special thanks went to Robert and Bobby Landry for

setting up the hall and taking care of the Christmas gifts.

The KC Council chose Robert Landry as Knight of the Month for December and Robert and Bobby Landry as Family of the Month for December.

Well wishes went out to Martha Conner for a full recovery after an operation on both feet.

## 4-H Beef and rabbit clinics to be held on Saturday

A Cameron Parish 4-H Beef Clinic will be held Saturday, Dec. 18 beginning at 8:30 a.m., according to Jake Fontenot, parish 4-H agent.

## Health hints for holidays

The holidays should be filled with joy, not stress over how much fruitcake you've consumed. To help keep your diet and fitness program on track during the holidays, here are some tips from diet experts Susan Burke and Raphael Calzadilla.

Scale back workouts. Anticipate seasonal demands and reduce time pressure by working out for 30 minutes per session instead of 60, or just three days per week rather than four or five.

Have a taste. Don't waste calories on junky sweets. Only indulge if it's something special. Moderation is fundamental to maintaining weight loss.

Give yourself permission to say "no"...tactfully. Saying "no, thank you" to a well-intentioned host doesn't make you rude. Eat a healthy snack before a party for an extra dose of willpower.

Have fun and dance. Staying active is the best way to ensure that your holiday parties don't derail your diet. Burn calories by dancing the night away.

Get real. It's O.K. if you gain a little weight. When it starts to get cold, the body's natural physiological response is to create some insulation. Just don't let it go over five pounds, and commit to getting right back on track at the start of the new year.

The clinic will cover caring for and presenting beef animals and showmanship.

After lunch the Premier Exhibition Program will be held including a Parent Showmanship Contest. Ties will be available for 4-Hers to bring their calves.

The Premier Exhibitor Program consists of a written test and skill-athon, including breed, feed and meat identification, medicine and food label information.

A rabbit clinic will be held that day starting at 9:30 a.m. For more information contact Fontenot at 775-5516.

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**KRISTI BREAUX** a sixth grade student at Grand Lake School, killed an 8-point buck over the Thanksgiving holidays on the Strauch Ranch in Sanora, Texas. She is the daughter of Tim and Mona Breaux of Grand Lake. Grandparents are Leroy and Ruby Boudreaux and Shuney Breaux and the late Bubba Breaux.

# Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



## DUCK SEASON REOPENS

Many of us have been either hunting rabbits or fishing redfish during the duck split. I'll say this, our fall fishing for redfish, speckle trout and flounder, has been as good this fall as any other fall that we have had.

This Saturday, Dec. 18, our west zone duck, coot, geese season reopens. There is also gallinule, rails, doves and woodcock that open the same day. The following are the other seasons that are open: pintail statewide Dec. 18 - Jan. 7, canvasback Dec. 18 - Jan. 16, deer in area 3 (still hunt) through Jan. 9, snipe through Feb. 20 and rabbit and squirrel through Feb. 28.

We seem to be seeing quite a few deer dead in areas around Creole and throughout lower Cameron Parish. I'm told that hunters have come across deer staggering and falling while trying to walk, some with their tongues hanging. I'm wondering if we might have an outbreak of "Blue Tongue" among our deer population. Maybe our wildlife folks could check this out and let us know something.

## HUNTING TALK

It seems that we're having colder weather in our forecast, something all of us hunters have been hoping for. Maybe we'll see more ducks in our area. I did talk to hunters who hunt near the western part of Cameron Prairie National Refuge, and they said the refuge is holding way more ducks in the last week, than in the first split. Also hunters on the western part of Miami Corporation's land duck lease say they have seen a few thousand new birds on their leases. We sure need new birds to make our second split a success.

## TOLEDO BEND

Some local anglers made a trip to Toledo Bend last week and had a great time fishing crappie (white perch). They were using a small 1/32 ounce jig with red or chartreuse tubes, fishing in the 16 to 24 foot range depth. Some of the crappie weighed 1 to 1 1/2 pounds. They had better luck fishing crappie, then fishing for bass.

A lake that many anglers overlook is Caddo Lake for bass fishing. Although located in the most northwestern part of the state, northwest of Shreveport, this 26,810 acre lake straddles the Louisiana and Texas line, has been producing large bass since 1992 with a 16.01 pounder caught. People catch bass up to 10 pounds fairly often and lots of seven and eight pounders. The lake is six foot deep with some 20 feet deep holes and is a great top water and weightless worm fishing lake. It is stocked with Florida strain largemouth bass. Anglers can fish the entire lake with Texas or Louisiana licenses, but you need to watch your size limits. In Texas waters, anglers must release bass between 14 and 18 inches. In Louisiana waters, anglers must release bass 14 to 17 inches in length.

## NEWS BRIEFS

We all watched the damages that the states of Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana's eastern coasts received from hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne on television.

There was great damage done to homes and businesses, but these hurricanes inflicted great damage to the recreational boats. In 1992, Hurricane Andrew caused \$500 million in damages to recreational boats, but this pouncing by the 2004 storms topped the \$500 million, and caused \$680 million in damages.

## TURKEY SEASON

To our hunters who travel to hunt turkeys here in our state, the seasons were announced. Area A, Mar. 27 - Apr. 25, Area B, Mar. 27 - Apr. 18 and Area C, Mar. 27 - Apr. 4. Private land youth hunts for all areas (A, B, C) will be Mar. 20 and 21. The closest area for us in Calcasieu Parish, north of I-10.

The daily limit is one gobler per season. This is still hunting only and taking of hens (including bearded hens) is prohibited. Hunters may use shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shots no larger than #2 lead or BB steel shots. Bow and arrow is also allowed, but by no other means. Pick up a 2004 Louisiana Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet at your local store.

## BANDED BIRDS

Several hunters I've talked to this duck season, have killed ducks with bands on their legs. We've had two from my blind this season. Both of these were mottled ducks (black mallards), which raised in our Cameron Parish marshes. Both of our two band were done on Rockefeller Refuge in June 2004.

Naturalist John James Audubon was likely the first person in North America to band birds. Back in 1803, he usually tied silver cords to the legs of birds. Europe calls it ringing, developed by a Danish school teacher in 1899. He used aluminum rings on European teal, pintails and other birds. The real pioneer of bird banding in North America was Jack Miner, who banded 20,000 Canada-geese between 1909 and 1939.

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# Commercial red snapper season closed

The fall commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters closed at 12 noon on Dec. 15, rather than the previously announced date of Dec. 10. The season will remain closed until the opening of the spring commercial red snapper season on Feb. 1, 2005.

The decision was made by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Dwight Landreneau, following notification by the National Marine Fisheries Service that the Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico will be open for the commercial harvest of red snapper from 12 noon, Dec. 1, 2005 until 12 noon Dec. 15. It is projected that the commercial red snapper quota for the fall season is projected to have been taken at that time.

Secretary Landreneau was authorized by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries

Commission to take these actions to provide consistent regulations between state and adjacent Federal waters, and noted that the season closure is necessary to prevent overfishing of the species.

After the closure, all commercial harvest, possession, purchase, barter, trade, sale or attempts to purchase, barter, trade or sell red snapper is prohibited until noon, February 1, 2005, the date set for the opening of the spring season. The prohibition on sale/purchase of red snapper during the closure does not apply to red snapper that were harvested, landed ashore, and sold prior to the effective date of the closure and were held in cold storage by a dealer or processor provided appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and 56:306.6 are properly maintained.

sizes of bands and five specially size bands that fits everything from a hummingbird to a swan. There's standard butt and bands, lock on bands, rivet bands and hard metal bands. These bands produce lots of information to where ducks fly, ages and other scientific studies. Over one million birds, 275,000 ducks, 120,000 geese are banded yearly. Some say banding goes as far back as 1595 put on falcons and again in 1710 in Germany.

Here in Cameron Parish we've had greenhead mallards with two bands, one being a money band. This one

was \$30, but some money bands go up to \$100. We'll have more next week on ages of ducks and other birds, discovered from banding.

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# Cameron Parish Basketball Roundup

## BOYS

**Grand Lake 48; Hathaway 45** - Marcus Harris scored a 25 foot three pointer as the buzzer sounded to give the Hornets their 11th win of the year. Harris ended the night with 21 points and Deon Bergeron added 13.

**Grand Lake 83; Iowa 77** - The Hornets nailed 14 of 19 free throws in the fourth quarter to top the Yellowjackets. Brett Griffith was the leading scorer of the night with 22 points. Deon Bergeron chipped in 16 points and Marcus Harris and Justin Howerton added 15 points each. Matt Cradeaur scored 13 points.

**DeQuincy 73; South Cameron 55** - John Lute scored 24 points for the Tarpons and Lance Braxton added 18 points.

## GIRLS

**Hathaway 50; Grand Lake 23** - Tabitha Nunez led the Lady Hornets (8-14) with 10 points.

**Lake Arthur 53; South Cameron 33** - D'Nae Desonnier led the Lady Tarpons (1-8) with 15 points.

**Iowa 45; Grand Lake 29** - Elizabeth Kingham scored 10 points for the Lady Hornets.

**DeQuincy 44; South Cameron 41** - D'Nae Desonnier paced the Lady Tarpons with 18 points.

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I have been on the staff of South Cameron Hospital for twenty-four satisfying and rewarding years, and I regret having to do this.

I will still be in Creole practicing medicine and seeing to the medical needs of the greatest people in the world--the people of Cameron Parish.

My office will be open from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. My office phone number is 337-542-4201, and I am on the staff of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Melvin Morris will be sharing call with me. I wish the best for South Cameron Hospital, Pacer Corp. and staff.

Sincerely,

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## CURT ILES

Author of *Stories from the Creekbank* and *The Old House*

## Help young Santas develop 'money smarts'

Grandparents, mom and dad, brother and sister, aunts, uncles, cousins, teachers, friends...the gift list - and the cash register receipt - get longer every year. The holidays are a great time to discuss spending with the younger set, says LSU AgCenter family economics professor Dr. Jeanette Tucker.

Children, like adults, are wise to develop a holiday spending plan, Tucker says, adding, A plan can help both young and old enjoy the pleasure of giving without holiday blues caused by a strain on personal finances.

The family economist makes several recommendations to help children realize their holiday gift-giving goals. Set a positive example and reduce seasonal financial stress by adopting them as your gift-giving strategy, she says.

• Sit down with the children and ask them to develop list of people for whom they wish to buy gifts. Have them also develop a list of gift ideas.

• Next, help research the cost of each proposed gift. Sunday newspaper inserts are a great source of pricing as well as many Internet shopping sites. Record the prices for each entry.

• Have the youngsters add up the cost of their gift-giving plan.

• Compare the total cost to the money saved for gift giving. Most youngsters will end up short. Tucker cautions to avoid offering loans.

• Work with the young-

sters to create a plan to fund their gift plans. Now is the time to discuss their weekly allowance and how much they need to save. Are there chores they could do to earn gift money? Could they substitute a lower-paying chore to buy a less expensive gift that the recipient would enjoy just as much?

• Talk to children about gifts they can make themselves - perhaps they can make a special craft item or prepare a favorite cookie recipe. A Christmas gift project may provide much needed one-on-one time between youngster and parent, grandparent or other special adult.

• Suggest that a gift of time is always welcome. Cleaning the storage room for dad, raking leaves for grandparents or reading a bedtime story to sister is always appreciated.

• Help write out the plan. Specify total monetary goal, when and how money will be earned, time for gift-making, etc. Writing goals and plans is an important exercise for children. It provides a guide for implementing the plan.

Adult support is very important. Make certain you follow up on the plan with the children, Tucker says.

For information on related family and consumer topics, visit the FCS Web site at <http://www.lsuagcenter.com/Inst/Extension/Departments/fcs/>. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

## Give a gift from the heart - & the kitchen

(NAPSA)-Baking is a time-honored tradition that continues to warm hearts in kitchens across the country. In fact, more than 75 percent of Americans are planning to bake more this year compared to last year, according to a recent survey conducted by Impulse Research Group. The survey found a majority said they bake because they look forward to seeing friends and family enjoy their homemade treats-which is a great reason to give a home-baked gift.

Andrea Swenson, author of "Gifts From the Kitchen for Dummies," offers the following tips for homemade gift giving:

• Give your gift a personal

touch by using a festive pan with the decorating "built in," such as the Nordic Ware mini-garland bundt pan. Because these pans are designed with so much detail, remember to use a non-stick baking spray with flour for best results.

• To make gifts extra special, design your own labels using colored paper and decorative ink stamps.

• Because freshness is a big part of a food gift, give gifts shortly after preparing.

Try this recipe, provided by Nordic Ware, for a delicious treat that makes a great homemade gift:

For more information and recipes, visit [www.bakersjoy.com](http://www.bakersjoy.com).

### Hot Cocoa Cake

1/2 cup butter, room temp.	2 eggs, room temp.
3 egg whites, room temp.	1 1/3 cups flour
1/2 cup unsweete cocoa powder	1/4 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. baking soda	1/4 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. prepared strong hot coffee	1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
2 cups sugar	1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
5 1/2 oz. bittersweet chocolate, chopped	powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray mini-garland bundt pan with Baker's Joy. In medium bowl, mix flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a small bowl, add vanilla to prepared coffee and set aside.

In large bowl, beat butter on medium speed until fluffy. Gradually add sugar; beat until well combined. Add sour cream. One at a time, add eggs and egg whites, beating well after each addition. Alternately add flour mixture and coffee mixture, beating on low speed until well combined. Stir in chocolate, and pour 1/2 cup batter into each cavity.

Bake for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan. Invert onto serving platter and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

## Dry Creek author pens third book about 'home folks'

Curt Iles of Dry Creek recently published his third book of short stories and essays on life, entitled "Wind in the Pines," described as a "collection of real life inspirational stories."

A native of Dry Creek, Iles is a former teacher and school administrator and now serves as manager of the Dry Creek Baptist Camp.

In his book, Iles tells the stories of the many interesting people he has met along the way and usually finds some type of parable in each life.

One of his most unusual stories concerns "The Sign Phantom," which told of Iles' dad's hilarious road signs as

you entered the community of Dry Creek.

These included: Flag burner-you have been warned. Billy Carter would like Dry Creek. We dance with coyotes. Home of ugly trucks. Entering the time tunnel. Beware of rabid squirrels, and many more.

Iles' new book, as well as the two previous ones, "Stories from the Creek Bank," and "This Old House" may be ordered by contacting him at P. O. Box 332, Dry Creek, La. 70637

He may also be contacted at [curtiles@aol.com](mailto:curtiles@aol.com) or found on the web at [www.creekbank.net](http://www.creekbank.net). His phone number is 337-328-7531.

## Be creative with your gift wrapping

(FeatureSource) - Why give presents wrapped in boring paper when the kids can help you decorate gifts in fantastic new ways?! Try some of these ideas from Cynthia MacGregor's book, "Mommy's Little Helper Christmas Crafts" (Meadowbrook Press).

\* Use a glitter pen, or glue and glitter, to write the recipient's name on a gift box, as well as designs and decorations.

\* Cut out an assortment of winter or holiday-themes pictures from magazines. Glue the pictures all over a gift box, overlapping them collage-style.

\* Tie a ribbon around a package. Tie a handful of lollipops together to make a bouquet and tie the bunch of lollipops close to the knot of the ribbon on the package.

\* Instead of writing names on gift tags, find photos of the givers and recipients. Cut out the faces from the photo and glue to the package by the

words "to" and "from."

\* Make a 3-D Santa by cutting a circle out of pink paper for his face and a triangle out of red paper for his hat. Glue the triangle to the circle. Draw Santa's face with markers. Glue cotton balls to the base of the hat and around his face for a beard. Glue your Santa to the package.

\* Find several lightweight trinkets, like a plastic whistle, hair barrette, jingle bell, holiday charm, and so on. Thread a thin ribbon through each trinket. Tie a ribbon around the gift and tie each trinket to the ribbon.

"Mommy's Little Helper Christmas Crafts" allows children ages three to seven to deck the halls with 40 crafts they can make themselves (with a little help from mom). It can be found in bookstores everywhere.

**Thank You**  
A Benefit was held recently at the Community Center for Greg (Big E) Miller of Hackberry. His family and friends would like to thank everyone who participated in making the benefit a success. To everyone who made donations, your contributions were greatly appreciated.  
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The work consisted of identifying materials suspected of containing asbestos, sampling those materials, analyzing the samples, making a hazard assessment, making recommendations, and preparing an Asbestos Management Plan.

The Asbestos Management Plan is on file at the principal's office and the following locations.

Doug Welch, Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, La. 70631, phone: (337) 775-5934, ext. 14.

Ophelias J. Bourque, 1627 S. Cutting, Jennings, LA, 70546, phone: (337) 824-8093.

The Cameron Parish School Board's designated representative is Doug Welch and comments may be addressed to him at his office as listed above.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 6th day of December, 2004 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Road Improvements to Parish Road No. 459, Eric Road, pursuant to the certain contract between Asphalt Associates, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 288809 in the Book of Mortgage, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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

**BY:**

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

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury intends to abandon the following described Road Right-of-Way being of no further use or necessity:

Last 100' of Parish Road No. 3144 (Carter Road)

Anyone having any objections to said abandonment should make their objections known at the meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury to be held Monday, January 3, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Annex building in Cameron, Louisiana.

**BY:**

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

RUNS: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30 - D 22

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will receive sealed bids for the 2004-2005 Christmas Tree Project on Monday, January 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting room. All bids must be submitted on bid forms, which can be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office during normal working hours or by calling 337-775-5718 ext. 117.

By: /s/Earnestine T. Horn  
EARNESTINE T. HORN,  
Parish Administrator  
CAMERON PARISH  
POLICE JURY

RUNS: Dec. 9, 16 - D 25

### PROCEEDINGS

#### CAMERON PARISH

#### POLICE JURY

NOVEMBER 3, 2004

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Wednesday, November 3, 2004, at the Police Jury Building in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 5:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Steve Trahan, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. James Doxey, Mr. Charles Precht, III, Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Douaine Conner and Mr. Scott Trahan.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the minutes of October 15, 2004 shall be amended to delete from paragraph 3 the words "in the event of litigation". The motion referred to the pledge of financial support to the West Cameron Port Commission.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the reading of the minutes of October 4, 2004 and the minutes of October 15, 2004 shall be dispensed with and approved.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the following items shall be added to the Agenda:

7. Appointments:

b. SW Partnership - Lance Mudd, Charles Precht-resigned-Julie Benoit, Magnus "Sonny" McGee

12. Amendment of Right of Way Marines from the Corps Detachment 1157 discussed Cameron Parish's participation in the Toys for Tots drive.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the following permit shall be tabled:

Cameron LNG, LLC - Hackberry, Various Sections, Townships and Ranges, (proposed amended permit application adding a turning basin, expanding ship berthing, and relocating 2-4" and 1-6" pipeline), Cameron Parish, LA. (020701)

It was moved by Mr. Precht,

seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. Yuma E & P Company - Sweet Lake, Section 14, T12S, R7W, OMG Prospect, (proposed board road, drillsite and structures), Cameron Parish, LA. (041102)

b. BP America Production Company - North Creole, Section 34, T13S, R7W, Well No. D-3, (proposed pipeline installation), Cameron Parish, LA. (041105)

c. Chevron Texaco - Johnson Bayou, Offshore, West Cameron Area, Blocks 17 & 19, SL 4418, SL 4435, SL 3839, (proposed site clearance), Cameron Parish, LA. (041106)

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. James O. Boudreaux - Grand Lake, Section 1, T12S, R9W, (proposed excavation & fill), Cameron Parish, LA. (041101)

b. Calvin Andrew Reed - Hackberry, Section 46, T12S, R10W, (proposed increasing depth of ponds, A, C, & D by two feet, using the excavated soil to fill in pond B and any low areas within the site), Cameron Parish, LA. (041103)

c. Barry Terrell - Grand Chenier, Sections 10 & 11, T15S, R4W, (proposed trencass maintenance), Cameron Parish, LA. (041104)

d. Lacey Brewer, et al - Big Lake, Sections 10 & 37, T12S, R9W, (proposed bulkhead and reclaiming of property), Cameron Parish, LA. (041107)

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and declared duly adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**PESH OF CAMERON**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY the Cameron Parish Police Jury in regular session, convened on this 3rd day of November 2004 that:

**SECTION I:** The application of Suna, LLC d/b/a Grand Lake Deli, 515, Hwy 384, Lake Charles, La. 70607 for a permit to sell alcoholic or intoxicating liquors containing more than 6% of alcohol by volume in accordance with Act 190 of the Legislature of Louisiana, for the year 1946, be and the same is hereby approved on this 3rd day of November, 2004.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 3rd day of November, 2004.

**APPROVED:**  
/s/ Steve Trahan  
**STEVE TRAHAN, PRESIDENT**  
**CAMERON PARISH**  
**POLICE JURY**

**ATTEST:**  
/s/Bonnie W. Conner  
**BONNIE W. CONNER,**  
**SECRETARY**

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Billy Johnston is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Waterworks District No. Eleven Board.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the resignations of Lance Mudd and Charles Precht, III, as members of the Southwest Partnership for Economic Development; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write letters to Mr. Mudd and Mr. Precht thanking them for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that Julie Benoit and Magnus "Sonny" McGee are hereby appointed to serve as members of the Southwest Partnership for Economic Development.

In response to an advertisement published in the Official Journal for the acceptance of bids for ten (10) self-contained breathing apparatus on behalf of Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, the following bid was received:

**BIDDER; BID AMOUNT**  
MES Four Alarm; \$26,650.00  
Considering the bid of MES Four Alarm to be the only responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

In response to an advertisement published in the Official Journal for the acceptance of bids for four (4) MSA Evolution 5000 Thermal Imaging Cameras, or the equivalent, the following bid was received:

**BIDDER; BID AMOUNT**  
Casco Industries, Inc.; \$37,200.00

Considering the bid of Casco Industries, Inc. to be the only responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted. The equipment is to be funded by means of a State Homeland Security Grant Program.

In response to an advertisement published in the Official Journal for the acceptance of bids for one (1) new Medtronic LIFEPAK 12 Biphasic Defibrillator/Monitor, or the equivalent, the following bids were received:

**BIDDER; BID AMOUNT**  
Medi-Chest, Inc.; \$24,995.00; (Bid amount does not include necessary battery/charger)

Medtronic Emergency Response Systems; 25,141.55; (Bid amount includes necessary batteries/charger)

Considering that the bid of Medtronic Emergency Response Systems to be the lowest, responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted. The equipment is to be funded by means of a State Homeland

Security Grant Program.  
It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for the sale of one (1) surplus 3,000 pound scale; and furthermore, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase one (1) new scale on behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service Office.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Conner and declared duly adopted:

**RESOLUTION**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**PESH OF CAMERON**

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby move District 1, Precinct 1 Polling Place, Johnson Bayou Fire Station, 155 Berwick Road, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana to the Johnson Bayou Multipurpose Building, 5556 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury on this 3rd day of November, 2004 does hereby relocate the District 1 Precinct 1 Polling Place to the Johnson Bayou Multipurpose Building, 5556 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 3rd day of November, 2004.

**APPROVED:**  
/s/ Steve Trahan  
**STEVE TRAHAN, PRESIDENT**  
**CAMERON PARISH**  
**POLICE JURY**

**ATTEST:**

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

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby support the hiring of a private attorney to represent the West Cameron Port Commission in furtherance of the legal situation with regard to property located in Hackberry under lease to Semptra.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the legal description of the right-of-way on Parish Road No. 608, Colligan Lane, is hereby corrected, as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the East 79.91 acres of Section 40, Township 12 South, Range 10 West; thence S 89°45'08" E, a distance of 354.80 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 00°14'52" W, a distance of 420.39 feet; thence S 89°45'08" E, a distance of 41.20 feet; thence N 00°14'52" E, a distance of 420.39 feet; thence N 89°45'08" W, a distance of 41.20 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 17,320.07 square feet or 0.3976 acres, more or less, and is situated in Section 40, Township 12 South, Range 10 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the October, 2004 bills.

Kathleen and Darrell Delaney voiced their concerns that unauthorized work had been performed on their family property in the Gravity Drainage District No. Four area.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. McCain and carried, that the 2004 Budget of the Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Fund shall be increased by twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to include renovations to the Investigator's Office. Labor shall be provided by personnel of the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Jury shall go into executive session to discuss litigation regarding the Commissioner of Conservation and a permit issued to Environmental Partners, LLC. The vote was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Charles Precht, III., Magnus McGee, Scott Trahan, James Doxey, Steve Trahan, Douaine Conner, Darryl Farque  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

The President called the meeting back to order.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the District Attorney to file an appeal with the 1st Circuit Court of Baton Rouge. This is an appeal of the decision rendered by the 19th Judicial Court which affirmed a permit issued by the Commissioner of Conservation to Environmental Partners, LLC.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Conner, the meeting was declared adjourned.

**APPROVED:**  
/s/ Steve Trahan  
**STEVE TRAHAN, PRESIDENT**  
**CAMERON PARISH**  
**POLICE JURY**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Bonnie W. Conner  
**BONNIE W. CONNER,**  
**SECRETARY**  
Run Dec. 16 (D 24)

### PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Public Library

Board of Control  
October 19, 2004

President, Cyndi Sellers called the Cameron Parish Public Library of Control meeting to order on Tuesday, October 19, 2004 at the Cameron Library at 4:00 p.m. the following were present: Members: Wanita Harrison, John Calzada, Stephanie Rogers, Kenny Trahan, Cyndi Sellers and Charlotte Trosclair, secretary. Absent were: James Doxey, ex-officio member and Gayle Sanner.

Wanita Harrison led the prayer and Stephanie Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion of John Calzada, seconded by Wanita Harrison and carried the board unanimously accepted the minutes for September 21, 2004.

Darrell Williams discussed the

monthly financial report. On the motion of John Calzada, seconded by Stephanie Rogers, the board unanimously voted to accept the financial report.

Mr. Calzada asked Mr. Williams whether the Director's classification has been changed from non-exempt. Mr. Williams replied he was not sure but at this time did not think the status had been changed.

On the motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, the board unanimously voted to accept the deletions.

Mr. Calzada explained the budget committee had met with the architect and some changes had been made. He further stated it could possibly cost considerably less if local contractors because of travel factors. The architect would like to preserve the aesthetics of the building. Construction should take 6-8 months with the bid packages possibly being ready in December. No action was taken concerning the budget.

On the motion of Mrs. Rogers, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, the board unanimously voted to accept the proposed landscaping for the Johnson Bayou library.

Mrs. Trosclair explained the Erate Training she and DeDe Nunez had recently attended in Baton Rouge.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, the board unanimously voted to accept the proposal from Compositions to do necessary work to put the Grand Chenier House on the National Register. This work is not to exceed \$1000.00.

The next meeting was set November 16, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

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

**APPROVED:**  
Cyndi Seller, Board President  
**ATTEST:**  
Charlotte Trosclair, Secretary  
RUN: Dec. 16 (D-26)

### CAMERON PARISH

#### SEWERAGE DISTRICT

#### NO. TEN

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION

#### TO ISSUE BONDS

The Board of Commissioners of Cameron Parish Sewerage District No. Ten (the "Issuer"), a duly created and validly existing body corporate and politic and public instrumentality of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), pursuant to the provisions of Part VII of Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), does hereby give notice of its intention to issue TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$2,218,000) DOLLARS of its Sewer Revenue Bonds, to be issued in multiple series (the "Bonds"). The Bonds shall be authorized under the Act and authorized pursuant to the provisions of a bond resolution (the "Bond Resolution") for the purpose of providing funds for the Issuer to (i) acquire, construct, extend and maintain within the Issuer a sewerage system, including such sewerage disposal facilities as may be required, with all necessary equipment and installations in connection therewith, including such extensions as may be proper to connect said system or systems with the sewerage disposal facilities of the Issuer (ii) make deposits into certain funds as may be required for security by the purchaser of the Bonds; (iii) pay capitalized interest on the Bonds; and (iv) pay the costs of issuance associated with the Bonds.

The Bonds, if issued, shall be limited and special revenue obligations of the Issuer and not the Parish. The Bonds shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate or rates and carry such exchangeability privileges as shall be provided for in the Bond Resolution. The Bonds shall be issuable as fully registered bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof. The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable at the principal office of the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Development, or such national banking association possessing corporate trust powers and serving as paying agent for the Bonds. The Bonds shall be payable from and secured by a pledge of the income and revenues of the Issuer derived or to be derived from the levy and collection of fees and charges for usage of the sewerage system in such amounts and at such rates as shall be sufficient at all times to pay the expenses of operating and maintaining the System and to assure the prompt payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds as each falls due, subject to application of the purposes and the conditions set forth in the Bond Resolution.

The Bonds shall not constitute a debt, liability, loan of the credit or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Parish, or of the State of Louisiana, or of any political or governmental unit thereof. The Bonds shall not constitute an obligation, either special or general, of the Parish, or the State of Louisiana ("State") within the meaning of any Constitutional or statutory provision whatsoever. Neither the Parish nor the State, nor any political subdivision thereof shall in any manner be liable for the payment of the principal and the interest on the Bonds, or for the performance of any agreement or pledge of any kind which may be undertaken by the Issuer and no breach by the Issuer of any agreements shall create any obligation upon the Parish of the State or any political subdivision thereof.

The Issuer shall meet in open and public session on Thursday, January 6, 2005, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Holly Beach Fire Station, Holly Beach, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. If a petition is presented to the Issuer at this open and public meeting duly signed by not less than 5% of the electors of the Issuer voting at the last special

or general election objecting to issuance of the Bonds, then said Bonds shall not be issued until approved by a vote of a majority of the Qualified electors of the Issuer who vote in a special election held for the purpose of approving issuance of the Bonds in the manner provided by the State's Election Code for the conduct of such elections. Any such petition must be accompanied by a Certificate of the Parish Registrar of Voters certifying the signers of the petition to be qualified electors of the Issuer and the number of signers amounts to not less than 5% of the registered voters of the Issuer in number, voting at the last special or general election.

This is not an offer to sell nor the solicitation of an offer to buy the Bonds. This is the Notice of Intention to Issue Bonds by the Issuer as mandated by the provisions of La. R.S. 39:824(B).

**ATTEST:**

CAMERON PARISH  
SEWERAGE  
DISTRICT NO. TEN  
BY: /s/ Raymond Miller  
RAYMOND MILLER, Chairman  
/s/ Cleodale Primeaux  
CLEODALE PRIMEAUX  
Secretary

RUN: Dec. 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6 (D 27)

Cameron Parish EMS  
Lower Cameron Parish  
Ambulance Service District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 20, 2004

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Phyllis Pinch.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer was lead by Mrs. Pinch.

Roll call: Present - Phyllis Pinch, Loston McEvers, Michael Booth and Jo Ann Nunez.

Additions to the meeting agenda proposed were:

1. Teacher's Professional Development Day

Mrs. Booth motioned to approve addition to the agenda. Second by Mr. McEvers. None opposed. Motion carried.

Ms. Nunez motioned to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2004 meeting. Second by Mr. McEvers. None opposed. Motion carried.

Director, Byron Broussard, presented the director's reports for September, which included monthly call volume, asset report, tax revenues received, payment report and expense report.

Mrs. Booth motioned to approve the director's report. Second by Ms. Nunez. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Broussard presented new information obtained from architect David Moss, which illustrated the most current plans for renovations. After reviewing the sketches, the board submitted changes to be made for the final draft for these plans. Mr. McEvers motioned that the board authorize Mr. Broussard to submit the changes, review the final draft and approve the draft if it corresponds with the board's requested changes. Second by Ms. Nunez. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Broussard presented information on the HRSA grant made available to the district through the Louisiana State Bureau of EMS. He explained that the grant is being provided to services throughout the state in order to prepare for an increase in pre-hospital surge capacity in the event of terrorists' activity. The total dollar amount granted to the district is \$13,708.60. The grant is to be used to purchase a rapid response package to include a trailer containing a command shelter and a list of supplies for treating trauma patients as issued by the bureau, personal protected equipment and a portable radio capable of 700 MHz programming. The bureau has advised that many of these items are to be mandated when the Ambulance Standard's Committee reconvenes.

Mr. McEvers motioned to accept the HRSA grant and to use these funds within the guidelines set forth by the Bureau of EMS. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Broussard advised the board of work being done with the Cameron Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness on distributing the Office of Homeland Security Grant. He stated that, with the assistance from the Police Jury staff, the bidding process for a new Lifepak 12 monitor/defibrillator has begun. This and other items ordered on behalf of the district should be in operation in the coming weeks. Progress reports will be prided to the board on this matter.

Mr. McEvers thanked the district's staff, on behalf of School Board Superintendent Dr. Douglas Chance, for providing a first aid for choking victim demonstration for the teacher's Professional Development Day. Mrs. Booth, who attended one of the demonstrations, also commended the staff for a job well done.

Mr. McEvers motioned to adjourn. Second by Mrs. Booth. None Opposed. Motion carried.  
RUN: Dec. 16 (D 28)

### SHERIFF'S SALE

THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF CAMERON  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
BANK OF GUEYDAN  
VS. NO. 10-16982  
TERRYL LEMAIRE

By virtue of a writ of EXECUTORY PROCESS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisal, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, DECEMBER 29, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

2001 CHEVROLET PICK UP  
T R U C K  
VIN#1GCHC23U31F178701 AND  
SELL SAID PROPERTY, AFTER  
DUE ADVERTISEMENT,  
DELAYS, REQUISITES AND  
FORMALITIES, FREE AND  
CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND  
PRIVILEGES, ACCORDING TO  
LAW, FOR CASH, AND WITH  
BENEFIT OF APPRAISEMENT,

WITHOUT DEMAND FOR PAYMENT, TO PAY AND SATISFY THE CLAIM OF PLAINTIFF IN THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF \$18924.63 WITH INTEREST THEREON FROM OCTOBER 6, 2004 UNTIL PAID TOGETHER WITH ATTORNEY'S FEES UPON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST FOR ALL COSTS OF THIS PROCEEDING; AND THAT OUT OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE PETITIONER BE PAID THE AMOUNT OF ITS CLAIM IN PREFERENCE AND PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER PERSONS, BY ORDER DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2004.

seized under said writ.  
Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.

/s/Theos Duhon  
Theos Duhon, Sheriff  
CAMERON PARISH, LA.  
Sheriff's Office, Cameron, LA.  
DECEMBER 10, 2004

NICOLE M. GUIDRY  
Attorneys for BANK OF  
GUEYDAN

RUNS: Dec. 16 - D 29

### NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 will have available for public inspection a proposed budget for the 2005 Fiscal Year during office hours at the Waterworks office.

A public hearing will be held December 29, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. on the 2005 budget at the waterworks office at 1190 Main Street, Hackberry, Louisiana.  
RUNS: Dec. 16 - D 30

### CAMERON PARISH

#### WATERWORKS DISTRICT

#### NO. 11

PROCEEDINGS  
September 13, 2004

There was a meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 13, 2004, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Gerald Richard, Grace Robideaux, Andre Abadie, Billy Johnston.

ABSENT: None.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Linda Lormand, Blue Cross; Charles Precht III, Police Juror District 3; Mr. Tom Barrett, Assistant District Attorney; Mr. Lonnie Harper, Lonnie Harper & Associates.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeffrey Jouett.

## LEGALS

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ried unanimously, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried unanimously, the minutes from the September 13, 2004 regular meeting were approved as previously mailed out.

There was a general discussion regarding the waterline in the Red Bud Lane area in Calcasieu Parish. The waterline needs to be upgraded in order to continue to service this area with water. The board will obtain a cost estimate for a new line, look at available options, and discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Mr. Kelly Vigo addressed the board to discuss a new subdivision he plans to build on the parish line.

There was a general discussion regarding the waterline in Mr. Arnie Natalis new subdivision. There are some questions about the right-of-way for this waterline. Mr. Tom Barrett will look at the right-of-way and get back to the board. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the waterline in Mr. John Cary's new subdivision. We need to obtain a copy of the right-of-way for this waterline. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

The line on Broussard Road has been installed and has been approved by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

There was a discussion regarding a third field employee.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the board voted to hire a full-time third employee in the field. Yeas: Gerald Richard, Andre Abadie, Grace Robideaux, Jeffrey Jouett Nays: Billy Johnston

On motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried, the board voted to hire Craig Duhon as a certified operator. Yeas: Gerald Richard, Andre Abadie, Grace Robideaux, Jeffrey Jouett Nays: Billy Johnston

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried unanimously, Craig Duhon's pay will be set at \$8.00 per hour.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried unanimously, Craig Duhon's hire date will be effective November 1, 2004.

There was a discussion regarding water service for the school addition. We will install a flow detector on the fire line and a compound meter will be installed on the waterline.

The preliminary budget for 2005 was distributed to the board members. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was a financial report given for the month ending September 30, 2004.

The Superintendent's monthly report was given by James Cox. His report included the following items:

Delinquency Report  
Usage Report  
Overtime Report  
Delivery of check valves  
The board reviewed the project priority list.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried unanimously, all bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, on motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried unanimously, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED:

Jeffrey Jouett, President

ATTEST:  
Helen Williams  
RUN: Dec. 16 (D-32)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Calcasieu Parish Consortium Workforce Investment Board  
Mary Trussell Conway is designated as the Equal Opportunity (EO) Coordinator for the Calcasieu Consortium Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

She will be responsible for the development of all nondiscrimination and equal opportunity activities for the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) 51 (Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jeff Davis parishes). This responsibility includes all programs and services administered by LWIA 51 under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I-B.

It is the position of LWIA 51 that no individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in the administration of, or in connection with any such program administered by LWIA 51 because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, or political affiliation or belief.

All questions relative to matters of equal opportunity and compliance including complaint processing and cultural diversity are to be directed to:

Mary Trussell Conway, EO Coordinator, Workforce Investment Board, P.O. Box 1592, Lake Charles, LA 70602, (337) 721-3584, FAX (337) 721-3590, TDD Relay 1-800-947-5277 or 711.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program.  
Auxiliary aids and services are available to the disabled upon request.  
RUN: Dec. 16 (D-33)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Summary Available of Fiscal Year of 2005 Budget

All interested persons are hereby notified that a summary of the Fiscal Year 2005 budget of the Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10 is available for public inspection at 159 Berwick Road, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana 70631.

The budget summary and documentation necessary to support the summary are available at the

## Reminiscent writing contest told by Genealogy Library

The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library is sponsoring the annual Reminiscent Writing Contest, open to all ages. Entries are due by Dec. 30, and may be turned in to the Genealogy Library at 411 Pujó Street, or any Calcasieu Parish Public Library.

The library invites entrants to reconstruct the life of one of their ancestors using the scraps of information passed down through the family. The story can be enhanced by mentioning the events of the time period. Old newspapers and history books of the era give vivid accounts of events. An option is to relate a family story that has been retold for generations. The staff of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library is available to help reconstruct family histories.

When preparing a story, please use a cover sheet with your name, address, phone number, email address and the name of your story. The writer's name should not be on the pages of the story. Stories should be typed, double-spaced and should be no

longer than four pages in length.

Waterworks office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday  
RUN: Dec. 16 (D-34)

### CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 10 PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Special Session on Monday, November 29, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Waterworks Office in the village of Johnson Bayou, Louisiana. Members Present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Lloyd Badon, and Mr. Nathan Griffith. Guests attending were Mr. Lonnie Harper. Members absent were Jessie Simon Jr.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.

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

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to approve out of the ordinary overtime for Mark Young and Tony Trahan.

Mr. Lonnie Harper discussed the high pressure demand for services going to the Cameron Ferry. Several options were mentioned and information received will be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, President Nathan Griffith adjourned the meeting @ 7:25 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on February 10, 2005 @ 6:15 p.m. at the Waterworks office.

Approved:  
/s/ Nathan Griffith  
Nathan Griffith-Chairman

Attest:  
/s/ Jessie Simon  
J. P. Constance-Secretary  
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### CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 10 NOTICE

In compliance with act #467 of the 1999 Legislature regarding open public meeting laws, regarding meetings of Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10 for the year 2005, are to be held as follows:

The meeting scheduled for January 11 will be held on January 13, 2005.

The meeting scheduled for February 8 will be held on February 10, 2005.

A. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for March-December.

B. Meetings will be held at the Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach Waterworks office in Johnson Bayou, Louisiana.

C. Time of meeting is set at 6:15 p.m.

D. Change of meeting or call of Special meeting will be published in the office at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting.

E. In case of an extraordinary emergency, such notice shall not be required, however, the public body shall give such notice of the meetings as it deems appropriate and circumstances permit.

Board of Commissioners  
Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Assessor's Office has adopted an operating budget for fiscal year ended 2005. Said budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Assessor, Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana.  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

All interested persons are hereby notified that the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget of the Cameron Parish Police Jury is complete and available for public inspection.

The budget and supporting documentation is available the Parish Government Building from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Monday-Friday. It is also on file at the Cameron Parish Library during their normal business hours.  
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longer than four pages in length.

The staff of the Genealogy Library has a list of suggestions to consider when preparing family stories, and has a list of books that are helpful in writing histories.

A panel of judges will review the stories and choose a winner. The 2003 winner described the process of making gumbo, starting with catching the chicken!

For more information, please call or visit the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library, 437-3490, 411 Pujó Street.

## McNeese tuition due Jan. 13th

Students who have enrolled and registered by Web for McNeese State University's spring semester have until 4 p.m. Jan. 13 to pay tuition fees. Spring classes begin Jan. 18.

Fee payments may be made online at [www.mcneese.edu](http://www.mcneese.edu) through Web for Students, in person at the cashier's office located in Smith Hall, mailed to Administrative Accounting, Box 92935, Lake Charles, LA 70609 or placed in the drop box located on the north side of Smith Hall. If payment is mailed, students should be sure to include the top portion of the fee bill with check, credit card authorization or financial aid/scholarship authorization form.

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

For more information about fees, call 475-5107 or toll free at 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5107.

## Turkey season dates told

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission voted unanimously at their Dec. 2 meeting to ratify the proposed turkey hunting season dates for 2005. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries made the initial proposal to the commission in September and following a public comment period, the dates were ratified unaltered. For the 2005 turkey season, Area A will open on March 25 and close on April 24, Area B will open on Area 25 and close on April 17, and Area C will open on March 25 and close on April 3.

The commission also announced that beginning with the January meeting, which was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 4, their meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. They will be held in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building in Baton Rouge, unless otherwise announced.

In other actions from the commission, a notice of intent was accepted to allow the LDWF Secretary to waive license fees for members of the outdoor press, developmentally disabled persons and charitable organizations, youth groups and schools. Another notice of intent was accepted that would require members of the public to complete comment cards before addressing the commission. These two issues will be available for public comment until the commission votes to ratify them.

The December meeting also marked the final meeting for outgoing Chairman Bill Busbice. Busbice, a Lafayette resident, has served on the board since 1998. LDWF Secretary Dwight Landreneau presented Busbice with a plaque and thanked him on behalf of the department for his service and cooperation.

**BUCKLE UP AMERICA**

## Protect yourself when shopping online

(NAPSA)-American consumers can save more than \$1.2 billion a year by avoiding various forms of Internet fraud this holiday season. For people who shop a lot online, the risks of Internet crimes such as phishing, spoofing and checking account fraud are magnified.

Privacy expert Rebecca Whitener with global information technology leader EDS recommends the following steps:

1. Be watchful of online passwords. Don't store passwords or any other identification number (Social Security number, bank account) on your computer where it can be easily accessed. Be wary of Web sites that store your passwords in their databases. Use passwords with at least eight characters and include numbers or symbols. Don't use personal information, such as parts of your name or your children's names, as a password.
2. Take advantage of your

computer's security settings. Installing a firewall makes your PC difficult to attack. Don't leave your computer online more than you need to or leave it unattended for a long period of time. Keep an eye out for spyware that may have found its way onto your computer.

3. Be careful with wi-fi. Although wireless Internet is convenient, it's anything but secure. Don't conduct financial transactions online in a public place.

4. Be watchful of "phishing" e-mails. One of the fastest growing forms of online fraud, in phishing, thieves use false business identities to get sensitive information from customers. Watch out for e-mails that look like official letters from a bank or credit card company. Thieves sending these e-mails usually ask you to log into your account and verify some information to continue using the service.

5. Stick with companies

you know. If you're not familiar with the company, ask for a catalog or brochure to be mailed to you. Make sure you're aware of all refund and return policies before you order. These should be posted on the company's Web site.

6. Close your browser window. Never log onto bank accounts from an open browser window. Close the browser first, wait a few seconds and re-open to be safe. Also, close your browser window after you log out of your account. Don't use the same window for surfing other Web sites.

7. If your computer is infected with a virus, take immediate action. Disconnect from the Internet and install a fully updated anti-virus program. Report incidents to your Internet provider and the proper authorities.

8. Check your credit report. Get a copy from a major credit bureau: Equifax, Experian or TransUnion. You are eligible for a free one each year.

## Christmas cactus is good alternative holiday plant

Although poinsettias are typically equated with the holidays, another group of plants to consider are the Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti, according to LSU AgCenter horticulturist Dr. Allen Owings.

Christmas cactus is probably the most popular of the holiday cacti and was a favorite house plant for the holiday season in years past. Although it is not as popular as poinsettias, Owings recommends it for long-term enjoyment.

Christmas cactus is known by the scientific name Schlumbergera bridgesii. Thanksgiving cactus is a related species and is sometimes called cab cactus. Its scientific name is Zygocactus truncatus or Schlumbergera truncatus. Thanksgiving cactus blooms from October to November and has rather flat, glossy green leaves that are distinguished by two prominent teeth (claws) at the growing tip. Flowers are usually scarlet.

Christmas cactus is distinguished from the Thanksgiving cactus by its rounded leaves with blunt tips. Flowers are carmine-red with a purple tinge in the center.

Another holiday cactus that blooms later on in the spring is the Easter cactus. It blooms in March and April and is scientifically classified as either Schlumbergera gaertneri or Rhipsalidopsis gaertneri. Easter cactus has long, flattened joints, dull green leaves with rounded margins and a few bristles at the growing tips. Flowers are a deep scarlet and star-shaped. Also, they are symmetrical, which distinguishes them from the other two holiday cacti.

Owings says many hybrids now are available among all these cacti, featuring different growth habits, foliage characteristics and flower colors previously not seen in

older varieties.

Flowering in most of the holiday cactus is regulated by day length and temperature. Christmas and Thanksgiving cacti bloom when given shorter fall days and cool nights. Owings points out that these same conditions cause bract coloration and flowering in poinsettias.

Thanksgiving cactus sets buds as early as mid-September (with major flowering in October and November). Christmas cactus has its buds set by late October or early November (with major flowering around Thanksgiving and continuing through early January). Flower buds of Easter cactus develop more slowly and will not appear until late winter or early spring.

After cacti complete flowering, plants produce new vegetative growth. The new growth supports flower bud development for the next bloom. During this active growth period, the horticulturist says to increase water and fertilizer application. Harden off new growth and increase opportunity for bud development in the fall by reducing irrigation and fertility in mid-August.

Holiday cactus thrives in a well-drained, sterile potting medium that is high in organ-

ic matter. Sand may be added to increase the weight of the medium. As plants develop new branches and buds, they often become top-heavy and difficult to handle. A soil pH of 5.5-6.2 is optimum for growth.

Clay pots are great for cactus because they are porous and allow the soil to dry out some between waterings. Use a wide, short pot to assist in balancing out any top-heavy growth that the cactus produces.

Fertilize until flower buds appear. Owings recommends a good soluble fertilizer, such as 20-20-20. But he cautions not to overwater. "This is a major problem on cacti," Owings says.

Maintain temperatures of 70 degrees F to 80 degrees F for ideal growth. A cactus will tolerate 90-degree F to 100-degree F temperatures, but vegetative growth may be reduced. Avoid direct sun exposure during the late spring and summer.

For related topics, look for Gardening and Get It Growing links in the Feature section of the LSU AgCenter Web site:

[www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com)  
Additional yard and garden topics are available from an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

## Roasted Vegetables

2 lbs. winter vegetables (e.g., Brussels sprouts, potatoes, onions, turnips, carrots, etc.)  
1/4 cup olive oil  
Pinch of salt  
1 Tbsp. Dijon-style mustard  
1/3 cup fresh basil or thyme, finely minced  
1/2 cup Sunkist Almond Accents Original Oven Roasted or Italian Parmesan sliced almonds  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/2 cup red wine vinegar  
1 cup olive oil  
Place vegetables in large roasting pan. Drizzle with olive oil. Roast at 375 degrees for 30-40 minutes. In small jar, combine remaining ingredients, except sliced almonds. Mix well. Place vegetables on serving platter and drizzle with vinegar dressing. Just before serving, sprinkle with Almond Accents sliced almonds.  
Makes 4 servings.

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# Grand Lake High School Royalty



**Queen Katy Lavergne**



**Ashleigh Conner Sr. Maid**



**Micah Hebert Sr. Maid**



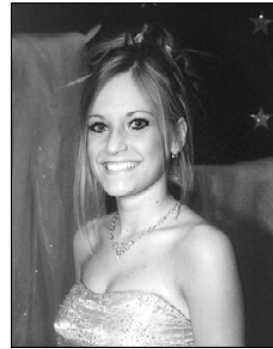
**Emily Lancaster Sr. Maid**



**Kourtney Sovereign Sr. Maid**



**Paige Fontenot Jr. Maid**



**Kellie Garven Jr. Maid**



**Brittany Houston Jr. Maid**



**Marlene Lavergne, Jr. Maid**



**Melissa Dawsey, Soph. Maid**



**Hannah May Soph. Maid**



**Elizabeth Reon Soph. Maid**



**Kayla Savoie Fresh. Maid**



**Amber Taylor Fresh. Maid**

ON DEC. 10, Grand Lake High School held its annual Homecoming Court. Senior maid Katy Lavergne was crowned Homecoming Queen for the 2004-2005 school year. Her court included: senior maids Ashleigh Conner, Micah Hebert, Emily Lancaster, and Kourtney Sovereign; junior maids Paige Fontenot, Kellie Garven, Brittany Houston, and Marlene Lavergne; sophomore maids Melissa Dawsey, Hannah May and Elizabeth Reon; and freshmen maids Kayla Savoie and Amber Taylor.

## Cameron Lions to hold annual charity raffle here

The Cameron Lions Club is now holding its annual charity raffle. This year the Club will add something new to its prize giveaway. Instead of only giving away a Remington 3 inch 12 gauge shotgun, the club is adding a second and third place prize. Through the generosity of Hibernia Bank, a New Braunfels Bar-B-Que Pit/Smoker shall be given as the second place gift. The third place will prize will be \$50 in cash. The drawing will be held during the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival queens' pageant on Saturday, Jan. 8. Tickets are available for purchase from any Lions Club member or from any of the

following locations:  
 Carl Broussard, Clerk of Courts Office- 775-5316, Penelope Richards' Law Office- 775-8131, Hibernia Bank-Cameron Branch, William Daigle, D.A.'s Office- 775-5713, Jodee Roberts-Cameron Library.  
 Lions Club members will also be selling raffle tickets on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Jerome's store in Creole, from 6 a.m. till 1 p.m.  
 All proceeds collected from this raffle shall go towards various civic and community projects in Cameron Parish and to help support the Lions Crippled Children's Camp in Leesville and Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation.

## Nominations are sought

The Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Citizen of the Year and Memorial Awards. These awards will be presented on Jan. 17 at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Nomination forms are avail-

able at the Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce. Applications are due by Dec. 31. Please mail to Dinah Landry, 191 LeBoeuf Road, Sweet Lake, Bell City, LA 70630 or fax to 598-94560 or email to dblandry@aol.com.

## Poster contest is told

This year the Fur Festival is honoring the menhaden industry. The Festival is sponsoring a poster contest for grades Kindergarten thru 7. The posters must have a title and be done on regular size poster board. Completed posters are due to the school

offices by Wednesday, Jan. 4. Each poster should have the child's name, phone number, grade and school written on the back. Winners will receive awards at the Little Miss and Mr Cameron Contest held Thursday night, Jan. 6.

## South Cameron High School News

**TARPON SWEATS**  
 Students can get order forms from the coaches' office or Southern Screen to get this year's Tarpon Sweats.

The Tarpons will travel to Lafayette on Saturday, Dec. 18, to compete in the Mighty Lion Invitational.

**SENIOR NEWS**  
 Seniors can order senior t-shirts and hoods. All order must be prepaid. Senior portraits will be taken on Jan. 6. Pictures will begin at 9 a.m. in Tarpon Hall. All seniors are required to take this picture.

**4-H NEWS**  
 SCHS 4-H members and Jr. Leaders are collecting can goods and toys for the Women's Shelter and Toys for Tots. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this community service project. Toys can be dropped off in Ms. Janna Kay's room. The can goods can be dropped off in the school lobby.

**BASKETBALL NEWS**  
 The Cameron Parish Basketball Tournament will continue Dec. 16 hosted by Hackberry High School sponsored by Cameron Communications.

**SCHOOL PLAY**  
 Tickets for the South Cameron High School production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* are on sale. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased from any cast member. Performances are today, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary Auditorium. Proceeds are to start up a school debate team.

On Dec. 16, the South Cameron High School girls will play Hackberry at 6:30 p.m. for the championship. The South Cameron High School boys will play Johnson Bayou at 5 p.m.

**FUR FESTIVAL APPLICATIONS**  
 Students can pick up applications for Deb, Teen, Jr. and Miss Cameron Parish in the school office.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
 Dec. 16 - Six Weeks Test, 2nd and 5th hour; Parish Basketball Tournament at Hackberry.

**BASEBALL NEWS**  
 Baseball players will be attending the MSU Baseball Camp on Dec. 18 and 19. Players are to pay fees and turn in permission slips by Dec. 17. Players will be leaving South Cameron High School on Dec. 18 at 7:30 a.m.

Dec. 17 - Six Weeks Test, 1st and 4th hour; School dismisses at 2 p.m.  
 Dec. 18 - Wrestling Meet, Lafayette Tournay.  
 Dec. 20 - Basketball vs. Basile.  
 Dec. 20 - 31 Christmas Holiday.

**WRESTLING NEWS**  
 Last Saturday, South Cameron High School competed in the Dutchtown High School Tournay in Geismar. The tournament featured a 16 man bracket in each weight class. No team points were kept, however medals were given to the top three finishes in each weight class. Justin Picou remained undefeated. He placed first in the 152 class. He has a record of 10 wins and no losses. Bart Vidrine was runner up at 160. His record is now 7 wins and 2 losses. Senior Justin Landry came away with a third place medal at 125. His record is now 7 and 2.

Dec. 23 - Sulphur Duals.  
 Jan. 3 - Return to School.  
 Jan. 4 - Basketball at St. Edmund.  
 Jan. 6 - Senior Portraits in Tarpon Hall, Basketball vs. Merryville.  
 Jan. 7 - Fur Festival Holiday.  
 Jan. 8 - Wrestling - Bursley Tournay.  
 Jan. 9 - Parish Cattle Show.  
 Jan. 11 - Basketball at Elton.  
 Jan. 12 - Blood Drive in Tarpon Hall, Wrestling at Basile.  
 Jan. 13 - Basketball vs. East Beauregard.  
 Jan. 13 - 15 Parish Livestock Show and Sale.  
 Jan. 17 - No School.

## Dear Santa:

## Toys being collected by the Marine Reserves for kids

Dear Santa,  
 I have a movie of you and Ms. Claus. I've been both good and bad. Please bring a globe. I have the whole state on my refrigerator. I can't thank of what else I want right now, but I will cook you a pie. It depends on what kind we have.

I love you,  
 Madalyn Mudd

Dear Santa,  
 I've been real good. I love you. I want a little red 4-wheeler, a little remote control Hummer and a jack up truck. Please bring Daddy a blue dually truck and Mama a new mop. Brianna and Madison want Barbie dolls. Adam wants a pirogue. I will leave you steak and red koolaid.

Thank you,  
 Jordan Broussard

Dear Santa,  
 I was good. I want a Barbie house. I want a Cinderella doll. I want some clay. I want to bring Santa Clause some chocolate and koolaid.

Shauntel Patin

Dear Santa,  
 I love you Santa Claus. I'll give you anything you want. I've been good. I would like to have a buggy to drive in, some toys that walk. Please bring me a toy that can play with my other toys. I will leave you mashed potatoes and green beans and blue koolaid. Also, Mama, Daddy, and Jalen's been good.

Jevan Ball

Dear Santa,  
 Sometimes I'm bad but sometimes I'm good and quiet, quiet. How is Rudolph doing? Please bring me a trampoline and a fake air boat. That's all. I will leave you rice and gravy. I will leave Rudolph and the reindeer a lot of candy.

Thank you,  
 Brant Styron

Dear Santa,  
 I've been good. What have your reindeer been doing? I want a little green 4-wheeler and I want a little airboat. Please give me a drawing set like we have in the treehouse. I love you Santa Claus. I will leave you strawberry cookies and milk.

Dalton Broussard.

Dear Santa,  
 How's the reindeer doing? I love you Santa. I've been

good today. Please bring me a power ranger rescue deluxe megazoid, a dragons knight kingdom. I want a power rangers galaxy tape. Bring Mama a beautiful ring and Daddy a hunting duck suit. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

James Dupont

Dear Santa,  
 I love you. I want a motorcycle, a bookshelf and some books. That's all. I will leave you some chocolate cake and sprite.

Thank you,  
 Hunter Theriot

Dear Santa,  
 I've been good this year. I want nothing but Barbie stuff this year. I want to get a 4-wheeler for my brother. Bring Mama a dartboard and Daddy a new TV. I will make you toast and grape koolaid.

Thank you,  
 Candace Clark

Dear Santa,  
 Hey Santa Claus! How is Rudolph doing? How are your elves? I want an electric motor cycle and an electric Hummer. I've been a little good this year. Please bring Mama a necklace and Jessica a basketball. I will pick up Popeye's chicken for you.

I love you,  
 Fredrick Spivey

Dear Santa,  
 I'm gonna be good this year. How is Rudolph? I want a red 4-wheeler, a big trampoline and a bookshelf with books. Please bring Brittany a 4-wheeler. I will cook you marshmallow cake and cocoa to drink.

Thank you,  
 Angelica LeJeune

Dear Santa,  
 I love you Santa a lot. I've been a little bit good and a little bit bad. I want a blue 4-wheeler from Academy for Christmas. I want a real flying helicopter. Mama wants a new pot and Daddy wants a fishing pole and spinner bait. Bring Justin a real boat. Mama will cook you noodles and rice and gravy.

Jakin Morales

Dear Santa,  
 I love you. I would like a shovel and a bucket to play in the sand. I want some cars to play on the road with. Bring Timmy cars too. I will leave you rice and gravy.

Brian Fuslier

Would you like to put a glowing smile on a needy child's face this Christmas? If this sounds like a good idea to you, then please consider donating a toy to the "Toys for Tots" program, right here in Cameron Parish.

This nationwide program, created by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, allows needy children to experience the joys of Christmas through the generosity of those that donate toys and their time.

Toys must be new, unwrapped, and left in one of the drop boxes in our area before Dec. 22.

Drop boxes are as follows: Gaspard's and Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in

Creole; Family Dollar, Dollar General, and Brown's Grocery in Cameron; T & T Grocery in Holly Beach; Bayou Convenience Store in Johnson Bayou; Brown's Grocery in Hackberry; and Boone's Corner Store and Miller's Feed and Farm Supply in Grand Lake.

These toys will go directly to a needy child in our Cameron Parish community.

Questions can be directed to Scott Trahan at 542-4745 or to the regional coordinators at 1-800-542-7074. If anyone is interested in donating their time for distribution day, please contact Michelle Mudd at 775-7368.

## New senator to have offices around the state

### (Capitol Press)

The state's new U.S. senator will be more accessible to his constituents, his state director told the Press Club of Baton Rouge in outlining U.S. Sen.-elect David Vitter's plans.

State Rep. Mike Futrell, who will step down from his state House seat to work with Vitter, said the senator will have offices in seven metropolitan areas as well as satellite offices in smaller cities. He also will hold town meetings in every parish next year and will host breakfasts for Louisianians visiting Washington, D.C.

The metropolitan offices with staff members will be located in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Metairie, Monroe and Shreveport. Vitter's Metairie office will be the same one he has had as a congressman, Futrell said, and the other metro offices will be smaller so he can be in more areas. Retiring U.S. Sen. John Breaux had offices in only four cities.

Futrell said the satellite offices will be open once a month to provide people in those areas access to the senator, fulfilling Vitter's campaign promise to stay connected to his constituents.

"We want to establish that open access to the government that people, I think, are craving," Futrell said. "If people aren't talking to David Vitter, it's not because we are not there."

The federal government pays for a maximum of 5,000 square feet of office space, so

Vitter has decided to operate more, smaller offices. he also will hire fewer office workers in Washington to allow for more in-state staff.

Futrell also noted that Vitter's top priorities will address other campaign promises. He will be working on improving roads, creating jobs and getting additional funding to combat coastal erosion.

In an effort to eliminate corruption and cronyism, Vitter plans to ask for federal funds to establish a toll-free hotline where Louisiana residents can report suspicions. Until the hotline is set up, residents can call any of Vitter's offices in the state and make confidential reports to the staff members. They, in turn, will forward the allegations to the appropriate authorities, Futrell said.

"We have to get serious about it," the state director said. "It's a stain on our reputation."

He said Vitter's zero-tolerance policy regarding corruption will make it easy for whistle-blowers because he believes it's important for people to know that Louisiana is changing.

Vitter and Gov. Kathleen Blanco have repeatedly said the image of corruption must be erased in order to attract new businesses and improve the state's economy.



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