

## Christmas Shopping-85 years ago

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Christmas shopping for Cameron Parish residents was a little bit more difficult 85 years ago, as the following article relates about the old Borealis Rex, the steamer that plied the Calcasieu River between Lake Charles and Cameron.)

### Lake Charles American Press, Dec. 24, 1917.

Captain "Tom" McCain, of the Borealis Rex, is going to enjoy Christmas at home and the crew of the steamer will be given two days holiday, today and tomorrow. The Rex will not make the down-river trip until Wednesday.

This morning a gasoline boat, the 'Vision', made the down trip, carrying nothing but mail and passengers. There were some twenty passengers, most of whom were returning to their homes in Cameron parish after a shopping trip here, while others were going to down-river points to pass the holidays with relatives and friends.

There were two wagon loads of mail piled high on top of the gasoline launch, most of it being parcel post Christmas packages. The only freight taken was bread and emergency goods to be used tomorrow.

The Rex is being loaded to the guards with all kinds of freight which will be delivered Wednesday. A couple of truck loads of farm machinery, consisting of plows, harrows, and other implements necessary for the farmers, who are going to more than double their crop area this year, was loaded today.

Lumber and flour will make up a considerable amount of the Rex cargo, which, together with a miscellaneous assortment of freight, will make one of the largest cargoes that the Rex will have carried in a long time.

## Energy topic of seminars

The Cameron Council on Aging will celebrate Energy Month in January. Energy Savings seminars are scheduled for the following locations:

Cameron Senior Center - Jan. 28 at 10:15 a.m.  
Grand Lake Center - Jan. 7 at 10:15 a.m.  
Hackberry Center - Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Tips for saving energy and money include:

\*Clean and replace the filter on your furnace once a month.

\*Lower the thermostat setting to 68 degrees during the day and 55 degrees at night during the winter.

\*Keep draperies and shades open to direct sun during the day to let the sun's heat in; keep others closed and close all curtains at night.

\*Add an extra layer of warm clothing to retain body heat; the air that is trapped acts as an insulator.

\*Keep cold air from coming into your house under doors and windows by using rolled up towels, newspaper, etc.

\*Never use the oven as a room heater. Electric space heaters are easily portable, don't use flammable fuels, and don't give off poisonous gases. The allow savings through the use of "Zone Heating."

## Pinch graduates

Jami L. Pinch of Creole was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at the fall commencement exercises held Friday, Dec. 20 at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches.

She complete work for the degree during the summer session.

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We, at the Cameron Parish Pilot wish you, our customers, family and friends,

## Merry Christmas

and happy holidays!



**ALL HUNTERS are required to fill out a Waterfowl Harvest Data Form after each hunt and drop it in one of the designated drop boxes. Every party, whether successful or not, needs to fill in the Data Form. Information on lack of success is just as important to us as success.**

## Refuge duck harvest is lowest in past 10 years

Approximately 1,500 hunters harvested 4,527 ducks and geese on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge during the first split of this year's waterfowl season. The average take was slightly less than two birds per person. This was the lowest average take recorded during the past 10 years.

Waterfowl figures are based on the hunt card data recorded by hunters each day of the harvest. Gadwall, green-winged teal and blue-winged teal were the predominant species harvested with good numbers of mallards, scaup, American wigeon, Northern shovelers, mottled ducks, and pintails taken as well.

Sabine NWR Manager Chris Pease has set alternate hunt dates to make up for being closed, Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2002 and New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2003. Sabine NWR will be open for waterfowl hunting Thursday, December 26, 2002 and Thursday, January 2, 2003.

Refuge staff would like to request that hunters continue to pull into parking slots while preparing boats to launch, this expedites launching and allows room for vehicles to park.

Vastar Road has been repaired from high water damage and will be opened for the second split. The entrance to Vastar Road is the wooden bridge across the highway from

the West Cove Recreation Area and adjacent to the parking area for the Wetland Walkway.

Hunters can park in pull-off areas along the road and walk in or hand launch small boats. However, vehicles must be completely parked off the road to avoid traffic violations. No vehicles with boat trailers are allowed on Vastar Road. This unit is also accessible by launching at the West Cove Recreational Area boat launches.

The boat launch on the south side can accommodate two boats at a time, and the north launch accommodates one at a time. Additionally, there is a 2-slot salt water launch on the north side for those hunters who choose to hunt east of Highway 27.

Every hunter must be in possession of a signed and dated free hunt permit while hunting. Permits may be picked up at the West Cove Boat Launch area and at the Sabine NWR Visitor Center on Highway 27. Each hunting party is required to fill out a Waterfowl Harvest Data Form after each hunt and drop it in one of the designated drop boxes.

Youths under age 16, participating in the hunt, must have proof of successful completion of a Hunter Safety Course. All youths attending the hunt must be under the supervision of an adult age 21 or over.

## McNeese Honor Roll told

The McNeese State University Honor Roll for the 2002 fall semester has been announced by Registrar Stephanie Tarver. The honor roll lists undergraduate students earning at least a 3.0 or B average while carrying 12 or more semester hours.

Area Honor Roll students are as follows:

Bell City: Amanda Michelle Boone, Mindy Rachelle Cox, Allison Kaye Ducat, Jessica Colleen Gary, Haley Jill Howerton, Kristopher Patrick Howerton, Robert Bryan Nunez, Caleb Marshall Phillips;

Cameron: Courtnie Lynn Benoit, Oraliala Benoit,

Stephanie Hope Clement, Jennifer Diane Conner, Jeremy Wayne Furs, Melissa Rene Este Guidry, Shantelle L. Lancon Richard, Alyssa Michelle Sellers, Trevor D. Trahan;

Creole: Christi Kay Canik, Jennifer Ann Coleman, Bronwen LaLonde Theriot, Julie Michelle Thomas;

Grand Chenier: Brandi L. Hebert, Garry Joseph Primeaux Jr.;

Hackberry: Corey Jude Billedeaux, Josie Ann Brown, Jake Danten Buford, Misty Lee Delome, Haley Susan LaBove, Michael John Orgeron, Latessa D. Seay, Micah Aaron Silver, Trisha N. Silver.

## Absentee voting to begin here

Absentee voting for the Jan. 18 in Cameron Parish will be held Jan. 6-11 in the Registrar of Voters office on the bottom floor of the courthouse.

Voting will be 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday.

Eight property taxes are on the ballot.

## Beef clinic set Jan. 5

A beef showmanship clinic for Cameron Parish 4-H and FFA members will be held Sunday, Jan 5 at the Cameron Parish Livestock Barn.

The show cattle workshop will be held from 10 to noon followed by lunch. The showmanship contest is a 1 p.m.

## Water office new hours

Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District 1 has announced new office hours effect for Jan. 2 as follows:

Monday-Thursday--7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday--7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

All callouts after 3:30 p.m. and before 7:30 a.m., weekends and holidays, will be charged \$25 per hour.

## Program set at Bargeman

A "one night only spiritual fest" will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27 at Bargeman Memorial COGIC Church in Cameron.

The evangelist will be Rev. Al Bartie, Jr. of Monroe, pastor of the New Galilee Baptist Church. Also on the program are the Ebenezer Baptist Church mass choir and Missionary Cassie Gallien, who will lead the praise service.

Rev. Charles E. Porter, Jr. is the pastor and Ms. Gilda Bargeman is the chairperson.

## Lions club to raffle shotgun

The Cameron Lions Club is selling Christmas trees in Cameron at the Chamber of Commerce office on Marshall Street. Stop by and see the assortment of trees that are available. Proceeds from the sale help the Lions Club programs such as eye glass purchases, Crippled Childrens Camp and the Eye Foundation.

The Lions Club raffle for a shotgun or \$500 cash is underway at this time. The drawing will be held Jan. 11, during the La. Fur and Wildlife Festival Saturday night program. Get your ticket now from a Lions Club member. Tickets are \$1 each.



Glenn Alexander



Cecil Sanner

## New D. A. to be sworn in here on Jan. 3rd

The changing of the guard at the Cameron Parish District Attorney's office will take place next week.

Cecil Sanner, assistant district attorney, will be sworn in as the new District Attorney at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 3 in a ceremony in the courtroom of the courthouse.

Judge Ward Fontenot also will be sworn in at that time for a another term of office.

Sanner will succeed Glenn Alexander in the District Attorney's office. Alexander did not seek re-election and is retiring after nearly 22 years of service in that office.

Prior to beginning his first six-year term in 1991, Alexander had served for the previous nine years as First Assistant under District Attorney Jerry G. Jones and for the two years before that was the Secretary to the Cameron Parish Police Jury beginning in 1979.

Alexander said he will continue his private law practice at

his office on the courthouse square. He recently successfully achieved Board Certification as a civil trial advocate through the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Although Mr. Sanner will be sworn in on Jan. 3, he will not officially take office until Jan. 13.

He will be assisted by Jennifer Jones, who will continue on as Assistant District Attorney. He is expected to shortly name another assistant to fill the vacancy created by his elevation to D. A.

Mr. Sanner will have his office in the D. A. building, the old voting machine building behind the courthouse, but because of the crowded condition there additional facilities may have to be found.

He will be in the Cameron office four days a week and in his civil office in Lake Charles one day a week. He will continue to have an office in Hackberry.

## Trout fishermen asked to aid biologists in new program

By KEVIN A. SAVOIE  
Area Fisheries Agent

Biologists can never have too much information about a fish, especially one as popular as the speckled trout. Some anglers like to catch lots of trout; others like to catch big trout. But everyone likes to catch trout, so demands on fisheries scientists are high. Biologists are now asking for help from trout fishermen.

Under a new program called Louisiana Trout Watchers, biologists with the LSU AgCenter's Sea Grant Program, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the LSU Coastal Fisheries Institute are asking for anglers' help in gathering information on large speckled trout.

While much is known about the biology of the fish, age and growth data on big trout is still somewhat sketchy. Some 6-pound and larger fish are genetically fast-growing 3-year old fish and some are 8 to 9-year old fish. Learning more about the make-up of the population of big fish is the goal of the Louisiana Trout Watchers Program.

Anglers who volunteer for Trout Watchers will be trained in how to collect the data needed from their catch, including how to remove otoliths. By reading the growth rings in an otolith, scientists can determine the age of a fish. Anglers accepted for Trout Watchers will receive a cap and shoulder patch identifying them as Louisiana Trout Watchers.

Otoliths will only be accepted from speckled trout 25 inches long or longer (5.7 pound average). Anglers wishing to volun-

teer for the program should self-qualify themselves by asking "Do I really catch at least one 25-inch trout per year?" Qualified anglers who are interested in becoming a Trout Watcher may call Jerald Horst at 504/838-1170 or e-mail him at jhorst@agctr.lsu.edu to register.

More information on Louisiana Trout Watchers can be obtained by calling Randy Pausina at 225/765-2889, or Kevin Savoie at 337/491-2065.

## S. Cameron FBLA News

The monthly meeting of the South Cameron High School FBLA Chapter was held Dec. 19. The meeting was called to order by Parry LaLande, Club President. Parry LaLande gave out door prizes; winners included Courtney Conner, Santana Conner, Tiffany Richard, Jessick Frerks, Brandi Fontenot, Glen Trahan, and Laken Mock.

Mrs. Hession, Chapter Advisor, talked about the District Conference in February. Those that sold more than 15 items in our first fund raiser were given their sportswear prizes.

Joby Richard, Reporter, discussed collecting items for the swing-bed patients at South Cameron Memorial Hospital from Dec. 20 to Jan. 16, 2003. 9th and 10 graders and Tara LeBlanc provided refreshments for the meeting.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



THE STUDENTS AND faculty of South Cameron High School donated three large boxes of canned goods to the victims of Hurricane Lily. Pictured with the boxes are (back row, from left) John Trosclair, Joe Treme, Danielle Trahan, Gerry Thomas; (front row) Lindsey Willis, Frankie Williams, Ashley Reyes, Travis Swire, and Amanda Venable.



THE SOUTH CAMERON High School FBLA chapter recently donated canned goods from the 'Food for Families' drive to the Cameron Parish Council on Aging. Shown above with some of the canned goods are: Tyler Theriot, Matt Miller, Parry LaLande, Jr., Frankie Williams, Council on Aging representative Sonny Primeaux, Council on Aging van driver and representative Vernon Primeaux, Nicole Roux, Joby Richard, Christina Boudreaux, and Lacey Deroche.



# Christmas Reunion at Hackberry

By Keith Hambrick

**Lake Charles American Press, Dec. 26, 1917 CHRISTMAS REUNION AT HACKBERRY**

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vincent of Hackberry held a real Christmas family reunion at the home yesterday, their children and grandchildren being their guests for the day.

A party from Lake Charles motored down yesterday morning. The party included Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Vincent, Sergeant and Mrs. Rudolf Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vincent, Mrs. S. L. Walters, Messrs. Maurice and Tony Vincent.

Sergeant Richard is home from Camp Pike on a short leave of absence, spending his holidays with family and friends, and will return to Camp Pike in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vincent and Messrs. Nora and Burton Vincent accompanied the party home yesterday evening, they having gone down to Hackberry a few days ago.

(Cameron Pilot, Dec. 25, 1969)

## AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Howard Cox of Sweetlake was elected president of the Cameron Parish Agriculture Advisory Committee at the annual meeting in the Courthouse meeting room last week.

Also elected were Francis Erbeling of Johnson Bayou, vice president; and Mrs. D. W. Griffith, of Oak Grove, secretary.

Clifford Myers, County Agent, gave the agricultural

report and explained that this meeting and suggestions was another part of the Giant Step Program the Agricultural Extension Service is stressing.

A report on Home Demonstration work and the Home Making report was given by Miss Patsy Granger, Home Agent. The 4-H Club report was given by Uland Guidry, Assistant County Agent.

### LOCKED UP

Locked up in the "Calaboose" for failure to wear a beard for the Cameron Parish Centennial celebration were "Pooh" Landry, "Man" Theriot, Lee Conner, Bobby Montie, Tommy Savoie, Jim Theriot, and Clarence Boudreaux. Bearded "jailers" outside the jail are Lynex Richard, Fredman Theriot, Clifford Conner, Johnny Boudoin, and Eddie Joe Conner.

### QUEEN'S CONTEST

Seven more girls have entered the Miss Cameron Parish Queen's contest, according to Mrs. Norma Blake, contest chairman. They are: Cheri Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Griffith of Oak Grove; Rosie Lee LaBove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles LaBove of Oak Grove; Gloria LaBove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John LaBove of Grand Lake; Dee Charois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Charois of Grand Lake; Darlene Marie Guidry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guidry of Sweetlake; Dardinella Ann Businelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward J. Businelle of Grand Lake; and Pamela LeBleu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles LeBeu of Sweetlake.



DICK WELCH, right, of Edgerly, celebrated his 82nd birthday on Dec. 5 at the Hackberry Community Center. He is pictured with his brother, Herman (Red) Welch of Sulphur.

## The Gumbo Pot

By Kevin Savoie

### Baked Oysters with Mushrooms

Ingredients: 6 dozen medium oysters with liquor; 4 tbsp. butter; 1 cup chicken stock; 2 small onions (chopped); 4 cups mushrooms (chopped); 6 tbsp. butter; 4 tbsp. flour; 2 tsp. butter; 8 egg yolks (beaten); 2 tsp. lemon juice; fresh minced parsley; salt; pepper; bread crumbs; 2 tsp. butter.

Add oysters with liquor, 2 tbsp. butter, and chicken stock to saucepan. Cook until the edges of the oysters curl. Remove the oysters from liquid and set both aside. In another pot, saute the onions and mushrooms in 6 tbsp. of butter until soft.

Stir in the flour and 2 tbsp. of butter and cook another two minutes. Add oyster liquor, and heat while stirring until thick.

### IN VIETNAM

Two Cameron Parish men who are serving in Vietnam this Christmas are pictured: Sp/4 Carl Trahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Trahan of Creole, and SSG Joseph C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watkins Miller of Grand Chenier. The two men are in the 25th Infantry Division and this picture was taken Dec. 16 at Cu Chi, north of Saigon, near the Cambodian border. (Both are pictured with M-16s ready.)

### CHRISTMAS ROUNDABOUTS

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Daigle, and Beth of Port Sulphur spent several days with his parents, the Berton Daigles. The had to go back Tuesday so the Daigles had their Christmas dinner Sunday. Those enjoying it were Mr. and Mrs. Warner Daigle and Laura, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Savoie, Mrs. Estelle Daigle and Edna, Mrs. Beulah Baggett and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Guidry Savoie and children, Mrs. Mason Istre and children, Mrs. Man Trahan, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard King, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hebert.

## Junior Livestock Show slated

The Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show will be held Jan. 16-18 at the Parish Livestock Barn.

Beef animals will be shown Jan. 12 and sheep, swine, rabbits, poultry and goats will be shown Jan. 16-18. The show schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Jan. 12: 7 a.m.: Deadline for Beef Cattle to Arrive

7 - 7:30 a.m.: All Beef and Dairy Cattle Entries must be checked with show management.

9 a.m.: Tag, Weigh and Mouth Market Steers/Commercial Heifers

9 a.m.: Dairy Show followed by Showmanship (Judge-Steve Jones)

9:30 a.m.: Market Steer Show followed by Beef Breeding Show (Judge-Steve Jones) followed by Commercial Heifer Show and Beef Showmanship

Show Order: Beef Breeding Classes (Bulls, Heifers) Beefmaster AOB Brahman Influence Angus

Braford F1 Simbrah Brahman Santa Gertrudis Simmental

Brangus Hereford Limousin Red Brangus Polled Hereford AOB Non Brahman Inf.

1 - 3 p.m.: Parish Beef and Dairy Premier Exhibitor Contest

Thursday, Jan. 16: 8 a.m. - 12 noon: Sheep and Goats may enter the Show Barn

7 a.m. - 8 a.m.: Weigh all breeding and meat pen rabbits Weigh all broilers and breeding chickens

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.: Rabbit Showmanship Test

9 a.m.: Poultry Show fol-

lowed by Rabbit Show by Breeds - New Zealand, Californian, AOB, Buck and Does (In the AOB Class - Any breed with 5 or more rabbits will have a division.) All rabbits and poultry must be removed from show barn following show.(Judges: Rabbits-Frank Farrow, Poultry-Billy Walker)

12 noon: All sheep must be in Show Barn

12 noon: No market hogs to arrive before noon unless brought with market lambs.

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.: Market Hogs to be unloaded, penned and health papers checked

No hogs unloaded until papers checked. Pens are assigned for 3 pigs per pen each community will be assigned a certain number of pens.

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.: Weigh, Mouth and Hair Check Market Lambs and Goats

1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Swine, Sheep and Goat Premier Exhibitor Contest

2 p.m.: Immediately following the Rabbit and Poultry Show Breeding Sheep and Market Lamb Show followed by Showmanship (Judge-Glenn AvRiett)

4 p.m.: Goat Show followed by Showmanship (Judge-Glenn AvRiett)

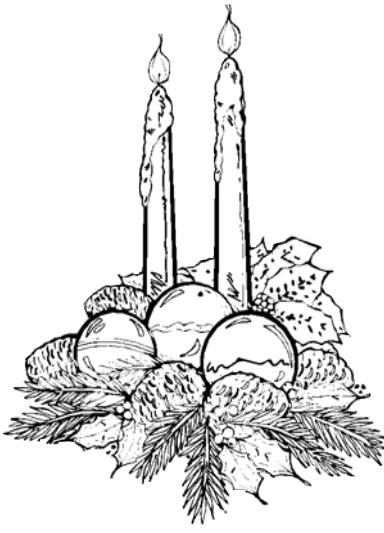
6 p.m.: Weigh Hogs in pen order immediately after Goat Show

Friday, Jan. 17: 7:30 a.m.: Light Weight Hog Show (Judge-Rick Whitman)

8 a.m.: Start Swine Show beginning with Breeding Swine followed by Market Show - Swine Showmanship will follow after Swine Show

Add oysters and egg yolks. Remove from heat and season with lemon juice, parsley, salt, and pepper. Put mixture in buttered baking dish. Cover with bread crumbs and dot with butter. Bake in 350 degree oven until brown. Serves four.

### Happy Holidays



## Away In A Manger

"And when they were into the house they saw the young child with Mary his mother and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." - St Matthew 2:11

May the coming season find you surrounded by the gifts of peace and love.

The Nunez Family  
Jerry, Arleen, Jerica, Cassie,  
Carlisle & Tyler



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# Head Start pupils write to Santa

The following letter to Santa Claus are from the pupils in the Cameron Head Start class.

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring for me for Christmas a doll, Letters computer and a kitchen. I love school and I have been very good.

Your friend,  
Peityn LaComb

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a B. B. gun, hunting jacket, and a hunting coat. Watch the dogs when you come for Christmas. They love to bark. I will try to be a better boy.

Your friend,  
Tyler LaBove

Dear Santa,  
I just love the Letter People at school. Please bring me a Letter people, bell microwave, phone, clown in the box and a stroller for Brother. I am trying to improve my behavior Santa.

Your friend,  
Anabelle Jinks

Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good in school, Santa. I don't cry anymore. Please bring me army men, games, toys and shoot the bird game. I live in Cameron, La.

Your friend,  
Padvaic Iler

Dear Santa,  
All I need for Christmas is a wagon, bike, colors and color books. I love school and I am very good by the cabinet and you

will find cookies for you, Santa.

Your friend,  
Tyler Hebert

Dear Santa,  
Guess what Santa? All I want for Christmas is a little 4-wheeler. When you leave my house there will be a bag of candy for you.

Your friend,  
Brooklyn Frerks

Dear Santa,  
In Cameron I would like for you to bring for me a Barbie with a horse. I will leave cookies out for you to snack on.

Your friend,  
Haille Eaves

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a bus, dump truck and kitchen for Christmas? I was a good boy this year. I live in a trailer between Cameron and Creole, La.

Your friend,  
Braydon Boullion

Dear Santa,  
As you know, I have been very good this year. Would you bring me a bike, and a big truck with a trailer for Christmas, please. I live in the Cameron Apartments.

Your friend,  
Danny Doxey

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bus, game, batgame, army men, dinosaurs, football, race car and house for Christmas, please! I live in East Creole, La.

Your friend,  
Dalton Broussard

Dear Santa,  
I am doing real good this year in school and doing real well. If you can, please bring me a perfect paint set, a singing Barbie doll and a Barbie store with real money.

Your friend,  
Jerrica LaSalle

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me for Christmas a baby doll, Barbies, and a red ball. I certainly am a good girl and I live in Little Chenier, La.

Your friend,  
Megan Nunez

Dear Santa,  
All I need for Christmas is a Barbie Hotel and a Beautiful Mermaid. I live in North Island, La. I try to be good every day. I hope you find my house for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Gabrielle Wood

Dear Santa,  
I live in Little Chenier, La. I know you can find this little boy. Would you please bring me a knife, blue stick horse, computer, big truck with trailer and two seats.

Your friend,  
Dustin Trahan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a hammock, knee pads, shirt and pants and a mouth piece for Christmas, Sant. I am a good boy, sometimes.

Your friend,  
Fredrick Spivey

Dear Santa,  
All I need for Christmas is a register. I have been very good and know all my alphabets. Look for a piece of cake at the motel for you, Santa.

Your friend,  
Alisha Patel

Dear Santa,  
Please bring for me a dirt bike, crayons, guitar for rock and roll and trucks. I try to be good every day.

Your friend,  
Adam Manuel

Dear Santa,  
I want earrings and tapes.

Your friend,  
Deya Jones

Dear Santa,  
I want Scooby-Doo and a baby doll.

Your friend,  
Patricia Murphy

Dear Santa,  
Please bring for me Christmas Eve a truck, bike and any kind of toys. I live in Creole, La. I have been very good.

Your friend,  
Kenneth Deshotel

Dear Santa,  
I am a very good little girl that lives in Johnson Bayou, La. Please bring for me at Christmas a doll, a dog, a big sister, and mome.

Your friend,  
Kimberlynn Hebert

Dear Santa,  
I want some toys, some cookies, and ice cream.

Your friend,  
Kiltron Williams

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll, and I don't know.

Your friend,  
Meghan Richard

Dear Santa,  
I want a different toy, a football, and a Hot Wheel.

Your friend,  
Kendall Brown

# Workforce center in new facility

The Workforce Investment Board in conjunction with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury announces the grand opening of the LA-Works/Calcasieu Workforce Center. The event is scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29 at the new location of the One Stop Center, 4250 Fifth Avenue in Lake Charles.

The agencies now residing in this comprehensive facility include the Calcasieu Workforce Center, the Lake Charles Job Center, and the Department of Labor Office of Workers' Compensation. These agencies have teamed up in a One Stop location to provide multiple services to both the job seeker and the employer.

Services available to the public at the One Stop Center include conducting job searches, preparing resumes and cover letters, filing unemployment claims, and filing workers compensation disputed claims, etc.

If you want more information on the One Stop, visit laworks.net web site or contact the local office at 337-475-4900.



Dear Santa,  
I want presents and a green truck.

Your friend,  
Brandon Richard

Dear Santa,  
I want a horse, some cowboys, and some bulls.

Your friend,  
Tristen Calcote

Dear Santa,  
I want trucks and I don't know.

Your friend,  
Raul Barrera

Dear Santa,  
I want a Scooby-Doo tape and a guitar.

Your friend,  
Angelica LeJeune

Dear Santa,  
I want a Game Boy, a 4-wheeler, and a monster truck.

Your friend,  
Ethan Dyson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Scooby-Doo movie and a daddy's toy.

Your friend,  
Hunter Theriot

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spider-Man skateboard, a toy, and a dump truck.

Your friend,  
Joseph January

Dear Santa,  
I want a fire truck and a pool.

Your friend,  
Brendon Doxey

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, boots, and a blue shirt.

Your friend,  
Chelsea Sorrells

Dear Santa,  
I want baseball shoes, presents, and a big motorcycle.

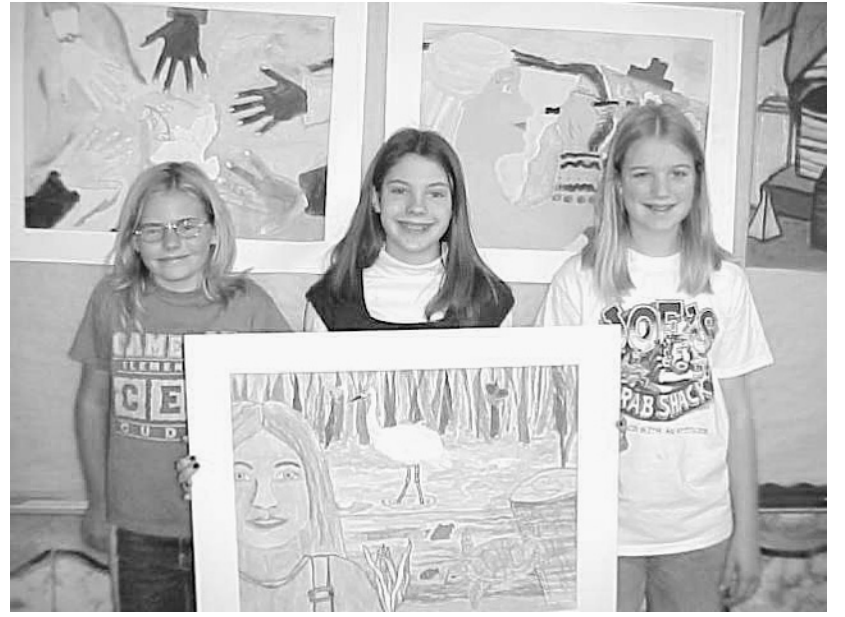
Your friend,  
Nathanael Pugh.

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy, swimming pool, and a present.

Your friend,  
Cadi Manuel

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Showman and a reindeer, that's all. Please look on the table for your cookies and milk, Santa. I live in Grand Chenier, La.

Your friend,  
Ty Little



CAMERON ELEMENTARY Students recently participated in the "Me In The New Millenium" art contest. Students created artwork depicting their ideas and hopes for the future. Shown here, from left, are the winners: Erika Pickett, first place; Molly Alexander, second place; and Meagan Wigley, third place.



SOUTH CAMERON HIGH School art students are beginning work at Cameron Elementary on a mural for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival. Pictured above from left: Chance Savoie, Chelsi King, Rose Martel, Deil Lalade and Chad Benoit.

A Teddy Bear To Hug  
A lot of bear hugs have gone by since the very first Teddy Bear appeared 100 years ago. THEN: The first Teddy Bears, named after President Teddy Roosevelt, appeared in a Brooklyn stationery and novelty store window in 1902. The two bears, made by the shopkeeper's wife from plush stuffed excelsior, were immediately popular.

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# Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

## Duck Count

The latest duck count that was taken Dec. 9-11 shows very little change from the Nov. 3-8 survey. Here's a comparison for the Southwest Louisiana count, with the latest count first: Mallard 190,000, up from 57,000; Mottled ducks, 35,000, up from 17,000; Gadwall (grey ducks) 313,000, up from 258,000; Wigeon, 25,000, down from 64,000; Green-winged teal, 95,000, down from 101,000; blue-winged teal, 33,000, down from 70,000; Shoveless (spoon-bill), 39,000, up from 9,000; and pintails, 21,000 down from 28,000 for a total of ducks of 751,000, up from 704,000.

Scamp, 59,000, was up from 30,004 and ring necked ducks, 187,000, down from 224,000 with no count of canvasbacks. Total diver ducks are 246,000, up from 227,000. Our total duck count was 997,000, up from 931,000. Our coot count count was up from 11,000 to 58,000.

The Southeast Louisiana count went down from 1,710,000 to 903,000 and Catahoula Lake count went up from 47,000 to 118,000. Coots in Southeast La. are up from 70,000 to 161,000 and in Catahoula Lake 4,000 in the last count. The entire state count went down from 2,688,000 to 2,018,000 and coots went up from 81,000 to 223,000 across the state.

The estimate of 2,000,000 ducks recorded during this survey is nearly 700,000 less than last month's survey; 800,000 less than the 5 year December average, and about 1.1 million less than the December average since 1984. However, it is still about 500,000 above last year's December survey.

Estimates of Mallard, Gadwall, Scoup, and Canvasbacks are above last year's

December estimate, while wigeons are down. All dabblers are below the average since 1984, but divers are above.

Unless things change overnight, it'll be a tough last 30 days of duck season.

## Geese Moving In

We are seeing geese moving in the coastal marshes. Not many, but I've seen bunches of one to two hundred in our marshes flying low, and dropping down to eat.

Coastal marshes have many areas where there just aren't many ducks due to lack of feed, because of the hurricane and heavy rains. I think some birds moved back to the central and northern parts of the state, to take advantage of good agriculture habitat that they have available in their areas. Our water in most marshes are back to normal, but you can tell the impact the flood had on the food chain.

## News Briefs

Louisiana duck call maker Rod Haydel weathered three rounds of competition back in October to win the 2002 State Duck Calling Championship. This event put on by the La. Wildlife Federation was held in Baton Rouge. Haydel placed second last year. He represented our state at the World Duck Calling Championship in Stuttgart, Arkansas.

## Sunrise-Sunset

Friday, Dec. 27, 7:07 a.m. and 5:19 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 28, 7:07 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 29, 7:08 a.m. and 5:21 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 30, 7:08 a.m. and 5:22 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 31, 7:09 a.m. and 5:23 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 1, 7:09 a.m. and 5:23 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 2, 7:09 a.m. and 5:24 p.m.

Due to the fact that I turned in this article a little early because of Christmas paper deliveries, I don't have any results of opening weekend ducks or dove hunts, but will let you know next issue.

As the Christmas season comes upon us, on behalf of my wife, Glender and myself, we wish you the greatest Christmas ever for you and your family, and remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas."



CAMERON ELEMENTARY Art students, Holden January, Raj Patel and Tien Le are shown painting a mural in the Cameron Elementary Auditorium for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival.



MRS. CAROLYN RUTHERFORD'S second grade class at Cameron Elementary School learned about bee hive's recently in her class. Christopher Guillot's grandmother Betty Constance brought it from Georgia when her son went on a hunting trip and found the bee hive on the ground.

## MSU tells honor list

The President's Honor List for the fall 2002 semester at McNeese State University has been announced by Registrar Stephanie Tarver.

To be on the President's Honor List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 system while carrying at least 15 semester hours. A senior eligible for graduation but carrying less than 15 hours is also considered provided that student was on the President's Honor List the previous semester.

President's Honor List from the area is as follows:

Bell City: Rachelle Marie Andrus, Kristen Hope Howerton, Marylyn Alexis LeJeune, Renee Michelle Vincent Aucoin;  
Cameron: Stacy L. Hebert, Lacey D. Rodrigue;  
Creole: Dustin Kent Broussard;  
Hackberry: Catherine M. Cabbage Broussard, Landon Keith Duhon, Ashley Marie Granger, Julia A. Sanders.



## Origin of the Christmas tree

By W. T. Block

The development of the Christmas tree is steeped in Norse or Teutonic paganism from the Middle Ages. The only part that appears to be of Biblical origin is the lighting and decoration of the tree, which stems from the Jewish Hanukkah, or Festival of Lights.

Many have sought to omit the pagan influence in its development. A myth popular in part of Germany in 1600 was that Martin Luther had seen the Star of Bethlehem shining through the branches of a small fir tree, so he cut it down and brought it into his home.

A much older myth that circulated in Norway credited St. Winfrid, an early missionary to the Scandinavians, with substituting the fir tree for the ash tree during their pagan holiday of "Yggdrasil." That old Norse celebration included a serpent which gnawed at the roots of the "Yggdrasil" tree, and it was easy to substitute the serpent in the Garden of Eden in place of the old pagan myth. Today all that survives of "Yggdrasil" in the Christian culture is the annual cutting of the Yule log in England and Scandinavia.

Not until 1608 did a manuscript in Strasbourg, France, actually depict a decorated Christmas tree in use in a merchant's home. In 1826 Samuel

Coleridge visited Germany, and he left a graphic portrayal of the "peculiar German custom" of cutting a Yule tree on Christmas Eve, also of other interior decorations which included mistletoe, holly with red berries, and other Yule branches.

It was the marriage of Queen Victoria to the German Prince Albert in Feb., 1840, that placed the stamp of approval on the Christmas tree throughout the British Empire, and thereafter Christmas trees decorated Kensington Palace. However, descendants of the Puritans and some Anglicans were much slower to accept that practice.

In 1851 Mark Carr, a Catskill woodsman, noted the propensity of certain New York Germans to decorate Christmas trees. He cut several sled loads of fir trees, pulled them to the Hudson River, where his father towed them downriver to New York City. The corner of Greenwich and Vesey streets, where Carr sold his trees for a silver dollar each, became the first Christmas tree lot in America.

Most people credit a Lutheran pastor with bringing Christmas trees to the Ohio River valley about 1855, but the great propagator of the Yule tree tradition east of Mississippi River was the American Civil War, a "malicious event," which demonstrated no respect for

"peace and good will."

I credit the Northern occupation troops with bringing the first Christmas tree to Beaumont about 1867, and that tradition spread quickly. By 1880 public Christmas celebrations for the town's children were held in Blanchette Hall or Bluestein Opera House, replete with gifts and decorated trees. The trees were lit with burning candles, and the "tinsel" was sometimes made of popcorn sewed together on lengths of yarn or string. However, Christmas trees in churches were frowned upon for several years afterward, and I have no idea when the first fat Santa Claus appeared in public in a red suit with black boots.

I remember with fondness our own early Christmases in Port Neches about 1925. We always cut a small pine tree on our farm and decorated it with burning candles and frosty tinsel. Gifts were few on the farm, and if a child got a doll, a football, a tin soldier, or tricycle, it was all that was expected. During the 1920s, a special metal clasp was marketed for attaching burning candles to tree branches.

Christmases have continued to expand since then, until today the more commercial and gaudy they are, the less Godly or religious-oriented they have become.

## Create a rich holiday bread Christmas notes

(NAPSA)-Few things can make a holiday table more festive than serving a holiday bread.

A Fruit and Nut Holiday Bread helps make a holiday buffet extraordinary. The bread is rich in eggs, milk and butter. Wreath-shaped or made in a loaf, it captures the season's flavors with candied fruit, white raisins and chopped almonds. A key ingredient is the flavor developed by the yeast action. SAF Perfect Rise Yeast lives up to its name by giving lift and flavor to any dough.

### Fruit and Nut Holiday Bread

3/4 cup milk  
2 large eggs  
1/4 cup butter  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
4 cups bread flour  
1 tablespoon SAF Perfect Rise Yeast  
1/4 cup candied mixed fruit  
2 tablespoons white raisins  
1/4 cup almonds, chopped

### Bread Machine Method

Have milk at 80°F. and all other ingredients at room temperature. Place first 8 ingredients in pan in the order listed. Select Dough cycle or Sweet/ Fruit and Nut cycle and medium/normal crust. Do not use the delay timer. Add fruit and nuts at the signal or 5 minutes before the end of the second knead cycle.

### Traditional Method

Combine yeast, 1 cup flour, sugar and salt. Combine milk and butter; heat to 120° to 130°F. (Butter does not need to melt.) Combine dry mixture and warmed liquids in mixing bowl on low speed. Beat 2 to 3 minutes on medium speed. Add eggs; beat 1 minute. By hand, stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on floured surface about 3 minutes; add fruit and nuts and continue kneading until they are evenly distributed and dough is smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Use additional flour if necessary.

Place dough in lightly oiled bowl; turn to grease top. Cover; let rise until dough does not spring back after pressing fin-

gers about 1/4 inch into dough. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Roll or pat into a 10-inch circle. Poke a hole in center of circle. Press dough into greased Bundt® or tube pan. Cover; let rise until indentation remains after lightly touching. Bake in preheated 350°F. oven 40 to 45 minutes. Let sit 10 minutes in pan. Invert onto rack; remove pan; cool. If desired, drizzle with Powdered Sugar Frosting (see below) and garnish with additional candied fruit and nuts.

Powdered Sugar Frosting  
1 cup powdered sugar  
2 tablespoons water  
1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Combine ingredients in small mixing bowl, beating until smooth.

A free brochure filled with SAF Yeast recipes and baking help is available by writing to: Lesaffre Yeast Corporation, P.O. Box 737, Milwaukee, WI 53201. For additional recipes and baking information, visit [www.safyeast.com](http://www.safyeast.com).



"XMAS," an abbreviation for Christmas, originated with Greek Christians. X is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ (Xristos).

By the sixteenth century, Xmas was widely used throughout Europe among Christians who understood that it meant "Christ's Mass."

Later, Christians unfamiliar with the Greek origin, mistook the "X" as a sign of disrespect. Some Christians still disapprove of the abbreviation claiming, incorrectly, that it takes the "Christ out of Christmas."

According to legend, the practice of hanging up stockings originated with St. Nicholas. It is believed that St. Nicholas learned about a man who was hopelessly in debt. His creditors were about to sell him and his daughters into slavery. Moved by compassion, Nicholas put together a bag of gold from his own resources. Wishing to give anonymously, Nicholas went to the man's home in the dark of night and threw the gold through the man's window. The bag of gold landed in one of the daughter's stockings which had been hung out to dry.

Of the many statements made about Christmas, one of the finest comes from President Calvin Coolidge who reminded people: "Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."



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# LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on October 7, 2002. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Fire Protection District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, January 18, 2003, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following Proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION**  
**SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. TEN TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF EIGHT MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PAYING THE COST OF OBTAINING WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES, INCLUDING CHARGES FOR FIRE HYDRANT RENTALS AND SERVICE WITHIN SAID DISTRICT. ALL CURRENT AD VALOREM TAXES BEING COLLECTED WILL BE ABOLISHED.**

Shall Fire Protection District No. Ten of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of eight (8.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2003, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's fire protection facilities and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service within said District? All current ad valorem taxes being collected will be abolished.

**PRECINCT 1; PORTION; JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Police Jury, the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. Ten, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 2003, at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Fire Protection District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** on this, the 7th day of October, 2002.

APPROVED:  
 /s/ Charles Precht, III  
**CHARLES PRECHT III, PRESIDENT**

**CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY**  
 ATTEST:  
 /s/Bonnie W. Conner  
**BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY**  
 RUN: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2002;  
 Jan. 2, 9, 16, 2003 (N 47)

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on September 12, 2002, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, January 18, 2003, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following Proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION**  
**SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION DISTRICT TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF EIGHT MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT. ALL CURRENT AD VALOREM TAXES BEING COLLECTED WILL BE ABOLISHED.**

Shall Johnson Bayou Recreation District of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of eight (8.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2003, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's Recreation facilities within and for said District? All current ad valorem taxes being collected will be abolished.

**PRECINCT 1; PORTION; JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

**COLLECTED WILL BE ABOLISHED.**

Shall Johnson Bayou Recreation District of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of eight (8.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2003, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's Recreation facilities within and for said District? All current ad valorem taxes being collected will be abolished.

**PRECINCT 1; PORTION; JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Johnson Bayou Recreation District Recreation Center Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, on Thursday, the 23rd day of January, 2003, at 6:30 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

**PRECINCT 1; PORTION; JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said District.

**PRECINCT 2; ALL; CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX; CAMERON, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 3; ALL; HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER; HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA**

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**PRECINCT 11; ALL; GRAND CHENIER FIRE STATION; GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 12; ALL; MURIA FIRE STATION; CREOLE, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 13; ALL; CREOLE FIRE STATION; CREOLE, LOUISIANA**

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**PRECINCT 15; ALL; CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX; CAMERON, LOUISIANA**

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**THE HEALTH CENTER IN CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, TITLE TO WHICH SHALL BE IN THE PUBLIC.**

Shall the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of one and thirty-two hundredths (1.32) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said Parish for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2004, for the purpose of supporting the Health Center in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, title to which shall be in the Public?

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**PRECINCT 2; ALL; CAMERON PARISH POLICEJURY ANNEX; CAMERON, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 3; ALL; HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER; HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 4; ALL ; HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER; HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 5; ALL; RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5; RECREATION CENTER; GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 6; ALL; RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5; RECREATION CENTER; GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 7; ALL; RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5; RECREATION CENTER; GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 8; ALL; LOWRY FIRE STATION; LOWRY, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 9; ALL; KLONDIKE COMMUNITY CENTER; KLONDIKE, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 10; ALL; AMERICAN LEGION HALL' GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA**

**PRECINCT 11; ALL; GRAND CHENIER FIRE STATION; GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA**

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ty-four hundredths (6.34) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2003, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's Water Systems within and for said District?

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

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with the procedures of Section 151 through 158 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, sealed bids will be received at the office of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana, on or before the 21st day of January 2003 at 4:00 p.m., at which time all bids received will be opened by the Cameron Parish School Board for a lease covering the oil, gas, and other liquid gaseous hydrocarbon mineral rights in, to and under the following described property:

All of Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 13 West, containing 783 acres, more or less.

Bids may be for the whole or any particularly described portions of the tract advertised herein.

All bids are to offer a CASH PAYMENT, one-half (1/2) of which is to be bonus as full and adequate consideration for every right granted by the lease and one-half (1/2) of which is to be rental for the first year of the lease, for a lease having a primary term which shall not exceed three years. ANNUAL RENTAL for the second and third years shall not be less than the aforesaid cash payment. The lease is to be granted without any warranty or recourse against lessor whatsoever, either expressed or implied, not even for return by lessor of any payments received under the lease or being otherwise responsible to lessee. Minimum royalties shall be one-fourth (1/4) of all oil and gas produced and saved or utilized. This lease excludes free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and other solid minerals. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such solid mineral deposits.

All leases awarded shall be executed upon terms and conditions provided in the current Cameron Parish School Board lease form with all applicable riders appended thereto, including Approved Rider for Attachment to State Agency Lease Forms, and including, but not limited to, provisions as follows: Should lessee fail to begin the actual drilling (spudding in) of a well on the lease premises within one year from the date of the lease, the lease shall terminate as to both parties to the lease, unless on or before such anniversary date, lessee shall pay a delay rental [which shall in no event be less than the aforesaid cash payment offered for the lease], which shall cover the privilege of deferred drilling operations for a period of one year. Upon like payments annually, drilling operations may be further deferred for successive periods of one year each during the primary term of three years. The lease shall provide for drilling of offset wells where necessary to protect the Board's interest and shall contain the provisions against the assignment of sublease of the lease unless approved by the School Board. The lessee shall have the right to enter into pooling or unitization agreements with respect to development of the leased premises subject to the approval of the School Board. The Lessee shall not have the right to conduct geophysical or seismic activities or exploration on the leased premises under this lease. Such activities may be conducted only if a separate written contract or permit is granted to Lessee by the Cameron Parish School Board for which additional rights separate and additional consideration shall be paid.

Any lease granted hereunder shall be on the regular current Cameron Parish School Board lease form with Approved Rider for Attachment to State Agency Lease Forms and shall be subject to the approval of the State Mineral Board. A copy of the said lease form and rider are available for inspection at the office of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana. Certified check, bank money order, or cashier's check, payable to the Cameron Parish School Board for the full amount of the bonus, shall accompany and be submitted with each bid; and no bid thus submitted may be thereafter withdrawn or canceled; and the cash bonus accompanying the bid of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the Cameron Parish School Board should he not return the written lease, duly executed, within twenty (20) days after his receipt of the same.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to grant a lease on any portion of the tract advertised for a price not less than proportionate to the best bid offered for the lease on the entire tract.

**CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**  
 BY:  
 Judith Jones, Superintendent  
**CAMERON PILOT**  
**ADVOCATE**  
 RUN: Dec. 19, 26, 2002 and Jan. 2, 2003 (D 46)

**NOTICE FOR BIDS**

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will receive sealed bids until 5:00 P.M. Monday, January 6, 2003, at the office of Mosquito Control in Creole, Louisiana, on insecticides, petroleum products, airplane engine and fiscal agent.

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

Bids should be mailed or delivered to Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1, 149 LeBlanc Road, Creole, Louisiana 70632, and be marked "BID FORMS ENCLOSED" on the outside of the envelope.

Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

**Mosquito Abatement District No. 1**  
 /s/ Don Menard  
 Don Menard, Director  
 RUN: Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2 (D-52)

**NOTICE**

Public Notice of Federal Consistency review of a Proposed Initial Exploration Plan by the Coastal Management Division/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the Plan's consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Applicant: Energy Partners, Ltd., 201 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 3400, New Orleans, Louisiana 70170.  
 Location: East Cameron Block 44, Lease OCS-G 19730.

Description: Plan provides for the exploratory activities related to the drilling, potential completion, testing and installation of minimal well protector structures over Well Locations A through C. Support activities are to be conducted from an onshore support base located in Cameron, Louisiana. No ecologically sensitive species or habitats are expected to be located near or affected by these activities.

A copy of the plan described above is available for inspection at the Coastal Management Division office located on the 10th floor of the LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The public is requested to submit comments to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Division, Attention: OCS Plans, P. O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4487. Comments must be received within 15 days of this notice or 15 days after the Coastal Management Section obtains a copy of the plan and it is available for public inspection. This public notice is provided to meet the requirements of the NOAA Regulations on Federal Consistency with approved Coastal Management Programs.  
 RUN: Dec. 26 (D-57)



**LEGAL NOTICES**  
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**CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT NO. 1**  
The Board of Directors at their regular scheduled meeting held on December 19, 2002 approved the budget for the year 2003. The budget will be available for review at the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater Office located at 126 Ann Street from Monday through Thursday from 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M. and from 1:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. and on Friday from 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M. and from 1:00 P. M. to 3:30 P. M. If you have any questions concerning this budget please call (337) 775-5660 or come by during office hours.  
/s/ The Board of Directors  
RUN: Dec. 26 (D-62)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BUDGET HEARING**  
**HACKBERRY RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**OF CAMERON PARISH**  
The proposed budget for the year January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003, of the Hackberry Recreation District No. 1 of Cameron Parish, has been prepared in accordance with the provision of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act and is available for public inspection at the District's office from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (except holidays). A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for: Monday, January 13, 2003, at 6:00 P.M. - Recreation Building.

**OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY**  
Following is a summary of the proposed budget for the year January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003: Estimated beginning fund balance, \$354,000; Total revenues, \$376,900; Total expenditures, (\$366,000); Estimated ending fund balance, \$364,900.

The proposed operating budget for the year ending December 31, 2003, which is available at the District's office, provides further details.  
RUN: Dec. 26, Jan. 2 (D-63)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
All interested persons are hereby notified that the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget of the Cameron Parish Recreation District No. 6 is complete and available for public inspection.

The budget and supporting documentation is available at the Cameron Recreation District No. 6 building at LeBleu Camp Road from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday-Thursday. It is also on file at the Cameron Parish Library during their normal business hours.  
RUN: Dec. 26 (D-67)

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**REAL ESTATE**

**FOR SALE:** 1972, 14 X 85 partially remodeled trailer, fenced lot, 12 X 24 shop, located 105 Teal, Cameron, \$18,000. Call 775-7073 for more information. 12/12-26p.

**HOUSE FOR Sale:** 218 Francis Circle in Highland Subdivision. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. New metal roof, remodeled. For more information, call 337-775-3887, leave message. 12/12-1/9p.

**CREOLE,** 967 E. Creole Hwy. 4 Bedroom, 2 bath, brick home. 1800+ sq. ft. recently remodeled. Option to buy 4 acres of land. Great for hunting. \$47,500. (337)542-4221. 12/12-1/2p.

**GRAND LAKE -** Restricted subdivision, 2000 sq. ft. minimum \$15,000.  
Call ERA Moffett Realty, Inc. 436-6639 ext. 261 and ask for Grace - 598-2573 home or 490-5140 pager. 2/14tfc

**FOR SALE**

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

**FORGET SOMEONE'S** Birthday? Let them remember you all year long with a subscription to The Cameron Parish Pilot. Call (337)786-8004 or 1-800-256-7323 for rate information. With advance payment, we will be happy to send a card announcing your gift.

**NOTICES**

**REWARD:** \$1000 reward for the "Return" of a 1999 Honda 300, 4 X 4, 4 wheeler, dark green in color, with Vampire mudgrips, stolen in the Cameron, Creole area. Call Kevin, 775-8297 or Chad, 775-2872. 12/26p.

**GARAGE SALES**

**HAVE OLD** or unusual items that are still in good condition and you would hate to throw them away. Have a Garage Sale! Put a classified ad in our paper to announce your Garage Sale! Cost: \$4 for 25 words or less and just 10¢ a word after that. Prepaid please! Remember to put the location, date, times, address, and any unique item in your ad. Due by 10 a.m. Tuesday. Mail to: Ad and payment to P. O. Box 995, DeQuincy, La 70633 or stop by Clipper Office Supply, 128 School St. in Cameron. (337)786-8004.

**RV SALES**

**FALL CLEARANCE Sale!** On all 2002 & 2003 models in stock. Best prices of the year with interest rates as low as 5.75%. Kite Bros. RV, Hwy 171 N, DeRidder, Mon. - Sat., 8 - 5. 1-800-456-2724. www.kitebros.com 10/10tfc.

**ALTERNATOR REPAIR**

**NIX ALTERNATORS & Starters -** Repairs and Rebuilt. Foreign, domestic, boats, auto, truck, industrial, tractors, lawn mowers and outboard motors. 1723 N. Hwy. 171, Lake Charles, La. 433-2813. 8/29-3/7p.

**NEWSPAPER DEADLINES**

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING,** News articles with photos, engagement and wedding announcements, happy ads, and letters to the editor should be in the news office by 4 p.m. on Tuesdays for that weeks Cameron Pilot. Come by our satellite office at Clipper Office Supply at 128 School St., in Cameron (behind Cameron State Bank). or for more information call 1-800-256-7323 or (337)786-8004. Fax: (337)786-8131.

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING** and news articles without photos should be in the news office by 10 a.m. on Wednesday for that weeks Cameron Pilot. News articles without photos may be faxed to our office at (337)786-8131. Classifieds must be prepaid to run that week. \$5 for the first 25 words and 10¢ a word after that. Come by our satellite office at Clipper Office Supply at 128 School St. in Cameron (behind Cameron State Bank). For more information call 1-800-256-7323 or (337)786-8004.

**USED CARS**

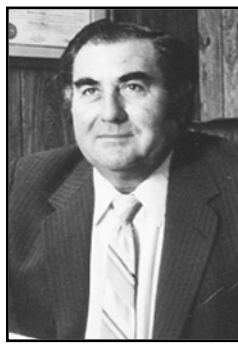
**FOR SALE:** 1989 Dodge Ram Charger, 4 X 4, 318 V-8, new tires, cold air, automatic, tilt and cruise, excellent condition, best offer, 474-8222 or 478-1831. 12/26p.

**WORK WANTED**

**DIXIE DIRT** and Sand serving Cameron Parish with top soil, sand, clay, building house pads, driveways, clearing land, tractor work, bushhogging, tilling, front end loader work, delivery of limestone, road base, bottom ash rock. Local owners are Butch and Jackie Bertrand, 24 hour answering service, 598-2485. Office 542-4693. 12/5-2/20p.

**GLEN'S HANDYMAN** Service. Carpenter work, general maintenance, yard work and more. Welding also done at my home. Please call Glen Dupre at 538-2735 or 370-4427. 12/5-1/2p.

**IN MEMORY OF**



**LYLE "BUTCH" CRAIN**  
Dec. 25, 2001 Dec. 25, 2002  
One year has passed since you were called away from us. You brought Love, Compassion, Generosity, and Kindness into everyone's life that you touched. You'll never leave our memory and you will live forever in our hearts, minds and souls. Our hearts are very sad. We love you and miss you.  
Hilda, Rachel, Albert John, Kale and family and the many, many friends who loved you, too



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
James Donnell Trahan  
July 8, 1953 to Sept. 9, 2000  
To My Family and Friends, Be happy for me, dear ones, You know I hold you dear, And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.  
Christmas In Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees, Around the world below. With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, Reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular, Please wipe away that tear. For I'm spending Christmas, With Jesus Christ this year. I hear the many Christmas songs, That people hold so dear. But the sounds of music can't compare, With the Christmas choir up here. I have no words to tell you, The joy their voices bring. For it is beyond description, To hear the angels sing. I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart. For I am spending Christmas, With Jesus Christ this year. I can't tell you of the splendor, Or the peace here in this place. Can you just imagine Christmas, With our Savior face to face? I'll ask him to lift your spirit As I tell him of your love. So then pray for one another As you lift your eyes above. Please let your hearts be joyful And let your spirit sing. For I'm spending Christmas in Heaven And I'm walking with the King. (Copyright 1998 owned by Wanda Bencke)

**Simple "Homemade" Holidays**

You don't need to be gifted to unwrap new kinds of family fun this holiday season-just creative. From making holiday cards and gifts to holding decorating parties and holiday family cook-offs, there are a number of activities that can help you and your whole house ring in the season with smiles and laughs.

The good news is you don't have to do a lot of shopping around for fun ideas. You can find them in newspapers, magazines, on TV and online. For example, FamilyFun.com offers a number of holiday suggestions in its "Activities and Crafts" section, like the ones that follow:

**Get Crafty**

Families can make Baby-Sock Snowmen to decorate their homes. The project is easy enough for a kindergartner to do with help, but can be fun for older children as well.

- Fill the foot of a baby sock with batting, tie it shut just above the ankle and trim off the cuff.

- Divide the sock into a body and head by tying ribbon (the scarf) around it.

- To make the hat, gather a colored sock together at the ankle and tie it with string. Leave enough string for a hanging loop. Cut off the foot, roll up the edge of the sock like a stocking cap and glue it on the snowman sock.

- Glue small buttons on the snowman's chest and draw his eyes and mouth with a marker. Cut a one-inch piece of pipe cleaner and poke it in for the nose. For earmuffs, wrap a piece of pipe cleaner around the head and tuck it under the hat. Glue on mini pompoms for ears. To see the adorable snowmen, go to www.familyfun.com.

After you've made your snowmen, celebrate with a delicious holiday treat.

**Cook Up Fun**

This recipe for Mock Toffee Bars took first place in the Web site's cookie contest. Here's how to make it:

**Ingredients**  
Saltine Crackers  
1 cup brown sugar  
Pecan pieces  
1/2 cup butter  
12 oz. chocolate chips  
Line cookie sheet with foil; butter heavily. Place crackers side by side to cover cookie sheet, salted side up. Combine

**CARD OF THANKS**

**THANK YOU!** A special thanks to the South Cameron Memorial Hospital and staff, family and friends for a joyous Christmas party that was thoroughly enjoyed by all the families of the patients of South Cameron Memorial Hospital. Special thanks for all the gifts I received. God bless all of you.  
Thank you,  
A. B. Richard

butter and brown sugar and cook until it boils and bubbles (3 to 4 minutes). Pour over crackers and bake 7 minutes at 375°F.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with chocolate chips. Spread chocolate with a spatula. Sprinkle with nuts and press into chocolate with a spatula. When cool, break into pieces and serve.

**Sparkling Snowflake Cookies**  
About 21/2 Dozen

1 pkg. (18.25 oz.) white cake mix  
1/2 pound (2 sticks) butter, softened

1 large egg  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 cups Quaker oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)  
Assorted sugars, candy sprinkles, decorator icing

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, combine half the dry cake mix with butter, egg and vanilla; mix thoroughly with large spoon. Stir in remaining cake mix and oats; mix well. Divide dough in half. On well-floured surface using a well-floured rolling pin, roll each half 1/8 to 1/4-inch thick. Cut dough with 3-inch snowflake or other large holiday cookie cutter. Place about 1-inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Sprinkle with sugar, if desired.

For ornaments, poke a hole at the top of each cookie with drinking straw. (Repeat immediately after baking if hole closes.) Bake 6 to 8 minutes or just until set (centers may still be soft).

Carefully remove to wire rack; cool completely. Decorate unsugared cookies with frosting and sugar or candy sprinkles.

**Salty-Sweet Snack**

Sweet & Spicy Roasted Almonds

1 egg white  
1 Tbsp. water  
1 lb. (3 cups) whole blanched almonds  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 tsp. ground cumin  
1 tsp. ground coriander  
2 tsp. coarse salt  
1 1/2 tsp. ground red pepper

Preheat oven to 275°F. Line a sided baking sheet with parchment paper. Whisk together egg white and water until foamy. Add almonds and toss to coat. Transfer to a sieve, toss gently and let drain.

Stir together remaining ingredients. Add almonds and toss to coat thoroughly. Spread almonds on baking sheet in single layer; bake for 30 minutes. Gently stir.

Reduce oven temperature to 200°F and bake an additional 30 minutes, until almonds are dry and nicely roasted. Let almonds cool, and serve immediately or store airtight for up to 1 week. Makes 3 cups.

**• NOTICE •**

**The Cameron Parish School Board will meet in special session on Monday, January 6, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. to swear in Board members, elect officers, and name the new Superintendent.**

RUN: Dec. 19, 26 (D 43)

**— JOB AD —**

**The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a child specific aide for Johnson Bayou High School.**

**Contact: Doug Welch, Principal; Johnson Bayou High School; Phone: 569-2673.**

**Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a high school diploma, and score satisfactorily on an achievement test.**

**The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, January 13, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.**

RUN: Dec. 19, 26, 2002 and Jan. 2, 2003 (D 44)

**— JOB AD —**

**The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a child specific aide for Hackberry High School.**

**Contact: Austin LaBove, Principal, Hackberry High School, Phone: 762-3305.**

**Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a high school diploma, and score satisfactorily on an achievement test.**

**The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, January 13, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.**

RUN : Dec. 19, 26 & Jan. 2, 2003 (D-45)

**NEW OFFICE HOURS**

**Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1**

**Effective January 2, 2003, the new office hours will be as follows: Monday thru Thursday the hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Friday the hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**All call outs after 3:30 p.m. and before 7:30 a.m., weekends and holidays will be charged \$25.00 per hour.**

RUN: Dec. 26 (D-65)

**CAMERON FOOD MART**

Community Coffee.....Lb. \$3.29  
Grade A Large Eggs.....Doz. 89¢  
Best Yet Milk.....Gal. \$2.49  
Coke, Dr. Pepper, or Sprite  
Reg. or Diet.....12/12 Oz. \$3.39  
.....3 Liter Bottle \$1.69  
Natural Light.....12/12 Oz. Cans \$5.79  
Miller Lite.....12/10 Oz. \$6.99  
Pict Sweet Frozen Blackeye Peas.....16 Oz. 99¢  
Pet Ritz Frozen Pie Shells.....2 Ct. \$1.79  
Best Yet American Cheese  
Singles.....12 Oz., 16 Slice 2/\$3.00  
Blue Plate Mayonnaise.....32 Oz. \$2.29  
Bama Apple or Grape Jelly.....32 Oz. \$1.19  
Trappeys Blackeye or Jalapeno Blackeye Peas W/Bacon.....15 Oz. 2/79¢  
Green Giant Corn, Green Beans or Sweet Peas.....15 Oz. 2/89¢  
Best Yet Dry Blackeye Peas.....1 lb. Bag 59¢  
Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix.....8 Oz. 3/\$1.00  
Crisco Veg. or Puritan Canola Oil.....48 Oz. \$1.79  
Solo 16 Oz. Party Cups.....20 Ct.Pk. \$1.19  
Purex Liquid Detergent  
Any Scent.....Gal. \$2.99  
Best Yet 18" x 25" Heavy Duty Foil.....\$1.49  
Frito Lay Chips Ass. Flavors.....(PP \$1.49) 99¢  
Salt Pork.....Lb. \$1.79  
Smoked Ham Hocks.....Lb. 94¢  
Best Buy Smoked Picnic Hams.....Lb. 89¢  
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**The Cameron Pilot will put out a Special Edition highlighting all the special events on January 9, 2003.**

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