



JANIE TURNBULL was in Grand Lake last Wednesday to sign copies of her book "A Place Called Home," a compilation of photographs by her late husband Bill Turnbull. Extra copies are available at Cameron Parish library branches or by mail. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Cameron-shot movie to be released Jan. 18

By **GAIL NORRIS**
American Press

"Little Chenier," the film shot in Southwest Louisiana by Lake Charles natives Bethany Ashton Wolf and Jace Johnson, had its national premiere in New Orleans last weekend as a Radio London Films release.

The invitation-only national premiere at the Prytania Theater served as a fundraiser for Rita Remembered and the New Orleans Musicians Village, both created as hurricane relief efforts.

The film is scheduled for release on Jan. 18 in select theaters in Louisiana and neighboring states, followed by a wider release.

"Little Chenier" wrapped up filming about a month before Hurricane Rita hit in September 2005, wiping out many of the coastal scenes, houses and stores in Cameron Parish featured in the movie.

"Little Chenier" is the story of a young man who lives a simple life on a houseboat in the Louisiana bayou with his mentally handicapped brother until one is accused of a crime

in the small town.

It stars Johnathon Schaeck ("That Thing You Do"), Fred Koehler ("Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"), Tamara Braun ("General Hospital"), Jeremy Davidson ("Windtalkers"), Clifton Collins Jr. ("Capote, Traffic, Tigerland") and Chris Mulkey ("Broken Trails, Twin Peaks").

It also features people from Southwest Louisiana as extras and area musicians, including the Abe Manuel Band and Moe-D. Siblings Wolf and Johnson wrote the screenplay; she directed the movie.

"Little Chenier" has won numerous honors this year, including the audience award for best feature at the Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival in Lafayette; best director, cinematography, original score and grad jury prize for best film at the Solstice Film Festival; and best feature film, ensemble and performance (by Koehler) at the Phoenix Film Festival.

Radio London Films is now working with Wolf on a new project, "On the 12th Day," which delves into the spy world in San Francisco and Asia.

Stay tuned. We'll keep you posted.

Registration deadline told by registrar

Cameron Parish residents, who are not registered to vote, have until Jan. 9 to register if they intend to vote in the Feb. 9 election, according to Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar of Voters.

You may register by mail by requesting a form or you can come to her office located behind the courthouse in Cameron, first trailer on the right. Phone 775-5493 for more information.

Items on the ballot will be a Justice of the Peace election for Ward 5- Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach -- and the presidential preference.

Cameron Parish residents displaced by Hurricane Rita will still vote in the parish if they have not registered in some other parish or state.

Special Edition

Once again the Cameron Pilot will be saluting the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival. Please join us in saluting the festival, as well as the heritage and people of Cameron Parish.

The special edition will be published in the Thursday, Jan. 10 Cameron Pilot.

Deadline for space reservation is Friday, Jan. 4, Camera ready deadline is Monday, Jan. 7.

For more information call Jeffra DeViney 1-800-256-7323 or 912-5063 or Fax: 337-786-8131.



HACKBERRY HIGH School has announced its 2007 Homecoming Court. Homecoming will be held Friday, Jan. 11, 2008. Pictured above are the members of the Court: (back row, from left) Meghan Shipp, Sophomore; Leslie Fincher, Senior; Kayla Sanner, Senior; Lauren Broussard, Junior; Erica Duhon, Freshman; (front row) Megan Swire, Junior; and Brooke Wing, Senior.

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Alvin Murphy

Mr. Murphy, former store owner, dies

Alvin Murphy, 82, former Cameron businessman, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007. He lived in Cameron most of his life until Hurricane Rita. He was the owner and operator of Cameron Food Mart for over 20 years.

Mr. Murphy was a member of American Legion Post 176, Doxey VFW Post and St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder. He was a Marine World War II veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Violet Murphy; a son, Ronald Murphy; and two brothers, Charles and Douglas Murphy.

Survivors include his wife of over 61 years, Ruby Murphy of DeRidder; one son, Patrick Arthur Murphy and wife, Rebecca of Lake Charles; two daughters, Phyllis Ann Murphy of DeRidder and Debra Joy Billings and husband Orson of Cameron; two sisters, Ruby Miller of Moss Bluff and Marie Kelly of Lacassine; seven grandchildren, Ryan, Brett and Jodi Billings, Jessica Matt, Patricia Murphy, Katie Noveroske, and Kyle Collins; and one great-grandson, Ethan Billings.

His funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Hixson Funeral Home in Lake Charles. Father Wayne LeBleu will officiate. "Burial will follow in Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum. Visitation was from 3-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26 and continues Thursday, Dec. 27 from 8 a.m. until time of service. A rosary was said Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 6 p.m.

(Paid Memorial)

Bonds OKed for Cameron Waterworks

The State Bond Commission met Dec. 20 and approved \$50.3 million in funding for projects in southwest Louisiana, according to State Treasurer John Kennedy.

Among the funding approved was \$1.5 million in bonds for Cameron Parish, Waterworks District No. Eleven for waterworks system improvements.

Agency board to meet 28th

The Cameron Community Action Agency board of directors will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, Jan. 28, at 12 noon at the Grand Lake Fireman Center, according to Dinah B. Landry, Executive Director.



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS is the major corporate sponsor for the 51st Annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival. Cameron Communications employees, Trina Johnson and Jason LeBlanc are shown presenting a check for \$5,000 to Fur and Wildlife Festival President, John LeBlanc. The donation will sponsor festival pageants, arts and crafts exhibits, bands, skeet shooting, oyster shucking and muskrat skinning contests, archery and other outdoor events. The festival will take place in Cameron on January 11-12, 2008. For more information on the festival, visit www.furfestival.com.

Festival events to be held in Cameron & Lake Charles

The 51st annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will be held Saturday, Jan. 5, in Lake Charles and on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 11 and 12 in Cameron.

Due to the destruction of the Cameron Elementary Auditorium in Hurricane Rita, all of the Festival pageants will be held in the Rosa Hart Theatre in the Lake Charles Civic Center. The deadline for entering these pageants is Monday, Dec. 31. Contact Lena Hebert at 370-9103 or Debbie Duhon at 249-1400 for application forms.

All other Festival events will be held in the town of Cameron.

The Festival schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY, JAN. 5
10 a.m. - Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish.
2 p.m. - Deb, Teen and Jr. Miss Cameron Parish.
7 p.m. - Miss Cameron Parish and Fur Queen Pageant.

King Fur will also be crowned at this pageant.

Pageants to be held on Jan. 5th

Deb, Teen, Junior and Miss Cameron Parish Pageants will be held at the Rosa Heart Theatre in Lake Charles on Saturday, Jan. 5. Deb division is 10 to 12 years of age, Teen division is 13 to 14 years of age, Junior division is 15 to 16 years of age and Miss Cameron division is 17 to 22 years of age.

All age groups are as of Jan. 1, 2008. Anyone wanting an application for any of these pageants may contact Lena Hebert at 370-9103 or Debbie Duhon at 249-1400.

Deadline for applications is Monday, Dec. 31.

Price to attend is \$5 per pageant or \$10 for all three events.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

All events will take place on the fairgrounds located at the old Cameron Elementary School grounds.

12 p.m. - Fairgrounds will be open.

12 p.m. - Trap Shooting will open located on the south end of the Cameron Elementary grounds.

12 p.m. - Carnival will open at the fairgrounds.

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. - Steel Shot the Band.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

9 a.m. - Fairgrounds and carnival will open.

11 a.m. - Trap Shooting, Muskrat and Nutria Skinning, Trap Setting, Oyster Shucking.

1 p.m. - Parade (parade will start at Cameron Construction yard east of Cameron).

3 p.m. - Duck and Goose Calling Competition.

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Jaime Bergeron and the Kickin Cajuns.

6:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Barry Badon and the Bayou Boys.

Parish Livestock Show to be held in Lake Charles

The Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Advisory Board, announced the 2008 Cameron Parish Show, scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 13, thru Monday, Jan. 14, and the Junior Livestock Sale, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19, featuring Cameron Parish 4-H and FFA members and their livestock projects.

Hurricane Rita destroyed the show facility in Cameron in 2005. The Calcasieu Parish 4-H staff graciously allowed Cameron Parish student exhibitors to share space with them in Lake Charles at Burton Coliseum in 2006, 2007 and again this year, but, it is impossible to follow the traditional sale format.

Thus, the 2008 Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Sale will include only the student exhibitors accompanied by a Power Point photograph of their livestock projects.

The sale is set for this Saturday, Jan. 19, in the Hackberry High School Auditorium, 1390 School Street in Hackberry.

A luncheon for all registered buyers will begin at 11 a.m. followed by the sale at 12:30 p.m. Buyers' cards will be available beginning at 10 a.m. If anyone is interested in

participating, but cannot attend, the sales committee will be happy to represent the buyer at the sale and submit the buyer's bid, within any specific guidelines that the buyer sets.

Animals will be sold at a total dollar amount by the head. Starting prices are as follows - Hogs, \$300 per head; Sheep, \$250 per head; Goats, \$250 per head; Steers, \$1,000 per head; Rabbits, \$50 per pen; and Broilers, \$50 per pen.

There are also two other options of supporting Cameron Parish exhibitors. For a donor who is interested in donating money to several or all exhibitors without purchasing an animal, there is an "Added Money" program.

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Alliance to meet Jan. 3

On Thursday, Jan. 3, the Grand Lake-Sweetlake Action Alliance will hold their monthly meeting at the Grand Lake Fireman Center.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and the public is always invited to attend.



THE 51ST ANNUAL Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will be held Jan. 5, 11 and 12. The annual parade will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12 in Cameron. This float was entered in last year's parade by Ricky Miller.

Funerals



ANITA THOMPSON BURLEIGH

Funeral services for Ms. Anita Burleigh, 86, were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, in Sibille Funeral Home of Opelousas. Interment followed in Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery in Opelousas. Father Angelo Cremaldi conducted the mass.

Ms. Anita Burleigh was taken to God's loving hands on Dec. 22, 2007 after a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis and congestive heart failure. She will lovingly be remembered by her family and friends as a lady of kindness and inner strength. Anita was born on March 13, 1921 to Walter and Ann Alice LeJeune Thompson in Geuydan. She was reared and educated in Church Point. In 1941, she married Joseph Ray Burleigh of Opelousas.

In 1952, Anita, Ray, and family moved to Cameron. Anita was an active member in the Ladies Alter Society of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron. She was also an active member of the Catholic Daughters of America. One of her cherished memories was of her trip to Rome, Italy with her fellow Catholic Daughters members in 1975 for an outdoor celebration mass with the Pope. Anita and Ray traveled through all 50 states of America, Canada, Mexico, Tahiti, Ireland, Japan, Australia, Europe, and China.

Anita resided in Zwolle, since 1997 with her husband Ray to enjoy the peaceful life on Toledo Bend Lake where she has made numerous friends. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in

Zwolle. In 2004, she moved to Laport, Tex. with one of her daughters. In 2006, she moved to Friendswood Health Care Nursing Home where she spent her last days.

She is survived by her children, Ray Keith and wife, Kay, Jackie Cheramie and husband, Randy, Pam Gordon and husband, Mike, Gayle LaFleur and husband, Leon, Kirk Burleigh and wife, Julie, Cathy Carlos and husband, Duffy. Anita also leaves on this earth her 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren who were all a delight to her in life. She is also survived by her sister Jean Liptak of Moss Bluff.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ray, and her sisters Delia Hunt, and Hazel Young.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Dec. 25, from 2 to 9 p.m. in the Sibille Funeral Home of Opelousas. On Wednesday, Dec. 26, visitation will continue in the funeral home from 8 a.m. until the time of services.

A Rosary service was held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday morning in the funeral home.

Pallbearers were her grandsons: Lawrence Burleigh, Randall Cheramie, Michael Cheramie, Eric Burleigh, Adam Scott, Lucas Burleigh, and Kyle Scott.

Donations can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.sibillefuneralhomes.com

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Sibille Funeral Home of Opelousas. (Paid Memorial)

DORIS LEA KING

Doris Lea King, 77, of Lake Charles died in her home Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007.

Mrs. King was born in Blox, Tex. and her family moved to Hackberry in 1935, where she later graduated from high school. She owned four businesses in her lifetime. In Hackberry she owned a beauty shop. In Lake Charles she was co-owner of Little Pigs Barbecue, owned a square-dance shop and kept books for several businesses.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday



By Keith Hambrick

Cameron Pilot Dec. 26, 1974

ASCS ELECTION
Ballots have been counted and results of the recent ASCS election have been announced by Charles S. Hackett, county executive director.

In the Cameron area, community committeemen for the various areas are as follows:

Grand Chenier and Creole - J. B. Meaux, chairman; Clarence Boudreaux, vice chairman; Dallas Domingue, regular member; John M. Theriot, first alternate; Valian J. Theriot, second alternate.

Klondike and Sweetlake - Herman Precht, chairman; Larry Eagleson, vice chairman; Ernest Broussard, regular member; Wilfred Zaunbrecher, first alternate; Charles Henagens, Jr., second alternate.

Johnson Bayou and Hackberry - Sam Little, chairman; Ernest Hamilton, vice chairman; Dean Sensat, regular member; Esac A. White, first alternate; Gene

Constance, second alternate.

The county committee elected by these are Joe G. Boudin, chairman, Howard Cox, vice chairman; Ronald David, regular member; Herman Precht, first alternate; J. B. Meaux, second alternate.

BIDS ASKED ON MOSQUITO OFFICE

The Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 of Cameron Parish will open bids at 7 p.m., Jan. 7 on the construction of offices and a shop and air conditioning and heating, according to Bruce Craven, director.

The facilities will be erected to and adjoining the new parish junior livestock barn located on the Front Ridge road about seven miles east of Cameron.

The mosquito district offices are presently located in the old Audrey School plant, but this property will be turned over soon to the State Board of education for creation of a vocational education school for the parish.

NEW PRECINCT

A new voting precinct has been established for Ward 1 of Cameron Parish and will be known as Precinct 3, located at Myers Landing.

The precinct will include all of the area of Precinct 2 located west of the Mermentau River.

TV SPORTS SHOW

Garfishing in Cameron Parish was featured on "the American Sportsman" show Sunday afternoon, at 4 p.m. on Channel 7 television, produced by Jeff Hughes.

One of the principal characters in the sports show was Ray Burleigh, Cameron's Fire chief, who was demonstrating his prowess at catching garfish.

BALLOTS GO OUT FOR FUR KING

Ballots have gone out this week to the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival to choose a king to reign over the 19th annual festival to be held in Cameron the second weekend in January.

Thirteen nominations have been made for the coveted title of "King Fur."

The hunting industry is being saluted this year and the nominees are all prominent men in the industry.

Those nominated are: Fletcher Miller, Jerry G. Jones, Severin Miller, J. Berton Daigle, Percy David, Charlie LaBove, W. W. Hawkins, A. H. (Sono) Crain, Enos Theriot, J. A. Miller, Ted Joanen, Horace Mhire and Adrien (Champ) Hebert.

SANTA VISITS

Jolly old St. Nick arrived in Cameron Wednesday night on his visit to youngsters of the parish, listening to their Christmas wishes. The Creole unit of the Woodmen of the World, Camp 706, sponsored Santa's visit to the gaily decorated WOW hall.

ROUNDAABOUT THE PARISH

Youngsters in Creole gave their Christmas wishes to Santa personally last Wednesday night. Aquilla Porche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porche, is serious about what she tells Santa and Kala Gaspard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Gaspard, seems pleased with her visit with Santa.

One of the special attractions of the 19th annual

Chenier Christmases of days gone by. . .

Cameron Pilot Dec. 26, 1974

By BERNICE STEWART

In the 1880s and '90s, at Grand Chenier, I have been told, the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, South (located in the vicinity of the McCall Cemetery of today), sponsored a community outreach Christmas.

A young oak was brought in from the woods and setup within the church by the men. The ladies and young people decorated it with strings and strings of popcorn and haw berries, cutouts, and candles. Bags of candy and cookies, fruits, and small gifts were hung on its branches. Larger gifts were placed at its base.

The most popular presents seems to have been fancy vials of perfume or cologne, items of jewelry, glassware or china for the ladies; cigars and handkerchiefs for the men; dolls, balls, slates, and candy for the children.

A church program always preceded the distribution of gifts while good things to eat followed.

As happens so many times a good custom is forced out of existence by wrongdoers. For two or three years, uninvited, intoxicated persons swaggered in, staggered about, and disrupted the period of worship and fellowship to the extent that the church membership discontinued their



Louisiana Wildlife and Fur Festival in January will be a group of Indians from the Indian Reservation at Elton, according to William O. Morris, one of the Festival vice-presidents.

The Barracudas were feted with a trip to the Astrodome Sunday to see the Houston Oilers and Cleveland Browns. These boys were the parish football winners.

Pint-size Santa: Little Scotty Primeaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Primeaux of Creole, played Santa for the South Cameron Elementary kindergarten at the school Christmas program Thursday night.

traditional observance. Then various homes opened to private parties. They were called "Christmas Baskets," since a big decorated basket to receive the gifts took the place of the church tree.

Parlor games were played, carols sung, gifts exchanged, and refreshments of hot chocolate, tea, cake, pie, cookies, candy, and oranges, consumed.

On Christmas Eve Chenier children hung up their stockings or placed a cardboard box against a wall for Santa to fill.

With the consolidation of the four one-room Chenier schools in 1917, a big tree and a rotund St. Nick again became popular--this time in the school auditorium instead of in the church. but only the children exchanged gifts. The parents came, watched, and listened to the long programs on the last school afternoon before the holidays.

Big school trees put ideas into small heads. Each year more households brought in and decorated trees of their own. They were usually set up on Christmas Eve and removed by New Year's Day or earlier.

Silver or gold tinsel and red and green rope garlands gradually supplanted popcorn and berry strings. Then in the 1940s, electric lights extinguished sputtering candles. About that time or later Northern fir and pine edged the native oak out of its long-held position as the Chenier tree of Christmas.

Throughout all those years the Chenier people practiced a custom called "Christmas Gift," when two of them met on Christmas Day, each would try to be the first to cry out "Christmas Gift." the loser was then supposed to give the winner some small token.

Christmas customs have changed according to circumstances and the availability of this or that, but the good old Christmas spirit is as alive on the Chenier and prairies of Cameron Parish today as it was a century ago.

So "Deck the hall with boughs of holly; 'Tis the season to be jolly!"

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Better Business Bureau warns about scams

By VANESSA C. DEGGINS
American Press

The Better Business Bureau wants consumers to be aware of scams that have recently been reported to it.

A small group of people posing as an asphalt paving company has been going door to door offering to pave - at very low prices - homeowners' driveways with materials supposedly left over from a previous job.

Carmen Million, president of the BBB of Southwest Louisiana, said the workers use high-pressure sales tactics and typically do shoddy work.

Million said these workers usually are in vehicles with out-of-state license plates and they sometimes set up temporary offices so they can move quickly if authorities start looking for them.

"Also, people should always remember, in many cases, you get what you pay for," she said.

Consumers have also reported visits from young solicitors who claim to be selling magazine subscriptions door to door.

"Before you pay for the subscriptions you should ask for ID from the salesperson, get the name and address of the company they work for, and verify that the contractor is licensed, bonded and insured," Milton said.

Consumers receive checks in the mail from places like the "UK Grand National Lottery."

The check includes a letter that says you should keep the award from the public until your claim has been processed and deposit the enclosed check and send the majority of the money back via wire transfer to someone

at the lottery company.

In two or three weeks, the person is notified by the bank that the check is fake or stolen or that the account had insufficient funds.

Consumers are responsible for reimbursing the bank for any funds wired or spent and for any bank fees required to process the transaction.

Million said that if you receive a phone call, letter or e-mail telling you that you have won a sweepstakes or lottery, ask yourself a question: Are you being asked to wire money or provide your bank account or credit card numbers or any personal financial information to claim the prize?

Companies are prohibited by law from requiring you to buy something to enter a sweepstakes and they cannot require you to pay taxes, fees or shipping and handling.

"You should also ask yourself, 'Did I ever actually enter the company's sweepstakes?' Chances are you didn't," Million said.

She said consumers should never hesitate to contract the BBB if they are unsure of something.

"Any company that wants your business will be more than willing to allow you the time to check them out," Million said.

For more information, call the BBB at 478-6513.



Christmas bingo held at H'berry

By GRACE WELCH

The 2007 annual Christmas Bingo was held, Wednesday, Dec. 19. There were 20 turkeys and 20 pork roasts given away.

Turkey winners were: Betty Nunez, Theresa Guidry, Jeanette Cruz, Michael Burch, Pat Spicer, Alta Mae Silver, Cheryl Whatley, Linda Comeaux, Sonja Savoie, Deltra Meyers, Rikki Buford, Lawrence Cain, Mona Murphy, Ashley Cormier, Robbie Abshire, Mary Lee Jinks, Louella Nunez, Dee Dee Johnson, Frances Little, and Angie Granger.

Pork roast winners were: Michael Burch, Gaylynn Varnes, Pat Spicer, Marie Little, Frances Cain, Alice Reeves, Theresa Guidry, Cheryl Whatley, Lou Johnson, Kathy Kibodeaux, Virginia Jinks, Amy Johnson, Terry Murphy, Ashley Cormier, Norris East, Jack Kandler, Marilyn LaBauve, Margaret Pitts, Alta Mae Silver, and Juanita Patin.

The Black Out ham winner was Donald Soirez. The \$50 door prize winner was Annie Mae Sanner. The \$25 door prize winner was Terry Murphy.



THE LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION of Professional Landmen (LAPL) collected arts and craft supplies, DVDs and a donation of \$500 for the Cameron Branch Library from the LAPL members. The LAPL worked in the Cameron area, came into the library and realized the need for supplies for the children's activities in the Cameron Branch Library. The library is open in a temporary building after the destruction of four of the library branches during Hurricane Rita. Hoping to make the children's holidays brighter, Keith Hebert asked the LAPL to make donations for the children's programs in Cameron. Shown making the donations are Keith Hebert, Dede Sanders, Cameron Library manager; Barbara Duhon, Carol Blakewood, Keith Sonnier, and Cindy Bernard of the LAPL. The craft supplies will be used for the children's programs each Friday at 11 a.m. and for holiday programs.

Waterfront development proposed

The Cameron Parish Planning and Development Agency has successfully submitted a multi-phase waterfront development project under the Marine Fisheries Infrastructure program. The \$6.2 million request is complemented by a \$1 million private sector match and a \$1.5 million EDA request that is designed to develop working waterfronts.

The proposed waterfront development is planned as a joint public/private partnership. With assistance from this program, West Cameron Port Authority is to provide the core infrastructure including the waterfront wharf and plaza.

The remaining components, including the ice house and commercial facilities, are to be developed utilizing a public/private partnership. Local processors estimate that with suitable docking and icing resources, an increase of 4.5 million pounds of shrimp landings can be achieved in the first year.

Executive Director, Ernie Broussard, says, "This effort is to create working waterfronts by enhancing infrastructure for both commercial and recreational fishing industries, and, in our case, represents a great linkage with Cameron Square and the West Cameron Port planning initiative."

CPPD submitted the application on behalf of the West Cameron Port Authority on Friday, Dec 14, with final awards anticipated in early 2008.

Application submitted on project

An application has been received by the Eighth Coast Guard District from Beacon Maritime, Inc. for the construction of a pontoon bridge on the Sabine River (Old Channel) between Orange, Tex., and Calcasieu Parish.

The proposed project involves building a pontoon bridge consisting of three barges across the river. The barges will be connected to existing bridge ramps from a previously existing pontoon bridge that was used for many years at this site location. This proposed bridge will allow vehicular access to Orange Harbor Island for industrial operations.

LIVESTOCK

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The donation is simply added to each or to selected exhibitor's accounts. Any livestock exhibitor who participates in the Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show is eligible to receive Added Money whether or not the exhibitor participates in the sale.

In 2005, the "Premium Awards" program was initiated, raising \$8,900 in 2005, \$4,000 in 2006 and in 2007, \$10,850. The goal is to equal or exceed the 2007 total this year. The premium money is awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion Steers, Hogs, Lambs, Goats, Broilers and Rabbits.

This Premium Award is special recognition and is typically used either as scholarship funding for the exhibitor or to improve his/her livestock project. All Premium Award Donors will be recognized at 1:30 p.m., just before the Champion Livestock are sold.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about participating in the Livestock Sale, Added Money, or Premium Awards programs, please feel free to call the Cameron Extension Service Office at 905-1318 or 905-1319, Cameron Parish Livestock Advisory Board President Morris Helmer, or Advisory Board Secretary Stephanie Rodrigue at 540-4623.

This year, the convenience of pre-registering as a buyer and of completing and submitting Added Money Forms prior to the day of the sale is being offered. To take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Regina Jouett at the 4-H Office at 905-1318. It is the hope of the Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Advisory Committee that the livestock exhibitors of today, through the responsibilities of their projects, will learn skills that will make them better citizens of tomorrow.

Tumble Books available

Cameron Parish Library now has Tumble Books to offer to children and parents.

Forgot your accelerated book and need to read it, just want to read for the fun of it, or you would like to play a game, check out "Tumble Books" at www.Cameron.lib.la.us

What are Tumble Books? Tumble Book library is a collection animated, talking books, tumble puzzles and games. Tumble Books are created from children's book publishers and converted to the Tumble Book format.

The selections may include

chapter books. The collection can be read manually or automatically. A pause feature is offered to enable you to pause the book for later if so needed in order to practice story prediction, interpret pictures, discuss new vocabulary, empathize with a character, discuss possible consequences of actions, encourage problem solving, or provide historical, geographical, or other perspectives.

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Basketball Results

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

Grand Lake 70, Glenmora 45 - Sam Johnston paced the (7-15) Hornets with 23 points. Brett Griffith added 20 points and Jacob Hebert scored 10 points.

Johnson Bayou 48, Bell City 84 - Jonathan Trahan, Dustin Badon, and Aaron Jinks chipped in 11 points each for the (11-12) Rebels.

Lacassine 47, Hackberry 27 - Judd Addison scored 11 points for the Mustangs and Dillon Thibodeaux added 10 as Hackberry falls to 13-6 on the season.

Vinton 69, Hackberry 63 - Steven Miller chipped in 14 points for the Mustangs. Dillon Thibodeaux added 13 points and Ian Blue scored 12 points.

Bell City 76, South Cameron 36 - Daniel Kelly scored 19 points for the Tarpons.

Iowa 77, South

Cameron 35 - Lance Braxton was the leading scorer for the Tarpons with 18 points.

GIRLS

Iowa 41, South Cameron 27 - Shelby Willis scored 11 points as the Lady Tarpons drops to 5-7 on the year.

Grand Lake 48, Glenmora 28 - Kat Kingham led the Lady Hornets with 22 points, including 20 in the first quarter. The Lady Hornets improve to 23-2 and are riding a 20 game win streak.

Lacassine 44, Hackberry 17 - Brooke Wing scored 15 points for the Lady Mustangs.

Vinton 44, Hackberry 43 - Kayla Sanner scored 17 points for Hackberry.

Bell City 44, South Cameron 39 - Whitney Richard led all scorers with 17 points.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



DUCK NUMBERS SCARY

I hope you got all you wanted for Christmas. I came out all right, but got a big extra gift, the credit card tickets for the next bill.

Hunting in my area of Grand Chenier, has slowed down quite a bit.

The latest duck count for the coastal zone taken Dec. 10 thru 12, Again, seen the count in Southwest Louisiana marshes the highest. It seems we did have lots of our species down from the November count. Total number of ducks 1,065,000 for December, 1,378,000 for November.

The Coot count for our Southwest was 359,000/170,000.

The total duck count for December was 2,002,000 across the state, compared to 1,633,000 in November.

The count shows what's hurting our hunting, as a big drop in Blue-winged teals, and a decline in number of gadwall, green winged teals and shovelers. These are the ducks that help make up a limit of ducks to add on to the one pintail you can have or the mallards and wigeon you can have in your daily bag limit. I think this last cold spell really got the blue-winged teals further south, as before the freeze, we were still doing good on blue-winged teals.

Happy New Year!

Port of Cameron included in rebuilding proposal

By KEVIN SAVOIE

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the commercial, charter and recreational fisheries industries in coastal Louisiana. Much of the infrastructure that supported the industry along the coast, which included docks, wharves, ice houses, loading and off loading equipment, cold storage, processing, and shipping facilities, and lifts, boat ramps and other critical infrastructure to clean-up and remove vessels, was damaged or destroyed.

Louisiana's fishermen and fisheries related businesses suffered great financial losses with estimates ranging from \$580 million to almost \$2 billion. In an effort to assist recovery of valuable fisheries resources, the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) has taken grant applications from coastal community governments, fisheries organizations and other cooperating groups who have submitted plans for rebuilding critical fisheries infrastructure. The total amount of the grants is \$19 million to be distributed among eligible coastal parishes: Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne and Vermilion.

Eligible parishes also will be divided into two regions, east and west. The eastern region will include all listed parishes from Lafourche east, and the western region will include all listed parishes from Terrebonne west. Projects will be selected and award amounts determined such that no less than 35 percent and no more than 50 percent of the funds are awarded to projects in the western region, and no less than 50 percent and no more than 65 percent of the funds are awarded to projects in the eastern region.

Grant applications were due to the LRA on Dec. 14, 2007. The applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and scored based on the criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals (RFP). Awards should be announced in the spring of 2008. These awards will be a huge step toward recovering Louisiana's coastal fishing industry.

The Port of Cameron was included in a proposal for fisheries infrastructure rebuilding. In terms of fisheries landings, no port was as severely damaged. "Cameron, La., dropped off the Top 10 list to rank 50th, or last place, with landings declining from 243.1 million pounds in 2004 to 10.6 million pounds in 2005," according to News From NOAA - Feb. 2, 2007.

GED classes are offered by Community Action Agency

The Cameron Community Action Agency is offering GED courses for anyone interested in achieving their high school certification. The classes are taught by a certified teacher and are free to the public.

Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and

Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

Anyone interested in pursuing their high school diploma should call Lana Miller at 598-5158 for more information or come by the CCAA office located next to the Grand Lake fire station.

Commercial fishing for sharks closed til July 1

Commercial fishing for large coastal sharks, as defined by Louisiana rule (L.A.C. 76:VII.357), will remain closed in Louisiana waters until 12:01 a.m. July 1, 2008.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has closed the Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico through the first trimester of 2008 (January through April), and through the second trimester until Amendment 2 of the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan is adopted by NMFS. Louisiana has a continuing closed season for harvest of all sharks in state waters for the months of April through June.

During the closed season,

all commercial harvest, possession, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sale or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade or sell large coastal sharks or their fins is prohibited.

The groups of sharks are as follows:

Large Coastal Sharks: great hammerhead, scalloped hammerhead, smooth hammerhead, nurse shark, blacktip shark, bull shark, lemon shark, sandbar shark, silky shark, spinner shark and tiger shark

Small Coastal Sharks: bonnethead shark, Atlantic sharpnose shark, blacknose shark and finetooth shark

Pelagic Sharks: porbeagle shark, shortfin mako, blue shark, oceanic whitetip shark, thresher shark

Prohibited Species: basking shark, white shark, bigeye sand tiger, sand tiger, whale shark, smalltooth sawfish, largetooth sawfish, Atlantic angel shark, Caribbean sharpnose shark, smalltail shark, bignose shark, Caribbean reef shark, dusky shark, Galapagos shark, narrowtooth shark, night shark, bigeye sixgill shark, bigeye thresher shark, longfin mako, sevengill shark and sixgill shark

The small coastal shark and the pelagic shark seasons will remain open from Jan. 1 until April 1, at which time those seasons will close in Louisiana state waters.

All Louisiana state waters out to the seaward boundary of the Louisiana Territorial Sea are closed to the recreational and commercial harvest of all sharks between April 1 and June 30 of each year. A holder of a Federal Commercial Directed or Incidental Limited Access Shark Permit may legally harvest sharks from Federal waters beyond the Louisiana Territorial Sea and bring those sharks into Louisiana

waters for sale within the provisions of that Federal Shark Permit.

Effective with this closure, no person shall commercially harvest, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell sharks from the closed area. Effective with the closure, no person shall retain or possess any sharks in the closed area. Sharks taken incidental to shrimp or menhaden fishing in the closed area, that are retained on the vessel as part of the harvest, may be retained only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and shall not be retained, held, purchased, bartered, traded, exchanged, sold or attempted to be purchased, bartered, traded, exchanged or sold.

The decision was made by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Secretary Bryant O. Hammett Jr. under the authority given to the secretary of the department by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in its rule LAC 76:VII.357.M.2, which allows the secretary to declare a closed season. Hammett acted upon a request from the NMFS to enact compatible regulations in Louisiana state waters until the NMFS finalizes new rules for harvest of large coastal sharks in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean.

It is not certain if the rules for harvest of large coastal sharks will be finalized by July 1, so additional seasonal closures may be requested by NMFS to maintain compatible regulations with federal waters until the rules are established for Amendment 2.



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This special edition of the Cameron Pilot will be a broadsheet section published on Thursday, January 10th in the regular paper featuring archived stories and pictures as well as all the activities, events and features for this year's festival.

Please join us in saluting the festival, as well as the heritage and people of Cameron Parish.

Deadline for space reservation is Friday, January 4th. Camera ready deadline is Monday, January 7th.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and thanking you in advance for your kind consideration of this request.

With warm regards and best wishes for a happy & safe holiday!

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LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 3rd day of December, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-09: Post Rita Restoration of Holly Beach Drainage Facilities pursuant to the certain contract between K.A.S. Construction, LLC and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 305685 in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY

Run: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17 (D 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE

All interested persons are hereby notified that the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget of the Cameron Parish Police Jury is complete and available for public inspection.

The budget and supporting documentation is available at the temporary location of the Cameron Police Jury Office, Cameron, LA from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays. It is also on file at the Grand Lake Branch Library during their normal business hours.

Run: Dec. 27 (D 19)

BIG... BIGGER... BIGGEST...
The planet Jupiter is so bright at 1,400 earth-sized planets could fit inside it.

NOTICE OF OWNER OF ACCEPTANCE OF WORK

This is to advise that the contract between Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, and SIMCO Enterprises, LTD. dated July 3, 2007 in the amount of \$571,110.00, which was filed and recorded on July 3, 2007 bearing File No. 305277 of the Records of Mortgages for Cameron Parish Louisiana, is substantially complete and was accepted by Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6, on December 4, 2007, and was recorded at the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court on December 7, 2007 bearing File No. 308150.

Any person or persons holding a claim against said contract for Water Line Extension (Gallegos Drive to Sempra Facility - Hackberry); Cameron Parish, Louisiana; LEI Project No. 07-011; should file a claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on or before January 20, 2008.

Water Works District No. 2, Ward 6

/s/ Alton Schexnider, President
Run: Dec. 13, 27 & Jan. 10 (D 32)

CHOICES. Two-thirds of cancer deaths can be prevented by healthy lifestyle choices. The American Cancer Society suggests seven choices: Cut out tobacco. Hold the fat. Opt for high-fiber fruits, vegetables and grains. Use alcohol only in moderation. See your doctor for regular checkups. Exercise every day. Safeguard your skin from the sun.

A LONG-G-G- TRIP! The planet Neptune has not made a complete revolution around the sun since it was discovered in 1846. With an orbital period of 165 years it will have completed an orbit in 2011.

FEMA trailer parks will be closed by May 31st

(American Press)

Over the last year, the number of occupied FEMA trailers has declined by more than two-thirds, as victims of the 2005 hurricanes have moved out of trailers on private property and federal officials have begun moving close trailer park sites across Louisiana.

Last December, 86,838 federally issued trailers were occupied statewide. That compares to 29,654 as of Dec. 19, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Most of those trailers are on private property - 23,743, compared to 69,219 a year ago, according to FEMA - and the decline is a sign of progress in the regions recovery, FEMA spokesman Ronnie Simpson said.

The rest of the trailers, 2,059, are in group sites or parks. That's down from 8,089 a year ago.

FEMA, which has said the trailers were only meant as a temporary alternative, recently announced plans to close nearly all trailer park sites by May 31, just before the start of the 2008 hurricane season.

The closure order doesn't include the Crying Eagle FEMA trailer park in Lake Charles.

FEMA has been talking with the city of Lake Charles and the Lake Charles Housing Authority to take over the trailer park.

Simpson said FEMA has tried to help people find more permanent places to live and that most who had been living in the trailer parks had found other places to live.

But some housing advocates have expressed concerns that many people moving out of the parks may simply be moving in with friends or family because they cannot find stable homes of their own.

Azaleas can last decades and are easy to maintain

(NAPSA)-For many people, it's not officially spring until they turn on the TV and see the azaleas that bloom each April at the Augusta National Country Club in Georgia-the site of the Masters professional golf tournament.

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RUN: Dec. 27 (D-41)



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- Arts - Cameron A. Beckmann and D. Ravelle Reed.
- Business Administration - Misty Michelle Badon.
- Liberal Arts - Ashley N. Price.



IF YOU THOUGHT 4-H was just cows and cookies, think again. Pictured above is Jr. Leader member Mikalee Moonie leading younger 4-Hers through a water quality activity at a recent workshop. They are examining the pond water to determine the type of vegetation and microorganisms present. An extended discussion determined the value of living things within a given environment.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE STATE MINERAL BOARD FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821

By virtue of and in conformity with the provisions of Sub-part A of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other applicable laws, sealed bids will be received in the Office of Mineral Resources, LaSalle Office Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (P. O. Box 287, Baton Rouge, LA 70821) on or before **12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 8, 2008** for a lease to explore, drill for and produce oil, gas and any other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas on the following described tracts (Tract Nos. 39541 through 39599, inclusive) to be opened publicly **Wednesday, January 9, 2008** in the LaSalle Office Building, 617 N. Third Street, Capitol Complex, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

All bids shall offer a "Cash Payment" bonus, as set forth on the authorized bid form, for a lease having a primary term in conformity with whether said lease is an inland or offshore lease and the said bonus shall maintain the lease in full force and effect for the first year. If the bid offers an **ANNUAL DELAY RENTAL** which is mandatory for leases with terms of more than one (1) year, it shall not be for less than **one-half (1/2)** of the Cash Payment bonus bid and any bids containing an annual delay rental of less than one-half (1/2) of the Cash Payment bonus will be increased to the one-half (1/2) amount. Any lease granted shall be without warranty or any recourse whatsoever, either express or implied, against lessor with regard to questions of title, not even for the return by Lessor of any payments received under the lease or being otherwise responsible therefor to Lessee. Under LSA-R. S. 30:127, the **Minimum Royalty bid** cannot be less than **one-eighth (1/8) of all oil, gas or other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas and saved or utilized. Rights to geothermal resources, free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and other solid minerals are to be excluded from any oil or gas mineral lease and any bid purporting to include those rights will be disregarded as to the extent of those rights only.** All bidders are notified that the Mineral Board does not obligate itself to accept any bid, and that acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Mineral Board which reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to grant a lease on any portion of the tract advertised and to withdraw the remainder of the tract.

Act 8 of the 2000 Second Extraordinary Legislative Session established two additional fees to be collected from mineral lessees on all mineral leases awarded. **An additional fee of \$15 per acre will be collected for potash, lignite, salt and other solid minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas and saved or utilized. An additional fee of \$5 per acre will be collected and deposited into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund.** A separate check in the amount of \$20 per acre made payable to the Office of Mineral Resources shall accompany the original bid (inside the sealed bid envelope). Bidders may use a regular check for payment of the fee. The successful bidder will not receive the lease executed by the State Mineral Board until the fees are received. If the bidder is unsuccessful, both the fee check and the Cash Payment bonus check will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder.

All leases awarded shall be executed upon terms and conditions provided in the current State lease form with all applicable riders appended thereto and a copy of which is available for review in the Office of Mineral Resources, Petroleum Lands Division, Leasing Section.

Certified check, cashier's check or bank money order payable to the **OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES** for the full amount of the aforesaid Cash Payment bonus shall be submitted with and accompany each bid, and no bid once submitted, may be thereafter withdrawn or canceled. Once the bid is opened and accepted by the Mineral Board, the accompanying checks or money order shall be negotiated by the Office of Mineral Resources and the proceeds disbursed in the manner required by law.

SPECIAL NOTE: Act 449 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature requires that a prospective lease holder for a State mineral lease be registered with the Office of Mineral Resources. Registration with the Office of Mineral Resources consists of filling out the Prospective Leaseholder form and supplying this office with a certificate from the Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana attesting that the prospective leaseholder is in good standing as authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana. **UNDERSTAND** that being registered for nomination or any other purpose **DOES NOT CONSTITUTE REGISTRATION AS A PROSPECTIVE LEASEHOLDER.** Act 449 specifically states that, **"Only those bidders who are registered prospective leaseholders with the office of mineral resources shall be allowed to bid on tracts for the purpose of obtaining a mineral lease from the state of Louisiana."** If an entity plans to submit a bid on a tract at any State mineral lease sale, that bid **WILL NOT** be accepted unless the bidding entity was properly registered with the Office of Mineral Resources prior to the lease sale at which its bid was submitted. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT!!!**

Under rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with authority granted by Act 106 of the First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 2002, a **fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the Cash Payment bonus bid is required to be submitted by separate check, accompanying the original bid (inside the sealed bid envelope). Bidders may use a regular check for the 10% fee. The successful bidder will not receive the lease executed by the State Mineral Board until the fee is received.** If the bidder is unsuccessful, both the fee check and the Cash Payment bonus check will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder.

The successful bidder to whom the lease is awarded who receives the written lease executed by the State Mineral Board shall return the written lease, duly executed by Lessee (all of names of Lessees on the lease instrument), within **TWENTY (20) DAYS** of receipt of same under penalty for failure to do so of forfeiture of the lease, including the Cash Payment bonus and fee tendered and negotiated.

Bids may be for the whole or any particular described portion of the land advertised, but consistent with Mineral Board policy. All portions are hereby notified that bids on portions of tracts shall be described by metes and bounds and be accompanied by a transparent plat outlining thereon the portion bid upon. The scale of the transparent plat shall be the same as the scale of the **OFFICIAL PLAT (NOT THE F & A PLAT) CONTAINED HEREIN** and should identify the Point of Beginning with X and Y coordinates (if applicable), the Section, Township and Range (if applicable) and the Parish. If the Parish, any adjacent existing State Mineral Leases, and, further, should clearly show the entire tract boundaries in relationship to the portion bid upon. It shall also show the Topographic features (Land and Water) of the area in detail similar to the Official Plat contained herein. Failure to follow these guidelines in submitting a portion bid may result in outright rejection of the portion bid by the State Mineral Board at its sole discretion.

Notice is given that the State Mineral Board will include provisions in the lease to insure applicable payments attributable to the lease property without regard to adverse title claims, disputes, litigation or title failure and the language of those provisions is available to any interested party at the Office of Mineral Resources. Prospective bidders should carefully examine the same prior to submitting any bid.

Some tracts available for leasing may be situated in the Louisiana Coastal Zone as defined in Act 361 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 1978 (promulgated as LSA-R. S. 49:213) and may be subject to the guidelines and regulations promulgated by the Coastal Management Section of the Department of Natural Resources for operations in the Coastal Zone.

NOTE: All bids shall specify the Cash Payment bonus for leases as a price per acre amount and an aggregate total amount, whereby a bid for the entire tract shall be controlled by the bid price per acre multiplied by the specified amount of state owned/claimed acreage advertised for the tract, and a bid for a portion of the tract shall be controlled by the bid price per acre multiplied by the actual amount of state owned/claimed acreage within the polygon boundaries of the portion bid. For purposes of rental payments, the price bid per acre for the Cash Bonus, reduced if appropriate to the rental price per acre but not less than one-half of the price per acre bid for the Cash Bonus multiplied by the state owned/claimed acreage of the polygon bid (specified acreage if entire tract is bid; actual acreage in portion bid polygon) shall determine the amount of cash payment throughout the primary term, regardless of any releases. For purposes of deferred development payments, one-half of the price per acre bid for the Cash Bonus multiplied by the state owned/claimed acreage within the remaining lease polygon, if any release has occurred, but outside of a unit polygon within which unit activity is ongoing, shall determine the amount of the deferred development payment.

NOTE: Multiple portion bids on the same tract may be accepted by the State Mineral Board, even though they overlap. In the case of overlapping portion bids on the same tract, each of which is otherwise acceptable to the State, the State Mineral Board will indicate which one of the multiple bids on the same tract is most advantageous, considering the royalty, per acre cash payment, bonus, any additional consideration and what, in the sole discretion of the Mineral Board, is in the best interest of the State, and that bid (referred to as "Bid A") will be given priority in having a lease issued. The State Mineral Board will also indicate the acceptability of other portion bids on the same tract, if any, in the order of their acceptance (referred to respectively as "Bid B", "Bid C", etc.). Once the plat of "Bid A" is portion has been rendered as accurately as possible, "Bid B" will be contacted and given an option to take a lease on the remaining portion of his portion bid acreage not overlapping "Bid A" 's bid portion, at "Bid B" 's per acre bid price (both as to bonus and rental); and thereafter, each successive bidder whose bid is otherwise acceptable will be given the option to take a lease on

whatever portion remains of his portion bid acreage at his respective per acre bid price, less and except any prior portion bid acreage on which the successful bidder has opted to take a lease.

NOTE: If you require accommodations due to a disability in order to attend or participate in a meeting, please notify the Office of Mineral Resources at P.O. Box 2827, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2827 or 225-342-4606 at least two (2) working days before the meeting date.

INLAND TRACTS (Tract Nos. 39544 through 39581 inclusive, herein) are those tracts which lie landward of the Louisiana shoreline as defined by the report of the Special Master in the litigation in the Supreme Court of the United States styled United States v. State of Louisiana, et al, No. 9 Original and set out in the June 1975, Decree of the said Supreme Court. All bids on inland tracts cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding **three (3) years.** Bids that specify a primary term exceeding three (3) years for an inland tract may be rejected outright or the primary term changed to three (3) years at the sole discretion of the State Mineral Board.

TRACT 39550 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description as to which title is vested in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on January 9, 2008, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,567,383.00 and Y = 463,884.00; thence East 18,240.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,585,623.00 and Y = 463,884.00; thence South 12,000.00 feet to the Easternmost Northeast corner of State Lease No. 19354 having Coordinates of X = 1,585,623.00 and Y = 451,864.00; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 19354 the following courses: West 3,666.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,581,957.00 and Y = 451,864.00; North 1,596.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,581,957.00 and Y = 453,480.00 and West 1,126.00 feet to the Southeast corner of State Lease No. 18506 having Coordinates of X = 1,580,831.00 and Y = 453,480.00; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 18506 the following courses: North 3,920.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,580,831.00 and Y = 457,400.00; West 3,000.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,577,831.00 and Y = 457,400.00 and South 1,800.39 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,577,831.00 and Y = 455,599.61; thence West 1,705.55 feet to the Southeast corner of State Lease No. 18507 having Coordinates of X = 1,576,125.45 and Y = 455,599.61; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 18507 the following courses: North 01 degree 22 minutes 52 seconds East 4,932.68 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,576,244.35 and Y = 460,530.86 and West 3,577.64 feet to its Northwest corner, also being the Northeast corner of State Lease No. 18505 having Coordinates of X = 1,572,666.71 and Y = 460,530.86; thence West 5,283.71 feet along the North boundary of said State Lease No. 18505 to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,567,383.00 and Y = 460,530.86; thence North 3,353.14 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **1,403 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

NOTE: The above description of the Tract nominated for lease has been provided and corrected, where required, exclusively by the nomination party. Any mineral lease selected from this Tract and awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board shall be without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should the mineral lease awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board be subsequently modified, cancelled or abrogated due to the existence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions which may affect all or any portion of the leased Tract, it shall not relieve the Lessee of the obligation to pay any bonus due thereon to the Louisiana State Mineral Board, nor shall the Louisiana State Mineral Board be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessor prior to such modification, cancellation, or abrogation, including, but not limited to, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.



NITA CONNER celebrated her 97th birthday Dec. 12. She is originally from Creole, but since Hurricane Rita, she is now a resident of Grand Cove Nursing Home. She loves having visitors come by and spend time with her. She is the mother of Roberta Richard and Genelle Crochet. She has seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.



THE HACKBERRY Cub Scouts recently attended camp at Camp Edgewood. Hunter Davis, left, placed third in Archery for Webelos. Owen Foreman, center, placed first in Archery for Tiger Cubs. Clint Welch, right, placed third in BB Gun Shooting for Webelos.



— REGISTRATION —

DEADLINE FOR
February 9, 2008, ELECTION

In order to vote in the February 9, 2008 election, you must be registered by January 8, 2008.

You can REGISTER by mail (by requesting a form) or you can come into our office located in Cameron behind the courthouse, 1st trailer to the right. Our phone number is (337) 775-5493.

Thank You,
Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar

RUN: Dec. 27 & 1/3 (D-44)

Cameo Club to present books

The Cameo Club Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Revolution will be at the South Cameron High School Library on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m.

There will be a presentation of library books along with a dedication ceremony and reception.

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for the position of **Office Clerical**. Minimum Bachelor's degree from accredited technical school, college or university. Experience in computerized data entry, filing, telephone, reception and other office skills preferred.

Starting Salary: Non-degreed - \$26,087.10; Associate's - \$27,587.10; Bachelor's - \$28,587.10, (increases accrued per verifiable years of applicable experience; all full-time benefits available).

Applicants must provide the following:

- Certified copy of college/university transcript(s)
- Copy of current driver's license
- Complete resume of professional accomplishments and educational preparation, proficiency in specific computer programs, and including a minimum of three (3) letters of recommendations

Please mail application to: **Stephanie Rodrigue, Superintendent, Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631, or hand deliver to Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue: 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607 (in temporary building on west side of Grand Lake High School)**

Application Packet Receipt Deadline: January 4, 2008.

RUN: Dec. 13, 20, 27 & Jan 3 (D-35)

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for the position of **Business Manager (2 to be hired)**. Minimum Bachelor's degree from accredited college or university required. Experience in accounting, finance or related areas preferred.

Starting Salary: BA or BS - \$42,034.76; Master's - \$42,579.76; PhD or CPA - \$42,961.26, (increases accrued per verifiable years of applicable experience; all full-time benefits available).


Applicants must provide the following:

- Certified copy of college/university transcript(s)
- Copy of current driver's license
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Application Packet Receipt Deadline: January 4, 2008.

RUN: Dec. 13, 20, 27 & Jan 3 (D-36)



Cameron LNG LLC

AN AFFILIATE OF SEMPRA LNG

Cameron LNG, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, is currently staffing for an **Environmental/Training Coordinator**. This liquefied natural gas (LNG) receipt terminal is located just north of the community of Hackberry in Cameron Parish. Cameron LNG is under construction and will begin commercial operations in late 2008.

The **Environmental/Training Coordinator** will be responsible for implementing and managing the compliance guidelines and requirements of all environmental permits and will provide training guidance and assistance for all departments at the facility. Ideal candidate should have at least 3 to 5 years working knowledge of environmental permits and monitoring requirements.

For consideration, apply online at www.sempra.com/careers.

Cameron LNG is committed to recruiting and employing the best and brightest employees from the Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes and surrounding areas for years to come. We offer competitive salaries and exceptional benefits.

For more information on Cameron LNG, please visit www.cameronlng.com.

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