# **Holly Beach** meeting set

A town meeting will be held at the Holly Beach fire hall Thursday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. to update progress for the sewerage system, change of treatment plant site, discuss bond issue, and give a L.C.D.B.G update.

## **Andre Savoie** on All-SW La. grid team

South Cameron's Andre Savoie was named to the Lake Charles American Press All Southwest LA football

team for small schools.

The small schools team consists of outstanding players from area schools with a classification of 2A or smaller.

Savoie, a 6 foot 175 pound senior, was named as a defensive back on the squad.

# S. Cameron wrestlers win at tourney

South Cameron High wrestlers participated in a ten-team dual tournament hosted by Sulphur High

School Thursday, Dec. 23.
Senior Dane Dupont led the way, going 4-0 in the 135 lb. class while improving his

overall record to 20-3. B. J. Abshire was also undefeated, as he posted a perfect 4-0 for the day in the 112 lb. class.

# Resolutions to better self and others

By CYNDI SELLERS As the new year approaches, many people make resolutions to improve some area of their lives over the next year. These often involve diet, exercise, elimination of bad

habits, or cultivation of better Many times the resolution is broken early on, and next year the same ones are dragged out again. For those in a resolution rut, or those looking for resolution ideas,

here are a few to choose from. In 2005 I resolve to:

Spread the message of Christmas throughout the year by committing random acts of kindness toward total strangers.

Become a better citizen by getting involved in community service.

Be a safer driver, using my low beams in rain and fog and making sure all my passengers wear seatbelts, especially children.

Enlarge my mind by reading good books, perhaps from the library which has thousands.

Take care of the beautiful world I live in by not littering or dumping trash and occasionaly cleaning up after someone else.

Donate my Christmas tree to the marsh restoration pro-

Help an elderly or infirm neighbor with yard or house-

Fight the current trend toward uncivility by striving to be more polite, remembering "a soft answer turneth away wrath.'

Smile more. May peace, love and joy fill your new year.





SNOW IN CAMERON? Yes, there was snow in Cameron Parish on Christmas Eve. This picture shows the Jo Jo Gaspard house in Cameron on Christmas morning. Snow was also reported in the Creole and Grand Chenier ares. (Photo by DeDe Nunez.)

# Courthouse needs plumbing repairs

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Police Jury addressed the need for repairs to the aging court house plumbing system at its agenda meeting Monday night. The cast iron pipes, installed in 1937, have been rusting out, causing leakage of raw sewage from the jail into the offices of the Sheriff's department below.

Each time a leak occurs, it costs around \$3000 a day to repair it, according to staff. Ceiling tile and light fixtures have been damaged and not yet replaced.

The jury proposes to replace the entire jail plumbing system as a permanent solution to the problem. The estimated cost of the project is between \$160,000 and \$200,000. The parish has \$750,000 set aside in a fund for court house and police jury building repairs.

If approved, all the pipes, the ceiling and light fixtures, and plumbing fixtures will be replaced. The jail fixtures will have to be replaced with

new ones meeting jail code. The project will be on the agenda at the regular police jury meeting Jan. 3.

The jury briefly considered, and then rejected, a suggestion to pursue building a completely new law enforcement center to move the jail out of the court house.

Also on next week's agenda will be a proposal to change the hours the parish noise ordinance is in effect from 10 p.m. - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. - 7 a.m. on weekdays, with weekends and holidays at 9 p.m. - 10 a.m.

There would be an exception for public performances or for public gatherings or parades for which a permit has been issued. Also, the two written statements required for a complaint would no longer have to come from two separate households.

The jury decided to change the meeting time for the agenda meetings to 4:30 p.m., keeping the days the same.

Agenda meetings will continue to be held on the last Monday of the month and regular meetings will be at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of each month for 2005.

Road crew business took up the majority of the meeting time, with the jury discussing whether to fix a broken grader in the Sweetlake area, at a cost of \$10,000 -\$12,000, and also whether to enter into a lease purchase agreement on a new smaller grader to be used as a substitute when the older ones are down for repair. The cost would be \$20,000 a year for five years. The large parish graders are all 30 years old and have all had major

Juror Sonny McGee asked to have Deep Bayou Road striped with state quality material due to the dangerous curves on the road and lack of streetlights. The 2.9 miles would cost about \$6500 to stripe. Other jurors mentioned roads in their districts which also need new striping, but they agreed to wait and see how the road royalty payments shape up over the next few months and then seek a

Cameron Parish

Library will be hosting their

monthly book club on Jan. 6

at 5 p.m. The book being dis-

cussed will be "Fried Green

Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop

Cafe". A free copy of the book

meeting. McNeese English

pay scale and evaluations for road crew foremen resulted in the appointment of a committee to create appropriate eval-uation criteria for foremen. Sonny McGee, Steve Trahan, Scott Trahan, Ellis Nunez, and Tina Horn will serve on the committee.

for foremen, with correspondbe ranked and paid the same. Jurors James Doxey and Darryl Farque opposed the ranking system, saying all foremen should be equal, while McGee and the both Trahans argued that ranks would give foremen incentive

A proposal to abandon the last 100' of Carter Rd. in Cameron will be brought up for a hearing and vote at Monday's meeting. Homeland security issues have been donment.

The jury will also elect

parishwide project.

A major discussion on the

At issue was whether there should be rating levels to improve.

new officers and appoint the parish administrator and parish treasurer at this meet-

Professor, Delma Porter, will

head this book discussion also

are encouraged to bring a

snack for the group. Please

call 775-5421 or 569-2892 for

more information.

Participants of both groups



THE LOUISIANA FUR and Wildlife Festival has the reputation of being the "coldest festival in the state" since it is held in January every year. These three young ladies were dressed warmly when they rode on a float in last year's festival parade. This year's parade will be held

# Festival parade to be held Saturday, Jan. 8

KPLC-TV personalities and representatives of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will serve as the parade marshals for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival's annual parade set for 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 8 in Cameron, according to Freddie Richard, parade chairman.

The parade will line up on the east side of Cameron and will start at the Methodist Church. No throws will be put on the floats until they reach the starting point.

proceeds through town, turning south

at the FDF office and disbanding on the back street.

This year's parade will honor the menhaden industry. Judges will be in front of Hibernia Bank to judge the floats from the different categories including junior division, senior division, commercial division and the Ed Swindell Memorial Award.

The parade also welcomes horseback riders, bicycles, trucks, etc.

If you have an entry, please contact Freddie Richard at 775-7382 after 5

# **Discarded Christmas trees** will help save marshes here

(Lake Charles American Press)

The Cameron Parish ing pay scales, or all foremen Police Jury in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources is using discarded Christmas trees in the Cameron Parish Wetlands.

To have your tree included: place tree at the roadside next to your home before Friday, Jan. 14 for pickup by the Cameron Parish Road Crew. Please keep separate from other garbage. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from your tree. Flocked trees will not be picked up, as cited as the need for the aban- they are a hazard to wildlife and fish; therefore, not acceptable for this project.

Specially designed fences are built out of wood and filled with the clean, discarded trees. The fences are designed to

slow water movement and trap sediments, but still allow water to flow. This year the trees will be

used to reinforce three existing Christmas tree fences-two in Calcasieu and one in Cameron.

Calcasieu's project sites are east of the Ellender Bridge and in Turner's Bay near Calcasieu Point landing.

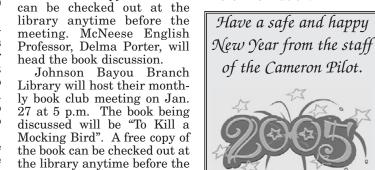
Calcasieu Parish plans to place about 3,000 Christmas trees in the existing brush fences at the Ellender Bridge site and 2,000 trees at the Turner's Bay site. About 5,000 trees will be

used in the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish.





TWO QUEENS will give up their crowns at the annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival to be held in Cameron Jan. 6-8. Left is Trista Semien, the 2004 Fur Queen, from Creole. Right is Ashley Picou, Miss Cameron Parish, of Grand Lake. Miss Picou will compete for the Fur Queen title this year. Miss Semien was Miss Cameron Parish in 2003.

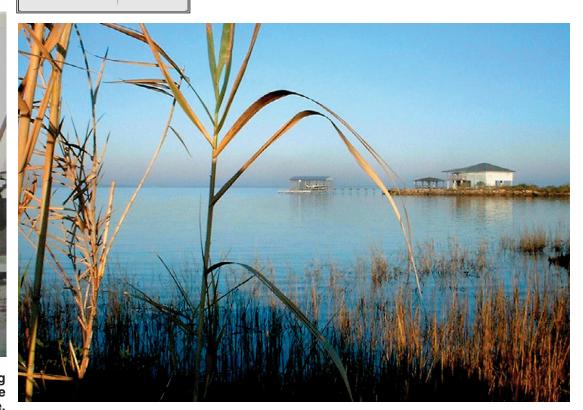


Book Clubs' books are told



ANTIQUATED PLUMBING in the 67 year old Cameron Court House has been rusting out in several places, causing smelly, unsanitary conditions and considerable damage to offices below the jail in the Sheriff's Office. Repeated patch jobs have been made, but the Police Jury is considering replacing the entire jail plumbing system. The matter will be taken up at Monday's regular Police Jury meeting.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THIS BEAUTIFUL scene was photographed at Pelican's Point at Hebert's Marina on Big Lake. Many new summer homes are being built in this area.

# **Funeral**

MARGARET "PEANUT" CRYER

Margaret "Peanut" Cryer, 44, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, in Lake Charles.

Born in Lake Charles, she lived in Cameron most of her life. She was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and worked as a certified nurse's assistant at South Cameron Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Victor Cryer of Cameron; mother, Carmen Peshoff of Cameron; two sons, David and Brent Maia, both of Cameron; a daughter, Chasidy Guillory of Glendale, Ariz.; two brothers, David Dyson of Virginia Beach, Va., and William Dyson of Cameron; four sisters, Laura Hebert of Cameron, Gloria Salazar of Mauriceville, Tex., Martha Boone of St. Augustine, Tex., and Cheryl Bradley of Green Cove Fla.; and three Springs, grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, Dec. 28, from Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron. Father Jack Poerio officiated. Burial was in the church's cemetery.



### Styes in the Eye

They"re tender and usually irritating.

What is a stye and how should it be treated?

A stye is also called a HORDEOLUM (say HOR-DEE-OH-LUMM). It is a pimple caused by skin germs that infect the tunnel through which the eyelashes emerge. A stye is usually tender and eventually develops a pointy white head before it

bursts. A moist, hot compress  $\mathbf{speed}$ resolution. Antibiotics are not necessary. The stye has to drain, whether on its own or with a

# It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick

(Cameron Pilot, Dec. 30, 1971)

#### DOXEY RETIRES

Rupert Doxey, chairman of Cameron Parish the Executive Democratic Committee and a member of the committee for 30 years, was honored at a meeting of the committee last week when he announced his retirement.

Members of the committee are: Garner Nunez, Kenneth Nunez, H. Ward Fontenot, J. A. Lowery, Ronald Istre, Dr. Cecil W. Clark, Lionel A. Theriot and Jerry G. Jones.

#### MISS CAMERON

Seven Cameron Parish girls have entered the Miss Cameron Parish contest to be held during the Friday night program of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, Jan. 7. Pamela Gail Riggs, of Hackberry, the reigning Miss Cameron Parish, will give up her crown that night to the winner.

Contestants who will be competing are: Cindi Lynn Tanner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tanner of Cameron; Peggy Ann Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelly of Cameron; Glenda Marie Schexnider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schexnider Alton Hackberry; Lara January, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John January of Grand Chenier; Brenda Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor, Sr. of Sweetlake; Wanda Devall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Devall of Grand Lake.

doctor's help. Sometimes it can grow so large that surgical drainage is advised.

There are some lookalike lesions that can mimic a stye, so if it doesn't clear promptly in 5-7 days be sure you see your ophthalmologist for an evaluation.

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Savoy. Music will be conduct-Alcy Bartie, Jr., and song leaders are Carol Cockrell, Harrison.

## **CHAMPION TO PERFORM**

#### By GENEVA GRIFFITH

On Jan. 7 and 8, Cameron Parish will honor one of the industries which plays such an important role in its economy, the fur industry, with the 16th annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival.

On hand to defend his state muskrat skinning title will be J. A. Miller, a young fur trapper who this year set a new world record at the National Outdoor Show in Cambridge, Maryland, by skinning five muskrats in 52.1 seconds. The old world record was 63 seconds.

Miller traps with his father, Fletcher, who has been in the business over 40 years in Cameron Parish. The Millers trap on about 6000

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Grand Chenier--The lighting contest was a big success. Very many beautiful outdoor decoration were seen. One unusual scene was the first decorative boat seen here at the Chenier, that of Claude V. (Pete) McCall's Sunrise II docked at the wharf along the Mermentau River. Lights were strung along the outline of the boat and Santa, with a bag of toys on the top of the boat, waved to everyone.

The Sweetlake HD Club, sponsors of the Christmas lighting contest for the Sweetlake area, announced these winners: Outdoor lighting--the Irvin Richards, 1st, winning an electric skillet; the Donas Mathisons, 2nd; the Mike Taylors, 3rd; and the Ray Beards, Charles Prechts and Murphy Gradneys, honorable men-

#### ROUNDABOUT THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday school teachers for 1972 at Ebenezer Baptist Church are Lee J. Harrison, Mrs. Irene Bartie, Rudolph Bartie, Sr., Mrs. Mary Cockrell, Mrs. Susie LaSalle. Secretaries are Cornellia and Rudolph Bartie, Jr., Vickie Sturlese and Mrs. Cheryl ed by Gregory Harrison and Cornellia Bartie and Dexter

# menus told

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish Schools for the week beginning Jan. 3 are as follows:

burger, oven fries, baked beans, chocolate cake, chocolate cream frosting, hamburg-

fajitas, fixings cup, baked potato, banana

Wednesday, Jan 5 Stromboli, Tator Tots, baked beans, chilled peach slices,

Thursday, Jan. 6 - Roast beef, fresh fruit cup, green beans, yeast rolls, rice.

All meals served

# **School lunch**

Monday, Jan. 3 - Barbecue er bun, catsup. Tuesday, Jan. 4 - Chicken

quares, flour tortillas.

with

# **Hackberry** News

By GRACE WELCH

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH **NEWS**

C.C.D. classes will resume Sunday, Jan. 2.

Adoration is Saturday Jan. 1, 5 p.m. until Sunday, Jan. 2 at St. Peter's Church in Hackberry.

The Diocese of Lake Charles, Alexandria and Baton Rouge will sponsor a retreat for young men age 16 and over at Saint Charles' Center in Moss Bluff, Jan 14-

This retreat has helped men to discuss whether God is calling them to the Diocean Priesthood. For more information contact Father Roland Vaughn at 762-3365.

Bingo will be Saturday, Jan. 8 at 5:15 p.m. in the

#### TRIP

Michelle McInnis of Lake Charles and her brother Luke McInnis of Hackberry drove to Westville, N. J. to visit Dwayne  $_{
m their}$ father, McInnis, who recently had surgery. Michelle and Luke are the children of Mary Coot McInnis of Hackberry.

# Cameron **Library News**

MEMORIAL BOOKS

Oil, Gordon Johnson by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Brasseaux; The Basics of Oil Spill Clean Up, Monroe Wicke by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas

Red White Blue & Gold, Alfred Vaughan by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Brasseaux; Backyard Livestock, Mary Jane Miller by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Brasseaux;

The Great Towns of America, Ella Louise Booth by the American Legion Auxiliary; Coversational Cajun French, John Faulk by J. B. and Betty Nunez;

The Softball Pitching Edge, Alfred Vaughan by Tony and Rhonda Duhon; Capturing Oak Alley, Monroe Wicke by Jaimie and Tina

Boudreaux and family; Louisiana Family Law Guide, Claude Eagleson by Jaimie and Tina Boudreaux and family; 1000 Facts on Planet Earth, Murl Trahan by

Charlotte Trosclair family; Adam, Adam What Do You See?, Monroe Wicke by Charlotte Trosclair family.

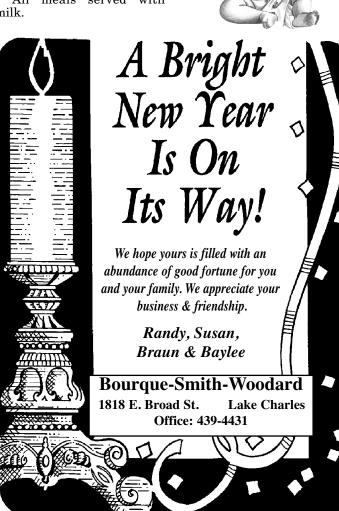
### **NEW NOVELS**

Salty Piece of Land. Jimmy Buffett; The Glass Virgin, Catherine Cookson; State of Fear, Michael Crichton:

Black Wind, Clive Cussler; Double Shot, Diane Mott Davidson; Night Fall, Nelson DeMille: Always, Deveraux;

State of Happiness, Stella Duffy; Metro Girl, Janet Evanovich; Paradise Fields, Katie Fforde; Whiteout, Ken





# Lagniappe Two **Retirement Home Living Notes**



By GENEVA GRIFFITH

My grandson Jared came to our Christmas Open House and reported that he had just killed an 8-point deer that came up to the back fence of my house on Oak Grove, where he is living. What a wonderful place to live for sportsmen ducks in front, marsh and deer in the back. I remember when the deer were first transplanted, back there into the marsh years ago.

We had our arctic front and snow and sleet. I remember the few times we had snow in Port Arthur, Tex., where I grew up, they turned out school so we could enjoy it.

I hope Santa brought each one of you the present you wanted. I spent the night at Cherie's house so I could get up and see my great-grandchild have her first Christmas. I have never seen so many furry toys that talk. We taught her to

say "Ho-Ho" like Santa and she went around all day saying "Ho-Ho."

I guess that Cameron Parish is all set for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival next week. I remember all the good times we used to have planning and participating in it.

I also remember when I won a first place national award on a picture I took of B. B. Doxev in the 1987 duck calling contest. I have the picture mounted on my wall in my office.

All of the original workers are now gone, with the exception of a few, of which Hadley Fontenot is one, and several others who are now just bystanders. The younger generations are taking over, and doing a wonderful job of running it. Here's to all of those who contribute their time, money, and effort in telling the world what Cameron is famous for. "Let the good times roll."

## **Electrical safety awareness**

(NAPSA)-Changing seasons does not mean a change in the need for electrical safety awareness. Keep the following safety tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International in mind to prevent devastating property loss, injury or death due to electrical accidents. Electric blankets

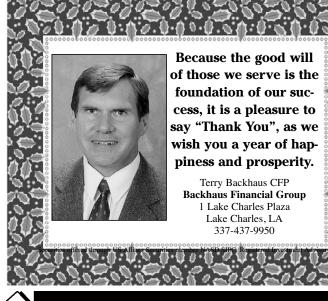
• Make sure electric blankets are in good repair, certified by an independent testing lab

such as UL, CSA or ETL, and power cords are not worn or

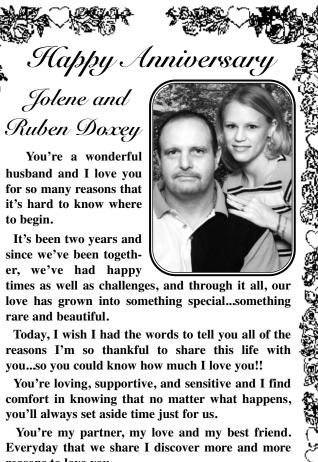
• Do not tuck your electric blanket into mattresses or under children and don't put comforters or bedspreads on top of the blanket while in use.

 Never allow pets to sleep on electric blankets.

For electrical safety tips, visit ESFI's Web site at www.electrical-safety.org or call 703-841-3229.







You're my partner, my love and my best friend. Everyday that we share I discover more and more reasons to love you. Happy Anniversary,

to begin.

Your loving wife,

Jolene



Mrs. William Brian, Jr.

# **Brian-McCall vows said** at New Orleans church

Kelly Michelle McCall and William Thomas "Billy" Brian, Jr. were married Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Saint Patrick's Church in New Orleans. Father Pat Wattigny officiated the double ring ceremony. The music for the ceremony was provided by Mr. Joe Hoppe, organist, Mr. Gary Hotard, trumpet, and Mrs. Janine Rodriguez, vocalist.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Michael McCall of Covington and Drs. Thomas and Deborah Brian of Mandeville. Grandparents of the couple are the late Mr. and Mrs. Claude V. "Pete" McCall of Grand Chenier, Mrs. Mavis Lusher of Folsom and the late Mr. John R. Lusher, the late Mr. and Mrs. Logan Magruder of Covington, and Mrs. Wanda Brian of Weatherford, Tex. and the late Mr. Ross Brian.

Lindsay McCall, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Elizabeth Thornton, Sarah Weissman, Lauren Suarez, Natalie Jenkins, Carson

Magruder, and Jennifer Moore.

The flowergirl was Kasey Lyn Lusher and the ringbearer was Grayson Magruder.

Bestman was Marcus Brian, brother of the groom, and groomsmen included John Thornton, Chad Vaught, Brad Boogaerts, Joe Krueger, Tim Nugent, Mike Daly, and Richie Kabrich. Ushers were Alexander Armand, Brad David, Trey Hodges, Agustin Magruder, and Brian Tallet.

A reception followed at the Chateau Sonesta Hotel in the French Quarter.

The bride is a graduate of Covington High School and Louisiana State University. She is currently attending LSU School of Law.

The groom is a graduate of Mandeville High School and Louisiana State University. He is currently employed at Marine Interiors as an Estimator.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple is making their home in Denham Springs.

### 2005 dietary guidelines

The following nine recommendations incorporate the key scientific findings of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines Committee:

Consume a variety of foods within and among the basic food groups while staying within energy needs.
2. Control calorie intake to

manage body weight.

3. Be physically active every day.

4. Increase daily intake of fruits and vegetables, whole grains and nonfat or low-fat milk and milk products.

5. Choose fats wisely for good health.

6. Choose carbohydrates wisely for good health.

7. Choose and prepare foods

with little salt. 8. If you drink alcoholic bev-

erages, do so in moderation. 9. Keep food safe to eat.

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# **Fur Festival** info needed

The Cameron Pilot will publish its annual Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival edition next week--Jan. 6. (The Festival is set for Jan. 6-8.)

Photographs and information on the contestants for Fur Queen, Miss Cameron, Little Miss & Mr. Cameron and Deb, Teen and Jr. Miss Pageants must be provided to the newspaper by Tuesday, Jan. 4 to be included in this edition. This means this material should be turned into the Cameron Pilot office at Clipper Office Supply by Monday morning or brought to the Pilot office in DeQuincy by Tuesday.

Superintendents of these contests are asked to contact the Pilot office as soon as possible to make arrangements for securing these stories and photos. Call 1-800-256-7323 or fax 337-786-8131. Stories and photos also can be emailed to:

dequincynews@century

Other stories and photos sought for this edition include the Maryland Outdoor Festival delegation, parade information, information on the various contests--skinning, duck & goose calling,



49th Annual

Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival

Schedule of Events January 6, 7 & 8, 2005

HELD ON FAIRGROUNDS BEHIND THE CAMERON COURTHOUSE

THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 2005 Carnival Rides

6 p.m. - Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish, Crowning of King Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

Admission To All Pageants At Cameron Elementary Auditorium: \$5.00 Adults \$3.00 Children Gate Charge \$1.00 Per Person Honoring Menhaden Fishing Industry

All events on fairgrounds unless otherwise noted.

FRIDAY, JAN. 7, 2005 "CAMERON PARISH DAY" 8 a.m. - Fairgrounds Open, Parish Carnival Rides, Shooting Competition.

9 a.m. - Jr. & Sr. Parish Dog Trials Registration. 10 a.m. - Jr. & Sr. Parish Dog Trials

11 a.m - 3 p.m. - Carnival armbands 2 - 5 p.m. - Dance on Fairgrounds

featuring Midnight Special 4 - 8 p.m. - Carnival armbands \$12 6:30 p.m. - Deb, Teen, Jr. and Miss

Cameron Parish Pageant; Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

S AT U R D AY, JAN. 8, 2005 8 a.m. - Fairgrounds Open. Carnival Rides. State Trap Shooting Competition: Boys & Girls (Junior-

Teen), Men & Women (Adult). 9 a.m. - 12 noon - Carnival \$12

Armbands. 9 a.m. - Jr. and Sr. State Dog Trials Registration; Display of Scrapbook. 10: a.m. - Jr. and Sr. State Dog

Trials. 11:30 a.m. - Parade: Motorcycle Four Wheelers, Antique Cars, Grand

Parade. 2 p.m. - Jr. and Sr. Duck & Goose Calling Contest. Ladies & Men Oyster Shucking Contest.

2 - 5:30 p.m. - Dance on Fairgrounds featuring Static.

3 p.m. - Skinning: Ladies & Men's Muskrat; Jr., Ladies' & Men's Nutria, Trap Setting.

6:30 p.m. - La. Fur & Wildlife Queen Pageant, Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

9 p.m. - Adult Dance with Barry Badon & the Bayou Boys in the Cameron K. C. Hall. Admission \$10 per person. Food Will Be Sold.

Souvenirs for sale on Fairgrounds and Main Street! Shirts, cookbooks, hats, and koozies!

# Johnson Bayou history Check 21 info recounted by Mr. Block

By W. T. BLOCK

About ten miles east of Sabine Pass in the extreme corner of Southwest Louisiana is the town of Johnson Bayou. Daniel Johnson settled there first in 1790, and was soon followed by families named Barrow, Griffith Orr, and Berwock. And from the size of some of the earliest families, one might surmise that they planned to "replenish the earth."

My great grandparents, the Frederick Smiths, raised 13 children to be adults, other than stillborns or infant deaths. The Michel Peveto II family raised 20 children to adulthood, although by two different wives.

My Uncle John Smith (no relation) wrote a letter published in Galveston Daily News of June 1, 1894. He wrote that Rev. Joseph Berwick and his wife married in 1866, and they were the parents of 24 living children. Mrs. Berwick "is but 48 years old, was never sick enough to need a doctor; is of fine figure, weighing 148 pounds, and is the picture of good health...'

Nearby lived Mr. Dolzie Theriot and his wife, who were also the parents of 24 children (by one wife). "...More than one good doctor has settled here, only to learn a little later that he must take hold of the plow handles, or go hungry, or move away..

The story of Michel Peveto II is on of the peculiar interest. Peveto was born in St. Martinville, La., the son of Michel Peveto and Apolonie Broussard, and he was baptized on Feb. 4, 1799 in St. Martin du Tours Church. In 1815 Michel Peveto was a private in Capt. Shadrack Porter's company of infantry at the Battle of New Orleans.

In 1817, Peveto married Suzanne Hargrove in St. Martinville, and in 1835 they settled on a Mexican land grant on present-day Bayou Din near LaBelle. In March 1836, their oldest son, Michel III, joined Capt. William

Becky LaFleur, Owner

Logan's company and soon afterward fought at the Battle of San Jacinto. Michel was ill during the battle; he was discharged the next day, and he died Ca. May 10, 1836. He was buried in an unmarked grave in Peveto Cemetery near

Before the battle, Peveto II hastened during the Runaway Scrape to take his wife and remaining six children to Louisiana. They soon returned to Texas, but settled in a log cabin near the Sabine River in Orange. In 1840 Suzanne Peveto died and was buried in an unmarked grave near the river. On Sept. 5, 1843 Peveto II married once more to Caroline Milberry Arthur, and about 1850 the couple moved to Johnson Bayou, where most of their 13 children were born. Michel Peveto II died at Johnson Bayou on Dec. 21, 1881, and his surviving wife died there on Jan. 1, 1911.

Their son, Gille Peveto, lived in Nederland after 1900, and he was one of the founders of First Baptist Church. In fact, for some time, that church was known as Peveto Baptist Church because Gille Peveto paid off the indebtedness.

Two Peveto daughters, Laura and Tassie, married my great uncles, respectively Emory A. "Bud" Smith and D. A. "Gus" Smith. Bud and Laura Smith operated a dairy and lived out their lives in Nederland. Gus and Tassie Smith lived out their lives in Bridge City. Uncle Gus had a large peach orchard on his farm, where we often went to pick peaches. I was there once when I was small, and some hogs and chickens in the orchard staggered about because they were drunk from eating fermented peaches.

One peculiar fact occurred on April 21, 1936, the centennial anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto. My aunts Laura and Tassie were still alive, whereas their deceased half-brother Michel III had fought at the battle a century

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# **LEGAL NOTICES**

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

/s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUNS: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13

#### LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 6th day of December, 2004 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Project No. 04-004, Brian Circle Widening, pursuant to the certain contract between R. E. Heidt Construction Company, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 285742 in the Book of Mortgages,

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.

/s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUNS: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

BONNIE W. CONNER, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY RUNS: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30 - D 22

CAMERON PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENTION

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

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

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

The Issuer shall meet in open and public session on Thursday, January 6, 2005, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Holly Beach Fire Station, Holly Beach, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. If a petition is presented to the Issuer at this open and public meeting duly signed by not less than 5% of the electors of the Issuer voting at the last special or general election objecting to issuance of the Bonds, then said Bonds shall not be issued until approved by a vote of a majority of the Qualified electors of the Issuer who vote in a special election held for the purpose of approving issuance of the Bonds in the manner provided by the State's Election Code for the conduct of such elections. Any such petition must be accompanied by a Certificate of the Parish Registrar of Voters certifying the signers of the petition to be qualified electors of the Issuer and the number of signers amounts to not less than 5% of the registered voters of the Issuer in number, voting at the last special or general election.

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

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

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

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SP#16453

Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of State Purchasing, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Suite 2-160, P O. 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 10:00 A.M., on January 25, 2005, for the

STRUCTURE NO. 4 OF THE EAST MUD LAKE MARSH MANAGEMENT PROJECT (CS-20)

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL CAMERON PARISH

Proposal Number: L 25884 DL Solicitation Number: 2195455 Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:

OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING CLAIBORNE BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR 1201 NORTH THIRD STREET

BATON ROUGE, LA 70804 Attn: Pamela Allen Email: pamela.allen@la.gov Fax: (225) 342-8688 Phone: (225) 342-8019 SITE VISIT IS REQUIRED.

A Mandatory pre-bid confer-

ence will be held on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 9:30 A.M., Apache Corp Office, 2910 Gulf Beach Hwy. (LA 82) Approx. one mile West of Holly Beach, Louisiana. Attendance is required in order to submit a bid proposal. All bids must be accompanied

by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond. Surety represents that it is listed on the current U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies and that it is listed thereon as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in this instrument. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable. The successful Bidder shall be

required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount, and who is currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service List. The bond shall not be accepted if written for an amount exceeding the amount listed in the Treasury Financial Management Service List.

Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who are licensed under La. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification(s) such as, Heavy Construction and/or specialty of Coastal Rehabilitation, Coastal Restoration & Habitat Enhancement, Seeding, Sodding, Soil Stabilization, Sheet Piling. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the sale of bonds by the State Bond Commission. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor

until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed. STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING DENISE LEA DIRECTOR OF STATE

RUN: Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6 (D-38)

January 20, 2005:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bid Proposal Number 432-2214-

UORP/05-002

Oyster Reef Assessment,

Calcasieu Lake, Cameron Parish

list of contractors approved by the

Underwater Obstruction Removal

Program Office as of January 10,

2005 will be eligible for considera-

Underwater Obstruction Removal

Bid proposal form and specifi-

cations will be mailed to eligible

contractors. Additional informa-

tion may be obtained from the

Department of Natural Resources,

Office of Conservation, P.O. Box

94275 (617 N 3rd St-9th Fl.),

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275, Attention: Underwater

Obstruction Removal Program (or

call Underwater Obstruction

mit the bid shall be required in

accordance 38:2212(A)(1)(c)

inspection.

Thursdav.

RUN: Dec. 30 (D-52)

Grand Chenier, LA.

such meeting.

District No. 9

39:1594(C)(2)(d).

ly with Public Bid Law.

RUN: Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6 (D-45)

PUBLIC NOTICE

All interested persons are hereby notified that the Fiscal

Year 2005 Budget of the Cameron

Parish Recreation District No. 6 is

complete and available for public

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-

PUBLIC NOTICE

the 1999 Legislature regarding

open public meeting laws, regular

meetings of Cameron Parish

Waterworks District No. 9, for the

year 2005, are to be held as fol-

a. Meetings will be held last Thursday of each month.

be held at office of the District,

c. Odd months-meeting will be held at office of the District, Muria, Creole, Louisiana.

d. Time of meeting set at 5:30

e. Change of meeting or call for

f. In case of extraordinary

special meeting will be published in offices of the District, at least

twenty-four (24) hours prior to

emergency, such notice shall not be

required, however, the public body

shall give such notice of the meet-

ing as it deems appropriate and

Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

Cameron Parish Ambulance

District 2 Board Meeting

Cameron

Ambulance District 2 board met on

December 16, 2004 at 6:30 pm at

the Hackberry Recreation Center.

President Glenn Trahan called the

meeting to order. Gwen Constance

led the pledge and Dinah Landry

led the prayer. Roll was called,

Todd Morrison was the only mem-

ber absent. New member Vickie

Monceaux was welcomed to the

Director Steven Kershaw reported 107 calls. He proudly

announced that we are in compli-

ance with HIPPA. He then

informed the group that Dr.

Sanders had decided to reduce his

cost for the next year from \$1,000

per month to \$250 per month

Board members asked the director

and Gwen Constance to send him a

gift of appreciation. Director

Kershaw reported that some uni-

forms had to be purchased. From

April through November the uni-

form will consist of the polo shirt

and black pants. From November

to April the uniform will consist of

the long sleeve shirt and black

pants. A discussion on giving the

employees something special was

held. It was decided on a motion by

Gwen Constance seconded by

Dinah Landry that each shift

would receive a food basket this

year. On a motion by Dinah

Landry, seconded by Gwen

Constance, the director's report

need for a stryker stretcher and a

stair chair. The stretcher would

cost \$3,000 and the chair would

cost \$1.966. On a motion by Gwen

Constance seconded by Vickie

Monceaux, the purchases will be

Gwen Constance gave an update on the new building for

Hackberry. We are waiting for a

Energy if they would like to partic-

ipate in the construction and occu-

renovations taking place at the Grand Lake and Johnson Bayou

stations. Grand Lake needs anoth-

er \$2,200 to complete the job and

Johnson Bayou need \$1,829. On a

motion by Dinah Landry, seconded

by Vickie Monceaux, the addition-

instructed to purchase living room

and dining room furniture for all

three stations. He was instructed

the 2004 audit to Mike Elliott and

The board approved awarding

to purchase quality furniture.

Kershaw

A discussion was held on the

py space upon completion.

al funds were awarded.

Director

response from the Department of

A discussion was held on the

was approved.

Cameron Parish Waterworks

circumstances permit.

RUN: Dec. 30 (D-55)

b. Even months-meeting will

In compliance with Act #467 of

Evidence of authority to sub-

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with

and/or

R.S.

Removal Office at 225/342-6293).

Program, ACT 666 of 1997).

Only those contractors on the

(Reference: Louisiana

\$5,840, on a motion by David French, seconded by Vickie seconded by Monceaux. Mary Tolbert, Medicare and Medicaid Consultant, was not present but was cited as doing a marvelous job in recovering the expenses through these two agencies and private insurances. PURCHASING

Rachel Sturlese with Rachel Sturlese Insurance made a proposal to the board. In the proposal she Bids are being solicited as fol-lows and sealed bids will be compared the increased cost in the present insurance with the cost of opened and publically read by the other companies for equal cover-Purchasing Section of the Department of Natural Resources, age. On a motion by David French, seconded by Dinah Landry, the Room 1263, 617 N. 3rd St., Baton board agreed to remain with the current carrier, Blue Cross. Rouge, LA 70802 at 11:00 AM on

Associates in the amount of

CPA Art Matte gave the group the financial statement and the budget. The only concern expressed by Mr. Matte was the high expenses in office supplies. Director Kershaw will monitor this line item to get it in line with the budget. The 2005 budget was reviewed and accepted on a motion by Dinah Landry, seconded by David French. Everyone has been extremely pleased with the job Mr. Matte has been doing for the agency. On a motion by Dinah Landry, seconded by Gwen Constance, the group signed a new yearly contract with Mr. Matte for \$200 more than last year's contract. Mr. Matte suggested to the board that after bills are paid that \$25,000 be put into a short term CD (six months). On a motion by Gwen Constance, seconded by David French, the boar agreed.

On a motion by Dinah Landry, conded by Gwen Constance, the board agreed to meet in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December unless more meetings are necessary during 2005.

Purchasing radios for the units were discussed. Three new radios are needed. the director was asked to research the issue and report back at the next meeting.

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Gwen Constance, seconded by David French. Meeting adjourned. /s/ Dinah Landry Dinah Landry, Secretary

Glenn Trahan, President RUN: Dec. 30 (D-56)

> CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY **JANUARY 3, 2005**

1. Call to Order 2. Pledge of Allegiance3. Reading of Minutes 4. Election of Officers

5. Appointment of Admin-6. Appointment of Treasurer

7. Resolution - Community Action Agency-CSBG Madeline Resolution -

"Puddy" Solina South Cameron Memorial Hospital - Leslie Trahan

10. Drilling and Pipeline Permits: a. Jordan Oil Company, Inc. -Creole, Section 29, T14S, R7W

Nunez et al Well No. 5, (proposed well location), Cameron Parish, LA. (050101) b. Sandalwood Oil & Gas, Inc. Cameron, Section 25, T14S, R9W, Calcasieu Lake South Prospect,

(proposed drillsite and structures), ameron Parish, LA. (050106) c. Hunt Petroleum (AEC), Inc.
Offshore Oak Grove, West
Cameron Area, Block 31, SL 18236

Well No. 1, (proposed location and drill site), Cameron Parish, LA. d. Centurion Exploration Company - Sweetlake, Section 15, T12S, R6W, Bruiere Minerals Co.

Well No. 1, (proposed well loca-Cameron Parish, LA. (050108)e. Petroquest Energy, LLC -Grand Chenier, Section 72, T12S, R18W, Rockefeller Refuge SL 18172 No. 1 Well, (proposed

cleanout and structures), Cameron Parish, LA. (050109) 11. Other Permits: a. Dore Energy Corporation -Johnson Bayou, Sections 27 & 34, T14S, R13W, (proposed water control and salinity management

Cameron Parish, LA. (050102)b. M-I Swaco - Cameron, Section 25, T15S, R10W, (proposes to build a drilling mud production, distribution, and storage facility),

Cameron Parish, LA. (050103) c. Cameron LNG, LLC Hackberry, Various Sections, T12S, R10W, (proposed mitigation for the LNG Terminal & 36-inch Natural Gas Pipeline), Cameron Parish, LA. (050104)

12. Seismic Permits: a. Seitel, Ltd. - Holly Beach Various Sections, Townships, and Ranges, (proposed 3D Seismic Survey in East Mud Lake), Cameron Parish, LA. (050105)

13: Appointments: a. Fire Dist. #7 - Benjamin Primeaux, Kevin Vincent - term expired b. Fire Dist. #14 - Paul

Wasson, Randall McFatter - term expired c. Gravity Drainage Dist. #3 Coy Mudd - term expired d. Communications District -

Oscar Reyes, III - term expired 14. President Authority to a. Dept. of Health & Hospitals

Sign Maintenance for Beach

15. Advertise for Bids: a. Sale of Surplus Fire Truck -Klondike Fire b. Lease Purchase of Motor Grader

Monitoring Program

c. 911 Communication Console Equipment - Homeland Security Courthouse

Plumbing Repairs 16. Acceptance of Bids: b. Christmas Tree Project -2004/2005

17. Hearing for Proposed Abandonment: a. Last 100' of Carter Rd/Parish Rd. #3144 18. Abandonment:

Last 100' of Carter Rd/Parish Rd #3144 19. Amend Disturbing the

Peace Ordinance 20. Amend Dogs Ordinance 21. Striping of Parish Rd. #545

## **Chicken & Potato Chowder**

Preparation time: 15 minutes, Cooking time: about 50 minutes

The simple, delicious flavors of this soup make it popular with the entire family. Here fat free milk and turkey bacon are used to create a nutritious alternative to the classic version served in pub style restaurants. Prepare the chowder for lunch on the weekend, served with a piece of crusty bread and a fresh fruit salad.

Cooking spray

2 strips low fat turkey bacon, finely chopped

5 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed

2 small onions, finely chopped

1 pound potatoes, peeled and diced 3 cups low fat, reduced sodium chicken broth

Leaves from 4 sprigs fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried Salt and pepper

1 1/2 cups fat free milk Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Heat a large saucepan, coated with cooking spray, over medium heat. Add the bacon, chicken, and onions, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the chicken is golden, about 8 min-

stantly. Pour in the broth and then add the thyme, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover the pan, and simmer for 30 minutes.

Add the potatoes and cook for 2 minutes, stirring con-

Stir in the milk and reheat the soup over medium heat without boiling.

Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with chopped pars-

ley. Serve immediately.

Each serving provides calories 214, calories from fat 42, fat 5g, saturated fat 2g, cholesterol 30mg, sodium 532mg, carbohydrate 27g, fiber 3g, sugars 9g, protein 16g. Excellent source of niacin, phosphorus, potassium, vitamin B6. Good source of calcium, magnesium, riboflavin, thiamine, vitamin B12. vitamin C.

Exchanges: starch 1 1/2; vegetable 1; meat (very lean); 1 fat

#### SOME MORE IDEAS

For a smooth result, puree the soup in a blender or food processor

Garlic is delicious in potato soups. Add 2 to 3 chopped garlic cloves with the potatoes. Add a pinch of grated nutmeg instead of the thyme.

Winter vegetable soup: Use 1 1/2 pounds diced leeks (white and pale green parts) and carrots instead of the onions and potatoes. Boost the vitamin C and iron content of the chowder by

adding watercress. Add 2 cups watercress sprigs and the juice of 1 lemon with the chopped, cooked chicken and puree the soup until smooth. Stir in the milk, adding an extra 1/2 cup. Reheat the soup if necessary. Add 1 cup chickpeas or cannellini beans, drained, and halve

the quantity of potatoes.

#### PLUS POINTS

\* Potatoes undeservedly have a reputation for being fattening. In fact, they are rich in complex carbohydrate and low in fat, making them satisfying without being high in calories. They also provide useful amounts of vitamin C and potassium, and good amounts of fiber.

\* Cream based soups made with fat free milk or fat free evaporated milk are a healthier way to satisfy a craving for chowder, a popular comfort food.

### Healthy eating better than fad diets

### By DR. BETH REAMES

Millions of Americans follow the latest fad diets to lose weight. The problem is, most of these diets don't provide

(Deep Bayou Road) - Sonny McGee 22. Salary Increase - Part-time Solid Waste Employees 23. Pay December 2004 Bills 24: Staff Report:

RUN: Dec. 30 (D-57) PROCEEDINGS Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. '

November 18, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 board met

for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. November 18, 2004.. The meeting was called to order by Curtis L. Trahan, presi-

dent. Members present are E. Carol Trahan, Rogerest Romero, Ivan Barentine, Ricky Romero, Curtis L. Trahan.

Absent are: none. Guests are: Jan Cloud, Terry Delaney, Steve Reagan, Scotty Badon, Bob Dill and Patty Morris. On a motion by Ricky Romero and seconded by E. Carol Trahan and carried the October 25, 2004

minutes were accepted. On a motion by Rogerest Romero and seconded by Ivan Barentine and carried to approve

and pay bills. Discussed account at Edward Jones with representative, Jan

Discussion with Sabine Refuge about a salinity station. On a motion by Ivan Barentine

and seconded by E. Carol Trahan and carried to approve permits: • LCUP #041106 - Chevron Texaco - West Cameron Area, Block 17 & 19

• LCUP #041203 - Stacy L. Johnson-Downs - Sections 27-30, T15S, R13W

Scotty Badon discussed salinireadings. On a motion by Ivan Barentine

and seconded by E. Carol Trahan and carried the board was adjourned. /s/ Curtis L. Trahan

CURTIS L. TRAHAN, PRESIDENT

/s/ Patricia Morris PATRICIA MORRIS RUN: Dec. 30 (D 58) NOTICE

ATTEST:

Cameron Parish Police Jury Meeting Schedule 2005 This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury has set its meeting schedule for 2005,

as follows: Agenda Meetings - 4:30 p.m. on the last Monday of each month. Voting Meetings - 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

When a meeting date falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, unless otherwise advertised. RUN: Dec. 30 (D 59)

lasting results, says LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr.

In addition, many of these diets can cause health problems or physical discomfort.

Beth Reames.

Instead of focusing on weight loss, concentrate on eating healthfully and exercising regularly, Reames advises, adding, Healthy eating is key to looking good, feeling great and being your Foods provide the essential nutrients and other compounds the body needs for

good health. A healthy eating plan will help you consume a variety of foods to get the nutrients your body needs and maintain a healthy weight. Let your individual needs and preferences determine your personal food choices. Match your food choices to your lifestyle and requirements, individual choosing enough to achieve and maintain a healthy weight.

Plan meals and snacks using a variety of foods from the food groups: meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts; milk, yogurt and cheese; fruit; vegetables; and grains. Make healthy choices, such as lean meat, low-fat or nonfat dairy products, whole grains and plenty of fruits and vegetables.

Choose a variety of foods from each group based on flavor, texture and colors.

Choosing the right balance of foods helps you get the right combination of nutrients, Reames says, adding, Look at the big picture when selecting foods; it's what you eat over several days, not just one meal or day that counts. You can enjoy all your favorite foods, just eat them in moderate amounts.

It's important to balance your food choices with your physical activities to achieve and maintain a healthy weight and lifestyle. Be sure to enjoy a variety of ways to stay active to feel your best. Make a list of physical activities that fit into your lifestyle and schedule at least one every day.

For information on related nutrition, family and consumer topics, visit the FCS Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com/Inst/Extension/Depar tments/fcs/

For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### REAL ESTATE

ERA MOFFETT Realty, Inc. 436-6639 ext. 261. Ask or Grace or 598-2573 (h) or 490-5140 (p). •Grand Lake - Restricted subdivision, 2000 sq. ft. minimum \$17,500. 9/30tfc.

FOR SALE: Old Savers Grocery Store, 5 1/2 acres land with fishing pond. Call 775-7993 or 775-2830, 12/30p.

#### **RV SALES**

FALL CLEARANCE! Only a few 2004's left. Check out our sales on 2005 models. Largest selection ever of Travel Trailers and 5th Wheels on sale. Also check out our motor homes and mini homes. Allegro Motor Homes are in stock! Kite Bros. RV, Hwy 171 N, DeRidder, La. 1-800-456-2724. www.kitebros.com 12/9tfc.

#### Mobile Homes

FOR SALE: 1991 16 X 80 Trailer House. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Price Negotiable. To be moved. Please call 538-2735, 370-4427 or 802-7959. 12/30p.

#### For Sale

FOR SALE: Oyster Boat Motor and Trailer. \$1500. 17' Boat, 110 Johnson Motor in perfect shape. Ready to go fishing. Call 337-775-7022 Cameron or 318-728-2605. 12/30-1/6p.

#### 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.

#### HELP WANTED

SECURITY OFFICERS needed in the Cameron Area. Please contact the office at 1-800-759-3660. 12/30-1/6p.

#### ALTERNATOR REPAIR

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# **CAMERON PARISH RESIDENTS We Need Your Christmas Trees**

**Help Restore Wetlands in Cameron Parish** 

The Cameron Parish Police Jury in a joint effort with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources is using discarded Christmas trees in the Cameron Parish wetlands. Let us make your tree a part of this project to help create a healthier environment and to restore and preserve one of our greatest assets - our beautiful wetlands.

#### TO HAVE YOUR TREE INCLUDED:

Place tree at the roadside next to your home before Friday, January 14, 2005 for pickup by the Cameron Parish Road Crew. Please keep separate from other garbage.



Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from your tree. Flocked trees will not be picked up, as they are a hazard to wildlife and fish; therefore, not acceptable for this



# **Outdoors**

By LOSTON MCEVERS

north, meaning if there are

ducks there, they'll surely

come our way. If this doesn't

produce more ducks, then

came, as hunters are doing

better than they have been.

There was some cold morn-

ings, but lots of hunters

braved the ice, sleet and

snow, and did rather well on

limits. Hopefully these ducks

will stay throughout our sea-

son and not return north, as

our warming trend has

returned. I had one hunter

tell me that some ducks com-

ing to their pond were just the

opposite of chocolate covered

cherries, white covered ducks.

being bagged, a beautiful bird

that's not as plentiful down

here as it used to be. In fact

the last duck count only

showed 6,000 in our south-

west marshes and 1,000 in

the southeast part of the

down more geese to our area,

but we still don't see many in

2005

month, but January and

February can both bring in

ing in early January and

towards the last of the month,

breeding will peak for spring nesting. This is also the

month for peak waterfowl

numbers in our coastal

our rivers, while we'll see

mullet season ending. It's also

the month to clean and repair

purple martin and wood duck

our hunting seasons during

the month of January. Pintail

season ends Jan. 7; deer still

hunting ends on Jan. 9; dove

ends Jan. 10, while bow hunt-

ing ends Jan. 15. Canvasback

hunting is over on Jan. 16;

duck season for our west zone

ends Jan. 23; and wood cock

ends Jan. 31. If you're a rail

or gallinule hunter, this sea-

that many don't know about,

and that's the season on

crows. Well, it's over on Jan.

2. Although all these seasons

are over during January,

there's still plenty of hunting

left, like rabbits, squirrels

DID YOU KNOW

tradition on New Year's Day?

You have to eat black-eyed

peas, greens and cabbage for prosperity in the new year.

Federal scientists have warned that construction of

more than a dozen liquefied

natural gas terminals off the

Remember the Southern

snipe, and quails.

There's another season

son will end on Jan. 12.

We'll see an end to some of

Striped bass migrate up

Louisiana marshes.

nest boxes.

Squirrel will start breed-

 $_{
m this}$ 

Our new year will roll

Saturday.

is the hunting

our south marshes.

This front has also brought

state.

around

January

lots more cold.

Good reports of wigeon

It seems maybe some

there's none.

#### WHITE CHRISTMAS

Hunters are

PROCEEDINGS Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control November 16, 2004

Gayle Sanner led the prayer

the agenda.

On the motion of John Calzada, seconded by Wanita Harrison and carried the board unanimously accepted the minutes for October 19, 2004. Darrell Williams discussed the

cial report.

voted to accept the deletions.

seconded by Mrs. Harrison the board unanimously voted to accept the 2005 budget.

unanimously voted to purchase magazine shelving for the Main Library from Library Interiors. Mrs. Sellers acknowledged

deleted books to Washington Parish Library.

Mr. Calzada to exempt.

The next meeting was set December 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM. There being no further busi-

ness and upon motion of Mr. Calzada and seconded by Mrs. Harrison the meeting was

/s/ Cyndi Sellers Cyndi Sellers, Board President

/s/ Charlotte Trosclair Charlotte Trosclair, Secretary RUN: Dec. 30 (D-61)

# Cameron

walking around with smiles on their faces. The snow and sleet we saw in Cameron Parish and all along the Gulf Coast surely meant colder weather up

### **Legal Notice**

President, Cyndi Sellers called Parish the Cameron Library Board of Control meeting to order on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at the Cameron Library at 4:00 PM. The following were present: Members: Wanita Harrison, John Calzada, Kenny Trahan, Gayle Sanner, Cyndi Sellers and Charlotte Trosclair, secretary. Absent were: James Doxey Police Jury ex-officio member and Stephanie Rogers.

and Kenny Trahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Mrs. Sanner, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the board unanimously voted to amend the agenda.

On the motion of Mrs. Sanner, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the board unanimously voted to add magazine shelving for Main Library to

monthly financial report. On the motion of Kenny Traĥan seconded by John Calzada, the board unanimously voted to accept the finan-On the motion of Mrs.

Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Sanner, the board unanimously On the motion of Mr. Calzada,

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mr. Trahan the board

that the State Library had picked up and were going to deliver the

asked Mr. Williams if he had obtained the previously requested information concerning the library director's classification. Mr. Williams apologized saying he did not have the information. Mrs. Sellers stressed the importance of the information since it was the auditor's request that her classification be changed

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

# **Basketball Scores**

Basile South Cameron 54 - The Tarpons opened district play losing to the Bearcats. John Lute led the Tarpons with 18 points. and Desmond Scott added 13

Louisiana coast could damage fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. Although two such terminals have been approved, the concern forced the U.S. Coast Guard to suspend the permitting process for at least two other terminals off the Louisiana coast. Environmental scientists working for several oil companies are scrambling respond.

The problem occurs when liquefied natural gas is heated back into gaseous form with a process that sucks in gulf water that contain potentially millions of fish and crustacean eggs and larvae. If the organisms are not killed by the resulting temperature drop, they won't survive being banged around by the pump machinery or the harsh chemicals used to keep the insides of the pipes clean.

#### FISHING

I'll say one thing, with all this cold weather, I didn't get any fishing reports; neither did I expect any. If we have a good warming trend, the fish will turn on.

While on the subject of fishing, it seems the trend for "red hooks" is catching on. The red hooks are getting the green light, as inshore anglers are sold on the value of red hooks, as are freshwater anglers.

Fishermen across the country are requesting red hooks in different applications. Anything red is hot right now and in demand. These bleeding bait hooks seem to work well, however those hooks that have red

South Cameron 64, **Basile 37 -** The Lady Tarpons

picked up their third win of the season and their opening district game as they knocked off the Lady Bearcats. D'Nae Desonnier led the Lady Tarpon attack with 24 points and 12 rebounds. Kayla Rutherford added 19 points with 14 rebounds.

# Sheriff's log

The Christmas holiday was a quiet one for the Cameron Parish Sherrif's Office, with only four arrests over the past week. They

Dec. 24: Brice D. Tanner, 23, 2923 Roy Bunch Rd., Sulphur - DWI

Dec. 25: Gabe Allen Vick, 28, 11047 Hwy 384, Big Lake

Dec. 26: Brenda G. Doucet, 50, 111H Twin Oaks Rd., Lake Charles - DWI; Jace D. Picou, 23, 440 Everett Vincent Rd., Hackberry -Unauthorized use of a move-

varnish on top of the original black or nickel hooks wear off in saltwater faster than in freshwater. I also find they wear off faster in our freshwater marsh because of all the weeds and muddy bottom, than in a deeper lake. The companies are supposed to fix this by covering the hooks with a saltwater resistant tin, rather than with red varnish.

#### OLD DOGS

The American Kennel Club said the Labrador Retriever is once again the nation's top dog. The Golden Retriever currently occupies the number two position.

I would like to thank our readers once again for another good year. Happy new year to you and your loved ones.

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it." **Thomas Jefferson** 

### NOTICE —

The budget for the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 has been approved by the Board of Directors and is available for review from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday in the office located at 126 Ann Street.

**RUN: Dec. 30 (D-53)** 

#### Symbolically, that's a meal of **Notice** coin and paper money. It is said that the coldest **Pipeline** temperature on record was in Snag, Yukon, Canada on Feb. to the 3, 1947, dropping down to minus 81.4 degrees. I can't Safety imagine how cold that is. **Public** OFFSHORE FISH

PPG Industries operates several pipelines transporting gas and liquids through parts of Louisiana (Calcasieu Parish and Cameron Parish) and Texas (Orange County).

The location of PPG pipelines are identified with signs near roads, railways and over the pipeline right-of-ways. The signs contain the information in the adjacent box.



BEFORE EXCAVATING OR IN EMERGENCY CALL 1-800-375-4629

PPG INDUSTRIES, INC. CHEMICALS LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

# **Excavations**

Both Louisiana and Texas state law require the use of a One Call System at least 48 hours **BEFORE** digging, drilling, dozing, or blasting near a pipeline.

Louisiana One Call System

**Texas DIG TESS** 1-800-272-3020 | 1-800-DIG-TESS

# **Emergencies**

If you observe a mist, unusual odor, dead or discolored vegetation in the vicinity of a pipeline:

- 1. Shut off all ignition sources
- 2. Leave the area
- 3. Warn others to stay away
- 4. Dial 911 to report the possible pipeline leak and its location
- 5. If the leak is on or near a PPG pipeline also call 1-800-375-4629

### **CAMERON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL 2005 MEETING DATES**

- January 18, 2005
- · July 19, 2005
- February 15, 2005 March 15, 2005
  - August 16, 2005
- · April 19, 2005 · May 17, 2005

June 21, 2005

- September 20, 2005 October 18, 2005
- November 15, 2005
- December 13, 2005 RUN: Dec. 30 (D-60)

# • PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE •

#### LOUISIANA WETLANDS CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY

The Governor's Office of Coastal Activities will conduct 3 public hearings to present information and allow for public comment on the Fiscal Year 2006 Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Plan. Meetings will be held on the following date, time and location:

> 6:30 p.m. **January 11, 2005** Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Hwy. 82 **Grand Chenier, Louisiana**

For additional information, please call Pat Forbes or Cynthia Duet in the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities at (225) 342-3968





PETER POSADA'S dog Coco was not thrilled with her gift of a white Christmas. Coco didn't appear to like the crunch of the sleet and snow underfoot and wanted to go back inside soon after exploring the white stuff cov-



**ELDIE CHEREMIE'S house in Cameron had about one** inch of sleet and snow in her yard on Christmas morn-

# Reames explains what's safe for microwaving

from plastic films to fatty

foods, FDA recommends that,

if these films are used to

cover food being heated in a

microwave oven, the con-

sumer should try not to let

the film touch the actual sur-

should only use food-

approved, microwave-safe

plastic containers and film

wraps for microwave heating.

sure to use any plastics for

their intended purpose and in

accordance with directions," Reames says, adding, "If there are no instructions for

microwave use, use a differ-

ent plate or container that

you know is microwave-safe.

Such containers are made to

withstand high tempera-

Inspection Service on cooking

foods safely in microwaves

gives the following advice about containers and wraps:

is specially manufactured for

use in the microwave oven.

Glass, ceramic containers and

all plastics should be labeled

tubs, take-out containers.

whipped topping bowls and

other one-time use containers

in microwave ovens. These

containers can warp or melt.

possibly causing harmful

chemicals to migrate into the

tic wraps, wax paper, cooking

bags, parchment paper and

• Use safe items like plas-

• Don't use margarine

for microwave oven use.

USDA's Food Safety and

• Use only cookware that

"Consumers should be

In addition, consumers

face of the food.

By DR. BETH REAMES

Consumers often ask about the safety of using plastic wrap or plastic containers in microwave ovens. According to LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames, only plastic containers or packaging labeled "microwave safe" should be used in microwave ovens.

Reames adds that if plastic wrap is used when microwaving, it should not be allowed to come into direct contact with food.

The Food and Drug Administration carefully reviews the substances used to make plastics designed for food use. These include microwave-safe plastic coverings that keep food from splattering and microwavesafe containers that hold frozen dinners.

The concerns expressed about the safety of using plastic wraps in the microwave have involved two compounds: dioxins and DEHA.

Dioxins and dioxin-related compounds are pollutants that may produce health hazards ranging from birth defects to cancer. Reames explains that dioxins may be a by-product of some industrial processes that use chlorine and incineration of chlorinated plastics such as polyvinyl chloride. PVC is a component of some plastic wraps and food packaging. One major manufacturer, Saran Wrap, has reformulated its product so that it no longer contains PVC or any other chlorinated substance.

There is no research demonstrating that dioxins are produced when the same plastics are heated in a microwave Edoven. Machuga, consumer safety officer with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, wrote, "We have no evidence that plastic containers can produce dioxins when heated in microwave ovens. In fact, most, if not all, plastic containers would not even have the correct chemical composition to theoretically form dioxins."

DEHA is a softening compound added to some plastic containers and wraps to make them more pliable. Studies have shown that DEHA, if present, can migrate to food from plastic containers and plastic film at high temperatures. However, plastic materials used in microwaveable and dual-ovenable food containers such as those used to hold TV dinners must undergo approval by FDA before they can be marketed for their intended use. As part of this approval process, manufacturers must provide data showing that dietary exposure to these low molecular weight migrants do not pose a

safety problem. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency removed DEHA from its list of toxic chemicals in the late 1990s after extensive research, and the scientific consensus is that it is not toxic to humans in the minute amounts resulting from migration from plastics into foods.

To minimize the amount of these chemicals migrating



JEROME AND KATHY Richard were out of town during 'The Holly Beach White Christmas Holidays," but this picture was taken by a friend a few days after the snowfall. The Richards still had snow when they returned four days later.

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

More tidbits on the photo in the Dec. 2, 2004 issue:

Travis Aurelian Sweeney is descendant of the Pierre Valcour Miller family. Travis is the grandson of Pierre Valcour Miller and Emelia Broussard. Travis' middle name is the masculine of

Aurelia, his mother, the first child of Pierre and Emelia. Travis was the seventh of eleven children of George Columbus Carter Sweeney, M.D., (1851-1922) and Aurelia Miller (1853-1928).

/s/ Murphy Miller Alachua, Fla.

# Grandma's apron served in many, many ways

(Submitted by Grace Welch)

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven;

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids;

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

white microwave-safe paper towels. Do not, however, let plastic wrap touch foods during microwaving.

• Never use thin plastic storage bags, brown paper or plastic grocery bags, newspapers or aluminum foil in the microwave oven. In addition, the American

Plastics Council recommends that carryout containers from restaurants should not be used in the microwave. These containers may melt or warp, which can increase the likelihood of spills and burns.

Also, discard containers that hold prepared microwavable meals after you use them because they are meant for one-time use.

Reames advises placing microwave-safe plastic wrap loosely over food so that steam can escape, and don't let it directly touch your food. Some plastic wraps have

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls. In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the tree.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to din-

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Remember this! "Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw."

labels indicating that there should be a 1-inch or more space between the plastic and the food during microwave heating.

Covering food helps protect against contamination, keeps moisture in and allows food to cook evenly.

For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter



SABRINA PESHOFF and Ethan Nunez's goats loved the sleet and snow that fell on Christmas morning. The goats are for the 4-H projects which they will complete in January. The goats with their thick coats loved the cold and were playing lots of games together in the one inch of snow and sleet covering their pen.



THESE WERE some of the members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council5461 and family members who assembled and delivered 45 grocery baskets to needy families in the Cameron area. Pictured are Tony Porche, Sue Deshotels, Milton Theriot, Chad, Thomas Guillory, Loree Broussard, and Calvin Boudreaux. Not shown were Judy Guillory and Earl





The latest vote is in Cameron State Bank Best Bank.

Cameron State Bank continues to receive the highest ratings from two of the nations most renowned independent rating services, the "5-star Superior Rating" from Bauer Financial Reports and the "Blue Ribbon Award from Veribanc, Inc.

But an even greater honor is to have the readers of Lagniappe and our valued customers let us know how we're doing with a vote of confidence. We appreciate the opportunity to do business in such a great community.

