

GEORGE CLOONEY is shown speaking at the recent ceremonial presentation of a \$2 million check South Cameron to Memorial Hospital. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Clooney tells about visit to Cameron

(American Press)

George Clooney had "a really great time" n Cameron Parish when he visited with former President George H. W. Bush last month, he told Jay Leno on Tuesday's "Tonight Show."

Clooney was a guest on the NBC-TV talk show.

The Oscar-winning actor came with the ex-president last month to give \$2 million to South Cameron Memorial Hospital, which is being rebuilt.

Bush got Clooney to come via a mutual friend, Holywood film producer Jerry Weintraub.

"He wanted to go down to Cameron, Louisiana, which got hit really hard by Hurricane Rita and wasn't getting a lot of attention. It needed some," Clooney said on Leno's show. "They're doing some work down there, and Bush and Clinton were doing the Bush-Clinton Fund for building a hospital, and put a couple of million dollars out there to do that.'

Former President Bill Clinton couldn't come. "So they called me and said, 'Do you want to come down and be the Democrat?" Clooney told Leno. "And I said, 'Sure, I'll come down, and it'll be fun.'A really great time, actually. It was a lot of fun.'

The local visit was on Dec. 20. Hundreds of people ignored cold, rainy weather and showed up to see the celebrity visitors.

At the time, Clooney told the crowd, "I'm coming to remind people in the rest of the country that just because you're not on the front page anymore, that all the prob-





THE CAMERON PARISH Library received two promised temporary library buildings last week. Funded by the Gates Foundation through a grand administered by the Southeastern Library Network, the temporary libraries are being set up in Grand Chenier and Cameron and should be open in February. Johnson Bayou will receive a brand new book/tech mobile sometime in June. The buildings are to be used for three years while new branches are built, but the library can keep the book/tech mobile.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Fur Festival set Jan. 6, 12 and 13

By JERRY WISE

The 2007 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, one of the state's oldest festivals and definitely its coldest, will be held in two locations this year

This would have been the festival's 51st anniversary had not two festivals been cancelled, once in 1958 due to Hurricane Audrey and again in 2006 due to Hurricane Rita.

The festival in the past has always been held in the town of Cameron, but this year due to the destruction of the Cameron Elementary auditorium the festival's pageants will be held in Lake Charles with the outdoors events set in Cameron.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

The pageants will be held Saturday, Jan. 6 at Lake Charles Civic Center's Rosa Hart theatre.

The Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish Pageant will be held at 10 a.m. with 4 boys and 17 girls competing for the parish titles.

represent the parish in the 2008 Fur Festival Queen competition.

FUR QUEEN & KING

The highlight of the Saturday program in Lake Charles will be the selection of the 2007 Fur Queen and the announcement of King Fur 2007. This will follow the Miss Cameron competition.

Nine girls representing the fur producing parishes of Louisiana will compete for the Fur Queen title. The winner will represent the Festival at the Washington Mardi Gras observance.

The 2007 Fur King will be crowned at the Saturday night program. In past years the King has been chosen from one of the parish's eight industries. This year the King has been selected at large representing Cameron survival.

Admission to the Saturday pageants will be \$5.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

The festival moves to Cameron on Friday, Jan. 12 with outdoor events opening val and the state in the National Muskrat Skinning contest in Maryland. The annual Fur Festival

parade will be held at 1 p.m. starting at the Cameron Construction yard on the east side of Cameron and moving west through the town.

Contact Freddie Richard at 250-5958 or 480-4101 to reserve a spot in the parade.

The duck and goose calling competition will be held at 3 p.m.

Barry Badon & the Bayou Boys will play at the festival grounds from 3 to 7 p.m.

Cookbooks are delayed

Barbara LeBlanc, one of the editors of the 2007 Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival cookbook, has made the following announcement concerning the distribution of the books:

Due to publishing prob-lems the Fur and Wildlife cookbooks have been delayed and currently being completed All pre-ordered cookbooks will be mailed as soon as we receive them and we apologize for the delay. We will be notifying the public at a later date where the cookbooks will be available for purchase. To insure that you receive a cookbook, we recommend that you pre-order by mailing a \$28 check to the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, P. O. Box 19, Cameron, LA 70631 for each cookbook you want to purchase.

35^c Courthouse plans told

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron courthouse square could look very different in a few years if plans presented to the Police Jury on Monday night are adopted.

Architect Randy Goodloe, working with the Shaw Group to assist with the parish's recovery effort, presented preliminary floor plans and elevation drawings for the devel-opment of "Cameron Square." The plans detailed how the parish can accomplish a rearrangement of offices to give each department the space it needs while providing for better security for records in case of another major hurricane.

The key to the plan, said Goodloe, is a larger administration building. The former Police Jury annex will need to be enlarged if it is to accommodate the increased needs of the permit department and the planning and development department. The proposal is to build a completely new administration building on the west side of the square. Land will have to be purchased to do this.

The existing police jury site on the east side of the square can be used to house the District Attorney's office

and the Tax Assessor. The DA's office has been too small for years, and by moving the Assessor out of the court house, space will be opened there to keep all of the Clerk of Court's records above flood level. The footprint of the annex will accommodate the needs of the two offices almost exactly, said Goodloe.

Future plans call for moving the Sheriff's Office into a new building, perhaps located behind the Health Unit, thereby giving the Clerk of Court and the 38th Judicial District extra space in the court house. Basement offices would be used to house agencies like the Veteran's Administration, who do not keep vital records on site.

Preliminary construction cost estimates for the two proposed buildings, not including land acquisition, fees, and other contingencies, are approximately \$3.5 million for the administration building and \$2 million for the DA/Assessor offices.

Funding sources for the project would come from the insurance, FEMA, Cheniere pilot tax plan, the Louisiana Recovery Authority Community Development Block Grants, and the Police Jury's discretionary funds.

Telephone employees conduct food drive

Communi-Cameron cations' employees raised \$3,000 for the annual Adopta-Family and Food Drive program. The money raised and can goods were divided equally among needy families who often cannot even afford to prepare a holiday dinner, let alone purchase gifts for their families.

The four recipient families were from Creole, Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and Elizabeth

clothes, shoes, special gifts on their wish list and can goods. Each child received toys, mittens, scarves and stockings personalized with their

respectively. Each family

received gift certificates from

McDonalds worth \$100,

names and goodies inside. The families were also given disposable cameras so they could take pictures Christmas morning.

Shooting sports practice

Cameron The 4-H Shooting Sports will hold practice for the shotgun discipline on Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Cameron Parish Mosquito Control Barn.

The practice times are: Senior Members (14-19 years old) from 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. and Junior Members (9-13 years old) from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. All senior members are asked to stay for the junior practice to help the younger members.

team members may be ordered. The cost of the monogrammed team shirts are \$25. The order forms will be available at the next practice. All paid team members will receive their team hat at practice.

Please bring all raffle tickets to practice. The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13 on the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife

Festival grounds in Cameron.

For more information, please

contact the 4-H office at 905-

lems that have been placed here from Katrina and Rita are not solved yet," Clooney said. "There's still a lot of work to be done. The hospital is going to stand as testament to your community, to your spirit."

Fur Festival edition set for next week

The Cameron Pilot will publish its annual Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival edition on Thursday, Jan. 11. Anyone with stories or

advertisements for this edition are asked to get this information to the Pilot by Monday, Jan. 8.

Call toll free--1-800-256-7323 or 337-786-8004. After hours call 337-912-5063.

In the past each elementary school in the parish has held a preliminary contest to pick a boy and a girl contestant for the parish contest.

This year due to the destruction of three elementary schools in the parish by Rita the parish contest was opened to all comers.

Another pageant will be held at 2 p.m. for Deb Miss--5 contestants; Teen Miss--8 contestants; Junior Miss--4 contestants.

The Miss Cameron Parish Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. with three parish girls competing for the title.

The winner of this contest will represent the Festival at Outdoors the National Festival in Maryland later in the year. The two festivals have been exchanging delegations for many years.

Miss Cameron will also

at 12 noon on the fairgrounds located on the Cameron Elementary School grounds. (The school was badly damaged by Rita and has been torn down.)

Trap shooting will begin on the south end of the grounds at noon with the carnival opening at the same

The Steel Shot Band will play from 3 to 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

The festival continues on Saturday, Jan. 13 with the carnival opening and the trap shooting resuming at 9 a.m.

At 11 a.m. the muskrat and nutria skinning, trap setting and oyster shucking contests will be held on the fairgrounds.

In past years, the winner of the muskrat skinning contest has represented the festi-



A MISSION TEAM from Valliant, Oklahoma was in Cameron last week delivering donated washing machines and dryers and constructing sheds to house them. The King's Kids youth group, led by teacher Cindy Logan, raised money by singing at area churches and asked for donations from lumber mills around Valliant. The sheds were needed by residents of FEMA and other camper trailers who have no space for the machines. They also worked at First Baptist Church in Cameron and helped clean yards and spread dirt for neighborhood residents. The group plans to come back on their overhaul. The replacement, MV Acadia, has had numerous breakdowns since it was (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.) brought into service. spring break.



The Cameron Shooting Sports Logo has been designed and shirts for the

Festival leaders told

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The following are the officers and chairmen for the Louisiana Fur 2007& Wildlife Festival scheduled for Jan. 6, 12 and 13, in Cameron and Lake Charles.

John LeBlanc, president; Freddie Richard and Clifton Hebert, vice-president/parade directors; Sandra Smith, treasurer; Stephanie Rogers, sectretary; Kevin Savoie, director-outdoor events; Barbara LeBlanc and Yvonne Mhire, director-fairgrounds; Penelope Richard, directorpageant and legal advisor. For information concern-

ing:

Fairground food and craft booths, contact John LeBlanc; Festival Pageants, contact Vicky Little;

Outdoor Events contact, Freddie Richard;

Purchase of Cookbooks, contact Barbara Lou LeBlanc.

Be sure to attend the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival pageants at the Lake **Charles Civic Center this weekend!**



THE FERRY IN Cameron was out of service from Wednesday, Dec. 27, until New Year's Day, due to a rudder problem. It was taken to a shipyard in Lake Charles twice before the problem was corrected, during which time no vehicles were able to cross the Calcasieu Ship Channel. The large ferry, MV Cameron II, is in dry-dock for its five-year (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funerals

ARNITA "PETIE" BARENTINE

Arnita "Petie" Cecile Barentine, 67, of Johnson Bayou died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006 in her residence.

She was born in Creole. She was employed at Jeff's Grocery as a cook and was a member of Our Lady of Assumpton Catholic Church.

She is survived by her son Ivan Barentine and wife Patty of Johnson Bayou; three daughters, Tina Bell of Lafayette, Larie Barentine of Breaux Bridge and Rachael Carusso of Youngsville; one brother, John Nunez of Iowa; three sisters, Juanita Savoie of Dry Creek, Sissy Childers and Elaine Daigle both of Cameron; eleven grandchildren; five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde "Poochy" Barentine and a daughter, Renee Barentine.

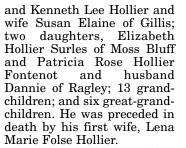
Her funeral was held Sunday, Dec. 31, in Hixson Funeral Home Chapel of Lake Charles. Father Ronald Vaughn officiated. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Cameron.

JAMES K. HOLLIER

James K. Hollier, 80, of Moss Bluff, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, in a local hospital.

He was a native of Breaux Bridge and resided in Moss Bluff, and was an owner-operator of a road construction company. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Theodore Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Breaux Perkins Hollier of Moss Bluff; four sons, George James Hollier and his wife, Bette, of Big Lake, Robert J. Hollier and his wife, Suzanne Marie of Moss Bluff,



A Mass of a Christian burial was held Dec. 29, from St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff with Monsignor Charles Dubois officiating. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.

ELMER RAY KEBODEAUX

The funeral for Elmer Ray Kebodeaux, 68, was held Tuesday, Jan. 2, in Miguez Funeral Home of Lake Arthur. The Rev. Sue Pugh officiated. Burial was in Andrus Cove Cemetery.

Mr. Kebodeaux died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, in the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport.

He was a native of Lake Arthur and had been a resident of Cameron for 30 years. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and a graduate of Lake Arthur High School. He was an Army veteran and retired as a butcher from Cameron Food Mart after 30 years of service. Survivors include his wife,

Ethelyn A. Lewis Kebodeaux of Sulphur; stepdaughter, Kari Cormier of Cameron; stepson, Kevin Ray Brown of Cocoa, Fla.; two sisters, Frances Kebodeaux Weekly of Lake Arthur, and Barbara Ann Louviere of Carlyss; six grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild.



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Personal Injury

BERTHA WILHITE ROY

Bertha Roy, 88, of Grand Chenier, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006.

She was a resident of Grand Chenier most of her life and a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church where she worked many years as a cook and housekeeper.

She was a member of the Altar Society and an Eucharistic minister. She also was a recipient of the Devoted Service Medal from the diocese of Lake Charles. She served as a past board member of the Council on Aging.

She is survived by her son, James Roberts and wife, Jannery of Grand Chenier; her daughter, Mary and husband Hayes "Pete" Picou Jr., of Lake Charles; two sisters, Mable East of Lake Charles, Alva Neely of Lafayette; four grandchildren, one godchild and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Clayton Roberts and Henry Roy and a brother, James Douglas Wilhite.

Her funeral was held Sunday, Dec. 31, at St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier. The Rev. Vincent Vadakkedath officiated. Entombment was in St. Eugene Cemetery in Grand Chenier.

Bingo winners

Winners of turkeys for the Hackberry bingo were: Jolynn Buford, Theresa Guidry, Rashell Benoit, Pam Spicer, Vivian Byler, Vernice Deville, Michelle Jinks, Shervl Woolridge, Hazel Labove, Anna Lester, Crystal Chanley, Yolanda Breaux, Kathv Moody, Ernie Little, Gaylynn Varnes, Kurt Roberts, Stacy White, Amy Berwick, Kathy Wright, and Terry Murphy.

Winners of the pork roast for the Hackberry bingo were: Pam East, JoAnn Labove, Peggy Simon, Sue Largeant, Charles Wooldridge, Michelle Jinks, Mary Lee Jinks, Ernie Little, Edward Hebert, Una Mae Rollins, Monica Navarre, Buford, Harold Wynne Courmier, Annie Mae Sanner, Morvant, Sandy Gwen Constance, Virginia Jinks, Katrina Landreneau, Anna Lester, and Dawn Abshire.

The black out ham was won by Trisha Silvers. The door prizes were won by Frances Hinson and Anna Lester.

Health Fair

The 2007 Family Health Check, sponsored by Christus St. Patrick Hospital, KPLC, and the Children's Miracle



SINCE THE 2006 Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival was cancelled due to Hurricane Rita, the 2005 Festival royalty have continued to serve up to now. Shown above, from left, are Ashley Kelly, Miss Cameron Parish; J. A. Miller, 2005 King Fur; and Cadi Pedigo, 2005 Fur Queen. Their successors will be named at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 6 at the Lake Charles Civic Center. (Photos by Cyndi Sellers.)

This year's S. Cameron class will be the 50th

By KEITH HAMBRICK

(Cameron Pilot, May 17 and 31, 1957)

The South Cameron High School graduation of 35 seniors is set for 8 p.m., Tuesday in the auditorium. The principal address will be delivered by Dr. F. G. Bulber, academic dean of McNeese State University.

Principal R. H. Pittman has announced that Gloria Savoie has been named valedictorian of the class. Gloria, who has an A average for her years of high school work, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Savoie of Cameron.

Ann Swindell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swindell of Cameron, is the salutatorian.

Francis Miller Jr., son of Mr. Cameron, was third ranking student, and Josie Richard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Richard of Creole, was fourth.

The graduation program is as follows: invocation, Rev. Wallace Primeaux; salutatory address, Ann Swindell; class song, "Graduation Day"; class will, Josie Richard; class song, Francis Miller; song, "Red Sails in the Sunset"; valedictory address, Gloria Savoie; address by Dr. Bulber; presen-tation of awards by Mr. Pittman; presentation of scholarships by Wilson Montie, supervisor; presentation of diplomas by U. E. Hackett, superintendent; benediction, Father A. J. Gilbert.

The baccalaureate service

Action Alliance meeting set

The Grand Lake-Sweetlake Action Alliance will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center. Members are urged to attend and the public is invited

KCs to sell lunches Sun.

The Evans P. Mhire Knights of Columbus Council #8324 of Grand Chenier will sell plate lunches and hold their raffle drawing at St. Eugene Catholic Church after Mass on Sunday, Jan. 7.

Board to meet

The Cameron Community Action Agency board of directors will meet at noon Monday, Jan. 29 at the Grand Lake Fireman Center in Grand Lake. Members are urged to attend and the public is always invited.



WELCOME...

The Cameron Parish Tourist Commission wel-

Wallace Primeaux; song "Heart of Jesus, Meek and Mild"; sermon by Father A. J. Gilbert; song, "Rock of Ages"; benediction, Rev. Virgil Culpepper.

Graduates were:

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Belva Boudoin, Patricia Festervand, Margaret LaBove, George Rutherford, Pat Doland, Ward Fontenot, Willard Guidry, Lynn Vincent, Bobby Montie, Thomas

Bobby Montie, Thomas Nunez, Charles Ray Murphy, Carol Crochet, Winston Nolin LeBouef, Allen Hebert, Francis Miller, Darrell East, Robert Mudd, Lyle Crain, Carolyn Theriot, Arnita Nunez, Guy Murphy Jr., Sybil Broussard Sanner, Lois Granger, Josie Richard, Johnny Vincent, Gloria Savoie, Annie Swindell.

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- be provided including:
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- Glucose testing

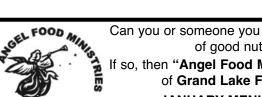
• Height and weight checks

- Scoliosis screening
- Vision and glaucoma screening

• Childhood immunizations

• Flu and pneumonia vaccines (\$25 flu shot; \$45 pneumonia shot--covered by Medicare Part B--must bring card)

Participants will be offered a wealth of information on breast cancer, prostate cancer, heart attack prevention, dementia (memory loss), joint replacement, heart attack, stress, stroke prevention, and exercise.



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Invocation, Rev. W. Z. Lewis; song, "Whispering Hope"; scripture reading, Rev.

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"mailto:cd_cppj@camtel.net" or mail your information to Cameron Parish Tourist Commission, P. O. Box 388, Cameron, LA 70631.

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LITTLE MR. and Miss Cameron Parish 2005 were Luke Thomas Miller and Callie Nicole Brevelle. They continued to serve in 2006 due to Hurricane Rita. Their successors will be chosen at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 6 at the Lake (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.) Charles Civic Center.

El Nuevo Constante exhibit set in B. R.

The Louisiana State Archives has announced the exhibit of El Nuevo Constante, a cooperative endeavor between the State Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Louisiana State Archives.

El Nuevo Constante is an 18th Century Spanish ship that sank off the coast of Louisiana in 1766. It left Mexico en route to Spain in August when a hurricane prevented it from arriving at its intended destination.

In 1979, Curtis Blume found the ship when he caught large ingots of copper in his shrimp nets near Little Constance Lake off the coast of Cameron Parsh. He notified state archaeologists and historians, and together they worked to complete a comprehensive study of the shipwreck.

"Secretary of State Jay Dardenne and the Louisiana State Archives are proud to exhibit artifacts unearthed

Last food distribution

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The Minvielle Outreach Ministries will be open Jan. 5, 2007 to hand out food starting at 8:30 a.m. The MOM tent is located at the old post office site in Cameron.

The last distribution from

state archivist Dr. Florent Hardy said. "Visitors are impressed with the extensive collection and its remarkable history. The timely exhibit is truly a microcosm of the effects of hurricanes in Louisiana history, just one of the many challenges facing the European settlers during colonial times."

from El Nuevo Constante."

Among the items on display are copper ingots, pewter, glassware, bones from chickens and goat horns, fragments of green glazed olive jars and miniature ceramic items. The exhibit also includes an informative booklet written by archaeologist Dr. Charles E. Pearson and historian Dr. Paul E. Hoffman.

The public is invited to view the exhibit until Jan. 31 at the state archives, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. through 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. through 5 p.m.

that site will be on Jan. 19.

Volunteers are needed to help

unload trucks on Jan. 4 and

answered by Rev. Cheryl Minvielle at 224-1612.

Questions can be

South Cameron High School News

this cause.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Ms. Little has the following scholarship applications: Northwestern Leadership Scholarship, Jaycee Senate, LA Municipal Clerks, Clerks, Rockefeller State Wildlife and a Waterworks Scholarship which is for any student residing in Cameron Parish.

SOFTBALL PRACTICE

Softball players are to report to practice after school on Friday, Jan. 5.

Ball named by A. Press

South Cameron's Jaylon Ball has been named to the Lake Charles American Press All Southwest Louisiana Small Schools team as a defensive back. Ball, a 6-0 junior, was named to the All District team on offense as a wide receiver and on defense as a back.

Johnson Bayou High School gym to be rededicated

of Rededication the Johnson Bayou School gym will be held at the home ball game on Tuesday, Jan. 9. This will take place at 5:30 p.m. The Rebels will play Singer. This will be a joyous night for our community, the athletes and students of JBHS. Please come and support our team.

/s/ Nola Mae Ross

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STUDENT **COUNCIL NEWS** The Student Council is collecting pennies for Leukemia. Please save your pennies for CALENDAR OF EVENTS Jan. 4 - Basketball -Gueydan (away)

Jan. 6 - Wrestling - Brusly Jan. 9 - Basketball - Basile (awav)

Jan. 12 - End of Third Six Weeks School Dismisses at 12 noon.

Jan. 15 - School Holiday MLK Day

Ross plans book on disasters

Dear Editor:

I really enjoy the Cameron Pilot and look forward to reading it every Thursday. Cyndi Sellers is doing a great job.

I am writing a new book about 10 disasters that have struck Southwest Louisiana during the past 200 years-hurricanes, floods, fires, and epidemics.

Please ask your readers if they have any information on Cameron Parish's involvement in the Hurricane of August 1918, the flu of 1918, typhoid, malaria, smallpox or yellow fever, to please call me 477-6243; at email nolaross@bellsouth.net; or write to me at 7042 Tom Hebert Rd., Lake Charles, LA 70607

2005 FUR FESTIVAL gueens who continued to serve in 2006 due to Hurricane Rita were Deb Miss Cameron Jadah Primeaux, Junior Miss Cameron Kami Savoie, and Teen Miss Cameron Erika Pickett. Their successors will be chosen at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 6 at the Lake Charles Civic Center. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

BIRTHDAYS

Cecile (Cel) Welch of Hackberry celebrated her 77th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Kershaw of Irene Hackberry celebrated her 78th birthday on Monday, Jan. 1.

BLOOD DRIVE

Hackberry High School will be the location for a Blood Drive in the school library, Thursday, Jan. 4 from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Only those who have the patience to do simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily.

Johann Friedrich von Schiller

The painters of the Associated Louisiana Artists membership will exhibit a collection of paintings executed since Hurricane Rita.

PHOTO EXHIBIT

They depict the lost scenery of Cameron Parish as it appeared along the Creole Nature Trail prior to the destruction caused by Rita.

Members researched photograghs submitted by Cameron Parish residents. The collection hangs from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31.

The best measure of a man's honesty isn't his income tax return. It's the zero adjust on his bathroom scale

Arthur C. Clarke



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Little Mister, Little Miss Cameron Parish pageant contestants announced

Cameron Twenty-one Parish youngsters--four boys and 17 girls--will be contestants in the Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish competition to be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 6 at the Lake Charles Civic Center. The pageants were moved out of Cameron due to the destruc-tion of the Cameron Elementary gym where they have been held in the past.

There is another change in this year's pageant also. In past years a boy and girl contestant was chosen from each of the five elementary schools in local pageants. Due to the dislocation of many families due to the storm, no community pageants were held this year and the competition was opened to all parish youngsters.

The four contestants for Little Mr. Cameron Parish this year are:

Logan Badon, son of Richard and Jessica Badon of Johnson Bayou.

Colby Benoit, son of Travis and Jendi Benoit of Grand Lake.

Jarrett Constance, son of ckson Constance and Jackson Bridget and James Snyder of Johnson Bayou.

Tyler LaVergne, son of Chad and Connie LaVergne of Grand Lake.

The 17 contestants for Little Miss Cameron Parish are:

Briley Richard, daughter of Jeff and Shari Richard of Grand Chenier.

Gabrielle Talbot, daughter

of Michael Talbot and Heath LeMaire of Grand Lake.

Coryn Vincent, daughter of Damon and Monica Vincent of Grand Lake.

Linlee Lalande, daughter of Lee and Delisa Lalande of Creole.

Audrey Harris, daughter of Bryan and Monica Harris of Grand Lake.

Miltenberger, Jacee of Robert and daughter Belinda Miltenberger of Cameron.

Daria Jinks, daughter of Mark and Adrienne Jinks of Johnson Bayou.

Morgan Primeaux, daughter of Crystal Primeaux and Richard Helms of Cameron. Katherine Deshotel,

daughter of Chad and Mary Deshotel of Grand Lake.

Madison Frazier, daughter of Michael and Tara Frazier of Grand Lake.

Marissa Dupont, daughter of Joe and Janice Dupont of Grand Lake.

Cameron Granger, daugh-of Mike and Melody ter Granger of Grand Lake.

Allie Bonsall, daughter of Kenton and Kris Bonsall of Grand Chenier.

Darien Boudreaux, daughter of David and Rhonda Boudreaux of Grand Lake. Marlee Boudreaux, daugh-

ter of Kendal and Brooke Boudreaux of Grand Lake.

Baleigh Conner, daughter Vickie Kiffe and Lancey Conner of Creole.

Abby LeBoeuf, daughter of Richard and Missy LeBoeuf of Creole.



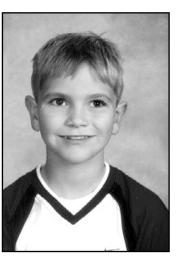


Logan Badon

Colby Benoit



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Marlee Boudreaux



Baleigh Conner



Katherine Deshotel



Marissa Dupont



Madison Frazier



Cameron Granger



Audrey Harris



Daria Jinks





Linlee LaLande

Stay Healthy

In the days of motorized vehicles, and fast food, it's hard for us to stay healthy. Here's a few tips on how!

1 - Eat Breakfast! Even though you may be in a rush and only want something small, or nothing at all, breakfast is an important part of your day. It's important to get in as many of the vital vita-



Jacee Miltenberger



Morgan Primeaux









Gabrielle Talbot



Coryn Vincent

Briley Richard

Nine Fur Queen pageant contestants announced

Nine young women will compete for the title of 2007 La. Fur and Wildlife Festival Queen at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 at the Rosa Hart Theatre of the Lake Charles Civic Center. Each represents a fur producing parish in Louisiana. They are:

Acadia Parish--Victoria Rene' Miller of Crowley, 20, daughter of Joseph and Cynthia Miller.

Avoyelles Parish--Keri Denice Muller of Westlake, 17, daughter of Joe and Gladys Buller.

Beauregard Parish--Kristine Angela Davo Alcantara of Lake Charles, 19, daughter of Dr. Alberto and Mrs. Teresa Alcantara.

Calcasieu Parish--Morgan Victoria Murray of Westlake, 18, daughter of Derrick and

Angela Murray. Cameron Parish--Ashley Michelle Kelley of Grand Chenier, 21, daughter of Mitchel and Pam Kelley.

Evangeline Parish--Elette Ann Peterson of Franklinton, 19, daughter of Craig and Rita Peterson.

Jefferson Parish--Randi Lei Baudoin of Raceland, 22, daughter of Randy and Serena Baudoin.

St. Mary Parish--Lesley Angelle Rulf of Patterson, 20, daughter of Leslie and Wendy Rulf.

Vermilion Parish--Kayla Danyel LaVergne of DeQuincy, 21, daughter of Kevin and Roxanne LaVergne.



Victoria René Miller Acadia Parish



Keri Denice Buller **Avoyelles Parish**



Kristine Angela Davo Alcantara **Beauregard Parish**



Morgan Victoria Murray **Calcasieu Parish**

mins as you can in the morning This will pump you up for anything the day throws at you. 2 - Water. It's very important.

People say 8 glasses is the right amount, but if you can't get em all in don't worry too much about it. Water cleans your system. Other drinks cannot offer this benefit to your body.

3 - Skipping meals. A lot of people try to skip meals in hopes that if they can just skip that one meal, they won't take in as many calories. Well you're wrong! Chances are that even though you thought you had a good idea, it will backfire. Most people end up over-eating later in the day.

4 - The food groups! Okay, I'm not gonna rhyme them all off to you cause I'm sure your school has pounded them into your brain. Anyways, try to get as much as you can from them all without exceeding the recommended amount of portions. Too much can be bad, same as too little. You don't need to plan your meals around the guidelines, but keep them in mind.

5 - Exercise... yeah yeah, get off the couch! As much as some of us loathe working out, it is VERY good for you. Don't overdo it! Try to get as much cardio in as you can in your day. 30 minutes a day is ideal, but you can change that to fit your schedule. Always stretch before AND after any workout, it keeps you from getting cramps.



Asley Michelle Kelley Cameron Parish



Elette Ann Peterson Evangeline Parish



Randi Lei Baudoin **Jefferson Parish**



Lesley Angelle Rulf St. Mary Parish



Kayla Danyel LaVergne **Vermilion Parish**





Cameron Parish pageant contestants

Twenty young ladies to compete in Deb, Teen, Junior and Miss divisions on January 5

Deb, Teen, Junior and ss Cameron Parish Miss pageants will be held Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Rosa Hart Theatre in Lake Charles beginning with Deb, Teen and Junior Miss Cameron at 2 p.m. and Miss Cameron with

Fur Queen at 7 p.m. Girls vying for Deb Miss Cameron 2007 are:

Jenna Nicole DiBartolo, daughter of Chris and Chermaine DiBartolo.

Jenna Anne Duddleston, daughter of Shelley and Steve Duddleston.

Kourtlyn Bree' Duhon, daughter of Holly and Tommy

Shepard and Jared Labove. Morgan Lane Hardie, daughter of Brian and Cherie Hardie.

Lillian C. Lively, daughter of Steve and Lorena Lively.

Girls vying for Teen Miss Cameron 2007 are:

Kristin Leigh Broussard.

daughter of Mark and Jenny Broussard.

Taylor Elizabeth Canik, daughter of John and Mary Canik.

Breann Paige DeBarge, daughter of Chad and Maranda DeBarge.

Chelsey Renee' Leger, daughter of Chris and Amanda Leger.

Jerrica Lane Mock, daugh-ter of Jerry and Emily Mock. Shelbi Picou, daughter of

Daniel Picou and Pam Ancelet.

Amber Marie Trahan, daughter of Gayla and the late Brad Trahan.

Gaylin Michelle Trahan, daughter of Ricky and Marsha Trahan.

Girls vying for Junior Miss Cameron 2007 are:

Misty Michelle Lesueur, daughter of Alex Lesueur and Ida Granger.

Mikalee Beth Mooney,

daughter of Tony and Chris Mooney.

Erika Pickett, daughter of Karen Pickett.

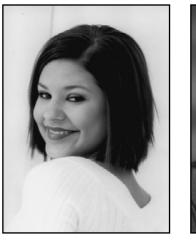
Sandra Kirstyn Vincent, daughter of Ray Vincent and Steve and Kim Hornsby.

Girls vying for Miss Cameron Parish 2007 are: Dixie Michelle DeSonier, daughter of Dean DeSonier

and Lori McCardle. Kimberly Nicole Trahan, daughter of Lynn and Donna

Trahan. Marie Willis, Haley daughter of John and Recia Willis.

Miss Cameron Parish contestants



Dixie DeSonier

Kimberly Trahan



Haley Willis

Junior Miss Cameron Parish contestants

Create inner beauty

Youthful beauty fades with time, but, with cultivation, inner beauty grows richer.

The good news is that it's never too late or too soon to evolve your inner beauty. A good place to start is to create self-awareness by locating your passions and using them positively to create self-satisfaction. Then your inner beau-ty will grow and radiate to your outer self.

Take time to find your unique gifts and develop them. Get motivated to create selfsatisfaction and a positive selfimage. If you do this, you will make your life richer and more meaningful.

1. Believe that you have an inner self to explore and that you are willing to let yourself develop your innate talents and gifts. Here are a few insightful quotes about per-

sonal development to ponder. "Go confidently into the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined. As you simplify your life, the laws of the universe will be simpler." – Henry David Thoreau

"Develop interest in life as you see it; in people, things, literature, music – the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself." – Henry Miller

Take some time and think about what it is you'd like to accomplish. Then take a step every day towards your goal. For example: You want to be a writer? Write down the steps you will need to take: Make the time to write. Schedule it. Take a class to help you brush up on your skills. Subscribe to newsletters or journals that encourage and keep you motivated. Talk with experts and listen to their advice, etc. Show your work!

It's the fundamental right of every woman to look beautiful. Every woman wants to listen the sweet words "you are beautiful". But the beauty of a woman is far from her looks or figure. Physical beauty is only one aspect while a beautiful charming personality is a complete blend of many fine characteristics such as good manners, etiquette, behavior, smile, intelligence, sense of humor, social and family values etc., all make a woman

look beautiful and attractive.

"Often people attempt to live their lives backward: they try to have more things, or more money, in order to do more of what they want so that they will be happier. The way it actually works is the reverse. You must first be who your really are, then, do what you need to do, in order to have what you want." -Margaret Young.

"Life shrinks and expands in proportion to courage." -Anais Nin one's

"Always leave enough time in your life to do something that makes you happy, satis-fied, even joyous. That has more of an effect on economic well-being than any other single factor."-Paul Hawken

"He who knows others is wise; he who know himself is enlightened." -Lao-tzu 2. Create 2-3 positive affir-

mations, such as "My creativi-ty is my gift, as I am open to it, I will be led." Or "I am a wonderfully gifted _ _ and I am growing better every day." Repeat your affirmations 10 time each every morning to motivate yourself to grow, learn and experience the things you are passionate about.

3. Treat yourself to personal time away from family and friends to do something that makes you feel happy and fulfilled at least once a week.

4. Keep a private journal and write in it faithfully everyday. Let the distractions, injuries, worries, plans, hopes and ideas flow from your brain to the paper. This will help to clear your mind, focus on what is positive and release ideas and beliefs that may be holding you back. 5. Take time regularly to go inward with meditation or prayer.



Misty Lesueur

Mikalee Mooney

Teen Miss Cameron Parish contestants



Kristin Broussard



Jerrica Mock



Taylor Canik





Breann DeBarge



Amber Trahan



Chelsey Leger



Erika Pickett



Sandra Vincent

Gaylin Trahan

Deb Miss Cameron Parish contestants

Shelbi Picou



Jenna DiBartolo



Jenna Duddleston



Kourtlyn Duhon

Morgan Hardie



Lillian Lively

Good luck to all the contestants in the Miss Cameron Parish and Fur Festival pageants!

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CHRISTMAS EVE travelers were delayed almost three hours while repairs were made to the Superior Canal Bridge connecting Grand Chenier with Pecan Island. The detour through Creole added at least two hours to the travel time of those who chose not to wait. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

WASHER/DRYER shed being installed at the home of Holly Hendricks by the Valliant, Okla. mission team.

Cameron

Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

with winds gusting up to 45

miles per hour in our area,

tornado warnings, heavy

rain fall by a few inches, but with the 3 to 5 inches we

received I think the normal

57.02 inch rainfall is now

caught up. We have received

on average 6 inches during

Bend, which was 165.73 (nor-

mal 172.0) get 8.35 inches of

rain. This will surely help out

the spawn this spring and help out anglers to better

Our new year will still see

the effects of Hurricane Rita

as the Calcasieu River as well

as the northern part of the

Sabine River are still with lit-

and other Miami Corporation

Permit Fishing waters are

dead, need restocking and

probably won't open again

this year. Rockefeller Refuge

took a hard hit from

Hurricane Rita, especiallay

on the freshwater part, where

Latina) still have a fair crop

of bass, but with the many

anglers trying to fish closer to

The Lake Misere Area

Bayou/Lake

bass fishing was at its best.

(Lacassine

Our old reliable Big Burns

It's good to see Toledo

the month of December.

move about the lake.

tle bass to be caught.

rains, all in a week's time.

This past week was hectic,

We were below our yearly

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DA back in Cameron

Cameron Parish district attorney's office is now open in its refurbished office at 124 Smith Circle. The phone number is 775-5713.

Seven questions to ask to avoid medication errors

Seven questions to ask to avoid medication errors as news spreads about 1.5 million Americans being injured annually

A new study shows that more than 1.5 million Americans are injured every year by drug errors in hospitals, nursing homes and doctor's offices. The study, conducted by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), estimates that at least one medicine error happens every day.

1. What is this medicine for?

2. Who prescribed it? 3. When am I supposed to

take it?

4. How am I supposed to take it... how often, for how long?

What side effects are 5. likely? What do I do if they occur?

6. Is this medicine safe to take with other medicines or dietary supplements?

7. What food, drink or activities should I avoid while on this medicine?

fishing. Usually a dry month of January is great for the lake, however this 3 to 5 inches of rain may turn things

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.) **Burning** rules told

When you see smoke there's usually fire, and, unfortunately, some sort of air pollution. That's one reason open burning is prohibited in Louisiana. If you have a trash pile and burn household waste, construction debris or anything other than vegetative matter, you chould pay a fine. Some materials that should never be burned are: • Plastic and other syn-

thetic materials • Tires and other rubber

products • Paints, household and

agricultural chemicals • Asphalt shingles, heavy

oils, wire • Newspaper, cardboard

and other paper products • Buildings and mobile

homes Outdoor fires pollute the

air and can make it difficult to breathe. Citizens can call DEQ to report illegal open burning at 225-219-3640 or call the DEQ regional office that serves your parish. You may call the regional office for any environmental issue or complaint with the information below:

Southwest Regional Office in Lake Charles - Billy Eakin-Regional Manager, 491-2667. This office serves Allen, Calcasieu, Beauregard, Cameron, Jefferson Davis and Vernon Parishes.

around. Lots of anglers are saltwater fishing because of very little places have bass fish.

Workday to Area **Basketball Grand Lake**

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

GIRLS Sulphur JV 38, South Cameron 36 - Blair Belanger and Whitney Richard chipped in 11 points each for the Lady Tarpons. Rachael Fountain added 10 points.

South Cameron 28, Eunice 18 - The Lady Tarpons were led by Rachael Fountain with 14 points.

Ascension Catholic 52, Grand Lake 32 - Kat Kingham led the Lady Hornets with 17 points. Grand Lake 37, Higgins

23 - Kat Kingham led all scorers with 20 points.

Grand Lake 49, Ecole Classique 26 - Kat Kingham and Larayne Picou chipped in 12 points each for the Lady Hornets.

Hathaway 72. Hackberry 36 - Carly Fountain led the Lady Mustangs with 12 points. Allyson Sanner scored 10 points.



Carolyn's Janitorial Service Is Your Office Or Bunk **House In A Mess?**



annual Fur Festival was 50 years ago, held on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 11 and 12. This when trapping was still at its peak here in Cameron

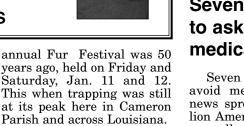
Muskrat, mink and raccoon were the top fur bearing animals for our trappers, with a few otter also being caught. Nutria rat were few and far between then in our marshes. Trappers came from all across Louisiana to try their luck to take the state's fastest muskrat skinners and win the \$300 cash prize, which was a nice chunck of money

DUCK HUNTING

back then.

We're well into our second split of duck season, and yet some marshes are still killing their ducks, getting their limits early, while others are staying later and hit and miss on a limit. Lots of ducks come down but don't stay, as we get an arctic blast for two or three days, then we get the warm spring weather for four or five days, then the rains. One thing about the complaints of no mallards, mallards love cold weather and don't like deep ponds, as well as other species, but some of the mallards with tracking devices are moving back and forth, sometimes all the way back to

Canada. The Wildlife and Fisheries





be held at

A workday will be held at

the Grand Lake baseball field

on Saturday, Jan. 6 starting

at 6 p.m. Volunteers are need-

ed to do dirt and electrical

work, a little welding, and

Donations are needed for

some supplies in the form of

materials or money to pur-

chase the items. All baseball

players need to be present for

needed or to donate money,

contact Coach Terry Pergeron

at 540-0437, Kim Eagleson at

598-3406, or Barbie Victorian

team will have a fireworks

stand next to Leboeuf's Car

Wash starting Dec. 27, start-

ing at 10 a.m. through Jan 1 until noon. This is a major

fundraiser, so please stop by

and purchase fireworks. The

team is also looking for sup-

porters to purchase banners

that will be hung on the out-

field fence for the 2006-07

The Grand Lake baseball

For a list of materials

Everyone's help is

more.

needed.

the work day.

at 540-0191.

season.

842-3803 or 775-7151





home, that's lots of pressure for that area. The Mermentau River (Lake Arthur area) is also hurting, with skinny catches of bass being reported.

This has sent many of our local bass anglers to the lakes further north to include Lake Vernon, Caddo Lake, Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn. This not only takes away from our local businesses, but the cost to fish these lakes away from home is expensive with the cost of gas and lodging.

2007 FESTIVAL

The weekend of Jan. 12 and 13, Friday and Saturday, will be the Fur Festival weekend in Cameron. It's sort of amazing to see the second

folks have tracked mallards that have gone to Arkansas 13 times, back and forth to Louisiana. I have a friend who has a lease in Arkansas. and they are doing great on mallards not only in the open areas but also in the woods, killing both mallards and wood ducks. Since Rita, we don't see wood ducks down, as many nested here as well as the Mexican sqealers, and the storm damage or broke many trees.

SEASONS

Some of the seasons we'll see close this month: dove, Jan. 8; deer, steel hunt Jan. 7, archery Jan. 31; goose season runs through Feb. 2 and then conservation order kicks in for blues, ross and snow geese Feb. 3; speckle belly closes Feb. 2 to end that season.

BIG LAKE-CALCASIEU LAKE

The Calcasieu Lake areas has really produced nice catches of redfish and speckle trout. Between frosts anglers were really doing well, the weather warm enough, some days a little rough but great

Thank You.

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center would like to thank Cheniere Energy, Inc. for the donations of Christmas lights to our facility. On behalf of the board of directors and the workers of the Recreation Center we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.



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Jesse Gibbs "Cannon Ball"

The family of Jesse Gibbs "Cannon Ball" wanted to thank each and everyone of you who helped out with his funeral, food, prayers and anything else youmight of done to pay tribute to him.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution may do so at Cameron State Bank. The number account is 4500509914 Thanking you from the

bottom of our hearts, The Gibbs Family



MICHAEL SELLERS, who is employed by WBRZ-TV in Baton Rouge, is shown working in the station's satellite truck after a wreck on I-10. Sellers is the son of Paul and Cyndi Sellers of Cameron.



Legal Notices

order.

payment.

20, 2006.

adjourned.

adjourned.

the

seconded by Mr. Conner, and car-

ried, that the meeting be called to

seconded by Mr. Rutherford, and

carried, that the minutes of the

seconded by Mr. Richard, and car-ried, that all monthly bills be and

the same are hereby approved for

seconded by Mr. Rutherford, and

carried, that time of all future reg-

ular meetings be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The regular

monthly meeting scheduled for December 28, 2006 is hereby

changed to Wednesday, December

seconded by Mrs. Doland, and car-

ried, that the meeting be

ness and upon motion of Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Richard

It was moved by Mr. Richard,

There being no further busi-

meeting was declared

/s/ Thompson McCall THOMPSON MCCALL,

WATERWORKS DISTRICT

ATTEST: /s/ John Allen Conner JOHN ALLEN CONNER, SECRETARY

PUBLIC NOTICE

hereby notified that the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget of the Cameron

Parish Police Jury is complete and

documentation is available at the

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR

REVIEW OF LISTINGS

have completed the listings for FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION

CO for the tax years 2000 thru

2004. As per the Louisiana Tax

Commission Order Number 11-01-

06-02; all properties are in the Parish of Cameron and valuations

have been established for the

years ordered, and that the said

listings will be exposed in my

office at the Cameron Parish

Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle,

Room 24, Cameron, Louisiana, for

public inspection and correction

for a period of 15 calendar days,

beginning Thursday, January 18,

2007 at 8:00 a.m. and ending at

4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 1,

2007. Any taxpayer desiring to examine their assessment is requested to call during the 15 day

period. Forms for appeals are

available to taxpayers and must

be filed in person or by certified mail at P. O. Box 1280, Cameron,

LA 70631 by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 2007 or with the Cameron Parish Police Jury

Administrative Office located at 10080 Hwy. 385, Grand Lake,

R. E. "Bobby" Conner, CLA

Cameron Parish Assessor

Louisiana

Notice is hereby given that I

available for public inspection.

All interested persons are

The budget and supporting

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CAMERON PARISH

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT

previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Conner,

It was moved by Mr. Conner,

It was moved by Mrs. Doland,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 29, 2007 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 10080 Gulf Highway, Grand Lake, Louisiana, 70607 for the purchase of one (1) ADA Compliant Handicapped Restroom Unit, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 10080 Gulf Highway, Grand Lake, Louisiana, during normal business hours.

BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUNS: Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4 - D 22

PUBLIC NOTICE Sealed bids will be received by the Cameron Parish Recreation District #7 until 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 5, 2007 in the Police Jury Administrative Office, 10080 Gulf Highway, Grand Lake, Louisiana, 70607 or mail form to P. O. Box 294, Creole, LA 70632 for the purchase and installation of new fencing at the Creole Ball Park located at 204 East Creole Highway, Creole, Louisiana as per specifications. All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Police Jury Administrative Office or by calling (337) 905-1318.

BY: /s/ Angelia Conner Angelia Conner, President RUN: Dec. 21, 28, & Jan. 4 (D-44)

MINUTES

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday, November 30, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. behind the Cameron Courthouse in temporary building near the Cameron Recreation Center, Cameron, LA. Members Present: Edward

Racca, Jr., Mike Johnson, and Coy Mudd. Members Absent: Scott Henry

and Joe Dupont.

Others Attending: Charles Starkovich, Rusty Welch, annd Kirk Peshoff.

The meeting was called to chaired order and by Commissioner Mike Johnson.

A motion was made by Edward Racca, Jr., seconded by Mike Johnson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2006, regular meeting as written.

A motion was made by Coy Mudd, seconded by Mike Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Statement for the month of October, 2006, and approve the following bills for

payment: 1. Tommasi Brothers, Inc., \$94,977.74

2. ASCO USA, LLC, 1,979.15 Louisiana Companies, 337.50

4. The Cameron Pilot, 177.00 5. The Cameron Pilot, 18.00

6. Gulf Coast Supply, 38.28 7. Red Man Pipe & Supply Co.,

534.558. Production Filter Sales,

Inc., 1,123.70 9. Southern Tank Specialist,

Inc., 30,912.36 10. U. S. Postal Service, 26.00 11. Roy Bailey Construction,

Inc., 5,904.07 12. Ready Rental & Supply, LLC, 2,860.00

13. Paul Alexander, 5,845.00

carried to approve the 2007 budget.

On a motion by James Boudreaux and seconded by Tony Porche and carried to approve and adopt a resolution authorizing the Cameron Parish Assessor to hire an attorney to represent the Parish before the tax commission and before the courts for matters $% \left({{{\left({{{\left({{{\left({{{\left({{{c}}} \right)}} \right.}$ pertaining to Taxes Under Protest.

On a motion by Tony Porche and seconded by James Boudreaux and carried there being no further business the meeting stand adjourned.

/s/ J. C. Murphy J. C. MURPHY, PRESIDENT CAMERON WATER & WASTEWATER NO. 1

/s/ Kathryn Guilbeau KATHRYN GUILBEAU, SECRETARY RUN: Jan. 4 (J-6)

INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, January 23, 2007, in the Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District's Office, 1400 Highway 14, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601 (337) 436-5020 Ext. 3, for providing the following materials:

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A complete assembly of the bid invitation with specifications may be obtained by contacting the District secretary at the address shown above. RUN: Jan. 4, 11, 18 (J-7)

the Cameron Parish Water & Wastewater Dist. #1 until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 125 Carter Street in Cameron

scrap iron that can be seen at the 126 Ann Street location.

bid forms which may be obtained during normal business hours at the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Office at 125 Hans E. Petersen

Superintendent RUN: Jan. 4, 11, 18 (J-8)

NOTICE

I AM APPLYING to the Cameron Parish Police Jury of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content at retail at the following address:

be made in writing in accordance with L.R.S. Title 26, Section 85 and 283. RUN: Jan. 4 (J-9)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Community Action Agency is soliciting bids for the performance of their 2006 audit. Persons interested in submitting a bid of the work should contact Cameron Community Action Agency office at 951 Hwy. 384, Lake Charles, LA 70607 or call (337) 598-5158 or (337) 905-6000 to secure an RFP packet. Explained in the RFP are the details of the program and the deadlines. Work records may be reviewed by potential bidders on January 18th and 19th 2007, by appointment. The audit proposal is due by January 31, 2007. The final audit is due March 31, 2007. Contact Dinah Landry, Executive Director or Lana Miller, Assistant Director.

RUN: Jan. 4 and 11 (J-10)

LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the secured party having a security interest in a 1999 Pinr mobile home bearing serial number PH3510LA0872 and belonging to Chance W. Labove has been authorized by a Louisiana court to, and will in fact, retake possession of said mobile home and dispose of same thereafter at a public or private sale in accordance with La. R.S. 9:5363.1. For information contact P. O. Box 9800, Maryville, TN 37802, 865-380-3000

RUN: Jan. 4 (J-11)

CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY MEETING SCHEDULE 2007

This is to advise the Cameron Parish Police Jury has set its first meeting schedule for 2007, as follows:

Agenda Meetings-5:30 p.m. on the last Monday of each month. Voting Meetings-5:30 p.m. on

the 1st Monday of each month. When a meeting date falls on a

holiday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, unless otherwise advertised.

The meeting site is the Cameorn Parish Courtroom, Cameorn, Louisiana. RUN: Jan. 4 (J-12)



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The Cameron Parish Industrial Development Board will hold a meeting at 7:00 p. m., January 8, 2007, at the Hackberry Rod & Gun Club in Hackberry, Louisiana.

RUN: Jan. 4 (J-1)

– RUTHERFORD BEACH NEWS –

The bridge on Rutherford Beach Road will be replaced between January 3-12, 2007. Hopefully, the construction will consist of two days. We have noted 10 days allowing for weather conditions. Anyone needing to travel the road will be required to have transportation on both sides of the bridge. The road will be totally shut down during this construction.

Cameron Parish Police Jury

Run: Dec. 28, Jan. 4 (D 51)

— JOB AD —

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center is accepting applications for an Inside supervisor. Applications may be picked up and must be turned in at the recreaton center by Jan. 12, 2007.

For more information contact Stacey Badon @ 337-802-8383.

RUN: DEC. 21, 28, JAN. 4, 11 (D-45)

- JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Sweeper (7 hrs./day) at Hackberry High School. High School diploma is preferred.

To make application contact: Mr. Austin LaBove, Principal, Hackberry High School, Phone: 337-762-3305.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, January 5, 2007 at 2 p.m.

RUN: Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4, 2007 (D-35)

14. Deep South Expeditions, LLC, 15,200.00.

A motion was made by Coy Mudd, seconded by Edward Racca. Jr., and unanimously carried to adopt the Budget for 2007, as presented.

A motion was made by Coy Mudd, seconded by Mike Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve an Amended Budget for 2005, taking into consideration the unexpected and extraordinary expenses incurred due Hurricane Rita.

A motion was made by Edward Racca, Jr., seconded by Coy Mudd, and unanimously carried to ratify a 30-day extension for the Bolo Pump bids.

A motion was made by Coy Mudd, seconded by Mike Johnson, and unanimously carried to purchase a new truck for the quoted price of \$12,374.00.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Coy Mudd, and unanimously carried to autho-rize Rusty Welch to work with NRCS to prepare the 2006 Operations and Maintenance Report for the Cameron-Creole Watershed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Mike Johnson, Commissioner Edward Racca, Jr., Secretary-

RUN: Jan. 4 (J-2)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9 **DECEMBER 11, 2006**

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in Monday, special session on December 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., at Waterworks Office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Wendell Rutherford, John Allen Conner, Velma Doland, Thompson McCall, and Walt Richard. Members absent: None.

It was moved by Mr. Richard,

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT NO. 1 November 28, 2006

RUN: Jan. 4 and 11 $\left(\text{J-5}\right)$

The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the water district office located at 125 Carter Street the town of Cameron, Louisiana.

Members present were: J. C. Murphy, Bobby Doxey, Tammy Peshoff, James Boudreaux, and Tony Porche.

Absent: Paul Duhon and Angie Brown.

President J. C. Murphy called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Bobby Doxey and seconded James Boudreaux and carried to approve and dispense from reading the minutes of the September meeting.

On a motion by James Boudreaux and seconded by Tony Porche and carried to approve the financial statement.

On a motion by Bobby Doxev and seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried that the bills for the month be paid.

On a motion by Tony Porche and seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to approve a Mutual aid agreement for natural disasters pending District Attorney Cecil Sanner's opinion of the agreement.

On a motion by Tony Porche and seconded bv James Boudreaux and carried to renew the Back Hoe insurance for one year at \$756.00.

On a motion by Tony Porche and seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to put the two 1999 Ford F150 pick-up trucks up for bids with a minimum bid of \$750.00 and a 2000 Dodge pick-up truck up for bids with a minimum bid of \$1200.00.

On a motion by Tony Porche and seconded by Bobby Doxey and

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Sweeper (8 hrs./day) at Grand Lake School. High School diploma is preferred.

To make application contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake School; Phone: 337-905-2231 or 337-905-2056.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, January 5, 2007, at 3 p.m.

RUN: Dec. 21, 28 & Jan. 4 (D-30)

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REV. AND MRS. Arthur R. Morgan are pictured in this photo taken in the 1960s. Rev. Morgan served as General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church for 16 years beginning in 1952.

Morgan once headed Pentecostal Church

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The following article on the Rev. Arthur T. Morgan, General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church from 1952 to 1967 was written by his nephew Keith S. Hambrick, who has written a column for the DeQuincy News and Cameron Pilot for many years. Rev. Morgan may be the only person from Louisiana to head a major religious denomination.)

By KEITH S. HAMBRICK

One of the notable church leaders in United States religious history was the Rev. Arthur T. Morgan who enjoyed his formative years and much of his adulthood right here in Southwest Louisiana.

Rev. Morgan, a Pentecostal minister, is well-known among those of that faith in this area but may not be so within the population in general. He served almost 16 years as General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church International. The General Superintendent is the highest office in the Pentecostal Church.

Rev. Morgan was a skilled leader, and he and his associates worked hard during his tenure to increase the membership and number of churches in the United Pentecostal Church--and were very successful. According to the United Pentecostal Historical Center, Methodist minister Rev. Samuel Houston Knight, Sr. and wife Sarah Hunt Knight, of Neame, a community in southern Vernon Parish.

Sarah Knight had gone to the revival because she wanted to see what this relatively new organized Pentecostal faith had to offer. The modern Pentecostal movement has its tracings to 1901, and began coming to the attention of the of Southwest people Louisiana around 1915. The movement was making great strides by the 1920s, and Sarah's interest allowed Arthur and Nellie to meet.

Taken with Nellie, Arthur decided he wanted to win her as his bride. After a courtship, the happy couple married on Aug. 4, 1922.

Over the years, four children were born to them--sons, A. T., Jr., and Joseph; and daughters, Gloria and Mary who became Mrs. A. W. Buie and Mrs. Douglas Sartin, respectively.

As were many families in earlier days, the Knights were a large family, and Arthur, the only child, not only had a new bride, but was now welcomed into an extended family of two additional parents and five brothers-inlaw and three sisters-in-law.

After marrying, the newlyweds moved to Joseph Morgan's dairy farm which Arthur was then managing, and both immediately began working hard there--without a honeymoon. In later years, Aunt Nell would sometimes jest with Arthur in a lighthearted and good natured way, saying they spent their honeymoon getting up before daylight to milk the large herd of cows at the Morgan dairy farm. The young Mr. and Mrs. Morgan soon needed additional money so Arthur decided to take a second job on a surveying crew. He was a big strapping man and not afraid of hard work. The time spent on this surveying crew proved to be good experience and allowed Arthur to later use his survey training in several of his sermons. An example: "We have meridian lines that go across the nation. We were beginning our survey flight on one of those meridian lines. This line was proven, and was a landmark for settling almost any kind of dispute that arose in the country. The engineer had a little roll, similar to an abstract for land. It was the old, field notes that had been made by engineers, who had started somewhere. When he pulled this from his pocket, he said, 'Morgan, this is the Bible.' I said, 'Well, that is pretty good. It deals with land notes, and with a survey, so a Bible is a good thing to call it, because it settles all disputes. "I have the 'Engineer's Book' here, thank God," Rev. Morgan said, holding up the Holy Bible, "which contains the field notes that were used from the very beginning. It shows what God wanted, and how He brought it down to this present time." Arthur worked as a surveyor for some time, then on Jan. 2, 1926, began to work as a money order clerk for the U. S. Postal Service at DeRidder. This was the beginning of a long affiliation with the post office that lasted even when he became a minister. In earlier days, many Protestant pastors and some Catholic religious people had to supplement their income, especially when they were first building up their churches. (To Be Continued)

Farque is jury president; Horn is still administrator

By CYNDI SELLERS

With little fanfare, leadership of the Cameron Parish Police Jury changed hands Monday night as Big Lake Police Juror Darryl Farque was elected president for the coming year. Taking the reins in a businesslike manner, Farque thanked the Jury for the nomination, the people of Cameron Parish for their patience, and recent presidents Scott Trahan and Douaine Conner for their work in hurricane recovery. He pledged to lead the Jury "to do what we have to do to rebuild this parish right," and to conduct meetings in an efficient manner.

In short order, the Jury then proceeded to elect Sonny McGee as Vice-president.

Tina Horn was re-appointed as Parish Administrator, on a vote of 4-3. Voting for Horn were Charles Precht, James Doxey, Douaine Conner, and Steve Trahan. Voting against were Sonny McGee, Scott Trahan, and Darryl Farque. Scott Trahan said he would have preferred to take resumes and open the position to others, but he knew the votes weren't there.

Bonnie Conner was reappointed as parish Secretary-treasurer with no opposition.

Parish Planner Ernie Broussard presented a report on the activities of his office over the past month, covering a variety of projects including geotechnical work, parcel investigations, and building design for the Cameron Square; pursuit of 10 USDA grants for fire, ambulance, and communications districts; action on the final district to enter the Cheniere Pilot Plan; FEMA Project Worksheet management; and working with the West Cameron Port Authority on various issues.

He presented Jimmy Cormier and Bob Miller to describe a housing assistance program called HERO, for Housing Equity Recovery Organization. HERO is a Fannie Mae mortgage program intended to bridge the gap between homeowner needs and the actual amount received through insurance, FEMA, and the Road Home Program. The Jury agreed to request parish participation and ask for the LRA to fund the required study.

Broussard also said that Cameron Parish is still in the running for the site of the National Hurricane Museum, although there is a lot of pressure to locate the proposed attraction major near Interstate 10. At the initial meeting with museum designers last year, the audience was told that one thing they could say was that the museum would not be on I-10, because it was more desirable to have a major attraction at some distance from the traffic corridor to encourage visitors to stay longer in the area.

based on the parameters of in the ordinance only.

"You can't serve FEMA and get money, and serve the people," said Broussard. "One way or another, you'll lose you can't have a parish seat without people."

When asked his opinion, District Attorney Cecil Sanner said the idea of an independent appeals board seemed to have merit. He offered to further research the issue and report next month.

MALFEASANCE ALLEGED

Sanner was also asked by Holly Beach resident Sandra Cox to investigate the parish administrator for "malfea-sance in office." Cox has appeared several times before the Jury to complain of past and present harassment by the administrator and staff. At the last meeting, she requested a way to run a pipe across Brant St. in order to reach a ditch for her mechanical sewer system. She said that this month the road crew has put a culvert across the street, but not where she can use it, and she didn't want a culvert anyway, and it drains water into the wrong place. The road foreman said it was necessary to place culverts at regular intervals, and he didn't even know if it was legal to run a pipe under the road. Cox said the culvert ran into private property, but Juror Sonny McGee and the foreman said it was the proper length for the right of way. They offered to dig the ditch further east to allow her access, but she still wasn't satisfied.

Finally, when asked what action she was asking the Jury to take, Cox said she had already contacted the Attorney General's office and the State Auditor's office about investigating Horn, whom she blames for many previous problems as well as the current culvert/ditch issue. Then she asked for a District Attorney investigation. Sanner said if she will present all her allegations in writing, he will consider the request.

DEMOLITION AND DEBRIS

Parish OEP Director Clifton Hebert reported that GPS, the contractor hired to remove the last of the storm debris and demolish the last 17 structures, has not been able to fulfill its obligation because of the recent spate of bad weather which has closed the landfill they need for the

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Project to open, national participation is expected at the grand opening celebration.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Deep Bayou bridge replacement bid was awarded to F. Miller and Sons, at a price of \$277,900. No bids were received on Health Unit furniture, so it will have to be re-advertised.

The meeting schedule for 2007 remains the same as 2006, except for the time of meetings being changed to 5:30 p.m.

The following appointments were made:

Julie Racca - Recreation Dist #5 (replaces Karen Ashfield who resigned); Sue Billot, Dale Jinks, Sr., Donna Trahan - Lower Cameron Hospital District #2; Bryon "Goose" Richard - Industrial Development Board.

The following were reappointed:

Bryon "Goose" Richard, Joseph Dyson - Cameron Fire Dist. #1; Kevin Vincent - Fire Dist. #7; Paul Wasson, Randall McFatter - Fire Dist. #141.

Willis "Bill" Delcambre resigned form Gravity Drainage Dist. #9; no replacement was named.

Parish Roads #384 and #344 were abandoned with no opposition, but PR #313 was not, due to opposition.



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Consumer Reports, independent not-for-profit homes generally provide better care than for-profits owned by chains. Call the nursing homes you're interested in and ask if they have recently, or are about to change owners. One that's for sale might have problems, just as one with a new owner might be getting better. . Facility visits: Once

• Facility visits: Once you've narrowed your search, visit each facility so you can evaluate them first-hand. Be sure to find out if they're capable of providing the kind of care your loyed one needs.

the Church under Rev. Morgan's leadership "enjoyed a phenomenal growth."

In print, Rev. Morgan is almost always called Arthur T. Morgan, but most people usually refer to him as A. T. Morgan. My mother was the former Elizabeth Knight and her sister Nell Knight was married to Rev. Morgan. He was known to everyone in the extended Knight family, including Aunt Nell, by the more familiar names--Buster and Uncle Buster.

I cannot really say very much personally about Rev. Morgan. My parents were in their forties when I was born, and I was a little boy when he and Aunt Nell would come to visit. The main thing I remember is that they would greet everyone, including me, and then the grownups would talk. I also remember my mother telling me that Uncle Buster was Superintendent of \mathbf{the} Pentecostal Church but that did not completely register with me in my early years.

THE BEGINNING

Arthur Theodore Morgan was born Aug. 27, 1901 in Lufkin, Tex., the only child of the Rev. Joseph W. and Mary E. Morgan. The family moved to DeRidder in 1917 and Joseph changed careers, first engaging in the mercantile business, then later buying a dairy farm in Vernon Parish. Arthur attended DeRidder High School and graduated in May, 1918. He later attended Centenary College in Shreveport.

Arthur first met Nellie Knight--that's the name she went by as a young woman-in the early 1920s at a Pentecostal revival meeting in Vernon Parish that she had gone to with her mother. Nellie was the daughter of



VARIANCES

Teddy Broussard made a presentation on research he has done concerning flood plain variances. He contends that, based on the parish ordinance floodplain approved by FEMA in 1998, the parish can issue variances for height requirements in certain cases, such as medical hardship. He says he can find no evidence in writing that the parish has been prevented from issuing such variances, even though a FEMA representative asked them to stop doing so a few years ago.

According to Broussard, the only letter he could find on the subject stated that the parish flood insurance would go up by \$49,500 if variances were issued. He says that would have come to \$35 per family at the time. He found "no order demanding that you stop giving them."

Parish Administrator Tina Horn confirmed that the parish does have variances. "We have variances; anyone can request a variance," she said. The process has been that a decision is made by the floodplain management director, which can be appealed to the Police Jury, sitting as a board of appeal. The ordinance allows for a further appeal to the 38th Judicial District Court.

Broussard contends that the people of Cameron Parish have been denied their right to due process by not being told that there is a further appeal, and by the Jury's denial of allowable variances under threat from FEMA. He recommends that the Jury appoint an independent board of appeals, who would rule demolitions. There is a \$500 per day penalty clause in the contact, but there was no weather provision made.

Hebert asked the Jury to amend the contract to allow more time, but the fact that the parish's 90/10% cost share with FEMA expired on Jan. 1 complicates matters. Two months ago, the Jury was told that the 10% split would be extended until March 31, so there was no need to worry about the cost of the project. However, no such extension had been issued by meeting time, except for Katrina parishes.

The Jury decided to stop work until verification can be made of the extension. It is not known if the project can be completed.

Meanwhile, a PW has been written to remove 392 salt killed trees from 92 eligible properties recently assessed. A timeline on that project is not known.

Progress on the elevator in the court house was also not known. When Jurors asked why not, Horn replied that two of her permit staff have quit and she has been doing their jobs. Plus the holidays have shortened work hours for all staff. The boiler has been installed, though, and the court house is now warm.

Jurors McGee and Scott Trahan expressed a need to "micro-manage" the court house project and asked Ellis Nunez to oversee it.

SOME GOOD NEWS

The Cameron Parish Library Board reported that the two temporary library buildings being loaned by the Gates Foundation have arrived in Cameron and Grand Chenier. Furniture is ordered and should arrive Jan. 20, with books and other media due a few days later. The Library expects to be operating in the new facilities by the end of the month and is planning a grand opening event for late February.

Since the Cameron Parish libraries will be the first in the Gulf Coast Library The decision to move a loved one into a nursing home can be a difficult one. In most cases, the decision is forced by a sudden decline in health or mental ability, or by a gradual realization that they can no longer receive the care they need at home. Whatever the circumstance, here are some steps that can help you find a good nursing home and avoid a bad one:

• Make a list: Contact your Area Agency on Aging for a list of local nursing home facilities. Ideally, the facilities should be close to family members and friends who can visit often. Residents with frequent visitors usually get better care. The national Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116, or www.eldercare.gov) can direct you to your local aging agency.

• Online help: The Internet is a great resource to help you find and research nursing homes. Medicare offers a Nursing Home Compare resource at www.medicare.gov/nhcompare/home.asp that lists every nursing home that accepts Medicare and Medicaid by state, city, and Zip code.

Also see the Consumer Reports Nursing Home Quality Monitor at www.consumerreports.org/nursinghomes. This free resource identifies nursing homes that are likely to provide betterquality care and those you need to avoid.

You can also purchase detailed nursing home reports through companies like www.healthgrades.com and www.carescout.com.

• Ombudsman help: This is a government official who investigates nursing home complaints and advocates for residents and their families. Be sure you call them. They can tell you about the nursing homes in your area as well as which ones have had complaints or other problems. To find your local ombudsman, call your area aging agency or see www.ltcombudsman.org.

Check the ownership: According to a recent study by what they charge, and if they accept Medicaid.

While you're there, talk with the staff, residents and their family members, if available. Taste the food, check the cleanliness of the facility, and notice if the staff is responsive and kind to its residents. Ask the nurses aides how many residents they each care for (the smaller the number, the better).

It's also a smart idea to include an unannounced visit in the evening or on the weekend when staffing problems are most prominent.

Staff turnover: Ask the nursing home administrator about top level turnover. If the administrator and the director of nursing have worked at a facility for several years, that's usually a positive sign. Frequent changes in those positions indicate instability, which could translate into poor care.

Inspect the inspection: Read the nursing home's state inspection survey, known as Form 2567. It should be readily accessible. If it's not and you have difficulty obtaining it, consider that a warning that the facility may be hiding problems or violations.

• Compare facilities: Medicare has a checklist at www.medicare.gov/nursing/ch ecklist.asp that can help you evaluate and compare the nursing homes you're considering.

Savvy Tip: If you find yourself in a situation where your elder loved one has been hospitalized because of a medical condition or injury, and the hospital wants to discharge them before you've had time to investigate any nursing homes, you can appeal to Medicare to extend the hospital stay for two days. That will buy you some time to locate a good facility.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" books.