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New Year's Greetings To One & All
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Festival will honor menhaden industry

The 49th annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will be held in Cameron on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 6-8.

The festival was begun in 1956 and was not held in 1958 due to aftermath of Hurricane Audrey. It has been held ever since in January.

The festival was originated around the muskrat skinning contest at which a local contestant was chosen to compete in the National Muskrat Skinning contest in Cambridge, Maryland.

The January date was chosen as this was during the trapping season when the muskrats could be taken. The festival has advertised itself as Louisiana's "coldest festival" ever since.

The festival has honored one of the parish's industries each year including shrimping, cattle, rice, oil and gas, and this year the menhaden fishing industry.

The menhaden catch here has made Cameron one of the top ten fishing ports in the nation most years and some years the number one port.

Purse boats setting the net

The festival's king will be selected from the menhaden industry and will be announced and crowned at the Thursday night program at the Cameron Elementary auditorium.

On Friday and Saturday festival grounds will open at 8 a.m. and there will be a full day of contests, carnival rides and a dance. The Deb, Teen, Jr. and Miss Cameron Parish Pageant will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Elementary auditorium.

Saturday features more contests with the annual parade set for 11:30 p.m. The skinning contests will be held at 3 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. the Fur Festival queen will be selected at the auditorium.

The festival concludes with an adult dance at 9 p.m. at the Cameron KC Hall.

PVT. JAMES Primeaux II graduated from Marine Boot Camp in San Diego, Calif., on Oct. 29. He is the son of Larry and Janetta Primeaux of Winnie, Tex., and the grandson of Francis and Eleanor Lyons of Hackberry.

Jurors divided on officers

By CYNDI SELLERS

A deeply divided Cameron Parish Police Jury elected officers for the year of 2005 at their regular meeting Monday night. For many years, these elections have been unanimous, but this time there were two nominees for Jury President.

Current President Steve Trahan was nominated by Charles Precht, and current Vice-president Scott Trahan was nominated by Darryl Farque.

Steve Trahan received three votes, from Precht, James Doxey, and himself, while Scott Trahan received four votes, from Farque, Douaine Conner, Sonny McGee, and himself. Conner was then elected unanimously as Vice-president.

The panel then proceeded to the appointment of the Parish Administrator, and again was divided, with Farque and Scott Trahan voting against the re-appointment of Tina Horn to the post and the other five in favor. A motion by Precht to make the appointment last for three years failed, 4-3. Bonnie Conner was unanimously re-appointed as Secretary.

Two proposed amendments to parish ordinances were tabled for further study. Public input is being sought regarding changes to the parish noise ordinance and the nuisance animal ordinance.

The noise proposal is to change the process by which a noise complaint is referred to the District Attorney's office. Currently, for a neighborhood complaint, two written complaints, from two different households, are needed for the DA's office to consider it.

Under the proposed change, the two written complaints could be from the same household or from a deputy sheriff on patrol. The proposal also exempts certain types of gatherings.

The language of this portion of the measure was sent back to the DA's office for further clarification. The final proposal is to be published prior to the next agenda meeting.

Changes to the parish nuisance animal ordinance had been requested to exempt first time offenders from having to pay court costs. Assistant DA Jennifer Jones suggested that certain types of animal offenses, such as biting a person or attacking another animal, still result in a court appearance. She also suggested that repeat citations require court appearances and that the judge be given a range of fines from $50 to $500 from which to choose.

Currently, the first offense incurs a $25 fine, and repeat offenses increase by specific amounts each time, up to $500.

The final proposal for this ordinance is also to be published prior to the agenda meeting, which will be held on the last Monday of the month, at 4:30pm.

The jury also tabled a permit request from Cameron LNG, Hackberry, for proposed mitigation for their LNG terminal and pipeline. The West Cameron Port Board requested the permit be delayed pending their litigation with the Lake Charles Port Authority.

The proposed abandonment of the last 100' of Carter Road in Cameron was tabled for further study as well.

In other business, the jury accepted the only bid of $18,200 for the Christmas Tree Project from Black Lake Marsh, and voted to spend $6468 to put new striping on Deep Bayou Road in Johnson Bayou.

The salaries of part-time solid waste and janitorial employees were increased by $.50 per hour.

Bids will be advertised on the sale of a 1971 pumper truck by the Klondike Fire Department, the lease purchase of a new motor grader, the purchase of a second 911 communication console, and the complete renovation of the parish jail's plumbing system.

The president was given authority to sign a maintenance agreement for the state's beach monitoring program, which goes into effect in Cameron Parish this year. The state will routinely monitor water quality at several locations along Gulf beaches throughout the swimming season.

Whenever the levels of coliform bacteria exceed safe limits, signs will be posted in the affected area advising beachgoers to swim at their own risk. The parish will pick up the cost of displaying the signs.

The jury appointed Joseph A. Racca to the Fire District #14 board, replacing Clement Granger who resigned after many years of service. Re-appointments were made of Kevin Vincent to Fire District #7, Paul Wasson and Randall McFatter to Fire Dist. #14, Coy Mudd to Gravity Drainage Dist. #3, and Oscar Reyes III to the Communications District.

A resolution was adopted commemorating the late Madeline "Puddy" Solina for her service to the Cameron Parish Library Board.

Cameron NAACP President, backed by a large group of supporters, presented the jury with a petition signed by 191 members of the African-American community requesting that the historical marker commemorating a Confederate Medal of Honor recipient be removed from the court house grounds and placed on private property.

It was explained that the only way the jury can take up the matter again would be for a juror to ask at an agenda meeting for the item to be placed on the agenda for a regular meeting.

It would take a 2/3 majority, or 5 votes, to change the jury's previous action which was to keep the marker in place.

How you can contact Sen. Vitter

Tuesday David Vitter was sworn in by Vice President Dick Cheney as Louisiana's new U. S. Senator.

Vitter was escorted into the Senate by Louisiana's Senior Senator Mary Landrieu. Vitter served as U. S. Congressman for Louisiana's 1st Congressional District since 1999. Now he will serve Louisiana as U. S. Senator for the next six years.

Until he receives his permanent office assignment, Vitter can be reached in his temporary Washington office, located at 825A Hart Senate Building, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C., 20510, by phone at 202-224-4623 and by fax at 202-228-5061.

Vitter expects to open offices across the state soon to handle constituent services. Constituents needing immediate assistance with case work can contact Vitter's Metairie office, located at 2800 Veteran's Blvd., Suite 201, Metairie, La. 70002, by phone at 504-589-2753 or by fax at 504-589-2607.

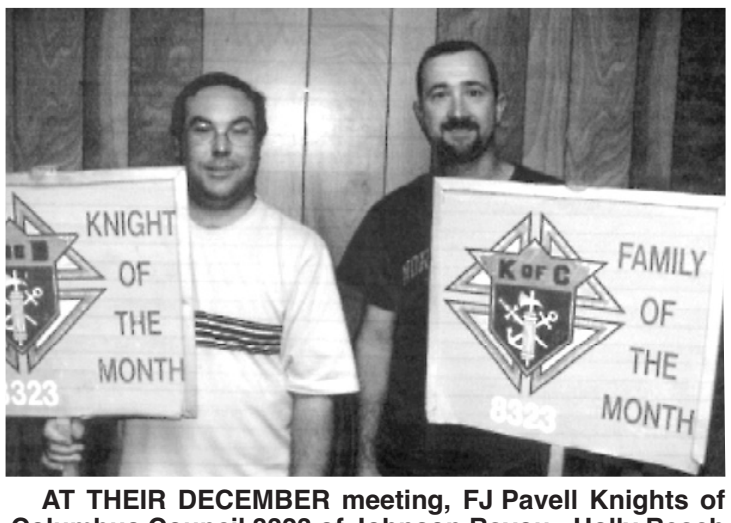
Prescription drug aid offered

MedServices will be at the Cameron Rural Health Clinic at 428 Marshall St., on Jan. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to assist uninsured patients of the clinic in obtaining their prescription drugs at either a decreased or free cost.

In the past, the Rural Health Clinic staff assisted patients in this matter, but due to the large amount of patients requiring this service, MedServices will take over this duty.

The service for filing is not free, but on the average the fee is about $5 per medication per month.

MedServices is not sponsored by any state or federal grants; it is made possible by the fees collected.



AT THEIR DECEMBER meeting, FJ Pavell Knights of Columbus Council 8323 of Johnson Bayou - Holly Beach selected Marc LeBlanc, left, as Knight of the Month. Ricky Menard, right, and wife Terry, were selected as Family of the Month.

Hospital cannot be sold unless voters approve

By CYNDI SELLERS

South Cameron Memorial Hospital cannot be sold without the approval of the voters of the hospital district, the Attorney General, and possibly the Police Jury, according to an opinion recently provided to Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Jones.

The Police Jury had requested an opinion be sought to answer questions raised by certain members of the public regarding a clause in the lease between the District and Pacer Health Management Corporation. The clause allows Pacer an option to purchase the hospital.

In her request, Jones wrote, "In the negotiations with Pacer, Pacer insisted on the option to purchase the Hospital's assets in exchange for assuming the lease obligations of Camelot (Healthcare, LLC) and providing working capital for the Hospital... I must emphasize, at this time, the issue has not arisen due to any interest Pacer has expressed in electing to exercise its option. Instead, certain parties in the community have insisted that the Assignment Agreement allows the District to sell the Hospital without the approval of the voters, police jury, Bankruptcy Court, Attorney General, or anyone else. Under these circumstances, an opinion from your office clarifying the state law requirements governing the sale of the Hospital would be most helpful."

The Attorney General's office agreed with Jones that the hospital, as a revenue-producing property owned by a political subdivision, could only be sold "after approval of same by a referendum of the electorate," in other words, the voters.

Also, state law requires the review and approval of the attorney general before a not-for-profit hospital can be bought or sold, due to the state's "interest in assuring the continued existence of accessible, affordable health care facilities that are responsive to the needs of the communities in which they exist."

Concerning approval by the Police Jury, the AG's office found no specific provision of law which requires it, but noted the law which gives parish governing bodies the authority "to abolish any district it has created, and to exercise budgetary and fiscal controls over such a district."

NAACP program

The Cameron NAACP Branch will hold its annual program honoring Dr. Martin Luther King on Saturday, Jan. 15, according to Louise Cole, president.

There will be a parade at 1 p.m. followed by a program at the Multi-Purpose building behind the courthouse.

An inspirational address will be given by the Rev. Wayne Morris, Sr., pastor of the 6th St. Baptist Church in Port Arthur.

A lunch will follow and awards will be presented to the Lake Charles-Boston and Washington-Marion ROTC groups which will march in the parade.

The keys to the city will be presented by the Cameron Parish's Sheriff's Dept.

Christian Women

The Christian Women of Cameron will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King observance in Cameron with the theme being: "Learning to Help Others." The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 15 - Dr. M. L. King, Jr. parade.

Sunday, Jan. 16 - Judging of posters and essays at Ebenezer Baptist Church. (Should be turned into your school by Thursday, Jan. 13.)

Monday, Jan. 17 - Prayer breakfast, 8 a.m. Ebenezer Baptist Church. Speaker is Louise Cole.

Peace March to Cameron Rec. #6 at 10 a.m.

Fun day activities, Cameron Rec. #6 complex.

For more information contact Sandra DeShields-Ford at 775-3138 or 775-8158.

Saturday, Jan. 22 - Dr. M. L. King basketball tournament at South Cameron High School. (For more information contact Ryan Nash at SCHS 542-4628.)

Adult Ed classes told

Adult Education classes are being offered through the Cameron Community Action Agency in Cameron and Grand Lake. Classes are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in Grand Lake and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Cameron. The class hours are from 3 - 8 p.m.

Anyone interested is to contact the CCAA/CCOA in Cameron at 775-5668 or Grand Lake at 598-5158.

Road to be closed for festival

On Saturday, Jan.8 the road into Cameron will be shut down at 11 a.m. for the Fur Festival Parade.

Stephanie Rogers

HAPPY NEW YEAR
We hope the new year brings all of you health and prosperity.

Booster policies to be studied

The Cameron Parish School Board will hold its monthly meetings on Monday, Jan. 10 with the agenda meeting at 3 p.m. and the regular meeting at 4 p.m.

Members will consider authorizing the superintendent to update policies and procedures pertaining to athletic booster associations for parish schools.

They will also consider the principal's role in athletics.

Members will receive "A Philosophy Statement for Cameron Parish Schools" with referral to the February meeting for adoption.

THERE IS MUCH scenic beauty to be found throughout Cameron Parish. This picture of the old Sunrise II docks on the Mermentau River at Grand Chenier was taken by Mike McCall.

Funerals

MARY NUNEZ

Mary Stutes Nunez, 74, of Big Lake died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, in Christus St. Patrick Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Crowley and lived in Lafayette for a number of years prior to moving to the Lake Charles area in 1977. She was a graduate of Crowley High School. She had lived in Big Lake for the past 22 years.

She was a sales associate for Montgomery Ward for many years and worked at Touchet's Grocery and Gulf National Bank. She was a member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven and St. Mary of the Lake Catholic churches.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Nunez of Big Lake; one son, Theo Rick Mier III of Lafayette; three daughters, Jodie L. Forsberg of Houston, Michelle Renee Mier of Baton Rouge and Mary Gay "Mickie" Richard of Baton Rouge; one brother, Russell Stutes of Lake Charles; one sister, Linda Laurents of San Antonio; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 1, from Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Monsignor Harry Greig officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery

ELLIS H. REED

Mr. Ellis H. Reed, 74, of Big Lake died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005 in a local hospital.

Mr. Reed was a native of Burlington, N. J. and had lived in the Lake Charles area for a short time. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, served in the Korean War and and was a former POW. Mr. Reed was a Disabled American Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Sharon Reed of Big Lake; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Jan. 5 in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Gary Mann officiated. The body was cremated.

CYO News

Our Lady Star of the Sea Youth meeting scheduled for this Sunday is rescheduled for next Sunday Jan. 16 at the regular time.

Diocese monthly DYC meeting is this Sunday Jan. 9 at St. Henry's in Lake Charles. It is from 2:30 till 4:30 p.m.

If you are planning on attending please call Mrs. Margaret. This is the final work day for conference, it's not too late to be involved.

Program told for children

The Cameron Community Action Agency is currently accepting enrollments for "Keep it Real" After School Program. The hours are from 3 - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday The program consists of Life Training skills, Puberty Educational Programs, Volunteerism and Structured Recreation. The program is for children ages eight and up. The cost will be $10 per month per child.

Anyone interested should contact Lana at the Cameron community Action Agency in Grand Lake at 598-5158.

Senior citizen supper set

A senior citizen supper and activity night will be held at Wakefield United Methodist Church Sunday, Jan. 16 at 4 p.m.

For more information call 775-5360.

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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick

Lake Charles Echo, Jan. 4, 1877.
OYSTERS

The oysters at Calcasieu Pass are better than for several years.

Cameron Pilot, Jan. 6, 1972.
FIRE BRINGS PROTEST

An oil and chemical fire on a bar pit on land east of Cameron threatened the residence of former Cameron Sheriff O. B. Carter Monday afternoon.

Approximately 100 drums filled with distillate, lube, and possibly gasses caught fire and started a chain reaction of explosions, blowing drums several feet in the air. Effects of the explosion caused a mushroom type cloud identical to an atomic explosion.

The Cameron Volunteer Fire Department, under the direction of Chief Ray Burleigh, used 150 pounds of dry chemical and five gallons of wet chemical on the fire and extinguished the blaze in two hours.

The large new fire truck stood by at the Carter home so water could be immediately available in case one of the exploding drums landed on it.

The former Sheriff appeared before the Police Jury Tuesday to protest the dumping of the chemicals and old car bodies in the bar pit next to his house. He asked that the Jury adopt an ordinance prohibiting such dumping in a residential area.

1972 FUR FESTIVAL

The 16th annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival gets underway in Cameron, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7 and 8. Headlining the events will be two queen contests and a fur skinning contest that will have the world champion fur skinner, J. A. Miller, defending his title.

Several girls will compete for Miss Cameron Parish. They 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. Alton Schexnider of Hackberry; Brenda Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor, Sr., of Sweetlake; Wanda Devall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Devall of Grand Lake; Mona Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.Willie Miller of Creole; Lurchell Fontenot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Fontenot.

Reigning over the festival will be Cheri Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Griffith, the Louisiana Fur Queen.

BUILDING PERMITS ORDINANCE PASSED

Cameron Parish has become probably the first area in the United States to adopt an ordinance regulating home and commercial construction in compliance with the new federal flood insurance program.

The ordinance was adopted Friday at a special meeting of the Jury. Had the jury failed to adopt the ordinance, the federal flood insurance program, which has been in effect here for about a year, would have been canceled on Jan. 15.

Jennings B. Jones, the jury's legal advisor who drafted the ordinance, said that the measure did not go as far as requested by the federal government, but he felt that it would be acceptable as it showed the parish's "good faith."

The government had asked that the ground floor of all new homes and commercial structures be elevated 11 feet above mean sea level in the parish, but the jury compromised by requiring that anew construction be 7 feet above sea level.

Other provisions of the ordinance include:

1. Building of homes in the marsh will be prohibited.
2. All construction must be at least 700 feet back from the Gulf and no construction will be permitted over the Gulf. All construction along the beach must be 11 feet above sea level.
3. In all other areas of the parish, except in the Little Chenier area, construction must be 7 feet above sea level.
4. All new homes must be anchored to the piers.
5. All fill foundations must be built of materials that will not be subject to wave wash.

Building permits for all new construction in the parish will be required and will be secured at the police jury office. There will be no charge for permits.

Jones told the jury that the new flood insurance program has been a real boost for the parish since it is now possible to secure financing on new homes in the parish.

EAGLE SCOUTS

Tuesday night, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. an Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held in the Cameron Courthouse. Two Cameron Boy Scouts are slated to receive the coveted award. They are Eddie Benoit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benoit, and Terry Dronet, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dronet, all of Cameron.

ROUNDABOUT THE PARISH

A 50-mile bicycle trip around lower Cameron Parish was made by four Cameron Boy Scouts last week as one of the requirements for a merit badge. Those making the trip were Kevin Colligan, Kent Benoit and Timothy Alexander of Cameron and Stanley Primeaux of Creole. Wayne Kershaw is the Scoutmaster.

Mardi Gras top 20 event in SW La.

The Southeast Tourism Society (STS) recently honored Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana as a Top 20 Event for 2005. From glittering parades and royal costumes to mambo, Zydeco and gumbo, the festivities have something for everyone, Jan. 6-Feb. 8.

Featured events include the Twelfth Night celebration on Thursday, Jan. 6; the Cajun Extravaganza/Gumbo Cook-off on Saturday, Feb. 5; Children's Day and the Lighted Boat Parade on Sunday, Feb. 6; and toping off the season, is the Royal Gala on Monday, Feb. 7 and the Krewe of Krewes Parade on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

For more information, contact the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at 436-9588, or visit: www.visitlakecharles.org.

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Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith

We have a retired doctor living in our retirement village who is from Sri Lanka. She has finally heard that her family survived the disaster there. For several days she was unable to get any word.

Zoe had a lot of prayers said for her and her family. She has just had a very serious operation and her sister was here with her and both were very worried about their family.

Those of us who went through Hurricane Audrey in 1957 know what it is to be wiped clean of everything, even the clothes on our back. But that is only material things that can be replaced, not our loved ones.

To this day I still miss PaPa Griffith, his last thoughts were for me, because he had begged me to hang on the the tree when I had almost given up. He told me I must "hang in there" because I had two children to raise.

We remembered Zoe and her family in our prayers at our Bible study group this morning. Our group is growing, this morning we had 26 members. Catherine Carpenter, our leader, is truly a bearer of God's word. She has been declared legally blind, but her spirit is good.

My great grandchild, McCall Marie Matt is visiting us this week. She has developed such a darling personality. She is not afraid of anything. She loves our dogs, and loves to kiss Beau if we don't watch her. She loves to watch her cartoons and loves to dance to the music.

Oklahoma State football coach Les Miles has been chosen as the next coach at L.S.U. and six members of his staff will follow him to LSU. Miles, 51, accepted a contract offer after flying to Baton Rouge with his wife, Kathy, and his agent.

Have a good time at the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival. I'll be thinking about all of you.

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.

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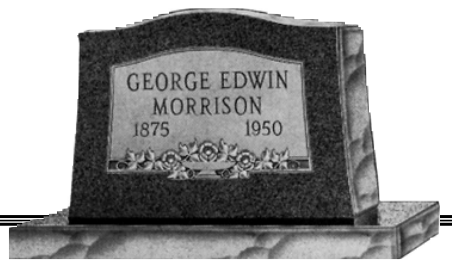

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South Cameron High School News

SENIOR NEWS

Senior portraits will be taken on Thursday, Jan. 6. beginning at 8 a.m. in Tarpon Hall. All seniors are required to take this picture. Your cap, gown and dress poses will be made for your personal use and for the yearbook. Casual poses will also be taken at this time for a sitting fee of $5. Seniors need to bring their graduation ring for pictures.

Parents received a letter about Senior ads in the yearbook. If you have family members that would like to purchase an ad, please make a copy of the letter or have them contact the school. If you would like an ad please contact Tracy Lannin by Feb. 4.

Senior Parent meeting will be on Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Tarpon Hall. Graduation plans will be discussed.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Broussard has applications for the AFL-CIO Scholarship, Louisiana JCI Senate Scholarship, LA Young Bankers for students majoring in business, Northwestern State University Leadership Scholarship and LA Rural Water Scholarship for seniors interested in pursuing a career in water or wastewater field (environmental science) and students desiring to major in Agriculture.

SPORTS

Qualifying athletes will be ordering jackets and patches on Monday, Jan. 10 at 8 a.m.

There will be three basketball games on Thursday beginning at 4 p.m. JV girls, then Varsity girls and boys will begin at 6:30 p.m.

FBLA

All FBLA members are reminded to turn in all money from the fundraiser by Thursday, Jan. 6. Members are collecting items for swing bed patients at the hospital. Items that are needed include socks, lotion, bath powder, slippers, cds, and throw blankets. Members that participate will receive 20 points for the community service project for January.

Members are reminded of the District FBLA meeting on Feb. 2. Binders can be obtained from Ms. Hession to prepare for the test. All members placing superior at District will qualify to compete at the State Conference in March.

CLASS DUES

All students are reminded to pay class dues. Dues must be paid to attend the Winter Formal to be held on Feb. 26, 2005.

4-H NEWS

The Parish Livestock show will begin on Sunday, Jan. 9 with the Beef Show. On Thursday, Jan. 13 is the small animal show and lamb show. The hog show will be on Friday, Jan. 14. The Parish Livestock Sale will be on Saturday, Jan. 15.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 6 - Senior Portraits (Tarpon Hall); Basketball Merryville (home)

Jan. 7 - Fur Festival Holiday

Jan. 8 - Wrestling - Bursley Tourney

Jan. 9 - Parish Cattle Show

Jan. 11 - Basketball Elton (away)

Jan. 12 - Blood Drive (Tarpon Hall 9 a.m. -12:30 p.m.); Wrestling Basile (away)

Jan. 13 - Basketball East Beau (home)

Jan. 13 - 15: Parish Livestock Show and Sale

Jan. 17 - No School

School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish Schools for the week beginning Jan. 6 are as follows:

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

Monday, Jan. 10 - Chili Frito pie, cole slaw, hash brown patty, peach cobbler, cheese toast, catsup.

Tuesday, Jan. 11 - Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, baked potato, chocolate pudding, salad dressing, sliced bread.

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Smoked brisket sandwich, oven fries, corn on cob, strawberry Jello cake, hamburger bun, catsup.

Thursday, Jan. 13 - Hot ham and cheese sandwich, baked beans, oven fries, chocolate cake, vanilla cream frosting, hamburger bun, catsup.

Friday, Jan. 14 - Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pear halves, cornbread, catsup.

All meals are served with a choice of milk.

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Late registration to be held at McNeese

Students registering late for the spring 2005 semester at McNeese State University must register online or must go to their academic departments. Students must also be admitted to the university prior to registration.

Late registration on the Web begins at 8 a.m. Jan. 14 and closes at 5 p.m. Jan. 20. The online registration system is available at all times, except between 5-8 p.m. on weekdays. To late register online, students can go to the McNeese Web site at www.mcneese.edu and click on Web for Students.

Late registration in academic departments will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 14 and Jan. 18-20. Students who late register must pay fees in Smith Hall by 4 p.m. Jan. 21 or all courses will be dropped; fee invoices will not be mailed to late registrants.

Students who late register and receive financial aid must sign a financial aid authorization prior to having fees assessed, even if they have a zero balance. Once they have registered for classes, students can sign the financial aid authorization at the cashier's office.

A $50 late fee will be charged for those who participate in late registration. Students who sign up for three hours or less do not have to pay late fees.

Students who wish to drop or add classes can do so online at the same Web site or may see their faculty advisers in their academic departments during late registration. Additional fees for added classes must also be paid by 4 p.m. Jan. 21 or all courses will be dropped.

For more information on McNeese's late registration for the spring semester, contact the registrar's office at (337) 475-5356 or 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5356.

Banner Series honored

The Southeast Tourism Society (STS) recently honored the McNeese Banners Series as a 2005 Top 20 Event. The series, Feb.12-April 17, features diverse cultural performances such as world renowned classical and folk musicians, master jugglers, the Moscow Circus, the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, and lectures on a variety of topics.

The Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau is a member of STS, an organization that promotes travel to and within the southeastern part of the United States. The bureau nominates all area fairs, festivals and events quarterly. The STS Top 20 Events marketing program highlights the "best of the best" from submitted entries. Events are selected from each of the following STS member states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The Top 20 Events publication is distributed to 125 American Automobile Association offices and to more than 300 newspapers, periodicals, radio stations and television stations. The combined circulation of organizations using the publication is well into the millions. The potential media coverage of these events has made the Top 20 Events list a coveted honor.

For more information, contact the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at 436-9588 or visit: www.visitlakecharles.org.

Iowa Rabbit Festival honored

The Southeast Tourism Society (STS) recently honored the Iowa Rabbit Festival as a Top 20 Event for the month of March. The festival will be held Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, at Lawrence Toups Jr. Memorial Park with Cajun, Country, and Zydeco music, carnival rides, a petting zoo, food and craft vendors, a parade, and of course, rabbits!

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Nurse hotline is told

Beginning Jan. 1, 2005, the Department of Health and Hospitals' CommunityCARE program will make after-hours health care decisions a little easier for Medicaid clients with its Nurse Helpline. The helpline will begin taking calls on New Year's Day. Clients can reach the CommunityCARE Nursing Helpline by calling 1-866-529-1681. The Information Library that may be accessed through the toll free number with PIN number 806.

CommunityCARE is a DHH program that ensures Medicaid recipients are linked to primary care physicians. The program aims to increase access to appropriate medical care in a physician's office instead of sending patients to the emergency room for routine care.

The toll-free CommunityCARE Nurse Helpline will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Nurses will take calls and answer questions for patients by assisting them with their health care needs.

"We know it can be incredibly frustrating when injuries or illnesses occur when physicians are off duty," said Dr. Fred Cerise, Department of Health and Hospitals Secretary. "We hope this phone service will help our clients get better direction on what course of treatment is needed when their primary care doctor is unavailable. We also hope this service will help our clients avoid trips to the emergency room if their questions can be answered over the phone."

In addition to medical advice, the hotline also will include a Health Information Library, where clients can call for tips on healthy pregnancy, childhood vaccination schedules, nutritious food choices and how to correctly use over-the-counter or prescribed medications.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

75th BIRTHDAY

Cecile (Cel) Welch of Hackberry celebrated her 75th birthday Sunday, Jan. 2 with her husband, Ernest (Tot) Welch and children Johnny and Ruby Welch and family of Hackberry, Evana Jaye and Danny O'quain and family of Sulphur, Martha Jane and Ernest Pine of Sulphur, Glenda (Sissy) and Tim Stelly and family of Sulphur and Glenn (Bubba) and Betsy Welch and family of Hackberry.

CATHOLIC BINGO

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

GETS DEGREE

Lindsey Diane Bufford of Hackberry received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Northwestern. Marcus Ray Bufford of Hackberry was on the Dean's List at LSU. They are the children of Bobby and Amy Gail Bufford.

FIRE

Dec. 27 an early morning fire at a house on Channel View Drive was totally destroyed . The owner was not at home. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

Guidelines for good health

By DR. BETH REAMES

The 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans will be released early next year. LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames says the guidelines are considered to be the best science-based dietary advice available for Americans over the age of 2.

Thirteen scientists served on the Dietary Guidelines Committee, which was convened by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services to review and recommend changes to the 2000 Dietary Guidelines. Every five years, a new committee of experts reviews and updates the guidelines to ensure they remain relevant and reflect the most up-to-date information available on the role of diet in health.

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

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

The recommendations advise eating more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat milk products, which recent research shows are not eaten in recommended amounts by many Americans.

Library News

MEMORIAL BOOKS

Big Book of Scrap Crochet Afghans, Ruby Collins by Joey and Belinda Dockins and family;

The Ultimate Book Of Dinosaurs, Gordon Johnson by Charlotte Trosclair and family;

The Imus Ranch Cooking For Kids & Cowboys, Mary Jane Miller by Charlotte Trosclair;

Sports & Games, Alfred Vaughan by Charlotte Trosclair;

The Big Book Of Scrap Crochet Projects, Ruby Collins by Charlotte Trosclair;

1) Field Guide To Horses 2) Albino Animals, Mary Jane Miller by Jackie and Butch Watts, Gannon and family, Bryan and family;

The Family, Murl Trahan and Elvin LeBoeuf by Edward Petersen;

Gardening In Louisiana, John Faulk by Cameron Parish Library;

Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, Ruby Collins by British Petroleum;

The Passion, Curtis Portie by Jerry Mock and family;

Little League Guide To Correcting The 25 Most Common Mistakes, Alfred Vaughan by Jerry and Emily Mock and family.

NEW NOVELS

The Windmill, Stephanie Gertler; Golden Years, Andrew M. Greeley; Skelton Man, Tony Hillerman; The Last Dark Place, Stuart M. Kaminsky; Twisted, Jonathan Kellerman;

Life Expectancy, Dean R. Koontz; Falling Awake, Jayne Ann Krentz; Every Sistah Wants It, Victor McGlothin; Loop Group, Larry McMurtry; Till The End Of Tom, Gillian Roberts, Blue Dahlia, Nora Roberts.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

BY:
/s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUNS: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13 - D 20

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, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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CAMERON PARISH
SEWERAGE DISTRICT
NO. TEN
NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO ISSUE BONDS

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:
CAMERON PARISH
SEWERAGE
DISTRICT NO. TEN
BY: /s/ Raymond Miller
RAYMOND MILLER, Chairman
/s/ Cleodale Primeaux
CLEODALE PRIMEAUX
Secretary
RUN: Dec. 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6 (D 27)

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. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 10:00 A.M., on January 25, 2005, for the following:

STRUCTURE NO. 4 OF THE EAST MUD LAKE MARSH MANAGEMENT PROJECT (CS-20)
FOR
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CAMERON PARISH

Proposal Number: **L 25884 DL**
Solicitation Number: **2195455**

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Email: pamela.allen@la.gov
Fax: (225) 342-8688
Phone: (225) 342-8019

SITE VISIT IS REQUIRED.

A Mandatory pre-bid conference 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
PURCHASING
RUN: Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6 (D-38)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids are being solicited as follows and sealed bids will be opened and publically read by the Purchasing Section of the Department of Natural Resources, Room 1263, 617 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802 at 11:00 AM on January 20, 2005:

Bid Proposal Number 432-2214-UORP/05-002
Oyster Reef Assessment,
Calcasieu Lake, Cameron Parish

Only those contractors on the list of contractors approved by the Underwater Obstruction Removal Program Office as of January 10, 2005 will be eligible for consideration. (Reference: Louisiana Underwater Obstruction Removal Program, ACT 666 of 1997).

Bid proposal form and specifications will be mailed to eligible contractors. Additional information 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 Removal Office at 225/342-6293).

Evidence of authority to submit the bid shall be required in accordance with R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c) and/or R.S. 39:1594(C)(2)(d).

This Notice published to comply with Public Bid Law.
RUN: Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6 (D-45)

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

By virtue of a writ of EXECUTORY PROCESS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale a public auction to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, JANUARY 19, 2005 at 10:00 a.m the following described property to-wit:

2001 CHEVROLET PICK UP TRUCK VIN#1GCHC23U31F178701 AND SELL SAID PROPERTY, AFTER DUE ADVERTISEMENT, DELAYS, REQUISITES AND FORMALITIES, FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND PRIVILEGES, ACCORDING TO LAW, FOR CASH, AND WITH BENEFIT OF APPRAISEMENT, WITHOUT DEMAND FOR PAYMENT, TO PAY AND SATISFY THE CLAIM OF PLAINTIFF IN THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF $18924.63 WITH INTEREST THEREON FROM OCTOBER 6, 2004 UNTIL PAID TOGETHER WITH ATTORNEY'S FEES UPON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST FOR ALL COSTS OF THIS PROCEEDING; AND THAT OUT OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE PETITIONER BE PAID THE AMOUNT OF ITS CLAIM IN PREFERENCE AND PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER PERSONS, BY ORDER DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2004
seized under said writ.

Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.
/s/Theos Duhon, Theos Duhon,
Sheriff
CAMERON PARISH, LA.
Sheriff's Office, Cameron, La.
DECEMBER 31, 2004.
NICLOLE M. GUIDRY
Attorney for BANK OF
GUEYDAN
RUNS: Jan. 6 - J 2

SHERIFF'S SALE
THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
MOORE FINANCE COMPANY
INC.
VS. NO. 10-17011
PEGGY S. HOLMES AND
KENNY STURLESE

By virtue of a writ of EXECUTORY PROCESS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale a public auction to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, JANUARY 19, 2005 at 10:00 a.m the following described property to-wit:

ONE (1) 1997 CADILLAC SEVILLE, (4-DR) BEARING VIN# 1G6KS52Y9VU809258 LICENSE NUMBER JWU 280
seized under said writ.

Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.
/s/Theos Duhon
Theos Duhon, Sheriff
CAMERON PARISH, LA.
Sheriff's Office, Cameron, La.
DECEMBER 30, 2004.
SKIPPER M. DROST
Attorneys for MOORE FINANCE
CO. INC.
RUNS: Jan. 6 - J 3

Minutes of Meeting
Cameron Parish Drainage District
#9
December 02, 2004 06:00 PM
Hackberry Recreation Center
Administrative

Reuben LaBauve (President) calls meeting to order.

Members Present -Scott Benoit, Alex Seay

Members absent – Bill Delcambre, Paul Constance

Guests Present - None

Minutes for previous meeting were distributed to Board members prior to meeting. S. Benoit motioned to approve minutes of previous meeting as prepared. A. Seay seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers' Report: $94385.11 - Checking Account; $200,000.00 - CDs

S. Benoit motioned to approve treasurer's report as read. A. Seay seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were open for the following:

1) Shoves Lateral was discussed. Work has begun in this area and will continue until complete, weather permitting.

2) Amended budget for 2004 was presented to the board for review. Pending changes, the amended budget will be accepted at the next meeting this month.

3) Proposed budget for 2005 was presented for review. Pending some changes the budget for 2005 will be accepted at the next meeting this month.

4) Per requirement of State Agencies, S. Benoit motioned to engage Elliott & Assoc. to audit the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004. B. Seay seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Election of officers for 2005 was discussed. A Seay motioned to elect officers at the next meeting this month. S. Benoit seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6) S. Benoit presented invoice for approval to pay. A. Seay made a motion to pay the invoices. S. Benoit seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7) The board reviewed culvert applications. S. Benoit motioned to accept all applications presented with some stipulations as made by the board. A. Seay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further new business presented, the meeting was adjoined.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Scott Benoit, Secretary-Treasurer.

Reuben LaBauve
President
Scott Benoit
Secretary-Treasurer
RUN: Jan. 6 (J 4)

NOTICE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday, November 16, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex.

Members Present: Scott Henry, Joe Dupont, Edward Racca, Jr., and Mike Johnson.

Members Absent: Coy Mudd.

Others present: James LeBoeuf and Edward Petersen.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2004, regular meeting as written.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Mike Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Statement for the month of October 2004.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Mike Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the following bills for payment:

1. ASCO $925.00.
2. Cameron Parish Pilot $16.30.
3. Gulf Coast Supply $69.95.
4. Cameron Parish Pilot $60.00.
5. Gulf Coast Supply $24.13.
6. Dana Ezell (truck transmission repair) $631.00.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Joe Dupont, and carried to approve the Proposed 2005 Budget, to be advertised in the Cameron Parish Pilot for 30 days public notice as required, before placing it on the agenda for adoption at the December meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Edward Racca, Jr., abstained from voting on the motion.

Some discussion took place concerning added structures on the north side of W-1 West drainage area for salvinia control. It was agreed that the idea will be discussed with Engineer Lonnie Harper. It was also noted that there are some small projects to be done, and perhaps we can get a couple of prices from Crain Brothers and other local contractors that might be interested.

It was noted that Wade Carroll's daughter, who lives behind the Town & Country Motel, had a drainage problem. It has been agreed that the Parish will clean the ditch out for her. Jane Black has asked if we are allowing a local shrimper to cross the bulkhead at Mobil. We told her that we have no jurisdiction there. Mrs. Adonise Trosclair also has a drainage problem. We have to get inside Conoco's yard to do the cleaning to alleviate that problem. Several culverts are collapsed, and therefore drainage is restricted. It was agreed that Scott Henry and Edward Petersen will take a look at the situation.

It was agreed that we will discuss with legal counsel our options regarding M & C's non-compliance with the contract for Project #2004-03, including theft of a culvert under their watch. It was agreed that we will place a culvert for Mr. Guthrie, and he has agreed that this is fine with him. It was also agreed that perhaps we can hire another company to cut the stumps down and cut the trees that are flagged, and also to clear other vegetation from the area of that project.

It was agreed by consensus that this board will write a letter to Gravity Drainage District No. 7, stating that as a board we were unable to attend the meeting regarding a proposed Oyster Bayou structure. However, from public opinion in our area, not knowing the entire outline and procedures, at this time Gravity Drainage District No. 3 opposes the project to place a water control structure at Oyster Bayou.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
E. Scott Henry, President
A. Edward Racca, Jr., Secretary-
Treasurer
RUNS: Jan. 6 - J 8

Cameron Parish EMS
Lower Cameron Parish
Ambulance Service District
Board of Directors Meeting
November 17, 2004

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

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

Roll call: Present - Phyllis Pinch, Loston McEvers, Michaeil Booth and Christine Mooney.

Additions to the meeting agenda proposed were:

1. Ellender Bridge Closure.

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

Mrs. Mooney motioned to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2004 meeting. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Broussard presented a notice from Cameron State Bank, which advised that the district has a Certificate of Deposit maturing on Nov. 22, 2004. Mrs. Mooney motioned to have Mr. Broussard make arrangements with the bank to renew the CD in the current amount plus interest accrued for a term of one year. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Broussard discussed progress on the renovations of the Creole station. He stated that the electrical engineer sub contracted by Moss Architects visited and inspected the site to obtain the information needed to diagram electrical plans for construction. He explained that when these plans are submitted to Moss, the bids specifications for construction would be ready shortly afterwards. The board can expect bid requests to be advertised sometime in December.

Mr. Broussard gave a progress report on the HRSA and State Homeland Security Grants. The bid process for the Lifepak 12 cardiac monitor/defibrillator and accessories has been completed. The Homeland Security Grant Committee has ordered this equipment, and that which did not require bids. The required orders for the HRSA grant have been made and invoices submitted to the Louisiana Hospital Association. Equipment should start to arrive in the coming weeks.

Mr. Broussard presented a letter of engagement to be approved and submitted to the auditing firm of Broussard, Poche', Lewis and Breaux for the audit year 2004. Mr. McEvers motioned to acknowledge and approve the arrangements for the audit and to submit the letter of engagement to the firm. Second by Mrs. Mooney. The letter was signed by Mrs. Pinch and will be submitted by Mr. Broussard.

Mr. McEvers motioned to authorize Mr. Broussard to complete the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire required for the audit and to present the questionnaire to the board for approval at the December board meeting. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Broussard discussed the Ellender bridge closure, due to repairs being done, in December. He suggested the board approve for the district to assist Cameron Parish Ambulance District 2 during the time the bridge is closed, by sending a unit to the west side of the Cameron ferry in the event that there is no available coverage on that side. Mr. McEvers motioned that an ambulance be dispatched to the west side of the ferry in this situation, provided that the district has available resources to cover both sides of the ferry at the time. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. McEvers motioned to adjourn. Second by Mrs. Booth. None opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
RUN: Jan. 6 (J 9)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Cameron Parish Coastal Use
Permit Application

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Coastal Management Section of the Cameron Parish Police Jury has received the following apparently complete application for a Coastal Use Permit in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program and R.S. 49, 213.1, the State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act of 1978, as amended.

C.U.P.#
L.C.U.P. #050110

Name of Applicant: Philip Smith, P. O. Box 387, Cameron, LA 70631.

Location of permit: Big Lake, Sections 28 & 29, T12S - R9W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of Work: Mr. Smith proposes to excavate approximately 38,000 cubic yards of native material. Approximately 10,000 cubic yards will be used to build a road, house pad, and provide fill for the rest of the property. The remaining material will be used within the Calcasieu Lake Development Subdivision.

The decision on whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts of the proposed activity in accordance with the state policies outlined in R.S. 49:213.2. The decision will reflect in the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent with the state program and approved local programs for affected parishes and must represent an appropriate balancing of social, environmental and economic factors. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are flood and storm hazards, water quality, water supply, feasible alternative sites, drainage patterns, historical sites, economics, public and private benefits, coastal water dependency, impacts on natural features, compatibility with the natural and cultural setting and the extent of long term benefits or adverse impacts.

Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water and air quality, laws, standards and regulations will be required before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Plans for the proposed work may be inspected at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, Coastal Management Division, Courthouse Square, P.O. Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana, (337) 775-5718. Written comments should be mailed within 25 days from the date of this public notice to Cameron Parish Police Jury, Coastal Management Division, Post Office Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.

Sincerely,
/s/ Myles Hebert
MYLES HEBERT,
COASTAL ZONE
ADMINISTRATOR
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
RUN: Jan. 6 - J 11

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, February 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Annex building in Cameron, Louisiana.

/s/Bonnie W. Conner
Bonnie W. Conner, Secretary
Cameron Parish Police Jury
RUNS: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 - J 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 31, 2005 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, for the purchase of E-911 Communication Console Equipment. All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, during normal business hours.

By:
/s/Bonnie W. Conner
Bonnie W. Conner, Secretary
RUNS: Jan. 6, 13 - J 13

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 31, 2005 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) used 1971 Ford F750 fire truck, as is, where is. All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, during normal business hours.

By:
/s/Bonnie W. Conner
Bonnie W. Conner, Secretary
RUNS: Jan. 6, 13 - J 14

PROCEEDINGS

A regular monthly meeting for Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at the Waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were: Mr. Alton Schexnider, Mr. Donald Broussard, Mr. Richard Erickson, Mr. Darrell Duhon, and Mr. Anthony Hicks. Members absent: None. Employees present: Mr. Jackie LaBauve, Mr. Kelly Cloud, and Mrs. Marilyn LaBauve.

Mr. Schexnider opened the meeting.

Mr. Broussard moved, Mr. Erickson seconded, and carried to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Broussard seconded, and carried to pay all the bills.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Hicks seconded and carried to give all employees a $.50 raise across the board beginning 01-01-05.

Mr. Hicks moved, Mr. Broussard seconded, and carried to have a special meeting on December 29, 2004 to adopt the new budget for 2005.

Mr. Hicks moved, Mr. Broussard seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

/s/Alton Schexnider
Alton Schexnider-President
/s/Richard Erickson
Richard Erickson-Sec./Treas.
RUNS: Jan. 6 - J 15

NOTICE

I AM APPLYING to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of "High and low alcoholic content" at retail in the Parish of Cameron at at the following address:

2651 Grand Chenier Hwy.
Grand Chenier, LA 70643
/s/Penelope P. Courvelle
Mermenteau Convenience &
Seafood

Petition of Opposition should be made in writing in accordance with L.R.S. Title 26, Section 85 and 283.
RUN: Jan. 6 - J 16

Cameron Parish Fire District #14
October 19, 2004 Minutes

The Cameron Parish Fire District #14 held its regularly scheduled meeting on October 19, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center.

Present: Randall McFatter, C S Darbonne, Paul Wasson, and Clement Granger.

Absent: Scott Creel.

A motion was made by C S Darbonne and seconded by Paul Wasson to accept the minutes as read and carried.

A motion was made by Paul Wasson and seconded by Randall McFatter to purchase ten sets of grass fire bunker gear.

A motion was made by Randall McFatter and seconded by C S Darbonne to elect Paul Wasson as the Election Judge for the fire department elections held in December 2004.

A motion was made by Paul Wasson and seconded by Clement Granger to add the position of Training Officer to the list of officers to be elected in December 2004. The salary will be the same as a captain's salary.

A motion was made by Paul Wasson and seconded by Clement Granger to pay the bills and accept the financial statements.

A motion was made by Paul Wasson and seconded by Clement Granger to adjourn the meeting.
Attested by:
Chairman
RUNS: Jan. 6 - J 17

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.

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.

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. tfc.

Help Wanted

JOB OPENING for Part time relief Admitting Clerk at South Cameron Memorial Hospital. Fax resume to 542-4692 attention Human Resource Department or call 542-5285 for information. 1/6c.

Help Wanted

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

CAMERON PARISH Head Start is now taking applications for a bus aide/driver at the Cameron Center. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and a valid CDL license. Applications must be received until January 19, 2005. Applications can be mailed or dropped off at the Head Start Center, 128 D Street, P. O. Box 610, Cameron, La. 70631. The Cameron Parish Head Start Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, religious belief, disabling conditions or ancestry. EOE. For further questions call 337-775-5271. 1/6-13c.

Alternator Repair

NIX ALTERNATORS & Starters - Repairs and Rebuilt. Foreign, domestic, boats, auto, truck, industrial, tractors, lawn mowers and outboard motors. 1723 N. Hwy. 171, Lake Charles, La. 433-2813. 1/6-p.

FOR RENT

A LIGHTWEIGHT answer to heavy duty carpet dirt. The Rug Doctor Mighty Pack is compact, but its cleaning power is anything but lightweight. Rug Doctor's hot water extraction process and vibrating brush clean deeper than anything else. Only $24.99 (price change due to new, larger capacity machine) per day. Rent a Rug Doctor at Wendell's Electric & Hardware. Main St., Cameron, La. 775-5621. 10/4oamc.

Used Autos

FOR SALE: 2005 Toyota Matrix, 12,000 miles, gray metallic. Call 802-9544. 12/30-1/6p.

LNG terminal could cause fishing problems

(Southwest Daily News)

The environmental impact of a proposed liquefied natural gas terminal off the Louisiana coast is being underestimated, according to a federal panel that governs fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is calling for the operators to pay costs equivalent to the cost of 1 million redfish a year.

The Gulf Landing terminal, proposed to be built by Shell US Gas & Power LLC 38 miles off the coast of Cameron Parish would draw millions of gallons of water from the Gulf and run it through a radiator-like warming system to turn the liquefied fuel back into a gas for shipment by pipelines to the shore.

In an environmental impact statement filed with federal licensing officials in December, the company said that though fish eggs, larvae and other living things passing through the warming system would be killed, the damage to fisheries would be minimal when compared with similar deaths of sea life caused by using water to cool engines in vessels in the Gulf.

Company officials argued that switching to a closed-loop warming system, in which natural gas or some other fuel is used to reheat the warming water, would cost more than $4 million in design costs and as much as $43 million a year for the natural gas needed to operate it.

But in a letter commenting on the impact statement, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Chairwomen Julie Morris said the proposed "open-loop" warming system will kill "billions of zooplankton, fish eggs and larvae," and the company should have considered a closed-loop system instead. The proposed terminal will kill as much as 8.5 percent of the annual redfish, or red drum, landings throughout the Gulf, including 11.5 percent of the redfish landed in Louisiana, according to the company's own environmental impact statement, she said.

The U. S. Coast Guard and the federal Maritime Administration, which issue licenses for offshore LNG terminals, have said they expect to make a decision on licensing for the terminal by the end of February. The facility would have to obtain permits from other state and federal agencies.

Pintail season will close on Jan. 7th.

The 30-day pintail hunting season in the state of Louisiana will officially close at sundown on Friday, Jan. 7. This closure will be statewide. Low continental pintail numbers necessitated the 30-day season for the 2004-2005 waterfowl-hunting season.

The statewide canvasback season will end on Jan.16. This was also a 30-day season.

The other open seasons in the West Zone will close on Jan. 23. The open seasons in the East Zone will close on Jan. 30.

For detailed information regarding waterfowl season dates, regulations and limits, hunters are urged to consult the 2004-2005 Migratory Waterfowl pamphlet available from license vendors or the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Hunters may also contact their local LDWF office for more information.

Legal Notices

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NO. 9
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in regular session on Thursday, September 30, 2004, at 5:30 p.m., at Waterworks Office, Muria, Creole, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Catherine Miller, John Allen Conner and Russell Savoie. Members absent: Wendell Rutherford and Thompson McCall. Also in attendance was Lonnie Harper and James Doxey.

It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the meeting be called to order.

It was moved by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mrs. Miller and carried, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mrs. Miller and carried, that the financial statement for the month, be and the same is hereby approved.

Lonnie Harper did a presentation of GPS maps of the district.

It was moved by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mrs. Miller and carried, that the board does hereby approve line extension requested by James Doxey on behalf of Oak Grove Hunt Club. Said extension is located in the Little Chenier area.

It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that all monthly bills be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mrs. Miller and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved:
/s/John Allen Conner
John Allen Conner, Acting President
Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9

Attest:
/s/Catherine Miller
Catherine Miller, Secretary
RUNS: Jan 6 - J 5

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NO. 9
OCTOBER 28, 2004

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in regular session on Thursday, October 28, 2004, at 5:30 p.m., at Waterworks Office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

The following members were present: John Allen Conner, Wendell Rutherford, Thompson McCall and Russell Savoie. Members absent: Catherine Miller.

It was moved by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the meeting be called to order.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Savoie and carried, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the financial statement for the month, be and the same is hereby approved.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Savoie and carried, that all monthly bills be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the regular monthly meeting scheduled for November 28, 2004, 5:30 p.m., be and the same is hereby rescheduled for November 22, 2004, 5:30 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding probability of Oak Grove bridge replacement. No action taken.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved:
/s/Thompson McCall
Thompson McCall, President
Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9

Attest:
/s/John Allen Conner,
John Allen Conner, Acting Secretary
RUNS: Jan 6 - J 6

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NO. 9
NOVEMBER 22, 2004

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in regular session on Thursday, November 22, 2004, at 5:30 p.m., at Waterworks Office, Muria, Creole, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Catherine Miller, Russell Savoie, Wendell Rutherford and Thompson McCall. Members absent: John Allen Conner. Also attending, Terry Trahan and Douaine Conner.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Miller and carried, that the meeting be called to order.

It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Savoie and carried, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Savoie and carried, that the financial statement for the month, be and the same is hereby approved.

It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that all monthly bills be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Savoie and carried, that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the board return to its regular session.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved:
/s/Thompson McCall
Thompson McCall, President
Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9

Attest:
/s/Catherine Miller,
Catherine Miller, Secretary
RUNS: Jan 6 - J 7

Cameron Parish Fire District #14
November 20, 2004 Minutes

The Cameron Parish Fire District #14 held its regularly scheduled meeting on November 20, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center.

Present: Randall McFatter, C S Darbonne, Paul Wasson, and Scott Creel.

Absent: Clement Granger.

A motion was made by Paul Wasson and seconded by C S Darbonne to accept the minutes as read and carried.

A motion was made by Paul Wasson and seconded by Randall McFatter to purchase three hydrants and to wait on replacing one hydrant in Big Lake. The hydrant in Big Lake is operating. The hydrant in Big Lake may need to be replaced in the future.

Due to a work conflict Paul Wasson is unable to be the election judge for the fire department officers in December. Scott Creel was selected to take his place.

A motion was made by Paul Wasson and seconded by C S Darbonne to pay the bills and accept the financial statements.

A motion was made by Paul Wasson and seconded by C S Darbonne to adjourn the meeting.

Attested by:
Chairman
RUNS: Jan. 6 - J 18

WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NO. 9

Sealed bid will be received by the Board of Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 at its meeting place in Creole, Louisiana, Muria Fire Station, until 5:30 p.m., January 27, 2005 for official Journal. Submit bids to P. O. Box 339, Grand Chenier, LA 70643.

The Board reserves the right to reject any/or all bids and to waive formalities.

WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NO. 9
RUNS: Jan. 6, 13, 20 - J 1

Basketball

BOYS

Basile 38; Hackberry 35 (Third place game- Vinton Tourney) - Jay Sanner led the 13-8 Mustangs with 12 points.

Hackberry 46; Reeves 28 - Lance Pearson led the Mustangs with 14 points. The Mustangs didn't give up any points in the fourth period as they improve to 14-8 on the year.

Johnson Bayou 63; Sabine Pass 53 - DJ Conner led all scorers with 31 points. Blaine Trahan chipped in 23 points for the 13-9 Rebels. Adam Trahan had 12 rebounds.

GIRLS

Plainview 57; Hackberry 34 (Third place game- Vinton Tourney) - Desi Picou scored 10 points as the Lady Mustangs drop to 16-7 on the year.

Hackberry 50; Reeves 18 - Mandy Michalko scored 18 points as the Lady Mustangs improve to 17-7 on the year. The Lady Mustangs jumped out to a 32-5 halftime lead as they squashed the Lady Red Raiders. Desi Picou added 11 points for Hackberry.

Johnson Bayou 48; Sabine Pass 14 - Britni Oswalt scored 14 points as the Lady Rebels improve to 12-11 on the year.

Wetland planning meeting to be held at Refuge

The Region 4 Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration team will hold a meeting on Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rockefeller Refuge at Grand Chenier.

Coastal restoration projects for the Calcasieu, Sabine and Mermentau basins may be proposed at this meeting but no more than one project will be chosen as as a nominee, except that two projects may be chosen for the Terrebonne and Barataria basins because of the highland loss in those basins.

Darryl Clark is the leader for Region 4. For more information contact Julie Z. LeBlanc at 504-862-1597.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS

PINTAIL SEASON CLOSES

Our great state of Louisiana has many national resources especially water which provides recreation for boaters, recreational anglers as well as commercial fishermen and even hunters. Our bayou state has nearly 8,300 square miles of inland waters and about 400 miles of coast along the Gulf of Mexico.

From Toledo Bend in the west to lakes to the east, it is hard to find a city or town in the entire state whose habitats are not connected to a body of water. Just get a good Louisiana map and look at all the towns that have been named with the word lake like in Lake Charles, bayou like in Bayou Vista or port like in Port Allen.

We have a beautiful state, with lots of water scenery, but we as citizens, boaters, hunters and anglers, we are the ones who are responsible to look after these bodies of water that we use, and make sure this bounty is kept up for our future generations to enjoy.

Take a look at how much land we're losing each year to erosion. If something is not done soon, we'll have way more square miles of saltwater, instead of freshwater.

We are already seeing more salt marshes, which doesn't help our duck hunting out. I know we don't have the ducks we used to have, but we also don't have the great freshwater marshes to offer ducks to stay in our area for the winter.

There was a couple of good days of duck hunting after the cold spell, but it's right back where we were before the cold spell. Many blinds are zero, while others are doing fair. We had two good days for the cold spell and then two bad days. Our last two days were fair, bagging six top birds a trip, better than two per day.

We read about all the grain fields in Arkansas with good shooting, but I heard otherwise. A friend of mine hunted three days in northeast Louisiana and three hunters in three days killed three ducks. My friend called his buddy in Stuttgart, Ark. and he said they were doing poorly and very few mallards.

Regardless, if you hunt over corn and bean fields, it's got to be better then our salty marshes or marshes with no feed at all. When you have a hunting club with 20 guides and have 27 ducks in a morning hunt, there's no ducks.

I've noticed we don't have the snipes down like we used to. Again, a good cold spell and no woodcocks to be seen. We haven't seen any robins down either, although they're not to shoot at, still it was cold enough.

Fishermen may be able to get aid

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service today certified a petition for shrimp producers in Louisiana under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers program. They become eligible to apply for TAA benefits on Jan. 10, 2005.

Under the TAA program, USDA provides technical assistance and cash benefits to farmers and certain fishermen if increasing imports of a like or directly competitive commodity contributed importantly to a decline in producer prices and a loss of net farm or fishing income.

After an investigation, FAS determined that increasing imports of frozen and fresh whole shrimp contributed importantly to a decline in the landed price of shrimp in Louisiana during 2003 when compared to the applicable 1998-2002 base period.

Shrimpers who land and market their shrimp in Louisiana must apply for TAA benefits between Jan. 10 and April 11, 2005. They may obtain an application for TAA benefits (form FSA-229) from http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet or from their local farm Service Agency (FSA) service center.

As part of the 2005 TAA program, shrimpers who apply for TAA benefits are eligible for a variety of technical courses at no cost. Applicants must obtain technical assistance prior to July 11, 2005, in order to be eligible for financial payments. Financial payments will not be made until after applications are certified.

CAMERON FOOD MART

Community Coffee.....Lb.$3.59
Grade A Large Eggs.....Doz. 89¢
Foremost Milk.....Gal. $3.19
Coke, Dr. Pepper, or Sprite
Reg. or Diet.....12/12 Oz. Can $3.45
.....3 Liter Bottle $1.69
Budweiser or Bud Light.....12/10 Oz. $7.39
Coors Light.....12/10 Oz. Can $7.39
Hot, Lean or Croissant Pockets.....$1.79
Borden's Shredded Cheeses
All Flavors.....8 Oz. $1.79
Borden's American Cheese
Singles (PP 1.99).....12 oz. 2/$3.00
Hellmans Mayonnaise.....16 Oz. $1.59
DelMonte Catsup.....24 oz. 79¢
Parade Tomato Sauce.....8 Oz. 5/$1.00
Parade Corn, Green Beans, Sweet Peas,
Mix. Veg., Carrots, Beets, Potatoes
or Asst. Greens.....14 Oz. 2/79¢
Parade L.G. Rice.....4 Lb. Bag $1.19
Armour Vienna Sausage.....5 oz. 2/89¢
Kelloggs Raisin Bran
(PP 2.49).....20 Oz. $1.99
Parade Sugar.....4 Lb. Bag 2/$3.00
Solo 16 Oz. Cold Cups.....20 Ct. $1.19
Angel Soft Tissue.....4 Roll Pk. 99¢
Borden's 1/2 Gal. Rd. Ice Cream..... $3.99
Sliced Boiled Ham.....Lb. $1.99
Ball Park Bun Size Franks.....Lb. 2/$4.00
#1 Ribeye Racks
(Cut Your Choice).....Lb. $5.99
Smoked Picnic Hams.....Lb. $1.19

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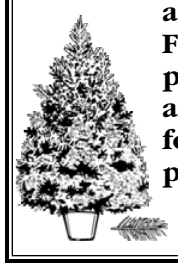
CAMERON PARISH RESIDENTS
We Need Your Christmas Trees
Help Restore Wetlands in Cameron Parish

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 project.

RUN: Dec. 30, Jan. 6, 13 (D-54)

MEMBERS OF Girl Scout Troop 88 pose for a picture after a "Cookie Baking Contest" held at the Creole Fire Station. Winner of the Junior division was Sierra LeJeune. Winners of the Brownie division were Madison Bonsall, first place; Kerrigan Meaux, second place; and Amber Guilbeau, third place. Both first place winners will compete in the Bayou Council competition on Jan. 29 at the ULL Campus in Lafayette.

THE RETRIEVER dog trials will be held again during the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival this weekend. The parish trials are set for 9 a.m. Friday and the state trials will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday. Here is a scene from last year's event.

GAGE LEJEUNE, a preschooler in Mrs. LaBove's class in Hackberry, decided he wanted to be the teacher at story time. He took Mrs. Barbara's glasses, the book, and went to her place in the circle. The children were to hear the story of "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer" that day.

Too much rain may affect Bayou state

As the New Year begins, so returns the threat of too much rain for the Bayou State. With the distinction as the nation's "wettest" state, Louisiana must always be on guard for the potential for flooding, according to LSU AgCenter climatologist Jay Grymes.

"Now is a good time for businesses, agricultural interests and every resident to re-evaluate the potential for flooding of property and consider potential strategies for mitigation and protection," Grymes says.

Why now? Grymes points out that although many of the state's major rainstorms have been linked to tropical weather, history indicates that river-basin floods are tied to winter and spring storm systems rather than tropical storms and hurricanes.

So the question becomes: What is the climate outlook for the upcoming months in Louisiana?

Early 2005 seasonal projections for Louisiana indicate that near-normal to wetter-than-normal weather is anticipated through the first quarter of 2005. Temperature forecasts lean to near-normal or cooler-than-normal seasonal temperatures for the same period.

Winters and springs for much of the Gulf Coast have been cooler and wetter than normal during El Niño.

Roughly one in five winters coincides with the presence of El Niño, but it is important to note that not all El Niño events are identical in their development and intensity,

This season's El Niño is rated as "weak" by most groups that track the progress of these ocean-atmosphere features. In fact, Grymes says a few climate scientists argue that this may not truly be an El Niño at all.

"Still, even with all the 'what-ifs' involved, there is good reason to anticipate near-normal to wetter-than-normal weather through the first three to five months of 2005," Grymes says, adding, "From the state as a whole, there is about a seven in 10 chance that rainfall will range between near-normal or above-normal over the next months, with that likelihood running a bit higher for the southern third of the state."

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S oyster shucking competition will be held Saturday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival grounds behind the courthouse. Here was a contestant in last year's event.

Emergency declarations for 2005 fishing season

Two declarations of emergency, one setting the 2005 recreational fishing season dates for red snapper and the other setting the 2005 commercial fishing season dates for red snapper and other reef fish, were issued by Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at the Jan. 4 meeting, as recommended by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The recreational fishing season for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m. on April 21, 2005. The season will remain open until midnight Oct. 31 to coincide with season dates in federal waters. The size limit for red snapper taken by recreational fishermen will be 16 inches minimum total length, with a daily bag limit and possession limit of four fish per person.

The Commission also authorized Secretary Dwight Landreneau of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change or modify opening and closing dates for the recreational red snapper season in Louisiana waters to comply with changes or modifications in season dates in federal waters.

The first commercial fishing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on Feb. 1, 2005, and remain open until 12 noon on Feb. 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the 2005 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon on Oct. 1, 2005, and remain open until 12 noon on Oct. 10. The pattern will also continue each month until the entire 2005 quota is harvested. The minimum size limit for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length.

The Commission also authorized the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change or modify opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana waters to comply with changes or modifications in season dates in federal waters.

The Commission authorized the Secretary to close the season for the commercial harvest of any species or group of species of reef fish in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the applicable commercial quota has been harvested in the Gulf of Mexico, and if he is requested by NMFS to enact compatible regulations in Louisiana state waters.

The Secretary was also authorized to re-open and close those commercial seasons in Louisiana state waters if the commercial season dates in the Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico have been modified, and that NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

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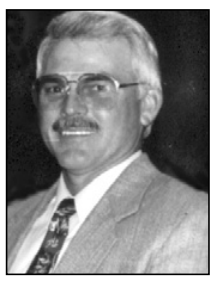

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