



A MODULAR BUILDING section is shown being assembled at South Cameron Memorial Hospital. Over 30 buildings will make up the new hospital. The ER Dept. is slated to open in late March. (Photo by Oscar Reyes II)

Grants, no-interest loans told for small businesses

Grants and no interest loans are available to fishermen and small business owners who were affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

An announcement of the Business Recovery and Loan Program was formally launched by Gov. Blanco in New Orleans Tuesday.

The program is a pilot initiative to provide financial relief to restart and sustain small and independent businesses, including fishermen, in areas impacted by the two hurricanes.

The financial relief, grants and no-interest loans, is particularly geared to businesses experiencing depressed revenues since the storms.

An orientation workshop to provide information for the program and assistance with applications will be held Thursday, Jan. 25 at 3 and 5 p.m. at the Cameron Parish branch of the Louisiana Agriculture Center located at 10086 Gulf Highway in Grand Lake.

The Center is located about a mile south of the Calcasieu parish line.

Cameron parish, along

with Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard, is listed in Zone A, the most impacted area to be served by the program and where most of the funds are expected to go.

To be eligible for aid a business must have been legally in business six months prior to the storms; must have reopened or have the potential to reopen; and not have more than 50 employees.

Zone A businesses must have experienced a 30 percent decline in revenue from second quarter, 2006 to second quarter, 2005.

Single-employee firms and sole proprietors are eligible if they sell tangible goods such as clothing.

Businesses which reopen in a new location are eligible if they are still in an affected area and still qualify.

Grants of up to \$20,000 can be made. Applications will be accepted in person Jan. 23-Feb. 16.

Zero interest loans up to \$250,000 are available. Applications will be accepted beginning Jan. 23 and will be accepted as long as funds are

available.

For more information on the program go to LouisianaForward.com on the internet or call 877-217-1777.

Hackberry Duck Off is set on 27th

The ninth annual Hackberry Duck Off will be held Saturday, Jan. 27. The four man Scramble Golf Tournament will be held at 8 a.m. at the Bayou Oaks Country Club. There will be a skeet shoot at 8 a.m. in Hackberry, quarter bingo will be held at 10 a.m. at the Hackberry Community Center.

The main event will kick off at 6 p.m. with the duck cooking contest, silent and live auctions, music, and food. Everyone is invited to come out, enjoy the fun and help raise money for the youth of Hackberry. If anyone is interested in participating in any event, please call Hackberry Rod and Gun at 762-3391

Head Start applications being taken

Cameron Parish Head Start is now taking applications for children 3-5 years of age, who wish to attend the program in the upcoming school year.

Applications are found at Grand Lake Head Start, 965 Hwy. 385, Phone 598-4413 and Hackberry Head Start, 110 Volunteer Lane, Phone 762-3979.

Cameron Parish Head Start does not discriminate against any race, color, creed, sex, national origin, religious belief, disability conditions, or ancestry.

Grand Chenier Methodists are meeting now

The Grand Chenier Methodist Church is meeting bi-weekly at their building in Grand Chenier. A service will be held this Sunday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m., led by Rev. James Moore. Church repairs are nearly complete, and it now has air-conditioning and heat.

January 25
First Quarter Moon



THREE GRAND Lake High School students will be "Riding with the Pros" during the District Livestock Show and Rodeo at the Burton Coliseum. Victoria Roach will be riding Thursday, Feb. 1. Kallan Mudd will be riding Friday, Feb. 2. Darbi Montie will be riding Saturday, Feb. 3. Each performance begins at 7 p.m.

Grand Lake girls to ride with the pros at rodeo

Grand Lake will be well represented at the District Livestock Show and Rodeo at the Burton Coliseum, Feb. 1-3. Grand Lake had three students who participated in the Lafayette Pro Rodeo and won spots to "Ride with the Pros" at the District Livestock Show and Rodeo in Lake Charles.

Victoria Roach will be riding Thursday, Feb. 1. Kallan

Mudd will be riding Friday, Feb. 2. Darbi Montie will be riding Saturday, Feb. 3. Each performance begins at 7 p.m. Grand Lake Rodeo T-shirts are on sale for \$10. Grand Lake will be hosting a Rodeo Day on Thursday, Feb. 1. All students may dress in western attire for \$1. Sponsored by the Grand Lake Rodeo Club.



GRAND CHENIER Methodist Church is holding services bi-weekly in their nearly finished, heated building. Worship service will be held this Sunday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m. Rev. James Moore is conducting services for the church. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

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Fire Depts. get grants \$1,700,000

Cameron Parish Police Jury, through its office of Planning & Development, formally has announced the successful acquisition of approximately \$1.7 million in grants from USDA Rural Development. These funds were authorized to five fire districts in Cameron Parish and are presented as follows:

Creole - \$300,000, pumper truck; apparatus w/snuffer.

Grand Chenier - \$80,000, command post trailer.

Johnson Bayou - \$400,000, ladder truck.

Grand Lake/Big Lake - \$550,000, ladder truck.

Hackberry - \$300,000, emergency alert system; rescue response vehicle.

Ernest Broussard, Executive Director of Planning & Development and Parish Planner said: "The receipt of these discretionary funds significantly augments the Parish's recovery efforts and will help leverage other funding sources, as they come available."



THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S office in Cameron has reopened after extensive renovations from hurricane damage. District Attorney Cecil Sanner, right, and Willie Daigle, Director of Victims Assistance and Juvenile Programs, are shown. Further work on the exterior of the building will soon be completed. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

New bridge planned for Sabine causeway

BY JERRY WISE

Plans are now under way to replace the nearly 50-year-old Sabine Causeway bridge that connects Cameron Parish and Jefferson County, Texas.

The Texas Dept. of Transportation is seeking a Coastal Use Permit to replace the present La. 82 swing bridge with a new bridge with a clearance of 65 feet.

The project includes construction on both the sides of Sabine Pass.

The causeway bridge was damaged by Hurricane Rita in September, 2005 and did not reopen until July, 2006.

John Moser, area engineer for the Texas Dept. of Transportation, said the plans are to replace the swing span bridge with a high bridge over the causeway.

The new bridge, which would be parallel to the existing bridge, would accommodate the masts of sailboats that frequently float on Lake Sabine.

Moser said the new bridge would cost about \$18 million, to be shared by Texas and Louisiana, and construction would begin this year with completion in 2010.

The causeway and bridge originally were a joint project of Cameron Parish and Jefferson County.

Cameron Parish sold bonds to finance its share of the \$874,032 project and work was started in May, 1957 just a month before Hurricane Audrey devastated Cameron Parish.

The causeway was completed and opened in October, 1958. A toll was charged to repay the construction bonds.

Officials in both Cameron Parish and Jefferson County had hoped that the causeway would encourage greater use of the Hug the Coast highway and bring tourism and business to both sides of the Sabine.

Some years later, the Louisiana and Texas highway departments took over the operation of the causeway and eliminated the tolls.

Rose bushes to be given

The Cameron Parish Library is taking names of those who lost a home or garden during Hurricane Rita. Lee Stevens, founder of Restoring Roses to Southern Gardens, has received additional funding and plans to bring more rose bushes to Cameron Parish residents impacted by the storm.

One rose bush will be given per household to anyone whose home or garden was destroyed by the hurricane and who did not receive a rose when Stevens came to Cameron last October.

Through donations and a generous grant from Sempra, Stevens is returning with many more rose bushes in hopes that this area "will be restored to and perhaps surpass its former beauty." She believes roses are a symbol of

hope, and can bring hope to those who have lost so much.

Interested persons can sign up at any Cameron Parish Library branch and will be contacted when the roses arrive, sometime in March.

Blood drive set at S. C.

The LifeShare Blood Center donor coach will be at South Cameron High School Thursday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to accept blood donations.



THE MANY hawks wintering in Cameron Parish are finding plenty of dead trees in which to wait for their next meal. With the large number of rats and mice available, they should be well fed. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Minvielle Ministries Outreach effort

Minvielle Outreach now in new location here

By DEDE SANDERS

Shown in the photo are a few of the many volunteers who showed up to help take down the food distribution tent for the Minvielle Outreach Ministries in Cameron, near the old post office. Rev. Cheryl Minvielle has been distributing food in Cameron since Hurricane Rita destroyed most of lower Cameron Parish. Many of the faithful volunteers who help unload trucks, distribute food and clean up each week were present to help move the tent. The new Minvielle Outreach Ministries food dis-

tribution will be at the site of the old General Dollar Store and Washateria on Marshall Street. Volunteers will be setting up the tent at the new site and unloading a food truck on Feb. 8. The food will be distributed to the public on Friday, Feb. 9, from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (closed for lunch). Volunteers are need to unload the truck and distribute the food on both days.

Another food truck will be in Cameron and volunteers will be needed to unload it on Feb. 22. Food from that truck will be given out on Friday, Feb. 23, from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Letters to the Editor

Trashy property is HB problem

Dear Editor:

We residents of the rural community of Hackberry wish to request your assistance. As you are aware, our small town was devastated by Hurricane Rita. Even before the storm struck, we suffered a litter problem. However since the hurricane, this problem has undeniably worsened. Although many residents have worked unyieldingly to improve the aesthetic appearance of our homesites, many others have closed their eyes to their properties' unsightly conditions.

During the past year and a half and well into the future, many members of this community, as well as local company personnel, have and will continue to strive to improve our roadsides. We, however, do not have the authority to enter individual's property wherein the problem essentially lies.

In conclusion, is there any authority to which we can report this problem, such as the local Sheriff's Department, Police Jury, or Health Department? Please help us! We take pride in our community and since it is the gateway to the Creole Nature Trail, we desire a much more scenic view for us and visitors/tourists.

Sincerely,
Concerned Citizens of Hackberry
(EDITOR'S NOTE--The Pilot usually does not run unsigned letters, but in this case will make an exception. Since the writer did not sign his/her letter, anyone with an answer to the writer's questions should address them to the Cameron Pilot at P. O. Box 995, DeQuincy, LA 70633.)

Rita poem published

Melissa Sheham, a former resident of Cameron Parish, recently had a poem she had written entitled "After Rita" published.

The poem reads in part:
Looking into the defeated faces and eyes that once glowed,
Wondering will we rebuild, for some haven't shown,
Finding little joy in the task that is at hand,

But we love this place called Cameron Parish and here we'll make our stand.

Ballots at Libraries

LouisianaSpeaks, a statewide program to get citizens' input on programs for the state, has ballots at all branches of the Cameron Library.

A program was presented Tuesday night on Louisiana Public Broadcasting. Viewers may vote on the issues discussed during the program by picking up ballots at the libraries.

Citizens are invited to pick one up, fill it out and return it so they can make their views available to state leaders.

For more information on how to help, please call Rev. Cheryl Minvielle at 224-1612.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Cameron Pilot, Jan. 24, 1974. SCHOOL TAX IS APPROVED

A 12-mill parishwide school tax, which the Cameron Parish School Board said it needed if the school system was to continue operating in the black, passed by a 2-to-1 margin Saturday.

The vote on the 7-mill proposition was 1105 for and 498 against. On a 5-mill proposition the vote was 1967 to 521.

School Supt. U. W. Dickerson and members of the school board expressed their appreciation to the citizens of the parish for passing the tax and for the vote of confidence in the school board.

The school board had warned that without the tax, the school system would be operating at a deficit by this December, and salaries and school programs would have to be cut.

ROAD TO BE REPAIRED

Officials attending a meeting at Johnson Bayou Thursday on the proposed reconstruction of Louisiana 82 agreed that the road should be repaired instead of being moved to a more northerly location.

It was announced that contracts on the repairs will be let next month and contracts to repair the whole road will be let within a year. Plans are to rebuild the revetment wall on the south side of the highway and to rebuild as much of the road as possible on the north side.

The highway forms a vital link between Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach. Sections of the road were torn up in the fall during storms.

It was pointed out during the meeting that some oil pipelines are located adjacent to the highway on the north side. The oil companies will be asked if the pipelines can be moved further north so that the road can be widened at these locations.

Johnson Bayou residents and concerned parents who had sent a petition to the governor protesting the poor and hazardous condition of the road said they were pleased with the outcome of the meeting.

BARO HAS THE 'NEW LOOK'

The "new look" has come to the Cameron driver's license office.

Instead of a state police uniform, License Examiner Hubert Boudreaux is now sporting a blazer of antique gold with chocolate brown pants. The only insignia is a patch on the coat pocket.

Boudreaux explained that Driver's License Division of the Department of Public Safety is trying to get away from the police image for its examiners since they are not in the law enforcement division of the department.

WOODMEN INSTALLATION

Officers will be installed at the January meeting of the Woodmen of the World Camp No. 706 Thursday, Jan. 24, in the WOW Hall in Creole.

Officers to be installed are: Roland Primeaux, president; Vernon Perrin, vice-president; John C. Duhon secretary; Lynex Richard, treasurer; Billy Bertrand, J. W. Broussard, and Adam Conner, trustees; Lynn Miller, watchman; George Morales, sentry; and Woodrow Bertrand, escort.

BANK HAS GOOD GROWTH

Leslie Richard was re-elected board chairman of the Cameron State Bank at an election of officers by the board of directors last week.

Other officers elected were: John Paul Crain, secretary; E. J. Dronet, president; Robert W. Fruge, vice-president and cashier; Jerry Jones, vice-president; and Mrs. Laura Cherie, assistant cashier.

The board of directors were elected at the annual stockholders meeting. They were John Paul Crain, Charles F. Hebert, E. J. Dronet, Jerry Jones, Robert McHale, Leslie Richard, Enos Sturlese, Lionel Theriot and Sue C. Watson.

President Dronet reported that during 1973, the bank moved forward with an impressive growth of deposits and assets.

Deposits increased 14.5% from \$6,352,27.64 to \$7,354,488.70.

SCOUTS GET AWARDS

The December meeting of Cameron Cub Scouts, Pack 210, was at the VFW Hall. Assistant Cubmaster Wayne Kershaw presided over the meeting. James Perry led in the pledge of allegiance to the

American Flag and Scott Primeaux led the Cub Scout pledge.

Winning the attendance award was Den 3, whose leaders are Mrs. Virginia Duddleston, leader, and Mrs. Lois Gordon, assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry, who will be moving from Cameron in the near future, were honored with an official Cub Scout plaque in appreciation of their help as leaders to Cub Scouts.

Cub Scouts receiving awards included Robert Doxie, Joe Landry, Charles Primeaux, John LeBlanc, Wilman Saltzman, Scott Primeaux, Paul Alexander, James Perry, Reggie Richard, Ashful Authement, Shawn Authement, Lee LaLande, Freddie Richard, and Dennis Trahan.

In the closing of the Pack meeting, the Webelos, with their leader, Mrs. Ward Fontenot, playing the guitar, sang several songs.

ROUNDBOUT THE PARISH

Ricky Wayne Guidry of Sweetlake has been named a national finalist in competition for 4-H agribusiness careers scholarships awarded by DeKalb Research, Inc. Guidry is a junior at LSU in Baton Rouge. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guidry who operate a farm at Sweetlake.

Willard Guidry and Arthur Lee Booth caught a large turtle while running their traps in the north marsh at Grand Chenier. This turtle weighed out 85 pounds of meat.

Lee O. Boudoin, former La. State Trooper with the Louisiana State Police, where he served as revocation and warrant officer, has retired from the unit with 21 years of service. He and his family are making their home in Cameron and he will be a full time field representative for the Woodmen of the World.

The Herman "Budgie" Prechts are building a new home.

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CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS PR Coordinator, Trina Johnson presented a check for \$191.35 to Little Shooters Basketball of Hackberry. The donation will be used to purchase uniforms for the basketball team.



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS PR Coordinator, Trina Johnson presents a check for \$664 to South Cameron Boys Basketball Coach Steve Barnett and Assistant Principal Sethie Trosclair.



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS PR Coordinator Trina Johnson presented Coach Darryl Lee with a check for \$3,259. The donation was used to purchase a scorers table for the basketball team.

Cheniere Energy tells plans for pre-paying parish taxes

Officials from Cheniere Energy met with representatives of many Cameron Parish taxing districts on Jan. 17 to explain revisions to their proposal to pre-pay property taxes on the Sabine Pass LNG terminal.

Previously, the parish was expecting a lump sum annual payment of \$2.5 million, which would be used to repay a bond issue of approximately \$30 million. The bond issue funds would be used for a variety of capital improvement projects to "jump start" the hurricane recovery process.

Cheniere has decided instead to issue separate

annual tax pre-payment checks to each taxing entity and let each agency decide whether to seek a bond issue or to use the money for other needs on an annual basis.

It should still be possible for entities to combine their funds for a bond issue if they so desire. The Police Jury, Sheriff's Office, and District Attorney's Office, for example, should still be able to join together to build a new law enforcement center on the Court House square.

Cheniere Vice President Bill English explained that by this change the company hopes to simplify the process of getting recovery money to

the agencies who need it and allow those agencies more flexibility in the use of the funds.

The new plan, he said, should avoid complications such as limiting the use of funds to capital projects and pooling funds that may not match up legally.

At the same time it will maximize the options of the agencies. Funds can be used for capital projects or salaries or maintenance as needed. An agency can even decide each year whether or not to accept the pre-payment. If not taken, the taxes will still be paid at the regular time, beginning in 2019, ten years after the opening date of the facility.

Cheniere is committed to pre-paying \$2.5 million per year for ten years, which is an estimated 25% of the total expected to be owed when the taxes become due. What the company wants to make sure of is that it will get a "dollar for dollar" credit at that time. The remaining 75% will not be affected and will be paid as usual. The possibility that a taxing entity may have a reduced millage at that time does not worry the company much, English said, because the difference will come out of the remaining 75%. If they still come up short, the company will just lose the money, but it seems unlikely that any such amount would be significant.

The state Attorney General has been asked for an opinion on the legality for pre-paying taxes, but since it has never been done before, an opinion may not be possible, English said. In that case, legislation is being prepared for the spring session that would clarify the issue. Either way, Cheniere hopes to be writing checks in April, which is still eight months before 2007 taxes will be due. Each parishwide taxing authority and each district within Ward 5 (Johnson Bayou) that includes the site of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal will be asked to review and sign a new agreement in order to receive the tax pre-payment. These authorities, and the amounts they can receive annually, are:

Cameron Parish Police Jury
 Parishwide Maintenance - \$59,552
 Road Maintenance - \$110,262
 Courthouse Maintenance - \$44,038
 Garbage Maintenance - \$125,776
 Public Health - \$22,019
 Mosquito Abatement - \$159,972
 Cameron Parish Libraries - \$95,916
 Cameron Parish Sheriff -

Honor students told

The Cameron and South Cameron Elementary honor roll and banner roll for the third six weeks are:

First grade banner roll - Mya Hebert, Caleb Little, Katie Mhire, Kate McDaniel, Cassidy Conner, Merissa Rodriguez and Bethany Thibodeaux.

Honor roll - Kannon Guilbeau, Tori Ogelsby, Bayleigh Pugh, Tylor Skipper, Brilee Baccigalopi, Thad Guilbeau, Brant Little, Noah Mhire, Grant Theriot, Yahaira Contreras and Jesus Hernandez.

Grade two banner roll - Briley Richard and Kelsey Boudreau.

Honor roll - Allie Bonsall, Abby LeBoeuf, Jakin Morales, Nate Pugh, Baleigh Conner, Madison Fielen, Cadi Manual, Madalyn Mudd, Braydon Boullion and Zachary Godette.

Grade three banner roll - Sydnee McCall and Morgan Primeaux.

Honor roll - Ross LaPoint, Brooklyn Frerks, Tristan Guidry, Gabrielle Wood, Baylie Duhon, Breydon Trahan, Erin Hill, Alisha Patel, Seaira Duplechain, Austin Swire, Meike Nunez, Megan Nunez, Garen Romero and Leanne Richard.

Grade four banner roll - Jose Castillo, Summer Choate, Dalynn Mhire, Luke Miller, Jarrett Thibodeaux and Brandon Duhon.

Honor roll - Brianna Fountain, Joshua Trahan, Kaine Badon, Linlee LaLande, Michael Sedlock, Hannah Guidry, Nykki

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 JB Recreation - \$126,109
 Gravity Drainage #7 - \$83,406
 Ambulance Dist. #2 - \$221,192

The West Cameron Port Authority and School Dist. #5 (Johnson Bayou) sinking funds are not eligible to receive pre-paid taxes because they are specific bond repayments and could not be credited against taxes due 12 years from now. The maximum annual advance payment to be made annually by Cheniere is \$2.5 million.

LaBove, Ashlyn Miller, Blayne Miller, Logan Primeaux, Sadi DeBarge, Joy Richard and Abigail Vargas.

Grade five banner roll - Corbet Dupont.

Honor roll - Amber Guilbeaux, Blair Little, Laney Primeaux, Andrew Bonsall, Haylee Conner, Alex Jones and Jade Nunez.

Grade six banner roll - Becca Richard, Jensen Bertrand, Savannah Baccigalopi, Kendal Badon and Logan Broussard.

Honor roll - Jameson Picou, Josh Wicke, Abby Miller, Alayna Trahan and Karlee Primeaux.

Grade seven banner roll - Andrew Mudd and Raj Patel.

Honor roll - Kypp Knippers, Channing LaLande, Myli Hay, Chelsea Nunez, Breann DeBarge, Dina Mendez, Josh Hackler, Branson Richard, Sydney Thomas and Paige Trahan.

J.B. Rec Center

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be having a party for 7 - 12th grades on Saturday, Jan. 27. Gifts will be given to those who attend. The event will start at 6 p.m.

6 p.m. - Games with prizes
 7 p.m. - Spaghetti dinner
 7:30 p.m. - Movie

The recreation center will be closed at 6 p.m. to the general public.

The following is a list of days and times the recreation center is open for senior citizens.

Mondays: 10 a.m. - 12 noon: to play Po-Ke-No, enjoy crafts and visiting. Anyone who may want to attend and participate on Mondays is welcome to attend.

The first and third Friday of each month is reserved for senior citizen bingo event. It is held from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Johnson Bayou Recreation center will be starting a men and women's volleyball league. The games will be held at Johnson Bayou High School and will be played one night a week. If interested, please sign up at the Recreation Center, deadline is January 29. For more information please contact Stacey Badon at 802-8383.

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CAMERON PARISH TO HOLD ELECTION: MARCH 31, 2007

If you are registered in Cameron Parish and have been displaced as a result of Hurricane Rita, you are still eligible to vote in your home parish. (If you have not registered in another parish or state).

There are (3) ways:

- 1) Absentee by mail ballot request.
- 2) Early voting (which will be done the week before the election).
- 3) In person at the polling place on day of election.

For more information on how to check your current registration status, and find out what is needed for a ballot request, please contact the Registrar's Office @ 1-337-905-1167.

Election Day is March 31, 2007. It is very important that those who choose to vote by mail must send a written request for a ballot. This must be done in advance for time reasons and must be done starting January 30, 2007. The last day to request a ballot will be March 27, 2007.

Our mailing address is: Registrar of Voters Office, 10084 Gulf Hwy. (Grand Lake), Lake Charles, LA 70607.

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The Diocese of Lake Charles Catholic Schools celebrate Catholic Schools Week, January 28 - February 3

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Lake Charles as well as across the country begins on Sunday, Jan. 28. On Wednesday, Jan. 31, the Rev. William Miller, pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Church, will celebrate the Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. There are eight Catholic schools in the Diocese, St. Louis Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Katharine Drexel, St. Margaret of Scotland, all in Lake Charles; St. Theodore Holy Family, in Moss Bluff; Our Lady Immaculate in Jennings; and Our Lady's in Sulphur.)

The Diocese of Lake Charles Catholic Schools strive to educate students, instill spiritual and moral values and guide children toward bright and successful futures.

With falling test scores, discipline problems, low graduation rates, and more, it seems like every time one reads a newspaper or goes online, there is something wrong with the education system. That is where Catholic schools step in. There is where the good news in education is happening. While a Catholic school education prepares a child for life, children learn much more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. They learn the importance of character and integrity. They become more understanding, compassionate, and loving. By providing smaller classrooms and personal attention to

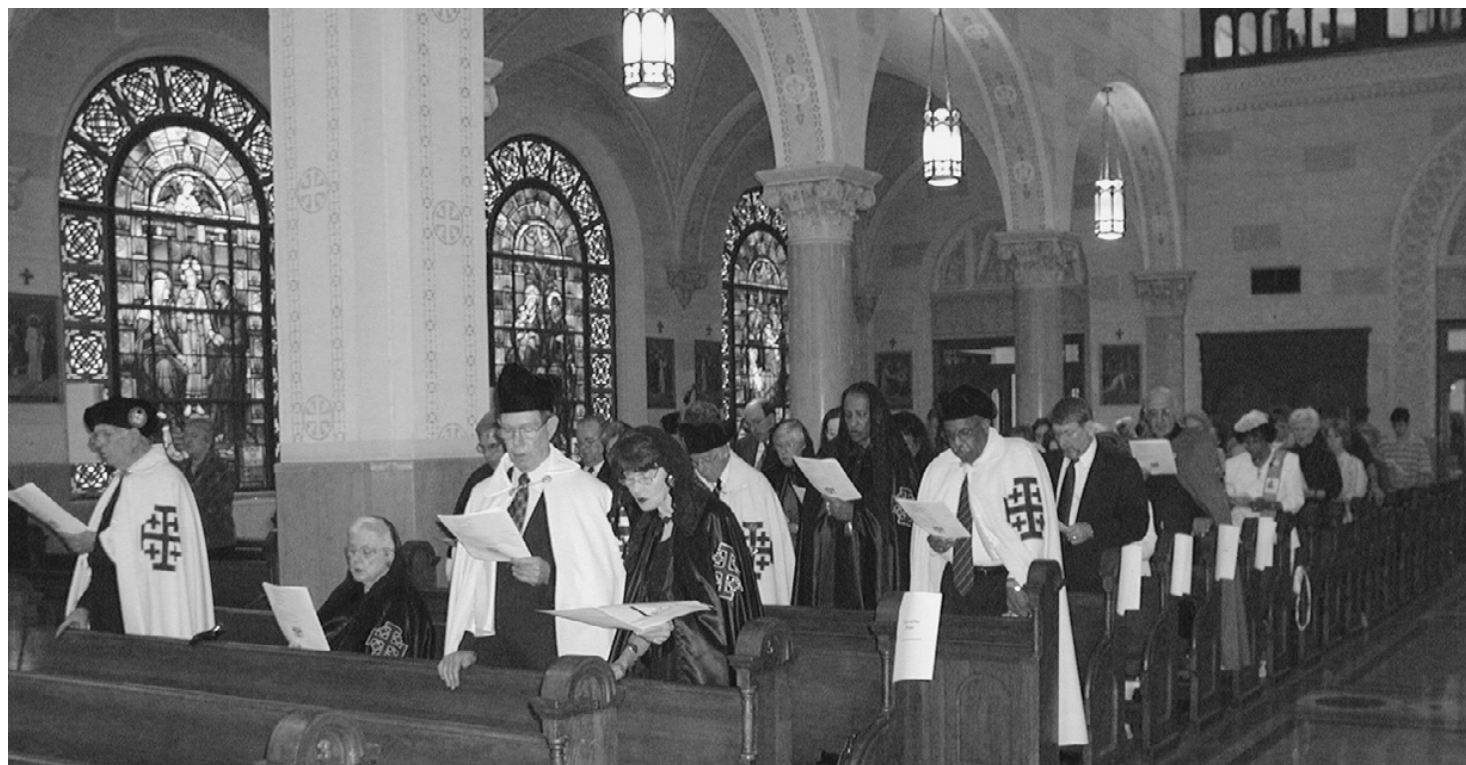
every student, Diocesan schools are able to meet the academic needs of students by integrating faith, life, and culture into a disciplined and safe environment.

Catholic Schools Week, held annually, highlights the contributions and gifts of a Catholic Education. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: the Good News in Education," echoes the message that our Diocesan Schools truly offer. Elementary education in the Diocese of Lake Charles is comprised of seven schools operated by parishes. Most include pre-kindergarten through grade eight. Four elementary schools are located within Lake Charles with others located in Sulphur,

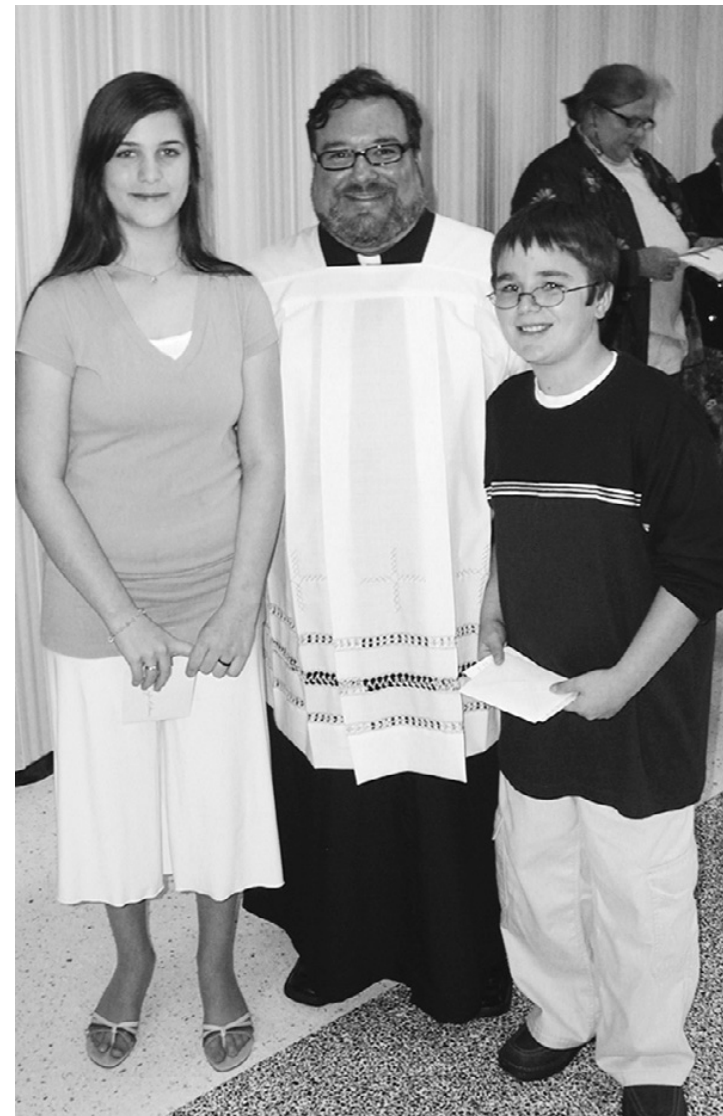
Moss Bluff, and Jennings. St. Louis Catholic High School provides a quality education for Diocesan students in ninth through twelfth grades.

Throughout Catholic Schools Week, our local schools will celebrate this "good news" with various activities including assemblies, service projects, and special liturgies. All are welcome to join in these festivities. This week also serves to introduce the Diocese School System to new families. Open Houses are scheduled throughout February and March, so plan now to visit a Catholic School where you live to hear more about the Good News in Education!

St. Margaret of Scotland School 2510 Enterprise Boulevard 436-7959 Open House - Tuesday, March 6, 8 AM and 6 PM	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School 3908 Creole Street 477-7349 Open House - Thursday, March 8, 6:30 PM	St. Theodore's Holy Family School 785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway Moss Bluff 855-9465 Open House - Tuesday, March 13	Our Lady's Immaculate 600 Roberts Avenue Jennings 824-1743 New family registration begins Monday, March 12
Immaculate Conception Cathedral School 1536 Ryan Street 433-3497 Open House - Wednesday, March 7, 9 AM - 4 PM	Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel School 1100 Mill Street 436-3588 Open House - Tuesday, March 13	Our Lady's School 1111 Cypress Street Sulphur 527-7828 Open House - Tuesday, March 15	St. Louis Catholic High School 1620 Bank Street Lake Charles 436-7275 New student registration ongoing



In the photograph at right, Rev. Daniel Torres, center, pastor of St. Joseph Church in DeRidder and Vocation Director for the Diocese of Lake Charles, stands with Peyton LaBauve, left, and Zachary Roussel, right, following the Benediction Prayer Service held Sunday, Jan. 14, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The event commemorated National Day of Prayer for Vocations. The two seventh grade students were the winners of the prayer and poster contests sponsored by the Office of Vocations for the event. LaBauve, a member of Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Jennings, wrote the prayer that graced each of the event's prayer cards while Roussel, a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in DeRidder, was the artist winner of the contest. His winning image was also printed on the 3,000 prayer cards. Above, a crowd of more than 200 clergy, religious, and laity, including members of various Knightly and Fraternal Orders attended the hour-long prayer service. Members of the vocation committees from the parishes of the Diocese took large votive candles back to their respective faith communities. Vocation committees urge the members of their parishes to pray for an increase in the number of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



The Rev. Msgr. Harry D. Greig, Diocesan Administrator and pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church in Big Lake, blesses the newly repaired church and its parishioners attending Mass recently. The Church, along with other parish buildings, sustained severe damage due to the passage of Hurricane Rita. Msgr. Greig was able to rededicate the church more than 15 months after the storm.

O'Reilly takes up post as KC Supreme Treasurer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Lake Charles native John W. "Jack" O'Reilly Jr. recently assumed his duties as Supreme Treasurer of The Knights of Columbus. He was elected to the position Oct. 27.

O'Reilly, 66, is a retired U.S. Army colonel and has been a member of the international Catholic fraternal order for 46 years. He served as state deputy of the Louisiana jurisdiction from 2000-2002, and has been a member of the organization's board of directors since 2003.

O'Reilly is a graduate of McNeese State University in Lake Charles and earned a master's degree in education from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. His military career spanned 21 years of active duty, including tours in Italy, Viet Nam and Korea. He also served at the Army's Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kan., the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., as well as the Department of the Army and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, both in Washington, D.C. O'Reilly's military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

He was an owner and principal of O'Reilly Enterprises, an advertising, public relations and marketing agency, from 1983-1995.

In addition to the positions cited above, O'Reilly's Knights of Columbus career includes terms as Louisiana district master, state secretary, state treasurer, and state ceremonial chairman. He also served as grand knight of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council #4563 and as Grand Knight of J.W. O'Reilly, Sr. Council #13931, both in Lake Charles. He has received many state and local awards and recognitions for his Knights of Columbus involvement.

Before moving to New Haven, Jack was a parishioner and pastoral council member of Christ the King Church in Lake Charles



J.W. "Jack" O'Reilly

and has volunteered his time, knowledge and leadership experience to several other Catholic agencies. He is also a Knight Commander in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Jack has been married to Betty Wills O'Reilly for 43 years. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Founded by Fr. Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has maintained its corporate headquarters in New Haven, Conn., throughout its 124-year history. It is the largest Catholic lay organization in the world with more than 1.7 million members in the Americas, Asia and Europe. Last year, the organization donated more than \$139 million and 64 million volunteer hours of service to charitable causes. The Knights provided \$10 million in relief aid to the Gulf States after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Cameron Parish J. Livestock winners are announced

The 2007 Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show was held last week at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles. The show and livestock sale were moved to this site since the Cameron Livestock Barn was destroyed by Hurricane Rita.

The winners in the various classifications were as follows:

SMALL BREEDING ANIMALS CHAMPIONS
Best of Show - New Zealand - Jonathon Smelley, GLHS.
Best of Opposite Sex - Californian - Lynsey Mhire, GLHS.

DUTCH
Best of Breed - Julianne Lannin, GLHS.
Best of Opposite Sex - Peyton Lannin, GLHS.

CALIFORNIAN
Best of Breed - Lynsey Mhire, GLHS.
Best of Opposite Sex - Katie Deshotel, GLHS.

NEW ZEALAND
Best of Breed - Jonathon Smelley, GLHS.

SILVER MARTEN
Best of Breed - Justin Demary, GLHS.
Best of Opposite Sex - Lance Thomas, GLHS.

RABBIT MEAT PEN
Grand Champion - Brendan Trahan, SCHS.
Reserve Champion - Lynsey Mhire, GLHS.

BROILER PEN
Grand Champion - Darbi Montie, GLHS.
Reserve Champion - Darbi Montie, GLHS.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
Champion Rabbit Showman, Shelby Thomas.
12 Year Old - Shelby Thomas, GLHS.
11 Year Old - Sydney Myers, GLHS.
9 Year Old - Peyton Lannin, GLHS.

BEEF BREEDING CHAMPIONS BRAFORD
Grand Champion Braford Bull - RLR 6005 - Logan Boudreaux, SCHS.

Reserve Champion Braford Bull - BJS Yard Dog - Channing Beard, GLHS.

Grand Champion Braford Bred Braford Bull - BJS Yard Dog - Channing Beard, GLHS.

Reserve Champion Braford Bred Braford Bull - Mr Willie Bob - Lance Beard, GLHS.

Grand Champion Braford Heifer - BDB Ms JW Intimidator - LaRayne Picou, GLHS.

Reserve Champion Braford Heifer - BDB Ms VW Intimidator - Bailey Richard, SCHS.

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BRAFORD BASE
Grand Champion Braford Base Bull - Mr KF 103 - Kaysha Fontenet, SCHS.

Grand Champion Braford Bred Braford Base Bull - Mr KF 103 - Kaysha Fontenet, SCHS.

Grand Champion Braford Base Heifer - Miss Nunez 106 - Lex Conner, SCHS.

Reserve Champion Braford Base Heifer - Miss JJJ 478 - Kaysha Fontenet, SCHS.

Grand Champion Braford Bred Braford Base Heifer - Miss Nunez 106 - Lex Conner, SCHS.

Reserve Champion Braford Bred Braford Base Heifer - JP Bond Manso 104 - Justin Trahan, SCHS.

BRAHMAN
Grand Champion Brahma Bull - Mr Kratzer 156 - Scottie Nunez, SCHS.

Reserve Champion Brahma Bull - Mr GC 11 - Bailey Richard, SCHS.

Grand Champion Brahma Bred Brahma Bull - Mr GC 11 - Bailey Richard, SCHS.

Grand Champion Brahma Heifer - CR Miss Creole Manso - Becca Richard, SCHS.

Reserve Champion Brahma Heifer - Miss Some Beach - Brett Richard, SCHS.

Grand Champion Brahma Bred Brahma Heifer - Miss Some Beach - Brett Richard, SCHS.

CHAROLAIS
Grand Champion Charolais Heifer - JHL Ms Rita - Tyler Lannin, GLHS.

Grand Champion Braford Bred Charolais Heifer - JHL Ms Rita - Tyler Lannin, GLHS.

HEREFORD
Grand Champion Hereford Bull - WHR Turb 89 124 - Shelby Willis, SCHS.

Grand Champion Hereford Heifer - S&W 138M Keytone Gall 16S - Rebecca Dupont, GL.

Reserve Champion Hereford Heifer - Atlas Ldy Rickie - Rebecca Dupont, GL.

LIMOUSIN
Grand Champion Limousin Bull - JuJu Willie 003R - Lex Conner, SCHS.

Grand Champion Braford Bred Limousin Bull - JuJu Willie 003R - Lex Conner, SCHS.

Grand Champion Limousin Heifer - CJOT 006S - Cody Jouett, SCHS.

Reserve Champion Limousin Heifer - LLKT Miss Rita 5114R - Cody Jouett, SCHS.

Grand Champion Braford Bred Limousin Heifer - CJOT 006S - Cody Jouett, SCHS.

RED BRANGUS
Grand Champion Red Brangus Bull - Joel's John Wayne - Joel Rogers, SCHS.

Grand Champion Red Brangus Heifer - 111 Red Lady 870/5 - Chad Benoit, SCHS.

Reserve Champion Red Brangus Heifer - Joel's Jewel - Joel Rogers, SCHS.

AOB NON BRAHMAN INFLUENCE

Grand Champion AOB Non Brahma Influence Heifer - RL Foolish Rita - Amanda Wicke, SCHS.

Reserve Champion AOB Non Brahma Influence Heifer - RL Rita Baby - Amanda Wicke, SCHS.

Grand Champion AOB Non Brahma Influence Heifer - RL Rita Baby - Amanda Wicke, SCHS.

MARKET STEER
Grand Champion Market Steer - Samantha Little, HHS.
Reserve Champion Market

Steer - Shylyn Nunez, SCHS.

COMMERCIAL HEIFER
Grand Champion Commercial Heifer - Jason Theriot, SCE.
Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer - Jason Theriot, SCE.

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

Champion Beef Showman - Becca Richard, SCE.
17 & Older - Kaysha Fontenet, SCHS.

16 Year Old - Brett Richard, SCHS.
15 Year Old - Bailey E Richard, SCHS.

14 Year Old - Lance Beard, GLHS.
13 Year Old - Lex Conner, SCHS.

12 Year Old - Becca Richard, SCHS.
11 Year Old - Samantha Little, HHS.

10 Year Old - Jolie Trahan, HHS.
9 Year Old - Trevor Bertrand, SCE.

MARKET ANIMALS MARKET GOAT

Grand Champion Market Goat - Blair Trahan, HHS.

Reserve Champion Market Goat - Jolie Trahan, HHS.

Grand Champion Braford Bred Market Goat - Blair Trahan, HHS.

Reserve Champion Braford Bred Market Goat - Kory Kyle, JBHS.

Division I - 1st - Blair Little, SCE, 2nd - Kennedy Darbonne, HHS.

Division II - 1st - Javen Little, SCHS, 2nd - Kelsey Helmer, HHS, 1st PB - Madison Shove, HHS.

Division III - 1st - Madison Shove, HHS, 2nd - Tyler Roberts, SCHS, 1st PB - Kory Kyle, JBHS, 2nd PB - Bailey LaBove, HHS.

Division IV - 1st - Blair Trahan, HHS, 2nd - Kelsey Helmer, HHS.

Division V - 1st - Blair Trahan, HHS, 2nd - Jolie Trahan, HHS, 1st PB - Blair Trahan, HHS.

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

Champion Goat Showman - LoriBeth Shove

16 Year Old - LoriBeth Shove, HHS.
15 Year Old - Kelsey Helmer, HHS.

14 Year Old - Tyler Roberts, SCHS.
11 Year Old - Blair Trahan, HHS.

10 Year Old - Jolie Trahan, HHS.

9 Year Old - Kory Kyle, HHS.

MARKET HOG
Grand Champion Market Hog - Grant Guilbeaux, GLHS.

Reserve Champion Market Hog - Christopher Trahan, SCHS.

Division I - 1st - Samantha Little, HHS, 2nd - Leslie Sanner, HHS.

Division II - 1st - Kimily Bourriaque, SCHS, 2nd - LinLee LaLande, SCE.

Division III - 1st - Meagan Johnson, HHS, 2nd - Haley McCall, SCHS.

Division IV - 1st - Kenton Leonards, HHS, 2nd - Garrett Guidry, HHS.

Division V - 1st - Grant Guilbeaux, GLHS, 2nd - Shelby Primeaux, SCE.

Division VI - 1st - Christopher Trahan, SCHS, 2nd - Kimily Bourriaque, SCHS.

Division VII - 1st - Kimily Bourriaque, SCHS, 2nd - Ross Rowland, SCHS.

Division VIII - 1st - Annie Alexander, HHS, 2nd - Devon Richard, SCHS.

Division IX - 1st - Grant Guilbeaux, GLHS, 2nd - Christopher Trahan, SCHS.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

Champion Swine Showman - Annie Alexander, HHS.

17 & Older - Annie Alexander, HHS.
16 Year Old - Colby Nunez, SCHS.

15 Year Old - Garrett Guidry, HHS.
14 Year Old - Devon Richard, SCHS.

13 Year Old - Brendan Trahan, SCHS.
12 Year Old - Meagan Johnson, HHS.

11 Year Old - Samantha Little, HHS.

Blood donors are needed

Due to the cold, inclement weather in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas over the past several days, LifeShare Blood Centers has been unable to collect the necessary blood products needed by area patients. Because of this, LifeShare is facing a critical shortage of all blood types.

Some centers were forced to cancel blood drives, which has decreased the level of available blood throughout the LifeShare system. At this time, ALL blood types are needed.

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LifeShare Blood Centers is located at 214 South Ryan Street in Lake Charles. It is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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