



Morris fills in term on School Bd.

Patricia A. Morris, widow of the late Clifton "BoBo" Morris, has been named to fill his unexpired term on the Cameron Parish School Board.

The board acted unanimously in a special meeting last Friday. Mr. Morris recently passed away after a long illness.

Board President Loston McEvers urged the board to appoint Mrs. Morris, as did board member Dot Theriot, who said "No one would know his wishes better than Ms. Patty, and she would understand his vision for Johnsons Bayou."

Morris said "I appreciate everyone's support and will try my best to do what BoBo wanted to see done in this parish."

For some time, Mrs. Morris had been attending school board meetings with her husband, and board members noted that she will therefore be familiar with the board's operations from the beginning.

Notary exams

The notarial examination for Cameron Parish will be given Monday, March 13, 2006. Applications may be picked up at Jones Law Firm, 1409 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, La., during regular business hours and must be returned by Monday, Feb. 6, 2006.

The Krewe will ride!

The Krewe De Cavalier De Grand Savanne (Cowboys of Big Pasture) will hold their 4th Annual Mardi Gras Run Saturday, Feb. 11.

Line up begins at 8:30 a.m. Run begins at 9 a.m. and goes from 277 Faulk Lane to Heberts Landing (7.2 miles on the island.)

A spokesperson said: "We were established in 2003. We are a family oriented krewe. Our children were our inspiration to start this krewe." There is a \$5 donation to ride. A gumbo dinner will be provided after the



GOV. KATHLEEN BLANCO (center) listens to the concerns of School Board President Loston McEvers, left, on Monday at the Cameron Courthouse as School Board member Dot Theriot, Rep. Mickey Frith, Sen. Jerry Theunissen, and Supt. Doug Chance listen.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Blanco visits parish

Gov. Kathleenn Blanco made a tour of parishes damaged by Hurricane Rita on Monday, beginning in Delcambre and ending in Cameron.

Officials from all the affected parishes were invited to attend a luncheon at the Rockefeller Refuge to share their needs with the Governor and her staff.

In Cameron, Blanco met with parish officials to share her preliminary plans for the \$6.2 billion recently appropriated by Congress for Louisiana's hurricane relief.

"6.2 billion in Community Development Block Grants sounds like a lot, but spread out across the entire Gulf Coast it gets thin, especially compared to Mississippi," she said. Still, she thanked MS

Sen. Thad Cochran for putting a lot more money into the program than was originally offered by Congress.

Blanco plans to apply the funds in three main areas. First, she hopes to use \$100 mill. to help local governments with their 10% FEMA match. This is the only federal money that can be used to match federal grants, she said.

Second, another \$100 million will be set aside for revolving business loans of up to \$300,000. A prior loan program had a lower cap. This is separate from any SBA loans that a business may have received. Interested business owners should contact the state Office of Economic

Development for information.

Third, most of the funds would be set aside for housing grants to help replace the 205,000 homes that were destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The plans have not been formulated yet, but Blanco is looking for a "program that makes sense."

In addition, the State of Louisiana has lost \$1.8 billion worth of public buildings, which will need to be replaced.

Blanco asked local officials to channel their requests for funds through the Louisiana Recovery Authority, even though the federal dollars will not actually arrive in the state for a couple of months.

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Homeowners aid told

If you're a homeowner who has flood insurance and whose property was substantially damaged by flood in hurricanes Katrina or Rita, you could be eligible for up to \$30,000 in additional funds to move, elevate or demolish your house.

The Department of Transportation (DOTD), which oversees the National Flood Insurance Program in Louisiana, has a hot line with details about the Increased Cost of Compliance coverage, or ICC.

The additional money can be used for:

* Flood-proofing (for non-residential buildings).

* Relocation: moving a home or business out of the flood zone.

* Elevation: raising a home or business to above the flood-elevation level adopted by the local community.

* Demolition: tearing down or removing the building.

For more information about ICC, call the DOTD Customer Service Center at 225.379.1232 or toll-free at 1.877.4.L.A.D.O.T.D (1.877.452.3683). Additional information also can be found at www.fema.gov/nflip.

Jury asks Governor to aid with staffing

By CYNDI SELLERS

Lack of staff has forced the Cameron Parish Police Jury to ask the Governor's office for help with the recovery from Hurricane Rita.

The Jury held a special meeting Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 5 p.m. in the Grand Lake School cafeteria. Jurors immediately went into special session to discuss personnel matters. In attendance were Parish Administrator Tina Horn, Office of Emergency Preparedness Director Freddie Richard, and Asst. Director John DeBarge.

The group emerged after about an hour to make a motion to write a letter to the Governor asking the state to help the parish write a 90 day recovery plan.

Jury President Douaine Conner explained that as the parish moves out of "emergency" and into "recovery," FEMA needs to see a written plan for that recovery in order to continue funding the effort. "We stand to lose a whole lot of money if we don't get this plan written," he said.

Since the departure of Emergency Operations Director Kisha Killmer on Jan. 9, and the withdrawal of her replacement Paul Rainwater due to lack of unanimous Jury support, the EOC has been run by Operations Director Clifton

Hebert. Hebert told the Jury before Killmer left that he could not do the entire job alone.

When the military liaison, Chief Harris, leaves next week, the shortage will become more severe.

Horn said that for the next 90 days the parish will "still be doing recovery, we're going to start looking at our buildings, start looking at plans to rebuild."



HACKBERRY RESIDENT Lisa Reed is shown with the purse that she and her mother, Delma Briggs, made from discarded FEMA tarp material. Reed said that the purse is super-tough and color-coordinates with the roof of her Hackberry home. She said the purse was her way of "making lemonade from lemons" and draws lots of attention wherever she goes.

Duck Off to be held in Hackberry Sat.

Organizers of the 8th Annual Duck Off were afraid that this year's event might be downsized due to the devastation sustained from Hurricane Rita, but with the encouragement of the community and corporate sponsors like Cameron LNG the event scheduled for this Saturday will provide a good time for all.

Cameron LNG, an affiliate of Sempra LNG, has donated \$5,500 to help underwrite the event, which includes activities such as a golf tournament, skeet shooting contest, a duck cook-off and an auction.

"We're excited to continue our participation in this year's event," said Joe Risse, Cameron LNG program director. "It signifies that this area is moving forward after the hurricane and gives us all a chance to take a break from clean up and enjoy being part of this community."

The Hackberry Duck Off is

a non-profit organization, originally formed by area residents and organized by volunteers to expand the athletics department at Hackberry High School. As the event has grown over the years so have the number of youth programs that have benefited from the event.

The annual event is expected to attract more than 400 guests from across Louisiana and neighboring states.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8 a.m. - Golf Tournament at Bayou Oaks Country Club, Carlyss.

9 a.m. - Quarter bingo at Hackberry Community Center.

10 a.m. - Skeet shooting, Aladdin Road.

6 p.m. - Saturday night program - Duck Cookoff, T-Shirts, Food, Silent and Live Auctions, D. J.

L. C. Port files suit against local port

By JEREMY HARPER AMERICAN PRESS

The Port of Lake Charles said it will file a complaint against the West Cameron Port with the Federal Maritime Commission arguing that shipping fees the Cameron port plans to charge a natural gas company are illegal and could drive away prospective port customers.

The port's governing board voted to file the complaint Monday night after a closed-door meeting in executive session to discuss the matter.

It also voted to hire a Washington, D. C.-based law firm to handle the complaint.

The complaint raises the stakes in a legal battle between the two ports centered around a liquefied natural gas terminal in Cameron Parish being built by San Diego-based Sempra Energy.

It also draws into the dispute two additional LNG terminals being built elsewhere in Cameron Parish by another

company, Houston-based Cheniere Energy.

The conflict began with the Sempra terminal, a \$700 million plant on part of a tract of land in Cameron Parish owned by the Port of Lake Charles. The site is near Hackberry along the Calcasieu River Ship Channel.

The West Cameron Port Board contends that the Port of Lake Charles cannot legally own land in Cameron Parish and sued the port in December for damages and to take over the property. The case has yet to go to trial.

While the complaint announced Monday by the Port of Lake Charles addresses the Sempra project, it mainly focuses on Cheniere's two LNG terminals: one called Creole Trail LNG along the Calcasieu River ship Channel and another dubbed Sabine Pass LNG in southwestern Cameron Parish.

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Mardi Gras Conner in delegation to Washington Mon.

Myrna Conner, Cameron Parish business woman, will be a member of a Louisiana delegation flying to Washington Monday to seek congressional aid for the Rita and Katrina recoveries.

Mrs. Conner, local representative of the Aflac Insurance Co., said the group will hold a news conference at on the steps of the Capitol at 11 a.m. and will then visit with Representatives and Senators.

The trip is being sponsored by a private organization which is paying for the chartered flight out of New Orleans.

Mrs. Conner said she will tell her experiences in Hurricane Rita. She and her family lost their home in Creole as well as cattle. They are now living in Sweetlake.

She said this will be her mission statement:

"We have not lost a life in Hurricane Rita, but we have lost a way of life. Entire communities may never be the same."

Among the delegation flying to Washington will be Nancy Roach, wife of Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach. Mayor Roach had represented Cameron Parish in the Louisiana Legislature a few years ago.



Myrna Conner



HACKBERRY HIGH School's Homecoming Court is pictured above, from left: Lauren Broussard, Freshman; Kayla Sanner, Sophomore; Jenna Sanner, Senior; Jill Poole, Senior; Mandy Michalko, Senior; Santana Jinks, Junior; Kristen Gallegos, Junior.

Funeral

W. C. "WILLIE" BEARD

W. C. "Willie" Beard, 70, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in his residence.

He was a lifelong resident of the Holmwood-Bell City area and graduate of Grand Lake High School. Mr. Beard retired from C.E.D. after more than 20 years of service. He was a U. S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include four daughters, Jodi Lynn Hebert and husband, Richard, of Creole, Caren Anne Ewing and husband, A. J., and Betti Jo Pesson and husband, Rusty, both of Grand Lake, and Bobbi Jo Nunez and husband, Richard, of Grand Chenier; and one son, W. C. Beard II and wife, Dawn, of Grand Lake; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one brother, Wilford "J. W." Beard of Holmwood.

Mr. Beard's wife, Roberta L. Beard, preceded him in death.

His funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Lawrence Hidalgo officiated. Burial was in Prien Memorial Park.



TERRI REED, Louisiana Division Third Vice President at left, looks on following the bestowal of the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal upon Lisa Reed, Calcasieu 1519 Vice President. Delma Briggs, Chapter President, is at right.

Reed gets award from Daughters of Confederacy

Calcasieu Chapter 1519, United Daughters of the Confederacy held its Fourth Annual "Lee, Jackson, Maury" celebration on Jan. 21, 2006, at Pat's of Henderson Restaurant in Lake Charles. The annual event is held during the month of January, to commemorate the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee, and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and Commodore Matthew F. Maury.

The Chapter was honored to have Ms. Terri Reed,

Louisiana Division Third Vice President join them for their celebration, and assist in bestowal of the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal upon Lisa Reed, Calcasieu Chapter Vice President.

The award is presented to UDC members for works in the realm of history.

Reed, a resident of Hackberry, has been researching cemeteries in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes and marking Confederate soldiers' graves with bronze markers denoting their Confederate service.

The Chapter began marking Confederate Soldiers' graves in August of 2004, and has placed more than one hundred and fifty markers in five parishes, to include Beauregard, Jackson, and Vernon parishes, as well as Cameron and Calcasieu.

Following the presentation of programs honoring the three Confederate Army Officers, attendees enjoyed an excellent lunch, and a "First National Confederate Flag" cake, made and decorated by Calcasieu Chapter Second Vice President, Brenda Reed.



THE CLERK OF Court's office in Cameron has been bustling with land agents doing title searches. The Clerk's office is also operating in Jennings and Grand Lake. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Rita's winds preceeded surge

By JEREMY HARPER
AMERICAN PRESS

Hurricane Rita's violent winds pounded the Louisiana coastline hours before the storm surge flooded the region, a report issued by the National Weather Service says.

The report based its conclusions on data gathered by wind speed and river level gauges positioned throughout southwest Louisiana and southeast Texas by a number of federal agencies.

It found that damaging winds occurred onshore earlier than previously thought--more than 12 hours before the eyewall made landfall in some instances--and well before the storm surge became a destructive factor.

The information could play a role in ongoing disputes between insurance companies and policy holders over whether winds or floodwaters destroyed structures.

Storm surge, a predicted component of all hurricanes, is a massive wall of water pushed toward the shore by a storm's cyclone of winds. Weather experts say a delay in the storm surge is common, but the number of hours dangerous winds preceded Rita's surge impressed local meteorologists who have been studying the data in the months since the storm.

"It was very early that severe winds were hitting Cameron Parish," said Felix Havejar, a science and operations officer with the National Weather Service's Lake Charles office, which monitors the parts of Louisiana and Texas directly hit by Rita.

"We knew that on radar the winds were strong, but I'm a little surprised about the number of hours before the storm that they had severe wind."

A wind monitor positioned at Calcasieu Pass, where the Calcasieu River empties into the Gulf of Mexico, picked up tropical storm strength wind gusts as early as noon on Sept. 23. Rita's eyewall made landfall around Johnson Bayou, near the state line, between 2-3 a.m. the following morning.

After the first noon readings, wind gusts at Calcasieu Pass increased steadily over the next three hours, passing the NWS's severe weather threshold between 2-3 p.m. when a 60 mph reading was recorded. Higher wind readings followed: 90 mph between 5-6 p.m., 82 mph between 6-7 p.m. and 90 mph between 7-8 p.m.

But from noon to 8 p.m., Cameron-area water levels did not match the dramatic rise of wind speeds, according to the report. In fact, they hardly moved at all. A gauge positioned a few miles up the Calcasieu River recorded less than a foot rise in water levels during that 8-hour stint of fierce winds.

Water finally began its rapid and destructive rise in Cameron by 9 p.m., the study shows, spiking four feet by midnight before the river gauge failed. Its final reading: seven feet above sea level.

Despite the gauge's failure, studies of watermarks on structures have led weather officials to conclude the lower Cameron surge reached as high as 15 feet, hardly a shock considering the rate the surge and winds were increasing by midnight, said Steve Rinard, the chief meteorologist at the NWS Lake Charles office.

"When it shut down, the surge was on its way up pretty fast," Rinard said.

The Calcasieu Pass wind monitor recorded a wind gust of 112 mph between 11 p.m. and midnight, but it would be the last reading on the coast because the instrument failed.

The strongest band of the storm wouldn't pass for

another two and a half hours.

HIGH-STAKES DATA

The wind and surge data, which local NWS officials expect to make public in the coming days, could become a tool in legal disputes over insurance claims for hurricane damage.

Bobby Lalande, a 62-year-old resident of the town of Cameron whose home Rita reduced to a slab, said he suspected that his house was severely damaged before the surge finished it off.

Lalande's insurance company doesn't see it that way.

"What they're saying is if there's nothing left, then they're not going to pay anything but the flood coverage," Lalande said.

Lalande had a homeowner's policy and flood insurance

worth about a third of the value of his home.

He hired an engineer, who concluded that the house buckled under the stress of hours of relentless winds.

"I have an engineer's report that says my house was gone before the water ever came," he said. "I just think that the people from Cameron Parish and lower Vermilion are really not getting what they deserve."

Local NWS officials said they understand the wide-ranging implications of the wind and surge data, but insist they are not advocating for either side.

"The people, the insurance industry, they all need that information to make a really good decision," Navejar said. "We're just providing the date."

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Billiot on list

Undergraduate students enrolled full-time at Nicholls State University during the fall 2005 semester who maintained a scholastic grade point average of 3.5 or higher have been named to the president's list of their respective college to recognize their academic achievement.

Students earning president's list honors include:

Cameron Parish - Chef John Folse Culinary Institute - Jana A. Billiot, Cameron.

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

I am from Johnson Bayou, in Cameron Parish and now live in Houston, Tex.

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Jennifer L. Hutchins

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CAMERON LNG employee Kelly Prasser, center, and Police Jury members Douaine Conner and Steve Trahan here share a light moment at Sempra's open house Thursday evening in Hackberry. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Sempra open house held at Hackberry Thursday

An open house was held by Sempra last Thursday in Hackberry to provide information about its proposed Cameron LNG terminal expansion. It was attended by a number of interested parties from Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes.

Sempra's public affairs consultant Anya McInnis explained that the meeting was needed as part of the process to expand the facility's capacity from 1.5 million bcf capacity to 2.65 million bcf. The increase in transfer capacity will only require adding one storage tank and will not require any extra land, she said.

According to McInnis, the expansion will stretch out the construction period, providing more jobs for a longer period of time, thus benefitting the community.

On hand to learn more about the facility were representatives of such varied groups as the West Cameron Port Board, the Lake Charles Port Authority, the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the Lake

Area Industry Alliance, Cheniere LNG, the Cameron Parish School Board, and Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach.

Cameron LNG is in the pre-filing stage of applying to the Federal Energy Regulatory Board for a permit for the expansion.

Relief supplies to be given

Relief supplies are to be distributed Friday - Sunday, Jan. 27 - 29 at the Creole Fire Station, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The Cameron Emergency Operation Center is conducting the distribution with volunteer help. Supplies to be handed out include cleaning supplies, paper goods and food.

Persons needing to pick up supplies for an elderly or homebound relative should contact the Council on Aging to get an authorization card. Proof of residency is required.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

-Booker T. Washington

January 30th is deadline

With a week to go, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is reminding Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees who are still living in hotel/motel rooms across the country paid for by FEMA that they must request an authorization code by Monday, Jan. 30, in order to have their hotel stay paid for beyond Feb. 7.

The Feb. 7 extension and authorization code requirement of Jan. 30 are consistent with a Court Order issued earlier this month. There will be no further extensions in the FEMA hotel/motel subsidy program. An aggressive outreach campaign by FEMA continues educating evacuees on this important date.

Evacuees in hotels and motels must contact FEMA by Jan. 30 at 1-800-621-FEMA (for the TTY caller, 1-800-462-7585) to receive a unique authorization code that must be presented to a hotel or motel to extend the federal subsidy for their hotel stay beyond the night of Feb. 6. The code is also required for evacuees who change hotels or are checking in for the first time. Over 12,000 applicants had already received codes from FEMA as of midnight Jan. 22, representing approximately 44% of the current hotel population of 27,000 rooms.

Tax law explained for storms

The IRS has issued a new publication explaining changes to the tax law and relief provisions available to those affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

Publication 4492, Information for Taxpayers Affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma, is available on IRS.gov and paper copies will be available in about two weeks.

This new publication will list the disaster areas for each hurricane and explain which areas are eligible for administrative relief from the IRS and which areas receive special tax breaks under recently enacted provisions of the tax law.

The publication provides information or individuals regarding how to claim unreimbursed losses, the tax favored use of retirement savings, and new rules regarding charitable giving.

The publication not only provides information useful to individuals but highlights the changes businesses need to know about, such as a special depreciation allowance for qualified Gulf Opportunity Zone property, an increase in the amount affected businesses can expense instead of depreciating and new net operating loss rules for losses in the GO Zone.

Publication 4492, like other IRS forms and publications, is available at IRS.gov.

Prescription aid available

A representative from Med Services, the Prescription Cost Management Program, will be at the Cameron Council on Aging Office in Grand Lake on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon to answer any questions about the program and to sign up interested participants.

The Cameron COA Office is located at 951 Hwy. 384 in Grand Lake.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.



Mr. and Mrs. Derrick LaFosse

LaFosse - Leonard vows are said in Iowa church

Menieca Anlyn Leonard and Derrick Keith LaFosse were married Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa. Father Anthony Fontenot officiated the double ring, candlelight ceremony. Emilie McCown provided the music and Gary Mouton was the vocalist.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin (Melissa) Leonard of Lacassine and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin (Debra) Dupuy of Lacassine and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Blackie) Taylor.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Ann Bourque served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Mandie Bourque, Lindsey Bourgeois, Candace Bertrand and Jill Reber.

Flower girl and ringbearer

were Karlee Stevenson and Cameron Taylor.

Bestman was Robert LaFosse and groomsmen included Bradley Taylor, Scott Suratt, Dustin Miller and Shannon Touchet. Ushers were Braun Bourque, P. J. and Keegan Leonard.

A reception followed in the Lacassine Community Center.

The bride is a graduate of Lacassine High School. The groom graduated from South Cameron High School and attended Universal Technical Institute. The bride is employed by Glad Tidings Preschool as a teacher and the groom is employed by Truth Air Conditioning.

After a wedding trip to Walt Disney World, Fla., the couple is making their home in Lacassine.



Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourself a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles. Helen Keller

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Cheniere has agreed to pay the West Cameron port Board \$1,000 for each LNG ship it navigates through the port's district—a charge the port calls a "wharfage" fee.

The fees could total hundreds of thousands of dollars by the end of the decade when both terminals are operational.

The Port of Lake Charles in its complaint says the fees Cheniere has agreed to pay aren't for any actual service or the use of any facilities. It also alleges that the fees violate state and federal laws.

"West Cameron has admitted that it would provide no services or facilities for these payments," the complaint states.

"By assessing these charges simply for the use of the channel, West Cameron is acting as a toll taker, similar in nature to the legendary robber barons of the Rhine River."

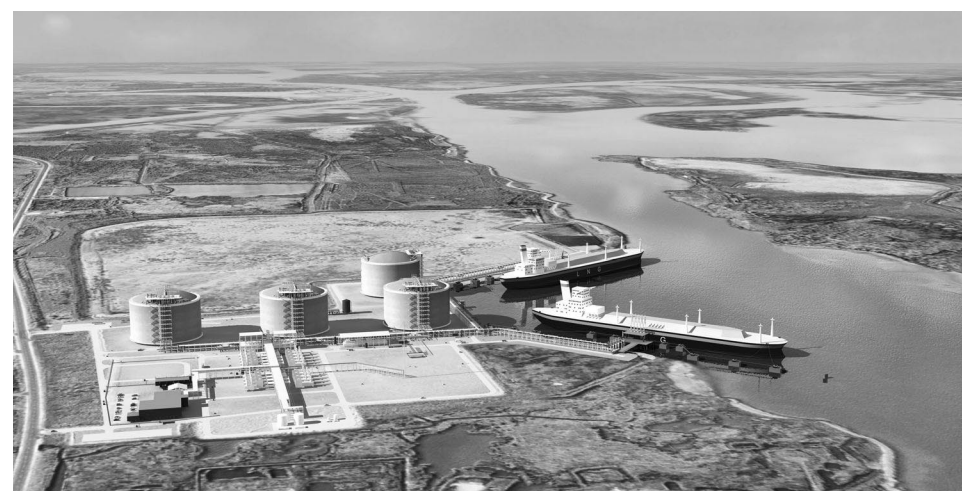
The complaint alleges that the Cameron port has signaled that it wants to impose similar vessel fees on Sempra which the Port of Lake Charles said could threaten the project and future economic development.

"The threat of these charges will inevitably scare away other potential investors who would otherwise be attracted to Calcasieu Parish and the Port of Lake Charles," the complaint states.

The complaint asks for unspecified monetary damages and requests that the Cameron port's agreements with Cheniere be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission.

Thompson Coburn LLP, a law firm that has represented the port's cases before the FMC in previous years, will handle the complaint with consultation from port officials.

Job Opportunities at Sempra Energy's Cameron LNG Receipt Terminal



Cameron LNG project rendering with proposed expansion

Sempra Energy's Cameron LNG terminal is a \$700 million investment in southwest Louisiana currently under construction just north of the community of Hackberry in Cameron Parish. This liquefied natural gas (LNG) receipt terminal, which has received all its major construction permits, will have the capacity to process at least 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day and is scheduled to begin commercial operation in late 2008.

Due to interest by potential customers, we have recently filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to expand this facility to be able to process up to 2.65 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day.

Cameron LNG, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, has begun staffing operations positions for its LNG receipt terminal. At present, we have posted jobs for Terminal Manager, Controls and Electrical Engineer, and Mechanical and Process Engineer.

More positions will be posted in the coming months, as we move toward completing our workforce in time for training and facility start-up.

All inquiries regarding Cameron LNG operations positions should be directed to the Calcasieu Workforce Center, and they will refer candidates to Sempra Energy.

Vacant positions will be posted on the Calcasieu Workforce Center website. To learn more about the available positions at Cameron LNG, go to www.laworks.net.

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Parish livestock show held January 11-14

4-H Club members and their parents in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes are overcoming disaster caused by Hurricane Rita as they work together to find ways to compete with their livestock projects at parish shows Jan. 11-14.

Hurricane Rita moved ashore in south Louisiana on Sept. 24 and destroyed most homes, farm buildings, schools and pastures in its path. Most buildings in South Cameron Parish were swept into the marshlands, filled with mud or moved from their foundations by the high winds and storm surge.

"My home was found 1/4 mile north of its original location in Grand Chenier," said Christian McCall (17), a 4-H member showing swine, "and the pig barns were badly damaged."

She was planning to attend a show pig auction the Saturday Hurricane Rita hit the area to purchase an animal to show. The auction was canceled because of the hurricane.

"I have been showing since the 4th grade, and it is a way of life," she said, adding, "After the hurricane, I did not think we would have a show this year. I was disappointed and upset."

"Then, Mr. Jake Fontenot, my 4-H agent, called and asked if I would be interested in showing if the details of the show could be worked out and hardship requests get approved."

"I was excited," she said. "Showing livestock is a big part of the Cameron Parish 4-H Club program," said Jake Fontenot, LSU AgCenter 4-H agent in Cameron Parish, adding, and the LSU AgCenter approved the hardship requests to allow 4-H members to show their animals.

Even though hardship requests were granted for many youth in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes, they were challenged to find other places to house and care for their animals.

"This helped us realize that friendship and community support is priceless," said LSU AgCenter 4-H agent Trent Guidry in Calcasieu Parish. These families pulled together to help each other through the bad times and allow the young people to show their livestock following the disaster.

"Mr. Dwayne Guilbeaux from Grand Lake allowed

three other 4-H members and me to keep our animals at his place," said McCall, adding, "and I thank him for his support."

McCall's other activities include basketball, softball, track and cheerleading. "Showing pigs is my favorite," she said.

"It is a shame that it took a storm to bring us together," said McCall.

Because of the devastation of Hurricane Rita, participation in the Calcasieu Parish Livestock Show is down 175 animals this year from 373 to 198. The number of exhibitors is also down in Cameron Parish by nearly 40 percent, with only 111 exhibitors participating in 2006.

Most 4-H families were successful at moving their show animals out of the path of Hurricane Rita, but some show animals became ill or perished because of the storm.

"Holding the Calcasieu and Cameron parish shows in the same facilities has worked out well," said Guidry. Youth mingled well, and that helps the show to be successful.

Participants from the parish shows will advance to the LSU AgCenter Southwest District Livestock Show in Lake Charles, Jan. 24-28.

Hurricane Rita may have destroyed the homes, barns, schools and community facilities, but it is no match for the friendship and spirit of cooperation of the 4-H families residing in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes.

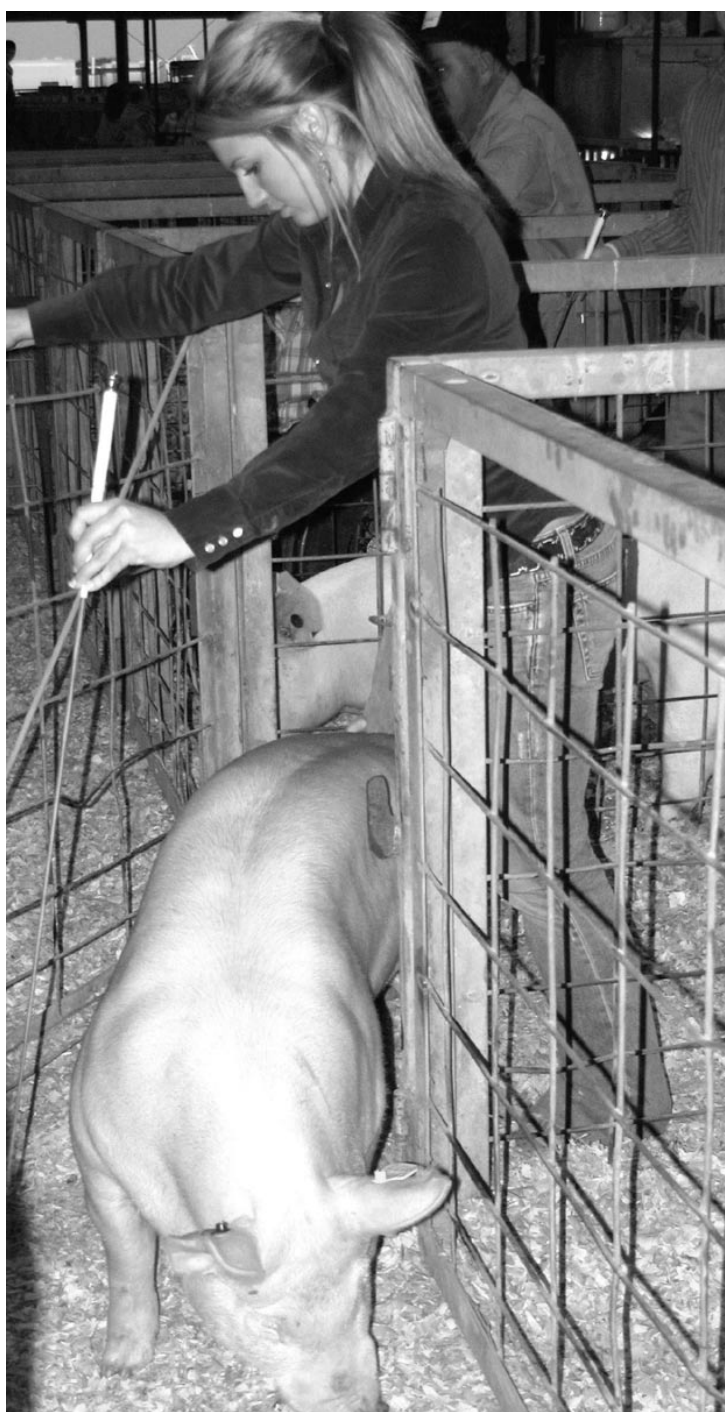
For more information on the 4-H program, visit the Website at www.lsuagcenter.com or contact a 4-H agent at a local parish office of the LSU AgCenter.

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Boustany seeks college students

U.S. Representative Charles W. Boustany, Jr. is seeking motivated college students to fill internship positions for Summer 2006 in his Washington, DC, Lafayette and Lake Charles offices. These unpaid internships are highly selective, yet offer participants a first-hand look at the American legislative and political process. Office duties include greeting visitors, conducting research, answering telephones, attending hearings, and handling congressional correspondence.

Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Mackenzie Smith at Mackenzie.Smith@mail.house.gov, or by fax to her attention at (202) 225-5724. The deadline is March 1, 2006.



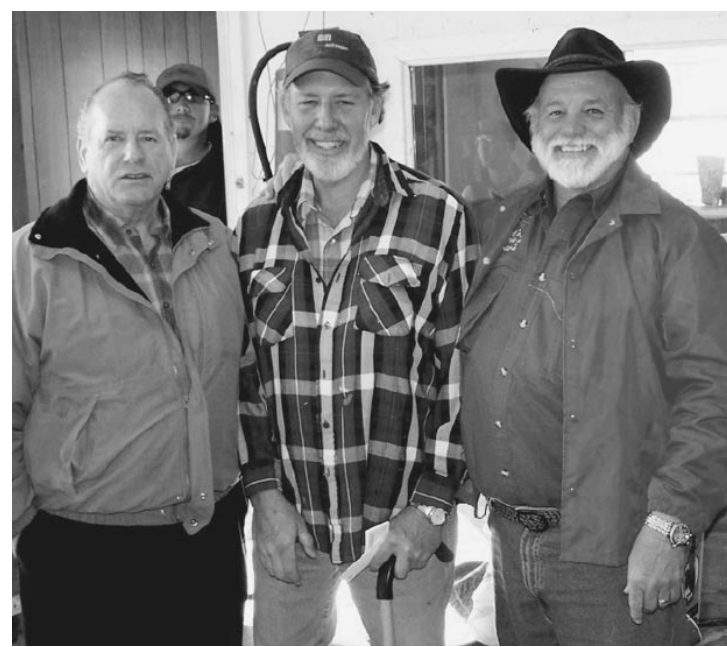
CHRISTIAN MCCALL, 17, of Grand Lake, is moving her pig, Pinky out of the pen to participate in the Cameron Parish Showmanship Class at the Burton Coliseum, Jan. 13. (Photo courtesy of John Chaney.)

Hackberry High names favorites

The following students were recently elected as favorites at Hackberry High School:

- Attractive - Kristin Gallegos, Jay Sanner.
- Intelligent - Mandy Michalko, Kevin Orgeron.
- Friendly - Santana Jinks, C. J. Swier.
- Athletic - Mandy Michalko, Jay Sanner.
- Whitty - Brittany Thomas, Nick Moore.
- School Spirit - Jill Poole, Steven Welch.
- Polite - Kayla Sanner, Clay Billedeaux, Josh Christy and C. J. Swier.

- Dependable - Haley Wright, Clay Billedeaux.
- Most Likely to Succeed - Mandy Michalko, Clay Billedeaux.
- Mr. and Mrs. Personality - Morgan Hicks, Jay Sanner.
- Class Favorites, 9th - Shelby Seay, Mason Hicks.
- Class Favorites, 10th - Brooke Wing, C. J. Swier.
- Class Favorites, 11th - Santana Jinks, Nick Moore.
- Class Favorites, 12th - Amanda Deville, Darra East, Clay Billedeaux.



PICTURED ON a recent tour of the Cameron Parish seafood industry were, from left: State Representative Mickey Frith, David Deere and Capt. Sammie Faulk, charter boat operator. The tour was sponsored by the Louisiana Seafood Board and participants included over 75 state and local officials, including members of the Senate and House Natural Resource Committee. Stops were made in Cameron, Holly Beach, and Hackberry.

Home improvement workshops to be held

Louisiana residents will benefit from workshops designed to protect homes against future hurricanes. The workshops, offered free by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in partnership with home improvement centers, will discuss building techniques to make homes more hurricane resistant.

"These workshops, led by FEMA mitigation experts, will discuss the two critical areas of wind and flood hazards," said Scott Wells, the federal coordinating officer. "Everyone is invited and we urge everyone to attend, including homeowners, building contractors and architects."

Workshops will be held:
Jan. 26-28, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 29-31, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Lowe's, 305 So. Cities Service Hwy., Sulphur.
Stine Lumber Company, 4501 Nelson Rd., Lake Charles.
Home Depot, 3200 E. Prien Lake Rd., Lake Charles.
Lowe's, 2800 Derek Dr., Lake Charles.
Slideshows at: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
Slideshows at: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
Home ownership will continue to be the largest lifetime investment for residents. Rebuilding properly with the best technical guid-

ance and using tested techniques will assure that homes will be fortified against, and more resistant, to hurricane forces.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program.

Lunch menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning Jan. 26 are as follows:

- Thursday, Jan. 26 - Turkey roast, rice, broccoli and cheese, fresh fruit cup, brown gravy, cornbread, milk.
- Friday, Jan. 27 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, green beans, applesauce cake, wheat sliced bread, milk.
- Monday, Jan. 30 - Breaded chicken patty, lettuce cup, lima beans, fruit cocktail, carrot cake, hamburger bun, milk.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31 - Soft tacos, fixings cup, pinto beans, carrot cake, flour tortillas, milk.
- Wednesday, Feb. 1 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, buttered corn, fruit salad, peanut butter cookie, garlic toast, milk.

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Grand Lake honor lists

The Grand Lake School second six weeks honor and banner rolls are:

HONOR ROLL

Grade 1 - Faith Benoit, Lakyn Duhon, Cadence Landry, Hunter Smith, Joel Alexander, Chuck Babineaux, Kaylee Barrow, Alex Granger, Shania Marcantel, Caitlin Meche, Kameron Montie, Kaylee Thomas, Dylan Demarest, Emily Fontenot, Brittany Logan, Bryce Marceaux, Taylor Pascale, Anna Beth Robideaux.
Grade 2 - Christian Bourriague, Christian Doucet, Dylan Duhon, Kelsey Duhon, Gracie Jones, Carlie Nunez, Darien Boudreaux, Kyle Delcambre, Olivia Guidry, Leigh Anne Gwatney, Chris Latiolas, Brooke Stracener, Jennifer Tolbert, William Veronie, Colby Benoit, J. C. Drounette, Madison LeJeune, Anica Logan, Devon Pesson, Lennis Smith, Bailey Vedder.
Grade 3 - Aimmie Clark, Grant Guilbeaux, Destiny Kebodeaux, Trinity Lee, Matthew Nunez, Brett Pickett, Jaci Pousson, Erin Precht, Ethan Roberts, Braden Rosteet, Hayley Trahan, Demi White, Kinnon Vincent, Scarlett Stewart, Madeline Russell, Emily Poole, Ashland Miller, Megan Fruge, Cortney Delaney, Alexa Conner, Dylan Champion.
Grade 4 - Halee Sullivan, Kirstyn Marceaux, Dillon Hays, Tyler Beard, Alexis Breaux, Billy Fontenot, Tim Foreman, Jarrett Nunez, Tori Thomas.
Grade 5 - Katelyn Babineaux, Blake Ezell, Elizabeth Gwatney, Bobby Honeycutt, LeAnn LaRocca, Wyatt Pearce, Karissa Trahan, Cally Conner, Lexi Conner, Erica Demarest, Justin Demary, Julianne Lannin, Rebecca Monceaux, Sydney Myers, Andrew Ogea, Savannah Quinn.
Grade 6 - Patrick Clark, Haley Davis, Jillian Derouen, Hayley Dilliner, Kelsey Ellender, Recia Guillory, Colleen Manuel, Ann Polwichit, Mylon Richard, Dylan Boudreaux, Lauren Hebert, Kaitlyn Holmes, Kory Langley, Brooke Pesson, Tyler Rosfeld, Shelby Thomas, Emmeline Richard.
Grade 7 - Kimberlee Babineaux, Lance Beard, Trenton Dupuis, Kaite Fruge, Jordon Hebert, Patrick Lancaster, Jaide Landreaneau,

Kallan Mudd, Courtney Ogea, Taylor Smith, Cade Theriot, Tyler Tolbert, Julia Quinn.
Grade 8 - Amy Blanchard, Aaron Byers, Ethan Choates, Kaylee Gauthreaux, Danah Landreneau, Deaven Landreneau, Misty LeSueur, Shawnee Pearce, Colton LaRocca.
Grade 9 - Lacey Broussard, Elizabeth Kingham, LaRayne Picou, Taylor Beard.
Grade 10 - Jackie Babineaux, Lakeyn Duhon, John Guidry, Brittany Hebert, Rachel Jones, Sonya Lavergne, Ryan Monceaux, C'risa Morales, Molly Precht, Renn Savoie, Donovan Sullivan, Amber Taylor, Ashley Toups.
Grade 11 - Kory Dahlen, Melisa Dawsey, Jordan Precht, Hailey Quinn, Elizabeth Reon, Haylee Theriot, Courtney Thomas.
Grade 12 - Heather Breaux, Matt Breaux, Nadia Choates, Paige Fontenot, Jacob Hebert, Farrah Jouett, Meagan Miller, Kara Picou, Amanda Stout, Matt Thompson, Derek Williams.

Grade 8 - Laiken Conner, Kevin Delaney, Tasha Fontenot, Heather Girlinghouse.
Grade 9 - Megan Poole, Victoria Roach, Evan Guidry.
Grade 10 - Corey Broussard.
Grade 11 - Sara Taylor.
Grade 12 - Kristina Broussard, Brittany Houston, Ashley Hunter, Samantha Poole, Adam Precht.

ACADEMIC TEAM OF ACHIEVEMENT

No grade lower than 90 in all subjects.
Grade 1 - Brennan Abadie, Hunter Foreman, Kayla Quibedeaux, Hagyn Miller, Alanah Theriot.
Grade 2 - Brandt Sonnier, Zachary Brasseaux, Allison Ross.
Grade 3 - Kyndal Berkey, Laikyn Dubard, Gabrielle Lavergne, Brycen Savoie, Erica Williams, Kaite Deshotel, Peyton Lannin, Courtland Granger.
Grade 4 - Callie Brevelle.
Grade 5 - Kortney Olson, Darbie Montie, Joshua Fitkin, John Dalton Boudreaux.
Grade 6 - Paige Vedder, Chanler Borel, Halie Stevens.
Grade 7 - Kaleb Conner, Jacob Edwards.
Grade 8 - Kevin Delaney, Laiken Conner, Tasha Fontenot.
Grade 9 - Megan Poole, Victoria Roach, Evan Guidry.
Grade 10 - Corey Broussard.
Grade 12 - Kristina Broussard, Ashley Hunter, Samantha Poole, Adam Precht.

ACADEMIC TEAM OF EXCELLENCE

Earning 95 and above in all subjects.
Grade 1 - Mallory Dupuie, Katelyn Granger, Emalee Roberts, Cameron Granger, Keagan Conner, Steven Corbello, Tanner Olson, Alexis Reeves, Kamryn Trahan, John Fruge, Alanah Theriot.
Grade 2 - Joseph Broussard, Madisen Conner, Andrew Moss, Morgan Quinn, Adriano Theriot, Ally Thomas, Brandt Sonnier, Hannah Arabia, Zach Brasseaux, Allison Ross.
Grade 3 - Kydal Berkey, Laikyn Dubard, Gabrielle Lavergne, Erica Williams, Brycen Savoie, Cloie Broussard, Katie Deshotel, Audrey Harris, Peyton Lannin, Lynsey Mhire, Courtland Granger.
Grade 4 - Callie Brevelle, Zane Bellon.
Grade 5 - John Dalton Boudreaux, Joshua Fitkin, Alexandra Kennedy, Darbi Montie, Kortney Olson, Emileigh Creel.
Grade 6 - Paige Vedder, Chanler Borel, Devon Duhon, Halie Stevens.
Grade 7 - Kaleb Conner, Jacob Edwards.

BANNER ROLL

Grade 1 - Brennan Abadie, Mallory Dupuie, Hunter Foreman, Cameron Granger, Katelyn Granger, Kayla Quibedeaux, Emalee Roberts, Keagan Conner, Steven Corbello, Haygn Miller, Tanner Olson, Alexis Reeves, Kamryn Trahan, John Fruge, Alanah Theriot.
Grade 2 - Joseph Broussard, Madisen Conner, Andrew Moss, Morgan Quinn, Adriano Theriot, Ally Thomas, Brandt Sonnier, Hannah Arabia, Zach Brasseaux, Allison Ross.
Grade 3 - Kydal Berkey, Laikyn Dubard, Gabrielle Lavergne, Erica Williams, Brycen Savoie, Cloie Broussard, Katie Deshotel, Audrey Harris, Peyton Lannin, Lynsey Mhire, Courtland Granger.
Grade 4 - Callie Brevelle, Zane Bellon.
Grade 5 - John Dalton Boudreaux, Joshua Fitkin, Alexandra Kennedy, Darbi Montie, Kortney Olson, Emileigh Creel.
Grade 6 - Paige Vedder, Chanler Borel, Devon Duhon, Halie Stevens.
Grade 7 - Kaleb Conner, Jacob Edwards.

S. C. Elem. honor rolls told

South Cameron Elementary Honor Roll and Banner Roll for the second six weeks ending Jan. 13:
Grade 1 - Banner Roll - Madison Huffman, Madeleine Mudd, Briley Richard.
 Honor Roll - Niklas Bailey, Allie Bonsall, Christopher Broussard, Abby LeBoeuf, Hunter LeBoeuf, Angelica LeJeune, Cadi Manuel, Jakin Morales, Brant Styron, Hunter Theriot, Gatlin Welch.
Grade 2 - Banner Roll - Ross Dahlen, Seaira Duplechian, Brooklyn Frerks, Tristin Guidry, Sydnee McCall, Garen Romero.
 Honor Roll - Kinlee Boudreaux, Jeremiah Dockins, Clarisa Gary, James Hebert, Ty Little, Adam Manuel, Jacee Miltenberger, Kelsi Moon, Megan Nunez, Catherine Portie.
Grade 3 - Banner Roll - Tianna Dunaway, Mary LaBove, Kerrigan Meaux, Dalynn Mhire, Blayne Miller, Luke Miller.
 Honor Roll - Tyler Daigle, Adam Jones, Linlee LaLande, Jarrett Thibodeaux.
Grade 4 - Banner Roll - Honor Roll - Andrew Bonsall, Kylie Davidson, Haley Duhon, Corbet Dupont, Alex Jones, Logan Manuel, Tyler Nunez, David Shaw.
Grade 5 - Banner Roll - Savannah Baccigalopi, Jensen Bertrand, Logan Broussard, Elizabeth, Marcantel, Abby Miller, Becca Richard, Jason Theriot, Alayna Trahan, Joshua Wick.
 Honor Roll - Skylar Barnett, Randy Bell, Clodia Booth, Brooklyn Broussard, Dylan Broussard, Marcus Doxey, Sierra LeJeune, Corey Miller, Daniel Peshoff, Jameson Picou, Gage Richard, Brayden Romero.
Grade 6 - Banner Roll - Myli Hay, Channing LaLande, Cami Richard.
 Honor Roll - Taylor Canik, Tyler Fontenot, Jacob Landry, Chelsea Nunez, Jarrett Nunez, Branson Richard,

Nguyen*, Melissa Nunez*, Tamara Nunez*, Justin Payne, Jamie Primeaux*, Kelli Styron, Matthew Styron, Lauren Theriot.
Grade 7 - Banner Roll - Ross Dahlen, Seaira Duplechian, Brooklyn Frerks, Tristin Guidry, Sydnee McCall, Garen Romero.
 Honor Roll - Kinlee Boudreaux, Jeremiah Dockins, Clarisa Gary, James Hebert, Ty Little, Adam Manuel, Jacee Miltenberger, Kelsi Moon, Megan Nunez, Catherine Portie.
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 Honor Roll - Tyler Daigle, Adam Jones, Linlee LaLande, Jarrett Thibodeaux.
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Grade 6 - Banner Roll - Myli Hay, Channing LaLande, Cami Richard.
 Honor Roll - Taylor Canik, Tyler Fontenot, Jacob Landry, Chelsea Nunez, Jarrett Nunez, Branson Richard,

Nguyen*, Melissa Nunez*, Tamara Nunez*, Justin Payne, Jamie Primeaux*, Kelli Styron, Matthew Styron, Lauren Theriot.

Laney Theriot.
Grade 7 - Banner Roll - McKayla Fountain, Lakin LaBove, Jonathan Quinn, Caitlin Theriot, Brendan Trahan, Shelby Wolfe.
 Honor Roll - Lex Conner, Shelby Conner, Javen Little, Gannon Miltenberger.

H'berry honor students named

The Hackberry High School honor roll for the second six weeks period has been announced as follows:
Grade 2 - Brianne Beard*; Abbie Delcambre*; Cody Fountain; Jaci Granger*; Bailey LaBove; Kelsey LeBoeuf*; Dakota LeJeune*; Maygan Raffield; Kadie Reon*; Lexie Stine*; Alexis Swire; Logan Tinger*.
Grade 3 - Sydney Broussard; Hunter Frey; Braxton Jinks*; Bryson Parker; Justin Reon; Clint Welch.
Grade 4 - Brett Bird; Kennedy Darbonne*; Anais LaFleur; Codie Reon; Destiny Simon; Mattie Stine*; Jolie Trahan*; Luke Whelchel.
Grade 5 - Samantha Little; Kaytlynn Parker; Madison Shove.
Grade 6 - Thomas Ducote; Meagan Johnson*; Kimberly Portie; Lesley Sanner; Aaron Whelchel.
Grade 7 - Erica Duhon; Jenna Grange; Devan LaBove*; Kayla Vincent.
Grade 8 - Katherine Bridgewater; Garrett Guidry; Sean Hicks; Meghan Shipp; Megan Spicer.
Grade 9 - Lauren Broussard*; Kelsey Helmer; Kaitlyn Hicks; Lauren Johnson*; Jacob Poole*; Allyson Sanner; Lori Shove*; Chandelle Toups.
Grade 11 - Cameron Beckmann; Carly Fountain; Kristin Gallegos; Natasha Hicks; Kevin Orgeron*; Carolyn Rose; George Spell; Nick Wolfe.
Grade 12 - Darra East; Morgan Hicks*; Timothy Lyons*; Mandy Michalko*; Jill Poole; Jena Sanner*; Sarah White.

*Denotes all A's.



RENTAL OF the above bulldozer is being paid for by Cameron Communications and Cheniere Energy to help Holly Beach residents in their cleanup efforts. The community was completely destroyed by Hurricane Rita. Shown with the dozer, from left, are: Douaine Conner, Cameron Parish Police Jury President; James Ducote, Cheniere Energy; Jason Young, bulldozer operator; Sonny McGee, police juror; and Gary Hightower of Cameron Communications.

Equipment being furnished to Holly Beach area

Cameron Communications, along with Chenier Energy, is helping the residents of Holly Beach rebuild their community by furnishing equipment to be used in the ongoing cleanup efforts of the property owners.

"We have been a member of the community for more than 75 years, so helping out these residents in their time of need is the right thing to do," said Gary Hightower of Cameron Communications. "Our goal since Rita has been to reestablish our infrastructure and to move forward

with projects that we began before the storm hit."

One of these is the recent completion of Phase Two of the Grand Lake Fiber to the Home project. Voice, video and high speed internet services are now available from the Intracoastal, north to Gulf Stream Manor and east to LeBoeuf Road in Grand Lake.

Customers desiring more information on service offerings or in reestablishing communications should call (800) 737-3900 to speak with a customer care professional.

Extensive damage to marsh reported by resource agent

By Kevin Savoie

Following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, initial assessments of Louisiana's coastal ecosystems indicated extensive marsh losses and damage to the coastal environment. Satellite photos are showing that more than 13,000 square acres of coastal wetlands and a number of offshore barrier islands in the Gulf of Mexico have disappeared entirely.

While assessing the actual land losses and damage and its economic impact to the state is difficult, what's more difficult is estimating the long-term effects to the health of the coastal ecosystem.

Louisiana's coastal marshes are in a continuous state of evolution. They change over long periods of time. In most instances, so slowly, that the changes are barely noticeable.

Since plants are the primary producers in most ecosystems, they provide the first indication of ecosystem metamorphosis. Scientists call this change plant succession. Plant succession is the process in which plant communities replace one another over time until they reach what is called a climax community.

For example, the series of changes which take place from a few small grasses growing on bare rock to the establishment of a forest may take many decades or centuries. Plant succession in Louisiana's marsh ecosystem happens much more quickly than that.

The first stage is shallow, open water which receives some water exchange through drainage flow or tidal movement. These water movements carry sediments and nutrients necessary for plant growth.

When water clarity allows sunlight to penetrate the water column, submerged

aquatic plants will sprout and begin to grow. Once these plants grow thick enough to trap enough sediments and organic matter to form mats which reach the water's surface, grasses will grow. The grasses mat up and form larger, semi-aquatic land areas where larger emergent plants grow and eventually evolve into woody plants and trees.

This is a long, slow process and in many areas of coastal Louisiana was occurring in reverse order of the natural succession described here, thus causing land loss.

It is important for coastal landowners and managers to recognize where their marshes were in this succession process in order to assess damage and make management decisions for remediation and recovery after the hurricanes' damage.

In the most extreme cases, healthy, vegetated marshes were reverted to open water. Scientists refer to this as setting back succession. Setting back succession is sometimes not a bad thing and actually promotes increases in production.

Landowners and managers sometime initiate setting back succession under controlled situations through saltwater introduction, herbicide applications or burning. It is a method used to maintain and promote productivity of coastal marshes. However, the 2005 hurricanes have done this for us on a large scale and the effects will be measured for years to come.

Savoie is a natural resources and fisheries agent based in Lake Charles for the Louisiana Sea Grant Program and the Louisiana State University AgCenter. He can be reached at ksavoie@agcenter.lsu.edu. His column can also be found at <http://www.seagrants.lsu.edu/resources/index.html>.

Cam. Elem. honor roll announced

Cameron Elementary Honor and Banner roll for the second six weeks ending Jan. 13:

Grade 1 - Banner Roll - Raleigh Conner, Marissa Dupont, and Tori Smith.
 Honor Roll - Braydon Boullion, Katia Castillo, Candice DeBarge, and Olivia Hebert.

Grade 2 - Banner Roll - Zachery Bignall, J'Nae Nunez, and Morgan Primeaux.

Honor Roll - David Conner, Erin Hill, Damon Pugh, Tony Robledo, Blake Theriot, and Breydon Trahan.

Grade 3 - Banner Roll - Madison Bonsall, Jose Castillo, Sadie DeBarge, Alec January, Ariel Mathis, Sheridan Smith, Hunter Sorrells, and Joshua Trahan.

Honor Roll - Kayleigh Fuselier, Micheal Sedlock, Abigail.

Grade 4 - Honor Roll - Jade Nunez, Laney Primeaux, and Jeffery Racca.

Grade 5 - Banner Roll - Kent Doxey.

Honor Roll - Courtney Daigle, Karlee Primeaux, DeV Vaughn Thompson and Jamie Toureau.

Grade 6 - Banner Roll - Sabrina Peshoff.

Honor Roll - Breann DeBarge, Dina Mendez, Paige Trahan, and Sadie Trahan.

Grade 7 - Banner Roll - Jadah Primeaux.

Honor Roll - Taylor Rhodes.

S. Cameron wrestlers in tourney

South Cameron High School competed in the annual Ken Cole Wrestling Tourney last Friday and Saturday. Each of the 14 weight classes contained a full 32-man bracket. 249 wrestlers from 49 different schools competed in the two day tourney.

South Cameron wrestled 21 bouts, winning 11, recording 9 pins and placed in the middle of the pack.

Jonathan Trahan, Brett Richard, Hunter Canik, and Dex Murphy each won two and lost two matches.

Senior, Bart Vidrine won three, lost two and placed fourth in the 171 lb. class.



Financial aid offered from McNeese

Financial aid staff members from McNeese State University will visit area high schools in January and February to explain financial aid application procedures to college-bound students.

According to McNeese Financial Aid Director Taina Savoie, high school seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend the workshops to learn more about eligibility, the application process and requirements, and the timeline to apply for financial aid for the 2006 fall semester.

The list of high schools and the times and dates McNeese personnel will be on each high school campus are as follows:

10:45 a.m.
 Wednesday, Jan. 25--Lacassine, 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 26--DeRidder, 6 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 27--Oberlin, 9 a.m.;
 Monday, Jan. 30--Lake Charles Boston, 9 a.m.; Jennings, 6 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 31--Hackberry, 7:45 a.m.; Johnson Bayou, 10:30 a.m.; St. Louis, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 1--South Cameron, 10 a.m.; Grand Lake, 1 p.m.; Sam Houston, 6 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 2--Merryville, 9 a.m.; Hyatt, 11 a.m.
 Monday, Feb. 6--Fairview,

2 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 7--Washington Marion, 8:30 a.m.; Sulphur, 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 8--Iowa, 9 a.m.; Kinder, 6 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 9--Vinton, 9:30 a.m.; Barbe, 6:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 17--East Beauregard, 10 a.m.
 Monday, Feb. 20--Oakdale, noon.
 Tuesday, Feb. 21--DeQuincy, 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 23--Westlake, 6:30 p.m.; Singer, 9 a.m.

For more information, call the MSU Office of Financial Aid at 475-5065 or 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5065.

Tuesday, Jan. 24--Welsh,

Advice given on handling flood insurance claims

By JENNIFER JONES

I have some very important information regarding the claims we have for damage to our homes from Hurricane Rita.

The first area to discuss is refund of flood insurance premiums. Immediately after the storm we were told by our insurance agents that our flood insurance premiums could not be refunded on a pro rata basis. I have since learned that this is NOT TRUE.

If you had flood insurance AND your home was a total loss, this is what you need to do. Go to your insurance agent and get a FLOOD INSURANCE CANCELLATION/NULLIFICATION FORM. You will need to know what period your policy covered and your insurance agent will have this information if you do not. The form will also need to be signed by the agent and by you.

Once this is sent in, you will receive a refund for the portion of your premium representing coverage after the date of Hurricane Rita. When you rebuild your new house, you will need to apply for new flood insurance to cover your new house.

The second area to update is the mediation of disputed homeowner's claims. Remember this mediation is

not for business claims or for flood claims—only for homeowner's claims. In past articles I have urged everyone to participate in this mediation program because it is free and will be a lot faster than a law suit. Also, if you are not satisfied with the amount recommended by the mediator, you can still sue. Moreover, the insurance company cannot take back anything they have already paid you.

Some of the people who applied for mediation early in the month of January have already received their notices of when mediation will be held. The problem is that these mediations have been scheduled to be held in New Orleans. I have spoken with the mediation company. They are securing a site closer to Cameron Parish for the Hurricane Rita claimants.

Brother Martin with the Grand Lake Faith Temple and Brother Taylor with the Sweetlake Methodist Church have offered their facilities for mediation.

However, the mediation company says that the mediations will probably be held in Lake Charles. The mediation company should not be sending out any new notices for people in our area scheduling mediations in New Orleans.

If you have already received or if you receive a notice in the future schedul-

ing your mediation in New Orleans, all you need to do is get me a copy of the notice. I have the contact information for the mediation company and they have asked me to notify them of everyone who wants their mediation locations changed. They are assuring me that the mediations will take place soon, probably in March.

Third, I am sure many of you saw the article in the Lake Charles American Press concerning the report of the National Weather Service. I will be meeting with these meteorologists this week and we will have their complete report for all of you to use at mediation.

Finally, I am still working to get some questions regarding ICC claims answered. An ICC claim is only available to someone who had flood insurance. Hopefully, I will have all the information by the time next week's Pilot is published.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Mr. Wise, Cyndi Sellers and everyone at the Cameron Pilot for all their help in getting this information to the public. If you have friends or relatives who have relocated to other areas, PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE GETTING THEIR CAMERON PILOT, because that is by far the best way to find out all the important information we need.



MASSIVE PILES of debris are still on the ground in Cameron. This scene is west of the courthouse. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Where are they now?

By NELL COLLIGAN

This week we heard from Darla (Blanchard) Eaves. Darla writes that she and her family and her mother-in-law, Vivian McDaniel, are doing fine and living in Colmesneil, Tex. They plan to make Colmesneil their new home. (For those who may not be familiar with the area, Colmesneil is 56 miles north of Beaumont on Hwy 69.)

Darla's sons, Jared and Troy, would like to let their friends know that they are making new friends in Colmesneil, but really miss their old friends in Johnson Bayou. They would love to hear from you.

Darla's parents, Leroy and Lorraine (Trahan) Blanchard have returned to Johnson Bayou and are living at Timmy Trahan's Trailer Park in FEMA trailer #1. Her brother, Farrell, is there too, in trailer #5. Quentin is in Duson. He and Bonita are doing well and will move back to Johnson Bayou soon.

Bobby, Darla's son, and his family are living in Ragley and have bought a place there. Bobby still works for Ace Trucking out of Cameron.

Darla ends by saying they would love to hear from their dear friends—how they are doing and where they are. Send the family's mail to: P.O. Box 764; Colmesneil, Tx. 75938, or e-mail to: bobdara2003@yahoo.com.

Leslie and Vickie LaRue evacuated to Normangee, Tex., Leslie's hometown. (Normangee is about five hours from Cameron, on Hwy 45, north of Houston, Tex.) Leslie has found a new job and they are in the process of trying to find a home. They are presently staying with Leslie's Mom. They are doing fine, miss all their friends and hope they are well.

Vickie writes: "We just couldn't bring ourselves to go back after we saw what Rita did. We had nothing to go back

to." They, too, would love to hear from their friends, especially their former preacher, Brother John. Vickie accidentally lost the number that he had given to Leslie before the storm. Their e-mail address is: lovmi6@yahoo.com.

Jimmy and I had a wonderful visit with some of our Cameron friends Monday. We stopped at Grand Lake High School and saw many of the Cameron Elementary and South Cameron Elementary, and South Cameron High teachers.

It was so nice to see them going about their duties under the most unimaginable conditions, sharing classrooms with Grand Lake High teachers... Every face had a smile on it. The train was on its tracks and it was moving on! There was Matilda Gillikin, directing the unloading of an 18 wheeler that was filled with school supplies for the Cameron Parish schools. As I said, "it was business as usual."

Among the people we saw were: Michelle Booth, Shirley Bonsall, Kathy Doney Rowland, Zeek Wainwright, Charlotte Hess, Darilyn Doney Canik, Eva January, Ryan Nash, Pete Picou, Mary Woodgett Didelot, Flora January, and Matilda. I'm sure there were others I am overlooking. It was just so great to see them all together like that. It gave me a feeling that life is going on, and that all of these Cameron Parish educators and employees will be wiser and stronger for the experience, and so will the kids.

In Grand Lake we visited with Kathy Guilbeau and her mother, Betty Savoy who is now out of the hospital. Betty was sitting up, feeling better and looking stronger. We laughed and talked, just like old times. It was so good to see her this way following her grave illness. On our way out we were greeted by the most

beautiful goat I have ever seen, a pet of one of their neighbors.

Kathy's daughter, Michelle has a FEMA trailer in their yard. Jonathan's FEMA trailer is right next to Michelle's. Father McGrath, the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Creole, has a FEMA trailer right across the lane from the Guilbeau/Savoy family. Ladd and Jerri Wainwright live on the next lane and their son is nearby.

We visited with Eldie Cheramie who just received her FEMA trailer this week. She has it parked next to the home of her daughter, Toni Beth Boudreaux, in Grand Lake. Toni Beth's son, Marcus, has his FEMA trailer right next to Maw Maw Dees'. James and Toni Beth were in Lake Charles, baby-sitting with Carrie's six-week old twins.

I was very happy to finally see what a FEMA trailer looks like. They are certainly efficient, with cupboards and drawers here and there to store things. Eldie was fortunate enough to get one with a bathtub rather than a shower. This is somewhat of a luxury in these trying times.

This trailer has a three burner stove, a table booth to seat four, and a sofa that opens into a bed. The refrigerator and sink are regular size. Next to the kitchen is a cubicle with a set of bunk beds where two children could sleep. No doubt, these trailers will serve the purpose for many until they decide what to do about going back home or building elsewhere.

Kathy Rowland invited us to visit the Gulf Stream Trailer Park soon, during a weekend day when everyone is there. We're looking forward to visiting them in the near future, and maybe we'll swing by the Joneses on Quinn Lane. Seeing all these friends today was like food for the soul!

That's it for this week. Please send your news to: 302 Trailwood Lane; Lafayette, La. 70508. E-mail to: nnad67@aolcom. Phone: 337-988-5395.

Recipes available online

(NAPSA)-There are many tasty varieties of pears to enjoy throughout the year, including Bartlett, Anjou, Bosc and Comice, each with a distinct texture and flavor. All are a good source of vitamin C, potassium and dietary fiber, with only about 100 calories per serving. For recipes and information, visit www.usapears.com.

Dried California figs provide a unique way to live up to a wide array of ho-hum dishes. Available all year round in two popular varieties, Missions and Calimyrnas, dried figs can be used in most recipes calling for any type of dried fruit. For recipes, food tips and up-to-date nutrition information from the fig experts at Valley Fig Growers, visit www.valleyfig.com.

California is the nation's leading milk-producing state and one of the country's leading cheese producers. The state makes 250 varieties and styles of cheese and is home to more than 50 cheesemakers. For more information, recipes and serving ideas for Real California Cheese, visit www.RealCaliforniaCheese.com.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



There's a song by Willie Nelson, "Turn Out The Lights, The Party's Over," it says, "All good things come to an end." Last Sunday evening, "All good things came to an end," as our duck and coot season came to an end.

All in all, we did have a pretty fair season, providing you moved around. There wasn't much shooting pressure, but in most marshes south of the Intracoastal Canal, three days in the same spot, slowed down enough to move to another spot.

I know hunters who did just that and they say duck season was as good as last year on most days. What we call the "Big Pasture" "Boudreaux Pasture," marshes between Oak Grove and East Creole showed some good mallard hunting like 10-6-5 for a three day hunt, plus a couple of teals to help out limits, and a goose, then move on again.

We still have goose season to look forward to, as the special Conservation Order on light geese (snow and blues) will run through Mar. 12. Regular season thru Feb. 3 and then the special season Feb. 4.

HUNTING FUTURE

Research reports on today's youth on hunting and fishing, show that kids who hunt now, are more likely to hunt in the future, especially compared to adults who take it up later in life.

It also shows that single parent kids are more likely to hunt than two-parent families. While fewer youth are hunting and fishing, there's also less playing baseball, softball, football. Kids today do more mountain biking, hiking, camping, climbing, ice skating and snowboarding, in fact some of these partaking has climbed 100 percent.

STORM DAMAGE

Rockefeller Refuge took a beating for Hurricane Rita. There are many roads washed out, levee erosion and marsh damage. Launches gone and washed out. The east end saltwater launch for Joseph Harbor has just been opened to go to the Gulf and Deep Lake Field east of Joseph Harbor is open as well as Headquarter's Canal. The Pecan Island area is closed as well as the Bertrand Canal and the Price Lake Road is also closed to fishing or passing.

Fishermen are reminded that to legally enter the refuge, you must have a hunting or fishing license, if not you have to purchase a wild Louisiana stamp so do so before you enter lower Cameron Parish as you will not find a place to buy any-

thing like licenses, food, drinks or gas.

Entering the refuge is sunrise to sunset and remember that lower Cameron Parish has a 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. curfew. For more info: Call the refuge office at 538-2276 and ask to speak to Guthrie Perry or Tom Hess.

It is said that our marshes will come back better than ever, and I do agree in part, but some of our marshes have been damaged beyond repair or it will take years to regain the damage done. It surely did good to help kill the salvinia and hyacinth that has pestered us in many areas.

There's one thing that comes across my mind and that's Hurricane Audrey. There was damage that many of us had never seen, but our marshes came back, there was good hunting, crabbing and fishing, although I think "Rita" did way more damage. I do know except where debris is stacked up, it surely cleaned our marshes, although many canals and trails will have to be cleaned out.

AREA LAKES

The Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission has issued a notice of intent to modify the existing speckle trout rule in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes; which will include Sabine and Calcasieu Lakes and to the offshore waters.

The current daily bag limit of 25 trout per day would change to a daily take and possession limit of 15 trout within that area, regardless of where taken. There would be no more than two trout over 25 inches in length.

The affected areas of the state which would include coastal territorial waters, south of I-10, from Texas-Louisiana boundary eastward to LA 171, south to LA 14 and then south to Holmwood then south on LA 27 through Gibbstown, south to LA 82 at Creole and south on LA 82 to Oak Grove and then due south to the western shore of the Mermentau River, following this shoreline south to the junction with the Gulf of Mexico and then due south to the limit of the state territorial sea; which would be three miles offshore.

Does this sound like a final college test? Why not the whole state? All I can say is, if you are speckle trout fishing and this passes, have a good map handy. Although you may have taken fish legally, you could come in to the launch and be illegal. This boundary is sort of like the Canada goose boundary!

I do think we need a smaller limit on speckle trout, I'm all for it, but the boundary is

BLANCO

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Police Jury President Douaine Conner asked for assistance with mosquito control. Parish Administrator Tina Horn even asked for the use of a military plane to help with the spraying, since the local mosquito control board has already spent all its funds on contract spraying.

Clerk of Court Carl Broussard and Sheriff Theos Duhon asked for help with getting DOTD to repair the road shoulders.

Broussard said there are many people coming into Cameron daily to view records at his office, and the roads are "really bad, we're going to have some bad accidents."

Duhon reported that there were seven traffic accidents in the parish last weekend, all relatively minor, involving the roads.

Horn said that DOTD's contractor had begun some shoulder repair between Cameron and Creole, then stopped, leaving the most dangerous section untouched.

"Everyone knows you should address critical areas first in a disaster," she said. "Locals know the roads, but outsiders don't. I just hope they all get out of here before dark."

McEvers reported that the School Board has decided not to run a school bus out of Cameron until the roads are repaired, due to the danger.

Blanco promised to go back to Congress to try to get more money. "We are American citizens who work hard to pay our taxes. We got hit with something outside our control and are just as deserving as any other citizens. I'm not happy to have to go beg for money, but I'm not going to let them short-change us either," she said.

State Representative Mickey Frith, who accompanied the governor, said he was impressed by the initiative shown by the local people, which showed "true Cajun spirit," and he thanks God no lives were lost.

He sees "fine progress" even though the damage was worse than Hurricane Audrey. The delays and paperwork required to keep track of the enormous amount of money being handed out have hampered debris removal, though, he said.

complicated and I'm sure someone will be ticketed for over possession of trout. It's kind of like the saltwater license, south of the Mermentau River bridge, you need a saltwater license, but just paddle under the bridge 50 feet and you do not have to have a saltwater license.

I guess the fish like reds, drum and trout know to stop there, but you can always let the outgoing current take your bait, hook-em, and reel them in on the north side of the bridge.

I think I confused myself on this one!

Basketball Buzz

BY CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BASKETBALL SCORES BOYS

Merryville 89, South Cameron 32 - Lance Braxton was the leading scorer for the Tarpons with 11 points. Jaylon Ball and Namon Lute added 6 points each.

Hathaway 70, Grand Lake 63 - The Hornets' Deon Bergeron led all scorers with 29 points. Ashton Boudreaux added 9 points each and Brett Griffith chipped in 8 points. Grand Lake drops to 20-10 overall and 1-2 in district.

Hackberry 58, Singer 46 - Jay Sanner led the Mustangs with 19 points and Travis Spicer chipped in 15 points. Hackberry improves to 14-8 overall and 2-2 in district.

Elton 58, South Cameron 39 - Jaylon Ball led the winless Tarpons with 15 points. Namon Lute chipped in 10 points and James Cormier added 8 points.

Johnson Bayou 46, Hackberry 44 - The Rebels' Blaine Trahan led all scorers with 25 points. DJ Conner added 13 as the Rebels improve to 5-18 overall and 1-3 in district 8C. The Mustangs were led by Jay Sanner with 19 points and Nick Moore added 14. The

Mustangs fall to 13-9 overall and 1-2 in district.

Hyatt 56, Grand Lake 45 - Brett Griffith scored 12 points and Ashton Boudreaux added 11 points for the Hornets.

GIRLS

Merryville 79, South Cameron 35 - D'Nae Desonier led the Lady Tarpons with 20 points. Rachael Fountain added 7 as the Lady Tarpons fell to 9-9 on the year and remain winless in district play.

Singer 42, Hackberry 37 - Mandy Michalko scored 16 for the Lady Mustangs (14-11, 3-1). Jena Sanner added 8 points.

Elton 66, South Cameron 52 - Rachael Fountain scored 17 points for the Lady Tarpons. D'Nae Desonier chipped in 16 points and Whitney Richard added 15 points.

Hackberry 40, Johnson Bayou 21 - The Lady Mustangs outscored the Lady Rebels 20-6 in the second half to remain perfect in district play. Mandy Michalko led Hackberry with 18 points. Allison Sanner chipped in 9 points. The Lady Rebels leading scorer was Kayla Barrentine with 7 points. Charmayne Barrentine added 5 points.

Chocolate Sweet Cherry Surprise Mini Cakes

5 squares (1 ounce ea.) semi-sweet chocolate
 1/2 cup canola oil
 4 large eggs
 4 large egg yolks
 1/3 cup sugar
 1/2 cup flour, sifted

Sweet Cherry Filling

1 cup frozen sweet cherries
 1/2 cup water
 3 tablespoons sugar
 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 2 tablespoons cold water

Preheat oven to 350° F. Cut chocolate into small pieces and place in double boiler with oil. Melt chocolate, cool. Beat eggs and egg yolks with sugar until fluffy. Add cooled chocolate mixture to egg mixture. Add flour; beat until fluffy and glossy, about 5 minutes.

Sweet Cherry Filling: Combine cherries, 1/2 cup water and 3 Tbsp. sugar in heavy saucepan; bring to boil on medium low heat. Combine cornstarch and cold water. Add to sweet cherry mixture, constantly stirring until boiling. Remove from heat; set aside until completely cooled. Oil and flour 12 3-inch muffin cups. Fill each 1/2 full with cake mixture; add 1 tablespoon cherry filling to each, then add additional cake mixture to fill. Bake 15-20 minutes until center is wobbly and sides are cooked. Run a knife around edge of cakes to loosen; tip out onto plates. Garnish with confectioner's sugar, if desired. Makes 12 cakes.

Make Ahead Note: Freezes well. Remove uncooked filled muffin tin from freezer and bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

(NAPSA)-For a delicious reminder of summer's luscious cherries, use individually quick-frozen sweet cherries in these surprise mini cakes. The sweet cherry filling in a tender chocolate cake is a winning combination. An entertaining bonus: they can be made ahead and frozen.

For more recipes, visit www.nationalcherries.com.

Four retirement tips for women

(NAPSA)-A recent national survey of employed adults commissioned by the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies revealed that many women are not as prepared as they should be for retirement. Women are lagging in total savings, averaging nearly \$51,000 less than men. They are also underestimating how much they need to save for a comfortable retirement, with estimates nearly \$300,000 less than those given by men. The survey, however, found promising opportunities for women that might be easily overlooked but can significantly improve their chances for a more secure retirement.

1. Start Saving Now. According to the survey, 23 percent of employed women responded that they don't participate in their employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you are not participating in your company's retirement plan, you may be missing out on "free money" in the form of matching contributions from your employer. If you don't have access to a retirement plan, consider opening an IRA.

2. Estimate What You'll Need. Women face a number of challenges in preparing for retirement, as they are more likely than men to take time off from their careers or work part-time. They often earn less, and statistically, they live longer. That's why it's so important to estimate your needs as accurately as possible. Seek help from an advisor or use an online calculator to estimate what you'll need. If you participate in a company-sponsored retirement plan, your employer likely provides tools and worksheets through your company's 401(k) provider.

3. Get the Facts. Eighty percent of employed women surveyed said they don't know as much about retirement investing as they should. Learn the basics of retirement planning including your risk tolerance, years to retirement, and asset allocation strategies that are most appropriate for your anticipated needs. Most retirement plan providers offer a wide array of resources, ranging from printed materials and Web-based tools to in-person seminars. You can also consult a financial advisor for more information.

4. Increase Contributions. Even a one or two percent increase in contributions to your retirement plan can substantially grow the size of your nest egg over time. Remember that 401(k) contributions are pre-tax dollars, so the pinch you feel in your take home pay will be less than the amount you've actually saved.

After an accident...

(NAPSA)-While accidents sometimes cannot be avoided, you can respond in a fashion that helps in the handling of repairs and insurance claims.

The following tips should be kept in mind:

- Stay calm. After an accident, determine the extent of injuries or damage. Obtain medical assistance immediately if needed.

- Call the police to file an accident report. It's critical to have a record of the accident when you attempt to file an insurance claim. If the police are unable to come to the scene, ask if you can create an accident report over the phone while both parties are present.

- Limit discussion of the accident. Talk only with police or with your insurance agent.

- Gather all the critical facts to help ensure you have everything necessary for insurance purposes. This includes date and time of the accident; name of other driver and his/her contact information, license plate and driver's license numbers and states, his/her insurance company and policy number; name of witness and his/her phone number.

- Keep a disposable camera in your car. Taking photos at the scene of both vehicles, including the license plates, may help support insurance claims down the road.

If there was damage to your car, you will have to have the vehicle inspected so you can file an insurance claim. Keep the following information handy when you're filing a claim:

- Date of the occurrence
- Type of loss or damage
- Location of the occurrence
- Related injuries

CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE

4.429 ACRES in Grand Lake. Was originally set up for mobile home with mechanical system and electricity and water. Motor missing on mechanical. Priced at \$42,000.00. Call Grace for details. Grace Robideaux, Professional Realtor, ERA Moffett Realty, Inc., 210 South Ryan Street, Lake Charles, La. 70601 337-310-5280 Ext 261, Home Phone & fax: 337-598-2573 1/11tfc

HI FRIENDS in Cameron Parish! If you are interested in buying or selling houses/properties, please call me. RE/MAX Realty Pros at 478-2668 or 274-9996. Ask for Analee Guilbeaux Gregory. 1/4 - 1/26mc. Call 337-558-745. 1/18p.

FOR SALE To Be Moved: 2 bedroom house on Parish Rd 356 between Cameron & Creole. Damaged by Rita, but fixable. Call 562-9908. 1/25p.

HOUSE FOR Sale. Elevated home on 1.25 acre lot in Ridgecrest Subdivision. Approximately 3 miles from Down Town Cameron. Over 3000 sq-ft of heated living. 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. Floor sits 15.6 feet above flood elevation. House experienced damage from Rita and needs repairs. Call (843) 402-9695 1/11 - 2/2p.

FREE TO Be Moved: Three bedroom, 2 bath. Metal roof in excellent condition, withstood hurricanes Audrey and Rita, located at 1316 E Creole Hwy, house to be moved. Call Larry at 912-1872. 1/18 - 3/8mc.

RV SALES

HUNDREDS OF travel trailers arriving for lease to home owners with insurance claims. Minimum lease is 6 months. Kite Bros., LLC, Hwy 171 N, DeRidder, La. 1-800-456-2724. www.kitebros.com 11/3tfc



Book drive

The Junior League is having a book drive Feb. 1 - March 11 to benefit Cameron Parish schools. Monetary donations are accepted, as well. Checks can be made out to JLLC.

Book drop off locations are as follows: Books-a-Million, KPLC, Starbuck's, The Junior League, Stine's - Sulphur, Masket Basket in Lake Charles, Grand Lake High School, and Hackberry High School.

Call the Junior League at 436-4025 for more information.

- Others involved
- The damage to your vehicle

- Whether authorities such as police, fire department or ambulance were notified.

The important thing is to report your insurance claim as soon as possible, even if you don't have all the information.

FOR SALE

ATTENTION Horsemen: Giant Saddle & Tack Auction, Monday, Jan. 30th, 7:30 pm at the VFW Post, 1900 Country Club Dr, Lake Charles, La. Huge discounts on quality name brand saddles & tack. We'll treat you right and save you big bucks! Saddles, Saddles & More Saddles! Billy Cook, Rico, Circle T, Longhorn & More! 1000's of tack items, work & show gear, assorted tools, decorative items & more. Bring your used saddles for trade in credit. Auctioneer: Rodney Kankey, La. #1446 For information call: (800) 656-3133. AB248-05 Western Suppliers. PO Box 428, Aubrey, Tx. 76227. 1/26mc

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. ttc.

TREE SVC & CLEANUP

ATLAS TREE Works: Chain saw and right-a-way crews. Wench truck service, stumps, pulled and demolition work. Anytime 786-3037 or (cell) 884-0107. 1/18 & 1/25p.

NOTICE

A+ Mini-Storage offers climate controlled facilities. We utilize the latest technology to ensure clean, safe, and secure storage for all your goods. 24-hour surveillance and computer controlled access. Located at 4611 Hwy 27 South, Carlyss. Call 558-5805 for information. 9/21 - 2/21 eow

WANTED: I am interested in purchasing a beachfront lot between Johnson Bayou and Grand Chenier, especially on Rutherford Beach, east of Cameron. If water and lights are available, will be a big plus. Contact Johnny Zeller at 731 Hummingbird Lane, Marshall, Arkansas, 72650 or call: 1-870-448-5106 Run: 1/5 - 1/26mc.

WANTED: RESPONSIBLE party to take on small monthly payments on a high definition big screen TV. 1-800-398-3970. 1/27 & 2/2p.



Romantic thriller available

(NAPSA) - Best-selling and award-winning author Ginna Gray's book Fatal Flaw (Mira Books, \$6.99), follows a small-town detective as she hunts a serial killer who preys on women who've undergone cosmetic surgery.

The police have had no luck with their investigation until Detective Casey O'Toole is assigned to jump-start the case. She quickly discovers two unsettling facts: The victims were all patients of a prominent plastic surgeon, and each of them bears an uncanny resemblance to herself.

Ruled out as a suspect, plastic surgeon Dr. Mark Adams offers to assist Casey

HELP WANTED

DRIVERS / OWNER Operators: Fleetwood Transportation is now hiring Owner Operators to pull Flatbed trailers. Great rates, 100% fuel surcharge paid, with great home time. We can help you be more profitable. To find out if you can be part of our "BIG BLUE" team and what we have to offer you, call 888-276-9923. 1/18 25p.

DRIVERS: FLEETWOOD Transportation is now hiring company drivers to pull wood chips in local area. Are you ready to be home every day? Are you ready to work for a company with great benefits? To find out if you can be part of our "BIG BLUE" team and what we have to offer you, call 888-276-9923. 1/18 25p.

DRIVERS / OWNER Operators: Fleetwood Transportation is now hiring Owner Operators to pull wood chips in local area. Great rates and great home time. We can help you be more profitable. To find out if you can be part of our "BIG BLUE" team and what we have to offer you, call 888-276-9923. 1/18 - 25p.

DRIVERS / OWNER Operators: Fleetwood Transportation is proud to announce a NEW PAY package for Owner Operators to pull our dry vans. We can help you be more profitable. To find out if you can be part of our "BIG BLUE" team and what we have to offer you, call 888-276-9923. 1/18 - 25p.

MECHANICAL FIELD Engineer. Cameron LNG, a Sempra Energy company has an immediate opening for a Mechanical Field Engineer at our LNG site in Hackberry, LA. For immediate consideration, please visit our website www.sempra.com and apply online (Posting #06000015). Pre-employment testing is required. EOE.1/26 & 2/2c

CARD OF THANKS

The Racca family would like to thank everyone for their kindness & prayers during the loss of our loved one, Jesse Racca. We also thank everyone who gave flowers, food & donations.

Thank you to Hixson Funeral Home & staff. To the Rev. Jeannie George & Rev. Amanda Seymour, thank you for a beautiful service.

Also thanks to Don & Dale Racca, David Bridges & Darlene Pipkins for music & songs.

Gloria Racca & Family



LEGAL NOTICES

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PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular session on Wednesday--January 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hackberry temporary office in the village of Hackberry, Louisiana, due to Hurricane Rita. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Mr. Nathan Griffith, Mr. Lloyd Badon, and Mr. Jim Cox. Guest attending were Sonny McGee and Ernie Broussard. Members absent were None.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Badon seconded by Mr. Simon and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to approve the bills as paid.

The Board of Directors recognized Employee Richelle Boudreaux for an outstanding job while she was employed with Waterworks District #10. Richelle has found permanent employment.

With the Cameron Pilot being the only bid received for the Official Journal, it was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to accept it as the Official Journal for 2006.

The Operators gave an update on Rita repairs. 85% of meters, and lines have been located in the Holly Beach area, with lots of 4" and 8" lines being gone. More than 1/2 of meter boxes will have to be replaced. Longbeach area is still not completed. Waiting on materials to finish buildings at sites.

The Water Board and Fire Board will meet on the 24th to discuss plans for the Office site. An update will be given at a later date.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Griffith adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of March 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hackberry Temporary Office.

Approved: /s/Nathan Griffith
 Nathan Griffith - Chairman

Attest: /s/Connie Trahan
 Connie Trahan - Secretary
 RUN: Jan. 26 - J 46

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #7 POST RITA UPDATE

The Drainage District has removed debris from road 545 to approximately 3 miles east and south of Smith Ridge. Removed debris from drainage lateral north of Smith Ridge to Deep Bayou, removed debris from Deep Bayou Landing to Cameron Meadows along Deep Bayou/B1 Canal. This debris removal enhances the drainage from the community of Johnson Bayou.

We are presently cleaning Hwy. 27 North of Holly Beach from Nature Trail structure south to Holly Beach. As we feel this will enhance water flow northward toward Sabine Refuge. We are currently awaiting assistance from Government Agencies to help

removal of debris along Hwy. 82 north of Holly Beach. As we haven't any means to haul debris from road right of way.

Your patience in this big endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
 /s/Curtis L. Trahan
 Curtis L. Trahan, President
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PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF CONTROL DECEMBER 13, 2005--4:00 P.M. GRAND LAKE LIBRARY President, Cyndi Sellers called the Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control Meeting to order on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at the Grand Lake Library at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present: John Calzada, Gayle Sanner, Wanita Harrison and Cyndi Sellers. Absent was Stephanie Rogers, Kenny Trahan and Scott Trahan, Police Jury ex-officio member.

Special guest were FEMA representatives Chuck Haigh, Cameron Parish Assistant FEMA Coordinator: Phil Brown, 406 Mitigation Specialist and Dave Gauntlett, FEMA Project Officer. Wanita Harrison led the prayer and Gayle Sanner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Sanner and carried the board unanimously voted to approve the November 28, 2005 minutes as corrected.

Mr. Darrell Williams presented and discussed the financial report. On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the financial report.

Ms. Troclair explained that Myles Hebert with the Police Jury had informed her there was at this time no FEMA evaluation available on the Coastal Laundry building in Cameron. In other business she reported on the progress of the Hackberry Library.

FEMA representatives presented a report to the library board on building codes and standards for future building projects. Option 1 was discussed for Grand Chenier, Hackberry and Johnson Bayou; option 2 for the Cameron location.

On the motion of Mrs. Sanner, seconded by Mr. Calzada and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the proposed budget as amended for 2006.

Mr. Edward Petersen presented the board with a \$1500.00 anonymous donation for the library.

The next meeting was set for January 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business and upon the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: /s/Cyndi Sellers
 Cyndi Sellers, Board President

ATTEST: /s/Charlotte Troclair
 Charlotte Troclair, Secretary
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FULL TIME HELP WANTED OPERATORS & LABORERS
 Grand Lake/Sweetlake Waterworks District #11 is now accepting applications for operators and laborers. Must be at least 18 years of age with a valid drivers license.
 Apply in person at: Cameron Parish Waterworks District #11, 111 Dennis Ln, 337-598-3439.
 Cameron Parish Police Jury does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin or political or religious opinions.
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• NOTICE FOR BIDS •

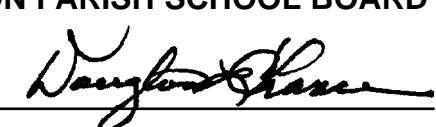
The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive sealed bids until the hour of 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 2006, for the lease, with the option to purchase, of 26 portable classroom buildings and 4 portable restroom buildings to be used by the students of Cameron Elementary, South Cameron Elementary and South Cameron High Schools for the 2006 Spring and 2006-2007 school sessions.

A detailed bid list and specification packet shall be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 409 East Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles, LA or by calling (337) 475-9167 and asking for the Office of the Superintendent.

Bid lease price on all items should be the delivery and set-up price at the Grand Lake School site, Grand Lake, Louisiana, with a complete dismantle, transportation, delivery and set-up of some or all buildings at the South Cameron High School site, Creole, Louisiana. All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time. Envelopes should be marked "BID ON PORTABLE CLASSROOMS AND RESTROOMS". All complete licensure data and contact information shall appear on the OUTSIDE of the envelope.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD



Dr. Douglas L. Chance, Superintendent
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GARRETT NASH, 12, of Sweet Lake, is blow drying his calf to prepare for the Calcasieu Parish Livestock Show at the Burton Coliseum, Jan. 12.
(Photo courtesy of John Chaney.)



JENNA CONNER, 14, of Grand Lake, is practicing holding her lamb in a pen before the Cameron Parish Livestock Show at the Burton Coliseum, Jan. 12.
(Photo courtesy of John Chaney.)



LESLIE SANNER, 12, of Hackberry, is brushing her Duroc gilt to prepare for the Cameron Parish Livestock Show at the Burton Coliseum, Jan. 13.
(Photo courtesy of John Chaney.)

Cam. Parish Library's website back online

Cameron Parish Library's website: www.cameron.lib.la.us is back up. You can find links to Cameron's Recovery page, Heritage Quest and soon to come photos of Hurricanes Rita and Audrey as well as other valuable links.

Remember to check out the Louisiana Lagniappe link for other valuable resources. Cameron Databases could prove to be useful to students. Should you have any questions feel free to call 337-598-5950.

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