



**Roland Trosclair, Jr.
Mr. Trosclair,
former juror,
dies Feb. 5**

Roland "T-Bolo" J. Trosclair, Jr., 58, of Cameron, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, in South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Houma, and had been a resident of Cameron for 56 years. He was owner of Trosclair Canning Company in Cameron and served as former president of the Cameron Parish Police Jury. He was former Civil Defense chairman and a member of the Federal Environmental Advisory Committee for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. He was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. He was King Fur in 1983 for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, and past president of Louisiana Shrimp Cannery Association.

Survivors include his mother, Adenise "Ms. Bolo" Trosclair of Cameron; five sons, Roland "Joey" Trosclair III, John Paul Trosclair and Thomas Lee Trosclair of Cameron; and Benjie Trosclair and Steve Trosclair of Lake Charles; and five grandchildren.

His funeral was held Saturday, Feb. 7 in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church of Cameron. Monsignor Louis Melancon officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole.

**Mardi Gras
party planned
for seniors**

The Cameron Council on Aging will host a Mardi Gras party for seniors and guests at the Cameron Multi-Purpose Building on February 20th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with music by the Medicare Playboys! All seniors and guests are invited to attend.

Please call in reservations to 775-5668. No charge.

A king and queen will be selected. You may come in costume or you don't have to. Representatives from each area of the parish are sought for the court.

If you are interested in being on the court, please call 775-5668. Transportation must be arranged in advance by calling 775-5668.

Meeting set

The Cameron Council on Aging / Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board will meet on February 17th at 12 noon at the Cameron Sr. Center.

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**School board OKs
summer projects**

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish School Board approved a list of summer projects estimated to cost \$188,500 at their monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 9. The projects are mostly paint, repair and replace jobs at each school as recommended by school administrators. Also, the relocation of three to eight T-buildings at Grand Lake School is scheduled to make way for construction.

A decision on spending \$22,500 on maintenance of South Cameron High School track was postponed for further consideration. The rest of the projects will be advertised immediately.

The board gave Supt. Doug Chance authorization to ask the La. Dept. of Transportation to study reducing the speed limit at Cameron Elem. School during crossing periods and to extend the 45 mph and 25 mph zones in Grand Lake westward. New larger flashing lights are also to be requested. Chance hopes to get the speed limit in Cameron reduced to 15 mph approaching the school and possibly 5 mph directly in front of the school.

PERSONNEL

The position of Teacher/Assistant Principal at Johnson Bayou School will have to be re-advertised, as there were no applicants. In other personnel matters the board:

Appointed Torrey Bonsall to the secretarial position at the School Board Office vacated by Dinah Billings.

Appointed Brandt Smith as the teacher at JBHS,

replacing Earl T. Mouton.

Granted extended sick leave to Jolene Atkinson, Hackberry High School.

The board heard a report from Grand Lake Talented and Visual Arts teacher Susan Arnold on her sabbatical leave. During her leave, Arnold was able to, among many other things, design the memorial to 9-11 for the city of Lake Charles. She hopes to involve Cameron Parish art students in the assembly of the glass and tile mosaic which will encircle the memo

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**Absentee
vote set for
election**

Absentee voting for the March 9 presidential primary election in Cameron Parish will be held Feb. 26, 27, 28 and March 1 and 2 in the Cameron Registrar of Voters office on the bottom floor of the Cameron courthouse.

Voting may be done from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., according to Suzanne Sturlese, Deputy Registrar.

In addition to the presidential primary there will be five district tax renewals on the ballot and also a proposition to permit a drilling rig tax exemption.

For more information call 775-5493.

**Semien wins
originality**

Trista Semien of Creole, who was recently crowned queen of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival in Cameron, was the winner of the originality contest held during the Queen of Queens Pageant in Baton Rouge last week.

She was among 74 queens representing Louisiana fairs and festivals who competed for the state title.

Taryn Sanford of Sulphur, the Louisiana Railroad Days Festival queen, was named Queen of Queens.

**G. Lake Lions
plan gumbo**

Grand Lake Lions Club gumbo fund raiser will be held on February 15th from 11 am til 2 pm at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Building (COA Room). \$6 per bowl with potatoe salad, some deliveries can be made.

Call Toby at 598-4472 to place an order. All proceeds used for purchasing of eye glasses for those in need.

**Mardi Gras
run & ball
set for Sat.**

The 14th annual Krewe de Deux Lac, of Grand Lake-Sweetlake area, festivities will be held soon, with the annual Mardi Gras Run set for Saturday, Feb. 14th and the Mardi Gras Ball set for Saturday, Feb. 21st.

The Run will leave the Fireman's Center in Grand Lake at 8 a.m.

The Ball will be held at the Fireman's Center in Grand Lake, beginning with a presentation of the Krewe de Deux Lac Royalty at 7 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Shirley Chesson, will open the festivities by introducing the Flag Bearers. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones, Jr. will bear the Krewe flag. Peggy Fontenot and Laudry Darbonne will bear the American flag.

The 2003 King Jean Lafitte XIV, Joey Overmeyer, and Queen Christina XIII, Billie Fruge, will be presented. Following will be the introduction of the 2004 Court: First Duke, John Verzwylvelt and First Duchess, Tammy Marcantel; Second Duke, Richard McDaniel, and Second Duchess, Kellie Mudd; and Third Duke, Mike Vincent, and Third Duchess, Margaret Saltzman.

King Jean Lafitte XIV, Larry Fontenot, and Queen Christina XIV, Yvonne Mhire, will then be presented by the 2003 King and Queen.

Following the Court presentation, a costume contest will be held. Live music will be provided by Ellis Vanicor and the Lacassine Playboys Band. A live auction will be held. The Ball is open to anyone 21 years of age and over. A \$10 per person cover charge will be collected at the door. Admission is free to Krewe members. B.Y.O.B. and refreshments. The public is invited to attend.

**TEDs workshop
set here Friday**

The LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Sea Grant College Programs will sponsor a TED's workshop on February 19, beginning at 9 a.m. at TJ's Seafood in Cameron. Gear Specialists with the National Marine Fisheries Service's Gear Technology Lab in Pascagoula, Mississippi will be present to help shrimpers with gear related issues and regulatory questions.

New TED regulations requiring larger openings went into effect on August 21, 2003, for the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. The rationale for the larger openings was to allow for larger leatherback and loggerhead turtles to escape.

For questions concerning this meeting contact Kevin Savoie with the LSU AgCenter at (337)491-2065.



KELLEY NICOLE GUIDRY, Cameron Parish's Fifth Grade Student of the Year, and Joby Richard, Twelfth Grade Student of the Year, were honored at Monday's School Board meeting. They will represent Cameron Parish at the regional contest, along with Kami Danielle Savoie, Eighth Grade Student of the Year, who could not be present at the board meeting.

**Lib. Board responds
to newspaper stories**

Dear Editor:

The Cameron Parish Library System has been the subject of multiple inquiries over the past few weeks regarding various management practices. The most recent surfaced in two American Press articles this week.

The inquirer, Mr. Teddy Broussard of Grand Chenier, having asked for and received copies of library records from the Police Jury and Library, presented a series of concerns at the last Library Board meeting.

The Board is in the process of compiling responses to these numerous questions and is still waiting for further details on some of these issues.

Several new concerns were raised in the newspaper articles on February 8th and 9th. The Board asserts that much of the material in these articles was misleading or inaccurate. The Board will respond in writing to each inquiry including the most recent at the next Board meeting, February 19th at 4:00PM at

the Main Library in Cameron.

The public is invited to attend any meeting of the board and questions and comments are always accepted both verbally and in writing.

The Library Board strongly supports the hard work, dedication and professionalism of its director, and her staff and deeply appreciates the overwhelming support of the residents of Cameron Parish through your patronage, phone calls, emails, and letters of commendations.

If you enjoy the use of the library in your area, please take the time to thank your Police Juror for his continued help and support in securing funds for the library system and also your local library employees for the fantastic jobs they do to make the system work.

Sincerely,
Cameron Parish Library Board of Control
Cyndi Sellers, President
John Calzada, Vice-President
Madeline Solina, Treasurer
Wanita Harrison
Stephanie Rogers

**Library tells new classes
and services for public**

The Cameron Parish Library will be offering several classes/services in the near future that may interest a variety of people.

On February 18th the Main Library will offer Free Tax Preparation and E-Filing for forms 1040-EZ and 1040-A from 3-7 p.m.

February 23 and for 5 weeks after, the library is offering beginning quilting lessons from 4-5:30 p.m.

Preventing identity theft taught by the Cameron Parish Sheriff Dept. will be taught on February 25 from 4-5:30 p.m.

On both February 23 and 25th the Cameron Parish Library will offer a walking & low aerobics class that will be three days a week for the next 7 weeks.

On March 2nd and for the next four weeks after that beginning crochet class will be offered from 4-5:30 p.m.

Rosary Making will be offered on March 3rd and 10th at 4-5:30 p.m. and Rope Rosary Making will be offered on March 17th and 24th from 4-5:30 p.m.

Diabetic Classes via video conference will be offered at all branches of the library on Monday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Peer-2-Peer Child Care Classes via video conference will be offered every other Thursday starting March 12th at 6 p.m. at all library branches.

Victims Rights and the Criminal Justice System will be the topic of discussion on March 31st at 4 p.m.

All classes are limited to the first 10 people to sign up. Please call Dede at 775-5421 ext. 106 with any questions or to register for any of the classes/services offered. A calendar of events is available at the library with all programs and times.



THE SIX CAMERON Parish winners of the Louisiana School Board Association Art Contest displayed copies of their winning entries at Monday's School Board meeting. They are, from left: K- 4th grade - Javen Little, Taylor Canik, Cami Richard; 5th - 8th grade - Laiken Canik, Tory Caudill, and Taylor Smith. Also shown are Pat Reinecke, South Cameron Elementary School art teacher; Willyne Kestel, Special Education teacher; and Susan Arnold, Grand Lake art teacher.



DO YOU REMEMBER? The 1954, Creole High School basketball team, prior to the consolidation of South Cameron High School is shown above (standing, from left) Steven Bourriague, Stanford Miller, Gene Trahan, Winston Rutherford, Earl Roberds; (kneeling) Martin Theriot, Frederick Nunez, Kenneth Montie, Burl LaBove, and Gerald LeBoeuf. (Photo courtesy of Doris Hebert)

FUNERALS



Geneva F. Conner

GENEVA FAY CONNER

Geneva Fay Conner, 57, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, in South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

She was a life long resident of Creole where she was a home maker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Wilson Conner of Creole; three sons, Mitchell John Broussard, Frederick Shannon Broussard of Creole and Brian Joseph Broussard of Grand Chenier; one stepson, Desiree' Neal Conner of Creole; Father, Dudley Gabriel Richard of Creole; two brothers, Billy Ray Richard of Creole and Terry Steven Richard of Cameron; one sister, Larmae Mary Miller of Creole; and 6 Grandchildren.

Her funeral was held at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 9, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Creole. Father Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole.

MARK GREGORY DUCOTE

Mark Gregory Ducote, 47, of Cameron, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, in his residence.

He was a native of Creole and lived in Lake Charles a number of years. He was a 1975 graduate of Barbe High School. Mr. Ducote was an operator at Citgo Petroleum.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Marcantel Ducote of Creole; two sons, Alexis Lionel and Wesley Mark

Ducote both of Creole; one daughter, Camelia Dawn Ducote of Creole; his parents, Lionel and Donna Savoie Ducote of Lake Charles; three sisters, Denise Morgan of Katy, Texas; and Paula Smith, M. D. and Marilyn Meaux, both of Lake Charles.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 7 at Christ the King Catholic Church. The Rev. Wayne LeBleu officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

BOBBY RAY TRAHAN, SR.

Bobby Ray Trahan, Sr., 66, of Grand Lake died on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004 in a Lake Charles hospital.

Mr. Trahan was born in Lake Charles and moved to Grand Lake four years ago. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Mr. Trahan worked for the Farmers Rice Mill for five years, the parish for five years, and the City of Lake Charles for five years as a sweep operator.

Survivors include his wife Maria Boudreaux Trahan of Grand Lake; one son, Albert Trahan of Sulphur; two daughters, Kathy Craft of Grand Lake and Lori Marcotte of Moss Bluff; two sisters, Barbara Sue Dubois of Maine and Evelyn Marie Button of Florida and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Ray Trahan, Jr.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 at Friendship Baptist Church under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Dale Nazworth will officiate. The body was cremated. Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the church.

Training set

Safe Environment for Protection of Children and Young People training program for all volunteers dealing with our youth will be held on Sunday, February 29 at 10:30 in the Msgr. Curtis Vidrine Educational Center.

This meeting is mandatory for all CCD teachers, sub. teachers, youth ministry volunteers, summer program volunteers or any one else that comes into regular contact with minors.

If you have any questions regarding this training please contact Margaret Theriot or Madeline Collegian.



J. A. Miller

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot, Feb. 12, 1971)

J. A. MILLER WORLD CHAMPION

J. A. Miller, Cameron Parish's and the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival's representative to the National Outdoor Show in Cambridge, Maryland, last week shattered the world's record in muskrat skinning with a record time of 52.1 seconds for five muskrats. The record, up to that time, was 1 minute, 3 seconds.

J. A. won his right to compete in the national contest when he won the muskrat skinning contest at the Fur Festival in Cameron, Jan. 9. J. A.'s father, Fletcher Miller, is a well-known Cameron Parish trapper and has won the contest many times himself.

MONTIE TO RETIRE

Wilson J. Montie, Cameron Parish School Superintendent for the past five years, announced at the school board meeting Tuesday that he will retire on June 30. He has been associated with the parish's schools for the past 36 years.

A Cameron Parish native, Mr. Montie began his teaching career in 1935 at the old Grand Lake School. Six years later he transferred to the Old Creole High School where he taught for one year.

He was the principal at Johnson Bayou High School for two years and principal at Creole High School for seven years.

Mr. Montie was assistant parish superintendent for 15 years before being named superintendent Sept. 1, 1966.

HISTORICAL SITES TO BE MARKED

A new project is being undertaken by the Cameron Parish Home Demonstration Council to mark historical sites. Mrs. D. W. Griffith made the suggestion for the project to start as soon as the "Know Your Parish Tours" are completed.

Mrs. Griffith pointed out that she has been corresponding with a historian in Texas who is writing two books about the parish and has information that the Battle of Calcasieu Pass, fought in Cameron Parish during the Civil War, was of greater significance than the Battle of Sabine Pass in which Dick Dowling gained so much fame.

She suggested that the history of each site be worked up by a committee and plans be made to

get state or federal aid on the project.

Mrs. Bynum Shove, H. D. Council President, appointed a committee to work with Mrs. Griffith on the project. They are Mesdames Braxton Blake, Harold Carter, Charles F. Hebert, and Miss Patsy Granger.

LIBRARY BOARD HAS ELECTION

Mrs. Emma C. Nunez of Grand Chenier was elected to serve as President of the Cameron Parish Library Board of Control. Other officers are: Mrs. Charles Precht, Sr., vice-president; J. C. Reina, treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Perry, secretary.

GEESE HUNTING GOOD

The last goose season this year has been very successful with many hunters getting their limits. Delaying part of the season has been helpful, as many of the geese arrive late.

For the past two years goose season has been going on until February. This year the season will close Sunday, Feb. 14.

One reason for this is that in previous years geese had been coming in during the last of the winter and ruining cattle range. Cattlemen state that this late season has been a benefit to not only the folks planting rye grass, but also to the marshland cattle grazing.

SOIL CONSERVATION WINNERS

Winners in the Cameron Parish 4-H Soil and Water Conservation Demonstration Contest have been announced by agents Uland Guidry and Patsy Granger.

Ricky Guidry and Mike Chesson, the team from Grand Lake Sr. 4-H Club, were named first place winners in the Sr. Division and will represent Cameron Parish in the District Conservation Demonstration Contest to be held in Lake Charles in April. The second place team was from the Hackberry Sr. 4-H Club. Team members were Yolanda Seay and Paula Bufford.

Winners in the Jr. Division were: first place-George Shove and Robbie Seay, Hackberry Jr. 4-H Club; second place-Mike McCall and David Trahan, South Cameron High Jr. 4-H Club; third place-Leslie Prescott and Mike Prescott, Johnson Bayou Jr. 4-H Club.



GRAND LAKE Talented and Visual Arts teacher Susan Arnold displayed her design for the Lake Charles 9-11 memorial. The panel below is a sample of the mosaic that will top the curved wall surrounding the memorial. Arnold hopes to involve Cameron Parish students in the creation of the mosaic.

Cameron Elementary 4-H club holds Jan. meeting

Cameron Elementary 4H held their January meeting on Thursday, January 22. President Jody Troclair presided over the meeting and read a thank you card from the South Cameron Hospital Swing Bed unit for the Christmas gifts and caroling. Jody also read a list of the club members that participated in the Parish Livestock Show and their placings.

Mr. Jake played a game and gave a talk on biotechnology. Miss Penny explained what a record book is and their requirements. Kade Pierson and Shelby Willis explained how to raise, take care of and show swine. Shelbi Authement and Lakasha Lasseigne gave a demonstration on rabbit care and showmanship.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 19.

Roy, father of Louisiana 4-H, to be honored

The father of Louisiana 4-H will be inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame on March 22 at the National 4-H Center in Maryland.

The late Victor Leander Roy Sr. has been accepted as a member of a group of 24 people being inducted this year into the National 4-H Hall of Fame, said Terril Faul, head of 4-H Youth Development for the LSU AgCenter and the person who nominated Roy for this award.

Roy was selected for his role in starting what became the Louisiana 4-H program in 1908 - shortly after the national youth development program was founded in 1902.

"The Louisiana 4-H program will forever remember the dedication of Mr. Roy in organizing the 4-H program in Louisiana," Faul said. "He believed in 4-H and its ability to develop productive citizens in Louisiana communities and improve their livelihoods. Mr. Roy was respected nationwide, and we are proud he has been accepted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame."

Dr. Paul Coreil, LSU AgCenter vice chancellor and director of its Extension Service, also stressed Roy and other early leaders were instrumental in what the Louisiana 4-H program has become.

"The strength and impact of 4-H in Louisiana today are a direct result of the contributions made by people like Mr. Roy," Coreil said. "He exhibited the same characteristics we now teach in our Character Counts! program statewide. His legacy is an excellent example of the positive impacts 4-H has and has had on the lives of all Louisiana residents."

Roy was born June 18, 1871, in Mansura and was a son of Leander Francois Roy and Adelaide Cailleteau Roy. He and his wife, Josephine Sanford Roy, were the parents of five children - Hubert Earl Roy and John Overton Roy, who are deceased, and Lucille Roy (Mrs. James Parkerson Caffery), Sanford Roy and Victor Leander Roy Jr.

Roy received a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University in 1890 - at a time when the number of students at the university was about 70. In 1894, Roy attended a summer session at the University of Chicago. Then he later attended Tulane University, where he received a master's degree in 1925.

After graduating from LSU, Roy taught in Mansura and later became principal of Marksville High School. Around that time, he also served on the faculty of the Southwestern Louisiana Institute (now the University of Louisiana at

Lafayette) and was superintendent of education for Lafayette Parish.

But it was his role as superintendent of education in Avoyelles Parish that coincided with his role in formation of the predecessor to today's 4-H youth development program in the state.

That parishwide boys' corn club was formed in Avoyelles in 1908, when Roy collaborated with a local railroad to transport boys to an initial meeting of the club on Feb. 8, 1908, at an old frame schoolhouse in Moreauville.

About 300 boys from every section of Avoyelles Parish attended the first meeting and spent the day listening to instructions on corn-growing and the plan to deliver seed corn to each member. By the time the seed corn was delivered later in February, the number of youngsters involved already had grown to about 400.

Louisiana 4-H today has more than 80,000 members involved in projects ranging from computers to nutrition and livestock to communications. The LSU AgCenter's current youth development efforts also reach hundreds of thousands more each year through accompanying educational programs regarding character.

As for the history, Roy's corn club quickly gained cooperation and assistance of the Louisiana State Department of Education and Farmers Institutes, and 15 other parishes soon followed Roy's example. Even now joined by the following year.

In recognition of his work, Roy became the first state agricultural agent stationed at Louisiana State University, and he became a collaborator with Dr. Seaman A. Knapp of Lake Charles, who is recognized nationally as the founder of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Along the way, Roy also attended a meeting in Washington, D.C., with Knapp. That meeting played a part in sparking growth of 4-H nationally, as well as the reorganization of the corn club system into the 4-H Club organization for young people in Louisiana.

Roy became president of Louisiana State Normal College (now Northwestern State University) in Natchitoches in 1911, where he remained until 1929. In 1929, he returned to Louisiana State University as bursar and served in that capacity until 1934. He then served two years as assistant to William B. Hatcher, the national youth administrator for Louisiana.

Roy retired in 1936 after 46 years of public service. He died in 1948 in Denham Springs at the age of 77.

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Bikers to ride Creole Nature Trail Saturday, Feb. 21st

Tourism, charity, motorcyles, camaraderie and Mardi Gras...what do they all have in common? Blazin' Bikes Rally, to be held Fri. - Sun., Feb. 20-22 in Lake Charles.

This event has partnered with Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana to enhance their efforts in making Lake Charles' Mardi Gras an even bigger success since it was chosen as a Top 100 Event in North America for 2004 by the American Bus Association.

With over 600 pre-paid registrations in advance the committee members of this extraordinary event estimate up to 2000 or more participants to not only visit Lake Charles but to also tour Cameron Parish, as well as the surrounding areas including DeQuincy and Kinder.

Participants will ride the Creole Nature Trail All American Road, "Louisiana's Outback" soaking in the natural surroundings and wildlife along the trail.

There will be a raffle for a Harley Davidson 100th Anniversary Fat Boy motorcycle in which tickets will be on sale at registration. The drawing will be held Sat., Feb. 21, 6 p.m. at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Southwest Louisiana Chapter, Autism Society of America. Sunday there will be a Bike Show.

Entertainment included with registration fees includes entrance to the world famous Cajun Extravaganza & Gumbo Cookoff; entrance to the Taste of Mardi Gras Food Festival; and entrance into the Lake Charles Civic Center to enjoy the venue of bands including Louisiana's Kingfish, Possum Judice, Sean Ardoin, Louisiana Express and Classic Allstars.

Rally pre-registration will be taken up to Feb. 14th. For detailed information about the rally log on the official website: www.blazinbikesinlakecharles.com. For registration forms or information on the rally call event coordinator, Patricia Philmon at 433-2513 ext. 300 or go by Best Western Richmond Suites in Lake Charles.

Proceeds from this rally will benefit four area charities: Southwest Louisiana's Women's Shelter, Camp Fire (Camp Wi-Ta-Wentin), The Southwest Louisiana Autism Chapter and Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southwest Louisiana.

Grand Lake Jr. 4H News

Demonstration Day was held at Grand Lake School in December. Micah Richard and Amber Trahan placed first in Horticulture. Julie Quinn placed first in Any Other.

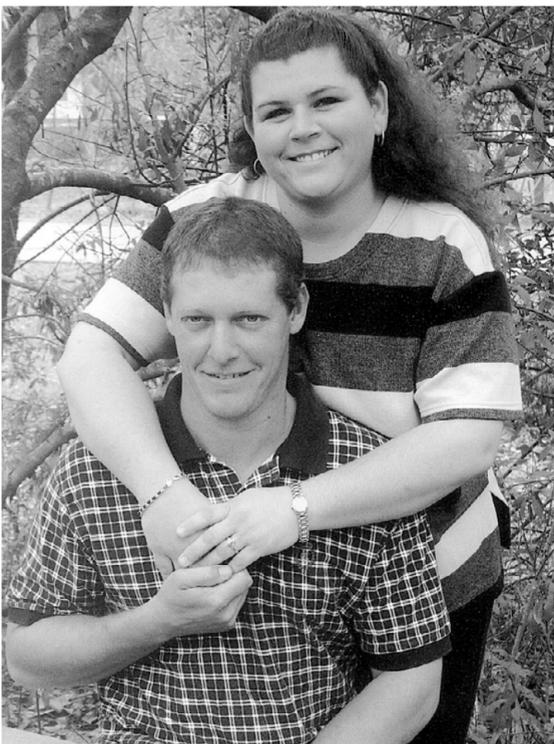
At the January meeting Marlie Mudd did a demonstration on flower arranging. By Jordan Poole club reporter.

Special service

The Ebenezer Baptist Church family will celebrate the 12th year of service of their pastor, Rev. Lannie Joseph.

Service will begin Friday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Rev. Dwight Barker, pastor of New Life Baptist Church, will be guest speaker.

Sunday, Feb. 15 the concluding service will begin at 3 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. Freddie Thomas, pastor of Mt. Triumph Baptist Church. The public is invited.



CLARENCE "BUTCH" SILVER of Hackberry announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of his daughter, **Rashell Ann Silver**, to **David Ray Benoit, Jr.**, son of David (Sr.) and Wilda Benoit of Orange, Texas. The wedding is set for Friday, March 13 at the Hackberry Community Center at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the Center. Rashell is the daughter of the late Sue Ann Silver.

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes



By Geneva Griffith

I am becoming very addicted to television these days. I guess I was always so busy I didn't have time to think about it, so I guess it is about time. My favorite programs are news programs.

I have been invited to join the Red Hat Society here at the Village. I said I was not going to join any organizations now that I am retired. Other than the American Legion Auxiliary, I used to belong to at home, I really missed it when it was disbanded. I will have to see what the Red Hats do.

All I know now is that you have to wear a purple dress or suit and a red hat (sounds pretty weird to me).

I had a visit from a neighbor across the street who has a new dog. She wanted to see the fence I had built around my patio for "Beau". I have all my pot plants and my outdoor table and chairs there. That is where I sit and drink two cups of coffee before I start my day.

We are waiting any day now for the baby my granddaughter, Janay, and Jacques are expecting. It is a girl and they have already picked out a name. I have always wanted to be a great-grandmother before I die.

OLD COLUMN

Here is an old Lagniappe column that I wrote for the Pilot on March 30, 1967:

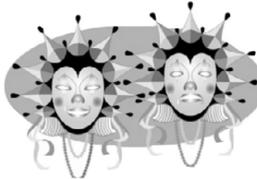
KOFFEE KLASH

A "Koffee Klash" was given by Wardella Fontenot last week at a get-acquainted affair to introduce newcomers to local ladies. An Easter motif was used in the table decorations and throughout the reception rooms. Approximately 50 guests called between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. We always love these excuses to get together at these informal affairs.

CONGRATULATIONS

We must pass on our congratulations to three very good Cameron parishes cooks who have all won numerous awards for their culinary arts. Mrs. Shirley Chesson, who is

secretary of the Sweetlake HD Club, Darlene Guidry, president of the Sweetlake 4-H club, and Cheri Kay Griffith, president of the Oak Grove 4-H club were all winners in La. Rice Recipe Treasure Hunt.



Parish rabbit, chicken champions are named

The following Cameron Parish youths were the winners in Rabbit and Chicken divisions of the Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show - **RABBIT SHOW** -

Best of Show - Blair Belanger, SCHS, Silver Martin.

Best Opposite of Opposites - Gage Richard, SCE, New Zealand.

Rabbit Meat Pen: Grand Champion, Kaitlin Theriot, SCHS; Reserve Champion, Kaitlin Theriot, SCHS.

New Zealand: Grand Champion Sr. Buck, Joby Richard, SCHS; Reserve Champion Sr. Doe, Gage Richard, SCHS.

Dutch: Grand Champion Sr. Doe, John Paul Trosclair, SCHS; Reserve Champion Sr. Buck, Thomas Trosclair, SCHS.

Californian: Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Ashley Walker, SCHS; Reserve Champion Sr. Buck, John Watson, GLHS.

Silver Martin: Grand Champion Jr. Doe, Blair Belanger, SCHS; Reserve Champion Jr. Buck, Kristin Broussard, CES.

Netherland Dwarf: Grand Champion Jr. Buck,

Kaitlin Theriot, SCHS; Reserve Champion Jr. Doe, Kaitlin Theriot, SCHS.

Mini Rex: Grand Champion Sr. Buck, Javen Little, SCE; Reserve Champion Sr. Doe, Hailey Quinn, GLHS.

- **CHICKEN SHOW** -
Broiler Pen: Grand Champion, Ashley Walker, SCHS; Reserve Champion, Ashley Walker, SCHS.

Breeding Chickens: Grand Champion Cock, Tyler Pool, GLHS; Reserve Champion Cock, Melissa Nunez, SCHS; Grand Champion Hen, Tyler Pool, GLHS; Reserve Champion Hen, Melissa Nunez, SCHS.

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FOURTEEN CAMERON PARISH teachers enjoyed a field trip this past weekend to Rockefeller Refuge. The trip is part of an intense seven-day course involving the mixing of technology and the curriculum. Mr. Tom Hess and Jeb Linscomb, Biologist at the refuge, informed the group of progress being made concerning the problem of coastal erosion, as well as taught the group about the nesting grounds of the brown pelican and the bald eagle.

Basketball

BASKETBALL NEWS

BOYS

Elton 79; South Cameron 32 - Top scorers for the Tarpons were Jerry Lane Thomas with 12 points and Oliver Primeaux with 6 points. Also earning points for the Tarpons was John Lute chipping in 5 points. The Tarpons loss to Elton makes them 3-14 overall and 2-8 in district.

Bell City 66; Grand Lake 46 - Ronald Courville led the Hornets scoring 14 points against the Bruins. Marcus Harold added 8 points and Ravelle Reed, Brett Crochet, and Travis Lavergne each chipped in with 7 points. The Hornets record goes to 12-19 overall and 0-4 in district.

Johnson Bayou 65; Starks 64 - Top scorer for Johnson Bayou was Ashton Boudreaux bringing in 12 points for the Rebels. Beau Rodrigue added 9 points and Keith Badon scored 7 points. With their win against

Starks, the Rebels record moves to 11-24 overall and 2-5 in district.

GIRLS

Elton 47; South Cameron 45 - D.Nae Desonier led the Lady Tarpons against Elton with 11 points. Kayla Rutherford and Bess Billinger both added 9 points, and Courtney Conner scored 8 points. The Lady Tarpons record now stands with 5-11 overall and 2-7 in district.

Bell City 70; Grand Lake 45 - Leading scorer of the game was Katy Lavergne bringing in 19 points for the Lady Hornets. Brandy Carroll added 6 points. The Lady Hornets fall to 11-20 overall and 0-4 in district.

Johnson Bayou 57; Starks 32 - Lady Rebels, top scorer was Megan Roberts with 18 points. Charmayne Barrentine added 17 points and Brittini Oswald added 11 points. Johnson Bayou improves to 14-14 overall record and 4-3 in district.

FFA Team to visit G. Lake

The Louisiana FFA Association State Officer Team will visit Grand Lake FFA Chapter on Sunday, Feb. 15 to present a program on personal development and opportunities in the FFA. The visit is a part of the annual FFA State Officers Goodwill Tour.

The local FFA chapter officers will host the state officer team while they visit the school. The Grand Lake FFA officers are: Matthew Guintard, president; Michael Watson, vice president; Cassandra Faulk, secretary; Trinity Cline, treasurer; John Paul Chesson, reporter; and Corey Broussard, sentinel.

Gary Poole is the advisor and agriscience teacher at Grand Lake FFA chapter. During the visit, the state officer team will also tour the local agriscience program facilities and visit with FFA members.

FFA is an organization for students enrolled in high school agriculture classes. With nearly 50,000 members nationwide, the National FFA Organization is one of the largest in-school Career & Technical organizations in the nation.

The 2003-04 state officer team includes: Matthew Babcock, state president; CC DuBois, state secretary; Jordan Guice, Area I state vice president; Josh Dahlem, Area II state vice president; Morgan Bertrand, Area III state vice president; Karli Mizell, Area IV state vice president; Blake Brignac, state treasurer; Veronica Penalber, state reporter; Cory Smith, state sentinel; and Ashley Passman, state parliamentarian.

H'berry girls hoping to reclaim #1

The Singer Lady Hornets went to Hackberry a couple of weeks ago ranked the #2 team in the state behind the #1 Lady Mustangs. When the Lady Hornets left Hackberry they had defeated the defending state champion Lady Mustangs 59-49 to grab sole possession of first place in district 9C. They also knew they would move up to #1 in the state.

This Friday, the #2 Lady Mustangs travel to Singer with the hopes of reclaiming the number 1 ranking and a share of first place in district.

The Lady Hornets are 32-5 overall and 6-0 in district. Hackberry is 31-5 on the year and 5-1 in district.

South Cameron High School News

WRESTLING MEET

The Louisiana State Wrestling Finals will be held Feb. 13 and 14 in Kenner.

FBLA NEWS

SCHS participated in the district FBLA conference at MSU on Feb. 4. The following are excellent winners:

Accounting: Dane Dupont, Business Calculations: Michael Bercier, Business Math: Katelyn Reina, C++: Krystal LaBove, Computer Application: Lacey Deroche.

Computer Concepts: Danity Little, Emerge Business Issues Team: Jodi Billings, Cana Trahan, Meagan Trahan, FBLA Principles: Shayla LaBove, Intro to Business: Michael Savoie, Mary J. Portie.

Intro to Business Communication: Deil LaLande, Intro to Parliamentary Procedures: Chandler LeBoeuf, Java: Jacob Johnson, Job Interview: Tara LeBlanc, Marketing: Dakatoh Boudreaux, Public Speaking I: Alex Broussard, Word Processing I: Katherine Wicke, Word Processing II: Jonathan Rutherford.

The following placed Superior and qualify to compete at the state level on March 28 - 30 in Baton Rouge:

Accounting II: Joby Richard, Mr. FBLA: Joby Richard, Banking: Serena Richard, Ashley Wells, Business Calculations: Glenn Trahan, Business Communications: Kendall Broussard.

Business Math: Paul Nguyen, C++: Blake

Broussard, Computer Applications: Gerry L. Thomas, Computers Concepts: Aaron Doxey.

Current Events Team: John P. Troclair, Beau Duhon, Michael Bercier, Desktop Publishing Team: Chad Andres, Dylan Leidig, Economics: Lyndi LeBoeuf, Entrepreneurship Team: Matt Miller, Jared Cheramie, Andre Savoie.

International Business: Jessica Frerks, Intro to Business Communication: Theresa Baccigalopi, Java: Nick Aplin, Network Design Team: Nick Aplin, Blake Broussard, Krystal LaBove.

Technology Concepts: Raphiel Heard, Visual Basics: Brett Baccigalopi, Kerri LaSalle.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Broussard has announced scholarship applications are due for the following: Walmart, Juvenile Officers, Best Buy, Catholic Daughters, Professional Survey, Louisiana Rural Water Association, Foundation for Rural Services, Robert C. Byrd Honors and Farm Bureau.

CALENDAR

Feb. 7 - 14: State Livestock Show (Gonzales)

Feb. 12: Basketball game - Oberlin (away)

Feb. 13-14: State Wrestling Meet (Kenner)

Feb. 17: Softball - Starks (away)

Feb. 19: Softball - Grand Lake (home)

Feb. 21: Baseball - Lake Arthur Jamboree

Cameron Library News

MEMORIAL BOOKS

Landscapes, Ronnie Murphy by Bob and LeAnna Caldwell, Patricia and Kent LaBove, Charles and Tammy Vincent;

A Man's Turf, Durphy Vincent by Bob and LeAnna Caldwell, Patricia and Kent LaBove, Charles and Tammy Vincent;

Giants of the Sea, Buster LeBoeuf by Bob and LeAnna Caldwell, Patricia and Kent LaBove, Charles and Tammy Vincent;

Handcrafted Country, Irene Stephenson by Jaimie and Tina Boudreaux and Girls;

Pickup Trucks, Warren Miller by George, Marie and Evelyn Kelley;

Duckmen, Manson Vincent by Stanley and Beckie Primeaux;

Baseball's Book of Firsts, Thomas Michael McCall by Stanley and Rebecca Primeaux;

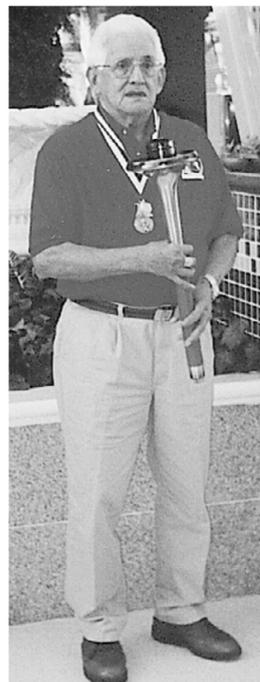
Garden Birds of America, Yvnesse Sellers by J. B. and Betty Nunez;

Everyone's Guide to Cancer Therapy, Yvnesse Sellars by Emma Gueho.

NEW NOVELS

Slightly Tempted, Mary Balogh; Emma's Secret, Barbara Taylor Bradford; The Cat Who Talked Turkey, Lillian Jackson Braun; The Rules of Engagement, Anita Brookner; Dale Brown's Dreamland; Vertical Coffin, Stephen J. Cannell;

Kate Hannigan, Catherine Cookson; A New Leaf, Thomas Kinkade; The Second Chair, John T. Lescroart; The Zero Game, Brad Meltzer; Divided in Death, J. D. Robb.



OSCAR REYES of Cameron was pictured at the 2003 State Special Olympics in Baton Rouge. He and other Cameron Parish seniors will take part in the regional Olympics in Lake Charles in March. Anyone interested in participating may contact Alice Mason at the Cameron Council on Aging at 775-5668.

sliced bread, catsup.

Monday, Feb. 16 - Barbecue burger, oven fries, baked beans, chocolate cake, chocolate cream frosting, hamburger bun, catsup.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Chicken fajitas, fixings cup, baked potato, banana split dessert, flour tortillas.

Wednesday, Feb. 18 - Stromboli, Tater Tots, baked beans, chilled peach slices, catsup.

All meals are served with milk.



School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for Cameron Parish Schools are as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 12 - Baked chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit cup, brown gravy, biscuits.

Friday, Feb. 13 - Luncheon meat sandwiches, lettuce cup, Tater Tots, chocolate cookie,

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DATES, TIMES AND PHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED BELOW.

Feb. 18-Cameron Library-3-7 PM - 775-5421
Feb.19-Johnson Bayou Library-3-7 PM - 569-2892
Feb. 25-Grand Lake Library-3-7 PM - 598-5950
Feb. 26-Hackberry Library-2-6 PM - 762-3978

RUN: Feb. 5 (F-14)

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RUN : Feb. 12 & 19 (F-23)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish, on December 1, 2003, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Cameron Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following Proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
SUMMARY: AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT CERTAIN DRILLING RIGS FROM PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 21(J) OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION OF 1974, AS AMENDED.

Shall the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") under the authority of Article VII, Section 21(J) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended, exempt from property taxes, drilling rigs used exclusively for the exploration and development of minerals outside the territorial limits of the State of Louisiana (the "State") in Outer Continental Shelf waters which are within the Parish for the purpose of being stored or stacked for use outside the territorial limits of the State, or for the purpose of being converted, renovated, or repaired and any property in the Parish for the purpose of being incorporated in, or to be used in the operation of said drilling rigs?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 1
PRECINCT P1; POLLING PLACE - JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; 5556 GULF BEACH HIGHWAY; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 2
PRECINCT P3 & P4; POLLING PLACE - HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER; 1250 RECREATION CIRCLE; HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 3
PRECINCT P16; POLLING PLACE - RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5 RECREATION CENTER; 108 RECREATION LANE; GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT P8; POLLING PLACE - LOWRY FIRE STATION; 460 LOWRY HIGHWAY; LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT P9; POLLING PLACE - KLONDIKE COMMUNITY CENTER; 430 VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE; GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT P12; POLLING PLACE - MURIA FIRE STATION; 129 MURIA ROAD; CREOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT P17; POLLING PLACE - GRAND CHENIER FIRE STATION; 4011 GRAND CHENIER HIGHWAY; GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 5
PRECINCT P13; POLLING PLACE - CREOLE COMMUNITY CENTER; 184-B EAST CREOLE HIGHWAY; CREOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 6
PRECINCT P2, P14, P15; POLLING PLACE - CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX BUILDING; 110 SMITH CIRCLE; CAMERON, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 7
PRECINCT P5; POLLING PLACE - RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5 RECREATION CENTER; 108 RECREATION LANE; GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said Parish.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said Parish, will meet

at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, April 5, 2004 at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, 1st day of December, 2003.

APPROVED:
/s/Charles Precht, III
CHARLES PRECHT, III,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4(J 1)

"EXHIBIT A" NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on November 18, 2003, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Waterworks District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. SEVEN TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF SIX AND SIXTY EIGHT HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S WATER SYSTEMS WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Waterworks District No. Seven of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of six and sixty eight hundredths (6.68) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's water systems within and for said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Waterworks District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 3
PRECINCT 16, PORTION, RECREATION CENTER NO. 5, RECREATION CENTER, GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT 12, PORTION, MURIA FIRE STATION, EAST CREOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 5
PRECINCT 13, PORTION, CREOLE COMMUNITY CENTER, CREOLE, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Seven, Cameron Parish Louisiana, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Waterworks District No. Seven's Water District Office, Creole, Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 16th day of March, 2004, at 6:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Waterworks District No. Seven,

Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election. THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 18th day of November, 2003.

APPROVED:
SANDRA FORD, PRESIDENT
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. SEVEN

ATTEST:
WENDY SAVOIE, SECRETARY
RUN: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4(J-2)

"EXHIBIT A" NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Louisiana, on December 1, 2003, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR HACKBERRY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. ONE TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF FOUR AND SEVENTY ONE HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PAYING THE COST OF OBTAINING WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES, INCLUDING CHARGES FOR FIRE HYDRANT RENTALS AND SERVICE WITHIN SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of four and seventy one (4.71) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's fire protection facilities and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service within said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 2
PRECINCT 3, ALL, HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 2
PRECINCT 4, PORTION, HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Police Jury, the governing authority of Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, the 5th day of April, 2004, at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 1st day of December, 2003.

APPROVED:
CHARLES PRECHT III, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

"EXHIBIT A" NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on November 13, 2003, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. NINE TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF FOUR AND FIFTY HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S DRAINAGE OPERATIONS WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Gravity Drainage District No. Nine of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of four and fifty hundredths (4.50) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining said District's drainage systems, constituting works of public improvements, title to which shall be in the public within and for said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT TWO
PRECINCT 3 ALL, HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT TWO
PRECINCT 4 PORTION; HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with the law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Police Jury, the governing authority of Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Hackberry Recreation Center, Hackberry, Louisiana, on Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at 6:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election. THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 13th day of November, 2003.

APPROVED:
/s/ Raymond Hicks, PRESIDENT
GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. NINE

ATTEST:
/s/ Scott Benoit, SECRETARY
RUN: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4 (J-4)

"EXHIBIT A" NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of Consolidated Garbage District No. One, Cameron Louisiana, on December 1, 2003, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Consolidated Garbage District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of

the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR CONSOLIDATED GARBAGE DISTRICT NO. ONE TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF SEVEN AND EIGHT SIX HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES IN SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Consolidated Garbage District No. One of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of seven and eighty six hundredths (7.86) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of providing and maintaining garbage collection and disposal services in said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Consolidated Garbage District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 1
PRECINCT 1, ALL, JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING, JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 2
PRECINCT 3, ALL, HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 2
PRECINCT 4, ALL, HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 3
PRECINCT 16, ALL, RECREATION DISTRICT 5 RECREATION CENTER, GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT 8, ALL, LOWRY FIRE STATION, LOWRY, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT 9, ALL, KLONDIKE COMMUNITY CENTER, KLONDIKE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT 12, ALL, MURIA FIRE STATION, CREOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT 17, ALL, GRAND CHENIER FIRE STATION, GRAND CHENIER, LA

ELECTION DISTRICT 5
PRECINCT 13, ALL, CREOLE COMMUNITY CENTER, CREOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 6
PRECINCT 2, ALL, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX, CAMERON, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 6
PRECINCT 14, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX, CAMERON, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 6
PRECINCT 15, ALL, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX, CAMERON, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Police Jury, the governing authority of Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, the 5th day of April, 2004, at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election. THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 1st day of December, 2003.

APPROVED:
CHARLES PRECHT III, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
RUNS: RUN: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4 (J-5)

"EXHIBIT A" NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Louisiana, on December 1, 2003, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR CAMERON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. ONE TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF FIVE MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES WITHIN SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Cameron Fire Protection District No. One of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of five (5.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's fire protection facilities for fire protection purposes within said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 5
PRECINCT 13, PORTION, CREOLE COMMUNITY CENTER, REOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 6
PRECINCT 2, ALL, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX, CAMERON, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 6
PRECINCT 14, PORTION, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX, CAMERON, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 6
PRECINCT 15, ALL, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX, CAMERON, LOUISIANA

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Police Jury, the governing authority of Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, the 5th day of April, 2004, at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election. THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 1st day of December, 2003.

APPROVED:
CHARLES PRECHT III, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
RUNS: RUN: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4 (J-6)

INVITATION FOR BIDS SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 9:00 AM LOCAL TIME, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2004, IN THE GULF COAST SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S OFFICE, 1400 HIGHWAY 14, LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, 70601 (337) 436-5020 EXT.3, FOR PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

1. 4000 PLUGS; SMOOTH CORDRASS; *Spartina alterniflora* cv *vermillion*

LEGAL NOTICES
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2. 1,740 TRADE GALLONS; CALIFORNIA BULRUSH; *Schoenoplectus californicus*
3. 2,000 TRADE GALLONS; GIANT CUTGRASS; *Zizaniopsis miliacea*
4. 500 TRADE GALLO; ROSEAU CANE; *Phragmites australis*
5. 1,000 4" POTS; BITTER PANICUM; *Panicum amarum*
6. 6,240 PLUGS; CALIFORNIA BULRUSH; ; *Schoenoplectus californicus*
7. 800 4" POTS; MARSH HAY CORDGRASS; *Spartina patens*
8. 800 4" POTS; SALT GRASS; *Distichlis spicata*
9. 200 4" POTS; SEA OATS; *Uniola paniculata cv. Caminata*
A COMPLETE ASSEMBLY OF THE BID INVITATION WITH SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE DISTRICT SECRETARY AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE. RUN: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 (J 59)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Recreation District No. 6 until 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2004 in the meeting room of the Recreation Building at 300 LeBleu Camp Road, for the sale of one (1) used Ford gray truck VIN number 1FTDF15Y0NLA65943, as is, where is. All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Recreation District No. 6, during normal business hours. BY: Belinda K. Dockins, Secretary RUN: Feb. 5, 12 (F 6)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Cameron Parish Police Jury P. O. Box 366
Cameron, LA 70631
Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until 3:00 p.m., March 1, 2004 at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA (337-775-5718).
Project Description: Brian Circle Widening Project, L.E.I. Project Number 04-004.
The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for Contractors will apply, the contract being classified as: II. Highway, Street and Bridge Construction.
Bid Forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving bids. Contractors may submit bids on any contract for which they hold valid Louisiana Contractors Classification. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
Full information and Bid Forms are available at the office of Lancon Engineers, Inc., 905 McKinley Street, Westlake, LA. (337-439-6333). Bids must be submitted on Bid Forms provided by the Engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids for just cause.
Bids may be held by the Cameron Parish Police Jury for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to award.
Preference to Louisiana Firms may be given in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes Sections 38:2251 and 38:2251.1.
/s/ Steve Trahan
STEVE TRAHAN, PRESIDENT
RUN: Feb. 5, 12, 19 (F 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2004 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) Beach Sweeper, as per specifications.
All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, during normal business hours.
BY: /s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
RUN: Feb. 12, 19 (F 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2004 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) 2004 Dump Truck, as per specifications.
All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, during normal business hours.
BY: /s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
RUN: Feb. 12, 19 (F 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2004 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) 1981 Tanker/Pumper Fire Truck, as is, where is.
All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, during normal business hours.
BY: /s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
RUN: Feb. 12, 19 (F 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, Claiborne Office Building, 1201 North Third Street, Conference Room 1-145 (South Entrance 1st Floor - 1st door on the right), Post Office Box 94905, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2004.
ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.
FOR: **Roofing Repair, District 3 - Phase 4, Statewide, Louisiana**
PROJECT NUMBER: **01-107-97S, Part EX**
Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:
Houston J. Lirette, Jr., Architect, APAC, 6014 West Main Street, Houma, LA 70360 Phone (985) 851-1484
The upon deposit of \$60.00 for each set of documents. Deposit on the first two sets are fully refundable to all bonafide prime Bidders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Fifty percent (50%) of the deposit of all other sets of documents will be refunded upon return of the documents as stated above.
All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Facility and Planning Control Bid Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana, signed by the surety's agency or attorney-in-fact. Surety must be listed on the current U. S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in the Bond, or must be a Louisiana domiciled company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A.M.Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety qualifies by virtue of its Best's listing, the amount of the Bond may not exceed ten percent (10%) of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide. The Bond shall be in favor of the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control, and shall be accompanied by appropriate power of attorney. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.
The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount. Surety must be listed currently on the U. S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service List (Treasury List) as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the contract amount, or must be an insurance company domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. If surety is qualified other than by listing on the Treasury List, the contract amount may not exceed fifteen percent of policyholders's surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance and may not exceed \$500,000. However, a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide shall not be subject to the \$500,000 limitation, provided that the contract amount does not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide nor fifteen percent of policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. The Bond shall not be signed by the surety's agent or attorney-in-fact.
A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, March 1, 2004 at Claiborne State Office Building, 1201 North Third Street, Room 1-145, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED ONLY FROM CONTRACTORS THAT ATTEND THE ENTIRE PRE-BID CONFERENCE.
Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who are licensed under La. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification(s) such as, **Roofing and Sheet Metal, Siding.** Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids.
The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with LA. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.
When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the sale of bonds by the State Bond Commission. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.
STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING
DENISE LEA
DIRECTOR OF STATE PURCHASING
RUN: Feb. 12, 19, 26 (F 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Interested parties are hereby notified that the Coastal Management Section of the Cameron Parish Police Jury has received the following apparently complete application for a Coastal Use Permit in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program and R.S. 49:213.1, the State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act of 1978, as amended.
L.C.U.P. #040301
Name of Applicant: Daniel A. Shay, 908 East Creole Hwy., Creole, LA 70632
Location of permit: Mermentau River Road, Grand Chenier, Section 2, T15S, R6W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.
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SYRUP PLANT
The Louisiana Agriculture Finance Authority (LAF) is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to all qualified companies for a proposal for CANE FEED TABLE FOR THE LACASSINE SYRUP PLANT. Location will be Lacassine, Louisiana, Jefferson Davis Parish.
The Request for Proposal provides a general description of the Project as well as instructions for submitting proposal.
This announcement does not commit the Louisiana Agriculture Finance Authority (LAF) to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals. LAF reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, all proposals submitted and/or to cancel this announcement. Any contract awarded shall be based upon the proposal most advantageous to the state, cost and other factors considered. All contracts are subject to the availability of funds.
No bids will be received after the date and hour specified. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities. Additional information can be seen on the internet at www.ldaf.state.la.us or specifications can be obtained from Hilary Stephenson, 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, Louisiana between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:00 pm. BIDS OPEN: Thursday, FEBRUARY 19, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.
HILARY STEPHENSON
LOUISIANA AGRICULTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY
RUN: FEB. 12 (F 20)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
SP #15720
Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of State Purchasing, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Suite 2-160, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 10:00 a.m. on March 17, 2004, for the following:
Roadwork for Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Rockefeller Refuge, Grand Chenier, Louisiana, Cameron Parish.
Proposal Number: K 25536 DL
Solicitation Number: 2186198
Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:
Office of State Purchasing, Claiborne Building, 2nd Floor, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804.
Attn: Pamela Allen
Email: pamela.allen@la.gov
Fax: (225) 342-8688
Phone: (225) 342-8019
SITE VISIT IS REQUIRED
A Mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted on this project at the jobsite on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Attendance is required in order to submit a bid proposal.
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CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO.11 PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 4, 2003

There was a special meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 4, 2003, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Andre Abadie, Billy Johnston, Grace Robideaux

ABSENT: Gerald Richard
The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeffrey Jouett.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the board went into executive session to discuss personnel.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried, regular session was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: /s/Jeffrey Jouett
Jeffrey Jouett, President

ATTEST: /s/Helen Williams
Helen Williams
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CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO.11 PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 22, 2003

There was a special meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 22, 2003, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Andre Abadie, Gerald Richard, Grace Robideaux, Billy Johnston

ABSENT: None
The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jeffrey Jouett.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the board went into executive session.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Andre Abadie and carried, regular session resumed.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the following pay scale has been adopted for full-time permanent employees of Waterworks District #11:

Job title; hourly rate; max. annual pay.

Superintendent; \$15.00 - \$17.00; \$35,360.00.

Operator (Certified); \$12.50 - \$14.00; \$29,120.00.

Operator (Non-Certified); \$8.00 - \$11.00; \$22,800.00.

Secretary; \$8.00 - \$10.00; \$20,800.00.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the superintendent's pay will be increased to \$16.82 per hour effective January 1, 2004.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried, the certified operator's pay will be increased to \$13.50 per hour effective January 1, 2004.

On motion of Billy Johnston, seconded by Grace Robideaux and carried, the minimum call out will change from 4 hours to 2 hours effective January 1, 2004.

On motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, all bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, on motion of Andre Abadie, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: /s/Jeffrey Jouett
Jeffrey Jouett, President

ATTEST: /s/Helen Williams
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CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO.10 PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular Session on Tuesday - January 13, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Waterworks Office in the village of Johnson Bayou, Louisiana. Members Present were: Mr. J. P. Constance, Mr. Nathan Griffith, Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr. and Mr. Lloyd Badon. Members absent were none.

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

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

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

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Constance and carried to have the president sign a contract with Pace Analytical and other Parish Waterworks for TTHM and HAA5 testing.

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to accept the only bid received from Cameron Parish Pilot as the official journal for the 2004 year.

President Nathan Griffith called the meeting into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to conduct individual evaluations with employees.

President Nathan Griffith called the meeting back into regular session at 9:40 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Constance, and carried the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The next waterworks meeting will be held on March 9, 2004 @ 6:15 p.m. at the Waterworks office. Approved: /s/Nathan Griffith
Nathan Griffith - Chairman

Attest: /s/J. P. Constance
J. P. Constance - Secretary
Run: FEB. 12 (F 34)

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215,000 deer killed in state during past season

As always, Mother Nature played an important role in the 2003-04 deer season in Louisiana. With warm temperatures prevailing September through January, hunters harvested less this season than last.

An estimated 215,000 deer were harvested in comparison to the 241,100 during the 2002-03 season.

According to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Deer Study Leader David Moreland, the 2003-04 season proved to be a good one for the quality and trophy deer harvest. A potential new state typical record buck was harvested in East Carroll Parish and several large non-typical bucks were also harvested.

"It appears the number of recognition deer from 2003-04 season will be high," said Moreland. The annual harvest surveys will be mailed out at the end of February and club and landowners will also begin submitting regional harvest records.

Other factors that influenced hunter success and overall deer sightings include habitat changes, mast abundance, deer reproduction and hunter disturbance during the season.

This past fall, mast production was mainly limited to the Red Oak group (water, willow, cherrybark, southern red, nuttall). Acorn production from the White Oak group (white oak, cow oak, overcup oak, post oak) was low overall except for a few localized areas. Examination of deer stomachs revealed a high utilization of red oaks acorns around the state.

Mild October and November temperatures kept native plant forage green and available for food. Usually an

important month for hunters in areas 2,3,7 and 8, November's mild weather during the peak of the rut season certainly had an impact on deer sightings and hunter success said Moreland.

The cold weather that followed in December and January should have helped areas 1,4,5, and 6 but the cold fronts were brief making it difficult to pattern deer. The last two weeks of January provided hunters with the most consistent cold weather and should have benefitted Area 6 hunters.

While there should have been a good fawning season across the state, some hunters are reporting few fawns, according to Moreland. In 2001 there was a notable decline in the lactation rates of adult does on both the WMAs and DMAP lands.

With a reduction in fawn production for 2001, these deer would now be in the 2+ year-old class and this could have reduced the sightings of adult does and young adult bucks. The decline of 2+ year-old does would also mean fewer adults does to produce fawns, if the doe population was being harvested at a high rate around the state.

Data indicates a decline and leveling off of the doe harvest in Louisiana. This may be attributed to the aging hunter populations and hunting clubs across the state. Maintaining a high doe harvest involved a lot of effort and work on the part of clubs and hunters.

Considering the warm temperatures, varying mast productions and a fluctuating deer population, the Louisiana's 2003-04 deer harvest, with a new state record, proved a very satisfactory year, said Moreland.

Social Security Agency warns about phone scam

Senior citizens receiving retirement Social Security benefits have been targeted by unscrupulous telephone solicitors with the promise of a special grant from the federal government in the amount of \$400. The caller will ask for bank account and other personal information with the promise to deposit the money directly into your account.

The caller may allege to have a grant from the federal government to contact individuals who are entitled to receive an increase of \$4000 in their monthly Social Security checks. The story varies a bit. One individual reported he was told that the grant was a one time payment of \$400. Two other individuals were told their Social Security checks would be increased \$400 per month if they paid a one time fee of \$424 which would be drafted from their account, said Jennings.

Scams over the telephone, through the mail or in-person are becoming more common.

It is very important to protect your personal information. If someone asks you for personal information, find out why they need it. Be especially careful if the call, in-person visit or request by mail is unsolicited. Once someone has your personal information, they could steal your identity. Personal information can include your name, address, telephone number, date of birth, Social Security number, bank account or credit card information.

If someone call about Social Security business and you are suspicious, call your local Social Security office of call the toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 to confirm the person is a Social Security employee or that they are conducting official Social Security business. Social Security toll-free number representatives are available between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Gumbo Pot (La. Seagrant Lagniappe)

This is an "old timey" recipe that is still as good as it ever was. Brown sauces, of course, have a roux. The finished dish has a sauce too thick to put over rice, but it is good served over a toasted English muffin or with freshly baked bread.

Oysters in Brown Sauce
1 pint oysters with liquor
1 medium carrot, finely chopped
1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup parsley, finely chopped
1/2 stick butter
2 Tbsp. flour
1 rounded tsp. beef bouillon granules
1 cup cream
1 egg yolk, beaten
1 tsp. lemon juice
salt and pepper

Scald the oysters in their own liquor. Drain oysters and save liquor. Fry carrot, onion, and parsley in butter until browned. Add flour and cook until brown. Add oyster liquor and beef bouillon. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add the oysters, cream and beaten egg yolk. Reheat lightly, remove from fire, add lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately. Serves 3-4.



STEPHANIE ANN NUNEZ, completed her Masters of Business Administration degree with a Healthcare Certification on Dec. 13 at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is the daughter of Evelyn Nunez of Creole and John Nunez of Iowa. She is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and serves on the board of trustees for the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District. She is also a certified public accountant.

Drive safely

Be prepared. In the event of an emergency, you will want several items on hand: cell phone, flashlight, flares or triangles to set on the road, first aid kit, blankets, jumper cables, jack and lug wrench,

duct tape for patching hoses, and snacks for the children like pre-packaged cereal and trail mix.

Lights. Test your headlights, brake lights and turn signals to make sure they are operating properly.

NOTICE

Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for: Licensed Practical Nurse with current licensure for child specific duties during school hours at Hackberry High School. Contact Ms. Willyne Kestel at 337-775-5784, Ext. 15.

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RUN: Feb. 5, 12 (F-11)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC Gravity Drainage District No. 4 has changed its February meeting to 5 p.m., Thursday, February 19, 2004.

RUN: Feb. 12 (F-1)

NOTICE

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 in Johnson Bayou is accepting resumes for the position of a Qualified Operator and Maintenance Person with a minimum of three years experience on a Long Boom Trac Hoe. Resumes can be submitted to the board at 205 Middle Ridge Road, Cameron, La. 70631. Deadline for the resumes is at 6:30 p.m., February 19, 2004.

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A FLOCK OF sandhill cranes, numbering around 400, is wintering just north of Cameron Parish. The flock can be seen most days on the east side of Hwy. 14 between Hwy. 397 and Lionel Derouen Road, sharing a pasture with a herd of cows. The three-foot tall gray birds have red and white heads when mature and a wing span of 80 inches. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

One rat hide an acre - Cameron Parish in 1928

By W. T. Block, with a direct quote of N. Dean Tevis
PART II

(This long quote from Beaumont, TX. Enterprise of July 1, 1928 is reprinted in part with oral permission of the editor. The time period occurred when the first oil exploration "dynamiters" and German seismograph crews reached Cameron Parish and the old wooden courthouse was in a wretched state of disrepair. Nevertheless, portions of the story not of general interest will be omitted.)

"Upon reaching the beach fur camp, where the Orange-Cameron Land Co. kept 2 Mod. T Fords, the touring party of Beaumonters transferred from the speed boat Mink to the autos for a day's tour of Cameron Parish. The following is a direct quote with periodic omissions, of Dean Tevis.

"Two "dynamiters" with two auto loads of other "scientists" struck the town of Cameron at 7:30 one Friday morning. The black leather cases that they carried contained their "instruments." Mrs. Julia Gouthier, who runs the hotel was down at the ferry landing to see the 2 motors come in and she invited the party up to have coffee.

"The word "coffee" is the "open sesame" to the heart of every Cameron Parish man or woman. Mrs. Gouthier, with 20 other people from the parish seat, were there for a double purpose.

"The Borealis Rex, seasoned sternwheel steamer which plies every other day from Lake Charles to Cameron, was pulling out for upstream to allow the little town to bask again in utter solitude.

"Now Cameron welcomes everyone, but Cameron has a warmer spot for all the dynamiters. The dynamiter is the man who finds oil domes in the marshes with his seismograph outfits. He represents large oil companies, who pay large sums for leasing and drilling purposes.

"These dynamiters wear weathered boots and breeches, rare old hats and rough shirts, and that surely puts them in the class of German dynamiters. Since the first of them came along, \$25,000 has found its way into the treasury of the Cameron Parish school board... Already five domes have been located within the parish...

"There isn't a brick building in the town of Cameron, which is one of the oldest cities on the Louisiana coast, but they are talking of erecting a brick high school. Incidentally the schools are probably the most progressive institutions in the parish, running 9 months of the year.

"When Mrs. Gouthier was informed by Charlie Trahan, deputy sheriff in the employ of Stark's muskrat trapping industry, that the men were not dynamiters, but perfectly harmless newspaper men from Beaumont, she smiled her welcome. Mrs. Gouthier knows her okra when it comes to presenting the key to the city of Cameron. She called several of the residents who were standing around watching the Rex maneuvering out of the harbor, and there were many handshakes...

"Very late to bed and very early to rise Friday morning, with the moaning of the gulf, induces sleep. Breakfast by a great Cajun cook. Alcie Stutes and Dave Nelson pilot one Mod. T, while Carouthers takes the other, and away go the gasoline caravan on as beautiful a beach as the coast knows.

"Presently a great dredge comes in sight. It is dredging another canal for the Orange-Cameron Company, and its

chief task is building a foundation for the (Sulphur) highway, which romancers declare will spoil Cameron.

"Cameron is a parish without a telephone, without a highway to the outer world, without a railroad, and with no communication save that of the steamboat Rex.

"The Cameron marsh is one picture; the other is the Calcasieu River, the town of Cameron, the parish court house, which is propped up by two by fours, and the five ridges settled a hundred years ago. Now the state is sending a highway down from Sulphur through Hackberry, and many strangers will spend Sunday in the parish seat. It will rob the town of much of its age-old quaintness.

"Five or six miles down the beach and Trahan puts the little car on a ragged roadway above it. The party in the lead car can now see Cameron. The country to the north is a wide cow range, where 40,000 head feed on the salt grass.

"Just ahead is a great wooden building, which even at a distance shows it has been long abandoned. It was headquarters of a federal biological survey (see biography of). About an old beach hotel are fields of as fine sea island cotton as anyone in the party has ever seen. The soil here is as black as the Nile.

"Here are clumps of gorgeous oleanders, white, pink, and red. Then the smoke of the steamer Rex shows up. And very soon the boat itself. The Rex has been in service on the Calcasieu for 20 years. Prior to that she was on duty on Mississippi River.

"We were a little too late to interview the captain of the boat, a relic of a day almost gone, and the only one of its kind in these waters. Its only competitor was an airplane which carried newspaper copy during the days of the Ned Harvey trial.

"They show you a hole in the ground near the parish jail, dug hurriedly when they found the scaffold was not high enough. Instead of building it higher, they added depth to it.

"Trahan blows the motor horn and the ferryman comes across. He has made an art of handling his old craft, propelled by an old motor boat. Going into Cameron with two cars means news in the village.

"The ferryman tells you of the new town excitement. There is a young Negro in jail. He killed his wife's lothario, and his wife is dying in a hospital in Lake Charles. He shot both of them the previous night. "They will hang the black man," the ferryman said. "where they hung Ned Harvey."

"One of those who meets the party is Alvin Miller, the parish chief deputy sheriff, a most likeable chap. The Rex pulls out and the party are now the only "strangers" in town. There are no sidewalks and no brick buildings. Ahead a short distance up the street--the only street in town--is the old wooden courthouse, built 50 or 75 years ago. You know it is the courthouse although it looks like a settler's residence. A cow cools herself in the shadows.

"There are a few general merchandising stores, where you can buy odd Cameron Parish-made white oak baskets. An inspection shows the most common staples in the grocery line. Gardens are rich along the ridges. There is plenty of meat, plenty of milk, plenty of everything in this country.

"The district court room is indeed unique. There is an old foot-pedaled organ there which came down on a boat before 1880. (Remember, religious faiths once held services in the courthouse.) It still has a lively tune in it after all

these years. The sight of an old organ anywhere is a curiosity today, considerably so in a court room.

"The walls are plastered with first liberty loan posters, harkening back to war (World War I) days. The ceilings are propped with timbers. The building nearly fell during the Harvey trial.

"Down a fine shell road go the 2 motor cars. The course lies over Front Ridge, Creole Ridge, Pumpkin Ridge, and Little Lost Oak Grove Ridge, where the great oaks are often as large and fine as are those on the famed Bayou Teche to the east.

"The settlements encountered in a 15-mile circular swing about the parish included Creole, Grand Chenier, and Johnson's Bayou. The countryside appears old, very old. Gray cypress fences, which they say have been standing for more than a century, are about every field, and the cotton is in good stand.

"To the right after the Creole post office, the proprietor can offer the stranger soft drinks, but with no ice to cool them. There is the great home of Dr. S. O. Carter, containing 20 rooms. Dr. Carter is one of the two physicians in the Cameron territory.

(Mr. Block's note--Two of the early Cameron Parish physicians between 1880-1920 included my great uncle, Dr. George Carter Sweeney at Grand Chenier, and my second cousin, Dr. Isaac Bonsall, Jr. of Cameron.)

"Dr. Carter is said to have been penniless when he came to Creole 35 years ago. Then he was the only doctor in the Cameron territory, and he traveled in a buggy. They say he has earned a fortune, but if he has, you would vote that he has earned it all. He is pictured through the swamp lands on errands of mercy, sometimes swimming his horse, his buggy left behind. Now you must go and get him yourself at night for he is getting old.

"Leaving the shell road, the motorcade strikes a dirt road. Here soon appears the quaint old home of the late Grandma Rutherford, pioneer of this country, who died recently at age 100 years. The land drops abruptly to a low, flat range, or semi-marsh, across which the memorable storms of 1865, 1879, 1881, and 1886 have swept. The old "storm house," where people huddled for protection, is still standing. You wonder if the old log structure will ever be used again.

"Grandma Rutherford's sons and grandsons greet the party on a welcoming gallery and tell her story. It will be generations before this lovely old lady is forgotten. She was the warp and woof of the ridge itself. Her old home is known as "Oak Grove," it is the one highest point in Cameron Parish.

"The scene soon changes--another farm house. Many ponies and cars stand around a cattle enclosure--a cattle branding. They are injecting anti-blackleg into the calves and clipping ears. Putting the owner's mark on flanks with a hot iron gives off an odor of burning hair.

"Presiding over the party of cowmen and ranchers towers one figure. He is John Sells, 60 years old, who has been the leader and father confessor of the Front Ridge for many years. Though he is the oldest man in the party, he is also the strongest man physically. He cannot read or write, and yet he is highly intelligent. Sells should be sketched in strong black strokes of a pen, standing beside one of the grandfather oak trees.

"A passing note should be made of the whip-making in Cameron Parish. A bull whip, strong, beautifully and oddly fashioned, was in the hands of every man doing the branding. Whip-making is an individual art in this parish. The whips are somewhat different than those found in Texas. The leather is braided into finely

SCHOOL BOARD Cont. from Pg. 1.

The mosaic will contain a piece of glass for each of the Sept. 11 victims and ceramic tiles contain the fingerprints of donors. The titles will be made by McNeese State University ceramicist Barry Carpenter.

Winners of the La. School Board Association art competition were recognized. In the K - 4 division they are: Javen Little (3rd), Cami Richard (2nd), and Tayler Canik (1st). In the 5 - 8 division they are: Taylor Smith (3rd), Laikin Canik (2nd), and Tory Candill (1st). These students' works were selected from among 22 entries from Grand Lake, Hackberry and South Cameron Elem. Their art will be on display March 4 - 6 at the LSBA convention in Lafayette.

The board also recognized Cameron Parish Students of the Year, Kelly Nicole Guidry, CES, 5th grade, and Joby Richard, SCHS, 12th grade. The 8th grade Student of the Year will be recognized next month. All three will represent Cameron Parish at the regional competition in the near future.

Sammy Faulk, Cameron Parish Economic Development Director, presented the board a survey form he has been using with area businesses and asked them to add vocational classes where possible for the non-college, non-Sowela bound students.

fashioned and polished hands so that it forms a swivel, permitting the welder to become highly dexterous.

"Presently after hundreds of clumps of oleanders are passed, we entered Cameron again. Cold drinks in a store, and the ferryman is again called from his lethargy to take the parties across Calcasieu River on the way back to the beach camp.

"Oddly out of place and out of keeping with Cameron, one hears the morning news on the radio in one of the general stores; they hear it morning, noon, and night, but they can't talk back. All they can do is write a letter.

"Paint the picture in pink and white oleanders, in the old frame dwellings with a touch of New Orleans about them, but done in an archeological style native to this parish. Boys and girls? Very shy, some of them have never been out of the parish. Mrs. Rutherford, daughter in law of Grandma, said:

"Oh, dear, I am so tired. I was up till 10 o'clock last night attending the graduation at Grand Chenier. My boy here graduated."

"Her son was a great big strapper of a fellow, just like all the other boys on the ridge. Unspoiled by the world outside.

"Fruit trees, pears, peaches, oranges, grapefruit, vegetables, money crops, dairy cows, and you will vote that the ridges of Cameron, Creole, Little Lost Oak Grove, and Grand Chenier constitute the garden spot of Southwest Louisiana. Yet they lie in the heart of one of the greatest marshes in North America, outlandishly out of the way and cut off from the world." (Satsuma orange trees in the parish date back before the Civil War.)

(Tevis wrote a total of 9 long articles in June-July, 1928, although most of them dealt with rat-trapping and alligator-hunting in the Stark ratlands. Nevertheless they are historically valuable in presenting Cameron Parish before the three highways brought an influx of visitors and other customs into the parish. They are valuable, too, for the information about an age when muskrat-trapping was king of the marsh country, and before onshore and offshore drilling had made its mark in the parish.)

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



FISHING FAIR

During January, most areas of our parish got around 6 inches of rain or better, February started with 1 inch, then 3 1/2 inches, so we're already got 10 1/2 plus. This has got freshwater fishing tough as fish are scattered. This hasn't help our saltwater fishing either, as lots of fresh water is still coming down from our north. Fishing is fair, to say the least.

Just before the last heavy rain, redfish were around the Cameron Jetties. Some of these were bullred. Trahan from Cameron has a 30 inch red with 47 black dots on one side and 27 dots on the other side. Usually you'll have a large dot on the tail. Trahan told me this red will go on the wall.

LACASSINE POOL

Local anglers have been asking, will Lacassine Refuge Pool open to keep bass this year. The answer is yes! Although the pool will open, it will open after spawn or at least most of the bass will have already spawned. Opening day is set for Monday, April 26 from one hour before official sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Some of the changes for this year, is anglers will be limited to 5 largemouth bass per day and the minimum length will be 14 inches long. Tournament fishing is discouraged for bass.

The opening of other Refuge waters, other than the pool, will open on Monday, March 15. All state regulations apply like the 10 bass daily limit, any size, however no frogs or turtles may be taken.

Anglers fishing inside the pool may only use motors up to 25 horsepower. Some parts of the pool prohibits all motors. All other fish taken in the pool has the regular state regulations. If more information is needed, call 774-5923.

DID YOU KNOW!

Federal shark regulations has changed. Recreational anglers is limited to the only gear now allowed. Rod and reel and handline gear. A federal angling permit is required to fish for shark and all landing must be reported to the National Marine Fisheries Services NOAA withing 24 hours.

Only one shark per vessel per day trip and a minimum of 54 inches long and not on the prohibited list. Recreational fisherman will now be able to keep one bonnethead shark per person per trip with no minimum size.

BASS CLUB MEETING

The LeMeche Bass Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16 at the Creole K.C. Hall.

HUNTER'S LETTER

Many of us keep books on ducks, deer, etc., we kill and facts on conditions and weather. Here's a great letter from a friend on his deer season.

03-04 Deer Season - A Look Back

With the opening of

archery and then muzzle loader season came very few deer sightings. After several 6 to 8 hour days in the stand my mind started to wonder what had happened to the deer we were seeing in the past years. Could it be the flood from the year before and did the flood stop all the breeding during last year? What about the drought several years back, did this affect our deer herd?

Opening day of rifle season, also our first rut, came new light with the spotting of two 8 points in two different areas along with several mature does, indicating the rut was on and on time.

In the next three days we were over run by more bucks than does and as fast as they came they left leaving behind just a few yearlings in our areas. In the next month came very little change seeing nothing but yearlings and 1 1/2 year old deer, hunt after hunt. With the second rut coming into view I started putting in more hunting time in the stand seeing very few deer.

By this time Thanksgiving week upon us and so was the second rut and again the bucks were out in full force. Withing three days we saw two more 8 points, a couple of 6 points, a 7 point and several younger bucks in different areas. This told me the deer were still here "somewhere".

My opinion on this matter was in the past 5 years we hunted droughts and floods in our marshes forcing the deer to switch to wintertime patterns early in the season making conditions favorable for the hunter. This year was totally different, the vegetation was green and water was low keeping most of the deer under cover and out of site of hunter and not until Thanksgiving week did we see the first pattern change.

By this time most of the hunters had already given up deer hunting leaving just a few die-hard deer hunters to finish out the season. Thus making this year the first in the last five or six years to be in favor of the deer which also means less stress on the deer herd which will in turn give us a better herd for the 04-05 deer hunting season and as always I am patiently awaiting its arrival.

My final analysis of the 03-04 season was that we might have had eight good days of hunting from October through December. These eight days bagged us our best year ever walking away with five mature bucks including a 5 1/2 year old 8 point with a 14 1/2" inside spread.

Also, to touch on the numerous doe days we have in Area 3, our club hunts bucks only, until the 7 days of Thanksgiving week. By this time most of our hunters have put meat in their freezer and most are hunting horns and are not worried about shooting does, allowing us to leave the does for our youth hunters who do not have the experience or the patience to be able to bag a mature buck.

C.A. Mhire
Avid Deer Hunter

Blazin' Bikers to be welcomed at Holly Beach

Hundreds of motorcyclists will be touring the Creole Nature Trail on Saturday, Feb. 21 and the Holly Beach Improvement Group wants to welcome them when they come through Holly Beach.

The group plans to sell barbecue dinners (at \$5 a plate) to riders and others

and will pass out brochures advertising Holly Beach's attractions.

Businesses wishing to advertise in the brochure can contact Raedella At Hurricane's--569-2808--or Kathy at 569-2603. Dinners may be reserved by calling these numbers.

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By GRACE WELCH

KC MEETING

The KC's of Hackberry will have a meeting Feb. 18 in the new St. Peters Church Hall. Rosary is at 6:15 p.m. and meal at 7 p.m..

R.C.I.A PROGRAM

Someone is needed to take over R.C.I.A. program. This program is for those who want to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

If interested in taking this position, call the Church office at 762-3365.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Deadline for pictures for Church Directory is Feb. 14. Please leave pictures with Uretta Fraizer or at the Church office.

