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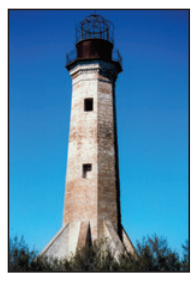

Children to be registered for school

Registration for children entering a Cameron Parish kindergarten and Pre-K class next fall will be held for the various schools listed below.

Children attending a Pre-K class in a Cameron Parish school this year will not be required to register for kindergarten. Students attending a Headstart program will be required to register for kindergarten at this time.

Children attending kindergarten at this time are not required to register for first grade.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Hackberry High, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.

South Cameron High, Wednesday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m.

Johnson Bayou High, Thursday, Feb. 28, 9 a.m.

Grand Lake High, Friday, Feb. 29, 9 a.m.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2008-09 session must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2003.

Children entering first grade must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2002.

Children entering Pre-K must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2004.

Parents who plan to register children in these roundups must bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and proof of residence for each child to be registered.

Parents who do not yet have their children's birth certificates or social security card (number) should begin proceedings to secure them. Application forms for birth certificates may be obtained at the Parish Health Unit. Applications for social security cards (numbers) may be obtained from any U. S. Post Office.

Mrs. Laurie Jones, R.N., Cameron Parish School Nurse, will be attending the roundups to talk with parents about immunizations now required by law before a child begins school. Please bring your child's immunization record for review by Mrs. Jones at the time of the roundup.

In the Klondike-Lowery area parents should watch for registration news of the school in which they plan to enter their children next fall since they will not be entering a Cameron Parish School.

It is not necessary that the child you are registering be brought to school on the day of registration.

Road Home meetings are announced

On Jan. 28, the Cameron Parish Planning & Development Office held its first public hearing to discuss Cameron Parish's participation in a property disposition plan for properties acquired through Options 2 & 3 of the Road Home Program. Additional meetings have been scheduled around the Parish for further discussion and public comment.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 - Grand Lake Fireman's Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - Hackberry Community Center, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28 - Johnson Bayou High School, 6 p.m.

Written comments regarding the plan can be emailed to cppd_ebroussard@camtel.net or delivered to the Planning & Development office at 122 E. Recreation Center Lane in Cameron. Please call Cameron Parish Planning and Development with any questions at 775-5206.

THE SEA CATAMARAN Seacor Cheetah was on display in Cameron on Saturday, Feb. 9. A group of invited guests took a 42.5 knot ride into the Gulf. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Seacor introduces its new catamaran support vessel

By CYNDI SELLERS

Seacor Marine introduced the newest entry into its fleet of oilfield support vessels to Cameron last Saturday with a high speed boat ride for a group of invited guests including the Norman McCall family and former McCall's Boat Rentals and John E. Graham employees. Seacor had acquired both companies before Hurricane Rita.

The Seacor Cheetah is the first of the new Crewzer class vessels. Its catamaran twin hull and jet propulsion system enable it to achieve a speed of 42 knots, twice that of normal crewboats. The design also allows for a more stable platform for cargo hauling and crew transfer. The vessel has a 7 foot loaded draft. It has 2780 square feet of clear cargo area and can carry 150 tonnes of deck cargo.

The Cheetah has passenger seating for 150, with berths for 10 crew. Accommodations are first class, with reclining seats and widescreen TV's. The FROG crew transfer system provides increased safety at stations. It was designed to service and entire oilfield at a time, competing with helicopter service for cost effectiveness.

Boat builder Scotty Tibbs said it took two years from conception to completion of the first of its kind vessel. What took the longest, he said, was installing the state of the art electronics that allow the boat to keep position at rigs in all weather. The Dynamic Position 2 computer continually adjusts thrusters to hold the vessel on a specific GPS position. It can also dock sideways, as passengers on the voyage observed.

The Cheetah is powered by four MTU 16V 4000 M71 engines delivering 3305 hp each. Four Hamilton model 811 jet propulsion units send the vessel flying through the water at a top speed of 42.5 knots. Cruising speed is 38 knots.

Those aboard for the cruise on Saturday were very impressed by the speed as well as the stability. It was possible to walk around on the cargo deck and take pictures of the huge wake during the exhilarating ride out to the stacked up rigs south of Cameron.

Video of the Cheetah in action can be seen on the website:

www.seacormarine.com. Seacor has recently renovated its former office on Marshall Street in Cameron. It will be a warehouse with some office space.

Clean up day to be held at Grand Lake on Feb. 24

Here's your chance to "take it to the streets" and lend a helping hand, all Grand Lake, Sweetlake, Big Lake citizens!

On Sunday, Feb. 24, from 1 -4 p.m., everyone is invited to meet at Boone's Corner for a community clean-up!

Various clubs and organizations have already pledged their support for this long-overdue effort. Grand Lake High's FCS (Fellowship of Christian Students), varsity basketball teams, Rodeo Club, girls' softball team, FFA, 4-H, Home Ec. Dept., Jr. and Sr. Beta, as well as Grand Lake Action Alliance, area church youth groups, etc. are anxious to pitch in and clean up the roadsides in their community.

Cameron Parish Sheriff's deputies will be on hand for the event, and area businesses have donated either their time or money to make this first annual clean-up a success.

Chenier Energy has donated T-shirts to the participants, and there will be a Hydration Station truck on the route supplying water bottles to thirsty workers.

Door prizes and snacks will await participants at the end of the route.

Participants are encouraged to wear appropriate shoes and clothing, and if possible, wear caps, gloves, and bring a rake.

Holly Beach meeting set

The Holly Beach Improvement Group has cancelled its February meeting. The March meeting will be held Saturday, March 15 at 6 p.m. All board members and the general public are invited. The meeting will be held at the Fire Station in Holly Beach.

Hackberry registration announced

Registration for children entering Hackberry High School Kindergarten and Pre-K next fall will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 9 a.m. in the school library.

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School Board gets its audit report

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish School Board received a draft audit report Monday afternoon which reflected three findings of material weakness, one of which is likely to be removed from the final report.

Charles Marchbanks, of the accounting firm Little and Associates, of Monroe, the Board's independent auditor, listed three deficiencies: a violation of the public bid law, improper use of federal Restart funds, and late filing of annual financial report and auditor's report. School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue responded to all three draft findings.

In the first, a limestone purchase of over $20,000 was recorded, without public bid, which would be a violation of the bid law. Rodrigue noted that even though the limestone was used for two different projects, on several different days in the spring of 2007, all the tickets were dated the same day and were paid with one check, creating the appearance of one project over $20,000.

In fact, one project was the pad for the temporary office building. Later an access road had to be reinforced. She noted that it would have been logistically impossible for that amount of limestone to have been delivered in one day, and explained to the board that cross reference procedures will soon be in place to review all invoices for accuracy prior to payment to help prevent any similar situation from happening again. "The Cameron Parish School Board is very cognizant of the bid law," Rodrigue said.

The second finding, which is expected to be rescinded, had to do with the purchase of two special education school busses using federal Restart grant funds. Marchbanks wrote "During the fiscal year (2006-2007), the School Board reopened two schools - South Cameron and Johnson Bayou - and obtained $4,566,693 in funding under the Restart grant. However, the School Board received funding for schools that had reopened in the prior year (Grand Lake and Hackberry High School) and for the replacement of equipments (two special education school buses) which was not destroyed by the hurricane."

Rodrigue said Marchbanks had used the original program regulations to disallow any Restart funding at Grand Lake and Hackberry High Schools, but she provided documentation from the US Dept. of Education as well as verbal affirmation from the LA Dept. of Education, in a conference call with Marchbanks, supporting the fact that funding is available for all four Cameron Parish Schools. According to Rodrigue, Marchbanks indicated that he would review the documentation and likely remove the finding.

The final finding was that "the School Board's annual financial statement and accompanying independent auditor's report for the year ended June 30, 2007, were not submitted to the Legislative Auditor by Dec. 31, 2007." He explained that the delay was caused by a misunderstanding of the meaning of "approved" as it relates to FEMA project worksheets. His staff was asking for invoices for the "approved" PWs for certain projects, including South Cameron High School, which had not even been started yet.

Marchbanks explained that in the verbiage he and his staff understood, "approved" means obligated and submitted for payment. Rodrigue said that in FEMA terminology, of which she and her FEMA bookkeeper are proficient, an "approved PW" indicates the scope of work, line items, and all other components are in order and the PW is obligated for payment upon completion of work.

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Ladies tea to be held at SL Methodist

Sunday, Feb. 17 from 2 - 4 p.m., Sweetlake United Methodist Church will, as part of its 100th Anniversary Celebration, be hosting a "Fill My Cup" ladies tea for all ladies of Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes.

The guest speaker will be Lindsay Duplechain and the topic of the evening will be beauty and hair.

The public is invited.

Energy aid applications to be taken

Cameron Council on Aging and Cameron Community Action will be taking Energy Assistance applications in Lowry, Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Fire Station from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and will also be in Klondike at the Community Center next to the Police Jury Barn from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Any questions please call Doris Melancon in Klondike at 536-6452 and Carrie Broussard in Lowry at 774-3248 or Lori Broussard or Lana Miller at the Cameron Council on Aging office at 905-6000.

Play-off game

Johnson Bayou High School Lady Rebels will be hosting the first of the State Championship games on Thursday, Feb. 14th at 7 p.m. They will be up against Hackberry High School Lady Mustangs. The Lady Rebels won 2nd place in the District Championship and the Lady Mustangs rank 3rd.

This is sure to be an awesome game, since both team players are very completive on the court, but off they are great friends. Johnson Bayou Rebels attended school on the Hackberry Mustang's school campus after Hurricane Rita.

Elevation maps are available

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BROWN PELICANS like these on the Cameron Jetties may soon be removed from the endangered species list. The Louisiana state bird, which was rarely seen in Cameron Parish 20 years ago, has made a strong comeback after the pesticide DDT wiped out the Louisiana flocks. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

THE SWEETLAKE METHODIST Church honored the senior citizens with a Valentine Banquet on Feb. 10 at the church. Hazel LaBove of Hackberry was crowned Queen Valentine for the year and Mervyn Taylor of Grand Lake was crowned King. Rev. Bob Hollis crowned the royalty.

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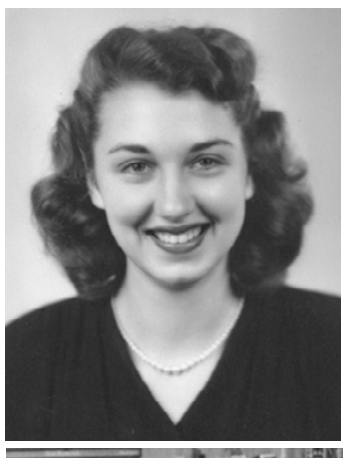

OMA MCCALL MILLER

Oma "Blue Eyes" Roberta McCall Miller, 79, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 at a local hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Miller was born March 29, 1928 in Grand Chenier, to Gladys and Henry McCall. She graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 1949 with a degree in French. She married Lee John Miller, Oct. 18, 1946, after his return from service in the Navy during World War II. She taught school in Grand Lake for two years and remembered students from this time very fondly. She stopped teaching to be home with her children.

Mrs. Miller was a gifted seamstress, having made all of her children's clothes when they were growing up. She decided her legacy would be custom-made quilts, which she made yearly for each daughter to pass on to future generations. She was a Roman Catholic and a member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 61 years, Lee John Miller of Lake Charles; two daughters, Dr. Gladys A. Miller and husband Franklin L. Jones of Lake Charles; Theresa M. Miller and husband John W. Watts of Sugar Land, Tex.; two grandsons, Thomas L. Jones of Lake Charles and Matthew J.L. Watts of Sugar Land, Tex.

She also leaves two brothers, Norman F. McCall and wife Joyce of Lake Charles and Henry "T-Boy" McCall and wife Fe of Cameron; one sister, Emma Arceneaux of Lake Charles; sisters-in-law, Ella Mae "T-Mae" Booth of Grand Chenier and Corrine Granger of Lake Charles and many nieces and nephews.

She also leaves her godchild, Michael McCall, of Covington who made a point of keeping in touch by phone.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry A. and Gladys Miller McCall and one brother, Claude "Pete" McCall; brothers-in-law, Lawrence Arceneaux, Earl Booth and Earl Granger.

Her funeral was held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Monsignor James Gaddy officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home. Visitation was Friday, Feb. 8 from 2 until 9 p.m. with a scripture service and Rosary at 7 p.m. Visitation Saturday was from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m in the funeral home.

Pallbearers for the service were John W. Watts, Franklin L. Jones, Thomas L. Jones, Matthew J. L. Watts, Patrick Arceneaux and Arthur Lee Booth.

The family wishes to thank all of her caretakers who helped her during her prolonged illnesses and saved her life many times over. Dr. Yoko Broussard, Dr. Enrique Mendez, Dr. Keith Kreitz, Dr. R. Craig Broussard and his associates (Dr. Gary Kohler, Dr. Ben Thompson and Dr. Manly Jordan), Dr. Thomas Ford, Dr. John Winterton, Dr. Richard Gilmore, Dr. Francis Bride, Mary LeBleu, R.T. and all the people of Carmichaels. All of you gave Oma hope and stuck with her when the chances for a good outcome were slim, you pulled us through it. My mother relied on a group of caring ladies to whom we will always be grateful - Marie LeBlanc, Susan, Tiffany, Ruth, Mary, Angie, Varena, Judy, Veronica, Miss Bea and Chelsea.

Mrs. Miller could no longer attend church services but looked forward to receiving the Holy Eucharist and saying prayers brought to her by Sister Camille Martinez.

Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net.

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EUGENE THERIOT

Eugene Theriot, 97, who spent more than 50 years in law enforcement in Calcasieu Parish, died Sunday, Feb. 10 , 2008 in the DeQuincy hospital. A native of Cameron Parish, he lived most of his life in DeQuincy.

Mr. Theriot retired from the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Dept. in 2003 and at the time was the oldest working deputy sheriff in the parish.

He was chief of police in DeQuincy from 1953 to 1955. During that time he was commissioned a deputy by Sheriff Henry A. Reid, Jr.

Over the years he worked in security for Industrial Lumber Co. and Boise Southern and as a full time local deputy on various assignments when needed.

He retired in 1972 but resumed his work for the sheriff's department in 1980 when Sheriff Wayne McElveen asked him to work at DeQuincy Elementary School as a safety officer.

In that position he worked under three sheriffs and five principals. He retired as a school crossing guard several years ago due to age.

Mr. Theriot was born in Chenier Perdue in Cameron Parish where he lived in the early part of his life.

He came to DeQuincy in 1940 helping with a cattle drive from Cameron Parish due to the marsh grazing land being flooded. About 8,000 head of cattle were driven to land leased by R. L. Richard of DeQuincy, also a Cameron Parish native.

In subsequent years he owned a grocery store and meat market and service station. He was a cattleman most of his life.

Mr. Theriot was a descendant of Jean Velior and Cleonise Richard Theriot, who were the first settlers in 1847 on the Chenier Perdue ridge in Cameron Parish.

Mr. Theriot is survived by his wife of 42 years, Yvonne Theriot of DeQuincy; two sons, Jean Theriot and Beckye of Brazoria, Tex.; Roland Theriot of Montgomery, Ala.; one daughter, Annette and husband Carrol Brown of DeQuincy; three step-sons, Ricky Horn and wife Patty of Abbeville; Tommy Horn and wife Lisa of DeQuincy; Doug Horn and wife Ruthie of Moss Bluff; six grandchildren, Lisa Royer, Brett Brown, Justin Brown, Randall Theriot, Mark Theriot, M'Lissa Trevino; five step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. in Hixson-Snider Funeral Home in DeQuincy. A rosary will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Father Brunnert will officiate and burial will be in Perkins Cemetery in DeQuincy.

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JIMMIE L. CONNER

Jimmie L. Conner, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2008, in a local hospital.

He was born in Big Lake. He was a member of the Catholic faith and a retired crabber.

Survivors include his wife, Anda "Nan" Conner of Lake Charles; daughter, Ida Whetstone and husband Troy; two grandchildren, all of Grand Lake and a sister, Joyce Wiggins of Port Arthur, Tex.

His funeral was held Saturday, Feb. 9 at Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. The Rev. Dan Landry officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery.

NICHOLAS PAUL OLIVIER

Nicholas Paul Olivier, 28, of Ragley died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 in Lafayette.

Nicholas was born on April 24, 1979 in Lafayette and was raised in Cameron before moving to Ragley two years ago. He was a graduate of South Cameron High School. Nicholas was self employed as an R.V. technician and also assisted in managing the family business, "The Feed Store." He was a member of Wakefield Methodist Church in Cameron.

He enjoyed working with his hands, especially wood work and drawing.

Survivors include two children, Angel Marie and Nathan Paul Olivier both of Carencro; his parents, Candace and Morris "Joe" Olivier, Jr.; a brother, Franklin Morris Olivier; and a sister, Cara Lee Olivier, all of Ragley; maternal grandmothers, Mary D. Henry of Lake Charles and Lorraine Istre of Lafayette; and paternal grandfather, Morris Olivier, Sr. of Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Istre; a nephew, Joel Morris Olivier; maternal grandfathers, W. F. "Frankie" Henry, Jr. and Paul Istre; paternal grandmother, Frankena Olivier; and an uncle, Norman Olivier.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Squyres United Methodist Church in Ragley. The Rev. Jason Sheppard officiated. Burial was in Risinger Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home. Visitation on Friday was at the church from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. with a rosary being recited at 7 p.m. Visitation continued on Saturday from 9 a.m. until time of service in the church.

Pallbearers were Greg Henry, Victor Judice, Brock Olivier, Franklin Olivier, Sylvan Olivier, and Dusty Prejean.

Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net.

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GERALD P. SOIREZ

Funeral services for Gerald P. Soirez, 43, of Hackberry, were held on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Hackberry. Pastor Jason Dunham officiated. Burial was in Hackberry Cemetery under the direction of Robison Funeral Home.

Visitation was on Friday, Feb. 8, in First Baptist Church of Hackberry from 12 noon - 9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 9, from 8 a.m. until time of services.

Mr. Soirez passed away on Thursday morning in Hackberry. Gerald was born in Sulphur to Joseph and Ruby Soirez. He was a lifelong resident of Hackberry and also a graduate from Hackberry High School. He worked several years for Alpha Seafood and later worked at Brown's Grocery.

Mr. Soirez is preceded in death by his mother, Ruby Soirez and brother, Vince Benoit.

Survivors include his father, Joseph R. Soirez of Hackberry; two brothers, Carroll Soirez and wife Sheilah of Moss Bluff and Donald Soriez of Hackberry; three sisters, Lois Soirez of Hackberry, Kattie Toups and husband Terry of Hackberry and Donna "Sissy" Hebert and husband Richard of Debers, Tex.

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ANN BADON

Ann Hamill Badon, 67, of Sulphur died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, in a local care facility She was the owner of Holly Beach Grocery and the Trails End Bar.

Survivors include three children, William Mogensen and wife Joan of Cleveland, Tenn., Michael Badon of Johnson Bayou and Debra Cormier and husband Brian of Mermentau; one brother, Mike Hamill of Garland, Tex.; one sister, Gracie Oates of Winnsboro, Tex.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James Vernon Hamill and Mary Catherine Lawson.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. Rev. Roland Vaughn will officiate. Burial will be in Mimosa Pines Cemetery of Carlyss.

Visitation continues from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the funeral home.

Johnson Bayou honor list

The Johnson Bayou High School honor students for the 2nd nine weeks are:

BANNER ROLL

Grade one: Reagan Derouen, Claire Landry, Karlee Skeldon, Gaige Trahan, Laikyn Trahan.

Grade two: Dalton Billiot, Jarrett Constance.

Grade three: Alexander Boudreaux, Drew Kyle.

Grade four: Kory Kyle, Noah Trahan.

Grade five: Derek Storm.

Grade seven: Allison Romero.

Grade eight: Harmony Trahan.

Grade twelve: Andrew Bant, Tiffany Coudill, Destiny Sonnier, Kandace Young.

HONOR ROLL

Grade one: Jayden Stanley, Rebecca Temple, Kortni Trahan.

Grade two: Nicholas George, Peyton Romero, Rileyann Trahan, Abigail Tuttle.

Grade three: Logan Baden, Braxton Hebert, Enrique Rodriquez.

Grade four: Harley Badon, Payton Dodge, Makayla Gavranovic, Hunter Trahan.

Grade five: Cade Badon, Kasa Benoit, Kevin Harrington, Daria Jinks, Colin Landry, Hunter McGee.

Grade six: Bailey Badon, Alexis Call, Briana Romero.

Grade seven: Kaitlin Billiot, Marcus Fontenot, Morgan Leger, Dylan Morrison, Dustin Romero, Kristopher Trahan.

Grade ten: Christiann Rarick, Janice Trahan.

Grade eleven: Tabatha Harrington, Michael Newkirk.

Grade twelve: Charmayne Barentine, Aaron Jinks, Randy Scorggins, Lexie Simon, Kimberly Trahan.

Movie to be shown at SL church

Sweet Lake United Methodist Church will host, as part of it's 100th anniversary celebration, movie night at the family life center - Saturday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m.

The Passion of Christ will be shown on theatre-size movie screen. Parental discretion is advised.

Check www.sweetlakeumc.org for more information.

Food for Seniors food boxes

Food for Seniors food boxes will be distributed Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Cameron Council on Aging office. Pick up times are between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

Memorial books told

Conway LeBleu, Dave and Debbie Savoie and family, Louisiana; Frankie Henry, Dave and Debbie Savoie and family, The Complete Encyclopedia of Horses & Ponies; Loomis Broussard, Dave and Debbie Savoie and family, From Small Bits of Charcoal; Lynn McCall, Lester "Ferpo" and Lidian Richard, The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Animals; Asa and Loretta Nunez, Lester " Ferpo" and Lidian Richard, Tobasco An Illustrated History.

Matthew LaBove, Grace Roberts, Reef; Alton Trahan, Grace Roberts, Medal of Honor; Mae Trahan, Grace Roberts, 1) Maple Syrup Cookbook, 2) Betty Crocker Complete Thanksgiving Cookbook; Mildred Mudd, Lester "Ferpo" and Lidian Faye Richard, Candy Crochet; Mary Arrington, Lester "Ferpo" and Lidian Faye Richard, 200 Crochet Tips, Techniques & Trade Secrets.

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2007 Pontiac G-6 — PC523, auto, a/c, am/fm cd, power windows, locks, fully loaded — $14,997
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GRAND LAKE'S LaRayne Picou, #12, is shown going for the lay-up. Kat Kingham had another double double (15 rebounds and 15 points). Liz Kingham added seven rebounds and nine points. This last game of the regular season for the Lady Hornets was a disappointing loss to Bell City (35-39). (Photo by Ron Gilbert.)

SAM JOHNSTON, #20, of Grand Lake, is shown shooting a three-pointer against Bell City. Sam scored 15 points and seven rebounds. Brett Griffith topped the scoring with 38 points, ten rebounds, six blocked shots and three steals. Brothers Jacob and Jordon Hebert scored eight and nine points. Jayce Hebert and Garrett Billiot added seven and six points. The game went into double overtime and ended with Bell City 84, Grand Lake 83. (Photo by Ron Gilbert.)

LIZ KINGHAM, #13, had a great game with 13 rebounds, 14 points, and six assists. Kat Kingham scored 16 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots. Sonya Lavergne scored seven points. This win for the Grand Lake Lady Hornets put them third in district (51-38). The play-off games begin this week.

(Photo by Ron Gilbert.)

Basketball

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BOYS

South Cameron 57, Elton 51 - Daniel Kelly led the Tarpons with 16 points. Kyle Little added 14 and Lance Braxton scored 13 points. Garrett Taylor chipped in 12 points.

Bell City 84, Grand Lake 83 (2 OT) - Brett Griffith scored 38 points for the Hornets (15-20, 5-5). Sam Johnston added 15 points.

Hackberry 80, Johnson Bayou 61 - Dillon Thibodeaux paced the Mustangs with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Judd Addison added 14 points and had 5 assists. Steven Miller chipped in 13 points and Ian Blue added 10 points. Aaron Jinks was the leading scorer for the Rebels with 16 points. Dustin Badon added 13 points.

Hackberry 71, Starks 38 - Judd Addison was the leading scorer for the Mustangs with 21 points. Steven Miller added 15 points and Dillon Thibodeaux chipped in 12 points.

Johnson Bayou 74, Hyatt 29 - Aaron Jinks led all scorers with 21 points and 11 rebounds as the Rebels throttled the winless Bulldogs. Dustin Badon chipped in 16 points and had 10 rebounds.

GIRLS

Bell City 39, Grand Lake 35 - The 8th ranked Lady Hornets finished district in a 3rd place tie with Midland and played a tiebreaker game on Monday night. Kat Kingham scored 15 points for Grand Lake and Liz Kingham added 9 points.

Johnson Bayou 46, Hackberry 37 - Charmayne Barrentine led all scorers with 26 points. Allison Sanner scored 22 points and had 15 rebounds and 5 steals for the Lady Mustangs.

Starks 58, Hackberry 31 - Allison Sanner led the Lady Mustangs with 11 points.

Johnson Bayou 51, Hyatt 39 - Charmayne Barrentine scored 14 points for the Lady Rebels. Tabitha Harrington added 12 points and Destiny Sonnier had 10 points. The win guarantees a playoff spot for the Lady Rebels and at least a tie for second place in district.

Cameron Council on Aging and Cameron Community Action will be taking Energy Assistance applications in Lowry, Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Fire Station from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and will also be in Klondike at the Community Center next to the Police Jury Barn from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Any questions please call Doris Melancon in Klondike at 536-6452 and Carrie Broussard in Lowry at 774-3248 or Lori Broussard or Lana Miller at the Cameron Council on Aging office at 905-6000.

G. C. Library schedule told

Grand Chenier Library announces their schedule as follows:

"Crossword Daze", 10 a.m., daily.

Thursday, Feb. 14, "After School Club & Chess Your Luck", Web Surfing, Research, Chess Strategies, Practice Chess Matches 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15, "Nutritious Is Delicious", Nutrition Education for Kids, 12:30 p.m., "LA Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team", Arts & Crafts, 1-3 p.m., "Story Time", 3 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 18, Library Branches will be closed for President's Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 19, "Fitness Program", Low impact walking program, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, "Fitness Program", Low impact walking program, 2 p.m., "Adult Movie Time" on the Big Screen, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21, "After School Club & Chess Your Luck", Web Surfing, Research, Chess Strategies, Practice Chess Matches, 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22, "Nutritious Is Delicious", Nutrition Education for Kids, 12:30 p.m., "LA Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team", Arts & Crafts, 1-3 p.m., "Story Time" 3 p.m.

Please call 538-2214 for more information and to put your name on the list for these programs.

Internet warning from FBI

Valentine's Day e-greetings from a stranger could deliver more than the recipient bargained for in the shape of a destructive "Trojan horse" that hijacks computers, the FBI warned Tuesday.

"If you unexpectedly receive a Valentine's Day e-card, be careful," the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a statement, warning Internet users to "be on the lookout for spam emails spreading the Storm Worm malicious software (malware)."

"The Storm Worm virus has capitalized on various holidays in the last year by sending millions of emails advertising an e-card link within the text of the spam email. Valentine's Day has been identified as the next target," the FBI said.

The bogus email directs the recipient to click on a link to retrieve an electronic Valentine's Day card.

If the user falls for the ruse, malware will infect their computer or the device they used to connect to the Internet, and make it become part of a Storm Worm botnet, according to the FBI.

A botnet is a network of computers that, unbeknownst to their users, forward transmissions, such as spam, viruses and malware, to other computers linked to the Internet.

Botnets can also be used in identity theft, the FBI warned, urging Internet users not to open Valentine's greetings from unknown senders.

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ON MONDAY, FEB. 11, the Chevron delegation presented monogrammed backpacks to the winners of the Grand Lake High School Science Fair. Participating in the presentation were Chanel Jolly, "Energy for Learning" Project Director; Laiken Dubard, first place Elementary Division; Trinity Lee, third place Elementary Division; Courtland Granger, second place Elementary Division; Darbi Montie, first place Junior Division; Abby Miller, second place Junior Division; Becky Roberts, President of Chevron Pipeline Company; Julie Theriot, third place Junior Division; Tammie Theriot, Operator, Chevron Pipeline Company, and Amy Helms, Chevron Operations and Maintenance Recruiter. (Photo by Tracy Lannin.)

THE CHEVRON "Energy for Learning" delegation typically presents school district grant checks at a School Board meeting, but was unavailable for Monday evening. Instead, they were treated to an informal luncheon by Mrs. Missy Poole's Culinary Arts Class in the Grand Lake High School library. Students assisting in the preparation of and serving the luncheon were, from left to right, Shawnee Pearce, Heather Girlinghouse, Kaylee Gauthreaux and Tasha Fontenot. (Photo by Tracy Lannin.)

ACCEPTING A $660,000 check on behalf of the Cameron Parish School District from Becky Roberts of Houston (third from right) President of Chevron Pipeline Company, was Cameron Parish School Board member Loston McEvers (third from left). Also on hand for the presentation were Amy Helms, Chevron Operations and Maintenance Recruiter and Tammie Theriot, Operator for Chevron Pipeline Company in Grand Chenier, both South Cameron High School graduates; Stephanie Rodrigue, Superintendent of Schools in Cameron Parish and Chanel Jolly, Energy for Learning Project Director. (Photo by Tracy Lannin.)

School Board gets $600,000

In the summer of 2006, Chevron announced a total of $18 million to be awarded to 23 school districts in Louisiana and Mississippi who were affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Cameron Parish School Board received a $2 million grant, the largest amount available to any one school district.

The original payment of $1.34 million was awarded in the spring of 2006 at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans.

On Monday, Feb. 11 the final payment of $660,000 was presented at Grand Lake High School.

In the background are winning projects of the Grand Lake Science Fair.

To date, the "Energy for Learning" funds have been used to purchase instructional laptops, interactive white boards, LCD projectors, state-of-the-art science equipment and supplies for students in grades 3 through 12, all in alignment with the scope of the approved project. Chevron funds also sponsor the design and maintenance of the Cameron Parish School Board website.

SCHOOL BOARD

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When the miscommunication was cleared up on Dec. 19, Marchbanks indicated that he only wanted invoices for paid PWs. These were prepared on Dec. 20 and received in his office on Dec. 21, but the firm was already closed for the holidays. Rodrigue cited numerous e-mails from the School Board's FEMA bookkeeper to Marchbanks over several weeks, with receipts, for which there was no response.

Marchbanks acknowledged the loss in November of the staff member who was handling the FEMA component of the audit. Prior to the final version of the audit, Marchbanks and Rodrigue will work toward verbiage acceptable to the Cameron Parish School Board.

Discussion also took place on accounting and investment practices and procedures. Rodrigue said the hiring of extra bookkeeping staff will allow new procedures to be put into place to facilitate checks and balances.

FEMA AND LRA

Finally there is good news on the FEMA front. Rodrigue shared information received just that day from State Superintendent of Education Paul Pastorek that Sen. Mary Landrieu's efforts to amend the Stafford Act have been successful on two points so far.

The $500,000 penalty for each building not properly insured against flooding has been reduced to $500,000 per site. For example, at Cameron Elementary School there were four buildings. The total reduction in FEMA assistance for that school would have been $2 million, but now will only be $500,000.

Even though Cameron Elementary is not being rebuilt, the School Board can use the FEMA funds on other projects. This is called an "alternate project" and would have come with an automatic 25% reduction. But the amendment just passed removes the 25% penalty, allowing 100% funding for alternate projects. Cameron Elementary, Grand Chenier Elementary, and Audrey Memorial are all likely to be alternate projects, and this news means more money for the School Board to use in other areas.

Both amendments are retroactive, and apply to all PWs, which will be good news for the Police Jury and other agencies as well. The amounts of the PWs will be recalculated and the higher amounts disseminated to all FEMA applicants at a later date, Rodrigue said.

Rodrigue also received information from Pastorek that the Louisiana Recovery Authority was to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 12, with an agenda including additional funding for school rebuilding and restructuring through Community Development Block Grants. She has since received word that $47.5 million, of the total $500 million in state-wide additional CDBG funds, will be designated to support K-12 school building repairs that are not otherwise covered through the FEMA Public Assistance Program. She noted that LRA member David Richard remains apprised of district needs.

CHEVRON GRANT

Board Member Loston McEvers reported that a Chevron delegation visited Grand Lake School on Monday to present the final $660,000 payment of the company's $2 million "Energy for Learning" grant.

Thus far, the project has funded laptops, interactive white boards, LCD projectors, and state of the art science equipment and supplies for students in grades 3 through 12. The project also funds the Cameron Parish School Board website design and maintenance.

McEvers described the first meeting he and Rodrigue had with Chevron representatives from New Orleans and Los Angeles after the hurricane. He said he hoped they would get as much as $5000. Instead he was shocked and pleased to learn that Cameron Parish was one of only four districts from Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi to receive the highest amount possible, $2 million.

Other districts received their checks at School Board meetings, but the delegation was unable to stay until Monday afternoon. Instead they were treated to an informal luncheon prepared by Missy Poole's Culinary Arts class and a presentation of the winning Grand Lake Science Fair projects by elementary and middle school students.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board accepted a clarification of its annual leave policy, as requested by member Dot Theriot. Theriot said she had heard of employees resigning on the first working day of the year and receiving two weeks annual leave pay.

Rodrigue said School Board policy was clear that annual leave is accrued as days are worked, not at the beginning of the year, but that over the years and several payroll clerks, the policy had not been followed precisely. She said the policy will be put into table form to show exactly how many days of leave an employee has earned to date, which should prevent any future problems.

She requested that employees who have already announced retirement be allowed to use the plan as they understood it at the time. She said a cross check by additional personnel in the office is now in place to assure accuracy in reporting and entering leave data.

Furthermore, a minimum of three procedures are being utilized now to track leave time and travel of employees, and if necessary, an electronic time card system would be utilized at all sites.

A tentative calendar for the next school year will be placed on the website for the next month for comment. Features include shorter days for 4 day schools, identical holiday schedules for all schools, a shorter summer vacation, and three in-service days which can be used for make-up days in event of evacuations.

If adopted next month, school will start Monday, Aug. 4, for 4 day schools and Tuesday, Aug. 12, for Grand Lake. Rodrigue noted that families with travel plans later in August may use the "educational travel" provision by filling out the appropriate forms.

The Board met in executive session to discuss prospective litigation with the Army Corps of Engineers over a dike that has been inadvertently built on School Board property by the Corps. District Attorney Cecil Sanner was requested to correspond with the Corps on the Board's behalf.

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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS

HUNTING AND FISHING PROBLEMS

The paperwork I'm getting from different agencies isn't what anglers, want to hear, neither is the prediction on our duck population.

Corn crops will more than double, because of their use to make ethanol fuel, this has gotten the duck unlimited and other organizations worried.

Millions of acres are being threatened as our northern waterfowl breeding grounds. Many farmers who set aside land for duck breeding ground, may pull out of the Conservations Reserve Programs. Last year along some state lost a half million acres, that were converted back to cropland.

Our Washington elected official vote on farm bills to have at least 39 plus million acres set aside for the CRP, however not all of these acres can be planted in corn as some are wetlands.

SNAPPER FISHING

The dates for red snapper fishing in Gulf waters is shorter for a season of June 1 to Sept. 30, which amounts to 122 days, which is the recreational harvest, with a 2.45 million pound quota. The 16 inch, 2 fish stayed the same, commercial fisherman will have a 13 inch minimum size and a 2.55 million pounds quota. This shorter season is for Captain and crew for hire vessels also. Captain and crew for hire vessels will have a zero bag limit.

Also making news, is the effects of the dead zone in our gulf waters. Again our farmers are involved, as all the runoff coming down the Mississippi River from fertilizer, weed poison, but also a great concern is the runoff from our big cities of the dumping of sewage into the Mississippi River as well as soil erosion from current washout coming down.

All of these things causes a lack of oxygen in the water, and in these dead zones, crab, shrimp and fish die. If you remember 5 or 6 years ago the special task force was going to get some of the dead zone reduced within 20 years, well it's still growing bigger.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB MEETS

The Lemesche Bass Club will meet Monday, Feb. 18, at the Darren Richard barn at 6:30 p.m. to set rules and regulations for the 2008 fishing season, collect dues, ($35) and tournament fees.

FISHING

Weather has been beautiful and anglers are taking advantage as Big Lake is really doing well all along the east bank where the water is clear. Trout and reds are being taken, but using soft plastic by the weirs are producing good catches of redfish, but it seems by taking to some anglers that the north end of the lake is better for the trout.

Anglers are beginning to catch catfish on the intracoastal canal outlets as well as a few reports in Little Pecan Bayou.

Lake conditions at Toledo Bend is good, water 168.8 feet with no generators running. Water temperatures running in the mid 50s. Reports from local anglers this past weekend on the lake had some fog, but good catches of bass.

There were a couple of tournament fishermen they talked to and a 5 bass stringer winner, was running 21-23 pounds, with some 8 plus pounders caught.

Anglers are using Carolina Rigs and spinner baits as well as rattle traps, fishing over grass 8 to 12 feet deep; this is really the time of the year where wacky worms work good as well as jigging a spoon slowly in the grass in the 20 feet depth.

Refuges taking applications for alligator hunters

The Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex is now taking applications from experienced alligator hunters to fill fifteen alligator hunting permits for Cameron Prairie, Lacassine, and Sabine National Wildlife Refuges for the 2008-2010 alligator hunting seasons. Applicants must possess the skill, ability, and equipment necessary to hunt alligator safely and efficiently in the marsh, if chosen.

National Wildlife Refuge alligator hunters are chosen through a lottery drawing process. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service requires receipt of 40% of the gross proceeds collected from the sale of alligators taken by each permittee each year. Each hunt permit can be renewed up to three consecutive years if all state and refuge requirements are met annually.

The application process differs from past years, however, it is very easy.

Each applicant must apply by submitting a white, 3x5" index card with the following information written legibly or typed on it:

1) First, Middle, and Last name
2) Mailing address
3) Phone number
4) Write: Cameron Prairie, Lacassine and Sabine on the card and below each refuge name indicate your hunt preference (1, 2, 3, or 0). Write "1" under the refuge which is your first choice to hunt, "2" for your second choice, and "3" for your third choice. If you do not want to or are unable to hunt on a particular refuge, place a 0 under the refuge name.

Completed white index cards must be received by refuge staff at the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex Headquarters at Cameron Prairie NWR, 1428 Highway 27 South, Bell City, LA 70630 no later than 4 p.m. Monday, March 17. Late, incomplete, illegible, or entries sent on anything other than a white 3x5" index card will not be eligible for the drawing.

A public drawing will be held on April 16, at 10 a.m. in the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Auditorium to choose one alligator hunter for Cameron Prairie, four hunters for Lacassine, and ten hunters for Sabine. Additionally, alternate hunters will be selected for each refuge in case a hunt permit vacancy becomes available throughout the permit selection period.

Horticulture forum set

The Southwest Louisiana Horticulture Forum, featuring sessions on vegetable gardens, landscaping, fruit trees, ornamental plants and watermelons will be held Thursday, Feb. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the DeQuincy Methodist Church at 301 East Center St. in DeQuincy.

The forum will be sponsored by the DeQuincy Garden Club and Methodist Men's Club and will feature speakers from the Cooperative Extension Service-LSU AgCenter. There is no charge to attend and all interested persons are invited.

SCHEDULE

8:30-9 a.m. - Registration

9-9:10 a.m. - Welcome, Introduction - Dr. Bill Young.

9:10-9:40 a.m. - Home Vegetable Gardens in South La., Robert Turley, county agent - Horticulture, Calcasieu Parish LSU AgCenter.

9:40-10:10 a.m. - New and Interesting Plants for Home Landscapes Part 1 - Flowering Annuals for Sun and Shade, Dr. Allen Owings, Professor - Hammond Research Station, LSU AgCenter.

10:10-10:30 a.m. - Coffee Break.

10:30-11 a.m. - Home Fruit Plantings - Dr. Charlie Johnson, Professor, School for Plant, Soil and Environmental Sciences, LSU AgCenter.

11-11:30 a.m. - Growing Watermelons in Southwest Louisiana, Dr. Jim Boudreaux, Professor, School for Plant, Soil, and Environmental Sciences, LSU AgCenter.

11:30-12 noon - New and Interesting Plants for Home Landscapes Part II - Ornamental Shrubs, Roses, and More, Dr. Allen Owings, Professor - Hammond Research LSU AgCenter.

Information on raising crawfish in ponds, field

By KEVIN SAVOIE

When most folks in southern Louisiana think of crawfish production, the vision of a flooded rice field comes to mind. It is a common belief that crawfish derive their greatest nutritional needs from the remaining rice stubble after the grain has been harvested. While this is true to some degree, it's the ecosystem and its food chain created by flooding harvested rice stubble which makes crawfish production in rice fields so prolific.

Crawfish will eat almost anything including living and decomposing vegetation, seeds, algae, microorganisms, and a myriad of aquatic insects, invertebrates and small fish. Although vegetation is the most abundant food source in crawfish ponds, it is thought to contribute little to the direct nourishment of crawfish. Nutrition comes from the microbial rich organisms found colonizing dead and decaying plant and animal matter (detritus) in aquatic environments. While detritus sustains most natural, aquatic food chains, the really high quality protein and energy rich foods required to maximize crawfish production comes from consuming animal matter such as insects, insect larvae, worms, snails, fish, etc. These organisms are commonly found in detrital rich aquatic environments.

Therefore, rice fields with lots of stubble can sustain this food chain for longer periods into the spring growing season, allowing for maximum crawfish growth and production. What makes rice more suitable for crawfish ponds over other vegetation types is its erect or upright posture even in standing water. This prolongs the detritus cycle by slowly dropping leaves and falling of stems into the water through the winter and into spring when the fast growing crop of crawfish need it most.

Obviously, many other factors come in to bear on the productivity of a crawfish pond, such as population density, water quality and weather conditions. There are no guarantees that a good crawfish crop will be produced with ample stubble. However, a crawfish farmer can increase his odds by starting with a good stand to jump start the detrital cycle.

For additional information on crawfish visit: www.lsuagcenter.com/en/crops_livestock/aquaculture/crawfish/

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The Honorable
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Re: National Flood
Insurance Program (NFIP)

Dear President Farque:

Staff members of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office (LATRO) conducted a Community Assistance Contact (CAC) with your staff on March 29, 2007 regarding Cameron Parish's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). At the time of the CAC meeting the LATRO staff reviewed issues of substantial damage along with administrative procedures for your Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (FDPO). As a result of that meeting, it was determined that a more comprehensive assessment would be needed and that request was submitted to the FEMA Region VI Mitigation Division on June 15, 2007.

Members of my staff (FEMA Region VI) then conducted a field visit in Cameron Parish on June 19 & 20, 2007, to compile floodplain development information in preparation to initiate a Community Assistance Visit (CAV). The purpose of the CAV is to determine compliance with our community's FDPO per NFIP participation. They met with Parish officials on June 21, 2007, to discuss the results of their field visit. At that time, my staff discussed your administrative procedures and found that they were adequate except for recommending a follow up procedure on temporary permits.

The NFIP is a quid pro program in which flood insurance is made available in communities that adopt and enforce a FDPO to ensure that new development and substantially improved structures are not at excessive risk for flood damage. Enforcement of the FDPO is a basic requirement for continued participation in the NFIP. Cameron Parish joined the NFIP Regular Program in September 04, 1970.

In an effort to verify compliance, in my letter dated July 3, 2007, we provided a listing of 324 site addresses and photos that resulted from the field visit, and requested the permit data for those sites. The Cameron Parish Floodplain Administrator submitted documentation for these sites to FEMA Region VI on October 02, 2007.

My staff reviewed the documents and identified a number of potential violations which need either corrective action or further justification.

A main issue is the community's practice of issuing permits with mobile home affidavits that allow mobile homes ("Mobile Home Parks") to locate in the high risk areas without elevation requirements. Another concern is lack of uniformity and documentation for determinations of substantial damage ("Less Than 50 Per Cent Damaged").

The results for the 324 site locations are provided below. The sites have been categorized as compliant, disregarded (due to bad addresses or poor photos), and non-compliant sites:

CAV REVIEW RESULTS	Sub Totals
COMPLIANT	87
DISREGARDED	6
NON-COMPLIANT	231
SITES REVIEWED	324

The non-compliant sites are of four general types:

Type of Violation	Sub Totals
No Permits	25
Various Violations	40
Mobile Home Park Variance	76
Less Than 50 Percent Damaged Assessment	90
Total Non-Compliant	231

Enclosed are four lists that identify the structures that are potential violations along with the reason for the deficiencies and indicating what documentation will be necessary to remedy the potential violations.

Review of 25 residential and non-residential locations that are deemed violations because no permit was secured by the property owner.

Review of 40 residential and non-residential permits with various compliance issues. These permits have inaccurate or missing documentation, i.e. permit but no elevation certificate; elevation certificate information conflicts with permit; expired temporary permits and permits for a different structure (accessory structure instead of residence, etc.).

Review of 76 permits with "Mobile Home Park" affidavits (variances) that indicate the property once had one or more mobile homes located on the property, but do not qualify as an existing mobile home park per 44 CFR C (12) and are considered violations.

Review of 90 "Less that 50 Per Cent Damaged" documents providing only an address, a photo and a comment indicating the structure sustained less than 50 per cent damages. However, no permit, support documentation or reference to the residential substantial damage estimator (RSDE) list that was completed after Hurricane Rita was noted to support the amount of property damage. Possible substantially-damaged properties require a repair or re-build permit and documentation provided by the property owner to substantiate the cost of repair and pre-disaster market value.

In order for Cameron Parish to be considered compliant with the NFIP, the parish must within forty five (45) days of receipt of this letter, provide a remediation plan on how the parish will address the 231 identified potential violations to the maximum extent possible. If a community is determined at any time to not be in full compliance, the parish could face NFIP probation. Probation serves as a formal notice to your community that implementation of your local floodplain management program is regarded as noncompliant with the minimum criteria of the NFIP. This would require an additional $50 premium added to each of the 1,848 policies issued to residents of Cameron Parish. Probation is the first step in the process to suspend community eligibility to participate in the NFIP, the result of which is the loss of federally backed flood insurance in the community.

FEMA and the Louisiana NFIP State Coordinator remain committed to assist you to establish an effective floodplain management program to protect your residents. I am confident that Cameron Parish will be able to rectify the identified program deficiencies and correct the violations in a timely manner; and thus remain a participant in the NFIP. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Jaye Hendricks at phone number (940) 898-5561.

Sincerely,

Ross Richardson, Chief
Floodplain Management
and Insurance Branch

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Cindy O'Neal, LA State NFIP Coordinator
David Stearrett, HQ MT-RR-FM
Rachel Sears, HQ-MT-RR-FM
Bob Picarazzi, Hazard Mitigation Chief -LATRO

RUN: Feb. 7 & 14 (F 8)

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 meeting in the regular session convened on the 8th day of January 2008 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-19: Phase 1 Restoration of Mermentau River North Bank Spoil Embankment pursuant to the certain contract between B. & J., Inc. and said Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 under File No. 275065, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

By: Darrell Williams,
Secretary

RUN: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 & Feb. 7, 14 (J 14)

"EXHIBIT A"
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on November 13, 2007, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said District 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 LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT, CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF 4.44 MILLS PER ANNUM ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID DISTRICT (AN ESTIMATED $357,000 REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE LEVY OF THIS TAX PER ANNUM) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE , WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT?

Shall Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, be authorized to levy a tax of four and forty four hundredths (4.44) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District (an estimated $357,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of this tax per annum) for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008, for the purpose of providing ambulance service 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 Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, 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. 18541):

PRECINCT 2 ALL, CAMERON PARISH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CAMERON, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 17 PORTION, GRAND CHENIER LIBRARY GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 12 PORTION, MURIA FIRE STATION CREOLE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 13 PORTION, CREOLE FIRE STATION CREOLE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 14 ALL, CAMERON PARISH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CAMERON, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 15 ALL, CAMERON PARISH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 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 Board of Commissioners of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, 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 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 Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, 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 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 Hackberry Recreation District, 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 Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's Office Building, Creole, Louisiana, on Wednesday the 19th day of March, 2008, at 4:00 P.M., 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 Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, 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, 13h day of November, 2007.

APPROVED:
/s/ Phyllis Pinch
PHYLLIS PINCH,
PRESIDENT
LOWER CAMERON
AMBULANCE SERVICE
DISTRICT

ATTEST:
/s/ Christine Mooney
CHRISTINE MOONEY,
SECRETARY

RUN: Jan. 24, 31 Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar. 6 (J 34)

"EXHIBIT A"
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Hackberry Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on December 3, 2007. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Hackberry Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, 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 RECREATION DISTRICT TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS , A TAX OF TWO AND FIFTY TWO HUNDREDTHS PER ANNUM ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID DISTRICT (AN ESTIMATED $55,000 REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE LEVY OF THIS TAX) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S RECREATION/MULTIPURPOSE FACILITIES WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Hackberry Recreation District of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of two and fifty two hundredths (2.52) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District (an estimated $55,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of this tax per annum) for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's recreation/multipurpose facilities 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 Johnson Bayou Recreation District, 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):

PRECINCT 3 ALL, HACKBERRY COMMUNITY CENTER HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 4 ALL, HACKBERRY COMMUNITY 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 Board of Commissioners of Hackberry Recreation District, 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 Hackberry Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Hackberry Recreation District Recreation Center, Hackberry, Louisiana, on Monday, the 10th day of March, 2008, 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 Hackberry Recreation District, 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 3rd day of December, 2007.

APPROVED:
/s/ Kenny Welch
KENNY WELCH,
VICE PRESIDENT
HACKBERRY RECREATION
DISTRICT

ATTEST:
/s/ Dwayne Sanner
DWAYNE SANNER,
SECRETARY

RUN: Jan. 24, 31 Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 Mar. 6 (J 35)

"EXHIBIT A"
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on November 30, 2007. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Waterworks District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, 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. TEN TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF FOUR MILLS PER ANNUM ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID DISTRICT (AN ESTIMATED $208,000 REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE LEVY OF THIS TAX PER ANNUM) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S WATER SYSTEMS WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Waterworks District No. Ten of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of four (4.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District (an estimated $208,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of this tax per annum) for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008, 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. Ten, 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):

PRECINCT 1 ALL, JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION CENTER JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 4 PORTION, HACKBERRY COMMUNITY 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 Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Ten, 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. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage #7 Office, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 18th day of March, 2008, 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. Ten, 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 30th day of November, 2007.

Approved:
/s/ Nathan Griffith
NATHAN GRIFFITH,
PRESIDENT
WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. TEN

ATTEST:
/s/ Connie Trahan
CONNIE TRAHAN,
SECRETARY

RUN: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar. 6 (J 36)

"EXHIBIT A"
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. Seven, Cameron Louisiana, on December 3, 2007. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Fire Protection District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, 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 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. SEVEN TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS , A TAX OF FOUR AND TWELVE HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID DISTRICT (AN ESTIMATED $35,000 REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE LEVY OF THIS TAX PER ANNUM) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Fire Protection District No. Seven of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of four and twelve hundredths (4.12) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District (an estimated $35,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of this tax per annum) for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's fire protection facilities and equipment 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 Fire Protection 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):

PRECINCT 13 ALL, CREOLE FIRE STATION CREOLE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 16 PORTION, GRAND LAKE RECREATION CENTER 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 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 Fire Protection District No. Seven will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, the 7th day of April, 2008, 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 Fire Protection 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 3rd day of December, 2007.

APPROVED:
/s/ Darryl Farque
DARRYL FARQUE
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

RUN: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar. 6, (J 38)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 11:00 A.M., Monday, February 25, 2008 in the Police Jury Administrative Office, 122 A Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, Louisiana, for DOTD-approved paint striping of various roads.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Police Jury Administrative Office by calling (337) 775-5718.

BY:
/s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

RUN: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14 (J 61)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 14th day of January, 2008 has accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Project Number 2006-14: Post-Rita Restoration of Parish Road No. 217 pursuant to the certain contract between W. E. McDonald & Son, LLC and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 306194, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron, Louisiana.

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

BY:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

RUN: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 6 (J 62)

CAMERON PARISH WATER DISTRICT NO. 9

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 at regular meeting place in Grand Chenier, Louisiana, Grand Chenier Office, until 5:00 p.m., February 28, 2008 for official Journal. Submit bids to P.O. Box 339, Grand Chenier, LA. 70643.

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

CAMERON PARISH WATER
DISTRICT NO. 9

RUN: Jan. 31, Feb. 7 & 14 (J 65)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Gravity Drainage District No. 8
P.O. Box 1280
Cameron, LA. 70631

Separate sealed BIDS for construction of the Dredging of North Canal (Grand Lake); Cameron Parish, Louisiana; LEI Project No. 07-023 will be received by the Gravity Drainage District No. 8 Board at the office of Cameron Parish Water Works District No. 11; 111 Dennis Lane; Bell City, LA. 70630 until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2008 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Lancon Engineers, Inc.
905 McKinley Street
Westlake, LA. 70669-5005
(337) 439-6333

Cameron Parish Water Works
District No. 11
111 Dennis Lane
Bell City, LA. 70630
(337) 598-3439

Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained at the office of Lancon Engineers, Inc. located at 905 McKinley Street, Westlake, La. 70669 during normal business hours.

Bids will remain subject to acceptance for thirty (30) days after the bid opening in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute LA RS 38:2215.

/s/ Daryl Poole
President

RUN: Jan. 31, Feb. 7 & 14 (J 70)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS: A/E FIRM

The Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative Customer Service Center and Operations facility located in Cameron, La. at 873 Marshall St. was completely demolished when Hurricane Rita came ashore on September 24, 2005. The Board of Directors has decided to rebuild the entire facility at the same location. All aspects of the new facility shall meet current codes and standards, which means some of the structures will be elevated. These elevated structures will have an elevator, several stairways and ramps.

Scope of Services:

It will be the responsibility of the selected team to provide professional services for the demolition of the remaining structures, and the design and construction of the new state-of-the-art facility.

Scope of Work:

Office/Warehouse:

a. Demolish and replace Office/Warehouse in kind with a masonry structure, and elevate the lowest structural floor member above flood level in accordance with Codes and Standards.

b. The structure will be elevated using driven concrete pilings.

c. An elevator, stairway and a concrete ramp will be provided for access to the elevated building.

Truck Shed:

a. Replace Truck Shed in kind with a pre-engineered steel building on a slab.

Storage/Equipment Shed

a. Replace and elevate the Storage/Equipment Shed above flood level in accordance with Codes and Standards.

b. The replacement will be a pre-engineered metal-framed building.

c. The elevated slab provided will also be used to elevate a "Used Transformer" shed and 2-2000 gallon fuel tanks and their containment enclosures.

d. The structure will be elevated using driven concrete pilings.

e. A steel stairway and a concrete ramp will be provided.

Fencing:

a. Replace in kind, 1224 of 7' high galvanized chain link fencing topped with 3 strands of barbed wire and associated automatic gate and controls.

All structures and utilities shall be designed to meet pending Hurricane Mitigation Guidelines as well as other relevant safety and security guidelines.

The experience of the design team in this post-Rita construction environment is critical.

A committee appointed by the General Manager, including the General Manager, will undertake the evaluation of the qualifications presented. It is the charge of this committee to make a recommendation to the overall Board for final approval.

Failure to provide the requested data could result in a firm being considered less qualified. The A/E firms will be evaluated by the following selection criteria:

1. List firm's experience in the design of elevated concrete structures.

2. List the number of projects the design firm has executed in the past 10 years with the construction value greater than 1 million dollars.

3. Explain the firm's experience relative to post Rita design in southwest Louisiana.

4. List the number of projects completed within the last 10 years that were associated with FEMA.

All responses should be sent no later than March 10, 2008 to:

Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Dwayne Gary
P.O. Drawer 1229
Jennings, La. 70546

Any questions should be addressed to:
Dwayne Gary, Project Manager
337-824-4330
marksafe@bellsouth.net

RUN: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, & 21 (J 71)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, February 28, 2008 in the office of Cameron Parish Ambulance District 2, P. O. Box 310, 979 Main Street, Hackberry, Louisiana, 70645, (337) 762-3711, For providing Four (4) emergency ambulances.

A complete assembly of the bid invitation with specifications may be obtained by contacting the district director at the address shown above.

RUN: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14 & 21 (J 72)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish Sheriff Dept. will be receiving bids on a Video Camera System for 18 patrol units capable of recording to DVD, call Ron Johnson at (337) 775-5111 for specifications.

Mail sealed bids to Theos Duhon, Cameron Parish Sheriff Department, P. O. Box 1250 Cameron, LA. 70631. Bids will be opened on Thursday, February 28th 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at Cameron Parish Courthouse.

The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids in the best interest of Cameron Parish and Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department.

RUN: Feb. 7, 14 & 21 (F 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE
(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL - HLS 08RS-103)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by Section 13, Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on March 31, 2008, a bill relative to providing for the payment of certain insurance premiums for certain retired assessors and their employees; and to provide for related matters.

RUN: Feb. 14 & 21 (F 9)

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on January 30, 2008, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. ("EGSL"), an electric public utility providing retail electric service to customers in eighteen (18) Parishes of the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC"), pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(3) of the Louisiana Constitution and Title 45, Section 1163.1 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, a Corporate Franchise Tax Rider ("Rider CF") that is intended to implement, effective the first billing cycle of February 2008 (January 30), a $5.4 million annual revenue decrease pursuant to the LPSC's Order Nos. U-21453, U-20925, and U-22092 dated, January 31, 2007, which requires that EGSL flow the net benefits associated with the cessation of Louisiana State Corporate Franchise tax liability to customers via Rider CF.

This Rider CF decrease will have the following effects upon EGSL's customers based upon January 2008 Fuel Adjustment charges: A bill for Residential Service for 1,000 kWh will decrease $1.08 from $104.56 to $103.48. A bill for Small General Service for 5,000 kWh would decrease $6.16 from $594.32 to

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$588.16. A bill for General Service for 1,000 kW and 365,000 kWh would decrease $123.48 from $33,121.75 to $32,998.27.

EGSL will also implement a $90,000 annual Formula Rate Plan ("FRP") rate decrease effective with the first billing cycle of February 2008 pursuant to EGSL's response, filed January 4, 2008, to the LPSC's Staff's Final Report in Docket No. U-28916. The FRP reduction has the following effect on customer's bills: A bill for Residential Service for 1,000 kWh will decrease $0.01. A bill for Small General Service for 5,000 kWh would decrease $0.05. A bill for General Service for 1,000 kW and 365,000 kWh would decrease $2.06.

A copy of these rates and rider schedules may be viewed in the Office of the Louisiana Public Service Commission in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

ENTERGY GULF STATES LOUISIANA, L.L.C.
RUN: Feb. 14 (F 10)

PROCEEDINGS
JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION DISTRICT OF CAMERON PARISH
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

The Johnson Bayou Recreation District of Cameron Parish met on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Temporary trailer at the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center in Johnson Bayou, LA.

Members present: Mrs. Khristy Trahan, Mrs. Heather Trahan and Mrs. Christine Storm.

Absent: Mr. Greg Trahan, and Mr. Shannon Trahan.

Guest: Christen Trahan, Mr. David Moss, Bill Daniels and Sharon Hodgeson.

Mrs. Heather Trahan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to open bids for the Recreation Center Renovations project.

A motion was made by Mrs. Khristy Trahan seconded by Mrs. Christine Storm and carried to dismiss the reading of the minutes until next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Khristy Trahan seconded by Mrs. Christine Storm and carried to dismiss the review and paying of bills until next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Khristy Trahan seconded by Mrs. Christine Storm and carried to dismiss the review of the financial statements until the next regular meeting.

After a minor discussion of the project and the opening of the bids; a motion was made by Mrs. Khristy Trahan seconded by Mrs. Christine Storm and carried to accept the lowest bidder, Priola Construction for the rebuilding project.

There being no further business to discuss on a motion by Mrs. Christine Storm seconded by Mrs. Khristy Trahan and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held in the temporary trailer at the recreation center on Thursday November 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:
/s/ Heather Trahan
RUN: Feb. 14 (F 11)

PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Gravity Drainage Board. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Nathan Griffith, and Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Members absent were Mr. Jim Cox and Mr. Lloyd Badon. Guest attending were Mr. Mike Slovensky, Mr. David Minton, and Mr. Sonny McGee.

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

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

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

Mike Slovensky with Harper and Associates presented an update on the proposed well site location. Mr. Griffith will meet with the land owner and present results at the next meeting.

David Minton with Harper and Associates discussed a GIS Database with the Board of Directors. The database will be discussed at the next meeting and Rhonda will contact Mr. Minton with results.

The Board of Directors set a date to tour the Waterworks Facilities for evaluation purposes.

The lease for the new Waterworks/Fire Department facility is currently with District Attorney Sanner. Once the lease is approved by the DA, he will forward it to the Board of Directors for approval.

An additional field employee was discussed. Mark and Gary will provide information to the Board of Directors at the next meeting for review.

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of March 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Johnson Bayou.

Approved:
/s/ Nathan Griffith
Nathan Griffith, President
Attest:
/s/ Connie Trahan
Connie Trahan, Secretary
RUN: Feb. 14 (F 12)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive sealed bids until the hour of 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2008, for furnishing paper goods to the schools of CAMERON PARISH during the 2008-2009 school session and any summer program during the summer of 2009.

A bid form, list of specifications, and bid procedures may be obtained from the Purchasing Department of the CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, La. 70631 (Physical location 1027 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, La. 70607).

All bids should be marked on envelope "BID ON PAPER GOODS, 2008-2009". Bid price must be delivery price to the Warehouse at 2421-D Hwy 14, Lake Charles, La. 70601

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to refuse or cancel any price quotation based on the quality of goods, availability of products and/or services rendered.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
By:/s/ Stephanie D. Rodrigue
STEPHANIE D. RODRIGUE, SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: Feb. 14 & 21 (F 15)

CAMERON PARISH GRAND CHENIER RECREATION DISTRICT #9
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 7, 2008

PRESENT: Darrell East, Nina Jones, Kris Bonsall, Christa Richard, Charlotte Hess.

ABSENT: None.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Cameron Parish Recreation District No. 9 was held at Rockefeller Refuge, Monday, January 7, 2008, at 5:30 p.m.

On motion of Charlotte Hess, second by Nina Jones, and carried, the board approves minutes from previous meeting held Thursday, December 27, 2007.

On motion of Kris Bonsall, second by Christa Richard, and carried, the board approves to except quote from Fredman Theriot to build 14 new picnic tables for the Grand Chenier Park at a total cost of $2,450,00.

On motion of Nina Jones, second by Christa Richard, and carried, the board approves payment of invoices.

On motion of Kris Bonsall, second by Charlotte Hess, and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD MEMBER
/s/ Darrell East
Darrell East
PRESIDENT
ATTEST
/s/ Kara Bonsall
Kara Bonsall
SECRETARY
RUN: Feb. 14 (F 14)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive sealed bids until the hour of 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2008, for the furnishing of non food supplies for school food service schools of CAMERON PARISH during the 2008-2009-school session.

Detailed bid list and specification sheet may be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board, Cameron, Louisiana.

Bid price on all items should be the delivery price to the Cameron Parish School Board Office. All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time. Envelopes should be marked "BID ON SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE NON-FOOD SUPPLIES".

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

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE RODRIGUE, SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: Feb. 14 & 21 (F 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE
CAMERON PARISH COASTAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

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

C.U.P.# P20071820, L.C.U.P.# 080207

Name of Applicant:
Gravity Drainage District No. 8
P.O. Box 1280
Cameron, La. 70631

Location of permit:

Sweetlake, Sections 10, 11, & 12, T13S - R7W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of work:

Gravity Drainage District No. 8 proposed dredging of North Canal (Grand Lake). This will result in approximately 3,910 cubic yards of dredge material to be excavated. The excavated material will be transported to non-wet areas.

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

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

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

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

Myles Hebert,
Coastal Zone Administrator
Cameron Parish Police Jury
RUN: Feb. 14 (F 19)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District #1 until **2:00 p.m. on 28 February 2008** at the Water Wastewater District #1 office, 126 Ann St., Cameron, LA. 70631. (337-775-5660).

Project Number: 2008-01

Proposed Water Well No. 3A and P & A of Existing Well No. 7.

The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for contractors will apply; the project being classified as:

IV Municipal and Public Works Constructions

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. 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 Water and Wastewater District #1.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Louisiana Hwy 384, Bell City, LA 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of $50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal 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 the proposals and to waive informalities.

Water Wastewater District #1
/s/ J. C. Murphy, President
RUN: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 (F 20)

BID NOTICE

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES for the use in schools in Cameron Parish during the 2008-2009 session and any summer program during the summer of 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cameron Parish School Board Office on Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

A bid form, list of specifications, and bid procedures may be obtained from the Purchasing Department of the CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631 (Physical Location 1027 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, La. 70607).

All BIDS must be submitted on or before the scheduled time and date. Envelopes should be clearly marked, "BID FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 2008-2009".

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES the right to refuse or cancel any price quotation based on the quality of goods, availability of products and/or services rendered.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
By: /s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE RODRIGUE, SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: Feb 14 & 21 (F 21)

Mustangs win District 8-C

By JOHNATHAN MANNING
(American Press)

A Gatorade bath might have been nice.

Instead, Hackberry coach Guy Stansel got doused in ice-cold water Tuesday night after guiding the sixth-ranked Mustangs to a dominant 71-38 win over the Starks Panthers that clinched the District 8-C boys basketball championship.

"It's terrible cold," said a soaked Stansel.

But Stansel couldn't have felt too bad. His Mustangs routed a team they had beat 66-62 on Jan. 22.

Hackberry (20-8, 5-0 district) took control from the start - it led 24-4 after the first quarter - and never let Starks (17-23, 3-2) back in the game.

Judd Addison led Hackberry with 21 points and Steven Miller added 15 and Dillon Thibodeaux 12.

"We knew it would be a big game and we wanted to come out and play hard," Stansel said. "The kids stepped up tonight. That was about as hard as they've played all year."

Addison scored 19 of his points in the first two quarters as Hackberry rolled to a 43-16 halftime advantage.

Things didn't go Starks' way in the first quarter as the Panthers missed shot after shot, then they fell prey to the Mustangs' full-court press in the second quarter, when Hackberry came up with seven steals.

The closest the Panthers got to the Mustangs was a 2-2 tie in the game's opening minutes. But Hackberry then reeled off 17 unanswered points, capped by Miller's offensive putback.

"We kept the ball out of the hands of their scorer," Stansel said. "We put Ian Blue on (Robert) Johnson and he shut him down.

"We just wanted to get pressure on them and a lot of the turnovers went our way. It wasn't a big press, but we wanted to make them handle the ball."

Johnson, who went into the game averaging an area-best 29 points per game in district play, scored Starks' four first-quarter points.

He got more aggressive after that and finished with a game-high 23 points, scoring nine points to help Starks outscore Hackberry 17-12 in the third quarter.

But the Mustangs' 27-point halftime lead was too much to overcome, and in the fourth quarter Hackberry called a quick timeout to make sure Starks didn't cut any deeper into its lead than 22 points.

Both teams pulled their starters with 2:58 left in the game.

"Out plan was to come out and not let them get into our lead," Stansel said. "We wanted to keep their confidence level down."

Miller hit four of Hackberry's eight 3-pointers.

"We shot the ball a lot better tonight," Stansel said. "We didn't shoot that well when we played them over there."

The Mustangs were 11 of 16 at free throw line compared to Starks' 6-of-11 performance at the line.

The district title was the second one clinched in Hackberry Tuesday night. Prior to the boys game, Andrea Miller scored 31 points to lead the third-ranked Starks girls to a 58-31 win that wrapped up the league championship.

Chocolate Gravy

By NINA WOOD

When February rolls around, people start thinking about Valentine's Day. Whether you've been married for more than 50 years like Forrest and I have or if you've just started dating, you always want to make Valentine's Day special for your significant other. Since I can remember, chocolate has always been a tried-and-true gift choice for any Valentine.

But instead of spending a lot of money on a box of fancy truffles, you could spend some time in the kitchen and give them a taste of one of my family's favorite recipes. Biscuits with chocolate gravy are in high demand around our house.

CHOCOLATE GRAVY
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons cocoa
1 1/2cups milk
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon vanilla

Mix or sift sugar and flour together. Stir in milk. Cook over medium heat until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and stir in 2 tablespoons of butter and 1 tablespoon vanilla. Serve over fresh biscuits (see recipe below). Recipe serves about four and can be doubled.

Friendship Tea Mix

1 18-ounce jar of Tang
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup presweetened lemonade mix
1/2 cup instant tea
1 package apricot jello
2 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teapsoon ground cloves

Mix ingredients together and store in an airtight container. To make tea, spoon two or three spoonfuls into a cup and pour boiling water over it. Stir and enjoy!

Confetti French Bread

1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 cup pitted black olives
2 garlic cloves, chopped
6 green onions, chopped
2 cups mozzarella cheese (eight ounces)
1 large loaf French bread cut in half horizontally

Beat butter and mayonnaise in bowl till light and fluffy. Add olives, garlic, green onions, and cheese; mix well. Spread over cut sides of bread. Place on baking sheet, cut side up. Bake at 350°F for 15 - 20 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

— JOB AD —

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be accepting applications for an Inside Supervisor working shift work. Any persons who may be interested in applying can pick up an application at the recreation center during normal operating hours. (Weekdays 3-8 p.m. or Sat. and Sun. from 2-8 p.m., CLOSED on Tuesdays). Applications must be turned in before 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18, 2008. For any additional information you may contact Christen Trahan at 337-569-2288.

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— JOB AD —

Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10 will be accepting applications for a Full-time Water Facility Operator. Applications and employment criteria can be obtained at the Waterworks Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Salary will be based on qualifications. Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Call 569-2110 for information.

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— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is considering the following amendment to the Animal and Fowl Ordinance. To submit oral or written comments, please call the Police Jury office at (337) 775-5718 (Operator) or mail to P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, LA 70631.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The Cameron Parish Police Jury recognizes that there are areas in the Parish where the presence of dogs and exotic animals is undesirable, such as areas of high activity and areas where the presence of dogs would threaten the safety, peace or comfort of those present.

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To enact Sec. 4-29 relative to the regulation of dogs and exotic animals on public grounds and public rights of way during the hours of a permitted parade, fair or festival.

CHAPTER 4
ANIMALS AND FOWL
ARTICLE II. DOGS

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Sec. 4-29. PROHIBITED AREAS

Dogs and exotic animals are not allowed on public grounds or public rights of way during the hours of a permitted fair, festival or parade.

The prohibited areas and the applicable hours shall be designated on the Permit issued by the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Exotic Animals are defined as any species of animal that is not considered to be a common pet (companion animal) or domesticated livestock species.

A fair is defined as an exhibition usually with accompanying entertainment or amusements.

A festival is defined as a celebration for a specific occasion.

A parade is defined as any march or other organized movement of persons from place to place, or about a place.

This section shall not apply to individuals with a disability who are accompanied by a guide dog, signal dog or service dog, specially trained for this purpose.

RUN: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 (F 6)

History of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church told

(EDITOR'S NOTE -- The following history of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole was written by retired newsman Truman Stacey and was published on the Diocese of Lake Charles website.)

By TRUMAN STACEY

The first Catholic settlers arrived in what is now Cameron Parish early in the 19th Century. After the Adams-Onis Treaty of 1819 fixed the Louisiana border at the Sabine River, rather than the Calcasieu, law and order was gradually established in Southwest Louisiana, and settlers began to move in.

Cameron Parish, in the early years, was romantically called "The Hermit Kingdom," but it was not entirely isolated. In fact, it was more accessible (by water transport) than the prairies of the north.

The Calcasieu, the Sabine and the Mermentau offered navigable waters, as did Johnson Bayou, LaBauve Bayou and Freshwater Bayou for smaller craft.

Pierre Vincent, a native of St. Martinville, was one of the earlier settlers, arriving at what is now Vincent Settlement in 1817. Milledge McCall settled on what is now Grand Chenier in the 1830s. The McCalls were followed by John William Sweeney in 1840.

By that time other families were putting down roots along the rivers and the bayous. The Theriot family settled Chenier Perdue in 1847, and in 1849 was homesteaded by the Primeaux family. Sosthene Richard is believed to have been the first person to settle in what is now Creole in 1855.

GALVESTON PRIESTS

During the 1850s Imperial Calcasieu was visited by a pair of priests from Galveston: The Rev. Pierre F. Parisot, OMI, and the Rev. Andre Borias They made a number of trips across the Sabine, and the records of St. Mary Cathedral show many baptisms in what is now Cameron Parish.

In 1856 the first Provincial Council of the Church was held in New Orleans. One of the decrees of the council called for setting up strict parish boundaries in every diocese. As a result the Rev. Gilbert Raymond, Pastor of St. Landry Parish in Opelousas, was made a Vicar Forane, with responsibility of "all the West Country" of St. Landry and Calcasieu Civil Parishes.

During the Civil War most religious activities were put on hold, but with the return of peace changes were made. The Abbeville Parish of St. Mary Magdalene was extended westward to the Sabine River. This lasted until 1869 when St. Francis de Sales Parish, which would become Immaculate Conception Parish, was established in Lake Charles.

Lake Charles priests visited Cameron regularly until the Rev. E. J. Fallon in Lake Charles persuaded Archbishop Francis Janssens to establish a church parish for Cameron Civil parish, and Creole was selected as the seat.

FOUNDING PASTOR

The Rev. John Engberink was chosen as the founding pastor. The date was May 20, 1890.

Father Engberink, a native of the Netherlands, was ordained to the priesthood in 1881. He was described as a large man, of great strength and endurance. He was to need both.

His flock, scattered through the civil parish, numbered 2,387 Caucasians with 441 Blacks. His parish was 80 miles long and 30 miles wide, with 8,000 acres in cultivation and 125,000 acres in pasturage.

Throughout this vast territory, almost as large as the State of Delaware, there was not a single church, chapel or rectory.

Property was donated for a church building and a rectory, and building began. The rectory was not finished until 1891 because of floodwaters. By June the church building was completed, but already Father Engberink said, it was too small for all the people, both Catholic and Protestant, who attended Mass.

Other towns also needed attention. A chapel in Grand Chenier was completed in 1893. A chapel in Leesburg (now Cameron) was dedicated in 1894. Later the same year a chapel was built in Grand Lake.

Father Engberink said Mass for the first time in a chapel for Black Catholics in Leesburg. In 1895, however, Father Engberink had ended his stay in Cameron Parish, and was transferred to Opelousas as pastor.

FATHER TEURLINGS

Another Hollander replaced Father Engberink. He was the Rev. William J. Teurlings, a 23-year-old who had been ordained a little more than a year.

He was assigned to Abbeville for six months before being sent to Creole. In Cameron Parish he followed Father Engberink's active schedule, making many journeys under difficult conditions, and suffering from malaria and bad water.

In 1898 Father Teurlings was transferred to Washington, La. The new pastor, the Rev. Theophile Stenmans, had hardly set up his parish schedule before he was plucked from the marshes and sent to New Orleans to be the archbishop's secretary.

The next pastor also lasted a short time before he was replaced by another Hollander, the Rev. Hubert Cramers, who came to Creole on July 18, 1899. He was 24 at the time.

Father Cramers plunged into his work. He raised funds for a chapel at Choupique, organized a first communion class at Hackberry, and in 1900 a chapel at Cow Island was added.

He also began visiting Big Pecan and Chenier aux Tegres in Vermilion Civil Parish.

(To be continued)

February is "Go Red for Women" month

February is American Heart Month. Women will again "Go Red for Women" by wearing something red or special pin to raise awareness of heart disease, women's no. 1 killer.

The American Heart Association's campaign is a call to action for women to take charge of their heart health.

"The campaign's aim is to empower women to take charge of their heart health, make it a top priority and live a stronger, longer life," says LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames.

Cardiovascular diseases claim more women's lives than the next seven causes of death combined. "That's about 500,000 lives a year," Reames says.

A special red dress pin available from the association can be worn to show support for women affected by heart disease and stroke.

American Heart Association data reveal that:

– Heart disease and stroke are the no. 1 and no. 3 killers of American women over age 25.

– Heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases kill more than 500,000 women each year – about one death a minute.

– 1 in 29 women dies of breast cancer. About 1 in 2.4 women dies of heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.

– 1 in 5 women has some form of cardiovascular disease.

– 63 percent of women who die suddenly of heart disease have no previous symptoms.

– Black and Hispanic women have higher risk factors than white women of comparable socioeconomic status.

The campaign has three basic health messages:

1. Know your risk factors for heart disease and stroke, which include obesity, high cholesterol, diabetes, physical inactivity, smoking and high blood pressure.

2. Reduce your risk.

– Maintain a desirable weight. Keep body mass index (BMI) below 25 and waistline less than 35 inches.

– Exercise for 30 minutes on most days of the week.

– Don't smoke; if you do, stop.

– Eat a balanced diet (fruits, vegetables, cereal and grain products, fat-free and low-fat dairy products, legumes, nuts, fish, poultry and lean meat).

– Maintain a total cholesterol level under 200 and an HDL level of 50 or higher.

– Control your blood pressure. Try to keep it below 120/80.

– Schedule regular visits with your doctor.

3. Know the warning signs of heart attack. Call 911 immediately if any occur. Warnings include:

– Discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

– Pain or discomfort in other areas of the upper body: one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

– Shortness of breath: often comes along with chest discomfort, but it can occur before the discomfort.

– Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Ancient Valentine's Day traditions and superstitions

Ancient Romans honoured the goddess Juno on Feb. 14. Juno was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, Feb. 15, began the Feast of Lupercalia. In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

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Some people used to believe that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

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Some people said if you found a glove on the road on Valentine's Day, your future beloved will have the other missing glove.

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Some believed the first man's name you read in the paper or hear will be the name of the man you will marry.

Pick a dandelion that has gone to seed. Take a deep breath and blow the seeds into the wind. Count the seed that remain on the stem, and that is the number of children you will have.

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Or, cut an apple in half and count how many seeds are inside, you can also tell how many children you will have.

I Wish You Were My Valentine

I wish you were my Valentine
Though I may not be yours,
And I may, in my ignorance,
Be speaking to closed doors.
I have no inkling of your heart,
No hint what you might say;
But when I think of you the sun
Will just not go away.
There is in you a loveliness
That makes my darkness shine,
And so I'll wait, if wait I must,
To be your Valentine.

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Saving is the key to financial security

One of the most powerful ways to increase your financial security and grow wealth over time is to develop a savings habit. Form that habit by "paying yourself first" and saving regularly.

"In other words, treat savings like an important 'bill' that has to be paid," says LSU AgCenter family economist Dr. Jeanette Tucker.

The week of Feb. 24 to March 2 has been designated as America Saves Week and will be marked with events promoting savings for both children and adults.

"It is more important today than ever that Americans adopt this simple idea," Tucker says, pointing out that the U.S. savings rate is the lowest since the Great Depression. In addition, household debt levels and foreclosure and bankruptcy filing rates are high while housing values have declined in many areas of the country.

All of these factors signal the need for saving. But what are some specific reasons why someone should put money away? The family economist recommends saving to purchase "big ticket" items, to pay for high-cost goals (a home, a college education, a car), to retire comfortably, to accumulate money to invest, to have security and peace of mind and to build an emergency fund.

"Let's talk some more about the emergency fund," Tucker says. "You may think you can't afford to have one, but you really can't afford to be without one. Why? Stuff happens! And most of the time, it costs money!"

By setting up an emergency fund, you protect yourself from the unknowns. Think of this fund as your "safety net" just in case something happens (you lose your job, your car breaks down, you break your arm, etc.). Without this reserve, you may be tempted, or forced, to go into debt – debt that may take you years to pay off and cost you much more in the long run. Having an emergency fund gives you more options to handle life's unexpected events.

How much savings is enough for an emergency fund? Most financial experts recommend having three to six months' living expenses set aside. The amount will depend on your personal situation (job security, income level, needs). Some of this money should be kept in liquid accounts, such as a money market fund, while other funds could be tapped from a low-interest source such as a home equity loan.

Your emergency account should be easily accessible, but not too accessible. Financial institutions offer a variety of savings accounts, such as passbook savings, money market funds and short-term CDs, which work well for emergency savings.

How do you get started? One of the easiest ways is to make your savings automatic. Check with your employer and bank or credit union about direct deposits or transfers from checking into savings. You could also try saving a small amount each week and making deposits into your savings account.

"The most important move is to start now," Tucker emphasizes. "If you are saving already, try increasing the amount you save. The results, over time, will be amazing."

To learn more about the benefits of saving, the family economist recommends visiting the America Saves Web site at www.AmericaSaves.org. There, you can enroll as an American Saver at no cost and receive periodic motivational newsletters. For more information about America Saves Week, visit www.americasaves.org/national/saves_week.asp.

For related family economics and consumer topics, click on the Family and Home link on the LSU AgCenter homepage at www.lsuagcenter.com. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

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The Cameron Parish Library will accept job applications until 4:00 p.m., February 28, 2008 for part-time clerk's position at the Lowry Library.

Applications may be obtained at Myers' Landing between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at any library location. For further information call the Grand Lake Library at 337-598-5950.

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Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

For the Sale of **Feb. 9, 2008**, Trading was active with a turnout of **546** Head. Compared to last week, All classes of calves 3.00 - 5.00 per c.w.t. Higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls 2.00 - 4.00 Higher

DeQuincy (Saturday) Feb. 9: Livestock Receipts: Cattle 406, Horses 16 Hogs 19, Sheep 37, and Goats 68. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy None per HD, Beef 150.00-200.00 per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.60-2.00 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.30-1.80 per lb., Heifers: 1.10-1.50 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.20-1.40 per lb., Heifers: 1.10-1.20 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.05-1.15 per lb., Heifers: 1.00-1.15 per lb.; 500-600 Lb. Steers: 1.00-1.10 per lb., Heifers: .90-1.00 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .85 -1.00 per lb., Heifer: .80-.90 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: .48-.53 per lb.; Canners: .44-.46 per lb.; Fat Cows: .46-.48 per lb.; Thin Cows: .30-.38 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .55-.62 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .48-.55 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 850.00-1050.00 per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 700.00-850.00 per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: .42-.50; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .35-.40; Butcher Pigs: .65-.80; Feeder Pigs: .75-.85; Sows 300-500 lbs. .23-.28 per lb.; Boars: .05-.10 per lb. **HORSES:** .25-.35 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 32.00-175.00 per HD.

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Karen Theriot of Grand Lake is shown guiding 4-H rabbit exhibitors on how to properly care for their animals. (Photo by Ruby Miller.)

"Rabbit Lady" helps 4-H members

In Cameron Parish, there are many 4-H adult volunteers making a difference in the lives of hundreds of youth in the 4-H youth development program. Being a 4-H volunteer is a rewarding and meaningful experience for adults as they instill values in youth, become part of a larger family, create better opportunities for their children and other youth, and have fun too.

It only takes a smile on a young person's face to remind you of the good volunteers are doing when they help to provide Cameron 4-Hers with growing opportunities. Mrs. Karen Theriot, also known as the "Rabbit Lady", from Grand Lake knows very well the joys of being a 4-H volunteer. She has helped 4-H rabbit exhibitors with their project work for many years.

PART OF THE Cameron fishing fleet is shown here docked along the Cameron Loop of the Calcasieu River. Cameron is a major shrimping port as well as a menhaden port. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Mosquitoes expected to become active as days begin to warm

By JOSH HIGHTOWER
Biologist
Cameron Parish
Mosquito Control

This winter has had many mild days, and in may areas of Cameron Parish the mosquitoes get very active on these days. This time of year is hard to spray all the areas that need attention due to weather conditions. By federal law we can not spray in winds over 10 miles an hour.

The chemicals also lose nearly all effectiveness when temperatures drop below 55 degrees or if it is raining. For the safety of our employees and the citizens of the parish we do not spray when there is a thick fog. We have had many scheduled nights of spraying that have not been completed due to the weather.

This time of year is also when another flying insect begins to appear in great numbers. They are called midges. Their appearance is almost identical to a mosquito except they do not have a proboscis, which is the tube on a mosquito's mouth that is used for sucking. They will typically cover the walls of light colored houses and buildings and are quite a nuisance.

Very few species of midges bite and all species pose no health threats. The use of flying insect sprays or permethrin, which can be found at most feed stores and hardware stores, can be used to reduce numbers of midges around the house.

This time of year is also when people will be doing more outdoors around the time of day when mosquitoes or most active so it is important to take precautions against West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne disease. One of the best things you can do is go around your property and remove standing water in buckets, old tires, bird baths, flower pots, pet water bowls, or any thing else that can hold water.

One water holding container can hatch off hundreds and even thousands of mosquitoes every day until the water is eliminated. If you have a container such as bird baths or pet water bowls that have to have water in them, they need to be emptied and refilled every three days to eliminate mosquitoes hatching from them.

Other precautions to protect yourself include avoid being outdoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, or limit the amount of exposed skin by using repellents or by wearing long light colored clothing.

Only a small percentage of mosquitoes are carriers of West Nile and other mosquito-borne diseases, but it only takes the bite of one infected mosquito to transmit the disease into the human population.

If you need more information concerning mosquitoes or if you need to report high mosquito populations call the Mosquito Control office at 905-5941.

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For more information, visit Chevron Exploration and Production at **www.chevron.com.**

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Free ACT classes to be held in G. L.

The Cameron Community Action Agency will be holding free ACT classes for anyone needing help preparing for the ACT Assessment.

Classes are open only to those who have already completed high school. Classes will be held every Friday beginning at 10:30 a.m. starting on March 7.

Classes are taught by a certified teacher. You can register by coming by the CCAA office located between the U. S. Post Office and the ambulance station in Grand Lake on Hwy. 384.

The last day to register for the next session is Friday, Feb. 29. For more information call Lana Miller at 598-5158.

PELICANS, the Louisiana State bird, are a familiar sight throughout Cameron Parish. This photo was taken at the jetties south of Cameron some years ago by the late Bill Turnbull. A collection of his Cameron wildlife photos was recently published by his wife, Janie Turnbull.

LACK OF repaired dock space in Cameron forces shrimp boats to tie up at pilings in the ship channel. Hurricane Rita destroyed much of the docking facilities in Cameron in 2005. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

INSULATED PIPE is shown being loaded onto a barge to lay gas pipeline in Calcasieu Lake. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

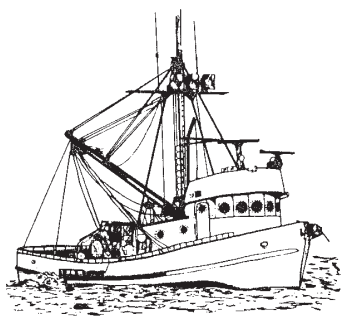
Senators to be at L.C. meeting

On Feb. 20, United States Senators Mary Landrieu, D-La., and David Vitter, R-La., members of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, will hold a field hearing entitled, "Rebuilding the Gulf Coast: Small Business Recovery in South Louisiana." The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Lake Charles Civic Center, Buccaneer Room.

Landrieu and Vitter will examine the challenges still facing businesses affected by the 2005 storms. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita economically impacted more that 81,000 Louisiana businesses of which more than 18,000 were totally destroyed.

The hearing will measure the success of small business recovery programs at the federal, state and local levels as well as ongoing challenges that Southwest Louisiana business owners face.

The hearing also comes on the heels of the Senate's passage of critical disaster loan improvements championed by Senators Landrieu and Vitter, as well as the Committee's Chairman and Ranking Member, John Kerry, D-Mass., and Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine. The legislation will improve assistance to businesses and homeowners after a disaster by increasing the maximum disaster loan amount, establishing a private loan program, creating expedited disaster assistance business loans, and providing key tools for the federal government to process disaster loans more quickly.



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• WORSHIP SERVICES •

The Grand Lake Community Church will begin worship services on February 17, 2008 at 10 a.m, in the Fireman's Center, Grand Lake, LA.

THESE SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

The Bible Study will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Center. This is a Southern Baptist Fellowship. Our Worship Leaders will be Mark Dixon and Pastor/Teacher Mike Paris. Please come join us as we begin this new work for the Kingdom in this Community.

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Cameron LNG, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, is currently staffing for several **Environmental/Training Coordinator**. This liquefied natural gas (LNG) receipt terminal is located just north of the community of Hackberry in Cameron Parish. Cameron LNG is under construction and will begin commercial operations in late 2008.

The **Environmental/Training Coordinator** will be responsible for developing training materials for departmental training programs, as well as maintaining and tracking training records. This position will also be responsible for implementing and managing the compliance guidelines and requirements of all environmental permits.

Ideal candidate should have solid experience developing and delivering training programs and at least 3 to 5 years working knowledge of environmental permits and monitoring requirements.

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CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS Public Relations Coordinator Trina Johnson is shown presenting a check for $300 to Grand Lake Lady Hornets track team Coach Ancil Delaney and student athletes Amber Taylor and Kayla Savoie. The donation will go towards a track meet in Orlando, Fla., on Mar. 25 - 30.

SHOWN ABOVE with the gifts donated by Spectra Energy for the Shandy Conner Giving Tree were his mother, Tammy Conner, left, and Telisha Bertrand, representing Spectra Energy. The gifts were given to children in the area at Christmas.

SUNKEN BOATS at the former Seafood 2000 dock obstruct rebuilding efforts. Police Juror Kirk Burleigh has asked for federal help in removing the vessels. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Spectra Energy provides gifts

Dear Editor:

A special thank you to Spectra Energy from the Shandy Conner Giving Tree.

During the recent holiday season, many children were given gifts through the generosity of Spectra Energy and the following divisions, Grand Chenier, Lake Charles, Offshore, Gillis, Iowa Gas Plant, Vidor Tex., and others.

The Shandy Conner Giving Tree was started in 1990 in memory of Shandy, son of Shane and Tammie Conner and brother of Lex of the Grand Lake area.

Thank you for thinking of others.

/s/ The family of
Shandy Conner

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School lunch menus told here

Cameron Parish School lunch menus are as follows:

Friday, Feb. 15 - Pizza (cheese) on tossed salad, whole kernal corn, chocolate pudding, salad dressing, hamburger bun, milk

Monday, Feb. 18 - Chicken alfredo, tossed salad, orange wedges, salad dressing wheat biscuits, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 19 - Meatballs, brown gravy, rice, carrots, fruit salad, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake chocolate glaze, sliced bread, brown gravy, milk

Thursday, Feb. 21 - Oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, blackeyed peas, fruit cocktail, wheat biscuits, milk

Sheriff's Report

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. Feb. 5-12.

Julie Ellis DeBarge, 42, 120 Louise St., Cameron, Fail to Maintain Records, Injuring Public Records (3 Counts).

Brian Keith DeBarge, 44, 120 Louise St., Cameron, Fail to Maintain Records, Injuring Public Records (3 Counts).

Malori Ruth Hickey, 21, 152 Kay Lane, Hackberry, Probation Violation.

Angela Rachel Landry, 38, Crying Eagle T/P, Lake Charles, Simple battery, Dist. the Peace/ Fighting.

Arettann Emma Lizaree Ashworth, 19, 144 East Lane, Hackberry, Simple Battery (2 counts), Dist the Peace/Fighting.

Gary Blaine Badon, 33, 6742 Gulf Hwy., Cameron, Dist the Peace/Fighting, Simple Battery (2 Counts), Aggravated Battery.

Timothy Adam Trahan, 21, 344 Smith Ridge, Cameron, Dist. the Peace/Fighting.

Ellis R. Slocum, 29, 1301 Rose St. Eunice, Poss. of CDS III, D.W.I.

Clarence Dyson III, 34, 137 John St., Cameron, Simple Battery.

Kristan Kay Conner, 18, 150 Willow Lane, Cameron, Dist. the Peace/Fighting.

James Raymond Thompson, 24, 125 Adam Roux, Cameron, Simple Criminal Damage to Property.

Kenneth Levi Thomas, 44, 115 Holly, Hackberry, Reckless Operation, D.W.I.

Benjamin Adam Lambert, 22, 1370 Holly Vale Rd. Moss Bluff, Public Intoxication.

Dog ordinance

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is considering amending its animal ordinance to prohibit dogs and exotic animals on public places during a fair, festival or parade.

The prohibition would not apply to guide dogs.

The proposed ordinance can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot. Comments on the ordinance are welcome from the public.