

George and Barbara Bush



Sammy Kershaw

## George, Barbara and Sammy to be here!

Cameron Parish will have some very distinguished visitors when the grand reopening of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital is held on Tuesday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

Former President George H. Bush and his wife, Barbara, and country music star Sammy Kershaw will be on hand for the occasion. President Bush took part in the ground breaking for the hospital in December, 2006. However, the other big celebrity present at the time, movie star George Clooney, is unable to return.

Local attorney Jennifer Jones, who is coordinating the reopening celebration and the visit of the President and Mrs. Bush, said the public is invited to the event to be held at hospital site midway between Cameron and Creole.

The newly reconstructed, 26 bed facility features an emergency room and diagnostic center, including x-ray, CT scan and MRI, plus a fully-equipped, state of the art laboratory.

The emergency room has been operational since December 7 and is currently providing services to an average of five patients per day. Since January, the hospital has been providing inpatient services and hopes to

soon begin receiving swing-bed patients.

On March 3, the hospital opened its out-patient clinic, located on the east wing.

A public ceremony will be held outdoors at the front entrance of the hospital. All guests should be seated by 1:45 p.m. Valet parking will be provided and gourmet Cajun food, prepared by Chef Roy Lyons, will be served following the ceremony. Former President Bush, will be recognized for securing a \$2 million grant for the hospital from the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund, and Mrs. Barbara Bush.

There will also be a special musical presentation by award-winning country

singer Sammy Kershaw, a native of Vermilion Parish. Local bands will provide music through the afternoon.

The staff of South Cameron Memorial Hospital will provide tours of the new facility, and a health fair with free medical screenings will be held in the new clinic.

Several corporate donors have provided flat screen televisions and other prizes to be given away throughout the afternoon to voters of the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District Number 1.

The Board of the Lower Cameron Hospital District welcomes all Cameron Parish citizens to the event, Ms. Jones said.



SHANE AND TAMMY Conner, owners of the Shandy Acres FEMA Trailer Park in Grand Lake, were presented with a flag which has flown over the US Capital and two commemorative FEMA coins last Thursday. Shown above, from left, are Carol Clement, Louisiana Spirit; Bob Dewey, representing Congressman Charles Boustany, the Connors, and Dave Phillips, Director of FEMA's Lake Charles Field Office. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## FEMA move out dates are not set in stone here

By CYNDI SELLERS

Cameron Parish residents who have received letters from FEMA stating that they need to move out of their trailers before a certain date do have recourse, according to FEMA representatives at the Cameron Parish Unmet Needs Committee meeting last Thursday, Feb. 27, in Grand Lake.

David Conner said the Center for Disease Control testing numbers had prompted the agency to send letters to the 288 trailer lessees urging them to seek other housing. These letters may contain move-out dates.

However, recognizing that there are not enough rental units in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes to hold all the FEMA trailer occupants, it was suggested that residents contact their caseworker if they have not been able to secure other living arrangements. The caseworkers will work with each

family to help them find a place to live.

It was hoped that more rental units will be built in Cameron Parish in the coming year, although insurance is still a problem.

The Committee took time out to recognize the contribution of a Grand Lake couple who helped provide housing for many families after the storm. Shane and Tammy Conner donated the land for the Shandy Acres Trailer Park, named in memory of their late son, to help Cameron Parish families return home.

Dave Phillips, director of the Lake Charles FEMA Field Office, said the land would have cost the government, and that means the

taxpayers, over \$1,044,000 to date, and still counting. "This is unheard of," he said, "Shane even cuts the grass."

The couple have continued to give, allowing Louisiana Spirit to use their front yard for children's activities, helping overcome the emotional effects of the storm.

Bob Dewey, representing Congressman Charles Boustany, presented the couple with a flag which has flown over the US Capital Building, in thanks for their generosity. Phillips presented each of them with a commemorative coin with the Department of Homeland Security emblem on one side and the FEMA emblem on the other.

## Tax votes are Saturday

Residents of four special districts in Cameron Parish will vote on four separate tax millages in an election on Saturday, March 8. Only voters in those district will be voting.

The four tax propositions are as follows:

\*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?

\*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?

\*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

## Power to be off at Johnson Bayou

Jeff Davis Electric Coop has announced that the electric power will be off in Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach area from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, March 14 to make repairs and upgrades to the Johnson Bayou substation.

"We regret any inconvenience this may cause," Michael Heinen, general manager, stated.



MYRNA CONNER, Cameron Parish AFLAC Insurance representative for the past seven years, was named Mrs. Louisiana West AFLAC at the annual awards banquet held in January in Lafayette. Mrs. Conner has over 25 years experience in the insurance business. She is married to Harry "Geno" Conner and they have two daughters, DeLisa LaLande and Terrell Guilbeau, and five grandchildren.



Raphael Heard

## Heard named to McNeese spring court

McNeese State University students Sabrina Seamon of Collierville, Tenn., and Justin Daigle of Jennings, have been selected Miss McNeese and Mr. McNeese of the 2008 Spring Court.

Spring court members will be presented during half-time ceremonies of the McNeese vs. Lamar University men's basketball game Saturday, March 1.

Other court members include: Raphael Heard, Grand Chenier, a senior. Heard, son of George and Debra Heard, is a biological science major. He is president of the Rotaract Club, the Pre-Med/Pre-Dent Society and the American Chemical Society.

## Moratorium set on mobile home parks

By CYNDI SELLERS

Moving a mobile home into lower Cameron Parish will be more difficult as a result of the adoption Monday night by the Cameron Parish Police Jury of a moratorium on new non-code-compliant parks and permits for mobile homes destined for some already certified non-compliant parks.

Assistant District Attorney Ton Barrett presented the final draft of the moratorium letter, explaining that before the storm there were 329 certified mobile home parks in the parish. Since the storm another 211 parks have been added. The National Flood

Insurance Program, a division of FEMA, has a problem with the 211 new parks which do not meet current elevation requirements.

The NFIP also has a problem with some of the 329 pre-existing parks, based on percent of damage, but that issue is still under consideration. NFIP wants to consider the value of the privately owned mobile homes that were lost as part of the value of the park. The parish is asserting that the park consists of the land and improvements such as sewer connections only.

There are 137 mobile homes now permitted for the 211 new parks. The moratorium will prevent any more

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MENNONITE DISASTER Services' Cameron Parish Director Carl Duby presented Darlene Crosby and her son Paul with gifts at the dedication of their new home in Cameron on Feb. 27. MDS is building four new homes in Cameron Parish this year, adding to the six homes the organization built here last year. Also shown is Judy Willis of Faith Share. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Mennonites complete home for local Rita victims

BY CYNDI SELLERS

The bright yellow house on School Street in Cameron has given Darlene Crosby closure, two and a half years after Hurricane Rita destroyed nearly everything she and her son Paul owned. Thanks to the caring spirit of Mennonites from around the United States and Canada, along with many local organizations, her new home was dedicated last Thursday, allowing the family to move out of their FEMA park trailer.

Carl Duby, director of Cameron Parish MDS, handed over the keys after reading a Bible verse that said "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." MDS volunteers -

men, women and children ranging in age from 8 to 80 - completed the house in "one month, three weeks and two days," said Crosby, "beginning January 8."

Americorps volunteers helped raise the cinderblock foundation in December, and assisted with the house building as well. Other agencies taking part were the United Methodist Committee on Relief, Faith Share, Cameron Community Action Agency, the Autism Society, the Diocese of Lake Charles, and Southern Mutual of Lafayette and New Iberia. Engineer Lonnie Harper surveyed the plans to make sure they met all the new codes.

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ON FEB. 26, a special 60 year membership award was presented to Joseph B. "Berton" Daigle, left picture without cap, and Joseph E. "Sip" Duhon, right picture, at the monthly meeting of Richard Brothers American Legion Post 176 of Cameron. Post Commander Vernon Primeaux, at left in both photos, made the presentations. All 60 years of their service were earned with Post 176. The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veteran's organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. (Courtesy of Vernon Primeaux, Cmdr. Post 176)



# Funeral

**LENARD LITTLE JR.**

Lenard Little Jr., 88, died Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at a local hospital.

Born in Hackberry, he was a resident of Grand Chenier. He was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church and Farm Bureau. He retired as a bridge operator with DOTD, worked as a roughneck in the oilfield, and was a cattleman and rancher as well. Preceding him in death were his parents, Lenard and Alzina Little, and sisters and brothers Albert, Inez, Susie, Sadie, Zadie, Madie, Zephryne, Sam and Lenny.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Theriot Little of Grand Chenier; three sons, Willard Little and wife Margaret and Kent Little and wife Ella Mae, all of Grand Chenier, and Brent Little and wife Vicki of Grand Lake; a sister, Alice Reeves of Hackberry; 10 grandchildren. His funeral was held Feb. 28, at St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier. Burial was in Chenier Perdue Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. The Rev. Vincent Vadakkedath officiated the service.



## Boudreaux benefit to be on April 12

A fun day fundraiser for Bethany Boudreaux will be held Saturday, April 12 at the Grand Chenier Park.

Bethany was the victim in an automobile accident in Oct. 2007 when she was hit from behind while sitting at a red light. She suffered massive brain trauma and was in Lake Charles Memorial ICU for 32 days. Bethany has been undergoing extensive rehabilitation in Houston, however her injuries have hindered her progress and an infection has caused her numerous setbacks.

Bethany is the daughter of Tommy and Nancy Nunez Boudreaux, formerly of Creole. Due to Hurricane Rita, they now reside in South Lake Charles. Bethany graduated from St. Louis High School in 2002 and McNeese State University in 2007 just prior to her accident.

Plans for the Fun Day include a crawfish boil, live and silent auctions, bake sale, fun jumps for the kids. Bands will play throughout the day.

A raffle is being held for two tickets to the Houston Rodeo. The drawing will be held March 10. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets or would like to hold sell them, contact Mary Richard at 480-3798.

If anyone would like to donate bake sale items, auction items, food, etc. please contact Lori LeBlanc at 477-3146 or Stephanie Richard at 480-4104.



GRAND LAKE High School students are shown working on a stained glass mural to be placed at the entrance of the school. The mural will be a collage of images from all the regions of Louisiana. Funds for the project were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Howerton, Cheniere Industries and community members.



AS 4-H IN LOUISIANA celebrates its 100th year, we look back to see the impact of this youth development organization on Cameron Parish residents. Pictured above is the Cameron Elementary 4-H Club float presented in the 1969 Fur Festival parade. The message displayed is still important today: "The Future Belongs to the Educated." Riding the float were Darilyn Doxey Canik, Toni Beth Cheramie Boudreaux, and Theresa Cheramie Miller.

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period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's recreation/multi-purpose facilities within and for said District?

\*Shall the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District of Cameron Parish, 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?

Waterworks District 10 includes the Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach areas.

Fire Protection District 7 includes all of the Creole area and part of the Little Chenier and Grand Lake area.

Hackberry Recreation District includes all of the Hackberry area.

Lower Cameron Ambulance District includes the area south of Gibbstown and east of the Calcasieu River, including Cameron, Creole and Grand Chenier. (Johnson Bayou, Holly

### Easter party told by Council

The Cameron Council on Aging will hold an Easter Egg Hunt and party Tuesday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Grand Lake Community Center. All Cameron Parish residents 60 years of age and older are invited.

There will be an egg hunt, cake, bonnet and basket decorating contests, and lunch will be served.

If transportation is needed, call Tutt or Tina at the Cameron COA office 905-6000.

### Registrar's office to be closed

The Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters office will close at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 17 and will be closed for the rest of the week so the office staff can attend the annual school for Registrars and staff.

Suzanne Sturlese, registrar, said her office will reopen on March 24.

Beach, Hackberry and Grand Lake are not included.

## Youth Journalism contest open until April 25

The Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association (LOWA) is ready to accept participants for this year's Youth Outdoor Journalism Contest

sponsored by LOWA and Safari Club International (SCI) with support from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

The contest will include both essay and photography categories that are designed to spur interest in outdoor journalism in the youth of Louisiana. Professional educators and outdoor communicators judge all entries, and winners will be notified 45 days after April 25.

The essay contest is broken into two age classes, senior (ages 14-18) and junior (13 years of age and younger). The essays should be about personal experiences related to the outdoors and between 300 and 1,000 words in length. Submitted essays must be typed, double-spaced and only on one side of each piece of paper.

The photography category is open to all students 18 years of age and younger with no specific age categories. An original, unpublished photo in color or black and white in a 4-by-6-inch, 5-by-7-inch or 8-by-10-inch print that is center mounted on 8-by-10-inch poster or mounting board will be accepted.

First place prizewinners will take home \$200 in cash. Second place will receive \$150, third place will get \$100 and for the first time honorable mention will take home \$50. The cash prizes are donated to the competition by the Louisiana Chapter of SCI and will be presented at the annual LOWA Fall Conference in Morgan City in October.

LDWF will publish the first-place essay and photography winners in upcoming issues of their magazine, Louisiana Conservationist. Winning entries will also have their work published in other various media outlets and Web sites across the state.

All entries must be post-marked no later than April 25, 2008 and sent to LOWA, Advocate Educational Services, P.O. Box 588, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. The entries must also include the contestant's name, age, school, home address and telephone number at the top of the first page of the essay or attached to the back of the mounting board of the photos. Participants who want to have their entries returned, please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

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Crosby said she didn't know what she was going to do when FEMA took back her park trailer. She could just barely afford a mobile home, but didn't have the money to elevate it.

"It was an answer to prayer when they offered to build a house for me and my son," she said. She thanks all of her friends and relatives who were so supportive, even though some of them do not have homes yet. "Sometimes I feel selfish because there is no closure yet for some of my neighbors, but this is a new start for us, a place to begin to make new memories."

The Mennonites will dedicate another house in Hackberry this Thursday, and two in Johnson Bayou later this month. In addition, volunteers are busy building porches, putting on roofs, and repairing existing homes around the parish to help residents recover from the hurricane.



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# Dazzling Diamond

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THESE CAMERON Parish 4-H members participated in a science-based workshop held recently at South Cameron High School.

## Science based 4-H workshop held at South Cameron High

4-H members from Cameron Parish participated in a hands-on science-based 4-H Workshop in December at South Cameron High School. The Junior Leader Teens presented topics on Pets, Gardening, Foods & Nutrition, and Environment. 4-Hers made a bird feeder, planted seeds in a pot and made a delicious snack called Peanut Butter Balls. Members who participated were Darien Boudreaux, Haylee Savoie, Lacey Boudreaux, Luke Miller, Keylee Young, Noah Trahan, Daria Jinks, Jasmine Cox, Blair Derouen, Jakin Morales, Madison Bonsall,

and Jarrett Thibodeaux. Junior Leaders who presented were Sabrina Peshoff, Brett Richard, Cody Jouett, Abby Miller, Bailey E. Richard, Mikalee Mooney, James Duhon, Molly Alexander, Devon Richard, Katelyn Horn, and Becca Richard.

The 4-Hers were treated to hotdogs and soft drinks after a successful workshop. Interested in more 4-H Workshop fun, call the LSU AgCenter, Cameron 4-H Office at 905-1318.

## 1st. Communion to be held here

First Communion ceremonies for 3rd - 11th grade students from Creole, Grand Chenier will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 20 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron, according to Father Joseph McGrath.

Confirmation will be held at the church at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 1. For more information call the church at 542-4795.



## 4-H camp slots left to fill for summer

By PENNY THIBODEAUX

There are still a few spots left for your child to attend 4-H Camp this summer. The dates are June 30 - July 4. Applications were due March 3, but we still have a place for your child to gain wonderful camp experience.

We have air-conditioned cabins, full meals, a registered nurse on staff, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, canoeing class, food and nutrition class, arts & crafts, mail call, and dances each night.

Hunter safety course is available at camp. Cost of camp is \$110. Find out how to cut the cost of camp in half. Contact the Cameron LSU AgCenter right away at 905-1318 for an application.

## Louisiana 4-H club subject documentary on LPB

A half-hour TV documentary, "Louisiana's Lucky Clover: A Century of 4-H" will be broadcast for the first time on Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) and its affiliate stations on March 12 at 7:40 p.m. The documentary will re-air on LPB and all its' affiliate stations Sunday, March 16 at 12:40 pm.

Produced by the LSU AgCenter, the documentary tracks the formation and development of this youth organization from the first "corn club" in Avoyelles Parish in 1908 to today's vast network of clubs and projects across that state that involved about 225,000 young people in 2007, according to Paul Coreil, vice chancellor and director of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.

"4-H is the largest youth organization in the country," Coreil said. "And Louisiana was one of the first states to recognize the potential."

The documentary uses rare photographs and film footage to guide viewers through the history, which includes many stories people today may not realize, said Mark Tassin, director of the LSU AgCenter 4-H and Youth Development program.

For example, during World War II young club members raised \$3.5 million in war bonds, enough for the military to build a cargo ship, or liberty ship as they were called. The ship was named the "Floyd W. Spencer" in memory of a popular Louisiana 4-H agent and former LSU football player, Tassin said.

The documentary includes clips from interviews with more than 30 people, said Randy LaBauve,

LSU AgCenter communications specialist and the documentary's producer. Among those featured are Lt. General Russel Honoré, East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Kip Holden and Leonard Knapp Jr., grandson of Seaman Knapp, one of the founders of the nationwide Cooperative Extension Service.

"The club's symbol, the four-leaf clover, has proven to be the perfect representation of the young people, leaders, volunteers and agents who have, indeed, brought good luck and good fortune to Louisiana," Coreil said.

LaBauve will also be making arrangements for the documentary to air on other Louisiana stations during the course of the year. DVD copies of the documentary will be made available for sale later this year with the opening of the 4-H Museum in Mansura, which is in Avoyelles Parish. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Louisiana 4-H Foundation, Coreil said.

## Sheriff's Report

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. Feb. 26 - March 4:

James Hemmingway, 27, Beaumont, Tex., Pulled bond, Bench warrant.

Martin Dale Dogay, 37, Rayne, Simple Criminal Damage to Property, Theft of Oil and Gas Equipment, Simple Burglary, Theft.

Lester Joseph Fontenot, Jr., 28, 318 McLure St., Grand Chenier, Driving left of center.

Brandon Arthur Watts, 24, 185 Ellender Lane, Hackberry, Flight from Officer.

Gilbert A. Chaison, 37, 116 Broussard Black Rd, Cameron, Bench Warrant, Driving under Suspension.

David A. Breaux, 43, 401 Pine St. Lake Charles, Bench Warrant.

Travis Terrell Pete, 30, Crowley, Possession of Marijuana.

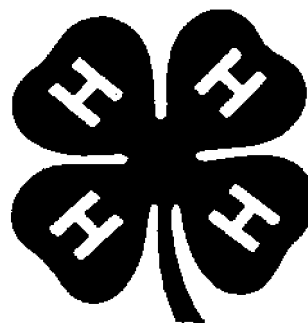
Shannon W. Polansky, 29, Pascagoula, Miss., Unauthorized use of a Moveable.

William Earl Ezell, 45, Maridian, Miss., Suspension, Theft, Simple Criminal Damage to Property.

Jamie Paul Danos, 24, Thibodeaux, Theft, Simple Criminal Damage to Property.

Ty William Shannon, 44, 229 Gulfway Dr. Hackberry, Aggravated Battery.

Joshua John Holly, 29, 3514 N. Hwy. 27, Sulphur, Fugitive Warrant.



## Tax aid is offered by CPA group

The Society of Louisiana CPA's will sponsor its annual Louisiana CPA Tax Hotline on Wednesday, March 5 from 3 until 6 p.m.

Callers can expect to spend five to ten minutes with a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and get free, professional assistance with their basic personal or corporate tax questions.

The Louisiana CPA Tax Hotline can be reached by dialing toll-free 877-852-1040. Phones are only operational during Hotline hours.



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## South Cameron High School News

2006 Seniors, the pictures that were submitted to the 2006 yearbook have been mailed back. Please come by and pick up your yearbook and any pictures you submitted.

2008 Seniors, please turn in baby pictures to Mrs. Sharon Picou; these will be used for the graduation slide show.

Any student who as not paid their \$50.00 driver's education fee should pay as soon as possible, payments can be made in the high school office.

4-H is collecting Box-Tops for Education please turn in any coupons to Mrs. D'Juana Fontenot. All 4-Hers are selling strawberries. Strawberry orders are due in to Mrs. D'Juana Fontenot by March 31, 2008.

Congratulations to the SCHS FFA Meat Identification team for placing 1st in the McNeese competition and 3rd at the Nichols competition. Team members include: Kobi Richard, Gabe LaLande, and Brett Richard. These boys also took home 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place high point individual placing. The team consisting of Brendan Trahan, Jordan Rutherford, and Buddy Miller placed 6th at the McNeese competition. Brendan Trahan was 7th place high point individual and Jordan Rutherford was 13th place high point individual. Good job boys.

Sign-up for grades 8th - 11th have begun in the high school office. Deadline to sign up is Monday March

31st. Tryouts for the 2008-2009 team will be April 9th.

SCHS library would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vidrine for donating four books to the library. Discovering Louisiana by C.C. Lockwood was donated in memory of Laura Cheramie, Natchitoches and Louisiana's Timeless Cane River by Philip Gould was donated in memory of Braxton Blake, Plantation Homes of Louisiana and the Natchez Area by David King Gleason was donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doland, Atchafalaya by C.C. Lockwood was donated in memory of Inga Abrahamsen Leatherwood.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

March 6 - March 8, Baseball- Grand Lake Tournament-Away  
March 7 SC vs. Grace Christian- 2:30 pm  
Mar. 8 SC vs. Northside- 12:30 p.m.

March 7- March 8, Softball- Sulphur Tournament-Away  
March 10 - March 17, ILEAP, LEAP, and GEE Testing

March 11 Softball- Hamilton Christian - Away (3:00 p.m.)  
March 13 Softball- Oberlin- Away 3 p.m.

March 14 Track- DeQuincy Relay- Away  
March 15 District Literary Rally- McNeese State University

March 15 District Science Fair - McNeese State University

# Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



### SPRING WEATHER

Strong southwest winds have made it hard to get around and the waters are rough. I noticed we still have lots of ducks in our marshes, It's still not time to leave yet, as colder weather up north still exist.

Remember this Sunday, March 9, to turn our clocks ahead one hour, as we'll lose a hour of sleep, but we'll surely have that extra hour in the afternoon to fish a little later. The conservation order on goose season also closes on March 9. The 2007-08 trapping season will close on March 31. Our first day of spring is March 20.

White Bass have begun to spawn and we should see largemouth bass begin to spawn. Bass have moved to the shallows to build nest and if our temperatures can stay on the warmer side, March and April should be good months to catch large bass.

It's also time for eastern bluebirds to begin building nest and towards the end of the month, we should see our Hummingbird's returning. Our resident woodducks and mottled ducks (black mallard or what we call summer mallards) should be nesting.

### BASS TOURNAMENTS

Something new this year, in what we use to call the dogfights, will be the ABT (afternoon bass tournaments.) The 2008 ABT schedule will begin March 17, Mondays, Gibbstown Bridge 5 p.m. until. Entry fees are \$40. Tuesdays Calcasieu River 5 p.m. until, Fees \$43, Raunch Parkside Marina; Wednesday Sabine River - Niblets Bluff at 5:15 p.m., fees \$43 and then on Thursday a saltwater evening at Big Lake, launch at the Calcasieu Point Landing, 5p.m., fees \$40.

The ABT payout will depend on how many teams are entered and only one Big Bass place will be paid.

### School lunches announced

Cameron Parish Schools lunches are as follows:

Friday, March 7 - Tuna salad, tossed salad, whole kernal corn, yellow cake chocolate glaze, salad dressing, sliced bread, milk.

Monday, March 10 - Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookies, hamburger bun, cat-sup, milk.

Tuesday, March 11 - Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, baked potato, chilled peach slices, wheat bread, milk.

Wednesday, March 12 - Chili dog, chili sauce, whole kernal corn, pickle wedges, apple crisp, hot dog bun, milk.

Thursday, March 13 - Beef nachos, salsa, pinto beans fresh vegetables, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips, salad dressing, milk.



**WILLIAM "DUB" HENNING**, vice president of Cameron Communications and president of Unibill LLC, presents a \$5,000 check to **McNeese Coordinator of Athletic Development Pam McGough** for the 2008 Denim and Diamonds event. Cameron Communications served as presenting sponsor for the athletic foundation fund-raiser.

## S.C. team at Reeves

South Cameron varsity baseball team traveled to Reeves High School on Feb. 19. With Jody Trosclair on the mound the tarpons gained an early lead. Ross Rowland took over in fifth inning for the tarpons and pitched six strikeouts in two innings.

Rowland lead the tarpon team with 1 run and 4 RBI's. Thomas Trosclair had 3 runs, 1 home run, and 3 RBI's. Daniel Dupre had 3 runs and 3 RBI's. Dylan Conner had 2 runs and 2RBI's. Congratulations to the Tarpons on a successful victory

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GRAND LAKE students are shown at the Pioneer Club in Lake Charles as part of a recent field trip to visit art galleries, tour the McNeese Art Dept., and learn about etiquette. Ms. Arnold taught the etiquette lesson.



GRAND LAKE High School students are shown visiting the 9-11 memorial in Lake Charles, which they helped create.

# Baseball

BY CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

**BASEBALL SCORES**  
**Grand Lake 7, Welsh 6** (DeQuincy Tournament) - Ryan Monceaux and Hunter Leger pitched for the Hornets. Top hitters were Levi Stephenson, 1-3; Monceaux, 1-3; Leger, 1-4 with a double and RBI; Caleb Young, 2-3 and 2 RBIs; Jayce Hebert, 1-2; and Jace Perry, 1-1.

**Grand Lake 0, DeQuincy 7** (DeQuincy Tourney) - Levi Stephenson and Ryan Monceaux threw for the Hornets. Jordan

Poole had the only hit for Grand Lake.

**Grand Lake 6, Hamilton Christian 1** (Third place- DeQuincy Tourney) - Jayce Hebert went the distance for the Hornets. Top hitters were Ryan Monceaux, 3-3 with a double and RBI; and Caleb Young, 2-3 with a double and RBI.

**Grand Lake 9, Hamilton Christian 8** - Jayce Hebert, Levi Stephenson, and Hunter Leger pitched for Grand Lake. Stephenson went 2-5 with a RBI.



# Softball

BY CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

**SOFTBALL ACTION**  
**South Cameron 7, Grand Lake 2** - Kimily Bourriaque pitched for the Lady Tarpons and Lakeyn Duhon was on the hill for the Lady Hornets. Top hitters for South Cameron were Haley McCall, 2-4 with 2 doubles; Rachael Fountain, 2-4; Michelle Champion, 2-3 with 2 doubles; Whitney Richard, 1-3 with a double; and Devin Richard, 1-1 with a double. Duhon was 2-4 at the plate

for the Lady Hornets.  
**Hackberry 9, NCS 1** - Amber Byler struck out 18 while allowing just 1 hit for the Lady Mustangs. Top hitters were Byler, 1-4 with a homerun and 3 RBIs; Allyson Sanner, 1-3 and a RBI; Samantha Little, 1-1 with a double and RBI; and Maddie Stine, 1-3 with a double.

**Iowa 10, Grand Lake 4** - Lakeyn Duhon was on the hill for the Lady Hornets. Brandy Carroll had 3 of Grand Lake's 5 hits and scored 3 runs.

**Sportsman website is announced**

Hackberry Rod & Gun, a hunting and fishing guide service in Hackberry recently set up a new interactive forum on its Web site where visitors can talk about hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. For more information visit, [www.hackberryrodand-gun.com/forum/index.php](http://www.hackberryrodand-gun.com/forum/index.php).

**Spelling Bee set for Saturday**

**SPELLING BEE**  
 Saturday, March 8 parish students from grades 3-8th will be competing in the 16th annual Southwest La. Regional Spelling Bee to be held at McNeese State University. Those competing are as follows:

Third Grade: Brandi Hansard - Grand Lake High School, Jacob Abernathy - Hackberry High School, Enrique Rodriguez - Johnson Bayou High School, Logan Badon - Johnson Bayou High School

Fourth Grade: Darien Boudreaux - Grand Lake High School, Jaci Guidry - Hackberry High School, Kory Kyle - Johnson Bayou High School, Meike Nunez - South Cameron High School

Fifth Grade: Kyndal Berkey - Grand Lake High School, Richard Wildberger - Hackberry High School, Daria Jinks - Johnson Bayou High School, Logan Primeaux - South Cameron High School.

Sixth Grade: Tyler Beard - Grand Lake High School, Mattie Stine - Hackberry High School, Alexis Call - Johnson Bayou High School

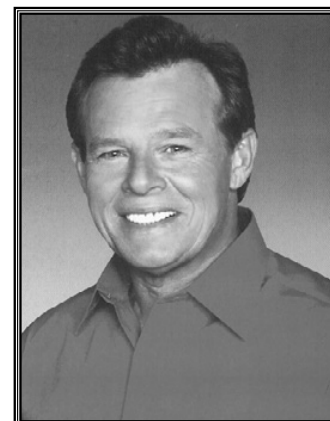
Seventh Grade: Emileigh Creel - Grand Lake High School, Samantha Little - Hackberry High School, Kaitlin Billiot - Johnson Bayou High School

Eight Grade: Boyd Broussard - Grand Lake High School, Jeremy Lefevre - Grand Lake High School, Meagan Johnson - Hackberry High School, Harmony Trahan - Johnson Bayou High School, Trey Morrison - South Cameron High School.



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## MOBILE HOME PERMITS

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mobile home permits for these parks unless the mobile home can meet all code requirements. Permits for the pre-existing parks will not be affected. Mobile homes that meet wind codes can still be placed on private land if the elevation requirements are met.

"There are plenty of approved mobile home spaces available in the parish for people who want to live here," Barrett said. "Parish administrators will be working to resolve the questions FEMA has about the sites. Until then, we probably don't want people to spend a lot of money on a mobile home for a site that might not be approved."

The moratorium is temporary until issues are worked out with FEMA, Barrett said. It can be lifted or changed at any time by a vote of the Jury. Any new mobile home parks that meet elevation requirements will be certified.

Scott Trahan and Sonny McGee voted against the moratorium, which passed 5-2.

### REDEVELOPMENT AND DISPOSITION PLAN

After four community meetings and much discussion, jurors passed the Parish Redevelopment and Disposition Plan which outlines the procedure of disposing of properties acquired by the Road Home and donated to the parish.

Under the plan, Road Home properties now belonging to the Louisiana Recovery Authority can be donated to the parish to be used for economic development, housing, greenspace, drainage, rights of way, etc. The parish can choose which properties it wants, but it

must then assume responsibility for maintenance and insurance.

The parish has chosen to allow some properties to be offered for sale to the original owner first, at a cost of the greater of Fair Market Value or the amount the Road Home paid for the property plus any costs and fees incurred by the Louisiana Land Trust. If there is no structure on the property, only the land portion of the Road Home award, plus fees, will be charged.

The previous owner will have 10 days to accept or decline, then the property will be offered to adjacent landowners. If they reject the offer, it will be sold at public auction by a private independent auction and realty company.

Jurors will look over the more than 70 properties acquired by the Road Home to date and decide which ones they want to accept. It has not been decided who will get the proceeds from the land sales. Current policy has the money going back to the Office of Community Development.

The Redevelopment Plan further identifies what kind of uses the acquired land will be put to. It is mandated that 25% of the properties be redeveloped for affordable housing, as defined by the LRA under the direction of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The high cost of insurance will make it difficult to achieve these results, and the Parish hopes HUD will take that into consideration.

Initially, the parish will concentrate on workforce housing and elderly housing efforts. Parish Planner Ernie Broussard said there is a

new design for houses that the Cameron Parish Housing Authority might be able to use, rather than the Katrina Cottage, shotgun style of home previously offered. The new designs just approved include gable roofed two and three bedroom homes of 1100-1400 square feet, more consistent with traditional Cameron Parish home styles.

### MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL

Garret Broussard, of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, enlisted the Police Jury's assistance with a new marine debris removal program, designed to identify and remove all Rita caused debris in navigable waterways. He said FEMA has agreed to work with the Coast Guard to remove the rest of the debris, but help is needed to identify the locations.

Local fishermen are asked to call in the location of underwater and water's edge debris to the Cameron OEP office. All that is needed is the name of the waterway and the mileage; GPS is not necessary. When the list is complete, hopefully in 6-8 weeks, the Coast Guard will scan the areas to pinpoint debris and create a scope of work. Actual recovery might not take place until the end of the year.

Lee Richardson, of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), said it will cost an estimated \$400-500 million statewide to pick up all the debris. When asked about the siting of the waterways, he said the state's position is that it needs to be cleaned out and FEMA can do it by law, but has set a policy not to do it. He said there is a chance that the policy may be changing to allow silt removal in those waterways which have a history of maintenance dredging.

In a related matter, Parish Planner Ernie Broussard said he will hear later this week about the \$6 million Marine Fisheries Infrastructure grant proposal. He said Cameron is in final consideration, one of four projects being considered in the western part of the state. The actual amount of the grants will be announced at a meeting in Baton Rouge.

The grant proposal was designed to tie in with the Cameron Square plan for economic and community development in the Cameron area.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Jurors supported a grant proposal through the National Association of Counties to clean 50 miles of canals in the Big Pasture area to reduce salinity, keep gates on the lake side open more, and allow marine vessels to enter.

Jurors approved the hiring of a consultant by the Parish Library System to help with the design of the new main library. The fee will be paid by a grant from the Gates Foundation.

Jurors also approved a donation from the Beaugard Parish Library of a mobile electronic training lab. The vehicle was designed to bring computer training to outlying areas of the parish, and is no longer needed there. It has eight work stations, a television, and a handicapped access ramp. Another Gates technology grant will be used to equip the unit, which can be used anywhere in Cameron Parish for computer training classes.

David Richard announced a plan by the DNR to move accumulated sand from the east side of the Mermentau Jetties to the west side to help restore Hackberry Island. He asked the Jury to



**COMMUNITY MEMBERS** spent Sunday, Feb. 24 cleaning up the Grand Lake, Big Lake and Sweetlake areas. Shown above and to the right are some of the many volunteers who participated.

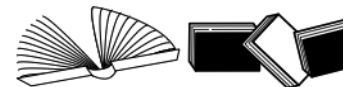
(Photos courtesy of Valarie Precht.)

## Chenier KC's to meet Tues.

The Evans P. Mhire Knights of Columbus Council will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, March 11, at the home of Zeke Wainwright (outdoor kitchen). A Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. Items to be discussed are the Easter Egg Hunt, March 23, upcoming elections, annual family fun day.

A meal and refreshments will be served. The 1st. Quarterly Communion will be held Sunday, March 16 at 9 a.m. mass at St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier.

Contact Garry Primeaux 538-2415 for more information.



## Library Schedule

Grand Chenier Library announces their schedule as follows:

"Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily.

Thursday, Mar. 6, "After School Club & Chess Your Luck", Web Surfing, Research, Chess Strategies, Practice Chess Matches, 4 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 7, "LA Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team", Arts & Crafts 1-3 p.m. "Story Time" 3 p.m.

Monday, March 10 - Wed Mar 12 "Fitness Program", Low impact walking program, 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, "After School Club & Chess Your Luck", Web Surfing, Research, Chess Strategies, Practice Chess Matches, 4 p.m.

Friday March 14, 12 p.m., Easter celebration, egg hunt,

support the plan, but only if it does not take away from other projects in the area. The Coastal Wetlands Protection, Preservation, and Restoration Act (CWP-PRA) advisory committee was to meet on Wednesday to decide which Cameron Parish projects to recommend for funding.

Jurors approved the hiring of a consultant the help the Planning and Development office formulate the final draft of the land use (zoning) ordinance which has been under development since before Hurricane Rita.

Juror Kirk Burleigh asked for a resolution to ask the legislature to reduce the size of the Cameron Water and Wastewater District #1 board from 7 to 5. He said the board has had trouble achieving a quorum.

Jurors approved appropriations of \$50,000 for the North Canal project in Grand Lake; \$20,000 for improvements to the Creole Recreation District; and \$25,000 for a fence for the Big Lake Ball Field. They also authorized emergency repairs to the Deep Bayou Bridge in Johnson Bayou.

OEP Director Clifton Hebert asked for immediate assistance with purchasing a new generator and elevating it outside the Cameron Parish Court House. He said a power outage last week resulted in loss of power to the court house for two hours, during which time there was no 911 or radio dispatch service available at the Sheriff's Office.

The rented generator has to be manually turned on, and no one was readily available to do so during the night. The new generator will have an automatic switchover built in.

Hebert also reported that the Oak Grove gas well has been capped and the Johnson Bayou well is still blowing, but not as strongly as the Oak Grove one was.



### — NOTICE —

Jefferson Davis Electric Coop is planning to make repairs and upgrades in its Johnson Bayou Substation and would like to notify its customers in that area of a brief power outage.

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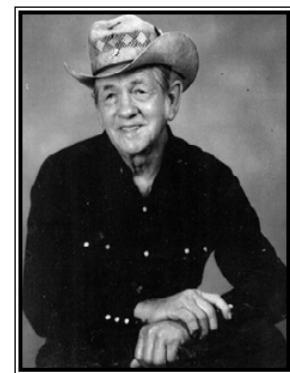
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April 1, 2008 ~ Grand Lake High School  
6pm to 8pm

**Parental Monitoring:** Discusses the degree to which monitoring is needed and how far a parent should go with the method in order to keep their child from being alienated

April 7, 2008 ~ South Cameron High School  
5:30pm to 7:30pm

**Effects and Warning Signs of Substance Abuse:** Provides warning signs of the most commonly used substances and the effect that they have on adolescents

March 18, 2008 ~ Johnson Bayou High School  
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GRAND LAKE High School Gifted and Talented students are shown visiting the McNeese Art Department during a field trip to Lake Charles.

## It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot, Feb. 27, 1975

### CAMERON FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS 20TH BIRTHDAY

Two decades of firefighting in Cameron were reviewed Monday night when the local volunteer fire department celebrated their 20th anniversary with a banquet in the meeting room of the fire station.

Area fire chiefs and public officials were on hand for the occasion and to give the Fire Chief Ray Burleigh a "pat on the back" for a job well done.

Special awards were presented to six firemen by Norman McCall, police juror member, for 20 years of service to the department.

Receiving the awards were: Ray Theriot, captain of the department; Chief Burleigh, Wilman Saltzman, assistant fire chief; Tony Cheramie, E. J. Dronet and Larry Dyson.

CATTLEMEN OFFICERS

J. B. Meaux, Oak Grove cattleman, has been elected president of the Cameron Parish Cattleman Association. Elected to serve with Meaux are: Carl Hebert, Grand Chenier, vice president; and Uland Guidry, Creole, secretary-treasurer.

Board of directors are: Albert Guidry and James Cox, Sweetlake; Archie Berwick, Johnson Bayou; J. A. Lowery, Hackberry; D. Y. Doland, Jr. and Whitney Baccigalopi, Grand Chenier; J. C. Reina, Oak Grove; Horace Montie and Telesmar "Blanc" Bonsall, Creole; and Mark Richard, Cameron.

### GRIFFITH NAMED

Leslie Griffith of Oak Grove community of Cameron Parish was appointed as director of the new Cameron Parish Vocational-Technical School Friday by the State Board of Education in Baton Rouge.

He has been teaching Industrial Arts for the past three years at South Cameron High School.

The Cameron Parish Vocational-Technical School will be located at the old Audrey Memorial School, which will be remodeled to accommodate the new school.

### YOUTHS DISTRICT CHAMPS

Cameron Parish 4-H club members exhibited their livestock at the 1975 District Junior Livestock Show in Lake Charles Feb. 19-23, and took home some top honors.

Glen Jinks of Hackberry, exhibited the Grand Champion Market Barrow of the Show.

Another Cameron Parish 4-H Club member, Mark Trahan, also of Hackberry, exhibited the Reserve Champion Barrow.

Mike Montie, of Creole, and his brother, Todd, had the winning combination when they exhibited the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Lambs. Mike exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb and Todd, the Reserve Champion. Both lambs were Suffolk.

Other club members exhibiting champion animals were: Beverly Cox, Reserve Champion Hereford heifer; Blayne Buford, Champion Duroc gilt; Stephen Trahan, Champion Brahman Bull; Denise McCall, Champion sheep showman; Jeffery Jouett, Reserve Champion sheep showman.

### 'COPTER CRASHES

Four men on their way to work offshore escaped serious injury when the helicopter in which they were riding crashed Wednesday morning of last week in the south marsh at Grand Chenier.

The helicopter, which belonged to Air Logistics, had just taken off from the company's heliport at The Crain Bros. docks on the Mermentau River when it developed trouble.

The men were taken to the hospital but none were seriously hurt.

### PRIMEAUX IS HONORED

Roland Primeaux of Creole, deputy clerk of Cameron Parish, was named as the Southwest Louisiana "Patriot of the Year" at the 30th annual anniversary banquet of Msgr. Cramers General Assemblée, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in Lake Charles Saturday.

### TARPON GIRLS ALL-DISTRICT

Three girls from South Cameron High School were named to the 4-AA all-district basketball team. These were chosen by coaches in the district.

## Fins & Waters

by Glenn Thomas

Recent work conducted at the University of Louisiana Lafayette has shed new light on a species that has a long fishery history in the state. The river shrimp is well known in the Mississippi, Atchafalaya and Red River systems. It was a common item on New Orleans menus early in the 1900s, but now supports only a limited bait fishery in some areas of Louisiana.

River shrimp are still common in many rivers, and undoubtedly are a major component of riverine ecosystems.

Macrobrachium ohione are the best-known of the freshwater shrimp in North America. They grow to around four inches long, in contrast to the much larger Malaysian prawn, M. rosenbergii. The Malaysian prawn is the species that is being successfully pond cultured in the southern U.S. (and other places in the world, particularly India) and is sometimes available in our seafood markets. Both of these freshwater shrimp are delicious and are quite different from salt-water shrimp. The meat is white and not as dense as that of marine shrimp and the flavor tends to be mild.

In 1937, Gordon Gunter, the greatest of early Louisiana naturalists, wrote: "In Louisiana many fishermen along the Mississippi derive part of their income during the summer months from the catch of M. ohionis (ohione). As sales are often made from door to door no adequate statistics of the catch are available. It is believed to amount to several thousand pounds a year. Commercially, the shrimp are taken in box traps made of wood strips, baited with fish and meat scraps, and sunk in shallow water not far offshore. These traps have an inverted V-shaped inset running lengthwise along the bottom of the box with an open groove at the angle of the V. Pressed cottonseed cake is sometimes used as bait, but fishermen state that decayed meat is better and is more frequently used. The cottonseed cake is often sprinkled on the shrimp before they are taken to market, in order to make the fastidious buyer believe the less objectionable bait had been used."

"Shrimp attack fish kept alive in live-boxes in the river, feeding on whatever part of the body to which they happen to attach. Catfish are especially vulnerable and are often virtually skinned alive. Liveboxes are therefore covered with screenwire to protect the fish. Shrimp are sometimes captured by lifting willow bushes out of the water and catching the animals in a dip net as they drop off."

UL professor Ray Bauer has been studying Atchafalaya populations of river shrimp with Lafayette

naturalist Jim Delahoussaye. These scientists have documented the downriver migration of reproducing female shrimp, followed by massive migrations of juveniles out of the estuaries and back up the river.

Additionally, they have shown that brackish water is essential for the early development of the "freshwater" shrimp larvae. Juvenile shrimp were found to move upstream in late summer and early fall. At night, in the quiet water along the bank, a band of juvenile shrimp several yards wide swim steadily upstream. These researchers calculated that an embryonic shrimp hatched at the Atchafalaya Delta would take about 100 days to reach Butte La Rose, a distance of 91 river miles. During this time the shrimp grow to about 2 inches.

This cycle of repeated migrations between rivers and estuaries is a type of diadromous life cycle that has been called amphidromy (where the migration is for purposes other than breeding, which in M. ohione occurs in the river).

While the populations of river shrimp in Louisiana are still robust, the species is becoming rare in the northern portions of its range, the Missouri and Ohio Rivers. Dams, water control structures and changes in water quality may be factors in the loss of upstream populations.

Bauer and Delahoussaye are looking for folks who can help sample river shrimp along their Atchafalaya migration route. A couple of sweeps of a dipnet on a few

summer nights would provide needed information on growth and body composition changes. Folks who have easy river access - particularly camps along the Atchafalaya - are encouraged to contact the researcher:

Raymond T. Bauer, Professor of Biology, Dept. of Biology, University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA 70504-2451  
e m a i l : rtbauer@louisiana.edu  
telephone: 337-482-6435  
Research Website:  
http://www.louisiana.edu/~rtb6933

Glenn Thomas is an associate professor of fisheries for the Louisiana Sea Grant Program and the Louisiana State University AgCenter School of Renewable Natural Resources. He can be reached at gthomas@agctr.lsu.edu.

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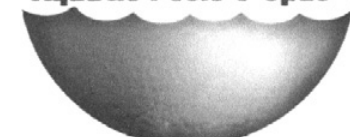
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When? Holy Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m.  
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## Fishing regulation brochure available

Fishing regulation brochures for all the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuges - Cameron Prairie, Lacassine and Sabine have been compiled into one fishing regulation brochure. This brochure is available on the main page of our Refuge Complex website at <http://www.fws.gov/swlarefugecomplex> under the Fishing link. Anglers may call the refuge at 337-598-2216 to have a copy mailed or pick one up at kiosks located near refuge launches.

## Rec center to be closed for voting

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be closed on Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 due to voting.

\*The Recreation Center will host an open recreation night for anyone wanting to exert extra energy on Friday, March 7 from 4-8 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou School Gym. All recreation center rules apply.

\*Anyone interested in working for the Recreation Center during the 2008 summer season please call or come by the recreation center to pick up all necessary information.

You must be at least 15 years of age to lifeguard and 16 years of age to work in kitchen. We will be hiring for all positions. For any information please contact Christen Trahan at 304-4622.

\*Recreation Center New Hours:  
 Monday Closed.  
 Tuesday Closed.  
 Wednesday Closed  
 Thursday 3 - 8 p.m.  
 Friday 2 - 8 p.m.  
 Saturday 2 - 8 p.m.  
 Sunday 2 - 8 p.m.

## Former HB student on winning team

Teresa and Ludwig Leonards former residents of Hackberry relocated to Fairview after the 2005 Hurricane Rita destroyed their home. One of their daughters, Kylie Leonards a senior, plays basketball for the Fairview Panthers. This year the Fairview Panthers took the Class B Championship. The opposing team was the Lacassine Cardinals.

The score 65-44 Saturday in the Class B final of the Ladies Top 28 state high school basketball tournament at the Southeastern Louisiana University Center.

Lacassine's basketball coach is the former Hackberry girls basketball coach, Eddie Michalko. Michalko who coached Hackberry to four state titles is familiar with Kylie Leonards. He coached her as a seventh and eighth grader at Hackberry. He also coached her older sisters, Edie and Dina. Dina is married to Kyle Jinks. Jinks is the girls basketball coach for Fairview. Kyle Jinks, wife Dina Leonards Jinks and Edie Leonards are all former graduates of Hackberry High School. The girls mother, Teresa Devall Leonards graduated in 1973 from Hackberry.



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## SWLA National Wildlife Refuge opens for fishing

The Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex comprised of Cameron Prairie, Sabine, Lacassine and Shell Key National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) will open for public sport fishing Saturday, March 15, 2008 through Oct. 15, 2008. Possession of all applicable fishing licenses is required. Fish species may be taken in accordance with Louisiana Recreational Fishing Regulations.

Fishing areas at Cameron Prairie NWR include Bank Fishing Road, Outfall Canal, and East Cove Unit when the Grand Bayou Boat Bay is open. Anglers can check on the status of the boat bay openings by calling 337-598-4235.

Refuge hours have changed to permit boat access from one hour before legal sunrise to one hour after legal sunset, however, all permitted activities such as fishing and crabbing may only occur from sunrise to sunset.

Cast netting on Cameron Prairie (East Cove Unit only) and Sabine will be permitted only during the Louisiana Inshore Shrimp season. Cast netting hours at Sabine are set from noon to sunset. Possession of all applicable Louisiana fishing licenses is required to cast net on the refuges. Cast net size will follow state regulation which is a maximum of an 8.5 foot radius.

All the roadside recreation areas and boat launches at Sabine refuge will be open this year, including a new boat launch at Northline recreation area. Northline and West Cove recreation area wharfs are designated for fishing and crabbing only, no cast netting at any time. Hog Island Gully and the Blue Crab recreation area wharfs are open to fishing and crabbing year round and cast netting during the Louisiana Inshore Shrimp season from noon until sunset.

Boats with outboard motors of 40 horsepower or less may be used in Sabine's Unit 3; however, the only access into the Unit is through a designated bay in the northwest water spillway. This entrance is limited

north perimeter road to the eastern (Tidewater) parking lot. There will now be two launching facilities at that location; one on the east side of the parking lot and one on the west side. At least one of these boat launches if not both will be open March 15th. Additionally, the western boat launch and parking area will be open as usual.

Parking may continue to be a problem. All visitors are asked to please avoid parking on any of these areas. Additional refurbishing and restoration work will be ongoing at the Lacassine Pool Facility throughout the year.

**Safety Warning** - Motorboat travel on the refuges may be hazardous due to changed geography, underwater or floating debris, narrow boat runs, rough water, limited visibility, fog, vegetation, blind crossings, and swells or wakes from other watercraft.

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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.

(RUN: Feb. 14, 21, 28 (F-13))

**★ VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE**  
 The lower Cameron Parish Ambulance Service District is running a proposition to renew a 4.44 mill maintenance tax to provide ambulance service to the communities of Cameron, Creole and Grand Chenier. This tax has been in place for the previous ten years, but expired in 2007. The election will be held on March 8, 2008.  
**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!**

**Registrar of Voters Office To Be Closed**  
 On Monday, March 17, 2008 the Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters Office will close at 3:00 PM and will remain closed for the rest of the week. Our office will be attending the annual school for the Registrars & Staff across the state. Our office will reopen Monday, March 24, 2008 at the regular hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Sorry for any inconvenience.  
 Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar  
 M-4 (Runs: 3/6 & 13)

**— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —**  
**The Cameron Parish Police Jury is considering the following amendment to the Dog Ordinance. Anyone wishing to express written or oral comments regarding this amendment is asked to call (337) 775-5718 or write to P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, LA. 70631 no later than March 31, 2008.**  
**Any person who reclaims a dog within the first forty-eight (48) hours shall pay fees associated with apprehension and caring in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and five (\$5.00) per day for each day thereafter.**  
**RUN: March 6, 13, 20 (M6)**

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**— NOTICE —**  
**4 5 6 7 8 9**

Cameron Parish Head Start is now taking applications for pupils 3-5 years of age for the upcoming school year of 2008-2009. Pupils must be 3 by September 30, 2008.

Applications are available at Grand Lake Head Start Center, 965 Highway 384, 598-4413 or Hackberry Head Start Center, 110 Volunteer Lane, 762-3587.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## "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 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. 18:541):

**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 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, 13th 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 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 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?

ty 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 Parish, 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 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**

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 Parish, 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

Cont. on Page 10.

**— JOB OPENING —**

Cameron Parish Police Jury will accept job applications until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2008 for two (2) full-time road crew positions to work in the Holly Beach - Johnson Bayou District.

Cameron Parish Police Jury does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin, or political or religious opinions.

RUN: Mar. 6 & 13 (M 10)

**CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Announces**  
**Spring State-Wide Testing**  
**(LEAP, GEE, iLEAP)**  
**Monday, March 10 through Monday, March 17, 2008**

**Parents,**  
**Please help your children achieve by:**

- Changing your clocks on Sunday one hour ahead;
- Making sure they are at school on time every morning;
- Encouraging them to eat breakfast each morning at school at no charge to students or staff during Test Week;
- Making sure they get a good night's sleep before each Test Day;
- Letting them know that you support their best efforts, just as their teachers do!

With a special thanks to our teachers and administrators who have prepared our students, and our staffs who feed them and assure a safe, clean environment every day. I wish everyone a very Successful Week!

**Stephanie Rodrigue,**  
**Superintendent**

RUN: March 6 (M-9)

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

Cont. from Page 9.

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)

**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)

**ADVERTISEMENT**

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Louisiana, does hereby advertise for sealed construction bids and will open same on:

1. March 25, 2008.
2. At the Cameron Parish Police Jury Office, 122-A Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, Louisiana 70631 at or before the hour of 2:00 p.m.
3. For the follow work:  
Construction of the Cameron Parish Police Jury East Annex Building, Cameron, La.
4. Contract documents, including drawings, and technical specifications, are on file at the office of Randy M. Goodloe, AIA, APAC, 725 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601. Complete documents may be obtained from the Architect upon deposit of \$250.00 for each set of documents. Deposit is fully refundable for the first set of documents to all bonafide prime\* bidders upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. The deposit of all other set of documents will be refunded fifty percent (50%) upon return of documents as stated above.

\*Prime bidders is defined as licensed General Contractors bidding this job as such.

5. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at the site. Property to the East of the existing courthouse - old Police Jury Building location.

6. Preference is given to materials, supplies, and provisions that are produced, manufactured, or grown in Louisiana, quality being equal to articles offered by competitors outside the State.

7. All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check or cashier's check drawn on a bank insured by the FDIC, or a Bid bond Form contained in contract documents, written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with a A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond insurer as a licensed agent in this state and who is residing in this state, and that it is listed thereon as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in this instrument, all in accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2218.

No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.

8. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract amount, written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with a A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, all in accordance with LSR-R.S. 38:2219. The bond shall be countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as an insurance agent in this State, and who is residing in this State.

9. Bids shall be accepted only from contractors who are licensed under LA-R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification of Building Construction. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA-R.S. 38:2214.

10. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with LA-R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the Bid Form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

11. The public shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until

the Contract between the Parish and the Contractor is fully executed.

12. Official action on this bid will be taken within forty five (45) days by the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

13. All bids must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope:  
BID FOR "New Facility for the Cameron Parish Police Jury East Annex Building"  
Sonny McGee, President  
Cameron Parish Police Jury  
RUN: Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13 & 20 (F 26)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Recreation District 7 meeting in regular session convened on the 20th day of February 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-08: Post-Rita Restoration of Recreation Facilities pursuant to the certain contract between Delta Development of Lake Charles L.L.C. and said Cameron Parish Recreation District 7 under File No. 305810, 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 Recreation District 7 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

By: Angela Conner,

President  
RUN: Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20,  
27, April 3, 10 (F 40)

**NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES**

According to Carl Broussard, Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish in accordance with Title 18:535B of the Louisiana Election Code, the following is the official listing of the polling places for the upcoming Municipal General Election to be held on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

**POLLING PLACES**

- Precinct 1:  
Location: Johnson Bayou Recreation Center (IN TEMPORARY TRAILER), 135 Berwick Lane, Johnson Bayou, La.
- Precinct 2:  
Location: Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, La. (BEHIND COURTHOUSE).
- Precinct 3:  
Location: Hackberry Community Center, 986 Main Street, Hackberry, La.
- Precinct 4:  
Location: Hackberry Community Center, 986 Main Street, Hackberry, La.
- Precinct 12:  
Location: Muria Fire Station, 129 Muria Road, Creole, La.
- Precinct 13:  
Location: Creole Fire Station, 184B East Creole Hwy., Creole, La.
- Precinct 14:  
Location: Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, La. (BEHIND COURTHOUSE).
- Precinct 15:  
Location: Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, La. (BEHIND COURTHOUSE).
- Precinct 16:  
Location: Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, La.
- Precinct 17:  
Location: Grand Chenier Library, 2867 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, La.  
RUN: Feb. 28 & March 6 (F 41)

**PROCEEDINGS  
CAMERON PARISH WATER  
AND WASTEWATER  
DISTRICT NO. 1  
January 24, 2008**

The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 Board met in regular session on Thursday January 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the water district office located at 126 Ann Street in the town of Cameron, Louisiana. Members present were: J. C. Murphy, Bobby Doxy, James Boudreaux, Tammy Peshoff, Paul Duhon, and Angie Brown.

Absent: Tony Porche  
Guest: John LeBlanc, Freddie Richard, Mike Levensky, Gary Johnson, Anilbhui Patel.

President J. C. Murphy called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Paul Duhon, seconded by Bobby Doxy and carried to add Mr. Anilbhui Patel to the agenda.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as read.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Paul Duhon and carried to approve the financial statement.

On a motion by Paul Duhon, seconded by Bobby Doxy and carried that the bills for the month be paid.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Bobby Doxy and carried to charge the Fur Festival \$5.00 per year for water.

On a motion by Paul Duhon, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to proceed with plans for drilling well #3 and set the date of February 28 to open bids for said job.

On a motion by Paul Duhon, seconded by Angie Brown and carried to order a 100KW generator on state contract and trailer for said generator for well #3 well site.

On a motion by Tammy Peshoff, seconded by Bobby Doxy and carried to give all employees a yearly salary increase.

On a motion by Angie Brown, seconded by Paul Duhon and carried to add additional fencing to the sewer pond.

On a motion by Tammy Peshoff, seconded by Bobby Doxy to accept CSDC to install, and set up a document management program.

On a motion by Angie Brown, seconded by Paul Duhon and carried there being no further business the meeting stand adjourned.

J. C. Murphy,  
President  
Cameron Parish Water &  
Wastewater  
District #1

Kathryn Guilbeau,  
Secretary  
Run March 6 (M 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY (LDEQ)  
DEBARGE'S LOUISIANA  
SUPREME  
PRODUCTS, LLC  
DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE  
PERMIT**

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit prepared for DeBarge's Louisiana Supreme Products, LLC, 6213 Old Basile Hwy., Eunice, LA 70535. The facility is located at 294 Pete Seay Circle in Hackberry, Cameron Parish.

The principal discharge from this existing source is made into an unnamed ditch, thence into Bayou Kelso, waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, and propagation of fish and wildlife. Under the SIC Code 2092, the applicant proposes to discharge process wastewater, washdown wastewater, treated sanitary wastewater, and stormwater runoff from an existing seafood processing facility.

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that the discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

Written comments, written requests for a public hearing or written requests for notification of the final decision regarding this permit action may be submitted to ms. Soumaya Ghosn at LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA. 70821-4313. Written comments and/or written requests must be received by 12:30 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2008. Written comments will be considered prior to a final permit decision.

If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The application, draft permit, and statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5th. Street, Baton Rouge, La. Viewing hours are from between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). The available information can be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov). Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit should be directed to Kelli Hamilton, LDEQ, Water Permits Division, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA. 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3106.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA. 70821-4313, by mail at [deqmailrequest@la.gov](mailto:deqmailrequest@la.gov) or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permit and statement of basis can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage

at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/pub/Notice/default.asp](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/pub/Notice/default.asp) and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tab/id/2198/Default.aspx](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tab/id/2198/Default.aspx).  
Run March 6 (M 3)

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BAYOU HENRY FIELD  
08-242****LEGAL NOTICE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION,  
BATON ROUGE,  
LOUISIANA.**

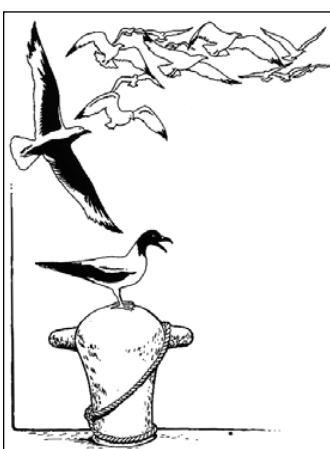
In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008**, upon the application of **PETRO-HUNT, LLC**.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Marginulina Texana Zone, Reservoir A**, in the Bayou Henry Field, Iberville Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Marginulina Texana Zone (Marg Tex), Reservoir A.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acre basis of participation.

3. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Marg Tex



**THE GRAND LAKE** Gifted and Talented students are creating a video archive on the history of Cameron Parish by interviewing community elders. Chenier Industries provided the funds for the necessary equipment. Anyone wishing to volunteer to be interviewed may contact Susan Arnold or Shelia Ward at the school, 905-2231.

**SWLA garden forum  
set for March 29 & 30**

The Southwest Louisiana Garden Festival 2008 will be held in Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles Friday, March 29, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for children, 12 and under.

The Southwest Louisiana Garden Festival inside the Burton Coliseum is celebrating gardening with its 9th Annual Show and Plant Extravaganza about gardening, flowers, trees, shrubs, garden accessories, books, furniture, demonstrations, educational lectures, and general garden tools. Area, regional and interstate exhibitors and vendors will be there to assist you with your plant and garden needs.

The Federated Garden Clubs of Southwest Louisiana will present in their ninth year: A Spring Small Standard Flower Show "The Circus Is In Town." They will be displaying their floral design and horticulture talents.

There will be a Plant Health Clinic with professionals from the LSU AgCenter as well as Master Gardener volunteers who will help diagnose plant problems and answer garden questions.

Educational garden seminars will be on-going throughout the two day event. Kids will have a special booth with the 4-H club providing activities related to gardening. The 4-H 'Rent-A-Kid' will be there to help festival-goers carry out items to their vehicles.

For more information, visit [www.gardenfest.org](http://www.gardenfest.org), or contact Robert Turley or Pat Ortego at (337) 475-8812.

**SATURDAY A.M. -  
March 30**

Landscape Gardening  
Registration and Coffee -  
9:30 a.m.

Program: 10 a.m.  
Topics & Instructors:  
Special Guest Lecturer Dr. Larry Cipolla. Dr. Cipolla is a Minnesotan who has been gardening for 40 years.  
Dr. Cipolla is Co-presented with The Banners Series, McNeese State University, Lake Charles. Ph: 337/475-5123 / [www.banners.org/](http://www.banners.org/) and will be presenting a lecture on the topic "PLANTING BY ARTISTS." Friday, March 28, 7 p.m. Parra Ballroom, McNeese campus.

10 a.m. - "Japanese Gardens and Gardening: Design Elements" with Dr. Larry Cipolla.  
11:15 a.m. - "Water Gardening in Your Climate Zone: from Design to Enjoyment" with Dr. Larry Cipolla.

9 a.m. - "Home Vegetable Gardening" with Dr. Tom Koske, LSU Extension Specialist - Horticulture.

9:45 a.m. - Break - Refreshments. Time: 15 mins.

10 a.m. - "Tomato Production in the Home Garden" with Dr. Tom Koske, LSU Extension Specialist - Horticulture, LSU AgCenter - Baton Rouge.

10:45 a.m. - Break. Time: 15 mins.

11 a.m. - "Recognition and Control of Diseases in the Home Vegetable Garden" with Dr. Don Ferrin, LSU Extension Specialist - Plant Pathology, LSU AgCenter - Baton Rouge.

11:40 a.m. - "Pest Management of Insects in the Home Vegetable Garden" with Dr. Stuart Gauthier, LSU Extension Horticulturist,

Registration and Coffee -  
8:30 a.m.

Program: 9 a.m. - 12:10 a.m.

Topics & Instructors:  
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Lafayette.  
Adjourn - 12:15 P.M.

**SATURDAY P.M. -  
March 29**

Home Citrus Production  
Registration and Coffee -1  
p.m.

Program: 1:30 p.m. - 3:46 p.m.

Topics & Instructors:  
1:30 p.m. - "Growing Citrus in the Home Orchard" with Dr. Jimmie Boudreaux, LSU Extension Specialist - Horticulture, LSU AgCenter - Baton Rouge.

2:15 p.m. - Break - Refreshments. Time: 15 mins.

2:30 p.m. - "Pest Management of Insects in Home Citrus Production" with Dr. Natalie A. Hummel, LSU Extension Specialist - Entomology, LSU AgCenter - Baton Rouge.

3:10 p.m. - "Recognition and Control of Diseases Affecting Home Citrus Production" with Dr. Don Ferrin, LSU Extension Specialist - Pathology, LSU AgCenter - Baton Rouge.

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**Dutch Pear Pie**

1 Pillsbury® refrigerated pie crust (from 15-oz box), softened as directed on box

Filling  
1 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1 tablespoon Gold Medal® all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 egg, beaten  
3 cups coarsely chopped fresh pears (2 to 3 medium pears)

Crumb Topping  
1 cup Gold Medal® all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter or margarine

Heat oven to 425°F. Make pie crust as directed on box for One-Crust Baked Shell using 9-inch glass pie plate; do not prick crust.

Carefully line pastry with a double thickness of foil, gently pressing foil to bottom and side of pastry. Let foil extend over edge to prevent excessive browning. Bake 10 minutes. Carefully remove foil; bake 2 to 4 minutes longer or until pastry just begins to brown and has become set. If crust bubbles, gently push bubbles down with back of spoon.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, mix filling ingredients. Pour into warm baked pie shell.

In medium bowl, mix crumb topping ingredients with pastry blender or fork until mixture looks like fine crumbs; sprinkle topping evenly over filling.

Reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until top is light golden brown. After 30 minutes of baking, cover top of pie with foil to prevent excessive browning. Cool at least 30 minutes before serving. Store in refrigerator. 8 servings



**THE SUBWAY RESTAURANT** in Grand Lake, next to Brown's Grocery on the Gulf Highway, will hold a Grand Opening on Friday, March 7. Owner Arlene Darte says hours are from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Besides sandwiches, the restaurant serves breakfast, hot soup, pizzas, and cookies. She looks forward to meeting residents of the area, and hopes to expand into more locations in the future.



**EXTREME LOW TIDE** on Tuesday shows the tons of sand that have built up behind the newest set of breakwaters near Holly Beach. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

**Now you know:**

**Drunken driving carries big penalties in Louisiana**

Driving while intoxicated is a serious offense in Louisiana, costing a first-offender as much as \$4,500 in fines, lawyer fees, court costs, etc. Penalties—including mandatory jail sentences—increase with each subsequent DWI conviction.

A driver 21 years or older is considered intoxicated if his or her blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level is .08 or higher. A driver younger than 21 years is considered intoxicated if his or her BAC level is .02 or higher.

The amount of alcohol a person needs to drink to reach a .08 BAC depends on a wide range of factors, such as a person's weight, gender, age, physical condition and amount of food consumed. One should be careful when consuming over-the-counter or prescription drugs due to the enhanced effect they have on the effect of alcohol when they are taken in combination.

According to the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, a 180-pound man could reach the .08 level after consuming four drinks in an hour. A 120-pound woman could reach the .08 limit after consuming two drinks in an hour. For comparison purposes, one drink is equivalent to 5 ounces of wine, 1.25 ounces of 80-proof liquor, or 12 ounces of regular beer.

**Tailgating is dangerous and can get you a ticket**

Tailgating is when a driver follows too close to the vehicle in front of him. Tailgating is a major cause of crashes and results in deaths, injuries and thousands of traffic tickets being issued each year.

The "two-second rule" is generally accepted as a way of maintaining a safe dis-

tance between vehicles. You can use the two-second rule by watching the rear bumper of the vehicle in front of you as it passes a landmark such as a sign, pole or tree. Count "one thousand one, one thousand two." If you pass the same landmark before you finish counting "one thousand one, one thousand two," you are following too closely. Slow down and drop back to a safe distance.



**ALLIGATOR CROSSING** sign at the Wetland Walkway in the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. The Walkway is now open for visitors. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



**THE WETLAND WALKWAY** and other visitor accommodations are now open on the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



**PIPELINE WORK** along Hwy 82 near Holly Beach. The 42 inch pipeline is being built for the Sabine Pass Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Johnson Bayou. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

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## Catholic Charities seeks to support parish ministries

LAKE CHARLES - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lake Charles recently hosted a Social Ministry Resource Planning Meeting with representatives from church parishes of the Diocese. The representatives were those who currently serve in social or outreach ministry in their churches.

Sharing information about the different services available at each of the churches and determining how Catholic Charities can support or enhance those activities was one of the purposes of the meeting, according to Carolyn Fernandez, Director of Catholic Charities.

"Our parishes are the hub of local Church life and are often the first place people turn when they are in need," Fernandez said. "Catholic Charities wants to support and supplement those front-line efforts, and determine what additional resources may be needed to help the churches enhance their services."

A second goal of the meeting was to conduct the first discussion group on the policy paper *Poverty and Racism: Overlapping Threats to the Common Good* that was released last month by Catholic Charities USA. Father Henry Mancuso, Secretary of Pastoral Services of the Diocese, gave an in depth presentation on the data and statistics from the paper and explained why this is important information for anyone working in social ministry.

"It is key to understand the context in which we labor," said Father Mancuso. "We must recognize

that a large number of the people who are seeking help are constrained by a system that has presented them many economic and educational barriers, making it extremely difficult to escape the cycle of poverty.

"As we are providing help, if we are open and receptive, the person we are helping also gives something back to us," he continued.

The next step for the Catholic Charities awareness and advocacy effort on poverty and racism is to hold discussion groups in each deanery. There are many misconceptions regarding poverty in our country. Many people believe poverty is due to the failures of individuals and they are unaware that revisions to current economic and social policies could dramatically improve this crisis.

With these discussion groups, Catholic Charities will be working to dispel the misconceptions and to empower people with the real facts. "We need large numbers of people advocating on behalf of the poor, talking to their Senators, talking to their Congressmen, expressing how important it is to invest in social programs and to support policies that will provide economic security and opportunity for low-income individuals and families," Fernandez said. "We should all get involved when we know there are problems, problems with social security, cost of prescription medication, the current minimum wage. In addition to doing the work of charity, we have to do the work of justice and advocate for change."



Reverend Henry Mancuso speaks to parish representatives attending a recent Social Ministry Resource Planning Meeting. Carolyn Fernandez, at left, Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lake Charles, spoke to the group about ways the organization can support and enhance the different services parishes make available to those in need.

## Marriage preparation course provides "living example"

LAKE CHARLES - A sunny and dry Saturday morning. Ordinarily 28 engaged couples might be shopping for dinnerware or towels or perhaps working on guest lists for the weddings.

On a recent such day that same 28 couples, all anticipating a Catholic wedding later in the year, were taking part in a one-day marriage preparation program offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles - Together for a Lifetime.

Kathy Owen, Director of Family Life, and her husband Chris serve as the example of a living, breathing Catholic Christian marriage and try to teach the skills that will be necessary for each of those couples to succeed in making their own marriage work.

"We introduce them to the concepts, teaching them about the sacramental nature of marriage through our own witness," Kathy said.

Together for a Lifetime is a compulsory program for couples

entering the Sacrament of Marriage, according to Owen. "All dioceses across the country have guidelines for the sacrament not just here in Lake Charles.

"We try to get the couples to understand what it takes to make a marriage work," Owen said. "We remind them of what the vows say - for better or worse and we try to show them the real side of marriage with its ups and downs."

Owen offers the program eight times per year as well as providing couples with the option of attending an Engaged Encounter weekend at Saint Charles Center.

"Marriage is a true gift from God," she continued. "We try to show them the reality of the Sacrament - lifelong, unconditional, mutual."

Many couples seem to be delaying marriage from their early 20s into their mid 20s, Owen noted. "Which is good," she said. Unlike some younger people, "those older couples aren't trying to escape some-

thing," Owen continued. "They will usually have put more discernment in their decision the older they are."

Statistics have shown that just attending a marriage preparation course reduces the chances of divorce by 50 percent

Owen also pointed to the great work being done by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops and its programs dealing with marriage.

"A wonderful resource for couples, both engaged and already married, is the web site, *for your marriage.org*," she said. "The site, sponsored by the Bishops, provides information, skills, inspiration and resources."

A new program to be offered this Fall is "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage, a one-day program that will be offered to couples as an option to Together for a Lifetime.

For more information about Marriage Preparation Programs call Kathy Owen at 337-439-7400, Ext. 313.



Passing out material for the recent Together for a Lifetime program, sponsored by the Office of Family Life, are Chris and Kathy Owen. Kathy is the director of Family Life. The couple serve as an example of a living, breathing Catholic Christian marriage, teaching the skills necessary for couples to succeed in making their own marriages work.

## Bishop Provost will lead Easter liturgies

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate the Sacred Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday - on March 20-23, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Provost will bless the palms before the 9:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 17. The blessing will begin in the courtyard between the Cathedral and the Day Chapel, weather permitting. The Bishop and parishioners will then process into the Cathedral for the Palm Sunday Mass.

On Wednesday, March 19 at 10 a.m., the Bishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass, at which the Holy Oils used during the year are prepared and blessed, in

the Cathedral. The priests of the Diocese will concelebrate.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Holy Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. The Bishop will wash the feet of 12 members of the laity in commemoration of Christ washing the feet of the Apostles.

The celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place on Good Friday at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral. The service begins with the Liturgy of the Word, followed by Veneration of the Cross, with the faithful recognizing the Cross of Christ as our only hope of salvation. The celebration concludes with Holy Communion.

At the Easter Vigil on Saturday, which will begin at 8 p.m., candidates for reception to the Church are baptized and

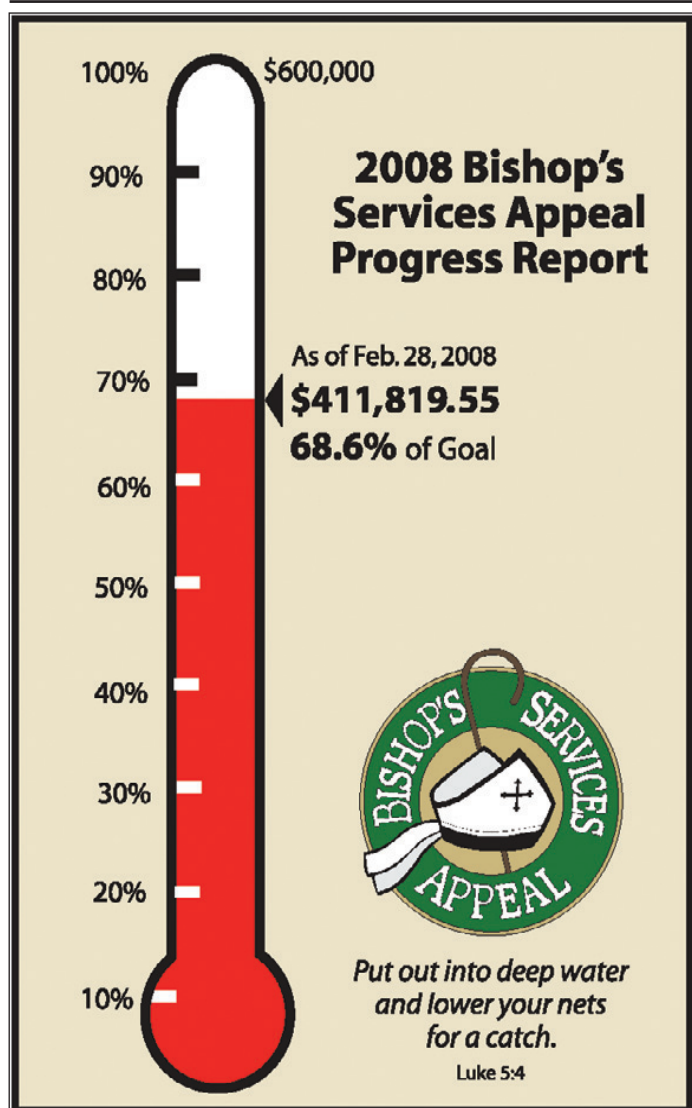
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation while Catechumens are received into full communion with the Church.

Mass times for Easter Sunday, April 23, in the Cathedral are 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Bishop Provost will celebrate the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy.

Penance Services will be held during the week of March 10-14 at 7 p.m. each night. Sites are the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; Monday, St. Philip Neri Church, Kinder, Tuesday; Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Sulphur, Wednesday; St. Patrick Mission Chapel, Sweetlake, Thursday; and Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Jennings, Friday.



In celebration of the beginning of the 100th anniversary year of Sacred Heart Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School, Bishop Glen John Provost blessed the school reconstruction project necessitated by Hurricane Rita. Pictured with the Bishop are Father Rommel Tollentino, Deacon Edward Lavine, and Father Henry Mancuso.



### Did you know...

The only two priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles, since its establishment, named Protonotary Apostolic, the highest grade of monsignor found outside Rome, were the late Rev. Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc and the late Rev. Msgr. Amos J. Vincent. The honor was bestowed on Monsignor DeBlanc on June 6, 1982 by Pope John Paul II while Msgr. Vincent was named on June 29, 1998, also by Pope John Paul II. The two priests had previously been honored by various Pontiffs. Pope John XXIII named Msgr. Vincent a Chaplain of Honor to His Holiness in 1961 and Pope Paul VI named him a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness in 1966. Msgr. DeBlanc had been named a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness by Pope Pius XII in 1953.

There are currently 28 men who are Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Lake Charles. In August 1980, Bishop Jude Speyrer ordained the first eight men as Permanent Deacons since the establishment of the Diocese earlier that year. Do you know who they were? Find out in the March 20 Catholic Calendar.

**The Offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Holy Thursday, March 20; Good Friday, March 21; and Easter Monday, March 24. Offices will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25.**