



Wardella Fontenot

Mrs. Fontenot, former local leader, dies

Mrs. Wardella Morgan Fontenot, 86, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, in her residence in Lake Charles.

She was a native of Lake Charles and lived 20 years in Cameron and 32 years in Jennings, returning to Lake Charles four years ago.

She was a graduate of Lake Charles High School in 1937, and Vincent Business College. Mrs. Fontenot was a Sunday school teacher for many years at Cameron First Baptist Church and Jennings First Baptist Church.

At the time of her death, she was a member of Tom Hebert Baptist Mission. Mrs. Fontenot was winner of the State Baking Contest in 1961, and was well known for her gingerbread houses and candy house villages.

She was a member of and held many positions in many organizations, including the Home Demonstration Club, the Pink Ladies Auxiliary, Entre-Nous and the Revelers. She was a founding member of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival of Cameron.

Survivors include her husband, Hadley A. Fontenot of Lake Charles; one son, Judge Ward Fontenot of Sweetlake; one daughter, Lurchel Wittler of Lake Charles; four grandsons; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Carol Spilman of Houston, Tex. and Catherine Landry of Port Neches, Tex.

Her funeral was held Sunday, April 4, in Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Chris Fuselier officiated. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

Lib. Week observance told here

Cameron Parish Public Library will celebrate National Library week by hosting an open house at each of its library branches during the week of April 19-April 23.

Everyone is invited to come by the library for refreshments and to see what our libraries have to offer.

The schedule for each open house is as follows:

Monday, April 19th, 12-4 p.m. Cameron Library, Cameron.

Tuesday April 20th, 12-4 p.m. Johnson Bayou Library, Johnson Bayou.

Wednesday, April 21st, 12-4 p.m. Hackberry Library, Hackberry.

Thursday, April 22nd, 12-4 p.m. Grand Lake Library, Grand Lake.

New dentists coming here

The former office of Dr. Mark Smythe in Creole is being completely remodeled inside to accommodate Drs. Jacob and Tricia Dent, a husband-wife team of dentists who plan to open a full-time practice here soon. Remodeling is expected to take about another month.

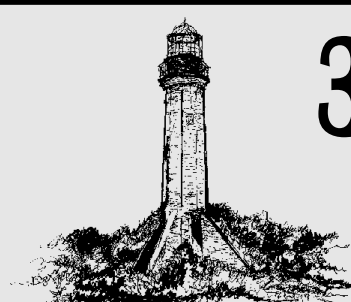
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Delia Nunez

Dede Nunez gets national recognition

Delia (Dede) Nunez of Cameron was one of six National 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries volunteer leaders who were recognized at the North America Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference held March 16 - 20 in Spokane, Wash.

Nunez works with the Cameron Parish Library's Children's Programs. She has been a 4-H volunteer leader for five years and is the Southern Regional Coordinator for Shooting Sports.

Nunez started her 4-H experience five years ago when her local extension agent asked her to coordinate a new program in Louisiana called the Outdoor Skills Program. This program, relying on volunteer efforts, was a great success in teaching children shooting and firearm safety.

Nunez was trained in both Idaho and Minnesota by experts so she could go back to Louisiana and train adults to become instructors in Outdoor Skills.

Nunez was also a leader at the Wild Woods Wanderings Camp, an environmental camp conducted along the Tensas River Refuge and Poverty Point Indian Mounds. This was week-long camp geared towards 10th and 12th graders.

Historical markers to be dedicated

The Southwest Louisiana Historical Association will dedicate two historical markers in Cameron Parish on Tuesday, April 20.

The markers commemorate the Gulf Biological Station and the Cameron Parish Lighthouse, two early public facilities in the area. The markers will be along Jetty Road and at the lighthouse.

The dedication ceremony will begin at noon; a reception will follow at the Jetty Pavilion. Refreshments will be served.

The Gulf Biological Station, the first marine biological research facility on the Gulf, operated from 1902 to 1909.

The lighthouse began operation in 1876 and continued to guide ships until 1940.

No one can avoid aging, but aging productively is something else. -Katharine Graham



THIS PHOTO of the Sabine Pass Lighthouse in western Cameron Parish was taken years ago. The lighthouse keeper's house, shown in the background, has since burned. The Cameron Preservation Society has been working for a number of years to restore the lighthouse and to open the site to the public.

Permit grant to be appealed by Jury

By JERRY WISE

The Cameron Parish Police Jury Monday agreed to appeal a decision of the La. Office of Conservation to grant a permit for the location of an oilfield waste treatment facility near the mouth of the Calcasieu River at Cameron.

The permit was approved on April 1 for the facility to be installed by Environmental Partners, LLC of Lafayette at the AB Dock site on the west side of the ship channel.

The Police Jury asked District Attorney Cecil Sanner to prepare an appeal to the state agency to overturn the permit.

A hearing on the proposed project was held in the Police Jury meeting room on Jan. 14. There was strong opposi-

tion at that time from various public bodies and neighboring property owners who cited potential health risks and impact on tourism and development as reason for opposition.

The proposed facility will treat oil-base drilling wastes using an indirect heat source to separate liquids from drilling solids by means of vaporization and condensation processes within an enclosed processing unit and liquids recovery system.

Recovered drilling fluids will be returned to drilling mud suppliers for reuse as drilling fluids.

Parish Administrator Tina Horn said the Police Jury will be looking to ways to try to get the permit revoked.

Monkey Island ferry to get 3 more years of life

By JIM BEAM (American Press)

The Monkey Island Ferry in Cameron Parish gets three more years of life and a new name under the provisions of two bills that were reported favorably recently by the Senate Transportation, Highway and Public Works Committee.

Sen. Jerry Theunissen, R-Jennings, who represents Cameron Parish, is sponsor of both measures. He also got favorable action from the Senate Local and Municipal Affairs Committee on a bill that increases the membership on the board of Cameron Parish Ambulance Service District No. 2 from five to six members.

All three members now move to the Senate floor for debate and final action. If passed, they move to the House for additional consideration.

Under current law, the Monkey Island Ferry was scheduled to cease service July 1, 2005. However, plans for a bridge to the island have been sidetracked, and Theunissen and parish officials want to extend the service date to July 1, 2008.

Theunissen said 55 years ago the Calcasieu River channel was straightened, and that process created Monkey Island. He said that until a

bridge is constructed, the ferry needs to serve the seven families who live there, and the Lake Charles Pilots station and a U.S. Weather Bureau facility that are also located there.

Tina Horn, administrator of Cameron Parish, said the island also has potential for economic development by the West Cameron Port Board.

The federal budget contained \$100,000 for a Monkey Island bridge study, but Theunissen said that money was moved to another project.

He said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently doing a bridge study and then the application will move to the U.S. Coast Guard for additional action.

Theunissen told Sen. Walter Boasso, R-Chalmette, that it costs \$697,000 to operate the ferry every year. He said the state Department of Transportation and Development has no objection to his bill.

Another Theunissen bill renames the ferry the Martin Luther King, Jr. Ferry. It is a move pursued by the Cameron Parish NAACP.

Jury rescinds London contract

By Cyndi Sellers

Cameron Parish Police Jurors, at their regular meeting Monday Night, rescinded last month's action to hire Laurie London as grant writer for Cameron Parish. Issues were raised about the terms of the proposed contract with London's company, American Marketing Concepts, including lack of input from jurors in the negotiations and certain items in the contract.

Also at issue was the amount of the contract. Juror Douaine Conner, who voted in favor of the hiring last month, stated that upon further consideration, \$45,000 for what would only be half a year's work was too much money. He remained convinced of the need for a grant writer, however.

Jurors also noted that most grant proposals are due by the end of April in any given year, so this was probably not the best time to hire a grant writer.

Juror Darryl Farque expressed concern over the allegations from Creole Waterworks board chairman Sandra DeShields Ford during the 3:00 agenda meeting. Ford alleged that London had become extremely confrontational toward the waterworks and a contractor.

London's company, American Marketing Concepts, was retained by the Creole water district to write for and administer a \$600,000 grant from the Office of Community Development to drill a new water well and build a new water tower. The company's \$35,000 fee was provided by the district as matching funds for the grant. To date, according to Ford, 65% of the fee has been paid according to an agreed upon payment schedule.

Recently, Ford claimed, the district has been billed for expenses from previous months. When requested to wait a few days while the

charges were reviewed, London reportedly demanded payment in 24 hours.

As a result of all concerns, the proposed contract between American Marketing Concepts and the Jury was rejected by a vote of 5 to 1, after an attempt by Juror Scott Trahan to table it for further study failed. Juror Sonny McGee was absent. The jury then voted 5 to 1 to rescind the original action to hire London, with Trahan voting nay.

Another item causing considerable discussion was the issue of excavation permits. Farque asked the other jurors for ideas about what to do when a homeowner gets a permit to dig a pond and use the excavated material for a house and/or barn pad, then proceeds to keep digging and sell the material off site, resulting in damage to parish roads.

An example was given of the Dixie Dirt Pit at Hebert's Landing, which was originally permitted as a pond and house pad but has grown much larger and seems to have become a commercial enterprise.

After much discussion of existing ordinances and a request to the District Attorney to do some more research, jurors tabled a permit request from Jeff Poe to excavate 15,000 cubic yards of material, using 2100 yards for a house pad and hauling the rest off the site, which is located on Hebert Camp Road in Big Lake. Other proposed excavations which did not involve off site hauling on parish roads were approved.

Special projects totalling \$42,000 were approved by the jury. They include \$20,000 to improve Big Lake Park/Ball Park and \$20,000 to test a "two shot" road treatment on 1400 ft. of Eva Lane, requested by Farque, and \$2000 for a handicapped beach access off

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School Board approves funds for FBLA trip

By JERRY WISE

Requests for aid in sending students and sponsors from two parish schools to a national FBLA conference sparked a lengthy discussion at the Cameron Parish School Board meeting Monday.

FBLA sponsors asked the board for help in sending three students from South Cameron High and one from Hackberry High to the National FBLA conference in Denver, Col.

An agenda item proposed allotting \$500 per student and one sponsor from each school.

Board Member Dorothy Theriot offered an amendment, which passed, which increased the allotment to \$750 per person.

Board Member Pat Howerton objected to the increase, noting some science students at Grand Lake High School had raised their own funds to attend an event in California.

Supt. Doug Chance pointed out that there were only four school sponsored organi-

zations which board policy permitted board contributions for trips and suggested the board might want to review this list.

Although the board voted to sponsor the FBLA trip at \$750 per person, Howerton warned that it might be opening itself up for requests from other organizations.

OTHER SCHOOL TRIPS

In addition to the FBLA trip, the following trips were approved:

*Ms. Bobbye Delaney and five 8th grade science students from Grand Lake High School were approved to attend the World Space Week Educational awards event April 13 in Los Angeles as a result of the students winning 3rd place in the national competition for their work on the International Space Station. They raised their own trip money.

*South Cameron High School was approved to send the varsity cheerleaders and their sponsor, Oralia Benoit, to varsity cheerleaders camp in Sequin, Texas June 28-July 1.

*Ms. Ruby Dupuie from South Cameron Elementary was approved to travel to California using professional development funds June 8-12 to complete certification to train teachers to use Palm One Computer.

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MEMBERS OF THE Sign Language Club put on a demonstration of their talents for the Cameron Parish School Board at its meeting Monday. They were accompanied by their sponsor, April Spicer.



VANDALISM CONTINUES to be a problem at Rutherford Beach. One of the recently acquired cable spool tables has been demolished, the other four have been moved out of place, edging has been torn out, and a litter barrel has been completely removed. Beachfront Development District #2 would like to provide more amenities, but finds the vandalism discouraging. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

FUNERALS

STELLA M. ARTHUR

Stella Marie Arthur, 81, of Grand Lake died Monday, April 5, 2004, in her residence.

She was a native of Mayville and lifelong resident of Grand Lake.

Survivors include two sons, Harry W. Arthur, Jr. of San Antonio, Tex. and Garry Lee Arthur of Katy, Tex.; one daughter, Carolyn Sue Benoit of Grand Lake; one sister, Alma Victoria Guidry of Lake Charles; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry W. Arthur, Sr.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 8, in Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. Monsignor Harry Greigg and the Rev. Garry Mann will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.

PHALIA SALTZMAN

Phalia Saltzman, 70, of Sulphur died Sunday, April 4, 2004, in her residence.

She was a native of Gueydan and had moved from Cameron to the Sulphur area nine years ago. She was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Catholic Daughters of America and a life-long member of the VFW Post in Lake Arthur. Mrs. Saltzman was past president of the Ladies Auxiliary for the VFW in Cameron. She worked at the Council on Aging in Cameron.

Survivors include six children, Mathias Saltzman of Gueydan, Natalie Casanovas of DeRidder, Frances McGaa, Alfreda Quillotte and Vivian Aultman, all of Sulphur, and Michael Saltzman of

Corrinth, Tex.; five sisters; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wadley Saltzman.

Her funeral was held Wednesday, April 7, in Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery.

CALVIN RAY WRIGHT

Calvin Ray Wright, 58, of Hackberry died Friday, April 2, 2004, in a Lafayette hospital.

He was a native of Lake Charles and had lived in Sulphur for 18 years and in Hackberry for 38 years.

Survivors include his father, Jim Wright of Dry Creek; three children, Michelle East, Sandy Wright, and Michael Wright, all of Hackberry; five sisters, Shirley Jean, Darla Hughes and Carolyn Pruitt, all of Dry Creek, Gloria Johnson of Gillis, and Gaylynn Jones of Sulphur; four brothers, Curtis Wright and Alvin Wright, both of Dry Creek, Leonard Wright of Sulphur, and Randy Wright of Hackberry; and two grandchildren.

His funeral was held Sunday, April 4, in Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Chapel. Bro. Morris Pruitt and Bro. William Hughes officiated. Burial was in New Hackberry Cemetery.



Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith



The death of Wardella Fontenot brought back memories of the good times we shared together.

Aunt Nona Welch used to tell about the time Wardella brought her infant daughter to see Great-Aunt Dice, who lived next to the courthouse in which is now the law office of Glenn Alexander. She had Lurchel in a shoe box. Lurchel is now married to Mike Wittler and lives in Lake Charles.

Wardella was married to Hadley Fontenot, who was the organizer of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival. Their other child is Judge Ward Fontenot, the esteemed Judge of the 38th Judicial Court in Cameron.

We contacted all of the clubs and organizations in 1956 and had our first festival that year. Because Wardella started our scrapbook and had it in the county agent's office upstairs in the courthouse, we

saved it in "Hurricane Audrey".

The beautiful spring weather has brought the blooms on the azaleas in the Village and everyone is out planting bulbs and flowers in their flower beds.

Cherie and her husband, Pat weeded and replanted my flower beds in front of my house with beautiful dianthus, latana and hibiscus and got permission to take out bushes that were blocking the vision from the road.

Yesterday, when I went to the beauty shop, I met the newest residents of the Village, a couple from Minnesota, who said they were tired of all the cold weather and wanted to come south. They also own a home at Grand Isle, because he loves to fish. She said they love it here. I invited her to join our Bible study class on Monday mornings and she said she would be delighted.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Lake Charles American Press, March 31, 1941)

CAMERON OIL FIELDS

Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.'s State Land No. 58 in Hackberry field, was added to the list of oil producers in the field this weekend and a 12 1/2-hour gauge showed the new well flowing 198 barrels from an established sand below 9,100 feet. Total depth of the operation was 9,619 feet.

Union Sulphur Co. has leased by assignment a large block of several thousand acres in the neighborhood of the abandoned Big Lake oil field in Cameron Parish from J. Howard Trotter of Lake Charles, paying \$1,000 and other considerations.

(Cameron Pilot, April 2, 1971)

GOVERNMENT DAY

Cameron Parish was literally "taken over" by the younger generation Thursday, March 25, when high school students observed Government Day in the parish courthouse.

In the election between the Federalist and the Nationalist parties, Joe Devall won as judge over Roger Blackburn, Dean LaVergne captured the District Attorney post over Diana Ducote, Claude Devall won the Sheriff post over Steve LeFleur.

Johnny LaBove was elected Clerk of Court over Scott Henry and Linda Buford won the Coroner's Post over Debbie Jacobs. The Tax Assessor went to Nell Smith over Mike Young.

Beverly Harrison was elected Registrar of Voters over Karen Faulk, and Wanda Devall was elected Superintendent of Education over James Marceaux; Fred Erbeling was elected Justice of the Peace over Mike Thibodeaux.

Elected to serve on the school board were Carrol Soires and Theresa Devall over Jimmy Pearce and Daryl Farque.

Earl Guthrie, Linda Constance, Trudy Hicks and Curtis Fountain were elected Police Jurors over Felice Dardeaux, Ray Daigle, Sonnie McGea and Mona Jinks.

DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Prospects of placing a mail drop box at Oak Grove is not encouraging Joe P. Rutherford

reported to the Cameron Parish Development meeting. Rutherford stated he had talked with Dalton, Richard, Cameron Postmaster, who had inquired of the postal inspector, the decision itself will come from the Dallas office and there has been no word from that office to date.

Correspondence was read from the Corp. of Engineers to the effect that no present need existed for the capping of the jetties at Cameron. The president appointed Terry Clement to investigate any steps the Police Jury of Cameron might be considering for improving the jetties as recreational facility.

Rep. Conway LeBleu discussed the highway building program for Cameron Parish. He explained that the Legislature in 1968 passed a five-year construction program bill. Some of the projects for Cameron, which came out of this bill are: widening main street in Cameron, New Kelso Bayou, resurfacing of roads in Grand Chenier and Sweetlake.

CATTELMEN BUSY By ELORA MONTIE

The starting of spring always means a busy time of the year for the Chenier folks, especially the local cattlemen. For the past several weeks many have been burning off some of their pasture land and old hay patches for fresh spring grass for the cattle.

This past weekend some of the first spring branding and vaccinating took place on several of the cattle farms here: Jeff Nunez, Lionel and Charlie Theriot, Valian and Oliver Theriot, while still many more will be held from now until the end of spring.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH By MRS. LEE J. HARRISON

The youth assemblage of the Ebenezer Baptist Church was held Sunday morning. Positions usually occupied by adults were filled by youth.

Commencing with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Rudolph Bartie, Jr. assumed the position of dean, and Harold LaSalle that of assistant superintendent.

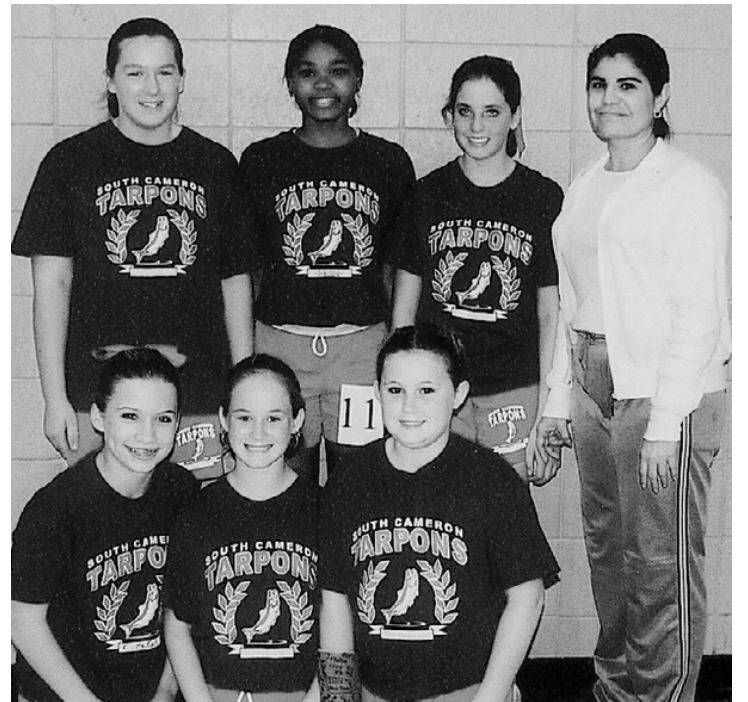
Sunday School teachers were Marlon Harrison, Patricia Anthony, and Cornelia Bartie, Gregory Harrison and Carol Cockrell.

Highlights of the Sunday School lesson were given by Marvin LaSalle. Michael Bartie, Melvin LaSalle and Mrs. Cheryl Savoy were recording, financial and chalkboard secretaries, respectively.

Song leaders for the occasion were Cornelia Bartie, Carol Cockrell and Dexter Harrison. Music was conducted by Gregory Harrison and Al Bartie, Jr.

EASY PIE RECIPE

Sour Cream Pie -- Mix 3/4 cup sugar, 1 cup sour cream and add 2 beaten eggs, pinch of salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon each of nutmeg and cloves, 1/2 cup coarsely broken pecans. Pour into baked pie shell and bake in hot oven, 425 degrees, for 20 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 degrees and bake 20 minutes longer.



SOUTH CAMERON High School Tarpon Jr. Varsity cheerleaders for 2004-2005 are shown above: (standing, from left) Krystal Frerks, LaKasha Lassien, Danica Mhire, sponsor Oralin Benoit; (kneeling) captain Haley McCall, Melanie Hardy, and Jerica Boudreaux.

Free skin cancer screening offered by St. Patrick's

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the

United States. Each year nearly one million Americans learn they have it. Fortunately, if caught early, it can be one of the most curable of all cancers.

The CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital Regional Cancer Center will be hosting a free skin cancer screening on Wednesday, May 5, from 6 - 8 p.m., at the Regional Cancer Center, located on the corners of Foster and Lillone Streets.

A team of area physicians will be conducting the screenings. Registration is necessary and appointments are limited. For more information or to register for this important screening, please call the Regional Cancer Center at 491-7569. Participants are asked to wear loose fitting clothes.

ROUNDABOUT THE PARISH

Grand Chenier Elementary School teachers were honored during Teacher Appreciation Week by the Grand Chenier HD Club with a reception in the cafeteria and a gift. Teachers honored were "Sonny" McCall, principal; Bunny Welch, Wayne Wood, Tommy Broussard, Mrs. Betty McCall, Mrs. Bobby Nunez, Mrs. Judy Jones, Mrs. Eulaing Kelly and Miss Mary Lee Theriot.

Winner of the senior sweepstake award at the Cameron Favorite Foods Show Saturday was Ward Fontenot. Roberta Blake was the junior sweepstake winner.

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The annual Cameron Parish Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats will be held Saturday, April 17th. The rabies vaccination fee is \$10.00 and includes tag and certificate. Vaccinations will be given at the following locations:

- Cameron Multi-Purpose Bldg.....1-2:30 p.m.
- Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Bldg.....1-2:30 p.m.
- Johnson Bayou Multi-Purpose Bldg.....1-2:30 p.m.
- Creole Multi-Purpose Bldg.....3-4:30 p.m.
- Grand Chenier Multi-Purpose Bldg.....3-4:30 p.m.
- Hackberry Multi-Purpose Bldg.....3-4:30 p.m.



Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



NUTRIA TAILS

The high nutria population is blamed for coastal erosion and land loss. Nutrias will eat up vegetation in an area and this becomes open water areas.

Before the 2002-03 fur trapping season, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LFWF), put into effect a Coastwide Nutria Control Program. The Breaux Act funds were used to pay licensed trappers \$4 per nutria tail. The first year of the program 2002-03 saw 1589 fur licenses sold, almost double the 871 sold in the previous season. The Coastwide Nutria Control Program surely brought more trappers out and then the higher than average prices for otter pelts (average \$59.09) may have also contributed to higher license sales.

APRIL IS HERE

April Fool's Day was a good day for me as I caught my 10 bass, found one turtle and caught my wife on an April Fool's joke. Recreational and commercial shark harvest closed on April 1, on Louisiana waters.

Don't be fooled because April 15 is federal income tax due date and the IRS won't even think of being fooled.

It's time to collect may-haws for jams and the osprey begin nesting in South Louisiana. The purple gallinules arrive from South and Central America to begin nesting.

The alligator snapping turtles begin laying eggs while the mole alligators begin bellowing in our marshes. This is an important month for nesting ducks in northern breeding grounds. I'll say this we have as many blue-winged teals here in our marshes, as we did for the September teal season.

DATES FOR APRIL

April 15 - 17 - Southwest Louisiana Fourth Annual Migration Sensation, a three day birding festival for bird watchers from across the U.S. held in Lake Arthur, where birds stop to rest and feed on their annual migration.

April 21 - Red Snapper Recreational Season opens in the Gulf of Mexico federal waters at 12:01 a.m. through Oct. 31.

April 26 - The Lacassine Pool opens for fishing. Largemouth bass must be 14 inches or longer to keep with a five bass per angler per day creel limit. All bass smaller than 14 inches must be released immediately. All other fish in pool may be taken, just remember the state regulations. No motor larger than 25 hp permitted in pool.

AREA FISHING

Area fishing has been good. Marsh bass fishing is a little tough as weeds, lilies, and waterlilies are growing fast, leaving lots of pond already unfinished.

Good fishing reports from Rockefeller Refuge, the Big Lake area and the Hackberry area.

Calcasieu Lake has been good with little wind to fight. Reports, from Jack Hebert in Hackberry and Hebert's in Big Lake, are that nice speckle trout are being taken as well as redbird and some flounder.

Rockefeller Refuge has been fair on redbird, but some good freshwater fishing and nice catfish being taken.

Both the Cameron and Grand Chenier jetties are producing redbird and big drums.

Catfish are biting on the Little Pecan Bayou off the Mermentau River.

P.S. If you want to catch fish, you've got to go fish and when you get there, keep the bait in the water and don't complain.

FISHING TIMES

Friday, April 9 - Best, 3:30 p.m.; good, 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 10 - Best, 4:45 p.m.; good, 10 a.m.

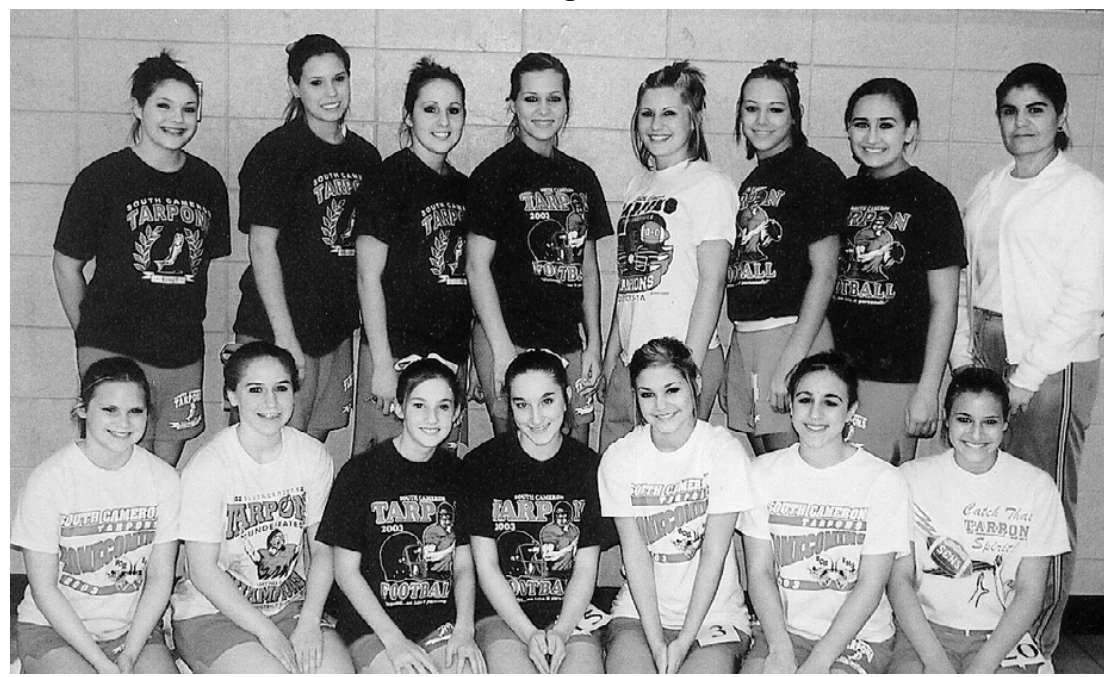
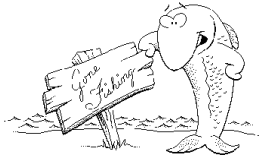
Sunday, April 11 - Best, 5 a.m. and 6 p.m.; good, 11 a.m.

Monday, April 12 - Best, 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; good, 12 noon.

Tuesday, April 13 - Best, 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; good, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14 - Best 8 a.m. and 8:45 p.m.; good 2 p.m.

Thursday, April 15 - Best, 9 a.m. and 9:15 p.m.; good, 3 p.m.



SOUTH CAMERON High School Tarpon Varsity cheerleaders for 2004-2005 are shown above: (standing, from left) Erika Pickett, Ashley Thibodeaux, Kassie Benton, captain Lexie LeBoeuf, Christian McCall, D'Nae Desonier, Haley Willis, sponsor Oralin Benoit; (kneeling) Kaley Boudoin, Brittany Nunez, Shylyn Nunez, Katelyn Reina, Dixie Desonier, Ali Beth Conner, and Kami Savoie.

Baseball & Softball Parish Roundup

BASEBALL

Grand Lake 10; Episcopal 8 (8 innings) - The Hornets scored 2 runs in the top of the 8th inning to give the Hornets their 6th district win. Dustin Leger went the distance for the Hornets. Top hitters were Curtis Manuel, 2-3; Marcus Harris, 2-5; and Justin Girlinghouse, 2-5. Grand Lake improves to 14-6 overall and 6-0 in district.

Grand Lake 20; Bell City 0 - Eric McCombs threw a one hit shutout against the Bruins. The Hornets pounded out 17 hits. McCombs had three homers in the game as

he went 5-5. Jake Medlock was 3-4 and Heath Romero had a pair of base hits.

Oberlin 19; South Cameron 2 - Dominique LeBlanc, Jordan Istre, Ryan LeBleu, and John Trosclair pitched for the Tarpons. Justin Trahan and Istre had a base hit and RBI each.

SOFTBALL

Singer 14; Hackberry 0 - Amanda Simon pitched for the Lady Mustangs. Hackberry had no base hits.

St. Edmund 4; South Cameron 2 - No stats were available. The Lady Tarpons improve to 18-2-3 on the year

and 5-1 in district.

Hamilton Christian 9; Grand Lake 3 - Lakeyn Duhon went the distance for the Lady Hornets. Top hitters were Maggie Fruge, 1-2 with a triple, RBI, and run; and Cheri Sammis, 2-3.

Starks 12; Hackberry 1 - A. Simon pitched for the Lady Mustangs. Tobie Devall and Edie Leonards had a base hit each for Hackberry.

South Cameron 6; Oberlin 3 - Amber Trahan and Laken Mock pitched for the Lady Tarpons. Top hitters were Santana Conner, 2-4 and a RBI; Lauren Roberts, 2-4; and Amber Trahan, 2-4 with a RBI.

Grand Lake Jr. 4-H News

By JORDAN POOLE

The Grand Lake Jr. 4H club held a record book workshop recently. Members received their record books and were given instructions on how to complete their books. Those in attendance were Tasha Fontenot, Jordan Poole, Julia Quinn, Megan Poole, and Sr. 4H member, Alyssa Fontenot. Refreshments were served.

Record books are to be turned in to the school office by April 2nd.

Megan Poole and Renn Savoie participated in the 4H District Cookery Contest on March 24th. Megan placed 2nd in the Sugar Baked Category and Renn placed 2nd in the Beef, Quick and Easy Category.

Achievement Day will be held April 3rd in Hackberry, all members are urged to attend.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20th.



Grand Lake 12; Lacassine 0 - Lakeyn Duhon went the distance for the Lady Hornets giving up only one hit. Top hitters for Grand Lake were Duhon, 3-4, with a double, triple, RBI, and 3 runs; Shelly Granger, 3-4 with 2 doubles, a triple, and 2 RBIs; Maggie Fruge, 2-3 with a triple; and Brittany Hebert, 2-3 with a RBI.

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Cameron Parish Library tells recent new books

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Antiques Price Guide 2003, Mrs. McWhirter by Charlotte Trosclair;
Western Garden Annual, Theresa Mudd by Janelle Boudoin;
The Carpenter's Cloth, Denise McCall by Joe, Janice, Chris, Dane and Marissa Dupont;
Fire Trucks, Glyn Taylor by Joe, Janice, Chris, Dane and Marissa Dupont;
Holding Back the Sea, Joseph "Bubba" Higgins, Jr. by Joe, Janice, Chris, Dane and Marissa Dupont;
Folklife in Louisiana Photography, Olga Butsey Carter by Creole Homemakers;
How to Fix Everything, Jean W. Landry by Richard Brothers Post #0176, American Legion;
From Small Bits of

Charcoal, Jean W. Landry by VFW Doxey Vincent Post #10019;
The Jesus Touch, Gloria Higgins by Gloria Kelley;
School Buses, Georgie Marie Trahan by Jerry W. Nunez and family;
Shaker Hearts, Durphy Vincent by Grace Roberts.

NEW NOVELS
Ambush of the Mountain Man, William W. Johnstone;
No Man's Land, William W. Johnstone;
The Game, Laurie B. King;
The Ideal Bride, Stephanie Laurens;
The Zero Game, Brad Meltzer;
A Hole in the Universe, Mary McGarry Morris;
Bad Business, Robert B. Parker;
3rd Degree, James Patterson;
A Year and a Day, Leslie Pietrzyk;
Naked in Death, J. D. Robb;
Key of Valor, Nora Roberts.

Easter hunt to be held in Creole

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt after 8:30 a.m. Mass, Easter Sunday.
Knights of Columbus Council 3014 will conduct the event. Two groups will hunt, pre-school and kindergarten, and first through third grades.
There will be prizes awarded for prize eggs and most eggs found in both groups, with lots of candy for all the children.
All Knights are asked to bring one or two dozen eggs before Mass to the Msgr. Bernard Center and to help out. Meet at the center at 7:30 a.m.

Theriot's to observe 70th anniversary

On Sunday, April 11, Charles D. and Macilda C. Theriot will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary. The couple was married on April 21, 1934 in Grand Chenier.
The family will be celebrating this special occasion on Easter Sunday at the home of Charles and Macilda Theriot in Grand Chenier. Family and friends are invited.

Spring Fling at J. Bayou

The Johnson Bayou Athletic Association will have a Spring Fling on Saturday, April 24, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the school cafeteria, shop and outside pavilion.
There will be silent and live auctions, raffles, door prizes, cake walk, country store, games, and food. Games will include football and basketball throw, duck pond, free throw, ping pong toss, and ring toss.
Pork jambalaya, cold drinks, and snacks will be sold. Call 569-2138 with any questions, to volunteer, or make donations.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH
WALK FOR CHRIST
The Walk for Christ will be held Friday, April 9, at 1 p.m. Meet at St. Peters Hall. Confirmation students will lead the walk. Everyone is invited.
KC MEETING
The KC's of Hackberry will have a meeting at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the KC Hall.

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Mrs. Joseph Abshire

Abshire - Reyes vows are said in Lafayette ceremony

Nicole Reyes and Joseph Abshire were married Saturday, March 27, at 3 p.m. at the Ballroom in Lafayette. Judge Barbara Broussard officiated the double ring ceremony.
Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Reyes, II of Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Abshire of Meaux.
The bride was given in marriage to her father. Ashley Reyes, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Desiree Roberts, Shannon Suratt, Brooke Willis, Alexis Gueringer, and Jennifer Abshire, sister of the groom.
The miniature bride and groom were Hailey Girouard and Tyler LaBove and the flower girl and ringbearer were Riley Girouard and Dominic Longo.

Deceased Knights honored

The Rev. John Vianney Ijeoma, Pastor of St. Henry Parish, was the celebrant of a Memorial Mass honoring the 26 deceased Knights of the Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights on March 28, in St. Henry Church.
In addition to members of the Chapter relatives of many of the deceased Knights were also present at the Mass. These were honored at a reception following the Mass.
The deceased Knights included John Mark Richard and Jimmie Lee LaSalle from Cameron; and Elton A. Bonsall from Creole.

Heart Disease seminar set at L. Charles

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. To learn more about the latest medical advancements in cardiac care, attend a free community seminar featuring Regional Heart Center Cardiologist, Michael Turner, M.D., on Thursday, April 22, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Garber Auditorium, located on the corner of South Ryan and Foster Streets.
Dr. Turner will discuss methods of heart disease prevention, medical management, and recent developments in cardiac technology.
Seating is limited. For more information or to register, please call 1-888-72B-WELL, extension 358, or log on to www.stpatrickhospital.org.



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Seatrout ruling told

A declaration of emergency to continue the modification of regulations for recreationally harvested spotted seatrout was issued by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. The regulation continues the five fish limit to the number of fish greater than 25 inches that can be harvested for Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake, and surrounding areas.

This extension of the rule will go into effect 12:01 am, Monday, Monday April 26, and reads as follows: Within those areas of the state, including coastal territorial waters, south of Interstate 10 from its junction at the Texas-Louisiana boundary eastward to its junction with Louisiana Highway 171, south to Highway 14, and then south to Holmwood, and then south on Highway 27 through Gibbstown south to Louisiana Highway 82 at Creole and south on Highway 82 to Oak Grove, and then due south to the western shore of the Mermentau River, following this shoreline south to the junction with the Gulf of Mexico, and then due south to the limit of the state territorial sea, of the daily take and possession limit of twenty-five fish currently set out at LSA R.S. 56:325.1A.(2)(b), no person shall possess, regardless of where taken, more than five (5) spotted seatrout exceeding twenty-five inches (25") total length. Those spotted seatrout exceeding twenty-five inches (25") in length shall be considered as part of the 25 fish daily recreational bag and possession limits.

The existing size restriction requiring all spotted seatrout retained to be at least 12 inches remains unchanged. This emergency regulation is in effect for 120 days.

Birth told

MATTIE LORRAINE GULLORY
Michael Guillory, Jr. and Laura Laurent of Hackberry announce the birth of their first child, Mattie Lorraine, Thursday, April 1, at Lake Charles Memorial Gauthier Campus in Lake Charles. She weighed 8 lbs.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Sue) Largent of Hackberry and Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Sue) Guillory, Sr. of Hackberry.
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Mariel Hemingway

Hemingway to speak at conference

The Women's Commission of Southwest Louisiana has announced that Mariel Hemingway will be the Keynote Speaker for the Fall Conference, which will be held Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Ms. Hemingway has starred in movies such as *Manhattan* in which she received an Academy nomination. She has also made star appearances in television shows such as *Roseanne*, *The Sex Monster*, *Falling From Grace*. Mariel's passion after her family is Hartha and Kriya yoga, and has written a book, *Finding My Balance*. Included in her many adventures, she is also directing a show based on her grandfather's book, *A Moveable Feast*. Her grandfather is the late famous author Ernest Hemingway.

There will be four sessions of workshops, with six workshops per session to choose from. The workshops will be on various topics such as decorating, medicine, landscaping, travel, and motivational.

For more information of the Women's Commission of SWLA contact Betty Anderson, President, 475-5615 or Carol Henry, Publicity Chair, 439-7693.

To lower your risk of diabetes

Lose weight. If your body mass index (BMI) is greater than 25, it's time to lose a few pounds. Maintaining a healthy weight is perhaps the most important preventive measure you can take.

Get enough sleep. Recent studies indicate that sleep deprivation influences weight gain and can have a detrimental effect on carbohydrate metabolism and endocrine function, which lowers the body's tolerance to glucose.

Eat right. The New England Journal of Medicine reported that a diet high in cereal fiber and low in saturated and trans fats reduced the risk of diabetes.

Exercise. Experts recommend a minimum of 30 minutes of moderate aerobic activity five times a week and at two days of resistance training.

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- Numbness or weakness, especially in the face, arms or legs on one or both sides of the body.
- Confusion, difficulty speaking or understanding.
- Trouble seeing in one or both eyes; double vision.
- Difficulty walking; loss of balance and coordination.
- Severe headache.

Call your doctor even if these warning signs last only a few minutes. Brief episodes may be ministrokes, indicative of a more serious underlying condition.

About 15 percent of strokes are caused by brain aneurysms, bulges on artery walls. These can be treated.

Bouncing Back. Strokes can be mild to devastating. Either way, you have a lot of say about your successful recovery.

1. **Smile** - Studies at the University of Maryland have shown that people with positive personalities are more likely to fully recover from stroke.

2. **Exercise** - Ask your doctor about low-impact workouts that help repair damaged muscles and increase your range of movement.

3. **Don't Neglect Your Affected Side.** One side of your body will probably be weaker. Make an effort to keep an affected leg or arm in a normal position. Have people sit on your affected side so that you turn in that direction.

4. **Talk About Your Feelings.** You may have mood swings or feel embarrassed about how much care you require. Talking to family members, your doctor, pastor or a therapist can help.

Block That Stroke. A few good habits go a long way.

1. **Lower That Blood Pressure.** The biggest risk factor for stroke. See your doctor and work out a strategy to normalize your blood pressure. Reduce your salt intake and eat potassium-rich fruits and vegetables like bananas and potatoes.

2. **Snuff The Butts.** Smoking is linked to the buildup of fatty substances in the carotid artery, the brain's main blood supply. Quitting at any age reduces your risk of stroke.

3. **Be Heart Smart.** Cardiovascular disorders can result in blood clots that break loose and cause strokes. If you are over 50, ask your doctor about blood-thinning therapies, and to recommend an exercise program.

4. **Watch Your Diabetes.** If your blood glucose level is high at the time of stroke, brain damage may be more severe. Diabetics who keep their glucose levels well controlled will delay the onset of stroke-related risks.

(Excerpt from April 2004/Guideposts)



CAMERON ELEMENTARY and South Cameron Elementary School wrestlers who recently were winners in state competition were honored by the Cameron Parish School Board at its monthly meeting Monday. They are pictured with their coaches.

Region V Soc. Studies Fair winners named

Grand Lake High School students won a number of awards at the recent Region V Social Studies Fair held at Burton Coliseum.

Grand Lake tied with Moss Bluff for having the most first and second place winners in the Middle School division and received the Director's Trophy.

Micah Ann Richard of Grand Lake was a grand prize winner in Division I.

Individual winners from Grand Lake included:

Division I - Individual - Grand Prize, Micah Ann Richard.

Anthropology Division II - Individual - First, Garrett Billiot; second, Marcus Lavergne.

Economics - Division III - Individual - Fourth, Destini Schiele.

History - Division II - Individual - First, Lucas Hebert; third, Aaron Duhon; Division III - Individual - second, Ross Conner.

Political Science - Division II - Individual - Fourth,

Course offered for registered nurses

A continuing education program for registered nurses, entitled Oncology Nursing Update, will be broadcast to several locations in southwest Louisiana on Friday, April 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Viewing sites are Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Beauregard Parish Public Library in DeRidder, Cameron Parish Library in Cameron and Byrd Regional Hospital in Leesville.

Six (6.0) contact hours will be awarded to participants successfully completing the program.

The scope of this program is to provide registered nurses with current information on the management of clients with cancer. Information on the prevention of cancer, pathophysiology of the malignant process and its treatment options, management of the patient, and the psychosocial concerns of the patient/family with cancer.

The program is being presented by the Southeast and Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Centers and the Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing.

The cost to pre-register is \$45. On-site registration is slightly higher. To obtain a registration form or more information, call the Southwestern Louisiana Area Health Education Center (SWLAHEC) at 337-989-0001.

Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

DeQuincy (Saturday) Apr. 3: Livestock Receipts: Cattle 431, Horses 0 Hogs 36, Sheep 103, and Goats 208. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 65¢-95¢ per HD, Beef 115¢-180¢ per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.40-1.75 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.20-1.45 per lb., Heifers: 1.15-1.35 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.15-1.35 per lb., Heifers: 1.10-1.25 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.10-1.25 per lb., Heifers: 1.00-1.20 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: .82-.87 per lb., Heifers: .80-.88 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .80-.86 per lb., Heifer: .80-.84 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: .46-.52 per lb.; Canners: .42-.46 per lb.; Fat Cows: .45-.50 per lb.; Thin Cows: .28-.38 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .48-.63 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .68-.73 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 675¢-900¢ per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 650¢-875¢ per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: .48-.54; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .35-.40; Butcher Pigs: .48-.58; Feeder Pigs: .55-.65; Sows 300-500 lbs.: .28-.34 per lb.; Boars: .10-.18 per lb. **HORSES:** .32-.45 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 30¢-220¢ per HD.

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— NOTICE —

The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 has scheduled a regular meeting for 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 15, 2004, to be held at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Building.

RUN: April 8 (A-26)

— JOB AD —

CAMERON RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 6 is taking applications for summer help; lifeguards, concession stand workers and maintenance worker. You may apply at the Cameron Rec Center on Tuesday - Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All applicants who apply for these positions must be at the Rec Center on April 21, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. and will be interviewed at this time.

RUN: April 1, 8 & 15 (A-2)

— JOB AD —

Director, Cameron Parish Ambulance District #2; 5 years manager/supervisor experience; 3 years experience in the field of administration. Mail resume to Gwen Constance, 195 J. B. Constance Lane, Hackberry, La 70645. No phone calls.

RUN: April 1, 8 (A-6)

— NOTICE —

Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1, will receive sealed bids prior to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2004, for the painting of the exterior and the refurbishing of the interior of the water tower. Bid packets and specifications may be obtained by calling (337) 775-5660 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bids may be delivered to the Waterworks office located at 126 Ann Street in Cameron, Louisiana or by mailing to P. O. Box 960, Cameron, La. 70631.

For any engineering questions, you may contact our consulting firm, DSR and Associates at (409) 722-2242.

RUN: April 1, 8, 15 (A-11)

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center meeting in regular session convened on the 12th day of February, 2004 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under project #42563-1: renovations of large and small pools pursuant to the certain contract between Sabine pools and said Johnson Bayou Recreation Center under File No. 279561 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 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 lapse of said time the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

By Stacey Badon, Secretary
RUNS: Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15 (M 10)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 meeting in regular session convened on the 19th day of February 2004 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2003-06: Drainage Improvements associated with the Montie Lateral pursuant to the certain contract between M & M Electric and said Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4 under File No. 283074, 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 lapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 4 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

By: Michael Semien, Secretary
RUNS: April 1, 8 (A-10)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Public Library
Board of Control
February 19, 2004

President Cyndi Sellers called the Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control meeting to order on Thursday, February 19, 2004 at the Cameron Library at 4:00 p.m. The following were present: Members - Wanita Harrison, Madeline Solina, Stephanie Rogers, Kenny Trahan; James Doxey, Police Jury ex-officio member; Cyndi Sellers, and Charlotte Troclair, secretary. Absent was: John Calzada.

Guests in attendance were Gretchen Fairbanks, State Library Consultant; Cecil Sanner, Cameron District Attorney; Teddy Broussard, Norma Jo Pinch, Edward Petersen, Paul Sellers, George LeBoeuf, Vergy Hebert, Tina Boudreaux, Delia Nunez, JoDee Roberts, Rhonda Duhon, Gloria Kelley, Becky Primeaux, Paul Duhon, Elougia Richard, Darrell Williams, Charlie Mae Brasseaux, Kirk Peshoff, and Lee Harrison.

Press: Jerry Wise, Cameron Pilot, and Brenda Merchant, American Press.

On motion of Madeline Solina, seconded by Wanita Harrison and carried the board unanimously accepted the minute for January 27, 2004.

Darrell Williams presented the monthly financial report. Mr. Williams further explained a new procedure will be used for the balance sheet. On the motion of Mrs. Solina, seconded by Mr. Doxey, the board unanimously voted to accept the financial report.

Mrs. Sellers introduced the new members as follows: Kenny Trahan, representing District 1 and James Doxey, Police Jury ex-officio member.

Mrs. Troclair briefly explained upcoming programs to be held at the library.

Madeline Solina, Stephanie Rogers and Kenny Trahan were appointed to the personnel committee.

Mrs. Sellers responded on behalf of the library board to each of the concerns of Mr. Teddy Broussard of which he expressed at the last library board meeting and in the American Press.

Gretchen Fairbanks, State Library Consultant explained state and federal laws about comp time. She further stated the library has at this time in no way violated the law.

In reference to Mr. Broussard's concern about the survey of the Grand Chenier property, Mr. Sanner explained Mr. Knapp was a highly qualified surveyor with many years of experience. Mr. Sanner further stated that as appraisal was done prior to the purchase of the property by HABCO. Mr. Sanner explained that the library purchased a portion of a five acre tract. He further explained how boundaries were established many years ago.

Darrell Williams explained how the parish calculates comp time. He further stated he agreed with what Ms. Fairbanks said concerning the laws and that the library has not violated any laws at this time. He further stated there are only three exempt employees in the parish, Tina Horn, Administrator; Bonnie Conner, Treasurer and Miles Hebert, Road Crew Supervisor.

Stephanie Rogers read a letter from Greg Favvor explaining comp time for parish employees and the library.

the work the library staff and Ms. Troclair have done to bring the library to where it is today.

The next meeting was set for March 22, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mrs. Solina and seconded by Mrs. Rogers the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

/s/ Cyndi Sellers
Cyndi Sellers, Board President
ATTEST:
/s/ Charlotte Troclair
Charlotte Troclair, Secretary
RUN: Apr. 8 (A 16)

Minutes of Meeting
Cameron Parish Drainage
District #9
March 16, 2004 06:00 PM

Hackberry Community Center
Administrative

Raymond Hicks (President) calls meeting to order. Members Present - Scott Benoit, Alex Seay, Reuben LaBauve, Members absent - Bill Delcambre, Guests Present - Terry Delaine (Refuge Manager), Josh Byrd (Lonnie Harper & Asso.), Blaine Johnson (Arabie Enviro.), Grace Simon, Billy Little & Melvin Vincent (Parish Crew) and Glen Mesman (Tide flex factory Rep.).

Minutes for previous meeting were distributed to Board members prior to meeting. S. Benoit motioned to approve minutes of previous meeting as prepared. A. Seay seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers' Report
\$124,336.90 - Checking Account;
\$200,000.00 - CDs

R. LaBauve motioned to approve treasurer's report as read. A. Seay seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were opened for the following:

B. Johnson presented the board with the Corp. of Engineers letter refusing to issue permit for the Artie Seay Project without submitting a new plan with less environmental impacts. S. Benoit motioned to relocate gated structure to previous suggested location by the Corp. and still open ditch to allow drainage. R. LaBauve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Glen Mesman with Flow Flex Check Valves by Red Valve gave a presentation on their product and how it could be used in place of Flap Gates to control tidal influenced areas. The Board will take this information under advisement and look into the possible use of this product in the future.

Continuing problems with flap gates on Gulf Way were discussed. M & C Construction has been contacted. Awaiting response. Still no response as of 03/16/2004

Josh Byrd with Lonnie Harper presented the Board with possible mitigation fees associated with continuing permit process for Mustang Circle alternate projects. R. LaBauve motioned we should take all permit fees produced by the permit process under advisement before agreeing to pay but should be open to the fees that could be associated with the process. A. Seay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Drainage on Clarpha Rd was discussed. S. Benoit motioned to cut ditch to allow drainage to the north from Black Lake Rd. and blow out culverts on both sides of the road. R. LaBauve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Collapsed culvert on Riverside Dr. lot 15 was discussed. R. LaBauve motioned to remove culvert with replacement at this time. A. Seay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Plugged culvert on the East end of Channel View Dr. was discussed. Parish crew efforts to blow out culvert were unsuccessful. S. Benoit motioned to remove and replace culvert. R. LaBauve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Drainage lateral running north from Everett Vincent Dr. to Dnyergo Corp. land was discussed. S. Benoit motioned to have a contractor clean lateral to allow for better drainage in this area. R. LaBauve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Culvert at the end of Ellender Ln. is too small to allow for proper drainage. R. LaBauve motioned to purchase a larger culvert to replace the existing one. S. Benoit seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Corps/CMD permits were discussed. R. LaBauve made motion to approve application. A. Seay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

S. Benoit presented invoices for approval to pay. R. LaBauve made a motion to pay the invoices. S. Benoit seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed culvert applications. S. Benoit motioned to accept all applications presented with some stipulations as made by the board. R. LaBauve seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further new business presented, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Scott Benoit, Secretary-Treasurer.

Raymond Hicks
President

Scott Benoit
Secretary-Treasurer
RUN: Apr. 8 (A 17)

LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that GreenPoint Credit LLC, the secured party having a perfected security interest in a 1995 Magnolia Lakeshore 16 X 80 mobile home bearing serial number GDVKMS239523323 and belonging to Brian F. Fitkin and Natalie C. Fitkin has been authorized by a Louisiana court of competent jurisdiction to, and will in fact, retake possession of the said

mobile home and dispose of same thereafter at public or private sale in accordance with La. R.S. 9:5363.1. Further information may be obtained by contacting the secured party at Atlanta Call Center - 10th Floor, 1100 Circle 75 Pkwy, Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30339, 800-672-7257.
RUN: Apr. 8 (A 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CAMERON PARISH COASTAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

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

C.U.P.# 040413
L.C.U.P.# 040413

Name of Applicant: Russell & Beth Ferguson, 133 Willow Lane, Lake Charles, LA 70607

Location of permit: Grand Lake Section - Section 16, T12S - R8W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of Work: Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson propose to excavate a 100' x 70' pond to provide fill material on their homestead.

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

Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water and air quality, laws, standards and regulations will be required before a permit is issued. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Myles Hebert

Myles Hebert,

Coastal Zone Administrator

CAMERON PARISH

POLICE JURY

RUN: Apr. 8 (A 19)

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C.U.P.# 040412
L.C.U.P.# 040412

Name of Applicant: Jeff Poe, 150 Junius Granger Rd., Lake Charles, LA 70607

Location of permit: Big Lake - Section 41, T12S - R9W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of Work: Mr. Poe proposes to excavate approximately 15,000 cubic yards of top soil, clay, and sand to be used on site to build a house and barn pad. The remaining excavated material will be stock piled and/or hauled off site by a contractor. The excavated area will be used as a fish pond.

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

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Sincerely,

/s/ Myles Hebert

Myles Hebert,

Coastal Zone Administrator

CAMERON PARISH

POLICE JURY

RUN: Apr. 8 (20)

-2- KINGS BAYOU FIELD 04-401

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 30 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, MAY 4, 2004, upon the application of HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **O Sand, Reservoir D**, in the Kings Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 354 acres for the O Sand Reservoir D, designated as the O RD SUA, all as shown more particularly on the plat submitted with the application.

2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate for the O RD SUA.

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the proposed unit.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The O Sand, Reservoir D, in the Kings Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 13,570' (-13266' subsea) and 13,706' (-13402 subsea) (ELM) in the Hilcorp Energy Company (Union Pacific) (Hughes) - Theriot No. 1 Well, located in Section 27, Township 14 South, Range 7 West.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge and Lafayette**, Louisiana.

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF :

JAMES H. WELSH

COMMISSIONER

OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La 3/31/04:4/3/04

IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE
RUN: April 8 (A 22)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 6th day of April 2004 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2003-09: Jetty Pier Pavilion pursuant to the certain contract between H & H Metal Contractors, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 283092 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 lapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: Steve Trahan, President
RUN: April 8 - May 20 (A 24)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 5th day of April 2004 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2002-01: Road Improvements in Cameron Parish-Asphalt Surface Treatment pursuant to the certain contract between R. E. Heidt Construction and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 275414, 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 lapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: Steve Trahan, President
RUN: April 8 - May 20 (A 25)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY of Cameron, Louisiana until 1:30 P.M. on 3 May of 2004 at the Cameron Parish Police Jury



CAMERON PARISH Library's Hackberry Branch employees Mae Simon and Emma Kershaw Gueho are shown above giving the President of Hackberrys Water District 2, Alton Schexnider and Supervisor Jackie LaBove certificates of appreciation for helping to make the Hackberry Branch such a success.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick

(Lake Charles American Press, March 2, 1934) CAMERON COMMUNITY CLUBS

The community clubs of Grand Chenier, Creole, Cameron and Oak Grove were entertained, in honor of Mrs. James Doxey, by Mrs. Bob Doxey and Mrs. Ida C. Doxey. After a pleasant social evening, refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served to:

From Cameron- Mesdames Frank Kennedy, Frank Welch, Freddie Bourque, C. B. Jones, Austin Davis, D. Lutage, and Rupert Doxey.

From Creole - Mesdames S. Theriot, M. Theriot, Dafie Nunez, and Delander Caster.

From Oak Grove - Mesdames Jim Rutherford, Frank Rutherford, Eugene Trahan, Eddie Rutherford, Joe Rutherford, Russel Welch, E. O. Stewart, Stephen Carter, Jimmie Meaux, and Johnnie Meaux.

From Grand Chenier - Mesdames Alfred Richard, Alba Pleasant, Alcide Miller, Henry McCall, Georgia Miller, L. O. Miller, Compton, J. B. Jones, Paul Nunez, Delma East, Philo East, E. H. Peveto, Ramie Broussard, Bill Guidry, Louise Miller, Orin Starleuse, Hubert Starleuse, Charlie Bean, Jessie Mae Doxey, and Grandma Richard.

Mrs. Delma East entertained the Grand Chenier community club at the home of Mrs. Ida C. Doxey. Mrs. Philo East was the honoree. Hot chocolate and cake were served to the above-mentioned ladies, and also to the Misses Della East, Wilda Montie, Matilda Montie, and Mesdames Pete Rudivine, Theophil Broussard, Edith Carver, Nelson Bonsall, T. Bonsall, Alba Pleasant, Joe Archie, and Morris East.

(Cameron Parish Pilot, March 4, 1971) TRAPPING AND FUR SALE IN CAMERON (From Beaumont Enterprise)

HOLLY BEACH -- Gulf Coast trappers are offering their furs for auction for the last time this season, March 10 at Four Corners in Holly Beach. Probably 30,000 furs -- muskrat, mink, and nutria -- will be offered to buyers who come from as far as New York.

Booths are set up in Four Corners, a boarded-up summer establishment which opens in the winter for the trapping auc-

Annex, 110 Smith Circle, Post Office Box 366, Cameron, Louisiana 70631 (337-775-5718).

Project number: 2004-01
Road Improvements in Cameron Parish: Asphaltic Overlay & Base Construction

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

II. Highway and Bridge Construction

3. Permanent or paved highways or streets (Asphalt Hot Mix)

5. Permanent of paved highways or streets (Concrete)

6. Permanent of paved highways or streets (Soil Cement)

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Contractors may submit proposals on any contract for which they hold valid Louisiana Contractors classification. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., Post Office Box 229, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643-0229, (337) 538-2574. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals.

Cameron Parish Police Jury
/s/ Steve Trahan, President
Run: April 8, 15, 22, & 29 (A 27)

with luxurious piles of graded furs at each booth. Grading is done on Mondays and Tuesdays with buyers examining the pelts, then submitting sealed bids which are opened on Wednesdays, usually at two-week intervals throughout the trapping season.

Most furs are muskrat and nutria. Texas leads the entire country in muskrat quality, while lower Louisiana has the finest grade of nutria.

The Gulf Coast muskrats provide the country's top quality with the Texas 'rat' excelling the Louisiana variety only slightly, with about a five-cent to ten-cent price difference. Only Maryland also provides a good-quality muskrat, but not on a par with Texas and Louisiana. So says John Paul Crain of Grand Chenier. And he should know.

When asked how long he has been trapping, he says with a chuckle, "Oh, about 30 or 35 years." This is only a portion of his many business interests.

Crain Brothers, Inc., of Grand Chenier, is involved in oil field contracting, pipelining, marshbuggy rentals, and other associated businesses.

Crain leases land to trappers, some of whom have tracts of land from 500 to 5,000 acres, depending on the animal population. These trappers and their wives live in camps on the bayous and canals during the three months of the season.

They trap on a percentage basis, with 35% of the catch each season going to the landowner. A top trapper from Dec. 1 to March 15 each year can easily gross \$15,000 in a good season.

Crain says, "This year's weather was wrong. Too warm. But our top muskrats are going for \$2 per skin, with many trappers having from 6,000 to 7,000 skins. Last year the same men would have gotten perhaps 10,000 skins each."

In the 1971 season, in all the bi-weekly auctions, perhaps 100,000 furs were handled, while last year saw 150,000 pass from Cameron Parish and Jefferson County trappers to buyers in the same period at the Holly Beach auctions.

Trappers furnish their own equipment -- traps, boats, and/or marshbuggies, each camp has its own drying shed. Trappers first skin their catch and dry the fur by artificial heat or the sun. Then it is stretched and the skin dried. The pelt is then ready for presentation to the buyers.

Much skill is needed in trapping, Crain said. For most it is a full-time vocation, while some trap on a part-time basis. Crain leased this year to thirty trappers.

Although some buyers come from as far as New York, most are from Louisiana -- New Orleans, New Iberia, and Cameron.

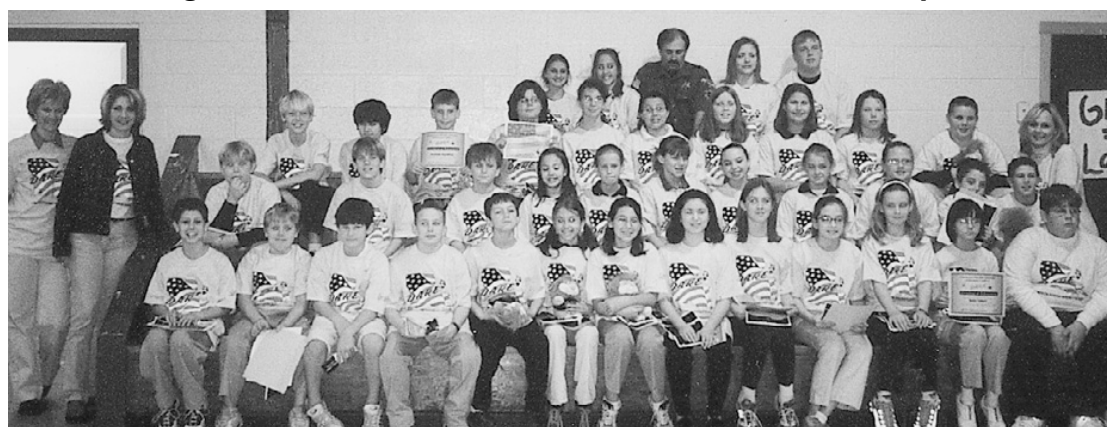
When a woman enters a local furrier's shop to purchase a muskrat coat, it is very likely made of furs from the Gulf marshes -- the country's top pelts. While some pelts are shipped to foreign countries, most find a market locally.

Buyers at the sale Wednesday will see about 30,000 furs at auction. Each booth has its piles of furs, with grade and the owner's name on a plaque above. While the price is now about \$2 per top skin, the beginning of the season had a low of \$1.50, Crain said.

Trapping, at a peak here in the early 1900's, entered a decline but is now making a comeback.



CAMERON ELEMENTARY School fifth graders recently graduated from D.A.R.E. They are shown above with Officer David Hebert and a role model.



GRAND LAKE School fifth graders recently graduated from D.A.R.E. They are shown above with Officer Donald LeDoux, teachers and role models.



JOHNSON BAYOU HIGH School fifth graders recently graduated from D.A.R.E. They are shown above with Officer Jim Cox and a role model.



HACKBERRY HIGH School fifth graders recently graduated from D.A.R.E. They are shown above with Officer David Hebert.



SOUTH CAMERON ELEMENTARY School fifth graders recently graduated from D.A.R.E. They are shown above with Officer Ron Johnson and a teacher role model.



Ty Vincent
Ty Vincent in Iraq

Ty Vincent of Hackberry serving in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division is stationed in Iraq, south of Baghdad. This is his second deployment into the Middle East. Ty served eight and one half months in Afghanistan. He is married to Rebecca Little Vincent. They have one son, Michael Keegan, and are awaiting the birth of a daughter. His parents are Shane and Cyndi Vincent of Hackberry. Ty is a graduate of Hackberry High School. He hopes to be home soon. He sends his thanks for gifts and prayers from family and friends.



CAMERON PARISH Library's Hackberry Branch Manager Emma Kershaw Gueho is shown above giving Hackberry Police Juror Stevie Trahan a certificate of appreciation certificate for helping make the Hackberry branch such a success.

Ford Mustang tour to visit Sulphur dealer April 21

The Great American Pony Drive of 250 plus Ford Mustangs, traveling from sea to shining sea, will be in the lake area Wednesday, April 21, stopping for lunch at the Don Shetler Ford outlet in Sulphur starting at noon. MCA organized a similar tour in 1989, with participating Europeans spending nearly \$7 thousand dollars each to have their Mustangs shipped to America. "For a chance to see some amazing Mustang automobiles from around the world, please join us at Don Shetler Ford in Sulphur for lunch and an experience that has only happened twice in the past 15 years," said Bryan Winters, MCA local activities chairman. The tour starts and ends in Florida with the trip totaling over 10,450 miles. The whirlwind tour runs April 9 - June 10, with the cavalcade in the lake area on Wednesday, April 21 before heading into the Wild West. For more information contact Bryan Winters at (337) 855-9082 or bryanjw13@aol.com, or the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at (337) 436-9588 or visit www.visit-lakecharles.org.

Keep roof in good shape

The safest way to check your roof is to look at it through binoculars from the ground. You don't have to climb a ladder to spot potential problems. Here are some things to look out for:

- Make sure your gutters are securely fastened and draining properly.
- Make sure there are no cracks or open seams in your gutters or downspouts.
- Check that your roof isn't missing any shingles, tiles, slates or nails.
- Look for signs of decay on the shingles and sheathing, and make sure no shingles are cracked, curled or missing.
- If you have a flat roof, the drainage system must be designed to handle water appropriately and be in working order.
- Look at the mortar and bricks on your chimney; you may need a mason to make necessary repairs.
- Check the flashings-the metal pieces used to waterproof interruptions in the roof plane such as pipes, chimneys and skylights.
- Look over the caulking and touch it up where it might be deficient.
- Dark, dirty-looking areas on your roof can be a sign that your roofing material has reached the end of its life span.

To learn more about reroofing or what types of shingles are right for you, call 1-800-782-8777 or visit www.certainteed.com.

South Cameron High School News

LIBRARY NEWS

Memorial book, From A Buick 8, in memory of Willie Uriah Trahan by Danielle Trahan.
Memorial book, Time Almanac 2004, in memory of Ruben Bryan Morales by SCHS FBLA.
Memorial book, Bayou Farewell, in memory of Roland Troclair by Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brasseaux and family.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to all those students and parents that helped with the Box Tops for Education drive. The money collected will be used in the classrooms. Please continue collecting the box tops for next year.

SENIOR NEWS

Senior parents are reminded to pay for their yearbook ad and submit your pictures and ad copy by Monday, April 19. Contact Ms. Tracy if you have any questions.

JUNIOR NEWS

There will be a parent meeting in Tarpon Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 to discuss the crawfish boil after Ring Ceremony.

JR. BETA NEWS

The meeting of the SCHS Jr. BETA Club was held Tuesday, March 23. Everyone turned in pennies and dimes for the March of Dimes, which was the community service project for March. April's community service project will be collecting toilettries for the swing bed

patients at South Cameron Memorial Hospital. April is Teacher Appreciation month.

JR/SR PROM

Prom will held on April 24. Pictures will be taken from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The dance will be from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight.

Students are reminded to have their dues paid before the dance. No dues will be collected at the door. Admission to the dance is free.

Senior Prom King and Queen will be elected at the dance along with a Junior Prince and Princess.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Seniors need to see Mr. Broussard for the following scholarship applications: Sturlese Scholarship, Evans P. Mhire KC Scholarship, Lions Club Scholarship, VASTAR Scholarship, and Computer One Scholarship.

CALENDAR

- April 8 - Softball - East Beauregard (away); Baseball - East Beauregard (away)
- April 9 - 18 - Easter Holidays
- April 13 - 4-H strawberry pickup SCHS lobby 5 p.m.
- April 14 - JV Baseball - Grand Lake (away)
- April 15 - Baseball - Oberlin (home)
- April 20 - Baseball - St. Edmund (home)
- April 21 - District track meet (Welsh)
- April 22 - Baseball - Merryville (away)
- April 24 - JR/SR Prom
- April 27 - Regional track meet (DeRidder)

SCHOOL BOARD Cont. from Page 1

*Approval to attend a conference on educating individuals with disabilities in Orlando, Fla., May 1-8 using IDEA funds was given to Willyne Kestel, Cecil Sanner, Doug Welch, Austin LaBove, Carol Wainwright, Barry Wayne Richard, Barbara LaBove and Clara Welch.

*Permission was given the science students of Ms. Jill Manuel and Ms. Aimee Young to attend Physics Day at Astro-world in Houston on Apr. 23.

*Approval was given for Jackie Holmes, Teresa Roach, Nancy Boudreaux and Valarie Precht to visit the Clear Creek, Texas School District April 7 to view technology.

The Cameron Parish School Board will realize about \$50,000 in income as a result of selling alligator eggs this coming year.

Pelts & Skins, LLC, alligator farmers from Kenner, had the successful bid of \$12.25 per egg when bids were opened by the board Monday on the sale of alligator eggs from school sections in the parish.

Supervisor Ulan Guidry said it is expected about 4000 eggs will be harvested this year on school sections.

Tommy Stoddard had also bid on the eggs, offering \$8 per egg on the board's east sections and \$12.60 per egg on the west sections. However, his average price was lower than the Pelts and Skins.

The eggs will be used to hatch alligators on farms which will be raised for hides.

Cameron Parish has one of the largest population of alligators in the parish. Years ago, the alligators had almost become extinct in Louisiana. However, after hunting was closed for a number of years, the reptiles made a healthy comeback and can be harvested again.



DO YOUR REMEMBER? The 1953 Creole High School Pirate 6-man football team is shown above: (standing, from left) Mr. J. C. Reina, Curtis Rendon, Kenneth Montie, Willard "Banjo" Theriot, Jimmy Stoute, Stanford Miller, Weldon "Snow" Vincent; (kneeling) C. J. Stoute, Doris Hebert, Winston "Pete" Rutherford, Floyd Kelley, Alvin Miller, Earl Roberds. (Photo courtesy of Doris Hebert)

POLICE JURY Cont. from Page 1

J.B. Lane in Johnson's Bayou, requested by McGee.

The park improvements will include playground equipment, sand, bleachers, new bar-be-que pits, new benches, and resurfacing of the walking track. The community park is owned partly by the parish and partly by a private landowner.

Several road issues were addressed during the meeting. A request by Farque to create two one way streets in a Big Lake neighborhood was approved. Martin Hebert St. will become one way in and Big Lake St. will become one way out of the area, with Bank St. remaining two-way. The changes were necessary due to the increased traffic of boats being hauled to the landing, and the narrowness of the streets, he said.

A request from Beachfront Development District 1, sent in by McGee, to reduce Holly Beach and Johnson's Bayou beach speed limits from 15mph to 10 mph was not approved.

A request to file the end of Josephine St. in Grand Lake as a parish road, based on 30 years of parish maintenance, was approved.

A request from Charles Precht to institute a parish-wide dust control program on all gravel roads adjacent to residential areas, at a projected cost of \$1800 per mile, was approved. The program is a liquid treatment that has reportedly worked well in a 6 month test area. Treatment would extend 300 feet on either side of residences.

A request by Farque to re-stripe all parish roads was postponed for research into costs.

The jury adopted a resolution in favor of House Bill 186, now before the legislature, which would enable a riverboat casino to locate on the



It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Lake Charles American Press, April 10, 1941)

CHANNEL TO GULF

Sam M. Richard, president of the dock board, this afternoon announced that U.S. Army engineers in New Orleans have been authorized to certify the new deep water channel to the Gulf of Mexico for use of vessels as near as possible to May 15.

Rupert F. Cisco, secretary of the Association of Commerce, said that no definite plans have been made for a celebration when the channel is opened.

(Cameron Pilot, April 9, 1941)

SMITH, MCCALL GET SCHOOL POSITIONS

W. R. Smith, Cameron Parish Elementary School Supervisor since 1965, was named as the parish's new school superintendent by the Cameron Parish School Board Monday. He will succeed Wilson J. Montie, who is retiring on July 1.

Thomas (Sonny) McCall, principal of the Grand Chenier Elementary School, was named to fill Smith's position of Supervisor of Elementary Education and Special Services.

His teaching covers 17 1/2 years, with all but three years spent in Cameron Parish. He taught at the old Grand Chenier High School and old Creole High School before being promoted to principal at Grand Chenier Elementary School.

Thomas McCall is the son of the late superintendent of parish schools and is married to the former Janie Arceneaux of Grand Chenier.

APRIL FOOL MEAL

110 Cameron Lions Club members, their wives and visiting Lions dignitaries from all over Louisiana gathered at Rockefeller Refuge last Thursday night for the annual food exchange supper.

Each year the local Lions Club exchanges food with a Lions Club from another state. This year it was reported the food would be from France. A record number of members turned out for the event. Heading the cooking committee was J. B. Jones, Jr. and head cook was local Police Jury member Lyle "Butch" Crain.

The treat was crawfish etouffee, prepared from Breaux Bridge crawfish, a French dish, but not from France, as had been reported, because it was "April Fool's Day."

Larry Dyson was in charge of the initiation ceremony for nine new members of the local club. District Governor Rodney Guilbeaux delivered the charge.

New members were: Norman and Tony Cheramie sponsored by A. J. Howard; Donald Creighlow sponsored by Charles S. Hackett; Eddie J. Conner and Ray Burleigh, sponsored by Rodney Guilbeaux, Sr.; Lyle Crain sponsored by Garner Nunez; Tommy Matts sponsored by J. Berton Daigle, standing in for Tom Steed; Whatley Saltzman sponsored by Earl Mouton; and Wesley Pearson sponsored by John Paul Crain.

400 ATTEND BARBECUE

Over 200 Cameron Parish Farm Bureau and Cattlemen Association members and guests gathered at the KC

Hall in Creole Saturday night for the annual spring barbecue.

James Cox and Alex Beard, presidents of the two organizations, were in charge of the business session. Paul LeDoux, with the La. State Farm Bureau Office, spoke to the group and told about new laws that are in the making concerning the drivers of farm vehicles being 21 to be eligible to drive.

EASTER FLOWERS

By ELORA MONTIE

This Easter season is the time of year when flowers, warm sunshine, budding of the trees with new leaves, and green grass are beginning to push aside the dreary cold winter weather.

Many flowers are in bloom at the Chenier such as wisteria, lilies, bridal wreaths, the pastures of spider lilies and clover, the woods with white flowers of tall trees amongst the new crop of leaves on trees. All make a colorful decoration for Easter.

PAGEANT WINNERS

Winners in the second annual Miss U.S. Teen Contest sponsored by the Hackberry Home Demonstration Club recently were Gloria Schexnider, winner; Lynette Barras, first runner-up; Dianna Vincent, second runner-up; and Beverly Hebert, third runner-up. Audrey Abshire won the cash prize for selling the most advance tickets.

SHOOTING MEET TEAMS

The Lake Arthur Rod and Gun Club team nosed out the Mallard Rod and Gun Club of Cameron in the recent invitational doubles shooting meet here.

Member of the Lake Arthur team were Jack Hurst, Warren Cain, Melvin Cormier, Wayne Breaux and Louis Normell. Members of the Cameron team were J. A. Miller, Russell Corley, Bob Schwark, Malcolm Savoie, Ray Burleigh and Pete Trahan.

The 'magic' of cranberries

by Elizabeth Pivonka, Ph.D., President, Produce for Better Health Foundation

(NAPSA)-The connection between cranberries and health is longstanding. Folklore has long held that drinking cranberry juice helps to prevent urinary tract infections (UTIs). The folklore appears to have become fact in the early 1990s when a study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, showed that elderly women who drank 10 ounces of cranberry juice cocktail every day significantly reduced bacteria in the urinary tract.

It was once widely thought that cranberries helped maintain urinary tract health by acidifying the urine. Rather, scientists have identified a bacteria blocking mechanism in cranberries. In 1998, researchers at Rutgers University identified the specific components as proanthocyanidins. This work supports the "antistick" theory of how the proanthocyanidins work to promote urinary tract health.

A UTI occurs when bacteria attach to the urinary tract wall and multiply. Re-searchers believe that proanthocyanidins found in cranberry juice cocktail disable certain harmful bacteria, making it difficult for them to stick to the urinary tract and cause an infection. As the global issue of antibiotic resistance becomes more problematic, drinking cranberry juice cocktail every day may be a simple and effective way to help to maintain urinary tract health. As with any infection, a healthcare professional should be consulted for proper management.

Research supports that a serving of cranberry juice cocktail every day will help maintain urinary tract health. Fresh cranberries, dried cranberries and canned cranberry sauce also provide the "antistick" benefit.

Here are some creative ways to enjoy cranberries on your way to 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day:

- Make your favorite tea with hot cranberry juice cocktail instead of water.
- Chop 1 package of fresh cranberries, 1 diced orange and 3/4 cup toasted nuts in a food processor. Sweeten to taste and enjoy with turkey, chicken or pork. Or heat this relish and serve it over French toast.
- Melt a 15-oz. can of jellied cranberry sauce and 1/2 cup chocolate chips over medium heat. Stir until smooth and serve over poached fruit or low-fat ice cream.

MOVING OF DRAFT BOARD PREVENTED

The Cameron Draft Board received notice this week from State Director of Selective Service that the U.S. House of Representatives has voted affirmatively on an amendment that prevents collocation of local boards.

If the plan had gone through the local Draft Board activities would have had to be handled out of the Calcasieu office. It would have reduced the locations of local boards in Louisiana from 89 to 28.

SUNRISE SERVICE

The annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the State Park on the Mermentau River in Grand Chenier. The service is being sponsored by the churches in lower Cameron Parish.

Rev. S. J. Sylvert, pastor of the Cameron Baptist Church, will bring the Easter message, assisted by Rev. A. W. Coody, pastor of the Cameron-Grand Chenier Methodist Churches, and Rev. M. C. Kelly, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist Church. Larry Dyson will lead the singing.

'Tried & true' combo is celebrated

(NAPSA)-Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, love and marriage, a wink and a smile...do you see where this is going? Classic combinations are timeless for a reason...they go together because they're fabulous on their own but somehow, together, they create something doubly delightful. Chocolate and peanut butter are one of America's most beloved combinations. In addition to being enjoyed by themselves, nothing enhances chocolate's velvety, sweet complexion quite like the robust, savory flavor of peanuts and peanut butter.

In celebration of this delicious duo, the National Peanut Board offers some tried-and-true (and some new!) chocolate-peanut butter combinations:

- Top chocolate ice cream with chopped peanuts or drizzle with warmed peanut butter
- Decorate a chocolate cake with peanut butter instead of icing
- Smear peanut butter between two chocolate-chip cookies
- Dunk a dollop of peanut butter into a mug of hot chocolate

For more recipes, visit the National Peanut Board Web site at www.nationalpeanut-board.org.

Easy Peanut Butter Chocolate Cheesecake Pie

Makes 8 Servings

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons chopped unsalted peanuts, divided

1 prepared 9-inch (6 ounces) chocolate crumb crust

2 tablespoons caramel topping, divided

1 2/3 cups (11-ounce package) peanut butter & milk chocolate morsels

1/4 cup milk

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup powdered sugar

1 1/2 cups frozen nondairy whipped topping, thawed

Sprinkle 1/4 cup peanuts onto bottom of pie crust. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon caramel topping.

Combine morsels and milk in medium, uncovered microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on MEDIUM-HIGH (70%) power 45 seconds; stir. Morsels may retain some of their shape. If necessary, microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring just until melted.

Beat cream cheese and sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in chocolate mixture. Add whipped topping and stir vigorously until smooth. Spoon into prepared pie crust and swirl top. Sprinkle with remaining peanuts and drizzle with remaining caramel topping. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Nutrition per serving: 280 cal; 9 g carb; 5 g pro; 20 g fat (9 g sat. fat, 7 g mono. fat); 30 mg cholesterol; 230 mg sodium



SHOWN ABOVE are Cameron Parish Library Director Charlotte Trosclair with Cameron Parish Victims Assistant Coordinator William Daigle. Mr. Daigle presented a program at the Cameron Library on the rights of victims.

National Crime Victims week is April 18-24

April 18-24 is National Crime Victims Assistance Program Week. To prepare for the upcoming event the Cameron Parish District Attorney's Victim's Assistant Coordinator William Daigle presented a program at the Cameron Parish Library for the citizens of Cameron Parish on the Rights of Victims and the VOCA laws.

Daigle has been with the District Attorneys office for four years and was a police officer before that. Daigle told how in 1995 Victims of Crime Assistance was put into law with limited funding. The legislature set aside money from court cases for the District Attorney offices to use to assist victims of crime with costs they incurred from the crime.

Daigle told how the some of the moneys from the fines in court cases are used to

assist victims with money for items lost during break-ins, expenses for injury, expenses incurred from crime. One example of expenses incurred from crime would be if the sheriff department need to take the carpet out of your home for testing, the VOCA money would replace the carpet.

Daigle also told how his office assists victims understand the legal system and what is required of them, has recourses for victims, and helps the victims prepare for court. He can also assist victims with two systems that call victims to notify them of the accused criminals court cases, parole hearings, and releases.

For more information please call 775-5713 or your local District Attorney's Office.

State begins West Nile virus testing this year

The state's West Nile virus surveillance program, which involves testing dead birds for traces of the virus, has begun. Testing will take place through the Department of Health and Hospitals' Office of Public Health.

Surveillance for West Nile virus using dead birds has proven to be an accurate means of predicting where the virus will show up in humans.

During past outbreaks in parishes where West Nile virus was found in humans, DHH surveillance detected it first in bird populations. This early detection therefore allows mosquito abatement and prevention efforts to be targeted to specific communities and neighborhoods.

"We are officially beginning surveillance as Spring begins and people are spending more time outdoors," said Dr. Frederick P. Cerise, DHH Secretary. "We hope to gain more insight into whether this year's West Nile season will be severe, as it was in 2002, or moderate, as it was in 2003."

Last year's West Nile outbreak yielded 121 human cases and seven deaths statewide. The 2003 outbreak centered on the Bossier/Caddo parishes area, which had reported the highest volume of birds testing positive for the virus during pre-season surveillance. So far this year, lab workers have tested 82 birds for the virus, nine of which tested positive. The positive birds were from Evangeline, Iberia, Orleans, St. Mary and Tangipahoa parishes.

The health department will test blue jays, crows, cardinals, grackles, house sparrows, seagulls and birds of prey for West Nile virus this year. Testing will take place at Louisiana State University's Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab.

Citizens should call their parish health units to report dead birds they find. For a listing of contact information for each parish health unit, look in the yellow pages or local telephone directory listings, or go to <http://oph.dhh.state.la.us/oph/regions/index.html>.

Citizens reporting dead birds will be asked to give the times, dates and addresses of the birds' recovery. Although people cannot contract West Nile virus by touching dead birds, they still should take precautions when handling them.

People who find dead birds are advised against handling them with bare hands and should bag the birds using plastic food bags. To safely collect a dead bird, use a plastic bag turned inside out. The person collecting the bird should insert his or her hand into a plastic bag, grasp the bird carefully and invert the bag over the bird. Seal the bag and place it inside another plastic bag. If the bird is not too badly decomposed, the person reporting it should take it to the nearest parish health unit.

Horses infected with West Nile virus may also be valuable surveillance subjects for human disease. Although OPH has no direct role in surveillance of the disease in horses, the agency requests that veterinarians promptly report all cases to the State Veterinarian's Office, Dr. Maxwell Lea or Dr. Martha Littlefield Chabaud. Veterinarians should report the precise location of the horse as well as date of onset of clinical signs of West Nile virus.

For more information on West Nile Virus, please visit DHH's Office of Public Health's Web site: www.FightTheBiteLouisiana.com.

Have you read this book?



(NAPSA)-What if a substitute for oil could be found? And what if control of this new substitute was in the hands of just one man? That's the question R.J. Kaiser explores in his new thriller, Black Sheep.

Jonas Lamb has lived a turbulent life-six marriages and an uneven financial road. Then comes a discovery that could change the world: an inexpensive substitute for oil

(code named "Black Sheep"). All Jonas needs are the financial resources to bring about his plan.

But things are never that easy-and before you can say "Black Sheep," word of the discovery is leaked and Jonas has the FBI and the CIA after him, as well as a myriad of hit men (and a very tempting hit woman, too).

For information, log on to www.mirabooks.com.

World War II aircraft to be on display in L. C.

Off we go into the wild, blue, yonder! World War II aircraft will be on display at the Lake Charles Regional Airport by the Commemorative Air Force, (CAF), and the American Airpower Heritage Museum, Tuesday - Sunday, April 13 - 18 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The B-29 named "Fifi," one of the aircraft on display, is similar to the "Enola Gay" aircraft, the mighty 4 engine bomber that was integral in forcing Japan to surrender by fire bombing and an atomic bomb over Hiroshima. "Fifi" is the only World War II vintage B-29 still being flown anywhere in the world.

By 1946, more than 3,900 B-29s had been built and delivered into service, and only one flying aircraft exists today. "This may be the last time for someone to see a plane like Fifi, steeped in World War II history that is still in flying condition," said Ed Martin, an event sponsor and Korean War veteran.

On March 10, 1945, 299 B-29s carried out the most destructive bombing raid in history, leveling 17 square miles of the city of Tokyo, Japan, with fire bombs.

Probably the most well known flights were on August 6, 1945 when "Enola Gay," under the command of Colonel Paul W. Tibbets, flew over Hiroshima to drop the first atom bomb. Three days later, another B-29, "Bockscar" dropped its nuclear material on Nagasaki, making no invasion of Japan necessary for victory.

Other aircraft on display will be the 1940 DeHavill and "Tiger Moth," RAF primary trainer; the 1952 DeHavill and "Chipmunk," RAF primary trainer; the Navy T28 A, advanced carrier trainer; Army PT17, primary trainer; Army AT6, advanced trainer, and the L19 "Bird Dog," army spotter plane from the Korean era.

In addition to aircraft, history lovers will also be able to catch a glimpse of the 1944 Army command car used by General George Patton to review troops and armor at Fort Knox; uniforms used by the Army, Navy and Marines; British and German uniforms, and flight suits and equipment.

This event will help commemorate the thousands of brave crews who fought Japan and Germany during WWII in these aircraft. This

display was made possible by the CAF and sponsors, including Martin Pontiac - GMC, Ed Martin and Family, Henry Alexander, William D. Blake, Pumpelly Oil Company, Vision Aviation Bank One, Southwest Beverage Co. - Budweiser, Best Western Executive Hotel and Suites in Sulphur, Holiday Inn Express in Sulphur, Isle of Capri Casino, Cameron State Bank, and Northrop Grumman.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 ages seven-18, and children under seven are free and must be escorted by an adult. Those in uniform will be admitted free.

The CAF maintains the world's largest collection of aircraft in flying condition of the 1939-45 era, with a world-class museum in Midland, TX. All proceeds are tax deductible and go to support the continued preservation and restoration of aircraft.

For more information, contact Ed Martin at 433-0506, the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at 436-9588, or visit www.visitlakecharles.org.

- FACTS:
- B-29 Super fortress Specifications:
 - Maximum Speed @ 25,000 ft: 310 mph
 - Cruising Speed: 220 mph
 - Service Ceiling: 33,000 feet
 - Gross Weight (military load): 147,000 pounds
 - Tail Height: 29 feet
 - Wing Span: 141 feet
 - Fuselage length: 99 feet
 - Range: 3700 - 4500 miles
 - Armament: 12 .50 caliber machine guns
 - Bomb load: 20,000 pounds
 - Wing Tank Fuel Capacity: 5,828 gallons
 - Center Tank Fuel Capacity: 1,120 gallons
 - Bombay Fuel Capacity: 0-2,560 gallons
 - Oil capacity: 85 gallons each engine
 - Engines: Wright Cyclone R-3350 (4)
 - Horsepower: 2,200 hp each engine

