

Absentee voting to begin Mon.

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

Absentee voting in the May 5 election is April 23 through 28 in the Cameron Registrar Voter's office on the first floor of the Cameron Courthouse, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. and on Saturday the 28 from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

3 millages will be on the ballot. Lowery residents will be asked to renew an 11.32 mill tax that brings in approximately \$48,007 annually for Lowery Fire District #16.

Hackberry voters will be asked to renew an 11.37 mill tax that brings in \$244,304 per year for recreation.

Johnson Bayou residents will be asked to renew a 5-mill tax that brings in \$102,705 annually.

Core gets conference recognition

Willie Core, a senior at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, was recently awarded the Southland Conference Male Scholastic Athlete of the Year Award. He accepted the award recently at a conference basketball tournament in Bossier City.

Core is the son of Cindy Ray Core of Folsom and the grandson of Bill and Willa Dean Morris of Creole.

Core, the Indian's starting third baseman, presently sports a 3.23 grade point average. He has been instrumental in leading the Indian baseball team to a 25-12 record while compiling a Southland Conference leading .446 batting average and also leads the conference in on-base percentage at .538.

S. Board to meet Monday

The Cameron Parish School Board will hold its monthly meetings Monday, April 23 with the finance committee meeting at 3 p.m. and the regular meeting at 4 p.m.

The board will recognize state wrestling winners, regional Social Studies Fair winners, district literary rally winners and grant recipients.

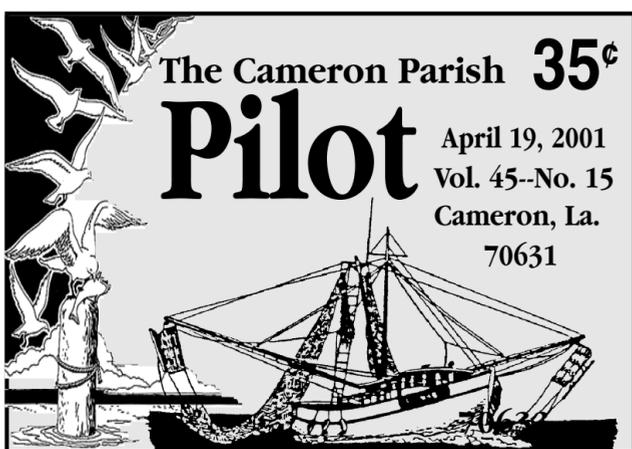
They will also recognize the students who designed the official parish flag and receive one of the flags.

The board will also consider receiving bids for alligator eggs at the May 14 meeting.

Firemen honored

The Grand Lake-Sweetlake Volunteer Fire Department held its annual banquet in March. Honored as the Firemen of the Year for each of the companies were:

Troy Thomas, Dwayne Granger, Clifford Johnson and Toby Landry. Clifford Johnson was named the Overall Fireman of the Year. Paul Gay was named Rookie of the Year. Paul Wasson is pictured here with the Junior Firefighting Team. Chief Rickey Faulk and Assistant Chief Mark Granger were also honored for their years of work. Melba Faulk was named Volunteer of the Year.



Paramedic terminated by ambulance boards

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

Anthony Mooney, was terminated as a paramedic with the ambulance service at a joint meeting of the two ambulance boards, Monday night at the Police Jury office.

Two resolutions presented by EMS District Number 2 were read by the board Secretary Michael Guillory.

He said that the board had met and reviewed the grievance submitted by Mooney against Tom Javins, Ambulance Director and found there was no cause for disciplinary action against Javins.

He said that Mooney had violated the procedural manual being used at the time by not following the chain of command.

The manual approved by the Cameron Parish Hospital Board of Directors and Camelot as of June 1, 2000 was in effect through January 10, 2001.

He was also cited for giving copies of his written grievance to the news media after he had presented it to a meeting of both boards.

Other violations were: Respect for fellow members of the ambulance service and of his superiors.

Guillory also said that the insurance carrier will not insure any employees that have DWI or DUI on their record.

Javins reported at a January board meeting that Mooney was

involved in an auto accident in 1998 to which he pled no contest to charges of DWI and attempted to conceal the outcome of the court action to delay any disciplinary action by the ambulance district boards.

Mooney has acknowledged that he was involved in an automobile accident while off duty in 1998 and that he was charged with DWI, and that his driving privileges were suspended for a time.

The board cancelled plans to rent a house in Oak Grove for ambulance service in lower Cameron. The board had been considering buying or renting some place in lower Cameron for an office and station.

Norma Jo Pinch, Police Juror from Grand Chenier, cautioned the board to be very careful in the spending of the tax money that had been voted on by the parish voters.

Javins said that he thought the public needs to know they are getting something for their money so the department is offering a First Responder course to the public and businesses in the area to run for 8 weeks at Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach stations on Tuesdays and Thursdays free of charge, with the only costs to be the \$30 for books.

Javins reported that 72 calls had been answered by the ambulance personnel in both districts in March.

Grand Lake Post Office to open in two weeks

The Grand Lake - Sweet Lake Action Alliance members received some great news at their April meeting. Carol Landry, Postmaster; Jake Wakefield, Postal Inspector; and Jean Primeaux from the Lake Charles Postal Service announced that the post office is within two weeks of opening its doors. Members of the Alliance have worked on this project for over three years.

120 boxes will be available for rent for \$38 per year. The post office will be manned from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each weekday. The office will be open for dropping off mail and purchasing stamps twenty-four hours a day. The facility is located adjacent to the Cameron Community Action Agency behind the local ambulance station.

The discussion continued on the proposed community cemetery to be constructed on Robinson Road. Members are encouraging anyone interested in purchasing a plot to let the secretary know as soon as possible. Cost of each plot is based on the amount sold versus the cost of upkeep. (Secretary Dinah Landry 598-4472, please leave a message.)

The Action Alliance mem-

bers voted to send a letter to the appropriate officials in protest of the closing of the Cameron Motor Vehicles office and also a letter requesting that DOTD keep parts on hand to repair the Big Lake pontoon bridge.

The next meeting will be Wed., May 3 at 6 p.m. at the COA Meeting Room behind the Grand Lake Fireman's Center. Steve Young, with the Dept. of Transportation, will be the guest speaker. Wilson "Boogie" LeJeune serves as Action Alliance President.

Queen contest

The Cameron Parish Farm Bureau queen's contest will be held Saturday, May 6, during the annual meeting. Any girl between the ages of 16 and 19 whose parents are Farm Bureau members may enter. The 2001 queen will receive a \$500 college scholarship and a trip to New Orleans July 12-15 to compete for the state title. For more information contact the Farm Bureau office at 542-4807. Deadline for entries is April 24, 2001.



LOOKING OVER a map of an area under construction for a state or national park in Cameron Parish were, from left: Lyle and Hilda Crain, land owners adjacent to the Sabine Pass Lighthouse; James Ducote, Cameron Parish economic development director; Kenny Lang, from the La. Office of State Parks; and Wayne Sweeney of B. P. Amoco. (Photo by Geneva Griffith.)

Cameron Parish is considered for state or national park

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

There is a possibility that Cameron Parish may be selected as a site for a state or national park, according to James Ducote, Economic Development Director for Cameron Parish.

Kenny Lang, Land Officer of the Louisiana Office of State Parks, and K. Wayne Sweeney, Fee Land Manager of B. P. Aramco Corporation in Lake Charles met with Ducote last week at the Sabine Pass Lighthouse to discuss possible park locations in the parish.

Sweeney's company owns land adjacent to the lighthouse property which could be used to

develop a road from Highway 82 to the lighthouse, which for years was only accessible by boat.

Cameron Parish has been on the master plan for a state park for years, according to Ducote, and now for a national park, as it is now a National Scenic By-Way.

Ducote said that the state is also interested in the Lighthouse history. This part of Louisiana was once known as "No Man's Land" since it was not in the "Louisiana Purchase", and did not belong to either Spain or the United States.

The Lighthouse is now privately owned by a family from Houston, Texas who is transfer-

ring ownership to a local organization, "Sabine Lighthouse Alliance" on May 5.

The transfer ceremony of the lighthouse will be held on Saturday, May 5, when the lighthouse owners will transfer the lighthouse to the Sabine Pass Lighthouse Alliance on the lighthouse grounds, Hwy 82, in Cameron Parish, 1/2 mile east of the Louisiana -Texas line border.

The ceremony begins at 2 p.m., and those attending are asked to arrive at least by 1 p.m. for transport to the lighthouse site, should RSVP at 337-775-5046 or 477-3757, according to Carolyn Thibodeaux, President of the Alliance.

Hackberry girls in state playoff Apr. 27

Hackberry Lady Mustangs drew a bye in Class C playoffs. They will play Chataignier in the State Tournament on Friday, April 27 at 7 in North Frasch Park on Field 19.

BASEBALL

Grand Lake 14, Starks 1 - T. C. Tradewell and Kris Howerton pitched for the Hornets giving up 2 hits. Tradewell had a 3-3 with 3 RBIs and Josh Carlile had a pair of hits and a RBI. Grand Lake clinched at least a tie for first place in district.

Hackberry 7, Reeves 4 - Brian Brown went the distance for the Mustangs. Top hitters were Devin Blue, 2-3 with 3 RBIs and Jake Buford, 1-2.

Hackberry 9, Reeves 1 - Brett Stansil pitched for Hackberry, giving up 3 hits in the win. Wade LaBove had a grand slam homerun. Devin Blue and Jake Buford had a homerun each. Hackberry improves to 4-4 and 3-4 in district.

SOFTBALL

Grand Lake 8, Hamilton Christian 1 - After finishing 2-14 last year, Grand Lake won a tie breaker for first place in district 8B. Sixth grader Cheri Sammis was on the mound for the 13-4 (6-2) Lady Hornets. Top hitters were Natalie Precht, 2-4 with a home run, 1 RBI and 2

runs; Kristen Howerton, who was 2-3 with a RBI and 2 runs; Lauren Courville who had a homerun and Cheri Babineaux, who had a base hit, 2 RBIs and scored a run.

Hamilton Christian 6, Hackberry 1 - Penni Wing went the distance for the Lady Mustangs. Jessica East went 1-3 and scored a run.

South Cameron 4, Loreauville 3 - The Lady Tarpons won in the first round of the playoffs. They will play at Country Day in the regional round. Brittany Mudd threw for South Cameron to get the win. Keshia Salter went 3-4 with a RBI. Santana Conner was 1-4 with 2 RBIs. The Lady Tarpons move to 16-5 on the year.

Farm Bureau to meet 6th

The Cameron Parish Farm Bureau will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at the Creole Knights of Columbus Hall. Members will be voting on a new charter and by-laws. A copy of the charter can be seen at the Cameron Office if members would like to read over it. A meal will be served with a charge of \$3 for member and one guest. Deadline for registration is April 27.

Kids visit lighthouse

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

Four classes of the South Cameron School recently went on a field trip to the Sabine Pass Lighthouse, across the Sabine River from Texas.

Mrs. Peggy Griffith's and Mrs. Katie Trahan's 3rd grade classes and Mrs. Sheila Miller's and Mrs. Anna Lee Gregory's 4th grade classes, composed of 61 students and classroom mothers, made the trip on a school bus, first stopping at Constance Beach where Rodney Guilbeau gave a slide presentation on the beach erosion problem there.

They then traveled out to the lighthouse on the private road of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Crain, who hosted them to a picnic.

The students studied the history of the lighthouse prior to their trip, and had decorated their blackboards with their depictions of the lighthouse and the surroundings.



MEMBERS OF THE Cameron Parish 4-H Junior Leaders club restocked the pantry of Abraham's Tent in Lake Charles on March 17th.



THESE SOUTH CAMERON Elementary School students visited the Sabine Pass Lighthouse recently on a field trip. They are shown above in front of the historic structure.

(Photo by Geneva Griffith.)

Funerals

KENNETH W. ARMENTOR

Funeral services for Kenneth Wayne Armentor, 50, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, from sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral home of Creole.

Mr. Armentor died Saturday, April 14, 2001, in a local hospital.

He was a cattleman. He was an operator at Benton Equipment, and he was a member of the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Armentor; two sons, Derrick Armentor and Austin Pearce, both of Creole; one daughter, Selema Duplechien of Lacassine; three brothers, John Armentor and James Armentor, both of Creole, and Samuel Armentor Jr. of Westlake; three sisters, Peggy Simon of Hackberry, Kathy Wright of Dry Creek and Cheryl Barry of Lake Arthur; his mother, Ina Armentor of Dry Creek; and three grandchildren.

VERNON J. BARBER JR.

Funeral services for Vernon J. Barber Jr., 42, were held Wednesday, April 18, in King's Funeral Home.

The Rev. Al Stevens officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Mr. Barber died Sunday, April 15, 2001, in his residence.

A native of Lafayette, he was a resident of Lake Charles. He was an offshore fisherman in Cameron. He was a member of Union Mission Baptist church.

Survivors include three

brothers, Warren G. Barber of Houston and Ellis Moses Barber and Michel Anthony Barber, both of Lake Charles; and one sister, Linda Barber of Lake Charles.

WARREN C. BROUSSARD

Funeral services for Warren Charles Broussard, 63, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, in Hixson Funeral Home.

The Rev. Herbert May officiated. Burial was in Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic church Mausoleum.

Mr. Broussard died Wednesday, April 11, 2001, in a Lake Charles hospital.

He was a native of Iowa, La., and a longtime resident of the Welsh area. He was a member of Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church, where he was a Eucharistic minister. He was a former manager at Texaco Bulk Plant.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine C. Broussard of Welsh; three daughters, Cynthia Annette Fontenot of Roanoke, Stephanie Kay Broussard of Houston and Kara Louise Kershaw of Humble, Texas; one son, Byron Kent Broussard of Creole; one brother, Gorden Broussard of Lake Charles; one sister, Beverly Brezeal of Boyntan, Fla.; six grandchildren.

LONA L. HEBERT

Funeral services for Lona Elizabeth LaBauve Hebert, 88, were held Wednesday, April 18, from St. Margaret Catholic Church.

Mrs. Hebert died at 8:45 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2001, in her residence.

A native of Cameron Parish,

Letter to Editor

April 16, 2001

Dear Editor,

The closing of the Grand Chenier School has been an eye opener for me. First I began asking myself why? Then I began asking others why? Here are some of the facts I learned through my inquiries.

On January 20, 2001 the residents of Grand Chenier were asked for a renewal tax to run for ten years. The people passed this tax, thinking that it would keep their school open. Then shortly after the tax passed it was told to the public that on March 19, 2001 the Cameron Parish School Board would decide on whether or not to close the school. One day short of two months since the tax passed the Cameron Parish School Board voted to close the school. The people were told repeatedly that it was not a money problem but an enrollment problem. Then they said that they would save \$316,043.85 by closing the school, through savings on staff and utilities.

Well I requested information from the School Board and I have a letter in my possession that says this in writing. The only problem I have with this is that the letter says that there will be no loss of jobs with the closing of the school, since everyone had been kept in the school system through transfers. If you're not eliminating jobs how can you claim this as a savings.

That's ridiculous, if you're not cutting staff then all they are saving are the utilities, which according to their figures are \$14,500. Those salaries are still

she had lived in Lake Charles for the past 55 years. She was a member of St. Margaret Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Billie LaBauve Cormier of Westlake and Norma Jean LaBauve Dial of Little Rock; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

ELHELENE MCCLELLAN

Funeral services for Elhelene "Aunt Bea" McClellan, 67, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, from Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Creole.

Mrs. McClellan died Wednesday, April 11, 2001, in her residence.

A native of Dural, she had lived in Cameron for the past seven years. She was a retired waitress.

Survivors include two brothers, J. P. Johnson of Pearland, Tex., and John Ray Johnson of Oakdale; and one sister, Genora Dyer of Oakdale.

MABLE B. MILLER

Funeral services for Mable Bertrand Miller, 71, were held Wednesday, April 18, from St. Eugene Catholic Church.

The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Miller died Monday, April 16, 2001, in a Welsh care center.

She as a lifelong resident of Grand Chenier. She was a member of American Legion Post 364. She was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church and its Altar Society.

Survivors include her daughter, Cheryl Broussard of Grand Chenier; two sisters, Peggy Matthews of Kaplan and Mamie Richard of Grand Chenier; and three grandchildren.

in your budget so they are not saved. So either they are misleading the public or they are not telling the staff of Grand Chenier Elementary their full intentions and that they may not have jobs at the end of the current school year.

Since money is not the issue shouldn't they roll the tax back and give the taxpayers some relief. If it's not a money issue then they should roll back the tax since they apparently have too much money now. Well now that's not going to happen and you are not going to believe why. You see when I got that information from the School Board I began looking through it. As I came up on things I did not understand I wrote down questions. Then I called Baton Rouge for the answers. That's when I learned the most shocking thing yet.

The Cameron Parish School Board gets funding from the State of Louisiana for a program called "MFP" or Minimum Foundation Program. This program is made up of two parts, one part is the Local Effort Incentive. Which is another way to say bonus. The incentive part goes to the school board for increasing and maintaining the tax millages that it receives locally. That's right they get a bonus for taxing the people of Cameron Parish. That's why every time a roof needs to be repaired or an air-conditioner needs to be replaced they pass a tax for it, because it will increase their Local Incentives from the state.

For the school year 2000-2001 their Local Incentive is \$719,517.00 for taxing the Cameron Parish residents. This money is paid through the "MFP" for Cameron Parish is \$5,930,431 for school year 2000-2001. Now I wonder how many Cameron residents would have thought that the School Board

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was getting paid to tax them, I know I didn't. This information may be obtained through the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Education Finance.

Now the Cameron Parish School Board has a bill before the Louisiana Legislature, that would allow them to bring an election in the Grand Lake area for a Parcel Fee. For the last ten years or so the Grand Lake Area has been growing. There are trailer parks, rent houses and I believe even some apartments going up. I'm concerned for the people of the Grand Lake Area for several reasons. As this bill now stands there are only two restrictions to it. It only affects the Grand Lake area and the other is the maximum per-parcel limit of \$200. It contains no definition of exactly what a parcel is.

My advice is for the people of Grand Lake to get with the school board now and find out what the definition is. I would hate to see them end up like the residents of Grand Chenier. Where we pass a tax and then the Cameron School Board closed the school two months later.

I urge all the people of Cameron Parish to begin attending the public meetings in the parish. These people on these boards need to see the people in the audience so that they know they are accountable to the people. We elected them, they work for us not the other way around. Government of the people, by the people and for the people. I know I can't attend all the meetings but I will make as many as I can.

/s/Milton A. Collins
Grand Chenier, La. 70643

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Books given to library

Memorial Books in the Cameron Parish Library are listed as follows: with names of the ones in memory, donors, respectively:

Inside Catholicism, Lillian Mouton by Larry Pete and Bobby Lane Boudoin; Plants For Small Spaces, Marjorie Nash by Hibernia National Bank, Cameron Branch Employees; The Crippled Lamb, Lillian Mouton by Hibernia National Bank, Cameron Branch Employees;

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Christmas Is Coming, Vivian LaBove by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dupont; Hey Kids! Come Craft With Me, Jeanette McDaniel by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dupont; Children's Bible Basics, Hailey Hinch by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dupont.

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Sweetlake Homemakers to make trip to New Iberia

The Sweetlake Homemaker's club met on Monday, April 16 at the Fireman's Center. President, Billie Fruge, called the meeting to order. Hostesses Charlene Morgan, Melba Faulk, Bonita Morgan, and Rena Faulk led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club collect.

Secretary, Beth Ferguson, called roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Cleo Duhon, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Fruge noted that ten Sweetlake Homemaker's Club members attended the Quarterly Council meeting which was held in Creole on Tuesday, April 10. Robert Turley with the L. S. U. Cooperative Extension Service in Lake Charles was the speaker. Some members from Sweetlake won door prizes at the Council meeting.

President Fruge then discussed the club's upcoming trip on April 24th and 25th to New Iberia and Lafayette and many points in between. They will travel in rental vans. Twenty people are scheduled to attend the overnight trip.

In other business, because of health reasons Mrs. Cleo Duhon resigned as treasurer after many years. Mrs. Fruge nominated Mrs. Velma Fruge to serve as treasurer. A vote was taken and everyone was in agreement that Ms. Fruge should serve in this capacity. Mrs. Duhon was thanked.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A covered dish meal was enjoyed.

The Sweetlake Homemakers meet on the third Monday of every month.

Hackberry News Notes

By GRACE WELCH

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation candidates who were confirmed April 18 at St. Theresa Church in Carlyss from St. Peters Church in Hackberry were: Jake Buford, Sirena Duhon, Jennifer Golligan, Micah Silver, Chris Brown, Curtis and Keith Welch, Cecile Devall.

From Assumption Church in Johnson Bayou were: Charles Meaux, Kyle and Misty Badon, Ashley Erbeling, Michael Merritt, Jeremy and Natasha Trahan, Cole Sandifer.

EASTER HUNT WINNERS

Hackberry Recreation Easter Egg hunt winners were: 2 yr. - Adelynn Abshire and Galvin Guidry; 3-4 yr. - Gabby Lenard, and Kennedy Darbonne; 5-6 yr. - Madison Shove and Jake Buford; 7-8 jr. - Dustin Kelly, Wayland Raymond, Eric Duhon; 9-10 yr. - Zachay Esthay and Clinton Granger; 11 and up - Kyle Lenard, Kristen Gallegos and Amber Kelly.

TOURNAMENT

At the basketball tournament held at Hathaway Saturday, April 17, Midland won the championship. The Hackberry Dream Team was first runnerup.

April 19, 1943
Warsaw Ghetto Revolt



Mrs. Scott Phillips

Phillips-Thibodeaux vows are said in Sulphur Sat.

Candy Thibodeaux and Scott Phillips were married Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Sulphur. The Rev. Ronnie Burke officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Thibodeaux of Grand Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Sulphur. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an off the shoulder beaded bodice gown with a gathered satin skirt. Her veil was shoulder length with a tiara. She carried a white rose bouquet.

Misty Dickerson served as the matron of honor and bridesmaids included Toni Thibodeaux, Lisha Dewery, Misti Trosclair, Amanda Duhon, Melanie Richard.

The attendants wore corn-

flower blue dresses with a bow in the back and carried one long stem white rose.

The miniature bride and groom was Katie Ivey and Tye Barfield. Claire Tanous was the flower girl and ringbearer was Chase Naquin. Bible carrier was Andrew Tanous.

Candlelighter was Phillip Ivey. Bestman was David Smith and groomsmen included Tony Tramonte, Justin Crainberg, Jacob Fountain, Jeff Trosclair, and Todd Phillips.

Usher was Marvin Simon. A reception followed in the W. R. Grace Building.

The bride is a graduate of Grand Lake High School and is attending Sowela. The groom graduated from Sulphur High School. The bride is employed by West Cal-Cam Hospital and the groom is employed by IMC. After



THE CAMERON ELEMENTARY School participated in the Region V Social Studies Fair held at Burton Coliseum. Students participating were Lance Braxton, Kami Savoie, Thomas Trosclair, Keyara Lassien, Kayla Bertrand, Mindy Smith, Chloe Phillips, Brittany LeBlanc, and Patrice LeBlanc. Top photo: Thomas Trosclair and Kami Savoie received fourth place in Anthropology. Lower photo: Chloe Phillips, and Brittany LeBlanc received second place in History and will compete at state in Baton Rouge on April 30. Mindy Smith is also a member of the History team.

Two families set reunion

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The Savoie-LaBove families will hold a family reunion on Friday, April 29, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Creole from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Families attending are asked to bring a meat, covered dish and drinks for the noon meal. A dance will beheld during the afternoon with music by Jerry Furs and the "Tear Drops".

a trip the couple will be at home in Sulphur.

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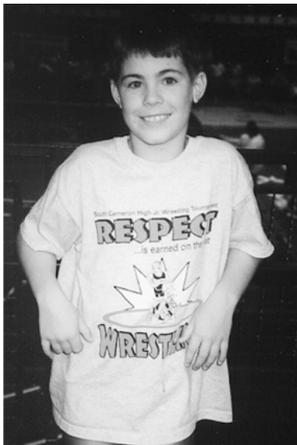
SHOWN ABOVE, from left, are Paul Gay and Clifford Johnson. They were honored at the annual banquet of the Grand Lake - Sweet Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Paul Gay was named Rookie of the Year and Clifford Johnson was named Overall Fireman of the Year.

Hackberry FBLA goes to conference

On March 25-27, 13 members of the Hackberry FBLA club attended the annual state conference in Baton Rouge. Five members participated, including: Rebecca Perrodin, Business Communication; Suzanne Simon, Business Procedures; Josie

Brown, International Business; Paige Sanders, Introduction to Business Communication; Marcus Bufford, Technology Concepts and Word Processing II. Chelsie LaBove and Meagan Broussard were Hack-berry's two voting delegates.

Marcus Bufford placed 5th in Word Processing II. Lindsay LaBove was installed as District IV Vice President.



JADE MILLER, 10-year-old son of George and Stacy Miller of Creole, placed first in the 70-pound division of the State Wrestling Tournament held in Lafayette. Jade had to have four wins to capture the state title.

S. Cameron Elem. has state winners

Nineteen boys represented S.C.E.S. at the State Wrestling Tournament held in Lafayette. The results were as follows: Pre-Bantam - Kelly Comeaux 3rd; Channing LaLande 3rd and Joshua Wicke 4th.

Midget division - John Comeaux 1st, Rudy McEvers 1st, and Jade Miller 1st, Trevor Nunez 2nd, Blake Payne 2nd, Jordan Rutherford 2nd.

Novice division - Matthew Miller 1st, Jonathan Trahan 2nd and Kyle Little 4th.

Schoolboy division - Bart Vidrine 1st, Justin Payne 2nd, Chance Richard 3rd, Chad LaBove 3rd, Bryon Quinn 5th.

The coaches for the team include Donny Nunez, Clarence Vidrine and Allen Thibodeaux.

Other participants were Gabe LaLande, Justin Trahan, Corey Miller and Dylan Jouett.



SHOWN ABOVE are members of the Hackberry FBLA who attended the State Conference in Baton Rouge.



MEMBERS OF THE Cameron Parish 4-H Junior Leaders club visited Abraham's Tent in Lake Charles on March 17 to serve meals to the needy.

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Hack. 4-Hers report their activities

Mr. Mike Lavergne, Cameron Parish 4-H Agent, gave a presentation on career paths at the Hackberry senior 4-H club meeting, Friday, March 30. He said, "by doing a career interest assessment, it will help you make career choices for yourself and will help define who you are."

Club members collected and donated food items for Abraham's Tent in March. In April members will donate a food basket for a needy family in the community for Easter and in May members will lend a hand in helping to clean up the community on Saturday, May 5.

Micah Silver reported that the Cameron Parish Junior Leaders' club went to Abraham's Tent on March 17 and did volunteer work. In April the club plans to visit an animal shelter and visit the swingbed patients at South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

Club members played a guessing game with Kristin Gray being the winner.

Micah Silver delivered an electronic project talk.

Mrs. Penny Thibodeaux, Parish 4-H Agent, spoke to club members about the upcoming 4-H Short Course, June 19 to 21 at LSU in Baton Rouge. She said, "you should start making preparations for whatever contest you plan to enter at Short course."

The next club meeting will be May 11.

Meeting set

A South Cameron High School Junior class parents meeting has been set for Tuesday, April 24 at 6 p.m. in Tarpon Hall. Plans will be discussed for the class gathering held after the junior ring ceremony.

Joby Richard recognized

Joby Richard, son of Philip and Michelle Richard of Creole, has been named a United States National Award winner and an All American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

Joby attends South Cameron High School and was nominated for the awards by his teachers, Mrs. Craig Moss and Ms. Tina Savoie.

Joby will appear in the year-books published nationally by the Academy.

He is the grandson of Donald and Carolyn Richard and Jimmy and Jan Roberts, all of Grand Chenier.

Benefit set for E. Trahan

A benefit for Ernest Trahan will be held Saturday, April 28 at the Johnson Bayou Community Center.

It will include a sale of donated items from 9 to 1, cow patty bingo and sale of gumbo at 6 p.m. and a dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Morris family back in states

Edward and Caryn Morris and sons Teddy and Eric have returned home from Germany and Edward will be stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Caryn is the daughter of Pat and Roland Kershaw of Houston and the granddaughter of Irene Kershaw and Grace Welch of Hackberry.

Broxton takes Marine basic

Marine Corps Pvt. Jeffrey P. Broxton, son of Lawana C. Rainwater and James E. Broxton of Cameron, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Broxton is a 2000 graduate of Parkview Baptist High School of Lake Charles.

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GARAGE SALES
 HAVE OLD or unusual items that are still in good condition and you would hate to throw them away. Have a Garage Sale! Remember to put the location, date, times, address, and any unique item in your ad. Due by 10 a.m. Wednesday. Mail to: Ad and payment to P. O. Box 995, DeQuincy, La 70633 or stop by Clipper Office Supply, 128 School St. in Cameron.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



LORALIGH LENAЕ GASPARD
 Altus (BeBe) & Trina Gaspard announce the birth of their second child, a girl, Loraligh Lenae, born on March 14, 2001 at Balboa Naval Medical Center in San Diego, Ca. She weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. Grandparents are: George and Jackie LaBove of Cameron, Altus & Liz Gaspard of Cameron, Linda & Joe Chaney of Dry Creek. Great Grandparents are: Pearl LaBove of Cameron, Bennie Reon of Cameron, Sanders Miller of Grand Chenier. Great Great Grandmother is: Mae Miller of Creole. Loraligh is welcomed home by a big brother, Zachary, 5.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
 Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Elvis ruth Hayes, Leila R. Reusch, Alberta R. Outlaw, Mary R. DeLeon, Leslie Robertson, Jr., Gene Carter, Irene Hayes Loftin a/k/a Irene Hayes Hoffman, Wirt Elton Haynes, Steve Louis Haynes, Syble II. Standley, George L. Hayes, George M. Haynes, Baker D. Fairchild, Toni Carter Groos, Sherman Billy Foster or his unknown heirs, John F. Robertson or his unknown heirs, Lawrence Robertson or his unknown heirs, and Hubert P. Foster or his unknown heirs, please contact attorney, David P. Bruchhaus, MUDD & BRUCHHAUS, L. L. C., 148 Smith Circle, P. O. Box 1510, Cameron, LA 70631, Phone 337-775-5063.
 RUN: April 5, 12, 19 - A12

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Hackberry Waterworks District No. 2 has completed the refurbishing of the elevated water tower. Any and all persons having claims for damages or outstanding bills against Great Lake Tank & Steel, Inc. will have 45 days to file a lien with the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, located in the Cameron Parish Courthouse. If you have any questions regarding this matter please call me at 337-762-3935, Monday and Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Alton Schexnider,
 President
 RUN: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10 - A27

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 23, 2001 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, Cameron, Louisiana, for an integrated, on-line, computer based library automation system for the multi-branches of the Cameron Parish Library.
 All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office,

CARD OF THANKS



KIRK (BOZO) SORRELLS
 To the people: I would like to take this time to Thank each and everyone of you who came and brought flowers, food, money and concern, but most of all you friendship and prayers. We greatly appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts. Thanks to S. C. Memorial Hospital and staff and to the preachers who held their heads high for our Son. Terry Beard for the song; it was beautiful. LeeBo, you are not to blame yourself. That's the way the Lord wanted it to happen. Oh yes, LeeBo, it's hard at times but with the love of our friends and family and the Lord and His Word, we will get through this. To all, cherish what time you have left with you're children, because when you don't have them you'll regret not spending enough time with them. We have to walk the Lord's walk and talk the Lord's talk. And He will carry us through. One day, we will see (Bozo). Again, thank you all. God Bless each and everyone of you.
 With Love,
 from the family of
 Kirk (Bozo) Sorrells

Cameron, Louisiana, during normal business hours.
 By: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner, Secretary
 RUN: April 19, 26, May 3 (A-44)

LEGAL NOTICE
 This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 2nd day of April, 2001 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Cameron Parish Christmas Tree Project - Cameron/Creole Site #2 - Proposed Pens and Placement of Trees, 2000-2001, pursuant to the certain contract between M & M Electric Company and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 268677 in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums in the absence of any such claims or liens.
 BY:
 /s/Bonnie W. Conner, Secretary
 RUN: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - A47

NOTICE
 A public meeting will be held on April 24, 2001 at 12 noon and 1 p.m. at the Cameron Senior Center.
 To be discussed: Nutrition

Birth told

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Great-grandmother is Mae Miller of Creole.

Their other child is Zachary, 5.

Program Update and Area Plan Amendments.

Area Plan Updates will also be discussed.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Dinah Landry at 775-5655, describing the assistance that is necessary.
 RUN: Apr. 19 (A-50)



• JOB ADVERTISEMENT •

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 is accepting applications for the following position:
Title: Mosquito Control Inspector
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Applications must be filled out at Mosquito Control Headquarters in Creole, La.
Contact: Don Menard, Director, Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1, 149 LeBlanc Road, Creole, Louisiana 70632. Phone: 337-775-5942.
 RUN: April 5, 12, 19 (A-14)

THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA) FY2002 PROGRAM PLAN

The Cameron Parish Special Education Office will conduct one public hearing for the purpose of review of the proposed content of the Cameron Parish IDEA FY2002 application. The purpose of this hearing is to take oral and written comments from parents of students with disabilities or other exceptional students, individuals with disabilities, representatives of education and human service agencies, parental organization and all other interested in the education of exceptional children. The hearing will be conducted at the Cameron Parish School Board, 246 Dewey St., Cameron, La. 70631, on May 7, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.
 The application includes information about policies and procedures that are undertaken to ensure that eligible students with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education. Copies of the Application will be available for public review during business hours beginning April 12, 2001, at the Cameron Parish School Board, 246 Dewey St., Cameron, La. 70631.
 Prior to submission to the Louisiana Department of Education, the application will be submitted for approval to the Cameron Parish School Board. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may submit written comments to Willyne Kestel, Special Education Supervisor, Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, La. 70631.
 Written comments must be submitted by May 11, 2001.
 RUN: APRIL 12 & 19 (A-17)

— NOTICE —

The Cameron Parish School Board is researching the interest in a possible daytime Adult Literacy Program. The program may be offered for three hours per week at various locations in Cameron Parish.

The Adult Literacy Program, also known as Adult Education, will be open to adults not currently in school. Interested adults may wish to improve their basic skills to:

- learn to balance a checkbook
- create a household budget
- help children with their homework
- work towards a better job
- learn to read more difficult writings.
- work towards earning a GED

Adults who have a high school diploma, as well as those who left high school before graduating, are welcome to indicate an interest in the program.

If interested in completing a survey form, visit the school secretary at one of the following schools during the week of April 23-27, 2001:

- Cameron Elementary School - Cookie Richard**
- Grand Chenier Elementary - Mona Theriot**
- Grand Lake High School - DeeDee Taylor**
- Hackberry High School - Molly Richard**
- Johnson Bayou High School - Diane Price**
- South Cameron Elementary - Charlotte Broussard**
- South Cameron High School - Dana Baccigalopi**

For more information about this possible Adult Literacy Program, contact Stephanie Rodrigue, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction, at 775-7393, extension 30.

RUN: 4/19 & 4/26 (A-49)

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 RUN: 4/19 (A-48)

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LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 meeting in regular session convened on the 16th day of January 2001 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 1999-13: Proposed Water Control Structure in the Cameron Area pursuant to the certain contract between Crain Brothers, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 under File No. 264696, in the book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens. /s/E.J. Dronet, Secretary
RUN: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19 (M-11)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened the 5th day of March 2001 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2000-05: Bridge Replacement on Parish Road 3143 pursuant to the certain contract between F. Miller & Sons, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 265368, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens. /s/Dusty Sandifer
President
RUN: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19 (M-13)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. Sixteen, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on February 5, 2001. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Fire Protection District No. Sixteen, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, May 5, 2001, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: CONTINUATION OF 10-YEAR 11.32 MILLS PROPERTY TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES.

Shall Fire Protection District No. Sixteen of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of eleven and thirty-two hundredths (11.32) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2001, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment; paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service; and paying the cost of acquiring, improving or constructing fire protection facilities of the District, constituting works of public improvement, title to which shall be in the public?

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

ELECTION DISTRICT 4; PRECINCT 5, ALL, LOWERY FIRE STATION, LOWERY, LOUISIANA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with the law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 7, the governing authority of said District.

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

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

ELECTION DISTRICT 4; PRECINCT 5, ALL, LOWERY FIRE STATION, LOWERY, LOUISIANA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with the law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 7, the governing authority of said District.

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

Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 5th day of February, 2001.

APPROVED: /s/Dusty Sandifer
DUSTY SANDIFER, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
ATTEST:
/s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
RUN: Mar. 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3 (M-17)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on January 18, 2001. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Gravity Drainage District No. Seven, Cameron Parish Louisiana, on Saturday, May 5, 2001, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. SEVEN TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF FIVE MILLS PER ANNUM FOR CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING, AND MAINTAINING DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN THE DISTRICT.

Shall Gravity Drainage District No. Seven of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of five (5.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2001, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining said District's Drainage systems within and for said District?

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

ELECTION DISTRICT 1; PRECINCT 1, ALL JOHNSON BAYOU MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING, JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with the law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 7, the governing authority of said District.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Gravity Drainage District No. Seven Building, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, on Thursday, the 17th day of May, 2001, at 6:30 p.m., and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 18th day of January, 2001.

APPROVED: /s/Magnus McGee
MAGNUS MCGEE, CHAIRMAN
GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT SEVEN

ATTEST: /s/Ivan Barrentine
IVAN BARRENTINE, SECRETARY
RUN: Mar. 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3 (M-20)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Hackberry Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on January 15, 2001. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Hackberry Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, May 5, 2001, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR HACKBERRY RECREATION DIS-

TRICT TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF ELEVEN AND THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM OPERATING, MAINTAINING, CAPITAL OUTLAY PURCHASES, NEW CONSTRUCTION, OR ANY OTHER LAWFUL PURCHASES OF SAID DISTRICT'S RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Hackberry Recreation District of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of eleven and thirty-seven hundredths (11.37) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2001, for the purpose of operating, maintaining, capital outlay purchases, new construction, or any other lawful purchases of said District's Recreation facilities within and for said District?

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

ELECTION DISTRICT 2; PRECINCT 1, ALL HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA.

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Hackberry Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Hackberry Recreation Center, Hackberry, Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 8th day of May, 2001, at 6:00 p.m., and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 15th day of January, 2001.

APPROVED: /s/Carrie Hewitt
CARRIE HEWITT, PRESIDENT
HACKBERRY RECREATION DISTRICT ATTEST:

/s/Dwayne Sanner
DWAYNE SANNER, SECRETARY
RUN: Mar. 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3 (M-21)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-Revised Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 3 on 15 May 2001 until 2:30 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 118 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA, 70631 (337-775-5718)

Project Number: 2001-01 Drainage Improvements in the Cameron Area.

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

1 Highway Street and Bridge Construction, 11. Culverts and Drainage Structures

or
11 Heavy Construction
2 Dams, Reservoirs and Flood Control work other than levees
3 Foundations, Pile Driving

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 3. 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 meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 3. The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 3 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 3 /s/Scott Henry, Chairman
RUN: April 12, 19, 26 - M55

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed proposals for the materials (only) for the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 7 on 19 April, 2001 until 6:30 p.m. at the Drainage Board Office, 205 Middle Ridge Road, Cameron, LA (337-569-2159)

Project Number: 2000-02 Water Control Structures in Johnson Bayou Area.

Proposal forms will not be issued

later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 7.

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 Gravity Drainage District 7 meeting. Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 7 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals.

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District 7 /s/Magnus Magee, Chairman
RUNS: March 29, April 5, 12, 19 - M56

NOTICE OF BIDS

Cameron Parish Water and Sewer District No. 1 will receive sealed bids for a used 4 1/2 year old Brother Intellifax 635 fax machine. Includes phone and copier accessories. It can be seen at our office located at 126 Ann Street, Cameron, La. Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2001. We have the right to reject any and all bids.
RUN: April 5, 12, 19 (A-2)

POLLING PLACES NOTICE

According to Carl Broussard, Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish in accordance with Title 18:535B of the Louisiana Election Code, the following is the official listing of the Polling Places for the upcoming General Spring Election to be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001.

- POLLING PLACES -

District 1 Precinct 1:
Location: Johnson Bayou Multipurpose Building, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou, La.

District 2 Precinct 1:
Location: Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Circle, Hackberry, La.

District 4 Precinct 5:
Location: Lowry Fire Station, 460 Lowry Hwy. Lowry, La.
RUN: April 12, 19 - A8

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury intends to abandon the following described Road Right-Of-Way being of no further use or necessity:

The last 528' of Parish Road No. 602 (Bourg Point Road). The road is located in Section 36 and 37, T12S, R10W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Anyone having any objections to said abandonment should make their objections known at the meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, to be held May 7, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Annex building in Cameron, Louisiana.

/s/Bonnie W. Conner, Secretary
Cameron Parish Police Jury
RUN: April 5, 12, 19 - A9

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Emmett E. Pratt, III, Marion Gute Webb, Henry R. Kravis as trustee for Raymond F. Kravis Trust, Elizabeth A. Pratt Barlow, and Neal Pratt Scott, please contact attorney, David P. Bruchhaus, MUDD & BRUCHHAUS, L. L. C., 148 Smith circle, P. O. Box 1510, Cameron, LA 70631, Phone: 337-775-5063.
RUN: April 5, 12, 19 - A11

NOTICE FOR AUTO BID

Sealed bids will be accepted by Cameron Parish Sheriff for the purchase of two (2) 2001 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. Specifications and bid forms can be obtained at Cameron Parish Sheriff Office, P. O. Box 1250 Civil Dept., Cameron, La. 70631. Bid envelope must be marked "Auto Bid" and delivered to the Sheriff's Office at the above address on or before 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2001. The right is reserved by the Sheriff to reject any and all or to accept any bids which in the opinion of the sheriff will be of the best interest of the Parish of Cameron and the Cameron Parish Sheriff Department.
/s/James R. Savoie Sheriff
RUN: April 12, 19, 26 - A29

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 until 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2001 in the Waterworks office located in Hackberry, Louisiana for the purchase of:

(1) New Holland LB 75 backhoe/loader or the equivalent of. Bid forms may be obtained at the Waterworks office at 1190 Main Street, Hackberry, Louisiana during regular working hours.
RUN: April 12, 19 - A31

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until 3:00 P.M., 30 April 2001 at the Police Jury Annex, 118 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA, 70631 (337-775-5718).

Project Number: 2001-03 Road Improvements in Cameron Parish.

The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for contractors will apply this project being classified as: II Highway, Street and Bridge Construction; 4 Asphalt Surface Treatment.

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish 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, (318) 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 meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish Police Jury /s/Dusty Sandifer, Chairman
RUN: April 12, 19, 26 A-33

NOTICE

Public Notice of Federal Consistency review of a Proposed Initial Exploration Plan by the Coastal Management Section/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the plan's consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Applicant: Nexen Petroleum Offshore U.S.A. Inc., 12790 Merit Drive, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas, 75251.

Location: Nexen Petroleum Offshore U.S.A. Inc., Lease OCS-G 16121, West Cameron Block 148, Offshore, Louisiana.

Description: Exploratory activities will include the drilling, completion, and potential testing of one (1) exploratory well. Support operations will be from an onshore base located in Cameron, Louisiana. No ecologically sensitive species or habitats are expected to be affected by these activities.

A copy of the plan described above is available for inspection at the Coastal Management Division Office located on the 10th floor of the State Land and Natural Resources Bldg, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The public is requested to submit comments to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division, Attention: OCS Plans, P. O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-4487. Comments must be received within 15 days of this notice or 15 days after the Coastal Management obtains a copy of the plan and it is available for public inspection. This public notice is provided to meet the requirements of the NOAA Regulations on Federal Consistency with approved Coastal Management Programs.
RUN: April 19 (A-34)

EAST MUD LAKE FIELD

12-01-401

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 Conservation Auditorium, 1st Floor, State Land & Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 9:00 a.m., on TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001, upon the application of CASTEX ENERGY, INC.

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 Planula 4 Sand, Reservoir A, in the East Mud Lake Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Castex Energy, Inc. - Fina Fee Land - EML No. 2 Well as the substitute unit well for the PLAN 4 RA SUC, created by Office of Conservation Order No. 200-B, effective June 19, 1990, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 200-B.

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

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

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:
PHILLIP N. ASPRODITES
COMMISSIONER OF
CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La
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IF ACCOMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANAS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PERSONNEL SECTION AT P.O. BOX 94396, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9396 IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE (225) 342-2134 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THRU FRIDAY WITHIN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.

"This Notice does not constitute a summons to appear but is merely an invitation to attend the hearing if you so desire. Copies of this Notice are being sent to all know Interested and the Represented Parties and Interested Owners. This Legal Notice has been published in THE ADVOCATE, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and will be published in Cameron Parish Pilot, DeQuincy, Louisiana"

RUN: April 19 (A-35)

NOTICE

Public Notice of Federal Consistency review of a Proposed Initial Development Operations Coordination Document by the Coastal Management Section/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the plan's consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Applicant: ATP Oil & Gas Corporation, 4600 Post Oak Place, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77027.

Location: Lease OCS-G 16332/16333, South Marsh Island Blocks 189/190, Offshore, Louisiana.

Description: Development activities will include the drilling, completion and potential testing of Wells No. 1 and 2, installation of a right-of-way pipeline and commencement of production from the target sands. Support operations will be from an onshore base located in Cameron, Louisiana. No ecologically sensitive species or habitats are expected to be affected by these activities.

A copy of the plan described above is available for inspection at the Coastal Management Division Office located on the 10th floor of the State Land and Natural Resources Bldg, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The public is requested to submit comments to the Coastal Management Division, Attention: OCS Plans, P. O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-4487. Comments must be received within 15 days of the date of this notice or 15 days after the Coastal Management Division obtains a copy of the plan and it is available for public inspection. This public notice is provided to meet the requirements of the NOAA Regulations on Federal Consistency with approved Coastal Management Programs.
RUN: April 19 (A-37)

NOTICE

Public Notice of Federal Consistency

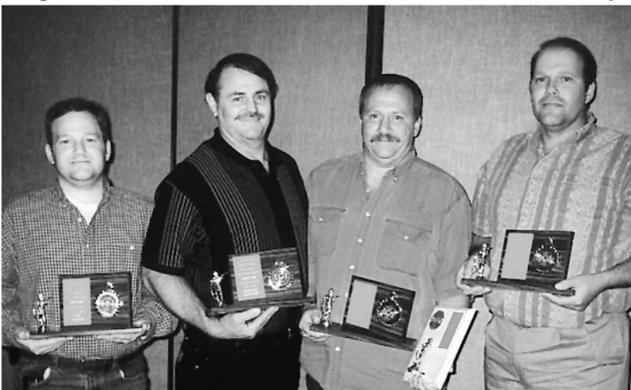
review of a Proposed Initial Development Operations Coordination Document by the Coastal Management Section/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the plan's consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Applicant: LLOG Exploration Offshore, Inc., 433 Metairie Road, Suite 600, Metairie, Louisiana, 70005

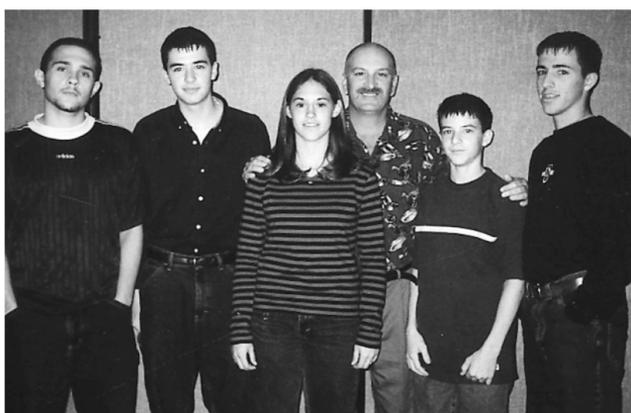
Location: Lease OCS-G 16115, West Cameron Block 101, Offshore, Louisiana

Description: Development activities will include the drilling, completion and testing of two (2) wells, install a minimal well protector type structure with a right-of-way pipeline to transport production. Support operations will be from an onshore base located in Cameron, Louisiana. No ecologically sensitive species or habitats are expected to be affected by these activities.

A copy of the plan described above is available for inspection at the Coastal Management Division Office located on the 10th floor of the State Land and Natural Resources Bldg, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The public is requested to submit comments to the Coastal Management Division, Attention: OCS Plans, P. O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-4487. Comments must be received within 15 days of the date of



THE GRAND LAKE - Sweet Lake Volunteer Fire Department held its annual banquet in March. Pictured above are the Firemen of the Year for each company (from left): Troy Thomas, Dwayne Granger, Clifford Johnson, and Toby Landry.



PAUL WASSON is pictured above with Grand Lake - Sweet Lake Junior Firefighting team.

Letter to Editor

Dear Mr. Editor,

So many true facts have surfaced since the school board meeting of March 23 concerning what the real issues were for the Cameron Parish School Board members to justify their closing of the Grand Chenier Elementary School. We heard from some of the school board members and the school superintendent that money was not the issue, but that enrollment was the factor. Some board members stated that money was the real issue. That is why I decided to visit the school board office and check out the financial status of the Cameron Parish School Board.

I feel if the citizens and taxpayers of the parish would have an insight to what is actually transpiring within the business department and know what monies are actually received and from whom, as well as what monies are invested in the banks, they would get a feel of things - what the problems might be for any considerations or attempt to shut down any school or consolidate other schools and even the potential of building a new high school that we were told about at the March 23, 2001 school board meeting. All of the numbers that I am going to provide you, Mr. Editor and the citizens of Cameron Parish, were as of March 27, 2001, and the numbers are subject to change.

In a letter from the Cameron Parish Superintendent of Schools, dated March 2, 2001, I was informed that the total insurance premium for the seven schools in the parish and for the school board office was \$128,725.00 and by dividing that by eight, representing the eight different properties, the insurance premium for Grand Chenier Elementary School would be approximately \$16,090.63. Also attached to my letter was a copy of a letter that had been forwarded to another Grand Chenier resident, dated February 23, 2001, disclosing \$12,740.00 for gas and electricity cost, \$706.32 for water but the phone bill was deleted; however, I was told by the Superintendent that the cost was approximately \$1000 per month.

Adding all of these numbers together, the cost over and above staff salaries is under \$32,000 per year. The staff salaries are \$423,445, but no one is going to be laid off. However, of importance is the fact that the janitor of Grand Chenier Elementary School was transferred to South Cameron Elementary School sometime at the commencement of the 2000-2001 school year. Grand Chenier is without a janitor and you can see the principal on a lawnmower sometimes cutting the grass. Hats off to our beloved principal.

Referring to the document that listed staff salaries parish-wide, it being a well-prepared and accurate document, poses a problem to me when I realized how Grand Chenier students ranked when using the averaging method that was used, since we have only 63 students in Grand Chenier and the remain-

ing schools have 1898.03 students. This document lists parish-wide salaries at \$7,293,194, a student membership of 1961.03, at an average cost of \$3,719.06 per student. Remember we received from the state \$3,024.00 from the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) per student.

To see how much it actually cost to educate the 63 students from Grand Chenier by using the averaging method, we subtract the Grand Chenier staff salaries of \$423,445.00 from the \$7,293,194.00 and that lowers the other six school staff salaries to \$6,869,749.00; and we subtract the 63 students from the parish-wide enrollment of 1961.03 and the enrollment parish-wide is reduced to 1898.03. By dividing the \$6,869,749.00 by 1898.03, the average cost to educate the 1899.03 students parish-wide is \$3,619.41.

To determine the added cost of educating a Grand Chenier student, we subtract the \$3,619.41 from the \$3,719.06 and the difference is \$99.65 per student extra, or \$6,277.95 per school year by using the averaging method that was used to first determine the actual cost of educating the original 1961.03 students. In reality, 1898.03 students were used to average against the 63 students in Grand Chenier Elementary School. Where is the fairness?

On March 12, 2001, I received a computer printout of a financial statement for the Cameron Parish School Board and on March 27th a printed document showing the various types investment accounts showing the banks and the different types of interest-bearing accounts that the school board had. There were monies in two different banks that included the general fund account as well as the interest-bearing accounts. In one bank there were seventeen different investments with funds totalling \$12,502,996 and the other bank contained ten different investments with funds totalling \$5,047,431.52. The total of both accounts was approximately \$17,550,427 through March 27, 2001.

To sum up: just two of the large amounts of monies the Cameron Parish School Board Office receives are \$5,567,244 from the equalization fund (MFP), and approximately \$5,514,927 from the parish-wide school taxes (49.26 mills) and combining these two amounts together, we have approximately \$11,082,171 alone received by the School Board. Then there are many other ways that the school board receives revenues which are in the form of interest from the Rainy Day Account, oil and other rental leases, other interest-bearing accounts, and sources I did not venture into investigating at this time.

This problem is not just a Grand Chenier school problem. There are problems in ALL of our schools in one way or another; however, it appears that a lot of careful planning has been done to cause ALL the taxpayers of this great Parish of Cameron to have to continuous-

Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

HUNTER SAFETY WORKS

Mandatory hunter education, hunter's orange clothing, and prosecution of those who cause negligent injuries in hunting accidents is working.

Since 1970, Louisiana has trained 450,000 students in the basic hunter education course with 20,000 students trained annually since mandated state laws took effect in 1984. We have seen a steady decline in firearm accidents from a high in 1983 with 46 accidents and 18 fatalities, compared to the 2000 hunting season where only seven firearm related accidents were reported, with no fatalities.

ROAD KILL

When driving on highways in Cameron Parish, we see many wildlife, birds, and animals killed along the roads.

In the past, thousands of nutria and muskrats were killed by cars we now don't see as many of these dead. We now see many alligators and deer.

I took a ride last week, and counted 14 dead nutria, 22 birds of different species, 4 deer and 17 alligators. I really believe the alligator is almost out populated the nutria. The gators were from 2 foot to about 8 footers, so folks be careful, especially at night, those big gators can surely cause you to wreck.

FISHING REPORTS

The stiff southeast winds have taken its toll on the

anglers. Big Lake has been rough and of course the Gulf even rougher. Fishing on the south end of the lake has produced a few speckled trout, but red fish and flounders at the cuts are much better fishing. Now the Cameron Jetties is still hot, with good catches of big red fish and black drum. Live baits are working well, or grubs tipped with shrimp.

The freshwater fishing is getting better, winds have not been as strong, but when a front or high pressure comes through, it slows things down. The high water is slowly going down and that will help bass fishing, as bass are scattered.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 22 - Turkey season area A closes. April 21 - Red snapper recreational fishing opens. Daily limit 4, 16 inches long or longer. April 29 - Lemesche Bass Club Tournament, Amoco. April 30 - Last day for extended oyster tonging season.

FEEDING TIMES

Best, Fri., Apr. 20 - 9:40 a.m. good, 3:45 p.m. Best, Sat., Apr. 21 - 10:20 a.m. good 4:30 p.m. Best sun., Apr. 22 - 11 a.m. good 5:15 p.m. Best, Mon., Apr. 23 - 11:45 a.m. good 5:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Best, Tues., Apr. 24 - 12:45 p.m. good 6:20 a.m. & 6:45 p.m. Best, Wed, Apr. 25 - 1:30 p.m. good 7:20 a.m. & 7:45 p.m. Best, Thur., Apr. 26 - 2:30 p.m. good 8 a.m. & 8:45 p.m.

Do You Remember?

By Keith Hambrick

Lake Charles American Press, April 21, 1938.

OPENING OF CAMERON HIGHWAY

Installation of machinery on the Intra-coastal canal ferry on the new east-river highway to Cameron is nearing completion and state highway officials expect to announce opening of the route within the next few days, it was stated here today.

Although Rep. John H. Meaux of Cameron had the honor of making the first crossing on the ferry this morning, it is not safe yet for traffic, officials stated.

The new route connects this section with Cameron by way of Creole.

ly vote and pass taxes for the support of our school system when in fact there is money galore to fix up the roofs, replace the air conditioners, remove the asbestos from Johnson Bayou School, and other repair items that can be afforded from the General Fund Account instead of taxing the people with tax after tax.

There comes a time when enough is enough and the time has arrived when we should ALL ask for an accounting of why all the taxes are being levied upon the citizens of Cameron Parish. We should be careful as to what will happen to our tax monies once we vote yes and approve them.

To the rest of the citizens of Cameron Parish, the citizens of Grand Chenier are a prime example of what we were thinking was the best secured collateral of keeping the Grand Chenier Elementary School open by voting YES to the tax of January 20, 2001 was instead the greatest mistake we could have made by believing the school board members when they said that the tax was needed to pass to insure ALL the schools of Cameron Parish with maintenance and quality needs to better educate ALL students.

Now we have only promises echoing in the winds and a small community so devastated by the votes of four school board members to close our precious investment that provided education to ALL who attended that school was priceless. We want the Grand Chenier Elementary School open, for we voted a tax to support it, not to have our tax monies sit in the Cameron Parish School Board's bank accounts drawing interest to be used elsewhere.

I hope that ALL of you will ask each of your board members for an explanation for all of the taxes that are imposed on each of us and what they are determined to do to change the ways that our school board has been professing for the past and what plans can they put together to perfect a brighter future for ALL students seeking quality education in Cameron Parish schools and what ways will the school board members better handle our tax dollars.

Teddy Broussard

SOUTHWEST LA. HISTORY

Last voyage of the Stingray recalled

By W. T. Block

It was a bright sunny morning that dawn of July 2, 1861, when the schooner Venus sailed out of the mouth of Calcasieu River with a cargo of lumber from Ryan's sawmill in Lake Charles, La. As the schooner sailed into the East Pass at Galveston, the newly-arrived Union steam blockader South Carolina fired a shot across the Venus' bow, and the schooner immediately hove to for boarding. When no restricted cargo was found aboard the vessel, Capt. Alden of the blockader allowed the Venus to proceed into port.

It was perhaps the worst mistake that Capt. Alden made during the Civil War. The owner of the Venus, being afraid to return to sea, sold his schooner to a well-known Galveston ship master, Capt. Dave McClusky, who promptly changed the vessel's name to Stingray. It is not recorded exactly how many times the Stingray ran the blockade with cotton during the next four years, but each time, she returned to the Texas or Louisiana coast with enough muskets and gunpowder to field an army.

Confederate customhouse records at Sabine Pass reveal that the Stingray unloaded munitions at Sabine Pass in June, 1862, and sailed for Matamoras a week later with 99 bales of cotton. And always if cotton were in short supply in Galveston or Houston, the Stingray would sail into the St. Bernard, Brazos, Sabine, or Calcasieu rivers for a load of cotton.

When the Stingray sailed out of the St. Bernard River on Feb. 29, 1864, she was captured by the U. S. gunboat Kineo. While the blockade runner sailed under a prize crew of 8, Capt. McClusky invited four of them below decks to sample his private stock of whiskey, until the men were hopelessly drunk and passed out on the deck. Then McClusky and his first mate, Capt. Fred Wolfean attacked the remaining prize crewmen, as is related in Galveston Daily News of Jan. 20, 1878:

Charles Sallier's three trips to Texas told

By W. T. Block

Charles Sallier, for whom Lake Charles is named, is known to have made three trips to Texas to reside at least temporarily, but each time he returned to Lake Charles, which he considered to be his permanent home. He was born in Savoie, France in 1765, but by Jan. 1792, he was already in Opelousas, where he married his first wife, Angelique Fontenaut, in that year.

Sorrowing following Angelique's death in April, 1797, he left for Nacogdoches, Texas to live briefly, where he was enumerated in a census of 1797. He worked for a Spanish grandee there, Don Vicente Michelli, who owned many large land grants as far east as Sabine River. Within a few years, Sallier was back in Opelousas, where he married Catherine LeBleu, who was a sister of Arsene LeBleu de Comarsac, who lived on English Bayou. From 1817 until 1820, Arsene was one of Jean Lafitte's favorite ship captains, and later he bought Texas cattle that he drove to New Orleans.

In 1805 Charles and Catherine Sallier were one of 13 Southwest Louisiana families who were discontent with living under the new sovereignty of the United States. Sallier followed the Marquis de Caso Calvo aboard his ship, the Vigilante, which sailed to Trinity River in Texas. Catherine and her children traveled in a wagon train that went to the former Orcoquiza mission, now near Wallisville in Chambers County. While en route Catherine gave birth near Beaumont to her son Joseph in Feb. 1805, and a year later to

"...McClusky and James Howe knocked the ensign down and wrestled away his pistol and cutlass. Wolfean, the mate, knocked down the man at the wheel.... Then the fight raged all over the deck, man to man, with knives, blocks, and hand pikes until they were all subdued.... The gunboat then gave chase and opened fire, the first shot passing through the mainsail, and the second shot almost knocking Wolfean from the wheel...." The Stingray managed to escape into the mouth of the river.

On May 24, 1864, while the Stingray was returning from Havana, she was once more captured by a blockader off Galveston. When a prize crew came aboard, McClusky and his crew again subdued them and retook control of the ship, sailing into Galveston with its prisoners. Galveston Weekly News of June 1, 1864 noted that:

"...The cargo of the Stingray consists of gunpowder, iron, rails, bagging, rope, liquors and merchandise.... This is the second time that Capt. McClusky has recaptured his schooner from the enemy...."

When McClusky ran the blockade into Galveston for the last time in May, 1865, he learned that Gen. Lee had surrendered to Gen. Grant, and the blockade fleet was preparing to accept the port's surrender. At that time the Stingray looked like a derelict, badly in need of paint, and its sails were tattered. By then McClusky had accumulated a large cache of gold coins, and being ready to retire from the sea, he sold the Stingray to W. B. Norris and Co., a Galveston lumber dealer, who overhauled the schooner and changed its name to Phoenix.

Norris returned the Phoenix to the Lake Charles to Galveston lumber trade that fall, and when the schooner docked once more at the Ryan sawmill, no one recognized it as the old schooner Venus because of its fresh coat of paint and new sails. However the old Stingray's luck had run out; on a subsequent voyage, the Phoenix sank with all hands during a thunderstorm in the gulf.

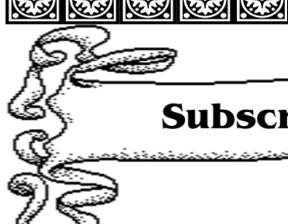
her daughter Luisa.

Sallier returned to Nacogdoches, seeking a large land grant, but he was refused. The Spanish feared that he, being French, might attempt to found a French colony, made up of French Revolution victims. While at Orcoquiza, Sallier was enumerated in the census of Don Carlos Sabet. Obviously the latter thought so much of Sallier that he attached the noble Spanish sobriquet of "Don" to Sallier's name. By 1810, he and Catherine were back in Lake Charles, where the name of their daughter Sidelise was inscribed on the St. Landry church records. Sallier was not enumerated in the Louisiana census of 1810.

Sallier made his last visit to Texas in 1813 when he was a guide for the ill-fated filibustering Magee-Gutierrez Expedition. Upon his return, Sallier never left the Lake Charles area again until his death.

The years 1816 to 1821 were filled with romance in Lake Charles. Reputedly Jean Lafitte sailed up the Calcasieu many times to visit Charles and Catherine and gave them some slaves at their log cabin at the Barb Shellbank. And Lake Charles also became the base for other filibustering expeditions such as Gen. James Long, who was bent on invading Spanish Texas, but who lost his life in the process.

Much myth and mystery surround the later years of Charles Sallier, but he is believed to have died there around 1823. In June, 1825, his succession was opened in the St. Landry Parish courthouse.



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