

Free shots to be given children

Is your child up-to-date on his or her immunizations? Did you know children must have all of their shots before entering school next fall? During the week of Apr. 21, National Infant Immunization Week, you can get your child all the needed immunizations and save a few dollars in the meantime because the shots will be provided free-of-charge.

In an effort to increase protection from vaccine-preventable childhood diseases, all parish health units will be making the shots available at NO CHARGE by waiving the normal \$10 administrative fee. Appointments are not necessary on Monday, Apr. 23 through Friday, Apr. 27.

Cameron Parish Health Unit in Cameron will have extended walk-in hours on Tuesday, Apr. 24, and Friday, Apr. 27 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in which no appointments are necessary. Parents are advised to bring their child's immunization record with them. If you have any questions, call the health unit at 775-5368.

Fishermen tell levees concern

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is an advertisement placed by some of the local commercial fishermen urging all interested parties to attend the April agenda meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury at which the issue of plugging the breached levees around the weirs in the marsh will be discussed. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Apr. 30.

The ad states that the Dept. of Natural Resources is pressuring the police jury to rethink their stance on the subject.

At the recent April regular meeting of the jury a request by this agency to unplug the levees surrounding the Cameron Creole Watershed was denied by the Jury.

Scott Henry, speaking for the District #3 board, said the breaks were caused by flood waters breaking through the shell plugs placed at the mouths of various bayous. The bayous were plugged when water control structures were first installed.

Henry said the breaks allowed flood water to flow out of the marshes much faster than they could have done through the weirs, which he said were half closed.

He said sheet pilings would not have broken, and the water would have stayed much longer. He said the drainage boards would rather see the levees restored to their original height and width before the bayous are plugged up again.

The permit was requested by DNR to help the Sabine and Cameron Prairie Refuges manage water levels inside the levees.

Food boxes to be given out

Senior Food Boxes will be distributed by the Cameron Council on Aging Thursday, Apr. 19 from noon to 4 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prior signup is required to receive the food.

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COLLEGE STUDENTS in the parish during their recent Spring Break are pictured learning how to eat crawfish at an outing in Johnson Bayou. The students helped with a number of projects to help repair Hurricane Rita damages.

Students help recovery here while on Spring Break

The month of March was a busy month for the United Way of Southwest Louisiana in connection with United Way of America. Through the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program over 600 volunteers ages 18-24 came to Southwest Louisiana to help with hurricane recovery.

Many of these volunteer work crews were placed in Cameron Parish. Groups arrived in Lake Charles each Saturday. Sunday mornings they took a tour of Cameron Parish to see the devastation and the amount of work to be done. They were met at South Cameron High School by Scott Trahan to give them a little history on the school and what they had seen throughout the parish.

The American Red Cross

delivered lunch to the SCHS in the disaster response vehicle and shared some of their stories about the ways they were able to assist after Rita. Sunday evenings the groups were entertained by local groups to give them a taste of the culture of the area. Barry Badon got down in the crowd and not only entertained them but really thanked them for what they were doing in our community.

On Wednesday evenings all the work crews met at Holly Beach for dinner, play and bonfire, many had never seen the Gulf. They left their mark in the sand. On Thursday evenings they were introduced to boiled crawfish, Chef Joe Heacock from Sowela taught them how to eat the crawfish.

During the weeks some of the projects the groups worked

on were the playground at Grand Lake Headstart, ceiling tile installation at Eddie Mae Faulk's in Grand Lake, framing with Jerry Theriot in Little Chenier, painting doors at Jennie Armenteau's in Little Chenier, scraping and painting at T-Mae Booth's in East Grand Chenier and many other projects in Hackberry and Johnson Bayou.

While their stay here was short, they learned a lot about our community past and present and with their volunteer hours they made a contribution of \$496,541 toward the FEMA debt.

Dr. Cates announces new hours

Dr. R. Thomas Cates, Hackberry Family Dentistry, has announced new extended hours to serve Cameron Parish residents in Hackberry at the 1020 Main St. office.

He has added Fridays to his Hackberry schedule with appointment being accepted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the hygienist. He will continue to come on Thursdays as well. The office telephone number is 762-4437.

The Lake Charles office address is 1400 Oak Park Blvd., one block from Memorial Hospital. Hours for this office are Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Lake Charles phone number is 439-2111.

Café to hold grand opening

The Kountry Cafe and Grill, located at 11272 Hwy. 384 in Grand Lake, will hold a grand opening Friday, April 20 starting at 6 p.m.

The business is owned by Roger Farque and Herbert Doxey and is open 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Boiled crabs and crawfish also are served on the weekends.

The band, Train Wreck, will play for the grand opening. There is no cover charge.

The telephone number is 905-1269.

Flags half-mast

At the request of President Bush, American flags on school campuses in Cameron Parish will fly at half-mast for the remainder of the week. This gesture will serve to memorialize the student and faculty victims and honor those who survived the massacre at Virginia Tech on Monday, Apr. 16.

South Cameron, Grand Lake girls in softball playoffs

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The defending class 1A South Cameron Lady Tarpons began their quest for a second straight title with an 18-8 route over St. John on Tuesday. Kimberly Bourriaque held St. John to only 3 hits.

Top hitters for South Cameron were Haley McCall, 3-5 with a homerun, double, RBI and 4 runs; Kelsey Mudd, 2-5 and 2 RBIs; Shelby Willis, 1-4 and 3 runs; Haley Willis, 2-4 with 2 doubles, 2 runs, and 5 RBIs; Michelle, Champion, 2-4 with a double, 2 runs, and 3 RBIs; Bailey Richard, 1-2 with a run and 2 RBIs; and Devin Richard, 1-4 with 2 runs and 1 RBI.

The Lady Tarpons will be on the road to take on Country Day in the regionals.

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The Grand Lake Lady Hornets needed only 3 innings to dispose of Lutheran with a 15-0 route in the bi-district round of the class B playoffs.

The Lady Hornets, the district 7B champions, will host Downsview in the regional round of the playoffs with the winner advancing to the state tournament in Sulphur Apr. 27-28.

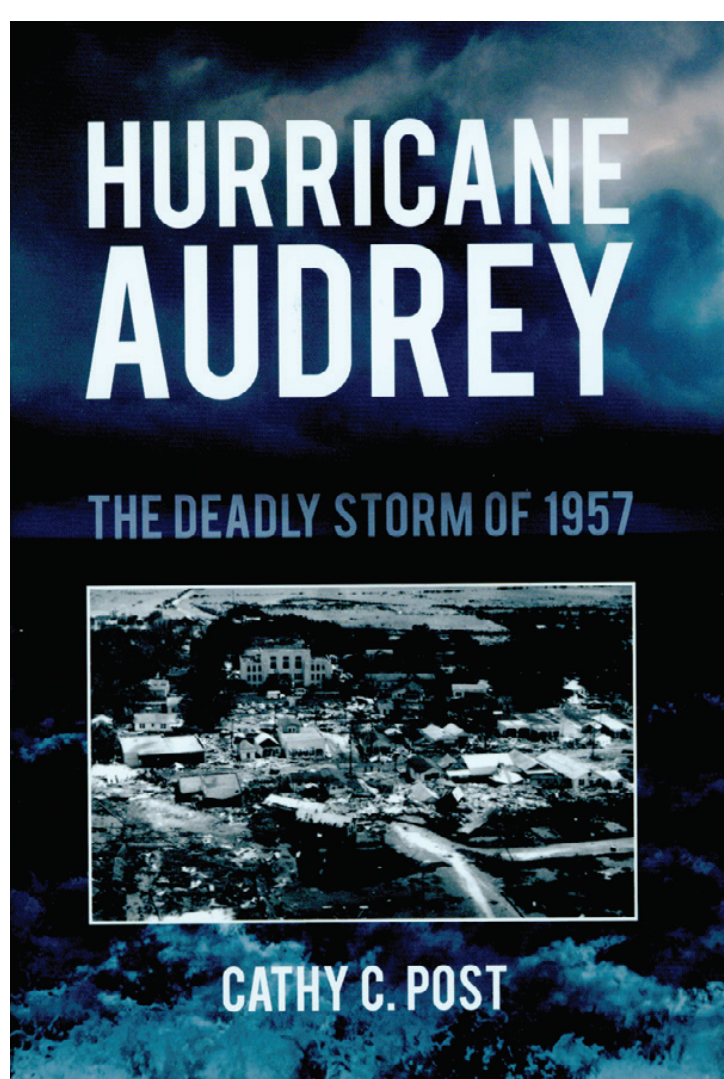
Drainage District vote set

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, the only issue to be decided by Cameron Parish Voters on May 5 election day is a Gravity Drainage District No. 5 proposition.

Only those voters living in Gravity Drainage District No. 5, portion of Precincts 12 and 17 will be able to vote in this election.

Gravity Drainage District No. 5 covers voters in Precinct 12, Muria, living east of the Muria Fire Station and the Little Chenier Drainage Canal and voters in Precinct 17, Grand Chenier, living east of the Mermentau River Bridge and along the Mermentau River Road.

He also announced that the Grand Chenier Polling place, Precinct 17, located at St. Eugene Catholic Church, Grand Chenier, is being relocated to the Grand Chenier Library, 2867 Grand Chenier Hwy., will also be used for future Cameron Parish Elections.



New book out on Hurricane Audrey

By JERRY WISE

Just two months shy of its 50th anniversary on June 27, Hurricane Audrey is the subject of a new book.

"Hurricane Audrey" was written by Cathy Cagle Post, a native of Lake Charles, now living in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Although the 1957 storm has been covered in detail by books written by Donald Menard of Rayne and Nola Mae Ross of Lake Charles, Mrs. Post's book adds a new dimension to the story by relating in detail the experiences of about a dozen Cameron and Lake Charles families.

These include the families of Raymond Bartie, Sr., Whitney Broussard, the Cagle families, O. B. Carter, Dr. Cecil Clark, DeBarge family, D. W. and Geneva Griffith, Brown Marshall, Johnny Meaux and Wynona Welch.

The book helps to remind readers of the differences between the two terrible storms that devastated Cameron Parish a half century apart.

While Rita caused the most physical damage--practically every building in lower Cameron parish was badly damaged or destroyed--there was only one death attributed to the storm in the parish.

Audrey, on the other hand, had less physical damage to



Cathy C. Post

buildings, but it took the lives of an estimated 500 residents. Mrs. Post's book replays in detail the ordeals that the survivors went through.

Mrs. Post is a member of the Cagle clan, well known in Calcasieu Parish. They once owned Cagle Chevrolet and Bobby Cagle was a state representative years ago.

She reports that her book has gone to the top of the best seller list of Amazon.com. She hopes to have a book signing in Cameron, probably at the library some time in the future.

In the meantime, copies of the book are available at book stores and on line from Amazon.

Prayer Day set here May 3

The annual National Day of Prayer observance will be held Thursday, May 3 from noon to 1 p.m. on the Cameron Courthouse lawn.

Participants will include Charles Cole, master of ceremonies; Sheriff Theos Duhon, who will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, Mary Cockrell, scripture reading; and Judge Ward Fontenot, prayer in song.

Rev. Wayne Morris, Port

Arthur pastor, will give the main address. Other speakers will be Craig Thompson, KAJN radio; Clerk of Court Carl Broussard, scripture reading; Edgar Wise, prayer; Rev. Alton Hodnett, talk on faith; and Louise Cole, Cameron Parish NAACP president.

Chales Cyprien will play the organ.

Refreshments will be served.



CAMERON PARISH 4-Hers delivered strawberries that they had sold this week. Profits will be used for 4-H projects. Local 4-Hers are shown above with flats of strawberries. (Photo by Annette Brown.)



SHOWN RECEIVING the United Way Corporation Award for the Williams Corp. of Johnson Bayou were employees John LeBlanc and Tim Trahan. J. Allen McCall made the presentation at the United Way annual meeting held in March. The award is presented to a corporation which has made a significant impact on its community through United Way involvement.

Funeral

ELIE JOSEPH AUBEY, JR.

Elie Joseph Aubey, Jr., 72, died Thursday, Apr. 12, in Lake Charles. He was a native of Gueydan and a resident of Cameron.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife Drusilla Hebert Aubey of Cameron; one son, Joel Joseph Aubey and wife, Terri Guillory of Lake Charles; three daughters, Jill Anne Madden and husband, Nolan K. of Charleston, S.C., Beth Cruickshank and husband, Eric of Carlyss and Julie C. Theriot and husband, Winn of Lake Charles; and nine grandchildren.

His funeral was held Saturday, Apr. 14 in Christ the King Catholic Church. Father Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens under the directions of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday



By Keith Hambrick

Cameron Pilot, April 18, 1974. CONSTITUTION VOTE IS SATURDAY

Cameron Parish voters--as well as those throughout Louisiana--will have a historic decision to make Saturday when they vote on a new state constitution to replace the old one which was written in 1921.

The parish's four parish-wide elected officials this week came out in support of the constitution. They are Sheriff Claude Eagleson, Clerk of Court J. Berton Daigle, Assessor Leslie R. Richard and State Rep. Conway LeBleu.

Rep. LeBleu, who was a delegate to the constitution convention, took a strong stand in favor of the new doc-

ument and issued a statement this week giving the reasons for his stand.

On the other hand, Sen. Jesse Knowles, came out against the new constitution.

Debate on the constitution statewide has entered around three main issues: education taxes and church-state separation.

LIONS ISSUE PLEA FOR STORM ROUTE

Cameron Parish individuals and civic organizations who are vitally concerned with getting the Cameron hurricane evacuation route expedited have sent letters to the Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District at the Custom House in New Orleans.

The Cameron Lions Club sent such a letter this week urging favorable consideration of the project.

In the letter, the club says that an application has been made to the Coast Guard by the Louisiana Dept. of Highways for the construction of a bridge over Calcasieu Lake as a part of the proposed Cameron Hurricane Evacuation Route.

The Club says that many members of this Club and their families experienced Hurricane Audrey in 1957 which took about 500 lives in Cameron Parish. So many of the deaths occurred in the very area where the proposed evacuation route intends to service. After 1957, many studies were made on means of providing hurricane protection for the Cameron area, and two recommendations always appear as the only available assistance: federal subsidized flood insurance to insure our property, and, secondly, adequate means of evacuating our people in advance of a hurricane.

In order to utilize the existing exit highways in Cameron Parish people have to drive some 15 miles adjacent to the Gulf. At time of hurricanes this is not feasible, and it is exactly what happened to many friends who lost their lives in Hurricane Audrey.

GUARD HAS ONLY RECEIVED OBJECTION LETTERS

Residents of Cameron Parish are in danger of not getting a new hurricane evacuation route where they want it after all--unless they ask for it.

Capt. S. G. Putzke, chief of operations of the eighth U. S. Coast Guard District in New Orleans said response to the Coast Guard's public notices have brought little results. To date his office has only received 104 communications regarding the latest proposal--all objections.

State Rep. Conway LeBleu of Cameron co-author of a bill which appropriated \$12 million to build a new road to escape the danger of hurricanes, is asking people to contact the Coast Guard and state how they feel about the latest proposal.

APPRECIATION DAY

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Cameron has set Sunday as a Day of Appreciation for having successfully completed the building of its new church, according to Rev. Alcide Sonnier, pastor.

Although the building was completed in 1972, it was not officially declared complete until the new pews were installed this year. By careful planning and by doing much of the actual labor himself, Father Sonnier's desire to complete the church without incurring any debt was realized.

When the pews were ordered last year, there was not enough money to cover their cost. Yet by the time they were delivered, the money had been raised, largely through the efforts of a group of ladies of the church who meet weekly for a group rosary and a small donation toward the pew fund.



PICTURED FROM LEFT are Zeb Johnson, Johnson Funeral Home owner; Jerrod Daigle, Hixson Funeral Homes general manager; and Keith Gallagher, SI Funeral Services Louisiana regional manager, next to the monument that was part of the dedication that won their three firms a 2006 KIP (Keeping It Personal) Award. The awards, given by the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association, recognize the best in personalization in the cemetery, funeral service and cremation profession. The firms received their awards for orchestrating a community celebration in Cameron Parish to honor those affected by Hurricane Rita and to pay tribute to those involved in the recovery, rebuilding and reburial process.

Award given to local funeral homes

Hixson Funeral Homes and Johnson Funeral Home in Lake Charles, and Suhor Industries/SI Funeral Services have been awarded an honorable mention in the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association's 2006 KIP (Keeping It Personal) Awards.

Suhor and the two funeral homes were honored in the Special Events category for joining forces in a year-long restoration of 38 cemeteries in Cameron Parish that were damaged by Hurricane Rita in September 2005. Led by Zeb Johnson Johnson Funeral Home owner; Jerrod Daigle, Hixson Funeral Homes general manager; and Keith Gallagher SI regional manag-

er for Louisiana, teams from the three firms worked together to re-inter almost 300 recovered bodies and to restore the breached cemeteries.

The SI plant in Oakdale, manufactured surface vaults and, along with /SI facilities in Shreveport, and Beaumont, supplied project workers.

The year-long effort ended with a dedication ceremony to honor the families of those affected by the storm and to

pay tribute to those involved in the recovery process. The community celebration was held in October 2006 and included speakers, a choir, a shrimp boil, a time-capsule dedication and more.

SI Memorials and the funeral homes donated a 5' tall, two-tone India Black granite monument on an all-polished base commemorating the efforts of the community in its rebuilding process. They involved 1,500 local area school children by inviting them to place stories, photos and small memorabilia into the time capsule, donated by SI Funeral Services and Wilbert Funerals Services, which was buried next to the monument.

Get Real Program activities

Two recent activities were held by the Get Real program, sponsored for Cameron Parish children by the Cameron Council on Aging and Community Action Agency. These were made possible by a Juvenile Justice grant.

On Monday, Apr. 2 Chris Romero of the Calcasieu Parish Police Department spoke to the children about internet safety. Twenty children learned rules to keep them safe while on the internet. They learned to not give out any personal information.

Also, children were informed about predators who try to receive pictures from children and try to meet with them.

On Monday, Apr. 9, the children joined Tabitha Nunez on a field trip to the Children's Museum. The children spent two hours enjoying the two floors of continuous activity. They were able to hold birds and turtles, swing from ropes, play dress-up, pretend to cook at Rowdy's Cafe. On the second floor, the children enjoyed numerous rooms including: the Bubble Room, Hologram Room, Karaoke Room, Shadow Room, and Art Room.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Cameron Parish Police Jury will be held at the Courtroom of the Cameron Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate and rolling forward to a millage rate not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

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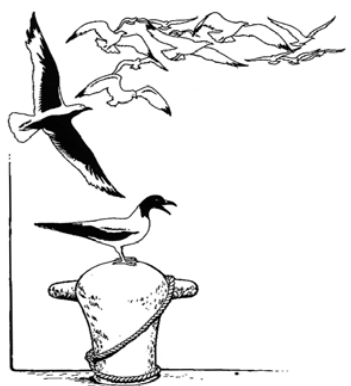
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THESE WERE participants in the Easter Egg Hunt held during the Easter party sponsored by the Cameron Council on Aging.

Cameron Library announces activities

The Cameron Branch Library located at 469 Marshall Street in Cameron has announced the following activities for the upcoming week. There is no cost for any of the programs. Anyone may attend. For more information call 775-5421.

Thursday, Apr. 19 - Noon, 2 mile indoor walk; 3:45 p.m., Kids Computer; 4 p.m., Crafty Kids Program; 5 p.m., 2 mile indoor walk.

Friday, Apr. 20 - 8 a.m., Seniors Citizens Club; 9 a.m., American Press Crossword; Noon, 2 mile indoor walk.

Monday, Apr. 23 - Noon, 2 mile indoor walk; 3:45 p.m., Kids Computer; 5 p.m., 2 mile indoor walk.

Tuesday, Apr. 24 - Noon, 2 mile indoor walk; 3:45 p.m.,

Kids Computer; 5 p.m., 2 mile indoor walk.

Wednesday, Apr. 25 - 10 a.m., Pamper Yourself Facials; Noon, 2 mile indoor walk; 2 p.m., Toddlers Story Time; 3:45 p.m., Kids Computer; 4 p.m., Sign language and Story Time; 5 p.m., 2 mile indoor walk.

Thursday, Apr. 26 - Noon, 2 mile indoor walk; 3:45 p.m., Kids Computer; 4 p.m., Crafty Kids Program; 5 p.m., 2 mile indoor walk.

Birth told

SYDNEY GRACE WATERS
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua C. Waters of Johnson Bayou, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Grace, Apr. 4 at Women and Children's Hospital in Lake Charles. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs.

Grandparents are Edward Laria of Johnson Bayou and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Waters, Sr. of Sulphur.

The couple's other children are Jacob Constance, 15 and Joseph Constance, 12.

G. C. Library announces events

Events for the week at the Grand Chenier Library are as follows:

Friday, Apr. 20 - 9 a.m., Bingo game day.

Monday, Apr. 23 - 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Recipe Swap (Chicken Meals).

Tuesday, Apr. 24 - 11 a.m., Walk Away the Pounds.

Wednesday, Apr. 25 - 4 p.m., "Road Trip Across LA" State trivia & craft.

Thursday, Apr. 26 - 11 a.m., Walk Away the Pounds.

Friday, April 27 - 9 a.m., Pokemo game day; Crossword Puzzle Daze 10 a.m. daily. Keep your mind "sharp" as a "tack"!

Memorial books told

The following memorial books have been donated to the Cameron Parish Library.

Honorees, donors and book titles are listed in that order.

Lillian Arceneaux Boudoin, Bertha and Thomas Duhon, Our Bountiful Blessing; Ray Kebodeaux, Cameron Parish Library, The Complete Fisherman; P. D. Richard, Paul Miller and family, Wild Horses;

Eugene Miller, Paul Miller and Family, The Reign of the Reptiles; Brown LeBouef, Paul Miller and family, The Southern Garden; A. D. Trahan, Paul Miller and family, Pro Football's Greatest Quarterbacks;

Glenn Richard, Dallas and Charlie Mae Brasseaux; How To Repair Your Car; Burl LaBove, Joey, Roni and Jody Trosclair, New Grilling Book; Elvern Landry, Joey, Roni and Jody Trosclair, Fix It & Forget It Cookbook; Roberta Rogers, Joey, Roni and Jody Trosclair, Favorite Brand Name Baking.

Meeting to be held

The Cameron Community Action Agency board of directors will meet on Monday, Apr. 30 at 12 noon at the Grand Lake Fire Center. All members are urged to attend. The meetings are always open to the general public.



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS Billing and Collections Manager Lori Vincent presented to Gail Wolfe, Assistant Chapter Director of Lake Charles Chapter "J" Gold Wing Road Riders Association with a framed print of the Henning House. The print will be used as an auction item at the chapter's annual Gator Run on April 28. The event is expected to attract more than a hundred motorcyclists and their families from across Southern Louisiana and Southeast Texas. For more information, call Brice or Shyla Palmer at (337) 433-6816.

Hymn singing to be held

A Fifth Sunday Hymn Singing has been scheduled for Apr. 29 at 6 p.m. at Sweetlake United Methodist Church. The singing is a cooperative effort of several churches from north and south Cameron Parish.

Christians of all denominations are invited to attend and sing their favorite

hymns. Participating churches are encouraged to provide up to two pieces of special music by choirs, ensembles, or soloists, and musicians playing any instruments are welcome to join in.

After the singing, refreshments will be shared in the church hall.

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Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

CHURCH NEWS
Choir Members needed - Any adults or young adults interested in singing with the Saturday night choir, please contact Kathleen Sanner at 762-3910 or Pat Little at 762-3385

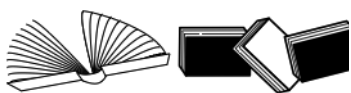
Lost Keys - A set of car keys were found in the cemetery, please go to the church office to inquire about them.

K C Council 11576 - The KCs of Hackberry have moved back the day of the meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

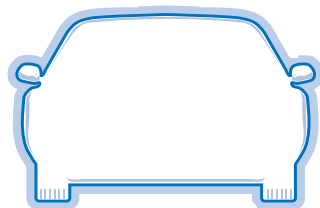
St. Peter The Apostle Church - Work is still being done on the church. They are making progress if the weather permits. Before long Mass will be said in the church and not the hall.

No dates for completion have been set.

C.C.D. classes resumed on Apr. 15.



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The Diocese of Lake Charles, in conjunction with the Dioceses of Lafayette and Baton Rouge, recently held a three-day "Come and See" Vocation Retreat "for men discerning a call to the priesthood" at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center. A total of 21 men, shown here praying in the Chapel of the Assumption, considering their call to vocation attended the event along with seminarians and vocation directors from each diocese, who facilitated the retreat by giving presentations on prayer, discernment, and hearing the Voice of God to say "yes" to the priesthood. The DVD "Fishers of Men," a production of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops was viewed and discussed. The participants were introduced to praying the Liturgy of the Hours of the Church at night, morning and evening. The Rev. Msgr. Harry D. Greig, Diocesan Administrator, celebrated the Liturgy with the group as well as shared his story of "the Call" with attendees.

Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Provost Monday

LAKE CHARLES - Twenty-seven Archbishops and Bishops along with two Abbots will join more than 200 priests, a number of religious, and the laity at the Episcopal Ordination Liturgy of Bishop-elect Glen J. Provost and his installation as the Third Bishop of Lake Charles on Monday, April 23.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, located at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets, is the site for this historic event scheduled for 11 a.m. On Sunday, April 22, the Bishop-elect will take canonical possession of the Diocese of Lake Charles during a Solemn Vespers Service in the Cathedral. That event will begin at 7 p.m.

Following Monday's Liturgy and Installation, the new Bishop will receive the public in a reception to be held on the mezzanine level of the Lake Charles Civic Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

Radio Maria 91.1 FM in Lake Charles will broadcast both events. KPLC-TV Channel 7 will air Monday's Ordination Liturgy live beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Most Reverend Pietro Sambi, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will represent His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI at the events.

The Most Reverend Alfred Hughes, Archbishop of New Orleans, along with The Most Reverend Jude Speyrer, Bishop-

emeritus of the Diocese of Lake Charles, and The Most Reverend Michael Jarrell, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, will be co-consecrators of Bishop-elect Provost.

The Pope's appointment of Bishop-elect Provost was announced March 6, ending nearly two years without a Bishop.

Archbishops expected to attend the Liturgy are The Most Reverend John C. Favalora, Archbishop of Miami, The Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, Archbishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis, The Most Reverend Raymond L. Burke, Archbishop of St. Louis, The Most Reverend Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and The Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza, Retired Archbishop of Galveston-Houston.

In addition to Bishop-emeritus Speyrer and Bishop Jarrell, other bishops who are expected include The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, the second Bishop of Lake Charles and the current Bishop of Belleville, Ill.; The Most Reverend Curtis Guillory, Bishop of Beaumont, Texas; The Most Reverend Sam G. Jacobs, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux; The Most Reverend Robert W. Muench, Bishop of Baton Rouge; and The Most Reverend Ronald Herzog, Bishop of Alexandria. Also attending will be The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote,

Bishop of Norwich, Conn.; The Most Reverend Gregory N. Aymond, Bishop of Austin, Texas; The Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop of Jefferson City, Mo.; The Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Bishop of Toledo, Ohio; The Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, Bishop of Biloxi, Miss.; The Most Reverend Joseph N. Latino, Bishop of Jackson, Miss.; and The Very Reverend Monsignor Earl V. Provenza, Diocesan Administrator of Shreveport, La.

The Right Reverend James Liprie, OSB, Abbot of Mother of the Redeemer Monastery and The Right Reverend Justin Brown, OSB, Abbot of St. Joseph Abbey are also expected to attend.

Other Bishops attending are The Most Reverend William R. Houck, Retired Bishop of Jackson, Miss.; The Most Reverend Patrick J. Zurek, Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio; The Most Reverend Earl A. Boyea, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Mich.; The Most Reverend Roger P. Morin, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans; The Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans; The Most Reverend Leonard J. Olivier, SVD, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, D.C. and Lake Charles native; and The Most Reverend Dominic Carmon, SVD, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans.

Bishop-elect extends best wishes to all in the Diocese

By Bishop-elect
Glen J. Provost

On this weekend, the eve of my ordination and installation as the Bishop of Lake Charles, I extend to all of our good people in the diocese my heartfelt best wishes and ask your prayers for me as I begin this important ministry.

It is customary for a bishop before he is ordained to attend a retreat of six days. I had the joy of doing so at St. Joseph Abbey in St. Benedict, Louisiana. Some of you may know this beautiful spot. The abbey is over one hundred years old and set in the piney woods of Southeastern Louisiana.

During the retreat, I joined the monks for prayer, singing the psalms, celebrating Mass, and quietly reflecting. Abbot Justin, the superior of the abbey, directed my retreat, giving me conferences every day. I appreciated his keen insight into the mystery of the priesthood and the role of bishop as shepherd and teacher.

Abbot Justin chose as a source of reflection the writings of Pope St. Gregory the Great. The work was entitled "Pastoral Care" and was written by Pope St. Gregory to serve as an instruction for those assuming the office of leadership in the church.

One reflection in particular of Pope St. Gregory, that we meditated upon, impressed me a great deal. The quotation was as follows: "In the affection of his own heart he sympathizes with the frailties of others, and so rejoices in the good done by his neighbor, as though the progress made were his own. In

all that he does he sets an example so inspiring to all others, that in their regard he has no cause to be ashamed of his past. He so studies to live as to be able to water the dry hearts of others with the streams of instruction imparted." This eloquent ideal, articulated by Pope St. Gregory, reflects in a real way the thought of Pope John Paul II. In Pope John Paul's writings on the pastoral ministry, our late Holy Father reminds us that everyone is called to holiness, but the priest is furthermore called to holiness for others. Even though written 1500 years apart, both popes are expressing the same ideal.

This holiness about which they speak is rooted in prayer, in our open and intimate conversation with God and in our encounters with Christ in the Sacraments. This is indispensable. "To water the dry hearts", to sympathize "with the frailties of others", to rejoice "in the good done by his neighbor" as though it were his own - all of this is possible only with a heart that knows God.

On this eve of my taking up the shepherd's staff to teach, to lead, and to sanctify in the Diocese of Lake Charles, I pray sincerely that I may do so with a heart renewed by prayer. Please pray for me. Let our work be the same, as we pursue the goal of holiness. Let our work be that of Christ.

I am reminded too of the words of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, the great Carmelite saint. She wrote, "If anyone were to ask me the secret of happiness, I would say it is no longer to think of self." May our thoughts and actions be motivated not by self but by what Christ would have us do.



Mrs. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, left, principal at Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School accepts a check for \$6,000 from Mrs. Andrea Martin, executive director of the Louisiana Association of Principals (LAP) and Martin Guillory, LAP past president and board member along with some of the students at Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel. In 2006 LAP, which is made up of principals and assistant principals from Louisiana public and private elementary, middle, and high schools, gave nearly \$35,000 to public schools in Calcasieu Parish. This year the group decided to assist a private or parochial school in the area that was most in need because of the storm. Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel's elementary building was devastated by the storm and students continue to attend classes in the former Immaculate Heart of Mary School site while repairs are completed on the Mill Street campus.

Home Missions Appeal in Diocese April 28 - 29

The 2007 Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled nationally for the weekend of April 28-29 and will be taken up on those dates here in Southwest Louisiana. Once again, parishioners across the United States will have the opportunity to help their fellow Catholics in rural America - from the Deep South to the Mountain West - live out their faith under difficult circumstances.

Last year, the Catholic Home Missions gave more than \$3 million to the dioceses, including the Diocese of Lake Charles, along the Gulf Coast devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Dozens of parish churches and schools in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas were destroyed or damaged. Catholic communities needed help to repair and replace buildings and to restore the pastoral pro-

grams at the heart of any parish. Catholics across the land responded generously.

If you have ever visited eastern Kentucky or Tennessee, driven through rural Georgia, Alabama, or Mississippi, spent time on the Mexican border, or passed through scattered small towns in Wyoming, Montana, or Oregon, you have been in mission territory. The little brick or clapboard churches you see along the way, housing pockets of Catholic faithful, are the home missions. This Appeal also benefits Catholic communities in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and island chains in the Pacific that have ties to America.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal allows more prosperous Catholic communities to support poorer ones here in America. "Home missions" are as simple as that. The Church is quite fragile

in many parts of the United States where Catholics are a small minority. In the Diocese of Lake Charles the Appeal currently provides financial support to parishes in need, the Office of Evangelization, Lay Ministry Formation, Youth Ministry and Vocation Retreats. During this fiscal year, July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, the Committee on the Home Missions will provide the Diocese with \$150,000.00 for programs and ministries.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, dedicated to strengthening the Church at home, is administered by the Committee on the Home Missions, a division of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information, please contact the Secretariat for the Home Missions at (202) 541-5400 or visit the website at www.usccb.org/hm.



Twenty-seven couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage attended "Together for a Lifetime," the Office of Family Life's program for engaged couples held last Saturday at Saint Katharine Drexel Conference Center at Saint Charles Center. Kathy Owen, at podium, the Director of the Office of Family Life, and her husband Chris directed the event, one of 12 offered annually by the Office.

(This page paid for by the Diocese of Lake Charles.)

TOPS meeting Mon., April 23

The University of Louisiana System, in collaboration with McNeese State University's Student Government Association has selected Hackberry High School as the site of a parish-wide informational meeting for parents and students in grades 7 through 12 who are interested in the TOPS (Tuition Opportunity for Students Program), according to Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron Parish School Supervisor.

By completing a schedule of requisite courses and attaining necessary grade point averages and ACT scores, students may receive college tuition and other expense waivers at any public university, community college, technical college or technical school in Louisiana.

The University of Louisiana System is targeting various school sites within the state to present the program, including the latest changes in TOPS cri-

teria.

The event will be held this Monday, Apr. 23, from 6 until 7 p.m., in the Hackberry High School Auditorium.

Parents and students in grades seven through twelve from Grand Lake, Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and South Cameron High Schools are invited to attend. The University of Louisiana System has selected this particular site to showcase across the state and is scheduled to send a film crew.

The University of Louisiana System is one of four public University systems in Louisiana, supervising eight of Louisiana's colleges and universities. Since its formation in 1974, the University of Louisiana System, one of the nation's twenty largest public systems of higher education, has provided access to higher education through its eight universities located throughout the state.

The University of Louisiana System is a public, multi-campus university system dedicated to the service of Louisiana and its people. The system offers a broad spectrum of educational opportunities ranging from technical training at the associate level to research at the doctoral level. The system's universities enroll more than 83,000 students and offer more than 600 academic degree programs.

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FOOTBALL NEWS

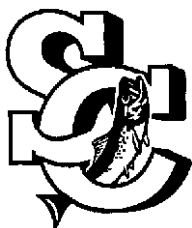
All football players and parents are asked to attend a football meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Apr. 23. The purpose of this meeting is to fill out the necessary paperwork for next year's season.

YEARBOOK SALES

SCHS Tarpon will be sold for the next two weeks. The cost of the book is \$40. A \$20 deposit is required. All ads for the book are due by May 18. All questions should be directed to Tracy Lannin at 542-4628.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 19 - Baseball Merryville (home - Senior Night).
 April 20 - Softball Regional Playoff Game at Country Day.
 April 23 - Regional Track Meet - ULL Lafayette.



THESE WERE some of the students from around the country who came to Southwest Louisiana during their Spring Break to help repair damages caused by Hurricane Rita. They are shown in the South Cameron High School bleachers being welcomed to Cameron Parish by Police Juror Scott Trahan.

Lunch menus told

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week are as follows. All meals are served with milk.
 Friday, Apr. 16 - Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cook-

ie, hamburger bun, catsup.
 Monday, Apr. 23 - Chicken Alfredo, tossed salad, orange wedges, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, Jello w/fruit.
 Tuesday, Apr. 24 - Meatballs for gravy, brown

gravy, rice, carrots, fruit salad, peanut butter spread.
 Wednesday, Apr. 25 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, wheat sliced bread, white sauce.
 Thursday, Apr. 26 - Beef nachos, tomato cup, Ranch beans, steamed broccoli, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips.

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2. Adopting the adjusted millage rate after the 2004 Reassessments and rolling forward the millage to a rate not to exceed the maximum millage for the tax year 2007.

Questions concerning this matter may be addressed in writing or by phone to Julian S. Robichaux, Director, Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1, 146 Theriot Road, Bell City, 70630, phone 905-5941.

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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



SEASON TO OPEN
Strong winds have put a damper on sports fishermen for another week. Rough weather and strong north-west winds dropped the temperatures to the lower 40s making for rough water, and the freshwater fish biting slow.

Several anglers did well on catfish in the intracoastal canal, while bass fishing in the marshes was slow. Big Lake really had some rough water. Things were picking up before this last cold front, both on speckle trout and red-fish. Shrimp are in the lake and the birds were working from Commissary Point to the southeast part of the lake. These cold fronts will move shrimp out of the shallow marshes, as temperatures of the water dropped several degrees. The lake should be good if we get a warming trend.

Lacassine Refuge has spots where you can catch a limit of bass easy, while other spots are a five or six bass catch. There are still some large bass being caught over seven pounds.

Offshore fishing has taken a wait and see attitude as it's been too rough to go out.

Travis Broussard and Lynn Thibodeaux fished Toledo Bend last Saturday, but had to fish the coves, as the lake was rough. They did catch six bass, but tough fishing.

RED SNAPPER

The recreational red snapper fishing will open at 12:01 a.m., this Saturday, Apr. 21. Anglers will have 11 days to catch four red snappers and then on Wednesday, May 2, the new rules go into effect at 12:01 a.m., recreational fishermen will only be able to keep two red snappers, minimum of 16 inches in length. When the new rule goes into effect, Captain and crew of for-hire vessels won't be able to keep any red snappers at all.

DOVE SEASON CHANGES

The La. Wildlife & Fisheries Wildlife Division will let the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission decide if we'll have a change on our dove season by allowing early September openings, adjust the dates to better each zone. The recommendation for the north zone is Sept. 1-16, (16 days), Oct. 13-Nov. 11, (30

Shotgun competition held in Lafayette

The 4-H Regional Shotgun Competition was held last weekend in Lafayette. Cameron Parish was represented by 12 Senior 4-H Shooters and 16 Junior 4-H Shooters. The State Shoot Off will be held Saturday, Apr. 21 in Alexandria.

To be eligible for the shoot off you had to place in the top fifteen of the junior and senior divisions. In the Senior Division, Dylan Conner placed 3rd with 79, Scottie Nunez placed 11th with 73, and Bryce Manuel placed 14th with 71.

In the Junior Division, Marcus Doxey and Bryce LaBove were in a tie for 9th place with 30 and Lex Conner and Brendan Trahan were in a tie for 14th with 29.

All seven of these shooters will be shooting this weekend for the State Shoot Off. In the Senior Division, the top four shooters in the State Shoot Off will be on the Louisiana State 4-H Shot Gun team.

They will be shooting in the 4-H National Shot Gun Competition to be held in Rapid City, South Dakota on June 24-28.

LSU AgCenter in Rosepine to host field day May 3

The LSU AgCenter, Rosepine Research Station will host a Beef Cattle and Forage Field Day on Thursday, May 3. The field day will be co-sponsored by the Beauregard Parish Cattlemen's Association and will feature the 20th Annual Beauregard Cattlemen's Trade Show.

Admission to the Field Day is free and open to the public. Registration and trade show exhibits will open at 2 p.m. Opening remarks will be at 3 p.m., with a tour of the station from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Topics will include Texas Bluegrass Potential, Bermudagrass and Bahiagrass Variety Selection and Stand Management, Clover Update, Preconditioning of Beef Calves, Troubleshooting Reproduction, and Breeding Soundness Exams for Bulls.

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Station scientists will be on hand for individual consultation with producers.

Manufacturers and local dealers will be present at the trade show to exhibit the latest technologies available to producers ranging from tractors, implements, trucks, trailers, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, feed, fertilizers, livestock equipment, communications, and financial and business services. A complimentary meal will be served at 6 p.m. and door prizes will be given after the meal.

The Rosepine Research Station serves beef cattle and forage producers in west central Louisiana, and has a history of providing practical, applicable information to the producers of the area. The Station is located on U.S. Highway 171 two miles north of Rosepine.

All cattle and forage producers and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend. For additional information, or if you have a disability which requires assistance for you to participate in this meeting, please contact Kathy Rector at 463-7708 or Gary Wicke at 905-1318.



BASEBALL-SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BASEBALL RESULTS
South Cameron 13, Merryville 2 - Jody Trosclair threw for the Tarpons.

Top hitters were Marcus Mudd, 2-4; Tyrell Harmon, 2-3 and 3 RBIs; Ronnie George, 2-3 and 2 RBIs; Dex Murphy, 1-2 and 1 RBI; Justin Picou, 1-4; Daniel Dupre, 1-4 and 1 RBI; and Thomas Trosclair, 1-1.

South Cameron 7, Hamilton Christian 5 - Jordan Istre and Jody Trosclair pitched for the Tarpons.

Top hitters were Marcus Mudd, 1-2 and 2 runs; Tyrell, Harmon, 1-3 with 1 RBI and run; Daniel Dupre, 3-4 with a run and 4 RBIs; Ronnie, George, 1-3 and a run; Jonathan Trahan, 1-3; and Ruston Smith, 1-1 and 1 RBI.

Hackberry 11, Singer 1 - Nick Moore threw a no-hitter for the district 7C champions. Top hitters were Moore, 1-

3 and 1 RBI; Dillon Thibodeaux, 2-3; Austin Moore, 1-4 and 2 RBIs; and Nathan Berwick, 1-3 and 2 RBIs.

SOFTBALL ACTION

Oberlin 7, South Cameron 5 - Kimily Bourriaque and Haley McCall threw for the Lady Tarpons.

Top hitters were McCall, 1-2 with a triple and Whitney Richard, 2-4 with a double.

Grand Lake 17, Bell City 0 - Lakeyn Duhon threw a one hitter as the Lady Hornets crushed Bell City.

Top hitters were Brandy Carroll, 2-4; Duhon, 4-4 with 2 homeruns and 5 RBIs; Haley Pesson, 2-4; Brittany Hebert, 2-3; and Bizzie Reon, 2-3 and 2 RBIs.

Singer 6, Hackberry 4 - The Lady Mustangs finished district in 3rd place after falling to Singer in a 2nd place tie-breaker game. Amber Byler went the distance for the Lady Mustangs.

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days), and Dec. 15- Jan. 7 (24 days). Dates for the south zone are Sept. 1-9 (9 days), Oct. 13-Nov. 26 (45 days) and Dec. 22-Jan. 6 (16 days). Each zone would have a 70 day season.

Bag limits recommended: Mourning, white-winged and fully dressed Eurasian collard dove and ringed-turtle doves daily limit 12 in mourning dove season. There would be no day limit on Eurasian collared doves or ringed-turtle doves if hunters leave a fully feathered wing and head attached to the carcass of the bird.

If you fully dress Eurasian collard doves and ringed-turtle doves, they will be included in the aggregate bag limit. That's those without a fully feathered wing and head attached to the carcass.

LAKE VERNON

Since Hurricane Rita, many local bass anglers have traveled to either Toledo Bend or Sam Rayburn for some good bass fishing. One lake we all pass up that has been good for a number of years is Lake Vernon. It is one of the several lakes not that far from us that wasn't hit much by Rita. Just before Rita, there was a 13 pounder taken out of the lake. On one trip we caught some nice bass, but also caught beautiful white perch. I had a 7 1/2 pounder on my wall that I caught on Lake Vernon that went when Rita came by.

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1. Adopting the adjusted millage rate for the tax year 2007 and
2. Adopting the adjusted millage rate after the 2004 Reassessments and rolling forward the millage to a rate not to exceed the maximum millage for the tax year 2007

as permitted by Article VII, Section 23 (C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and R.S. 47:1705 (B)

Questions concerning this matter may be addressed in writing or by phone to Julian S. Robichaux, Director, Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1, 146 Theriot Road, Bell City, Louisiana, 70630, Phone: (337) 905-5941.

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- Take it one hour at a time, one day at a time.
- As much as you can maintain your normal routine. Even if you don't feel like doing your regular activities, try to anyway.
- Get enough sleep; if you aren't sleep, at least try to get plenty of rest.
- Try and get some regular exercise. This is an excellent way to relieve stress and tension.



THESE WERE some of the college students from around the nation who used their Spring Break to come to Cameron Parish to help with the recovery efforts here. The United Way of Southwest Louisiana coordinated their efforts here.



PICTURED ABOVE were the winners at the Easter Party held by the Cameron Council on Aging. Top left: Margaret Pitts, first place Easter hat; second place Easter theme cake. Top right: Shirley Mhire, second Easter hat; first Easter basket. Lower left: Lida Miller, third Easter hat; second Easter basket. Lower right: Maria Posada, first Easter theme cake; third Easter basket.



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\$5.8 in Coastal Impact funds given to parish

U.S. Sen. David Vitter announced that the Department of Interior will allocate \$5.8 million in federal funding for Cameron Parish through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program that became law with the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

"During Senate debate on the 2005 Energy bill, I worked to include a provision in this legislation that provided \$1 billion over four years for coastal impact assistance to states and parishes that host offshore energy development and experience related impacts," said Vitter. "The provision is now bearing fruit in the form of this important coastal funding."

These federal funds can be used for coastal protection and wetlands restoration, infrastructure projects that are designed to moderate the impacts from offshore energy production activities and mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources. As one of 19 eligible parishes in the state's coastal zone, Cameron Parish will receive \$5.8 million in federal funding over the next two years.

"Louisiana's coastal land loss rates have reached catastrophic proportions, and the 2005 hurricane season was further proof that until we

restore our nation's wetlands the destruction of land and property from such storms will never subside - it will only get worse," added Vitter. "This federal money is not limited to studies and research; this is 'shovels in the ground money' for a host of projects to help restore our eroding wetlands."

These funds are part of the four-year Coastal Impact Assistance Program. For the next several decades, the parish will also receive funds through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act that Vitter helped negotiate and pass into law in December of last year.



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Drainage Board 3 & 4 members which make up the Cameron-Creole Watershed Project, voted against plugging the breached levees around the weirs. Our police jurors stood behind them. But it has come to our attention that special interests, namely the Department of Natural Resources, is pressuring our policy jury to rethink their stance on this subject. There will be a Police Jury Agenda meeting on Monday, April 30, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Court Room. All interested parties, especially commercial fishermen, should attend this meeting to show our support of the Drainage Boards decision.

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