

RECOVERED LOOT from the robbery last week of the Bayou Convenience Store in Johnson Bayou fills the Sheriff's Office evidence room after the thieves were caught trying to redeem stolen lottery tickets in Vinton. Over \$30,000 dollars in theft and damages resulted from the thieves' two separate robberies of the convenience store. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Burglars caught after hitting JB store twice

By CYNDI SELLERS

The second time was not a charm for two bold thieves from Texas who robbed the Bayou Convenience Store last Thursday night. Johnny Manual Palonco, 29, and his wife Elisabeth, 19, of Beaumont, were caught in the act of trying to redeem stolen lottery tickets at Glen's Mart, Grill and Deli in Vinton around noon on Sunday. It was the same store they had used to cash in tickets stolen earlier in the year.

The couple were caught on surveillance video in January, breaking into the Johnson Bayou store and making off with lottery tickets, cigarettes, beer, and other merchandise worth over \$10,000. That time they redeemed their stolen tickets early the next morning, before notification could reach the Vinton stores. Video from both stores provided faces, but no identification could be made.

Apparently deciding that the Bayou was an easy target, the same couple broke into the store around 11:30 p.m. Thursday and proceeded to take their time, making more than one trip to haul away not only beer, cigarettes and lottery tickets, but tools, shoes, cigarette lighters, hardware, t-shirts, duck calls, shotgun shells, electric cookers from the kitchen, meat and other groceries, rods and reels, slicker suits, bottled water, the con-

tents of the safe, and even the jar containing change for a sick child.

Some \$27,000 worth of merchandise loss and damage was suffered by the owners, Carroll and Phyllis Trahan, raising the two-robbery total to over \$40,000.

This time, however, the thieves pressed their luck too far. They were spotted by a store employee, Pat O'Brien, as she arrived to open the store around 4 a.m. O'Brien reported a partial license plate and described the dark colored SUV in which they were making their getaway.

Cameron Sheriff's Office Investigators Randy Hunt and Kim Nunez and Deputies Paul Sellers and Mike Groves secured the scene and collected evidence. They discovered that the woman was barefoot and cut her feet on the broken glass from the door. The man wore a ski mask at first, but later took it off and left it behind, possibly containing DNA evidence. Both faces were clearly visible in the video, as was the fact that they made multiple trips through the store, using the store trash cans to haul loot to their car.

Hunt immediately notified the Vinton convenience stores and the State Lottery Commission about the stolen lottery tickets. Port Arthur Police were notified that the suspects were headed their way, but they had no units available. Texas DMV was asked to trace the partial plate.

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Fun day to be held at G. Chenier

The Evans P. Mhire Knights of Columbus Council will hold their 3rd annual Family Fun Day & Fishing Tournament on Saturday June 7, at the Grand Chenier Park. Events include children's stick horse rodeo, fun jump, face painting, live auctions, raffle, barbecue plate lunches, hamburgers, sweet sale and live music.

Those wishing to donate auction items or money to help defray expenses may contact Garry Primeaux at 842-4746. For sweet sale donations contact Fayette Primeaux at 538-2415. For fishing tournament information call Anthony Swire at 802-4260.

All proceeds will go toward church and community needs as well as helping the Council in its rebuilding efforts.

Permit is sought for lake study

Ralph Portier of Baton Rouge is seeking a Coastal Use Permit for a research project in Calcasieu Lake near the northeastern shore in the Big/Grand Lake Field.

The proposed research project is to monitor hydrocarbon and heavy metal toxicity resulting from the removal of oil pipelines and to develop a subsequent protocol for future pipeline removal in coastal Louisiana.

Segments of abandoned pipelines will be removed and the remaining pipelines will be capped approx. 20 feet from the shoreline. Cages (each one cubic yard in size) containing oysters will be placed in four locations at the removal site; these will later be analyzed for toxicity uptake.

No dredging will occur for access, flowline removal, or anchoring of the oyster cages.

Jobs are open

Anyone interested in working at the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center this summer as a Lifeguard Supervisor, Lifeguard, Head Cook or Cook, please contact the recreation center to get an application.

All applications needs to be turned in by Monday, May 12 Contact Christen Trahan for more information at 304-4622.



PANEL OF SPEAKERS at the Sabine Pass LNG opening ceremony Monday morning included U. S. Coast Guard Capt. Thomas Sparks, former FERC chairman Pat Wood, III; current FERC chairman J. Mark Robinson, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Scott Angelle, Congressman Charles Boustany, U. S. Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman, Cheniere Energy Chairman and CEO Charif Souki, U. S. Sen. David Vitter, and La. Sen. Dan "Blade" Morrish. Not pictured were La. Rep. Jonathan Perry, Cameron Parish Police Juror Darryl Farque, and Bechtel Corp. V.P. James Illich. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Sabine Pass LNG plant is opened

By CYNDI SELLERS

Over 300 local, national, and international guests attended the opening ceremony for Cheniere Energy's Sabine Pass LNG Terminal on Monday, April 21, including keynote speaker U. S. Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman. Bodman flew in from Washington D. C. to recognize the importance of the first domestic regasification plant to be built in 25 years.

The ceremony marked operational status of the \$1.5 billion facility. Cheniere chairman and CEO Charif Souki remarked that the project is on-time and on-budget despite Hurricane Rita and escalating construction costs. Ground was broken in March 2005, just 37 months ago.

At this time, Sabine Pass LNG has received and off-loaded its first shipment of liquefied natural gas, filled its #1 tank, and released some of the regasified product into the Creole Trail Pipeline, which was also being dedicated on Monday.

PIPELINE

The \$500,000 pipeline, which connects Sabine Pass terminal with 75% of the North American natural gas market, from Canada to Mexico and much of the U. S., brings Cheniere's total investment

in SW Louisiana to \$2 billion. Sabine Pass LNG's 4 Bcf/d capacity is equivalent to 5% of the total U. S. consumption, and more than the state of Louisiana consumes in one day. The facility will be able to store 16.8 Bcf. The two docks can accommodate 240 ships per year, or 20 per month.

Cheniere has commissioned two new tankers, built by K-Line. The first ship, the Celestine River, is currently at dock and can be seen from the highway.

Souki said the growth from \$50 million in capital and less than 20 employees five years ago to \$2 billion worth of facilities today "took a lot of faith on the part of a lot of people for a small company to get this done."

\$22 trillion of new investment that must occur at all stages of the energy cycle," he said. "This is an important moment for Southwestern Louisiana and for the entire country."

The Secretary said Cheniere has done much to develop a viable global LNG industry. He also praised the people of Cameron Parish for supporting the project, even in the face of Hurricane Rita's destruction.

In contrast, he said it has been "somewhat discouraging to see that efforts to construct additional LNG terminals in other parts of the country have been discouraged by some elected officials," because new construction is needed for U.S. security.

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BODMAN'S COMMENTS

Secretary Bodman congratulated Cheniere for its achievement.

"The International Energy Agency estimates that between now and 2030, the world will need

Field Day set at Rosepine

The LSU AgCenter will be hosting a Beef and Forage Field Day and Trade Show on Thursday, May 1. The Field Day will be held at the Rosepine Research Station (located 2 miles north of Rosepine on Highway 171).

Registration will be from 2-2:30 p.m. and exhibits will open at 2 p.m. The welcome and field tours will be from 3-5 p.m.

Four topics include Texas Bluegrass, Controlling Cow/Calf Costs, Poultry Litter as Fertilizer, A World Market Commodity, and Fire Ant Management. A meal will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. Specialists will be available for cattle and forage consultation.

For more information or any assistance, please contact Gary Wicke, Cameron Parish County Agent at 905-1318.

ACT classes are offered

The Cameron Community Action Agency will be holding free ACT Prep classes for anyone needing help in preparing for the ACT Assessment. The last date to register for this class is Friday, April 25.

Classes are taught by a certified teacher and are open only to those who have completed high school. Classes will be held each Friday beginning May 2 and will end on Friday, June 6.

For more information call Lana Miller at 598-5158 or come by the CCAA office located next to the Grand Lake fire station.

World Day of Prayer is May 1

The Cameron Parish observance of the National World Day of Prayer will be held at noon Thursday, May 1 on the steps of the Cameron Courthouse.

Louise Cole, coordinator, said that all parish churches and citizens are invited to participate in the observance at which prayers are offered for our nation, children, service men and women, churches, etc.

Parents invited to attend substance abuse programs

Cameron Parish parents and guardians are invited to the *LifeSkills Training Program*, a substance abuse prevention program that is being implemented throughout Cameron Parish Schools in grades 3 through 9.

The *LifeSkills Training Parent Program* is an extension of the school program, and is designed to promote active parental involvement and strengthen family communication.

Parents are invited to attend one or both of the following sessions at no cost: April 28, - Grand Lake High School - 6 to 8 p.m.

Family Communication: Teaches communication skills and ways to improve family communication in order to improve family cohesiveness.

April 29 - Johnson Bayou High School - 6 to 8 p.m. Effects and Warning Signs of Substance Use: Provides warning signs of the most commonly used substances and the effect that they have on adolescents.

This program is sponsored by School District Alliance, Inc. through funding from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.



THIS YEAR marks 100 years of 4-H in Louisiana. As part of the state wide celebration, the first inductees in the newly created 4-H Hall of Fame were honored at a reception on April 15 in Crowley at the Acadia Parish LSU AgCenter. Among the twenty-two honorees selected for their dedication and service to 4-H was Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron Parish School Superintendent. She was recognized at both the state and parish levels for her leadership and belief in the 4-H program. As a featured speaker for the event, she delivered heart-felt comments on behalf of the honored inductees.



ROY RAFTERY, JR., left, President and CEO of the Cameron State Bank, is shown receiving the Community Impact Award from George Clinard, Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation representative.

Cameron bank honored

The Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation has presented Cameron State Bank with their Community Impact Award. The award was presented to Roy M. Raftery, Jr., President and CEO, on March 26, in recognition of the bank's ongoing support of safe housing for senior citizens in our area.

The mission of the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation (SHCPF) is to provide safe, secure living environments for senior housing residents through sponsorship of the Senior Crimestoppers program. Using the Foundation vehi-

cle, banks make it possible for the Senior Crimestoppers program to operate in participating nursing homes for the benefit of their residents.

Senior Crimestoppers has a zero tolerance-to-crime platform and uses personal lockboxes for the residents, cash rewards paid anonymously for information about any crime incident, and effective, on-going education to accomplish its results.

Cameron State Bank has been serving the people of Southwest Louisiana for over 40 years, growing from one branch in 1966 to over 275 employees and 20 Banking Centers.



U. S. SECRETARY of Energy Samuel Bodman and Cheniere Energy Chairman and CEO Charif Souki threw the switch that symbolically activated the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal on Monday, April 21. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



FIRE BOATS spray a celebratory arch in front of the LNG tanker Celestine River at the opening of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal on Monday. The ship delivered the terminal's commissioning cargo of LNG on April 12, to begin the cool-down process at the new terminal. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



LNG TANKER Celestine River, at dock at Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, Johnson Bayou. The dock can accommodate two tankers at a time. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

LNG OPENS

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BOUSTANY TALK
Congressman Charles Boustany, who attended the groundbreaking for the new facility three years ago, remembered "standing in the marsh and dreaming about what this facility would be like." He said Cheniere has been "a wonderful company," not only playing a major role in U. S. energy security, but also providing an economic boon for Louisiana and Cameron Parish. He praised Cheniere for helping rebuild schools after Hurricane Rita, for building a medical clinic for Johnson Bayou, and for environmental efforts "above and beyond" requirements.

VITTER TALK
U. S. Sen. David Vitter saluted Souki and the entire Cheniere team, and said the new facility is evidence of our ability to "meet our own energy needs when we have the will and the vision, and government has the good sense to get out of the way." He said many in Washington

continue to block energy efforts, but the country needs to do its part to meet infrastructure needs such as dredging, roads and bridges which support development. Vitter cited the Harbor Trust Fund, which he said is growing but not allowed to be spent to meet the enormous unmet dredging needs along the Gulf coast. He said the money is being held to mask the federal deficit, and he is working to get that money released. Former Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Pat Wood, who oversaw the permitting process for Sabine Pass, spoke, as did the current FERC Chairman Mark Robinson, who said Cheniere VP Pat Outtrim was one of the most tenacious people he had ever met. Robinson said it took people like Charif and Pat to turn a mountain of paper (reports on the need for LNG) into reality with this facility. US Coast Guard Capt. Thomas Sparks, of the Port Arthur Marine Safety Unit, assured the audience that because of exceptional coop-

eration between many agencies, proper measures are in place to secure safety. State officials who attended the opening included Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle, Sen. Dan "Blade" Morrish, and Rep. Jonathan Perry. Angelle, representing Gov. Jindal who was meeting with Pres. Bush in New Orleans, praised Cheniere's environmental record as "over and beyond what it takes to get permits." He noted that 34% of natural gas and 30% of crude oil is produced offshore or moves through coastal Louisiana. Morrish, who is vice-chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, asked all the LNG industry guests to remember that SWLA and Cameron Parish are committed to new business. Perry said this was "only the beginning of what we're going to do." Industry representatives from nearly 20 countries, including Nigeria, Qatar, and Japan, were in attendance. James Illich, Senior Vice Presidents of Bechtel

Corporation, general contractor for the terminal, said his company's part was to deliver "certainly of outcome," which they did with zero accidents. He said in 5 million work hours there was not one lost day, which is 80 times better than the construction industry average. After building 8 LNG liquefaction plants around the world, Illich was glad to be on US soil building a terminal to receive some of the product.

LNG FUTURE

At a press conference held after the official ceremony, Souki addressed the current and future state of the LNG industry. Cheniere has recently laid off its marketing staff and has sought advice from Credit Suisse on how to meet financing challenges in the current tight credit market.

Even though the Sabine Pass terminal was delivered on-time and on-budget, Souki said it is ironic that the company must now wait for events to catch up. The crisis in the middle East, a nuclear incident in Japan,

industrial growth in Asia, and increased demand in Europe have strained the capacity of the LNG industry, with the result that there is no LNG currently available for the terminal to process.

However, Souki remains optimistic that these pressures will ease, perhaps as soon as this summer. And several new liquefaction facilities are under construction around the world, which will greatly increase the world's supply beginning in 2009. Souki said even with greater world consumption, there will be more than enough for U. S. markets.

Souki said the company is planning to announce a partnership with a marketing firm within the next two weeks, making its own marketing division unnecessary.

When asked the chances that the Sabine Pass terminal would have to be "moth-balled" until supply becomes available, Souki answered "Zero." He said parts of the plant are still being tested, and phase two is still under construction. The pipeline is to be completed in two weeks. "I think gas is coming this summer, and we need to have capacity (to receive it)," he said.

Cheniere's major contracts, with Total LNG USA and Chevron USA, for 1 billion cubic feet/day (Bcf/d) of capacity each, go into effect in 2009. Phase I, the first three tanks, will provide 2.6 Bcf/d of regasification capacity. Phase 2 will add another 1.4 Bcf/d, bringing the total capacity to 4 Bcf/d, the

Cameron team was in competition

The Louisiana Envirothon competition was held April 12 at the ULL Cade Farm south of Lafayette. Seven teams competed for a chance to go to the Canon Envirothon in Flagstaff, Ariz. in July.

The Louisiana competition is centered on testing categories; soil and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife and a current environmental issue. The teams participate in an oral presentation on an environmental problem. This year's problem was the recreational impacts on the natural environment.

Teams that participated were Acadiana Home School, Audubon Zoo Marsupials, Audubon Zoo Echidnas, Cameron Parish 4-H, Louisiana School for Math, Sciences and the Arts, Parkview Baptist Eagles and Zachary High.

Acadiana Home School won the competition and the station awards for wildlife, soils, and aquatics. Second place team was Audubon Zoo Marsupials and the third place team was from the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality provides resources and personnel for the Envirothon. Cheniere Energy was one of the sponsors.

If you would be interested in competing in or sponsoring next year's competition, call 225-219-3265 or visit the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon>.

largest LNG facility in North America.

Souki said quarterly financial reports show his company has the funds to complete construction, with cash left over, and will be in a position to purchase LNG when the market reaches a reasonable level. "We are in business to make money," he said. "We are not betting on one season, but the next 15-20 years."

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THE HEAT is back as shown by the Johnson Bayou High School sign on Monday. The sign was provided by Cheniere Energy. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

South Cameron High School News

YEARBOOKS

2008 yearbooks are now on sale. Yearbook representatives will take orders during lunch recess each day. A minimum deposit of \$10 is required at the time the order is placed. Yearbooks cost \$40 each.

PICTURES

2008 Seniors please turn in a baby picture and senior picture to Ms. Sharon Picou for the slide show ASAP. Pictures can be emailed to Sharon_picou@camsch.org.

BARBECUE PLATES

SCHS athletics is sponsoring a barbecue chicken plate lunch dinner at the Creole fire station on May 9. Anyone interested in purchasing a dinner may contact any SCHS athlete or orders may be placed through the school. Dinners are \$7 each and can be picked up at the fire station or arrangements for delivery can be made. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for the athletic banquet. Any additional funds will be divided among all sports. For more information contact the school at 542-4628.

PROM NEWS

SCHS prom was held on April 19 at the Veranda in Sulphur. Prom Court representatives were: Blair

Belanger, Rachael Fountain, Chynna Little, Whitney Richard, Emily Primeaux, Kami Savoie, Erika Pickett, Victoria Wilkerson, Jaylon Ball, Ross Theroit, Daniel Dupre, Justin Trahan, Jonathon Trahan, Thomas Trosclair, and Tony Johnson. Prom Queen is Whitney Richard. Prom King is Thomas Trosclair.

FUNDRAISER

SCHS is selling cookbooks as a school fundraiser. Cookbooks are \$12 each, checks need to be made payable to SCHS.

If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook contact either of the school librarians at 542-4628.

TRACK RESULTS

District Track results: Javelin - Shelby Willis 1st, Kristien Garcia 6th, Pole Vault - Laikin Canik 1st, High Jump - Rachael Fountain 1st, Long Jump - Shelby Willis 4th, Triple Jump - Rachael Fountain 1st, 100 Meter Hurdles - Rachael Fountain 1st, Haley McCall 2nd, 100 Meter Dash - Kathryn Reina 5th, 400 Meter Relay - Jadah Primeaux, Laikin Canik, Shelby Willis, and Haley McCall 2nd, 300 Meter Hurdles - Haley McCall 2nd, 1600 Meter Relay - Bailey Richard,

Literary Rally winners announced here

A number of Cameron Parish students were winners in the Southwest District Literary Rally held recently at McNeese. They were:

Accounting I: Division 4 - Klaire Kingery, South Cameron High.

Advanced Math I: Division 4 - John Guidry, Grand Lake High.

Advanced Math II: Division 4 - Renn Savoie, Grand Lake High.

AgScience I: Division 4 - Brendan Trahan, South Cameron High; Division 5 - Kelsey Helmer, Hackberry High.

AgScience II: Division 4 - Kirstyn Vincent, Grand Lake High.

AgScience III: Division 4 - Samantha Williams, Grand Lake High; Division 5 - Allyson Sanner, Hackberry High.

AgScience IV: Division 4 - Levi Stephenson, Grand Lake High; Division 5 - Randy Scroggins, Johnson Bayou High.

Business Computer Applications: Division 4 - Kaylyn Shaw, Grand Lake High.

Business/Financial Math: Division 4 - Zackary Theriot, Grand Lake High.

Chemistry: Division 5 - Lori Beth Shove, Hackberry High.

Consumer Homemaking I: Division 4 - Taylor Smith, Grand Lake High.

English II: Division 4 - Devon Richard, South

Cameron High.

English III: Division 4 - Evan Guidry, Grand Lake High; Division 5 - Jacob Poole, Hackberry High.

English IV: Division 5 - Joseph LeJuine, Hackberry High.

Environmental Science: Division 4 - Jordan Poole, Grand Lake High; Buddy Miller, South Cameron High.

Food & Nutrition: Division 4 - Tasha Fontenot, Grand Lake High.

Free Enterprise: Division 4 - Alex Bonsall, South Cameron High.

Human Development & Family Relationships: Division 4 - Justin Aquillard, Grand Lake High.

Intro to Business Computer Applications: Division 4 - Mikalee Mooney, South Cameron High.

Journalism: Division 4 - Katherine Kingham, Grand Lake High.

Physical Science: Division 4 - Taylor Manual, South Cameron High.

Physics: Division 4 - Corey Broussard, Grand Lake High; Blair Belanger, South Cameron High.

Spanish I: Division 4 - Alysha Hackler, Grand Lake High; Meagan Wigley, South Cameron High; Division 5 - Shelby Seay, Hackberry High.

Spanish II: Division 4 - Samantha Poole, Grand Lake High.

World Geography: Division 4 - Shelby Wolfe, South Cameron High.

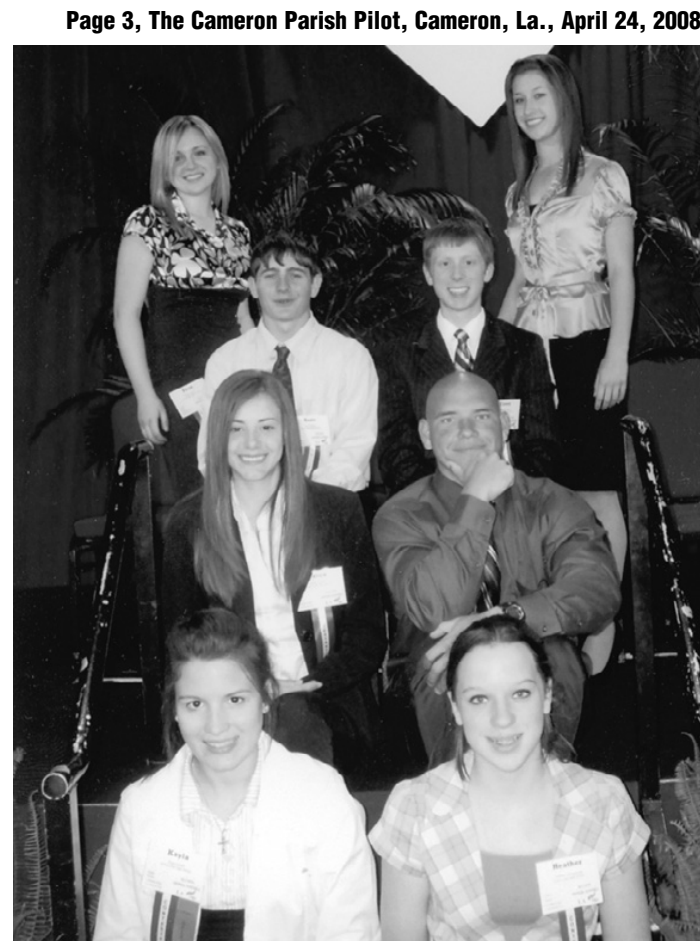
Jump - Rachael Fountain 1st, Pole Vault - Laikin Canik 1st, Haley McCall 2nd.

911 SIGNS

SCHS Cheerleaders are selling 911 reflective address signs. They are \$20 each and can be purchased from any cheerleader or by calling the school at 542-4628.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 25, Softball - Sulphur State Tourney - Delcambre - 6 p.m. field 17.
April 26, Softball - Sulphur State Tourney.
April 29, Progress Reports.



GRAND LAKE High School FBLA members attending the State Conference recently in Baton Rouge were: (lower row, seated from left) Kayla Savoie, Heather Girlinghouse; (middle row) Tasha Fontenot, John Guidry; (top row) Renn Savoie, Corey Broussard, Evan Guidry, and Megan Poole. John Guidry placed fifth in Economics; Renn Savoie, Evan Guidry and Megan Poole placed sixth in Current Events Team, and Corey Broussard placed second in Impromptu Speaking and qualified for Nationals which will be held June 23-30 in Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, the chapter advisor, received an award for nine years of service to FBLA.

Blazin' Bikes Rally has new venue this year

The Blazin' Bikes Rally is changing to a new venue this year. The '08 rally will be staged from Isle of Capri Casino in Lake Charles on July 25 and 26.

The event will kick-off with a "Welcome Reception" hosted by Isle of Capri for participants on Friday evening, 5-7 p.m..

The self-guided ride will begin Saturday morning and wind through the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road in Cameron Parish for a relaxing ride through the

marshes' summer scenery; and also, north through the piney woods of Calcasieu Parish with a visit to DeQuincy Railroad Museum.

Approximately 10 stops will be designated along the route as Bingo Sponsors. The ride will end back at Isle of Capri Casino.

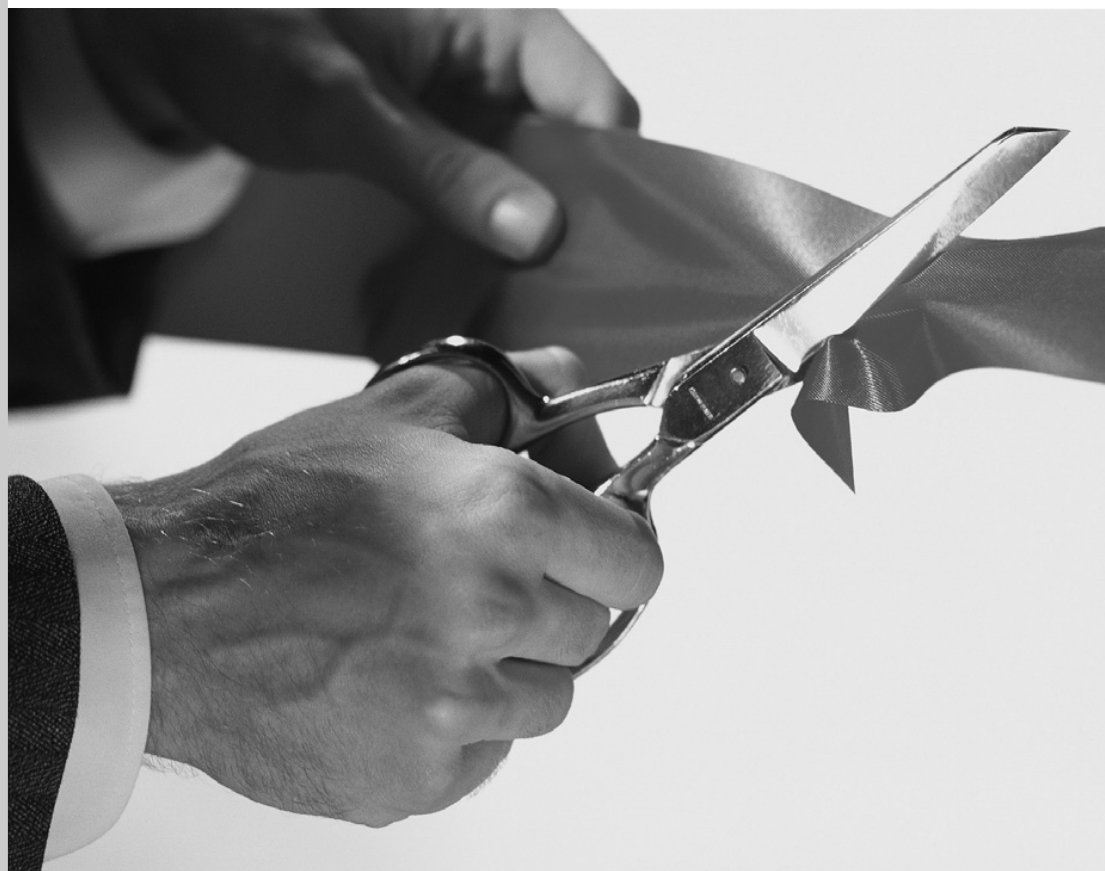
Proceeds from the event will benefit Southwest Louisiana Autism Society.

For more information contact event co-chairmen, Mitch O'Neal at 912-5750 or Lattie Polk at 912-8746.



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CAMERON MULTI-PURPOSE building, one of the least damaged public buildings after Hurricane Rita, is finally on track for repair, with plans currently being developed for renovation.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Grand Chenier Library tells upcoming activities

Grand Chenier Library schedule is as follows:
 "Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily.
 Thursday, April 24, "After School Club & Chess Your Luck", Web Surfing, Research, Chess Strategies, Practice Chess Matches, 4 p.m.
 Friday, April 25, "LA Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team" Arts & Crafts, 1-3 p.m. Story Time, 3 p.m.
 Monday-Wednesday, April 28-30 "Fitness Program" Low impact walking program, 2 p.m.
 Thursday, May 1, "After School Club & Chess Your Luck" Web Surfing, Research, Chess Strategies, Practice Chess Matches, 4 p.m.
 Friday, May 2, "LA Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team" Arts & Crafts, 1-3 p.m. Story Time, 3 p.m.
 Call 538-2214 for more information.

Johnson B. Honor Roll

The Johnson Bayou High School Honor Roll for the third quarter is as follows:

- HONOR ROLL**
 Grade two: Peyton Romero, Rileyann Trahan, Abigail Tuttle.
 Grade three: Brady Dearbonne, Braxton Hebert, Drew Kyle.
 Grade four: Makayla Gavronovic, Hunter Trahan, Noah Trahan.
 Grade five: Kasa Anna Benoit, Daria Jinks, Colin Landry, Keylee Young.
 Grade six: Alexis Call, Briana Romero, Kirsten Webb.
 Grade seven: Kaitlin Billiot, Dylan Morrison, Brayden Romero, Dustin Romero.
 Grade nine: Kasey LeBoeuf.
 Grade ten: Whitney Roberts, Janice Trahan, Miranda Trahan.
 Grade eleven: Michael Newkirk, Christian Viator.
 Grade twelve: Charmayne Barentine, Destiny Sonnier, Kimberly Trahan.

Sheriff's Report

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Sheriff Dept. April 15-21:
 Jason Kyle LaCombe, 33, 5727 Carlyss Drive, Sulphur, Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana.
 John Robert East, 39, 108 Byler Lane, Hackberry, Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana.
 Joe Reyna Wilson, 44, 369C Marshall St, Cameron, Bench Warrant.
 Dirk K. Deshotel, 42, Lafayette, Bench Warrant.
 Clarence Hernandez, 38, Broussard, Possession of Marijuana, No Insurance, Vehicle License Required, D.W.I., Reckless Operation, Driver Must Be Licensed, Possession of Marijuana.
 Lisa Marie Champagne, 37, Arnaudville, Careless Operation, D.W.I.
 Luke Dwayne Thibeaux, 28, Lake Charles, Issue Worthless Checks.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot, April 24, 1975 MYERS ELECTED LIONS PRESIDENT
 Clifford P. Myers was elected president of the Cameron Lions Club last week at Fred's Restaurant in Cameron.

Other officers are: H. Ward Fontenot, J. Braxton Blake and Robert W. Fruge, vice presidents; Robert E. Farley, secretary-treasurer; E. J. Dronet, Lion tamer; Floyd N. Kelley, tail twister; Robert Ortego, Ray Dimas, Charles F. Hebert, Charles R. Perking, Leslie R. Richard and Glenn W. Alexander, board member.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Garner Nunez was re-elected president of the Grand Chenier Athletic Association at a meeting in the new Grand Chenier recreation center.

Others elected are: Huey Mhire, Mrs. Frank Theriot, and Orrie Canik, vice presidents; Mrs. Emma Nunez, secretary-treasurer; and T. W. McCall, Asa Nunez, J. E. Brown, Pat Doland, Mrs. Freddie Theriot and Benny Welch, board of directors.

CAMERON TOP CLUBS

South Cameron High Sr. 4-H Club and Grand Lake High Jr. 4-H Club were named outstanding at the annual 4-H Achievement Day activities Saturday, April 19, at South Cameron School.

Runners-up in the senior division were Grand Lake and Hackberry and in the junior division were Hackberry, Cameron Elementary and Grand Chenier.

Denise McCall and Terry Beard were outstanding senior 4-Hers and Christine Powers and John Lowery received similar honors in the junior division.

CAKE SALE

The Cameron Extension Homemakers Club cake sale for the benefit of the Cameron Cancer Crusade netted \$400.23, according to Mrs. Charles F. Hebert, president.

MRS. NUNEZ HONORED

Mrs. Emma Nunez, former member of the Cameron Parish Library Board, was honored Friday afternoon at the annual open house of the library.

Mrs. Charles Precht, chairman of the library board, presented a plaque to Mrs. Nunez on behalf of the board which read "In appreciation for 17 years of service and dedication to the readers and public library of Cameron Parish."

Mrs. Nunez was one of the original board members of the library and served from 1957 through 1974.

In 1957, following Hurricane Audrey, the Louisiana Jaycees started a drive to raise money to start the local library.

A letter of commendation from the Cameron Parish Police Jury was presented to Mrs. Nunez by Mrs. J. W. Broussard, Cameron Parish librarian.

MRS. BERTRAND HEADS UNIT

Mrs. Woodrow Bertrand was re-elected president of the Richard Bros. American Legion Post Ladies Unit at a meeting last week.

Others elected were Mrs. Murphy Theriot, vice president; Mrs. Jules Dronet, and vice presidents; Mrs. J. Berton Daigle, secretary; Mrs. Floyd Baccigalopi, treasurer; Mrs. Geneva Griffith, historian; Mrs. Lynex Richard, chaplain; and Mrs. Dallas Mouton, Sgt. at Arms.

Miss Cynthia Primeaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Primeaux of Creole, was selected to represent the Unit at Girls State. Alternates are Anita East and Claudette Boudoin.

ROUNDAABOUT THE PARISH

Hail stones the size of golf balls fell on Grand Chenier Monday morning during the stormy weather that rolled across the parish. Some yards were left white for a short period of time. There were reports of cracked car windows and damage to trees. A large amount of rain fell throughout the parish and SW Louisiana.

Karen Stanley of Sulphur High School is one of the stu-



DO YOU REMEMBER? Lorraine (Ogea) Baccigalopi was pictured at the Cameron Parish 4-H Achievement Day held April 5, 1952 at Grand Lake High School when it was located in Big Lake. She won first place with a dress she constructed and modeled. 4-H clubs around the state are celebrating 100 years of serving Louisiana youths.

dents who plan to attend McNeese and are recipients of State Board of Education scholarships. Miss Stanley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stanley, formerly of Holly Beach, has won various home economics awards at rallies.

Presenting a Cameron Parish cookbook to Johnnie Mae Vancherie, VFW Auxiliary Louisiana State President, were Mrs. Alta Mae Miller, secretary of Doxey-Vincent Post Auxiliary, and Mrs. Kittie Richard.

The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think-rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men.
 -Bill Beattie

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Sellers gives 'man's view' of Oklahoma vacation

(EDITOR'S NOTE -- Cameron Pilot writer Cyndi Sellers has written articles on her and her husband Paul's recent trip to Oklahoma. Here is Paul's "man's view" of the trip.)

(Paul Sellers thought it was time to print the man's version of a vacation trip, since his wife always gets to give her views.)

By PAUL SELLERS

Tedious. Boring. Going where? How far? Normally those would be the reactions when advised that we are going on vacation, as usually Cyndi tells me it is time for vacation and where would be nice to go.

This time I picked the time and spot as John Walters and his wife Joan (pronounced Jo-ann, you know how them Okies are) had been wanting us to go up to Chandler, Okla. for a visit.

John was my partner while at the Sheriff's Office and also Assistant Fire Chief, then Fire Chief in Holly Beach, after J. P. Constance died.

Anyway, Wednesday afternoon arrived, we left, got held up by the ferry as usual, and then were out on the road westbound and down as one song would put it. Fought the Interstate travelers. (People have asked how we get along on the road, and I tell them "I drive, she tells me where to go. Works for us.")

Stopped several times for gas, restroom, stretch back and legs (getting old, you know). One place was Woody's, in Centerville, Tex. Lots of jerky of different kinds - beef, turkey, bison (buffalo), tons of different trail mixes, oh, and yeah, souvenirs.

Then "on the road again" (couldn't resist the Willie Nelson bit, Texas and all). Made it to Ennis, south of Dallas. Pretty little place, good Quality Inn, comfortable beds, swimming pool, and even a heated Jacuzzi. Oh well, maybe next time.

Left late Thursday morning to avoid traffic jams. Had to stop for rows of redbud trees, also visitor's information center, tons of brochures. (Real neat one for Paul's Valley Toy and Action Figure Museum, next trip maybe, with son and granddaughter.)

Got to Chandler about 2:30 p.m., unloaded, and Mr. John and Ms. Joan took us exploring in her, yes her, Plum Crazy Purple, Charger

Daytona R/T, #1115 of 1400 (eat your hearts out guys). More pictures of redbud trees, then around Chandler along old historic Route 66 and back to his house where Mr. John brought us into the garage to look at his leather sewing machine.

He had been down for a while after leaving Holly Beach and the S. O. because Mr. John really loved it down here, but he and Ms. Joan are now into Cowboy Action Shooting and members of the Single Action Shooting Society.

His name is Red Buck, based on a true Oklahoma outlaw. He also helps out one of his law enforcement buddies by going along when he goes to pick up a prisoner.

Mr. John sews their own leather gun rigs, fitting straight drops on his belt and one straight, one cross draw on Ms. Joan's. We also worked on a couple of designs and then went to the back of his property to fire a few rounds, almost like living in the country.

The next day, Cowboy Museum. Cowboys would drool, and also those of you who remember TV heroes as shown on The Western Channel. One exhibit was on rodeo, showing video at each station about different events, how rodeo got started, cowgirls, and unique trophies.

A whole section was on cavalry, gear weapons, mounted bison, elk, deer. There was an exhibit of ranch life, even vaqueros (i.e. Mexican cowboys). So much stuff, more than a couple of hours can do justice to.

Cyndi will cover the Oklahoma City Bombing, but it is an experience that will affect even the most hardened of men.

Saturday - 4000 table gun show. Words cannot describe it. Got there at 8:30 a.m. and had to park half a mile from the center. Thank God for shuttle buses. Anything, everything you could imagine. Found a table selling 6-8 foot stuffed rattlesnakes, a full four foot cane with snake head and hide. She wouldn't let me get one, go figure. Oh well.

Anyway you get the idea, again more than a couple of hours or two days to view. Mr. John said two and a half minutes for every table to visit all of them.

Back along Route 66 to home. Sunday, taking pictures of brick road, old gas stations, then headed home. Again stopping for pictures, visiting Turner Falls, driving over the low water bridge with water running over it, then back on the road to Ennis.

Monday - taking Hwy 287 to get off the Interstate: pictures of bluebonnets, peaceful drive, rather hilly but very few crazy people in a hurry to get nowhere. Finally home, even the ferry cooperated. Exhausting, but fun to spend time seeing new country, old friends.

Forget overseas trips. Plenty to see in America.

Wetlands maps are available on the internet

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service maps of the National Wetlands Inventory are now available for viewing using Google Earth. The wetlands inventory includes wetlands data for approximately 60 percent of the conterminous U. S. as well as portions of Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

The mission of the Service's National Wetlands Inventory office is to provide citizens of the United States and its Trust Territories with current geospatially referenced information on the status, extent, characteristics and functions of wetland, riparian, deepwater and related aquatic habitats in priority areas to promote conservation of these resources.

The maps and associated data are used extensively as part of wildlife management and conservation activities by state and federal wildlife agencies, private conservation organizations and others.

To get started using the maps, please visit: <http://www.fws.gov/nwi/WetlandsData/GoogleEarth.htm>.

Please note that Google Earth version 4.2, or higher, is required to run this file.

More information about NWI can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/nwi/index.html>.



CAMERON PARISH 4-H Spring Contest Day was held on Saturday, April 19 at Grand Lake High School. Area 4-H members competed in a number of contests ranging from cooking and handcrafts to tractor driving. Pictured is Alex Myers, Grand Lake 4-H member, completing an obstacle course as part of the tractor driving competition. Jacob Vaughn, South Cameron High 4-H member, and Kim Nunez, tractor driving judge, look on.

Lunch menus for schools

Cameron Parish School lunch menus are as follows:

Friday, Apr. 25 - Hot ham and cheese, green beans, Tator Tots, Jello, hamburger bun, catsup, milk

Monday, Apr. 28 - Spaghetti and meatballs, whole kernal corn, fruit salad, peanut butter cookies, garlic toast, milk

Tuesday, Apr. 29 - Chicken nuggets, Tator Tots, tossed salad, strawberry Jello, sliced bread, salad dressing, barbecue sauce,

milk

Wednesday, Apr. 30 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, chilled pear halves, brown gravy, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls, milk

Thursday, May 1 - Turkey roast, rice, lima beans, fresh fruit cup, corn-

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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



The menhaden (pogy) fishing industry has been one of the mainstay of the Cameron economy for years and in years past has often made Cameron the number one fishing port in the nation. Could this be coming to an end?

Alabama and Florida have banned menhaden fishing in their state waters and Texas is considering doing the same. Would Louisiana waters be next? This would result in the loss of jobs, tax revenues and business for local stores.

Harvest gulf wide for "pogy fish" is 1.2 billion pounds per year, and there's a growing market for the menhaden oil-based products. They include fertilizer, women's make-up, pet food and other products, which are in great demand.

Reasons given for closure is the gulf's food chain and supposedly harm to the ecosystem, as the "pogy fish" is an important filtering fish that scientists believe helps control harmful red and brown tide algae blooms. After all these years, it seems that someone makes a study for a few years, costing millions and it always ends up with stopping some sort of fishing, weather commercial or sportsman fishing.

Will this take place in our Louisiana waters? We'll just have to wait and see. Will Texas boats hit our Louisiana waters if they shut down and we don't.

SNAPPER FISHING

We have already seen what offshore sportfisherman are facing with the red snapper limits and putting off the start of opening, plus shorten of the season. This is the time of the year sports anglers hit the Gulf for great red snapper fishing, but it's not happening.

Many anglers will have to settle for mangrove snappers, cobia for closer fishing, but then there's the amberjacks, and early spring

wahoo and tuna, but that's at the deep water rigs and then there's the dolphin. There's one thing, with the price of fuel, the farther out you have to go, the more expensive the trip becomes.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB

The Lemesche Bass Club held their fifth club tournament of 2008 last Sunday, launching out of the Miami Corporations landing at the Superior bridge, fishing the Old Amoco Marsh.

I think the weights for 5 bass limit was great, and shows a rebound of the marsh and population of the bass going up and also of bass moving back into the marsh from the Grand Lake/White Lake area, as well as the Intracoastal Waterways and the smaller lake of the canal.

Darren Richard and Todd Conner took first place stringer with their 5 bass weighing 13.20. Second place stringer was Carl Broussard and Vince Theriot, also with 5 bass, with a weight of 12.84. Johnny LeDoux and Justin took third place with a weight of 9.46. Fourth place team went to Richard Duhon and Dwayne Gilbeaux with 7.68, while Ricky Canik and Bart Yakupzack had a 6.12 weight for fifth place. The sixth place team stringer went to Tom Hess and Brett Baccigalopi with 4.14 pounds.

Places for the largest bass went to Darren Richard and Todd Conner with a 2.98, followed by Carl Broussard and Vince Theriot with a 2.68 bass. Third place went to Johnny LeDoux and Justin with a 2.64 pounder, fourth place was Richard Duhon and Dwayne Gilbeaux with a 2.34. Ricky Canik and Bart Yakupzack had a 1.72 pounder while Tom Hess and Brett Baccigalopi had a 1.14 pound bass.

The next club tournament is on Saturday, May 3, in the Big Burns.

Guintard named Outstanding Athlete at track meet in Welsh

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

Grand Lake's Marcus Guintard was named the Outstanding Male Field Athlete at the district 7B track meet at Welsh last week. He finished first in the shot put and discus.

Other regional qualifiers were John Guidry, 2nd - shotput; Leven Abshire, 3rd - discus, 4th - pole vault; Marcus Lavergne, 4th - javelin; Ryan Windcamp, 1st - long jump, 3rd - high jump; Brett Griffith, 2nd - triple jump, 2nd - 100; Zack Theriot, 3rd - pole vault; Caleb Young, 4th - 200; Jayce Hebert, 3rd - 110 high hurdles, 3rd - 300 high hurdles; 400 relay (Nick Nash, Windcamp, Theriot, Griffith), 1st; 800 relay (Young, Windcamp, Theriot,

Griffith), 1st.

The Hornets scored 86 points for a second place team finish behind Lacassine. Kat Kingham finished 3rd in the discus and Liz Kingham had a 3rd place finish in the triple jump for the Lady Hornets. Heather Girlinghouse also had a 2nd place finish in the 100 low hurdles and 2nd in the 300 low hurdles.

The 400 relay team of Emma Fontenot, Shawnee Pearce, Molly Precht, and Amber Taylor finished 4th and the 800 relay team of Liz Kingham, Emma Fontenot, Kourtney Olson, Halie Cooper finished 3rd. The 1600 relay team of Tasha Fontenot, Emma Fontenot, Taylor Beard, and Alysha Hackler finished 4th.

BURGLARIES Cont. from Pg. 1

Hunt immediately notified the Vinton convenience stores and the State Lottery Commission about the stolen lottery tickets. Port Arthur Police were notified that the suspects were headed their way, but they had no units available. Texas DMV was asked to trace the partial plate.

The break came when a clerk in the Vinton store recognized the man trying to redeem tickets. As it happened, Vinton Police Chief Rickey Fox was in the store at the time. The clerk signaled him and he made the arrest on the spot. He called for backup before arresting the woman in the car, which turned out to be a black Ford Expedition listed as stolen from Port Arthur.

Some of the stolen merchandise was found in the SUV, much of the rest of the loot, including some from the previous burglary, was found in the couple's home, which they had given the Beaumont Police Department permission to search. Bayou Convenience price tags were still on some of the merchandise.

The couple was also found to be in possession of checks stolen from the Beaumont Goodwill store, and the charity's safe was found in their home. The store had been robbed only that morning.

In all, four crimes were solved at one time - two Bayou Convenience burglaries, a car theft, and the Goodwill burglary. The couple was charged in Vinton with possession of stolen things and passing fraudulent lottery tickets. They are now in the Cameron Parish jail, charged with simple burglary, felony criminal property damage, and felony theft. They will later face charges in Texas.

The Bayou Convenience Store now has enhanced burglary protection.

Dy. Hunt said "I was elated to hear that these people had been caught. We just needed one break, and we got it. Most of the stolen merchandise was recovered and will be returned to the owners after being photographed and cataloged. Both suspects have made statements admitting to the thefts, so prosecution should be easy."

Lady Hornets in playoff game in Sulphur Friday

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The Grand Lake Lady Hornets had their second shutout game of the playoffs with a 12-0 regional win over Runnels. The #7 Lady Hornets allowed only 2 hits behind the pitching efforts of Lakeyn Duhon.

Top hitters for Grand Lake were Brandi Carroll, 4-4; Maggie Fruge, 1-2; Tressa Theriot, 3-3; Haley Pesson, 1-3; JoAnna Gaspard, 2-3; Sonya Lavergne, 1-3; and Becca Monceaux.

Grand Lake opened the

playoffs with a 19-0 bi-district win over Bell City. Lakeyn Duhon pitched for the Lady Hornets.

Top hitters were Maggie Fruge, 3-3 with 3 triples and 2 RBIs; Haley Pesson, 2-2 with 2 doubles and 1 RBI; Amber Trahan, 1-2 and 2 RBIs; Brandy Carroll, 2-2 with a double and RBI; Tressa Theriot, 2-3 and 3 RBIs; Brittany Hebert, 1-1 and 1 RBI.

The Lady Hornets, who won the state title in 2005, will play Downsview at 6 p.m. on Friday at Field 19 at Frasch Park.

Lady Mustangs will be in playoff game Friday

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The last time the Hackberry Lady Mustangs were in the state softball tournament was in 2001 when they lost to Linville in the semifinals.

The #4 Lady Mustangs will face #5 Claiborne Christian on Friday at 6 p.m. on Field 20 at Frasch Park in

the quarterfinals of the Class B tournament after a 10-4 win over Starkey. Amber Byler threw for the Lady Mustangs, giving up 2 hits.

Top hitters for Hackberry were Brooke Wing, 3-4 with a double; Byler, 2-3 with a homerun, double, and 2 RBIs; Mattie Stine, 2-3 with a double and RBI; Erica Duhon, 1-4 and 1 RBI; and Sam Little, 1-2.

Baseball Roundup

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BASEBALL

Grand Lake 19, Bell City 0 - Hunter Leger went the distance for the 18-6, 7-1 Hornets, giving up only one hit. Top hitters for Grand Lake were Caleb Young, 2-3 and Levi Stephenson, 2-4.

South Cameron 18, Hamilton 17 - Jody Trosclair and Ross Rowland pitched for the Tarpons. Top hitters were Justin Trahan, 4-6 and 1 RBI; Daniel Dupree, 2-5 and 1 RBI; Trosclair, 5-5 with 2 home runs and 4 RBIs; Rowland, 3-5 and 5 RBIs.

Hackberry 12, Johnson Bayou 11 - Joe Portie and Ian Blue threw for the Mustangs and Jordan Storm went the distance for the Rebels.

Top hitters for Hackberry were Dillon Thibodeaux, 2-3 and 2 RBIs; Austin Moore, 1-4 and 2 RBIs; and Joe Portie, 1-2 with a homerun and 3 RBIs.

Getting hits for the Rebels were Jon Trahan, 2-3 and 1 RBI; Jordan Storm, 3-5 and 4 RBIs; Nathan Griffith, 1-3 and 2 RBIs; Damien Jinks, 1-2 and 1 RBI; Dakota Baccigalopi, 1-4 and 2 RBIs.



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CMAP is funded by The Rapides Foundation, which has offices in Alexandria. Its expansion to Cameron Parish is funded by the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District through a Social Services Block Grant from the Department of Health and Hospitals Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care.

Japanese legacy in Texas rice industry remembered

The Jefferson County Texas Historical Commission has announced the placement of the Texas State Historical Marker "The Mayumi Legacy" located at 15500 Boondocks Road, Beaumont. The marker was dedicated Wednesday, March 12, and reads as follows:

"The modern Texas rice industry was shaped in part by the Mayumi brothers, who arrived here from Japan in the early twentieth century. Rice had been grown in limited quantities in Jefferson County since the 1840s, but production remained relatively low for decades. Many believed that with improved agricultural practices the crop could become successful in the region."

"In 1902, Japanese Consul General Sadatsuchi Uchinda attended a Beaumont meeting of the Rice Growers Association of America, who offered an open invitation to Japanese rice farmers. Yoshio Mayumi, a banker and landowner from Mie Prefecture on the Main Island of Honshu, visited this area in 1904 and

returned the following year to purchase more than 1,700 acres near Taylor Bayou."

"Mayumi brought fifteen workers from his hometown, and the farming community included a three-story house for his family, another building for the workmen and a community dance hall."

"Although Yoshio's only crop was rice, he also owned and raised livestock, including hogs and cattle, and to help with farm work, mules and horses."

"The agricultural experiment showed early promise, but several factors led to its eventual decline. Yoshio returned to Japan in 1915 and left the operation to the management of his brother Yasuo. Economic difficulties and repressive immigration laws led the Mayumi family to sell the land in 1924."

"The Mayumi Legacy," centered on a family fondly remembered for its many contributions to the rural community, is important because it presaged the success of the Texas rice industry, which is today an economic mainstay of the upper Texas Gulf Coast."

Fountain named Outstanding Female athlete at meet

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

South Cameron's Rachael Fountain won all four events she competed in at the district 5-1A track meet at Iowa last week and was named the Outstanding Female Track Athlete. She placed first in the long jump, triple jump, high jump, and 100 low hurdles.

The Lady Tarpons scored 111 points to finish behind 1st place Hamilton Christian

and DeQuincy. First through fourth place finisher qualified for the regional 1A meet at Basile.

In addition to Fountain, other qualifiers are Shelby Willis, 1st - javelin, 2nd - triple jump, 4th - long jump; Laikin Canik, 1st - pole vault; Haley McCall, 2nd - pole vault, 2nd - 100 low hurdles, 2nd - 300 low hurdles. Also, Kobi Richard, 4th - long jump, 4th - 200; Dex Murphy, 1st - 300 high hurdles.

Funeral home is 75 years old

Hixson Funeral Home is celebrating its 75th anniversary of providing quality funeral service to families in southwest Louisiana this year. The funeral home, which James Elbert Hixson opened in Lake Charles in 1933, now operates additional facilities in DeRidder, Leesville, Welsh, Sulphur, Moss Bluff, Westlake, Vinton

and DeQuincy. Hixson Funeral Home will open its 75th anniversary celebration with a rededication and Open House from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 1 at Hixson Funeral Home, 3001 Ryan St. in Lake Charles.

The Open House will feature refreshments and the raffle of a 32" LCD flat screen television and other prizes. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 439-2446.

Mr. Hixson opened the original "J.E. Hixson and Sons" funeral home on Broad Street in 1933. In 1962, the funeral home moved to its current Ryan Street location which was recently remodeled in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita.

Hixson Funeral Home is a member of the Dignity Memorial network of more than 1,800 funeral, cremation and cemetery service provider in North America.



Know what's below. Call before you dig.

information on such topics, contact your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office or visit our Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. A wide range of publications and a variety of other resources are available.

ly, but harvest will likely be limited. Herbs should be harvested frequently and regularly. But when you harvest, be careful not to deplete a plant's foliage. Generally, take no more than one-third of the total foliage at any time. When harvested regularly, herbs are more uniform and compact in size, which makes them more desirable as garden plants. Herbs that are harvested and used fresh are best for seasoning because the full, rich flavors are at their peak. The flowers of most herbs also may be used as garnish or to flavor dishes, too. Sometimes the herb garden can be too productive. At these times, it's important to know how to preserve the extras. Most herbs can be kept for a few days after harvesting with their stems placed in containers of water, or for a week or two in plastic bags in the vegetable storage section of your refrigerator - but not basil. You can preserve herbs for longer periods by drying and freezing them.

Get It Growing is a weekly feature on home lawn and garden topics prepared by experts in the LSU AgCenter. For more

Fresh herbs are easy to grow in Louisiana, says LSU

By LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

Interest in growing herbs has been rising over the years as Louisiana gardeners increasingly have planted herbs in herb gardens or containers or in beds among existing plants. Especially popular are the culinary herbs used to flavor food. This trend continues today as strong as ever. Indeed, planting herbs is no longer a novelty but more of a standard practice, particularly among gardeners like me who enjoy cooking.

The term "herb" is used botanically to refer to any nonwoody plant. Horticulturists and gardeners generally use the word herbaceous instead, as in "herbaceous perennial," meaning a nonwoody, perennial plant. In common usage we use the word herb to refer to any plant - herbaceous or woody - whose leaves, flowers, seeds, wood, roots, bark or other parts are used for flavorings, fragrance, medicines, cosmetics, pest control, dyes or other things. Despite common disagreements on pronunciation, it is equally appropriate to pronounce the "h" or leave it silent.

Louisiana gardeners can successfully grow a wide variety of herbs, although some, such as French tarragon and English lavender, often succumb to our hot, wet summers in spite of careful culture. When selecting which herbs to grow in your garden, consider what you commonly use for cooking. Look at the herbs in your kitchen cabinet and start off growing those first.

Be very careful if you decide to grow and use medicinal herbs, however. Used improperly, some medicinal herbs can be quite toxic.

Most herbs require direct sun at least 4 to 6 hours a

day and excellent drainage. In Louisiana, raised beds are often best for most herbs because of our generous annual rainfall. If raised garden beds are not practical for you and your drainage is poor, try growing herbs in containers with a commercial potting soil.

Place your culinary herb-growing area as close to the kitchen as possible, so the herbs are convenient to use when you're cooking. If you have to walk all the way across the yard to harvest them, they will likely be underused and become overgrown and wasted.

For growing purposes in Louisiana, herbs can be loosely grouped into cool-season annuals, warm-season annuals and perennials. Annuals live for one season and then die, while perennials live for several years. Cool-season herbs can tolerate normal winter freezes and should be seeded or transplanted September through February. Planting transplants now can be done, but we are late in the cool season at this point. You may still get acceptable harvests in May or early June if you plant parsley, cilantro or coriander, dill, fennel and borage now.

Terrific warm-season annual herbs are basil (in all its myriad forms and flavors), sesame and perilla. They can be seeded in pots now and transplanted into the garden as soon as they are big enough. Purchased transplants could also be planted this month and through the summer.

Some of the perennial herbs that do well here are mints, lemon verbena, lemon balm, rosemary, Mexican tarragon, sorrel, society garlic, garlic chives, oregano, monarda, catmint, anise hyssop, mountain mint, French bay, pineapple sage and rue. All of the perennial herbs can be planted now using transplants available at local nurseries.

Thyme, sage, catnip, lavender and many of the scented geraniums are perennial herbs that require excellent drainage to survive the summer. They may be more successful when grown in containers and placed in a location that gets some shade in the afternoon during the summer. Even when they're grown under good conditions, they tend to be short-lived and often succumb to root and stem rots in the hot, wet, late-summer season.

Several perennial herbs that cannot tolerate our summers and are grown here as cool season annuals include French tarragon, feverfew and chamomile. If you don't have them planted in your garden yet, transplants of these should definitely be planted immediately.

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PASSES WILL NOT BE SOLD AFTER Friday, May 2

- Festival Gate Admission Charge is \$3.00 daily. Pre-school children are admitted free.
- All passes can be purchased at all Cameron State Bank locations in the three parish region, all Whitney Bank locations and Ship to Shore in Lake Charles. Passes on sale NOW.

No alcohol, ice chests, or beverage coolers allowed in to the festival grounds. Alcoholic beverages will not be sold on the festival grounds on Family Night, Thursday, May 1.

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Tea neutralizes free radicals in your body

(NAPSA)-Did you know that tea is the second most consumed beverage in the world after water? Not only is it as hydrating as water and counts towards the recommended eight glasses of daily fluid intake-but research continues to suggest that tea, which naturally contains antioxidants that help the body neutralize free radicals, may be an important contributor to a healthy lifestyle. Tea may also be good for your beauty regime, so you don't have to just drink it to enjoy all of its advantages! Here are a few reasons to make tea your number-one beverage choice:

- Some recent research suggests that black tea may be beneficial to cardiovascular health, perhaps because of its natural antioxidants. With 25 percent more tea than standard tea bags, an 8-ounce cup of Tetley British Blend has more than three times the amount of antioxidants per serving than orange juice.
- For swollen or puffy eyes, place a few cooled, brewed tea bags on the eye area to help bring the swelling down and soothe irritated skin. Cooled, brewed tea bags also help soothe sunburned skin!

- Chamomile tea is not only a natural sleep aid, but if used on lighter-colored hair, will work as a natural dye to refresh color and make it stand out.
- Steep a strong cup of black tea, and use the brewed tea as a final rinse for your hair. The result will be a shiny, soft mane!
- If you ate too much garlic for lunch and don't have a toothbrush handy, drink a cup of Tetley Pure Peppermint Herbal Tea. It's an easy, calorie-free way to freshen your breath!
- After a long day at work, chamomile or peppermint tea makes a serene and soothing footbath!
- Even your household can get a makeover from green tea bags. After steeping a cup of tea, put the tea bag in a bowl, uncovered, and place it on the top shelf of your refrigerator. Odors will be kept at bay better than with a box of baking soda.

With its high antioxidant content and various beauty applications, it's no wonder that more and more people are including tea as part of their day. For more information on tea and related health and beauty information, visit www.tetleyusa.com.

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CAMERON PARISH Recreation District 7 is accepting applications for lifeguards. The Creole Pool is ready to be opened to the public in May. Applications can be filled out at Cameron Parish Police Jury Building. For more information contact (337) 905-1318. 4/24 - 5/8c.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to everyone who called, sent flowers, kept our family in their prayers, and donations that were given to us for our brother, Russell Dowd.
Robert, Steve, Mike, Sue, Shirley, Jimmy Dowd



— JOB OPENING —

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be accepting applications for 3 head cooks working shift work. Any persons who may be interested in applying can pick up an application at the recreation center during normal operating hours (Thursday-Sunday, 3-8 p.m.) Applications must be turned in before 8 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008. For additional information you may contact Christen Trahan at 337-304-4622.
Run: Apr. 24 & May 1 & 8 (A-65)

— JOB OPENING —

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be accepting applications for an inside supervisor working shift work. Any persons who may be interested in applying can pick up an application at the recreation center during normal operating hours (Thursday-Sunday, 3-8 p.m.) Applications must be turned in before 8 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008. For additional information you may contact Christen Trahan at 337-304-4622.
Run: Apr. 24 & May 1 & 8 (A-64)

— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will hold a special voting meeting at 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2008 in the court room of the Cameron Courthouse. The meeting will be immediately followed by the Agenda Meeting.
Run: Apr. 24 (A-61)

— NOTICE —

THE NEW FLOOD INSURANCE RATING MAPS ARE IN An open house will be held Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Creole Community Center located at 184B East Creole Hwy. This will allow local residents an opportunity to view the maps, ask questions, and find out more information regarding their flooding risk.
Run: Apr. 24 & May 1 & 8 (A-57)

— NOTICE —

Cameron Parish Police Jury will accept job applications until 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2008 for the position of secretary to the administrator. Cameron Parish Police Jury does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin, or political or religious opinions.
Run: April 1, 17 & 24 (A-23)

— PUBLIC NOTICE —

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will accept job applications and/or resumes until 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2008 for the position of receptionist/secretary. The Cameron Parish Police Jury does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin, political or religious opinions.
Run: April 17, 24 & May 1 (A-52)

— JOB OPENING —

The Cameron Parish Library will accept job applications until 4:00 p.m., April 30, 2008 for part-time clerk's position at the Creole Library. High school degree or equivalency required. Computer skills required. No benefits. Applications may be obtained at any library location. Any questions call Grand Lake Library, phone: 337-598-5950. Cameron Parish Library does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin, or political or religious opinions.
Run: April 17 & 24 (A-48)

— NOTICE —

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 will be taking applications for part time labor/help until 12:00 noon, May 14, 2008. Interested applicants may pick up applications at District No. 2 office at 1190 Main Street, Hackberry, Louisiana between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesday and 7:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.
Run: Apr. 24 & May 1 (A-41)

SUMMER WORKERS NEEDED

Cameron Community Action Agency is looking for outgoing & energetic person(s) to fill job openings for our Summer Teen Center Program. Anyone interested is to contact Lana Miller at. . .
337-905-6000

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is considering an amendment to the Building Codes and Permits Ordinance. The proposed amendment can be reviewed in full in the legal section. Anyone wishing to comment may do so by calling (337) 775-5718 or by writing to P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, LA 70631.
Run: Apr. 10, 17, 24 (A-24)

— JOB OPENING —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for the position of Sweeper at Hackberry High School (4 day school). Current starting salary: \$17,620 (increases accrued per verifiable years of applicable experience). Benefit package offered. Applicants must provide the following: Certified copy of high school completion (diploma or GED); Copy of current driver's license; Three (3) letters of recommendation; Doctor's statement of physical ability to meet requirement of: continuous standing, walking, climbing, bending, crouching, push/pulling, carrying, reaching overhead, and lifting/lowering of 1-50 pounds; Resume of previous work experience including business names, job responsibilities, contact person's name and phone number. Appointment includes a three (3) month provisional period. Example: appointment effective May 13, 2008 with three month provisional period and if satisfactory, then permanent appointment would be official on August 12, 2008. To submit an application contact: Mr. Austin LaBove, Principal, Hackberry High School. Phone: 337-762-3305. Information receipt deadline is April 30, 2008.
Run: APRIL 17 & 24 (A-49)

— JOB OPENING —

The Cameron Parish School Board is issuing a Request for Qualifications for Manager of FEMA Construction and other Projects. Certification in Architecture or Engineering or Bachelor's Degree with Project Management Institute Certification required. Previous Project Management experience required; Previous Experience with FEMA Projects preferred.

- Primary Responsibilities: Management of construction of South Cameron High School and Cameron Parish School Board Administration Buildings.
- Secondary Responsibilities: Other FEMA projects.

Contract Salary: to align with FEMA policy. Applicants must provide the following: Certified copy of certification credentials; Copy of current driver's license; Three (3) letters of recommendation and Current professional resume'. Please mail all information above to: Stephanie Rodrigue, Superintendent, Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631. Express mailing or hand delivery to: Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607, (in temporary building on west side of Grand Lake High School. Any questions should be e-mailed to: stephanie_rodrigue@camsch.org. Information deadline is April 30, 2008.
Run: APRIL 17 & 24 (A-50)

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Tips for a healthier you!

(NAPSA)-As obesity reaches epidemic proportions in the United States, including one-third of the nation's children, many Americans are finding simple options to establish a healthy lifestyle. Here are a few hints that may help:

Write it down! Start a journal to record what you eat. If you record how much you eat, when, and how you feel, you may discover you're eating when you're not even hungry.

Portion control. When you dine out, consider the portion size of food served. Servings at restaurants or fast-food places tend to be several times larger than what one person should eat. Try splitting meals with a dining companion.

It's about color. It's important to choose a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables each day because they provide different nutrients. For example, orange fruits and vegetables have high amounts of vitamin A. Vitamin A plays a role in vision, bone growth and many other functions. Generally, the deeper the color, the more vitamins and minerals present.

Where's the beef? Meat is not the only source of protein. You can also get protein from beans, peas, nuts and seeds. Try sprinkling nuts over your salad, blend up a quick bean dip or have a peanut butter sandwich.

Prepare meals ahead. Make large batches of meals on the weekend for use during the week. Try soups, stews and casseroles that can be easily portioned and frozen.

Fabulous fiber. The majority of Americans only get about half the recommended daily fiber intake. Most people should consume between 25 and 35 grams of fiber per day. Fiber can promote regularity as well as reduce risks of diabetes, obesity and cancer. Good sources of fiber include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans, lentils and peas.

Get moving. Regular physical activity is critical to a healthy lifestyle. For adults, 30 minutes a day of physical activity is recommended. For children, 60 minutes every day is preferred.

— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —

THE CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE. ANYONE WISHING TO COMMENT MAY DO SO BY CALLING (337) 775-5718 OR BY WRITING P. O. BOX 1280, CAMERON, LOUISIANA 70631. Sec. 3-36. Prohibited acts of retail permittees. No person holding a retail dealer's permit under this article, and no servant, agent or employee of the permittee shall commit any of the following acts upon the permit premises. (a) Sell or serve alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years, unless such person submits a driver's license, selective service card or other lawful identification which, on its face, establishes the age of the person as twenty-one (21) years or older and there is no reason to doubt the authenticity or correctness of the identification.
Run: Apr. 10, 17, 24, May 1 (A-33)



PICTURED ABOVE are some of the winners in the Bayou Beauty and Beau pageant held in connection with the Bethany Boudreaux benefit on April 12: Gracie Benoit, Little; Linlee LaLande, Deb Miss; Addyson Dupont, Baby Miss; Cami Richard, Teen Miss; and Riley Theriot, Toddler Beau.



HOUSING DEVELOPMENT in Cameron - two red-headed woodpeckers are working on a new home in a dead pine tree. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THURSDAY, APRIL 12, Hackberry Pre K, Kindergarten, and first grade classes went to the Zoo of Acadiana. During the train ride, Captain Kevin Moreaux, the Ag Teacher was in charge. Several parents went as chaperones. (Photo by Brad Lester.)

Letters

Thanks told for book support

Dear Editor:
I'd like to thank the people of Cameron Parish and each and every person who helped me make the book, *A Place Called Home*, possible. Although it's impossible to thank, individually, all of the people who helped make the book a success, I do want to thank you and your staff, for your generous and unwavering support of this project. I'd also like to thank Charlotte Trosclair, Director of the Cameron Parish Library, and her staff for their continued and willing

support before, during, and after the book's publication. I especially want to thank everyone who ordered copies. Without their faith in this project and love for Bill and his photographs, *A Place Called Home* would still be a dream, not a reality. Cameron Parish has always held a special place in my heart. It's a very special place filled with very special people, and I'd like to take this opportunity to express a very special and heartfelt "thank you."
With gratitude and love,
/s/ Janie Turnbull
Norman, Okla.

Trash Bash aid is appreciated

Dear Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank" everyone who so graciously helped with our Spring Trash Bash. The Sponsors: Sempra Energy, Cheniere, Devall Towing, Targa Midstream, Cameron Communications, DOTD, Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept., La State Police, Brown's Grocery, Cameron Parish Police Jury, Cameron Pilot, American Press, KPLC TV, Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts of Hackberry, and the many individuals who so graciously gave up their Saturday morning to make our community a better place to live.
/s/ Margaret Shove

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Aaron Davis making name for self in martial arts



AARON DAVIS, former Grand Chenier resident, is shown competing in a mixed martial arts tournament. He has won a number of awards in competition within the past year or so.

Aaron Davis, who was raised in Grand Chenier and graduated from South Cameron High School, has been making a name for himself in mixed martial arts competition. He and his wife Theresa now live in Sulphur. He is now ranked 6th in amateur mixed martial arts and has a 4-0 record. He plans to go pro this year. He recently competed in the Louisiana's Brazilian Jiu Jitsu tournament and won his division and the absolute in the blue belt which make him the top blue belt in Louisiana. He's won numerous grap-

pling tournaments in Louisiana and Texas. He also competed in the Pan Am's (the Olympics of BJJ) in California this year and won 3rd in absolute. He graduated from South Cameron High in 1996. He won second in state for wrestling during that time.



Thursday, April 24 is "Take your daughters & sons to work day."

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April showers are sparkling like never before thanks to Cameron State Bank's Dazzling Diamond Giveaway. This month's gleaming giveaway is a pair of diamond earrings. They'll definitely freshen up your look for spring.

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Apostolic Succession: We are not alone

By Bishop Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” John 14:1

Last week for his first time as Roman Pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States. Thousands greeted him in Masses both in Washington and New York. As the 265th successor of St. Peter, Pope Benedict XVI embraced his office, in his own words, as “a humble worker in the vineyard.”

How appropriate that the scripture readings of last Sunday speak of the continuity of service and office passed down by the apostles themselves. We read in the Acts of the Apostles, that the number of disciples grew. In so doing there was need for greater service and ministers. So the community selected deacons to serve. In turn, “They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them” (Acts 6:6). This same gesture is used to this very day in the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops in the Catholic Church. In just two short weeks, I will ordain two priests and a deacon for service in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. I will do what the apostles did, laying my

hands on the heads of these three new servants of the Gospel. Through those hands pass the sacred mission of ordination that links us, and particularly the Bishop of Rome, with the apostles.

Why is the apostolic succession so important to us as Catholics? St. Peter himself answers that question. “Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5). St. Peter sees this unity in structure as a fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, “Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame” (Isaiah 28:16). The Church for St. Peter and the Christian Catholic is “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9).

So today in Rome over the tomb of St. Peter, the “Rock,” teaches, sanctifies, and leads, another living stone to build up the Church of God. On the very site where St. Peter was martyred, his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, takes up the office that he so faithfully fulfills by witnessing to Christ.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled” (John 14:1), Jesus says in the Gospel because we belong in God’s house. There are many dwelling places. Each of us makes his or her contribution. Each of us has been given a gift. How marvelous it is! Each gift is different, and what an adventure of the Christian life it is to discover it and to use it.

Jesus says something truly remarkable in the Gospel. “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these” (John 14:12). Could this be true? It is one thing to do great deeds. It is quite another thing to do the works that Jesus does. However, Jesus doesn’t stop there. Isn’t it unbelievable to do even greater works than Jesus did? This is what Jesus says. How can this be possible? It is only possible because we are united with Him in the “spiritual house” of the Church.

Jesus wants to be visible. He reveals the Father, and He cannot do that unless He is visible. For all this visibility to take place, Jesus wants the Church. For this reason, the Church repeats Jesus’ work and does even greater works than He did. Through these works the life of God is communicated through the Body of His Son.

Let Benedict XVI speak. “Christ is God

being here with us. In him God has time for us; he is God’s time for us and thus at the same time the opening of time into eternity. God is no longer the distant indeterminate God to whom no bridge will reach; he is the God at hand; the Body of the Son is the bridge for our souls. Through him, each single person’s relationship with God has been blended together in his one relationship with God... God is no longer merely a God up there, but God surrounds us from above, from below, and from within: he is all in all, therefore all in all belongs to us: ‘All that is mine is yours.’ God’s being ‘all in all’ began with Christ’s renunciation on the Cross of what was properly his. It will be complete when the Son finally hands over to the Father the Kingdom, that is, in gathered humanity and the creation that is carried with them. That is why the purely private existence of the isolated self no longer exists... Each accepted pain, no matter how obscure, every silent suffering of evil, each act of inwardly overcoming oneself, every outreach of love, each renunciation, and every turning in silence to God—all of that now becomes effective as a whole: Nothing that is good goes for nothing” (Ratzinger, “God Is Near Us”, pp. 144-145).



Bishop Glen John Provost, left, celebrated the closing Liturgy at the annual Diocesan Youth Conference, which drew nearly 300 youth, young adults, adult chaperones, and staff. Concelebrating with Bishop Provost were the Very Rev. Daniel Torres, Vicar General and Rev. Whitney Miller, Secretary for Christian Formation. The Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Derek Covert while Deacon Dale Deshotel attended the Bishop and read the Gospel.

Youth Conference brings teens together for weekend

LAKE CHARLES – Each year’s Diocesan Youth Conference brings together upwards of 300 attendees, including youth, young adults, adult chaperones, and staff in a three-day event held the weekend before Lent begins.

This year’s conference attempted to answer three questions, according to Milissa Thibodeaux, Director of the Office of Youth Ministry. “We wanted to answer the questions, how are we blessed in this life, where do we find those blessings, and how do we bless other people,” Thibodeaux said. “The conference is about touching one heart, one mind at a time.”

“I tell the kids you don’t have to do this extraordinary, miraculous act of service to make a difference,” she continued. “By simply being the person that God created, simply being who you are called to be through your ordinary lives, doing ordinary things you bring about extraordinary change. The young people are starting to say that, feeding back what the adults in their lives have said to them.”

Thibodeaux sees that in the many young adults who continue to return to assist the Office in various ways, particularly with the youth conference.

“Many are returning what they have learned through the years to others,” Thibodeaux

said. “In our diocese it is a sense of family, a sense of community, a sense of history that people want to be a part of.”

The conference is a larger undertaking that actually begins six to eight months from the opening day.

According to Thibodeaux, she meets with key adults, the youth core staff, parish youth directors, and former adults who have attended the conference. They discuss what is happening on a national level, the themes of the biennial National Youth Conference, and what came from the previous year’s diocesan conference.

“The national conference happens in odd years, last year’s was in Ohio,” Thibodeaux said. “We also look at the Gospel readings for the conference weekend.” After rough outlines are drawn up, the ideas go to the diocesan core team and a few others drawn from various parishes for a brainstorming session. The first meetings are normally held in mid-October following the adult session in late August or September.

“It ends with a three-day weekend in December,” Thibodeaux said. “That’s where the theme is finalized, the tee-shirt designs are made, where the topics for all the breakout sessions happen, prayer services are written ...

the whole conference is put on paper during that weekend.”

Then it goes back to the adults, who flesh out the theme, talk about the topics, get ideas from kids and figure out who will be doing what - workshops, keynotes, etc.

There were four keynotes at this year’s conference and the event ended with a keynote/homily by Bishop Glen John Provost on Sunday morning.

“That was a treat that he was there,” Thibodeaux said. “Originally he was going to be unable to attend.”

A number of priests were also able to come and stay the entire weekend with the youth. “We have always had priests, coming in and going out, but having them here the entire weekend was a wonderful treat for the youth, Thibodeaux said.”

Of the 14 workshops held, three were designed for the adults present.

“In the past, the adult chaperones would just go to the workshops,” she continued. “One of our core team members suggested that we actually have workshops designed for the adults. We found that for the adults who come to the conference as chaperones, it is just as important for them. They get just as much out of it, sometimes more than the kids do.”

Home Missions Appeal to be held April 26 - 27

Since 1998, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal collection has been a powerful expression of stewardship and our Catholic communion. Catholics from more prosperous parishes across America give generously to offer desperately needed help to the Mission Church here at home. Here in the Diocese of Lake Charles the 2008 Appeal is this weekend, April 26-27.

Catholics a wonderful opportunity to help fellow Catholics practice their faith in such rugged areas as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, the dusty Southwest, Puerto Rico, and island dioceses in the Pacific and Caribbean, and even right here in Southwest Louisiana. It is one practical way for parishes to be good stewards of God’s gifts and to

Here in the Diocese of Lake Charles the Appeal currently supports eight parishes and mission chapels in financial need along with programs of Evangelization, Lay Ministry Formation, Youth Ministry, Vocation Retreats and Communications Outreach.

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.

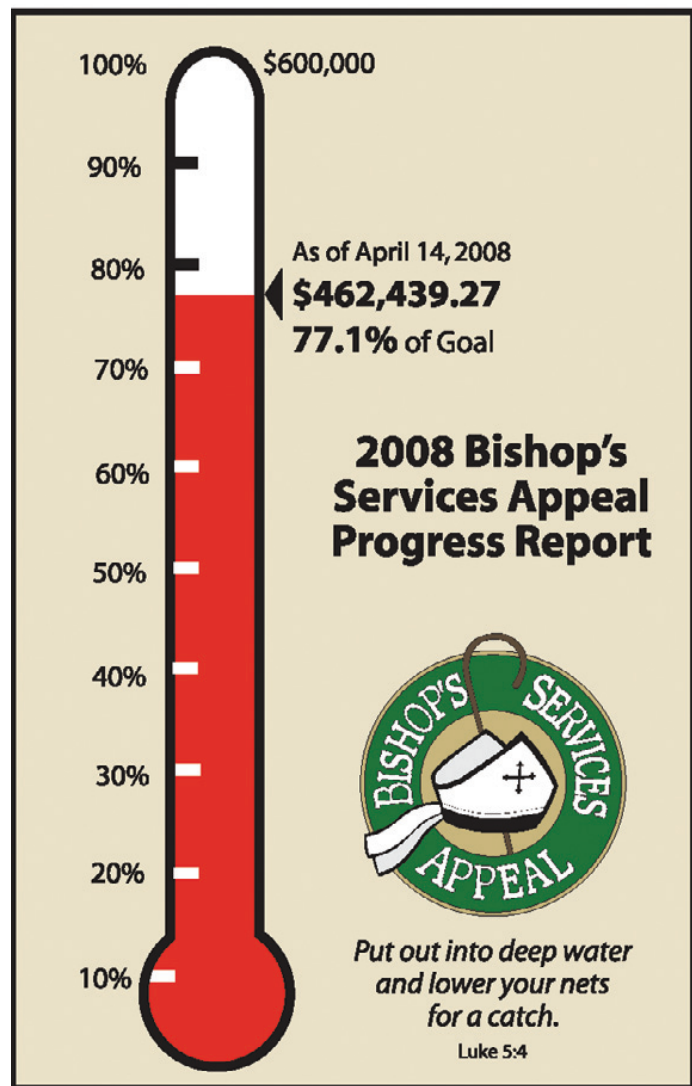
The Catholic Home Missions Appeal allows more prosperous Catholic communities to support ones in need here in America. “Home missions” are as simple as that and some of those needs are right here at home in Southwest Louisiana.

The Church is quite fragile in many parts of the United States where Catholics are a small minority. In the Diocese of Lake Charles, Catholics make up about 27 percent of the general population.

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.



More than 75 men regularly attend the monthly Men’s Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Glen John Provost held in the Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Shown at a recent event are, from left, Cornie Moon, Daniel Ieyoub, Jack Brooks, Remy Miller and Brian Thompson. The next Prayer Breakfast is Thursday, May 1, beginning at 7 a.m. Catholic men are asked to call 439-7400 to register.



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Did you know...

After the establishment of the Church of St. Francis de Sales (now Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception) on December 8, 1869 it was 21 years before another parish was formed. That new church, established on May 20, 1890, was Sacred Heart of Jesus in Creole with Father John Engberink as the founding pastor. The second parish to be established came on December 7, 1891 when Father Cornelius

Van de Ven became the founding pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians in Jennings.

There are 38 parishes in today’s Diocese of Lake Charles. The most recent to be named were St. Martin de Porres and Christ the King in November 2002. Do you know the first parish to be established following the 1980 formation of the Diocese? Find out in the next issue of the Catholic Calendar.