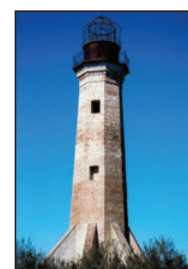




POLICE JUROR Darryl Farque enjoys the view from the newly rebuilt Big Lake Public Wharf. Now open to the public, the wharf, severely damaged by Hurricane Rita, was rebuilt using FEMA PW funds at a total cost of around \$460,000. It is of galvanized steel and wood construction and is handicapped accessible. Parking is provided across the street from the wharf entrance. This wharf is the only access most private citizens have to the shores of Calcasieu Lake, since most of the waterfront is privately owned. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



New flood maps are 'perfect storm'

By CYNDI SELLERS

"A perfect storm" is how engineer Lonnie Harper described the combination of the state mandated International Building Code regulations and the imminent release of the Draft Flood Insurance Rating Maps (DFIRMs) for Cameron Parish.

The Cameron Parish Police Jury held a special information gathering meeting on Monday morning, May 5, to receive reports on the impact of the new maps on the building codes and on the effect of opting out of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). They didn't like what they heard.

First, assistant District Attorney Jennifer Jones presented the results of her research on the effect of opting out. Her points were:

1. If the parish chooses not to participate in the program, no one in the parish will be able to purchase national flood insurance.

2. Anyone who has a mortgage with a private bank, SBA, VA, or other federal agency must maintain flood insurance or the lending agency is forced to foreclose.

3. While it may be possible to get "non-par" flood insurance (for non-participating communities), the surplus line carriers, which are not regulated by the Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance, are not required to write policies for everyone. They may not write for anyone who has a prior flood claim. The only such carrier Jones could get a quote from would charge 5% of the coverage, up to \$250,000, with no contents. That is \$12,500 per year, plus taxes and fees, for a \$250,000 home, built to base flood elevation.

The surplus line insurers would need to have a high A.M. Best rating to be acceptable to the lending agency. Surplus line insurers will not write policies for mobile homes or modular homes. They will only cover structures which are at base flood elevation, even if the parish opts out of the NFIP.

4. No one in the parish will be eligible for any type of federal loan such as SBA or VA.

5. The parish will lose its eligibility for federal funding to fire departments, Sheriff's Office, Council on Aging, Head Start, etc.

6. Already purchased NFIP policies will not be renewed.

7. In the event of another disaster, no publicly owned buildings will receive funding to rebuild. This includes schools, hospitals, libraries, recreation facilities, fire stations, ambulance stations, and all other publicly owned buildings.

8. Programs such as the Road Home, which are federally funded, will not be avail-

able to Cameron Parish.

9. Opting out of the flood insurance program does not exempt the parish from the obligation to comply with the International Building Code.

In addition, Jones pointed out that many local churches were rebuilt with flood insurance money, since their self insurance did not pay for wind damage. She is not aware of any flood insurance claims that were not unpaid.

She said that many people have gone to the expense of elevating their homes, including mobile homes, to the level required by the current flood plan, money which would be "wasted" if they cannot get flood insurance.

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Mobile homes may have to be elevated

By CYNDI SELLERS

During the special Police Jury Meeting on Monday, Parish Administrator Tina Horn, just returned from several weeks of sick leave, brought jurors up to date on the recent FEMA Community Action Visit (CAV), especially the items relating to mobile homes.

Horn said her suggestion is to go ahead and send out letters to those who FEMA said will need to elevate, but at the same time try hard to get Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) funds to help them do so. "I don't think we'll be kicked out of the program as we are now," she said, "as long as we're making progress."

At the same time, she intends to continue to oppose the recent definitions of "substantially damaged mobile home park" which say that if any mobile home in the park was substantially damaged (over 50%) by flood the whole park must meet elevation requirements. The administration's current policy is to issue permits for pre-Rita mobile home parks unless the Jury says to stop. However, the Jury faces risk of lawsuits if those receiving permits are later forced to elevate.

At earlier public meetings held by FEMA, the public was told that the park consisted of the land and the fixtures (water lines, sewer, electrical poles, etc.) not the mobile homes in it. Now FEMA is using a regulation that says "if a manufactured home was substantially damaged, all future homes placed on that pad or site must be elevated," and applying it to parks.

Another area that needs to be addressed is the temporary business permits originally issued for 18 months that have long since expired. "At this time, those business-

es in Cameron could elevate to AE zone standards, which wouldn't be too hard," Horn said. "We have to work toward resolving these issues, but it doesn't have to be overnight, as long as we're making progress, showing good faith."

The result of being placed on probation for lack of compliance would be a 5% increase in flood insurance premiums.

Juror Sonny McGee said the real issue is affordable housing for lower income people. Under the V zone building codes "it will cost more to elevate than the cost of the house," he said.

Parish Planner Ernie Broussard noted the possible effect of the new maps or of opting out of NFIP on future development plans for Cameron Square and waterfront, including Monkey Island. He said the parish should contest the maps and the mobile home rulings, but agreed that it will take a collective effort with the rest of the state.

Jay Rutherford presented 60 pages of research on the NFIP, showing that the agency operates under a deficit annually and is currently "\$1 trillion in the hole." He said Congress is watching and may choose to add 12 feet to all flood plain maps to protect the agency from flood claims. He also said that some in Congress want to go to a 500 year flood plain, which would extend the V zone to Alexandria. However these are not firm plans that have been advanced in committee.

911 addresses needed now

The Cameron Parish E911 Communication Board is asking all resident and business owners to place their addresses in large letters and numeral on their homes, businesses or mail boxes to enable responders to find locations in emergencies such as fire or request for an ambulance.

The lettering should be large enough where it can be read from the road.

Reflective mail box post signs are available through the Cameron Council on Aging they can be contacted at 905-6000.

For more information on Cameron Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness call 775-7048.

Grad. edition

The Cameron Pilot will publish its annual graduation section in the May 22 issue. Parents, grandparents and others who wish to include well wishes in this section have until Thursday, May 8 to reserve their space.

Please call 1-800-256-7323 or 786-8004.



Cecil R. Sanner

Sanner asks re-election as D.A.

Cecil Sanner, Cameron Parish District attorney since 2003, has announced that he is seeking re-election in the October primary election.

He was elected in 2002 and sworn in as District Attorney in January 2003 for a six year term election to succeed Glenn Alexander, who did not seek re-election. Sanner served as assistant District Attorney from 1991-2003.

Mr. Sanner is presently living in Lake Charles due to relocation following Hurricane Rita, but plans to move to Hackberry in the near future following the renovations to the old Sanner home there.

Sanner is a 1963 graduate of Hackberry High School and received a B.A. Degree in Social Studies Education from McNeese State University in 1967. He graduated from the LSU School of Law in 1970.

Sanner was an ROTC graduate of McNeese State and is a veteran of the U.S. Army and the Louisiana Army National Guard. He retired as a Lt. Colonel from the National Guard in 1991. He commanded the 199th Forward Support Battalion of the 256th Infantry Brigade during Operation Desert Storm.

He has law offices in Hackberry and Lake Charles.

His great grandfather, Ernest Sanner, was a pioneer settler and rancher in the Hackberry community in the early 1900s. His grandfather, Raymond Sanner and his father, Joe Sanner, served for many years on the Cameron Parish School Board.

Fundraiser set at Grand Lake

The Grand Lake High School boys and girls athletic teams will hold their annual fundraiser Saturday, May 10 at the Nash Fence site. There will be a car wash and the sale of fried chicken from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will also be a bake sale at Boone's Corner from 6:30 to 10 a.m. that morning.



Austin LaBove

LaBove to be honored on retiring

Austin LaBove, Hackberry High School principal, will be honored on his retirement at the end of this school term at a reception and open house at 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 13 in the activity room at the school.

Mr. LaBove, who has been a teacher and principal in the Cameron Parish school system for 33 years, graduated from Cameron High School and received degrees from McNeese.

He taught at Cameron Elementary and has served as assistant principal and principal at Hackberry for many years. He also served in the Navy.

Everyone is invited to come to the reception and honor Mr. LaBove on his retirement.

Open house on May 13

The public is invited to view newly revised Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS) for Cameron Parish at an open house scheduled for Tuesday, May 13. The open house will be from 2 to 8 p.m., at the Creole Community Center, 184 East Creole Hwy, Suite B, in Creole.

Specialists will be on hand at the open house to answer citizens' questions and to provide additional information about the flood mapping process, the impact of new flood maps, and the benefits and requirements of flood insurance. Citizens are encouraged to view the maps, which will be available in both digital and paper formats.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps delineate flood-risk zones and serve as an integral part of the National Flood Insurance Program, which plays a key role in defense against flood losses on an individual, community, state and national basis. The preliminary flood maps were developed as part of the nationwide map modernization effort spearheaded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which administers the National Flood

Insurance Program.

The new maps will replace the current effective maps, which are outdated and were produced using earlier technology. Also, the new maps are in a digital format, providing greater detail and making it easier for citizens to view the information. The flood maps will help residents and business owners understand their current flood risk and make more informed decisions about protecting their property. Community planners, local officials, engineers, builders and others will have the tools to make important determinations about where and how new structures and developments should be built to maximize safety.

The release of the maps begins a process of official and public review and comments, ultimately resulting in the adoption of the new digital flood maps. While adoption is voluntary, it is a requirement for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Residents should consult their local floodplain administrator with questions on what flood map or elevations to use during the rebuilding process. Extensive information about the Louisiana Mapping Project and the map adoption process is available online at www.lamappingproject.com.

J. B. exercises

Johnson Bayou High School has scheduled awards programs for seniors for Friday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the school gym.

Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Monday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at the school gym.

Graduation set

Hackberry High School graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 23, at 7 p.m. at the Hackberry High School Gym.

S. Cameron fundraiser

South Cameron High School's athletic department is sponsoring a barbecue chicken plate lunch dinner at the Creole Fire Station on Friday, May 9. Anyone interested in purchasing a dinner many contact any SCHS athlete or orders may be placed through the school.

Dinners are \$7 each and

may 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.



LAKEYN DUHON, senior pitcher for Grand Lake High School, has been chosen as a member of the 2008 LHSAA Senior All-Star Team. After an awards banquet and luncheon, Duhon will participate in a double header at Louisiana College on Saturday, May 10. She is the daughter of Brad and Tara Drouen of Grand Lake and Troy Duhon of Lake Charles.



MACY ROSE Willis-Trahan, four-year-old daughter of Dayna Willis and Brian Trahan of Cameron Parish, was recently crowned "Petite Miss Louisiana Crawfish Festival Queen" in Chalmette. She is the granddaughter of David Willis of Sweetlake and Poochie and Nedra Trahan of Cameron.



SOME OF THE participants in the Cameron observance of the National Day of Prayer are pictured above in front of the courthouse. They included public officials, church and NAACP representatives. Louise Cole was co-ordinator of the event.

Funeral

Remembering Mother

By JACK DANIELS

Mothers can have an inestimable impact on the lives of their children and through them, many others. Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist of a century ago, said "All that I have ever accomplished in life, I owe to my mother." Abraham Lincoln said "All that I am and all that I hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

George Washington said his Godly mother's pious teaching and her faithful prayers molded him. Andrew Jackson said "The memory of my mother and her teachings were the only capital I had to start life with, and on that capital I have made my way."

Napoleon said "Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons."

My mother has been with her Lord and Savior for several years now. Her love of her children and family came only second to her love of Jesus. She was always the first one up in the morning to make time for reading of her Bible and prayer. My mother didn't have all the conveniences we have today, only later in life, she never complained.

Mother had a lifelong teaching certificate, after we children got older, she returned to the class room for several years. Then in retirement was always there for the students that needed help. If they could pay a little something, this was fine, if not her help was still available.

My mother has had the most impact on my life of anyone I know.

If your mother is still here let her know how special she is.



CARRIE LEE BADON

Carrie Lee Badon, 70, of Johnson Bayou, died Thursday, May 1, 2008 in a Lake Charles hospital.

She was a native of Rayne and had lived in Johnson Bayou for the last 45 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Badon; one daughter, Jo Mae Badon; two sons, Russell Badon and Scotty Badon, all of Johnson Bayou; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy "Happy Fats" and Della LeBlanc; one brother, Jimmy D. LeBlanc; and one sister, Molly LeBlanc Istre.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday, May 3, in Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church. The Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery South in Carlyss.



Council to sponsor May activities

By DINAH LANDRY
Council on Aging Director

The Cameron Council on Aging has announced two Older American Month events involving the 1500 senior citizens of Cameron Parish.

On Friday, May 23, we will celebrate Senior Citizens Day at the Grand Lake Fireman Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. This event will last throughout the day with lunch served at 11:30 a.m.. The Medicare Playboyz will be our entertainment.

Door prizes will be given, booths will be set up around the facility for those who would like to display information on services for the elderly as well as hand out small gifts for those in attendance.

Transportation will be provided by the COA for those around the parish who would like to attend. Call us 24 hours in advance to set up a ride.

On Saturday, May 31, we will have our first annual "Cruisin' with the Seniors, Down the Creole Nature Trail", fundraiser. This event will feature antique cars and motorcycles cruising down the Nature Trail in Cameron Parish with senior citizens at their side.

Entry fee for bikes and cars is \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. The event will begin and end at the Grand Lake Parish Barn on Hwy 385.

The ride will begin at 9 a.m. and end around noon. A lunch will be served while local entertainment provides music. An auction will be held. T-shirts will be given to the entrants and some T-shirts will be available to purchase. Door prizes will be given. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy.

The Council on Aging provides services to senior citizens 55 and older throughout the parish. While the council is largely supported by federal funds, proceeds from this event will be used to support special events such as Senior Citizens Day, the annual Christmas Party and other senior activities parishwide.



WINNERS AT the recent senior citizen's Easter party sponsored by the Cameron Council on Aging are shown above: (top photo, from left) Basket winners - Lida Miller, Shirley Mhire, Mayola Wicke; (middle photo) Cake winners - Maria Posada, Margaret Pitts, Beulah Bradley; (lower photo) Hat winners - Alice Reeves, Maria Posada, and Beulah Bradley.

Grand Chenier Library tells many activities

The Grand Chenier Library schedule is as follows:

"Crossword Daze", 10 a.m. daily

Thursday, May 8 - "After School Club", Web Surfing & Research, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 9 - "LA Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team", Arts & Crafts, 1-3 p.m., Story Time 3 p.m.

Monday, May 12 - Wednesday, May 14 "Fitness Program" Low impact walking program 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 15 - "After School Club" Web Surfing & Research 4 p.m.

Friday, May 16 - "LA Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team" Arts & Crafts 1-3 p.m., Story Time 3 p.m.

Congratulate the National Library Week Contest Winners. Thanks to everyone who participated in the contests. The winners were awarded a \$10 Regal Movie Theater Gift Card.

Elem. Reading Contest - Briley Richard.

Elem. Artwork - Zeth James.

Jr. High Artwork - Kaine Badon.

Beans in a Jar Contest -

Brandt James. Please call 538-2214 for information about weekly programs.



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Lunch menus

Cameron Parish School lunch menus are as follows:

Friday, May 9 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, sweet peas, yellow cake, pineapple topping, wheat sliced bread, milk

Monday, May 12 - Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookies, hamburger bun, catsup, milk

Tuesday, May 13 - Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, baked potato, chilled peach slices, wheat sliced bread.

Wednesday, May 14 - Chili dog, chili sauce, whole kernel corn, pickle wedges, apple crisp, hot dog bun, milk

Thursday, May 15 - Beef nachos, salsa, pinto beans, fresh vegetable, cinnamon rolls tortilla chips, salad dressing, milk.

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Mobile home permits addressed by P. Jurors

By CYNDI SELLERS

The issue of mobile home permits was partially addressed by the Cameron Parish Police jury at their regular voting meeting Monday afternoon. Jurors had previously placed a moratorium on mobile home permits until clarification could be received from FEMA. In an add-on item, juror Thomas McDaniel, of Grand Chenier, moved to allow permits in certain specific instances.

First, mobile home permits will be issued to those who will meet elevation requirements. Second, permits will be issued for pre-Rita certified mobile home parks that were not substantially damaged by flood. Third, permits will be issued for mobile home parks that had no mobile homes in them at the time of the storm.

Proof of non-substantial damage will be that no flood insurance was received for a mobile home in a given park. Proof of non-occupancy will be determined by satellite photos taken before the storm. Proof that it was indeed a mobile home park will be proof of rent or sales for two or more mobile homes on the site.

These requirements should meet all of FEMA's conditions and allow at least some residents to move back into lower Cameron Parish in mobile homes, which are often the only affordable housing available. Other mobile home parks that do not meet these conditions will have to wait until discussion is complete about the definition of a substantially damaged mobile home park.

After discussion of the new Draft Flood Insurance Rating Maps (DFIRMs) and the consequences of opting out of the National Flood Insurance Program, jurors set a special meeting for May

19, at 5 p.m. in the Cameron Court House to take public comment on the new maps.

The DFIRM maps will be on display in Creole May 13 from 2-8 p.m. Jurors voted to ask FEMA to hold meetings in all areas of the parish to give more people access to them, since distances in Cameron Parish are greater than any other parish.

The Jury moved its next agenda meeting to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Bids were opened Friday for the restoration of the Cameron Multi-purpose Building, with the low bid going to Sam Istre Construction. The base bid was \$490,000, with added alternates for hazard mitigation raising the price to \$601,800. The base bid is covered by a current FEMA Project Worksheet. The hazard mitigation items, such as waterproof wall coverings, special floor, high velocity windows, elevated HVAC, etc., will be covered by a new version to be written later.

The building will be stripped to the slab and red iron and completely rebuilt. Including the hazard mitigation items in the original contract should reduce the number of plan changes needed later, said designer Lonnie Harper.

The bid for the remaining salt water tree removal was awarded to Global Pollution Services, who will be paid \$40,380 to remove 50-60 dead trees and clear some leaners and hangers that were missed during the first round of clean-up.

Jurors gave the go-ahead for improvements to the Grand Lake Maintenance Barn in the form of installation of a lay-down yard. Road Foreman Lee Faulk said the new yard will allow him to store equipment there and provide a place to evacuate equipment from lower areas in case of a storm. The yard will be fenced and secured.

At the request of McDaniel, the Jury allocated \$20,000 to clean and re-paint the Klondike Fire Station and Recreation building.

Parish Planning and Development Director Ernie Broussard was given authority to submit land acquisition proposals to the state auditor and continue to negotiate the bids for property near the Cameron Court House.

Jurors approved the Summary Position Statement outlining projects for long term recovery for which Broussard's office will continue to seek funding.

ORDINANCES

Jurors voted to accept proposed ordinance changes making 21 the legal age for alcoholic beverages in accordance with state law, and providing penalties for failure to comply with building codes. The words "and FEMA" were removed from the penalty amendment, clarifying that the penalties are only for building codes, since FEMA regulations have their own compliance process.

APPOINTMENTS

Parish OHSEP Director Clifton Hebert asked that a revised Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee be formed, replacing the original committee named in 2003. The committee will use a \$150,000 Pilot Planning Grant to prioritize projects for mitigation against the

effects of future storms. Examples of such projects might be hardening of buildings and raising pump stations.

Participation on the committee was determined by positions held by essential personnel. Appointed were Hebert, OHSEP Asst. Director Margaret Theriot, Parish Administrator Tina Horn, Permit Secretary Kara Bonsall, Fire Chiefs Mark LeBoeuf, Toby Landry, Larry Jinks, Michael Welch, Ron Johnson; Road Superintendent Lee Faulk, Supt. of Schools Stephanie Rodrigue, Sheriff Theos Duhon, Chief Deputy Ron Johnson, Planning and Economic Development Director Ernie Broussard, Tax Assessor Mona Kelley, Council on Aging Director Dinah Landry, and a representative of the Cameron Pilot and American Press newspapers.

Kirk Burleigh was appointed to the IMCAL Board, replacing Scott Trahan, who resigned.

Carlton Styron and Carolyn Thibodeaux were appointed to the Creole Nature Trail Scenic Byway District Board, replacing the late Pat Doland, restaurant representative, and Tina Horn, who resigned. Styron owns ShaSha's Restaurant in Creole, a popular Creole Nature Trail stop. Thibodeaux is active on the Cameron Parish Tourist Commission.

Ted Joanen, Gerald Bonsall, D. Y. "Billy" Doland, Jr., and Jimmy Roberts were all re-appointed to Gravity Drainage District #5. A request from Doland to stagger the terms of the board will have to be deferred until next year's legislative session.

Also re-appointed were: Gary Billedeaux - Industrial Development Board, and Kim Nunez - Recreation District #5.

Margaret Jones was appointed to the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District #1, replacing Barbara LeBlanc who resigned. Jared Desormeaux was appointed to Gravity District #9, replacing Reuben LaBauve who resigned.

Several other openings were tabled.

"PERFECT STORM"

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BUILDING CODES

Engineer Lonnie Harper, of Harper and Associates, and two of his staff conducted an in-depth explanation of the coastal construction regulations mandated by the International Building Code adopted and mandated by the state immediately following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Engineers David Minton and Mike Slovinsky took the jurors through the definitions of X, A, and V zones using a DFIRM map of Grand Lake, which has all three types.

In an X zone, no flooding is expected. In non-coastal A zones, non-tidal flooding can be expected, such as rain flooding. Coastal A zones, which are landward of V zones, may have up to a 2 foot stillwater depth of tidal flooding, which may produce 1.5 to 3 foot waves.

The town of Cameron, for example, had a measurable stillwater depth of 12.5 feet above sea level at the courthouse and nearby.

In V zones, which will include a large part of the parish under the new flood maps, high velocity waves greater than 3 feet are expected. The V stands for velocity.

V zones have the most stringent requirements, said Minton, with structures required to be built on pilings, and no fill allowed. Geotechnical investigation is required, because soil types can change over even small distances. The lowest horizontal member of the structure must be above base flood elevation.

Harper made clear that the building code requires structures to be built above BFE, regardless of whether the parish participates in the NFIP. Parish Administrator Tina Horn later said it is her understanding that if the parish does not adopt the DFIRM ratings, construction would not have to meet the more stringent requirements, but would still have to be elevated.

The building code requires designers to use large loads (wind and surge

estimates), essentially over-designing for worst case. In a V zone, designers must use the commercial standard, the IBC, which refers to a document ASCE-24, minimum standards for flood design and construction.

Slovinsky then showed how a designer uses the ASCE-24 to create a plan for a structure in a V zone. Piles must be driven into the ground to a depth of 10 feet below mean low water (MLW). All of the structure must be supported by the piles, even the slab on top, because of the effect of scour and subsidence during a flood.

As example of scour, he used the Cameron Recreation Center on Willow Island, which had huge holes undercutting the building slab and pool. The Coastal Construction Manual gives a means to predict scour, which must be considered in the design, but the equations given predict much greater scour than that seen in this area during Rita.

Piers must be at least 10x10 treated wood or 4 inch hot dipped galvanized steel. All wood in a house must be treated, even walls and roof structures.

Depending on the elevation of the structure, wood pilings may not be strong enough, so steel or poured concrete may be required. It was shown that the rounded face of concrete piers is more resistant to surge forces that square forms.

The overall result of the new flood rating maps is to change most of the residential areas of lower Cameron Parish from A zones to V zones. While buildings already in place will not be affected, all future construction will be held to the more stringent V zone codes.

FUTURE ACTION

Harper said there is room to challenge some of the flood map results, based on work he and his staff did after the storm. Horn said the parish can and must fight for revisions, but it must be in conjunction with other coastal parishes and the State of Louisiana.

She said the Governor has already been contacted,

the response has been that the Congressional delegation be contacted first, and depending on their response the matter would be assigned to a state agency to coordinate with the coastal parishes.

Horn also said there could be appeals made to the Code Council to relax some of the building codes.

Jones pointed out that staying in the NFIP does not mean that the Parish shouldn't do everything possible to get the maps revised. "The Parish has been successful in doing this before, and we will do our best once again," she said.

However, she said that if the only argument for opting out of the NFIP is that homeowners will be able to put mobile homes on the ground, they should be willing to make sure the mobile home complies with the building code; be able to pay cash, since a loan will not be possible; and be willing to have property that is not insured for flood.

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Dignity MEMORIAL

Writer urges residents to make their views known

Dear Editor:

Suddenly FEMA is demanding of our police jury to have the residents either elevate their trailers. (to the tune of \$20,000 to \$60,000). How many of you can afford to pay nearly as much or more to elevate than you paid for your mobile home? I can't. I will not even consider refinancing. My job and my age won't allow me.

Unless FEMA or the Cameron Parish Police Jury can present me a check to cover elevation expenses, I am going to stay like I am. Well probably in the dark because you and I know they will get the electric company to cut off my electricity. That's okay too.

The new flood maps will be out for inspection in Creole at the Creole Fire Station on Tuesday, May 13 beginning at 2 p.m. Hopefully the maps will be in every jury district for everyone's inspection.

Your review of the maps is extremely important. It affects all Cameron Parish. The "V" Zone is now nearly 99% of the parish. What was once the grave problem on the southern half of the parish for twenty-years is now a problem for the citizens located on the northern

half of the problem. Once it was mine and your problem. Today the situation has become our problem.

Cameron Parish was never established for the rich. It was intended for everyone, no matter what type of bank account one had nor the color of the skin.

If opting out of the NFIP means saving Cameron Parish for us, our children and grandchildren, that is an option we must seriously consider. If your house cost you \$50,000 and you are both happy with it and the cost, you should be the one who chooses the way you spend your money and the type of house you can afford.

Don't let anyone deprive you of your constitutional rights. Make your stand known to your police jurymen, news media and anyone willing to listen to your grave concerns.

The future of Cameron Parish is in the people's hands. Can we afford to lose 300 families or more that can't financially meet the demands of FEMA if the Cameron Parish Police Jury back up the demands of FEMA?

/s/ Teddy Broussard
Grand Chenier

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot May 8, 1975 PICOU NAMED TO NEW JOB

Hayes Picou, Jr., a teacher and assistant coach at South Cameron High School, has been named to a new position created by the Cameron Police Jury.

The jury Monday picked Picou from about ten applicants to serve at the parish Civil Defense Director, federal funds coordinator and manpower coordinator.

The Civil Defense position became vacant last month when Roland J. Trosclair, Jr., resigned after being elected to the police jury.

AGENT IS NAMED

Miss Eileen Whittler of Lake Charles, who will receive a BS degree in home economics from McNeese Thursday, will be temporarily assigned as assistant home agent for Cameron Parish this summer, according to Clifford Myers, county agent.

The parish has been without a home agent since last September when Miss Patsy Granger resigned the position to accept a similar job in Jeff Davis Parish.

STUDENTS TO GRADUATE

Dr. Thomas S. Leary, president of McNeese, will confer degrees on 455 McNeese degree candidates at the university's commencement exercises, May 8.

Among those graduating are the following area students: Bachelor of Arts: Elementary Education - Darrell William Swire, Cameron; Pre-Law - Jennifer J. Hebert, Cameron. Bachelor of Science: Psychology - Fausta M. DeVall, Hackberry.

HUGE SIGN WELCOMES VISITORS By Geneva Griffith

A new sign has just been completed in Cameron located on the highway on the west end of town welcoming tourists to Cameron.

The sign, painted on the side of the Trosclair Ice Company building, expounds on the sights to be seen in Cameron.

The sign reads: WELCOME TO CAMERON, Don't Blink Twice or You'll Miss the Time of Your Life. Then goes on to tell the different attractions of Cameron such as the Fur Festival and population (2510).

It is obvious that the sign was put up to call attention to all the good things that can be seen in Cameron to the many tourists who are expected to try out the newly created "Creole Nature Trail" on which it is located.

The colorful sign was painted by "Shorty the Sign Painter" and was sponsored by the Cameron Parish Police Jury. Roland Trosclair, Jr. provided the side of his building for the sign.

4-H HAS MEETING

The South Cameron Elementary Jr. 4-H Club met May 1.

The new 4-H club officers

are: President, Todd Montie; vice president, Kenton Trahan; 2nd vice president, Mike Montie; 3rd vice president, Lance Mudd; secretary, Susan Conner; treasurer, Stacy Mudd; reporter, Recia LaBove; parliamentarian, Scott LaBove.

GUIDRY NAMED

Uland Guidry, who has served as the Cameron Parish Assistant and Associate County Agent since 1967, has accepted the new position of South Cameron High School vocational agriculture instructor recently created by the school board.

A native of Kaplan, Mr. Guidry graduated from Kaplan High School, and received a BS degree in vocational agriculture education from USL and a MS degree in agriculture extension education from LSU in 1967.

He was named assistant county agent for Cameron in 1967 and was promoted to associate county agent in 1970. He has worked with two county agents, Hadley Fontenot and Clifford Myers, and one home agent, Miss Patsy Granger.

Under Mr. Guidry's guidance, the 4-H livestock program has been outstandingly successful. In 1967, there were only 30 animals by parish 4-H youngsters. This year more than 220 animals are being shown.

The Cameron Parish Police Jury recently provided funds to construct a livestock barn for use by the 4-H and FFA members of the parish.

HACKBERRY BAND AWARDS

The annual Hackberry High School spring band concert was held Friday night in the school auditorium. The concert was dedicated to Rev. McMahan who died last December.

Awards were given to the following: Brian Kershaw, outstanding 11th grade student; Bobby Bufford, outstanding 10th grade student; Callie Cabell, outstanding 10th grade student; Bryant Simon, outstanding 12th grade student; James Swire, band director's award; Margaret Walther, outstanding 9th grade student; Michael Vaughn, outstanding 7th grade student; Darrell Carriere, band director; Joan Lowery, outstanding 8th grade student; Toni Dennis, trophy for selling most tickets for donkey basketball game and band director's award intermediate band; Patrick Lowery, John Phillip Sousa award; Stephanie Goodrich, band director's award beginning band.

BONSALL'S PAINTING FEATURED

St. Anna's Episcopal Church in New Orleans for the second year featured a painting by artist James Bonsall to convey the Easter message. He also did a Christmas painting for the church of which he is a member.

Mr. Bonsall, formerly of Grand Chenier, is a social worker with the state of Louisiana, attended McNeese, has a BA in Fine Arts from LSU and has also taken courses at UNO and Tulane. As a student he received a number of awards in Louisiana Art Commission competitions in painting and sculpture. His first one-man show was in Lake Charles and he also had a one-man show in New Orleans.

GUIDRY RECEIVES HONORS

Ricky Wayne Guidry of

Summer Reading program

The Cameron Parish Library announces the schedule for the 2009 Summer Reading Program performers as follows:

CAMERON BRANCH
4 p.m. June 11 - Neil and Mary Early.
4 p.m. June 18 - Pastiche
4 p.m. June 25 - Hobgoblin Puppets.
1 p.m. July 10 - Dianne de Las Casas.
4 p.m. July 16 - Ricky Pittman.
2 p.m. July 30 - Harvey Rabbit & Friends.

GRAND CHENIER BRANCH
1 p.m. June 11 - Neil and Mary Early.
1 p.m. June 18 - Pastiche.
1 p.m. June 25 - Hobgoblin Puppets.
9 a.m. July 10 - Dianne de Las Casas.
1 p.m. July 16 - Ricky Pittman.
9 a.m. July 30 - Harvey Rabbit & Friends.

GRAND LAKE BRANCH
9 a.m. June 11 - Neil & Mary Early.
9 a.m. June 18 - Pastiche.
9 a.m. June 25 - Hobgoblin Puppets.
9 a.m. July 16 - Ricky Pittman.
10 a.m. Aug 1 - Harvey Rabbit & Friends.

HACKBERRY BRANCH
9 a.m. June 12 - Neil & Mary Early.

9 a.m. June 19 - Pastiche.
9 a.m. June 26 - Hobgoblin Puppets.
9 a.m. July 17 - Ricky Pittman.
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JOHNSON BAYOU BRANCH
2 p.m. June 12 - Neil & Mary Early.
2 p.m. June 19 - Pastiche.
2 p.m. June 26 - Hobgoblin Puppets.
4 p.m. July 10 - Dianne de Las Casas.
2 p.m. July 17 - Ricky Pittman.
2 p.m. July 31 - Harvey Rabbit & Friends.

The Cameron Parish Library has various arts and craft and story times scheduled at each library branch all summer long.

For more information and a schedule of the library in your town, call your local library or 775-5421 or go online to www.cameron.lib.la.us and check out the "schedule of events" for more details.

These performances were made possible and supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by The Arts and Humanities Council of SWLA.

Coastal Prairies signup

The Conservation Reserve Program's Gulf Coast Prairies SAFE Project, sign-up began May 5, according to Kirk L. Smith, County Executive Director in the Calcasieu-Cameron Parish Farm Service Agency Office. The effort targets the enrollment of 3,500 acres in the "Coastal Prairies Area" of Southwest Louisiana that includes portions of Acadia, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Jeff Davis, Lafayette, St. Landry, and Vermilion Parishes.

Native grasslands historically covered approximately 9 million acres in Southwest Louisiana and coastal Texas, but have since been reduced to less than 100 acres of remnants along railroads in Louisiana. Participants can sign-up to establish long-term enduring conservation practices on qualifying acreage that will restore native grassland and shallow water habitats in this region of Louisiana.

Land enrolled in the pro-

gram will remain under contract for not less than 14 years, nor more than 15 years. FSA will provide eligible SAFE participants with an annual per acre rental payment based on established soil rental rates. In addition participants will receive certain incentive payments such as a one-time Signing Incentive Payment of \$100 per acre for CRP SAFE contracts and a one-time Practice Incentive Payment once the practice is installed, along with cost-share assistance for installing approved conservation practices. The required practices include "Wetlands for Wildlife" and "Native Grass Wildlife Habitat."

Applications may be placed and more information obtained at local USDA Service Center Offices, 1400 Hwy. 14, Suite C, Lake Charles, LA. 70601.

Call 436-5020 for more information.

Sweetlake was recipient of three awards at LSU at a recent Agricultural Awards Day Convocation. He received plaques for outstanding club member in the Agricultural Economics Club, for outstanding service in the Dept. of Agricultural

Economics and outstanding reporter for the College of Agriculture this past year. Ricky will receive his BS degree May 16 and plans to enter graduate school in June. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guidry of Sweetlake.

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Fins & Waters

By GLENN THOMAS

In Louisiana, marine fisheries are regulated by the state (out to three nautical miles, nm) and by the federal government within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ: from 3 to 200 nm). Since red snapper are a relatively deep-water fish, nearly all come from the federal waters off Louisiana. In nearly every instance, Louisiana state regulations have mirrored the federal ones.

The recent actions in Texas and Florida to establish more liberal red snapper regulations within their state waters has generated a firestorm of controversy - in particular because of those states' 9 nm boundaries. Increasing the Texas and Florida catches from their state waters has forced the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Fisheries Service to cut the season in federal waters, which basically results in snapper catches from central Gulf states being appropriated by Texas and Florida. However troubling these actions are, it should be noted that the 9 nm boundaries in Texas and Florida were created under the conditions that existed when those states were admitted to the Union.

THE MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT

The principle law governing fisheries in Federal waters is the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) of 1976. The original intent was to establish authority over the EEZ to eliminate harvests by foreign fishing fleets. While conservation of fish stocks was another goal, the MSFCMA also provided for significant expansion of U.S. offshore fishing capability. The result was, within 10 years, an over-capacity in the domestic fleet similar to that previously occurring from the foreign fleets.

The MSFCMA also creat-

ed a management structure based on regional fishery management councils, with voting members that include the state marine fisheries directors, individuals from each state who are knowledgeable about fishing or conservation, and the regional NOAA Fisheries director. The councils receive advice from their appointed advisory panels and stock assessment panels, and from scientific, statistical and management committees. The councils are tasked with the production of fishery management plans (FMPs) that must protect resources while maintaining opportunities for commercial and recreational harvests. Plan implementation is the responsibility of the Secretary of Commerce, primarily via NOAA Fisheries Service. Thus, the Fisheries Service is faced with the unenviable task of applying the legal mandates of Congress (the MSFCMA) and the Gulf of Mexico Council (the FMPs).

In 1996, the MSFCMA was reauthorized by Congress as the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA), with the addition of new, very specific mandates that management must prevent overfishing, must be based on the best scientific information available, must be managed as a unit throughout their range to the extent practicable, must include consideration of the importance of fishing resources to fishing communities to minimize adverse economic impacts, and must minimize bycatch. Ultimately, the Gulf Council has a bit of leeway on the implementation of these laws, but NOAA Fisheries has almost none.

The SFA also requires that each FMP sets a level for when overfishing is occurring and a plan for rebuilding overfished stocks (overfishing must be stopped within two years and a plan must be developed to rebuild overfished fisheries within 10 years). The SFA defines overfishing as excess

removal of fish and overfished as a biomass level that has declined below the established threshold.

The latest reauthorization of the MSFCMA in January 2007 included major new mandates, including that FMPs must establish a mechanism for setting annual catch limits that prevent overfishing. Catch limits also must be in place by 2010 for every stock currently overfished.

BEGINNING RED SNAPPER REGULATIONS

The first Gulf reef fish (including red snapper) FMP was completed in 1981, and described a declining fishery for red snapper. A 13-inch minimum size limit was the first Gulf regulation, in 1984. Since then, there have been more than 35 federal management measures on red snapper in the Gulf.

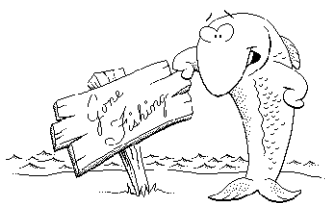
In 1988, the first red snapper stock assessment showed that the species was both overfished and undergoing overfishing. That designation required action from the Gulf Council and NOAA Fisheries to recover the stock. The assessment concluded that fishing mortality needed to be cut by 75 percent in order to recover the species by 2000. The Gulf Council believed that the impacts to fishers from a 75 percent cut would be too severe, and opted for measures that would reduce harvest by 20 percent, postponing additional restrictions for the future. Postponement of major restrictions has also been possible because new data on red snapper life history has been provided. Snapper can live much longer (more than 50 years) than first thought, so rebuilding schedules have been stretched out. At the same time, it has been found the most important spawning potential lies with the females that are older than about 15 years, and there are very few of these fish left.

This is why fishermen can see so many red snapper out there (catch restrictions have been working - there are lots of young fish) and the population can still be in trouble (because there are so few of the best, oldest spawners).

At least one early action established a criterion that remains. FMP Amendment 1 in 1990 set the recreational/commercial catch allocation at 49 percent/51 percent based on 1979-1987 landings data. This allocation ratio has not changed, although the directed fishery has changed significantly over the subsequent years.

The 1988 assessment also described the significant contribution to total fishing mortality that comes from shrimp trawling bycatch mortality of young red snapper. The first bycatch reduction device (BRD) mandate for Gulf shrimp trawls came in 1998; the hope was that about three-quarters of juvenile red snapper would escape each net. Since then, trials have demonstrated low efficacy (about 15 percent) in releasing juvenile red snapper via previously permitted designs. Temporary closures of certain juvenile habitat to trawling has been under consideration, but the recent reductions in trawling effort and implementation of new BRD designs have allowed postponement of closure considerations, at least temporarily.

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



Entrepreneur summit to be held at McNeese

The Louisiana Small Business Development Center at McNeese State University and the Arts and Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana will present a day-long summit for entrepreneurs in cultural industries from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Lake Charles Boston Academy of Learning, 1509 Enterprise Blvd.

The summit, "Business of Art," is the first of its kind in the state and is designed for entrepreneurs in cultural industries such as culinary arts, preservation construction, visual and performing arts, architecture and interior design, publishing, film and video, and web-related design. The summit will allow entrepreneurs to share their experiences and attend two of four one-hour training sessions - "Creative Marketing on a Shoestring," "Recordkeeping: Don't Underestimate the Power of the Manila Folder," "501(c)3: Pros and Cons of Becoming a Non-Profit" and "Grants: The 5 Ws of Funding." The event includes a small lunch.

"For years, the Arts Council has been promoting artists and arts organizations from the standpoint of creativity and grant funding. Likewise, the Small Business Development Center has been working with clients to better their chances at financial success. For the first time, with the emerging impetus of the cultural economy, we can combine the creativity of the arts

with access to consulting on sound business practices," said Irene Vandever, executive director of the Arts and Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana.

Todd Mouton, director of the Louisiana Crossroads Concert Series, will serve as master of ceremonies and will give an overview on the importance of the cultural economy in Louisiana, followed by success stories from cultural entrepreneurs.

Deb King with the LSBDC at McNeese said the "showcase is on Southwest Louisiana" to pioneer business and cultural partnerships to enhance the state economy.

"Quality of life will be a huge factor in Louisiana's ability to attract and retain quality workers in a creative world, and our culture is what our quality of life is about," King said. "The more that cultural entrepreneurs know about how to run their businesses, the more economically successful they will be. As goes the cultural economy, so goes Louisiana."

In addition to the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at McNeese, co-sponsors include the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation, the Louisiana Crossroads Concert Series and the McNeese Banners Series.

For more information on the "Business of Art" or to register, call 439-2787.



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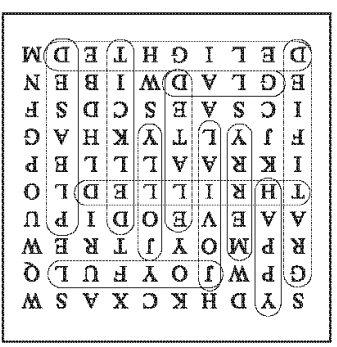
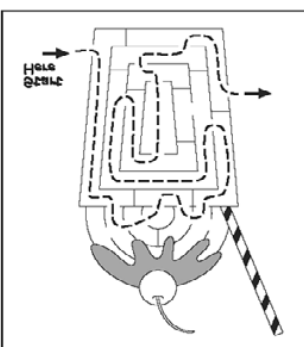


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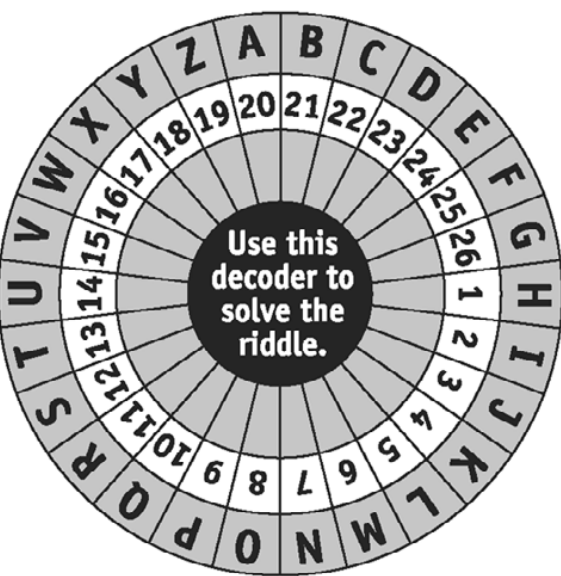
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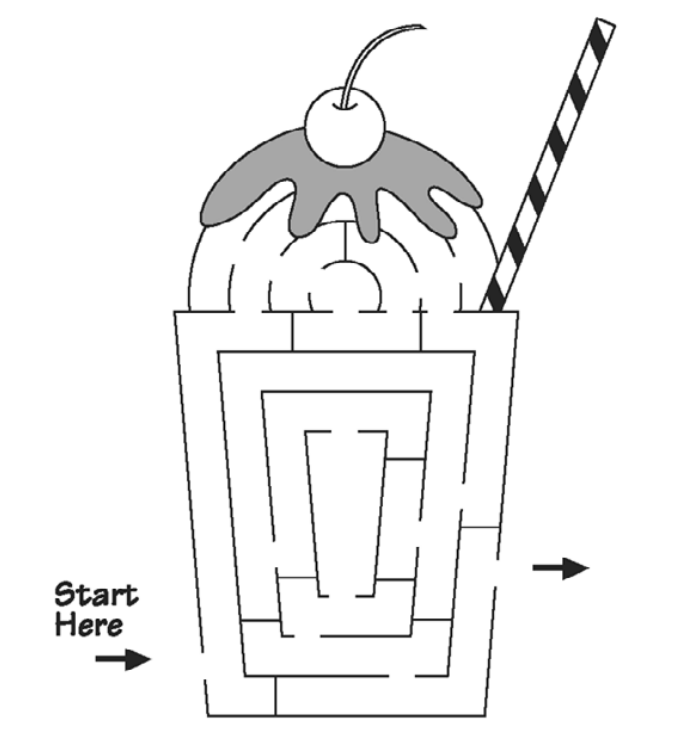
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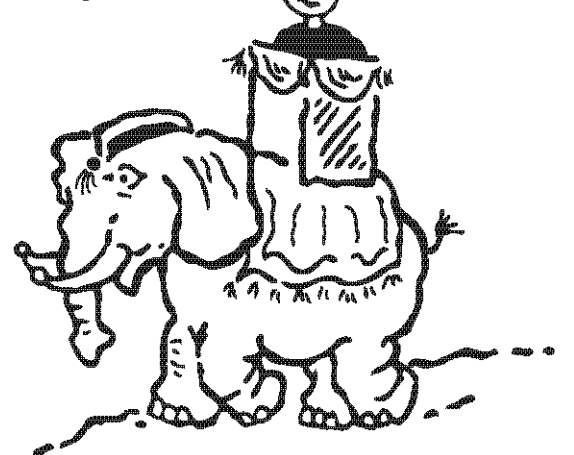
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All other children up to age 13 must wear safety belts while the vehicle is in operation. Remember that children are always safer in the rear seat of a vehicle.

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission advises all motorists to buckle up. Your chances of surviving a crash are improved by 45 percent if you are wearing your safety belt.

Tailgating is dangerous and can get you a ticket

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

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

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission reminds drivers to increase the distance between vehicles at night, during fog, or when poor road or weather conditions exist.

NOTICE OF INTENT

OFFICE OF CONSERVATION INJECTION AND MINING DIVISION

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana and the particular reference to the provisions of La R.S.30:4, and the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-N-1 (LAC 43: XVII, Subpart 1) as amended and adopted by the Office of Conservation of the State of Louisiana,

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will be applying to the Office of Conservation, Injection and Mining Division for permits to solution-mine salt in the Black Bayou Salt Dome. The purpose of the proposed project is to create two caverns within the salt body for later conversion to natural gas storage.

The wells are proposed to be in Section 8, Township 12 S, Range 12 W, Black Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and are identified as the Black Bayou Storage Well Nos. 1 & 2. The top of storage caverns are proposed to be at approximately 3150 feet with their base at approximately 4700 feet.

Once submitted, the applications will be available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday in the Injection and Mining Division Office, Rm. 817, LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

Interested parties may request to receive notice when the application is submitted, be included on the public notice or public hearing mailing list, or for other public participation related questions by contacting the Injection and Mining Division by calling 225-342-5515, by fax to 225-242-3441, by email to injection-mining@la.gov, or by mail to:

Office of Conservation
Injection & Mining Division
PO Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275

When corresponding, please reference the name of the applicant, the well names and numbers, the well serial numbers, if applicable, and the salt dome.

RUN: May 8 (M-24)

Beware of ticks I have a headache - now what do I do?

Now that the days are longer and warmer, ticks are becoming active. Outdoor enthusiasts should take precautions as ticks can spread several diseases including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis and others. Incidences of each disease vary by region, but the techniques for lowering your chance of contracting any tick-borne disease are the same.

The easiest way to prevent a tick bite is to stay out of areas where ticks live. However, that's not always possible, especially for the avid camper, hunter, fisherman or even the weekend gardener. If you are going to be in a wooded area where ticks are known to exist, the best protection is a good skin repellent that contains at least 25 percent DEET.

Wearing a long sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into your socks also helps create a tick barrier, while light colored clothing will help you spot ticks that you may pick up along the way. To limit exposure, backpackers, campers and hunters should avoid brushy areas if possible. For example setting up camp in a clearing is a good practice to help reduce the chance of encountering ticks.

A new innovation to fight ticks is clothing treatment that creates tick-proof clothing, socks, shoes and even tents. Buggspray Insect Repellent for Ticks (www.buggspray.com) is a unique product that safely turns fabric into a shield that will repel and kill ticks for more than two weeks even through repeated laundering. Simply spray the product on your clothes and

allow them to dry before wearing. Using a combination of DEET based repellents on exposed skin and this "insect repellent clothing" will virtually eliminate the risk of tick and mosquito bites.

Regardless of the precautions you take while enjoying outdoor activities, it is still good practice to frequently check for ticks and remove them promptly. By doing so, you can greatly reduce your risk of contracting a disease even if you are bitten. Ticks will burrow in at the hairline, behind the ears as well as behind knees, at the waistline, and in armpits.

If you find a tick on your body, removing it correctly and promptly is key. If possible, use a tweezers to grasp the tick forward of its head as close to your skin as possible. Gently and steadily pull the tick outward until it releases, being careful not to break off the head and mouth. The mouthparts themselves do not generally transmit disease, however they may sometimes cause a secondary infection.

Wash your hands and the wound area with soap and water after removal and handling a tick. Don't use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish, or other products to remove a tick - these 'remedies' are not effective and may be harmful.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is a good resource for additional information on tick-borne disease prevention. Its Web site (www.cdc.gov) details specific diseases associated with certain ticks found regionally in the United States, tick identification as well as diagnosis and treatment.

In today's world, almost anything could give a person a headache. The term "headache" is used and often overused to describe a reaction to life's general frustrations. In order to find the appropriate treatment to alleviate headache pain, it is critical to delve deeper and identify a specific headache type.

For this majority, it is essential to determine headache type in order to develop a specific treatment regimen. While migraine was the most common and well-known type of headache in the survey, with 60% of respondents claiming it as a type they suffer from, it is important to get a diagnosis by a healthcare professional to determine what type of headache you actually have.

"Educating yourself on dif-

ferent types of headache is important," said Lisa Mannix, M.D., Board Member, National Headache Foundation and practicing physician. "However, it is best to make an appointment with your healthcare professional to obtain an accurate diagnosis and to establish the appropriate treatment plan."

After Migraine headaches (60%), the next most common type among respondents was Tension-type headaches with 37%; 28% of the survey participants suffer from Chronic Daily headache; 23% of respondents reported suffering from Sinus headaches

The 21% of survey respondents who reported not knowing what type of headache they suffer from represent headache sufferers

Slim down utility bills with green remodeling

It doesn't cost much to put your house on an energy diet. In fact, remodeling to improve energy efficiency may pay for itself with immediate savings on energy and water bills. May is Home Remodeling Month, and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Remodelers is shining a spotlight on the financial incentives of remodeling and offering suggestions for home renovation projects that provide the best return on investment.

"Home owners save big on green remodels," said NAHB Remodelers Chairman Lonny Rutherford, CGR, CAPS, a professional remodeler from Farmington, N. M. "Not only is green remodeling good for the environment, it is great for the check book."

Remodelers are more knowledgeable than ever about green options, and with energy-efficiency tax credits and new technology, home owners can maximize the efficiency of their home while minimizing their utility bills. As energy costs rise, consumers can save money by making sure their homes use less energy through increased efficiency.

"Smart green remodeling solutions really make a difference in lightening energy bills," added Rutherford. "Just replacing faucets greatly reduces water bills. And installing new windows or sealing air gaps decreases wasted money on heating and air conditioning."

Home owners can reduce their utility bills with these simple solutions:

- Toilets, showers and faucets account for 60 per-

cent of water usage in the home, according to the EPA. Replacing these items with more efficient models can save 11,000 gallons of water per year.

When buying or replacing appliances, choose energy-efficient models. Federal ENERGY STAR-rated appliances are designed to use 10-50 percent less energy and water than standard appliances and save an average of 30 percent over standard models.

Install a programmable thermostat to set your heating and cooling equipment to automatically turn on or off to match your schedule and create a comfortable and energy-efficient living environment. These units typically offer savings of 10 to 15 percent and cost \$40 - \$100.

Old windows are often the weak link in energy efficiency. New window technology yields windows that are three times as efficient, or more.

For more information about remodeling, visit www.nahb.org/remodel.

nationwide who could benefit from prevention and treatment options that come from determining their headache type.

The following list of characteristics of common headaches can help keep you keep track of your symptoms which you can share with your healthcare professional.

Characteristics of Common Headaches:

Migraine headache is characterized by any or all of the following symptoms: pulsating or throbbing pain typically on one side of the head, nausea or vomiting, sensitivity to light or sound, and visual disturbances. The attacks may last four to 72 hours.

Tension-type headache is the most common form of headache with symptoms of dull, aching, and non-pulsating pain that affect both sides of the head and can vary in frequency and severity.

Chronic Daily Headache is often characterized by a headache that occurs more than 15 days a month for a period of at least three months.

Sinus headache symptoms may include tenderness over the sinus, a deep dull ache exaggerated by head movements or straining accompanied by nasal discharge, ear sensation or fullness, and facial swelling.

NHF Suggestions to Determine Your Headache Type:

Keep a headache diary. Identifying patterns among headache triggers, timing, duration and pain level and location offers useful information to share with your healthcare professional to help determine the headache type you are dealing with. Educate yourself about headache. Specific headache resources are available on the NHF Web site (www.headaches.org) to educate sufferers on possible headache types, symptoms, and potential treatment options.

Educate yourself about treatment options; both medication and non-medication. Treatments can have varying results from patient to patient so it is important that a sufferer understands how each option may work for them on an individual basis.

See your healthcare professional. Make an appointment to specifically discuss your headaches with your healthcare professional.

Interviews with headache specialists are available upon request.

For more information on headache causes and treatments, visit www.headaches.org or call 1-888-NHF-5552 (M-F, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT).

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South Cameron High Rodeo set this week

Rodeo athletes from Grand Lake High School, Hackberry High School, Johnson Bayou High School, and South Cameron High School, as well as former South Cameron High School students now attending Bell City High School and Hamilton Christian Academy, will host the Cameron Parish High School Rodeo this Friday and Saturday, May 9-10, at the West Cal Arena in Sulphur.

Known for the past 23 years as the South Cameron High School Rodeo, the parents and members of the South Cameron Rodeo Club voted to include students from all schools in the club from April 7, and moving forward.

The decision was made as a show of the unity of Cameron Parish and the opportunity to showcase the talents and abilities of all 27 students who are now represented.

The event began twenty five years ago when Nicky Rodrigue was contracted as the South Cameron High School FFA Advisor. As a member of the Louisiana High School Rodeo

Association Board of Directors at the time, he coordinated the very first South Cameron High School Rodeo. Some of the charter members of that organization now have grandchildren who participate in the Wrangler Division for junior high students, as well as the high school division.

This twenty-fifth annual event will kick off Friday, May 9, with a performance at 7 p.m. and continue on Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m. with slack. The cutting contests will be held Saturday evening at 5 p.m. with the final performance scheduled for 7 p.m.

In addition to the rodeo activities, silent auction items and sweets will be sold. All Pre-K through fifth grade students throughout the parish received complimentary passes at school this week. The event is made possible through many long-term, as well as recent sponsors.

It is planned that the 2009 event will return to Cameron Parish next spring, as facilities are repaired and completed.

Coastal restoration event to be held at Holly Beach

Cameron Parish fourth graders will join forces with the USDA-NRCS Imperial Calcasieu Resource Conservation & Development Council, Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), the Lafayette 4-H Junior Leaders, Wetlands Conservation Corp (AWCC) Members and the Calcasieu Parish 4-H Junior Leaders in an environmental awareness and coastal restoration project on Wednesday, May 14, at Holly Beach.

The students, teachers, parents and volunteers will participate in planting and harvesting plants and grasses, as well as in multiple structured learning stations where students will actively engage in hands-on water activities and investigations. Station topics will include the hydrologic cycle, water quality, wetlands, water management, water conservation, watersheds and more.

The educational activities from the Make a Splash with Project WET Water Festivals are designed to emphasize water education principles within a fun, interactive environment. Project WET Water Festivals provide a solid educational framework for teachers and students.

The host group began conversations in the calendar year 2006 to explore opportunities to conduct educational outreach programs to youth in Cameron Parish following Hurricane Rita. Project WET Water Festivals provide a solid educational framework for teachers and students.

Project WET is a nonprofit water education program and publisher for educators and young people ages 5-18. The program facilitates and promotes awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of water resources, including coastal restoration, through the dissemination of classroom-ready teaching aids and the establishment of internationally sponsored Project WET programs.

One of the core beliefs of Project WET is that wise water and other natural resources management is crucial for providing today's and tomorrow's children with social and economic stability in a healthy environment. It is also a hope that awareness of and respect for water and other natural resources can encourage a personal, lifelong commitment of responsibility and positive community participation.

South Cameron High School News

YEARBOOKS

2007 and 2008 yearbooks will arrive during the 2008-09 school year. Orders for the 2008 yearbook must be placed by May 15.

You must have purchased a book (\$40) or placed a deposit (\$10) by this time to receive a 2007-08 yearbook next year.

SENIOR REMINDERS

May 15 is also the last day to purchase senior ads for the 2008 Seniors.

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.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

South Cameron High School 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.

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.

BAKE SALE

SCHS Sophomore class is sponsoring a bake sale on Mother's Day, May 11, at six

locations in the area. They are Carroll's Quick Stop, Canik's Feed, Kelly's Mart, Chesson's Grocery, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, and St. Eugene Church. The class will begin selling cakes at 7:30 a.m.

STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Congratulations to the 4-H shooting sports team members who placed at the State Shooting contest in Goodbee. Results are as follows

Senior 5 Stand/Skeet - Dylan Conner, 5th; Brendan Trahan, 11th; Scottie Nunez, 12th.

Senior Modified Trap - Jacob Landry, 9th.

Junior Modified Trap - Bryce LaBove, 7th.

Senior Archery - Luke Boullion, 2nd (national qualifier).

Senior Blackpowder - Justin Trahan, 5th.

Hunting Discipline - Jacob Vaughan, 10th.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 9 - Special Friday (8-11 a.m.) Progress Reports.

May 9 - Athletic Barbeque Fundraiser - Creole Fire Station.

May 14 - Athletic Banquet - South Cameron High Old Gym - 6 p.m.

May 15 - Senior's Last Day.

May 15 - Ring Ceremony - South Cameron High New Gym - 6 p.m.

Rachael Fountain wins high jump in state meet

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

South Cameron's Rachael Fountain finished first in the triple jump at the class 1A state track meet at Baton Rouge last week for the second year in a row. She also claimed an individual state title in the long jump. Fountain finished second in the high jump, an event she

won last year. She placed second in the 100 low hurdles. Her final award of the event was being named an Outstanding Girls Performer.

The Lady Tarpons' Haley McCall finished 3rd in the 100 low hurdles. Laiken Canik placed 5th in the pole vault. The Lady Tarpons finished 4th overall at the meet.



Johnson Bayou places

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The Johnson Bayou Rebels scored 38 points for a 6th place finish at the state Class C track championships in Baton Rouge last week.

Scott Stanley won the individual state title in the 3200 meter run. Nathan Griffith placed 4th in the dis-

cus and Damien Jinks scored a 6th place finish in the discus. Dustin Badon finished 6th in the long jump. Dakota Baccigalopi finished 3rd in the pole vault. Colton Stanley placed 2nd in the 1600 meter run. Jacob Constance finished 6th in the 300 IH.

Hackberry's Ian Blue finished 2nd in the high jump

Hackberry's season ends

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The #8 Hackberry Mustangs season came to an close with an 11-1 loss to #1 Claiborne Christian last week.

Joe Portie and Dillon Thibodeaux threw for the Mustangs. Drew East had the only hit for Hackberry, that being a double with an RBI. The Mustangs end the season at 11-2.

How to recognize if some is having a stroke

Act F.A.S.T.

FACE Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

ARMS Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

SPEECH Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

TIME If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 or get to the hospital fast. Brain cells are dying.



2008 Contraband Days Concert Schedule for the Malibu Rum Stage



Everyone's Invited...

Thursday, May 8, 2008

6:00 pm GATOR 99.5/Contraband Days Presents "**SAMANTHA LYNN HART**" in concert

8:00 pm GATOR 99.5/Contraband Days Presents "**HIP BOOT JOE**" in concert

Friday, May 9, 2008

6:30 pm 92.9 THE LAKE/Contraband Days Presents "**GYPSY LA BLUE**" in concert

7:45 pm 92.9 THE LAKE/Contraband Days Presents "**BIG BAD MOJO**" in concert

9:30 pm 92.9 THE LAKE/Contraband Days Presents "**DR. HOOK**" FEATURING **RAY SAWYER** in concert

Saturday, May 10, 2008

6:35 pm GATOR 99.5/CAJUN RADIO 1470AM/Contraband Days Presents "**JOHNNIE ALLAN/T. K. HULIN**"

8:05 pm GATOR 99.5/CAJUN RADIO 1470AM/Contraband Days Presents "**LOUISIANA EXPRESS** with **CHRIS FLOWERS** and **JOHN IEYOUB-ELVIS**" in concert

Sunday, May 11, 2008

2:00 pm Contraband Days Presents "**BOOM-A-RANG**" Street Dance on LCCC Grounds (featuring large variety of music genres)



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May 8, 2008

Two to be ordained to Priesthood, one to Diaconate

LAKE CHARLES – Marking the beginning of the 29th year of the Diocese of Lake Charles, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost will ordain two men to the Priesthood and one to the Diaconate on Saturday, May 10 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will begin at 10 a.m. The Diocese of Lake Charles officially came into being on April 25, 1980.

Deacons Ruben Buller and Nathan Long will be ordained to the priesthood while Scott Conner will be ordained a transitional deacon. Buller and Long have been studying at Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology in New Orleans while Conner is a third year theology student at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

The pair will be the second and third priests ordained by Bishop Provost, who celebrated his first anniversary as Bishop of Lake Charles on April 23. He ordained Father Derek Covert in 2007; not long after he himself was consecrated and installed as Bishop.

In commenting about the ordination Bishop Provost said, "Our Holy Father spoke of the real hope we have in Jesus Christ. My hope is that this ordination of two priests and a deacon for the Diocese of Lake Charles will be filled with many graces.

"For the men being ordained, I pray that they will be holy and effective servants



Deacon Ruben Buller

of the Gospel and the Church," he continued. "For the diocese, my fervent prayer is that this celebration will inspire others to respond to the call from God to be priests.

"For me personally, with God's help I seek to make it a profoundly spiritual moment, where I will join the Church and particularly those to be ordained in deep prayer," the Bishop added "May God clear our minds of earthly distractions. May God assist us to focus on what is really important. May God open our hearts to His presence, as we continue the work of Christ and His Church."

Both deacons are very excited about Saturday's ordination.

"When I first entered the seminary eight years ago my biggest frustration was the fact that seminary was eight

years long," Deacon Buller, who is a native of Fenton, said. "It is amazing how quickly it has gone by. It seems like yesterday now."

"I see myself very excited entering the life of the priesthood and with that the joy of being back home and serving as a priest of Jesus Christ," he continued. "We look at the future of the church and the reality of fewer and fewer priests. That is something to worry about, with priests getting older. At the same time, it gives me the feeling of a missionary. Once again, we in the ordained ministry are called to minister to more and more people."

For Deacon Long this time has a surreal feel to it.

"It had not hit home until I came into Lake Charles two weekends ago," he said. "I got the sense of joy that this will now be my home, that this will be a really wonderful vocation."

"School has been so busy I rarely have time to pause," Deacon Long continued "But, when I do they are profound moments. I get that time in prayer to understand that God is calling me to something intimate, something very important to the Church."

Long looks forward to celebrating Mass and hearing confessions, something that drew him strongly to the idea of the priesthood.

"When I first said yes to the vocation, I think it was the image of being able to tell somebody that your sins are forgiven that hit home and



Deacon Nathan Long

allowed me to say yes to the Lord," he said. "It has been a very important sacrament for me and I want to share that joy and that gift with everybody else."

Both men will be going back to New Orleans to tie up loose ends and graduate from Notre Dame on May 20. Each has definite plans for the time off they have before reporting to their first priestly assignments, which will be announced at the end of the Mass on Saturday.

"I will have to schedule some time for personal reflection to realize what took place," Buller said. "I plan on going to some of the places where I have been assigned in the past and I am also going to the ordinations of my classmates."

In June, Long will be going to a Catholic camp in North

Carolina where he has worked for a number of summers.

"It was an important place for my formation and development," he said. "It has always been a dream to come back and serve as the campus priest and celebrate Mass for the kids."

Later in May, he will also be going on a fishing trip with a seminarian friend who will be ordained toward the end of the month. Then, he will return to the diocese to assist priests who will be taking vacations.

Long will celebrate his first Mass on Saturday, May 10 at 6 p.m. at his home parish of St. Raphael in Iowa while Buller will celebrate his first Mass on Sunday May 11 at 2 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Fenton.

It will also be an exciting day for Scott Conner, who will be taking another step toward the priesthood as he is ordained a transitional deacon.

"When you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood you don't think much about the seminary, you think what a priest does and what a priest is," he said. "That is what attracted me. Before you are ordained a priest, it takes several years of preparation. In a sense the excitement is I will now begin to do the things that God has called upon me to do."

Conner will be assigned as a summer intern to assist in diverse parish ministry in a parish of the Diocese. While ministering in the parish he will be working on his thesis



Scott Conner

in order to complete requirements for his bachelor degree in Sacred Theology.

The first Lake Charles seminarian to attend the Josephinum, he said he feels that it offers more opportunities and challenges. "Initially I was surprised but I think it has been a change for the best," Conner said. "I want to express my gratitude to the Diocese for its years of support and affirming my vocation to the priesthood. The vocation is ultimately a gift from God. At this time it is beginning to become a reality and I wanted to thank the people who have supported me, and thank God, who has given me this vocation."

It is anticipated that assignments for all three men will be announced following the Liturgy.

Leadership institutes scheduled for June

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Christian Leadership and Advanced Christian Leadership Institutes, sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles, will be Sunday, June 8 through Friday, June 13, according to Milissa Thibodeaux, Director of Youth Ministry.

Emory Wallace Retreat Center at Bundick Lake near DeRidder will again be the venue for the weeklong programs.

Thibodeaux expects another full house at this year's event.

"We had 85 teens attend in 2007 with a fulltime staff of a little over 20 and some other volunteer staff who came and went," she said. "Last year was our biggest year in a while. We hope to hit the same numbers this year."

Thibodeaux is hoping to involve more parishes in the program.

The two training experiences focus on developing leadership skills that can be used in every aspect of young adult lives. The focus of the

exercises includes effective communication skills, facilitation skills, decision-making skills, consensus seeking skills, temperament and leadership styles, male/female leadership styles, and call to ministry.

"CLI is about communications, facilitation, working as a group and recognizing your own gifts," Thibodeaux said. "Everything that happens the attendees plan and the creativity that comes out of that is wonderful. It is the best thing that we do ... because it trains the young church to go out and be productive leaders in a Christian environment."

The training involves experiential learning and is reinforced by hands-on activities. The young people themselves play a part in shaping the routine activities of each day from waking, to setting the environment and planning prayer for meals, morning and evening prayer, the evening liturgy to evening social activities.

"Our program is not static," she said. "It changes each year. The teachings are the

same but the activities change, on a two or three year cycle."

The advanced program sharpens the skills and planning process learned at the earlier training.

"Advanced CLI was ongoing when I first came in 2000," Thibodeaux said. "It has morphed as we go along. Of the 85 last year, 40 were ACLI, and in prior years it had been 16 to 24. We are getting so many people who come and want to come back again and again. Several kids have come 4 years in a row."

The Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) is for high school students including entering freshmen as well as recent graduates while the advanced program requires students to have participated previously in CLI and are at least a high school junior.

Cost of either program is \$275 and includes meals, housing, and materials for the week.

For more information, call Thibodeaux at the Office of Youth Ministry at 337-439-7400, Ext. 301.



Seafarers Center director Deacon Patrick Lapoint, left, looks on as Rev. Richard Adiukwu, chaplain for the Stella Maris Seafarers Center, points out the currency of his country to Bishop Glen John Provost on a wall of foreign currency in the Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles. Bishop Provost recently made a visit to the Center along with the Rev. Henry Mancuso, Secretary for Pastoral Services of the Diocese of Lake Charles, which includes the care of seafarers.

Abrazando Cristo mission to Nicaragua July 1 - 14

LAKE CHARLES – The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program will make its annual mission trip to Managua, Nicaragua on July 1-13, according to the Very Reverend Daniel Torres, director.

The journey will allow 25 missionaries from the Diocese of Lake Charles to bring their talents and offer their time to help the poorest of the poor in the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Work will be done in Managua and Nueva Vida with the construction of facilities, a medical clinic to offer health care assistance, evangelization to teach the Catholic Faith, and education assistance to foster the learning of English.

Fundraisers fostering the work of the mission group will be a golf tournament and a cash raffle.

Upcoming will be the Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament at Mallard Cove on June 14. The family and friends of the late LSU baseball player established a memorial tournament

in his name following his death in an automobile crash. They have adopted the San Cristobal Home for Boys in Managua as one of the beneficiaries. Proceeds help with educational expenses and daily care for the boys. For more information, contact Johnnie or Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095.

The group's cash giveaway raffle continues with first prize of \$5,000, second prize of \$1,000 and third prize of \$500. Tickets, only 500 of which are available, are \$100 each. The drawing for the prizes will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 15 at the St. Henry Parish Community Center. All proceeds help with the mission program and the purchasing of medicines, construction materials, educational scholarships, food for the poor, and evangelization materials.

Tickets may be purchased at St. Henry Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue in Lake Charles or at the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street.

Did you know...

until the November 2002 establishment of St. Martin dePorres and Christ the King parishes, the youngest parish in the Diocese of Lake Charles had been St. Charles Borromeo in Fenton. The parish, which had been a mission of St. Philip Neri Parish in Kinder, was the first new parish established by Bishop Jude Speyrer in the new diocese. This occurred on November 5, 1983 with the Rev. James Doyle named the founding pastor. Father Doyle was followed the late Rev. Al Volpe, Rev. Roger Quibuyen and, since 1996, Rev. Augustine Mulanjanany. The parish became responsible for the mission chapel of St. John the Evangelist in Lacassine in 2001.

In 1944, a native of Lake Charles and a parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church was ordained a priest of the Divine Word Missionaries. His ordination was a day of distinction for the young man, who had entered the seminary at age 13, and for Southwest Louisiana. That day was to be surpassed by another banner day in 1965. Who was this pioneer? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, is surrounded by his Presbyterate during the celebration of the Liturgy on Wednesday, April 23, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The date marked the first anniversary of Bishop Provost's consecration as a bishop and his installation as the third Bishop of Lake Charles. Later in the week, on Friday, April 25, the Diocese itself celebrated the 28th anniversary of its formal establishment in 1980.

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THE 8 & UNDER Lil Stars placed second in the ASA softball tournament held April 19 at Henry Heights Elementary School. Players shown above are: (back row, from left) Marlie Boudreaux, Lexi-Jo DeBarge, Brailee LaBove, Briley Richard, Maeleigh Conner; (middle row) Brilee Baccigalopi, Kate McDaniel, Morgan Dimas, Cassidy Conner; (front row) Karlee Nunez, Shyla Duplechin, Kirston Landreaneux, Quincy Mudd, and Hannah Willis. The coach is Mitchell Baccigalopi and assistant coaches are Lisa Nunez and Chad DeBarge.



WILLIAMS CAMERON Meadows Facility recently donated funds to purchase equipment for the Johnson Bayou High School girls softball team. Team members and Parent-Teacher Assoc. members, pictured above, expressed their appreciation for the donation.



CAMERON PARISH senior citizens are shown participating in an Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Cameron Council on Aging.



THE SOUTH CAMERON High School FFA Meat Identification team consisting of Brett Richard, Gabe LaLande, and Kobi Richard placed first in the McNeese competition, third at the Nichols competition, first at the Area III competition, and third at the state competition. Team members also placed as High Point Individuals at each competition.

Knights to meet Tues. at G. Chenier

The Evans P. Mhire Knights of Columbus Council will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at the home of Zeke Wainright. The Rosary will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the business meeting. A meal will be served afterwards.

Final plans for the 3rd Annual Family Fun Day and Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 7 will be resolved. Raffle tickets will be available for those whom have not received them yet. Any member who has collected auction items is asked to



THE HACKBERRY Junior 4-H Club celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by providing lunch for the faculty and staff each day. (Reporter Jolie Trahan.)

bring them to the meeting along with any cash donations.

For auction items and donations contact: Garry Primeaux at 842-4746. For fishing tournament entries and information contact: Anthony Swire at 802-4260, Sweet sale donations contact: Fayette Primeaux at 538-2415.

Cameron Library Schedule

Cameron Branch Library May Program Schedule is as follows:

Library Hours - Monday thru Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesdays - Kids Computer Time - 4:35 p.m.

Wednesdays - Toddler Storytime - 10:30 a.m., Teen Time - 4:45 p.m.

Thursdays - Children's Game Days - 4:35 p.m.

Fridays - Movie Days - 9:30 a.m., Kids Crafts - 11 a.m. Kids Computers - 12 Noon

The Cameron Branch Library will be closed on Monday, May 26.



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