

A PAIR OF Yellow-crowned Night-Herons are shown with chicks in rookery in Grand Chenier. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Jury reverses last month's decision

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Police Jury's reversal of an earlier decision caused a flurry of objections at the regular business meeting Monday night. Juror Steve Trahan, seconded by Charles Precht, moved to rescind the panel's vote last month to send a letter of objection to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the permit application for sheet piling plugs in the breaches in the Cameron-Creole Watershed levee.

Trahan said the unanimous vote last month was a result of hearing only one side of the issue, that of the Cameron and Creole Drainage Boards. "After seven and a half years, I should have known better," he said. "I think we should hear both sides before voting on this matter." His motion would also bring the permit back to the table for discus-

sion and possibly a vote.

Scott Henry, speaking for Gravity Drainage District #3, Cameron, warned the Jury that their reversal would give the Parish no leverage when the issue comes before a watershed Advisory Committee later this month. He said the ten men who sit on the two drainage boards had heard the proposal and were not satisfied with the changes to the pre-Rita system. "We denied in order to come back to the table to see what changes could be made. You voted to support us. Now you want to put it back on the table. If the Police Jury doesn't support us, we are at a disadvantage. It doesn't look good."

Parish Administrator Tina Horn said the meeting is being set up to accommodate the calendars of various participants. It will include the

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South Cameron gym reopening set Thurs.

Following Hurricane Rita's landfall on Sept. 24, 2005, all that remained of the sprawling 95,372 square foot South Cameron High School campus was the shell of two gymnasiums connected by what was formerly offices and athletic rooms.

On Feb. 12, after an official bid process, the Cameron Parish School Board committed \$1,378,210.00 for the restoration of the gymnasium complex. The contract was awarded to K.A.S. Construction of Roanoke.

On Thursday, May 10, President Loston McEvers and Cameron Parish School Board members, along with Principal Carol "Zeke" Wainwright and South Cameron High School Faculty and Staff, will officially cut the ribbon to the repaired and

renovated facility.

The ribbon-cutting will be followed by a short program and recognitions. The event precedes the 6 p.m. South Cameron Awards Assembly, and the Junior Ring Ceremony scheduled for the following evening at 6 p.m.

These events will be the first two annual school ceremonies to return indoors in Creole since 2005. Last May, graduation was held outdoors in Tarpon Stadium.

This year, graduation will also be held in the climate-controlled gymnasium on Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m.

Following the destruction of three schools in their entirety, students from Cameron Elementary, South Cameron Elementary and South Cameron High School now attend classes in 46 temporary buildings, consolidated into four pods, in the parking apron of what was formerly South Cameron High School.

A 65,000 square foot, elevated building with a sturdy wind load capacity to serve the consolidated campus is in the design phase and scheduled for completion during the 2009-10 school year.

"On Thursday, May 10, Cameron Parish Schools will take yet another giant leap as we continue to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Rita. Because of the attentiveness and dedication of the members of Cameron Parish School Board to the needs of the students and families of Cameron Parish, we not only have a place to teach physical education and a place for our little ones to play, we also have a viable community meeting place and that is a critical asset to be able to provide to our parish," notes Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron Parish Supervisor who heads recovery efforts, in addition to her academic responsibilities.



Bobby Connor

Conner announces retirement

R. E. "Bobby" Conner, Cameron Parish Tax Assessor for the past six terms, has announced that he will not seek re-election in the October general election. Mr. Conner has served the public in the Assessor's office for the past 31 years, serving as Chief Deputy Assessor for eight years before he began his first term as Assessor in 1985.

Mr. Conner is a native of Creole; a graduate of South Cameron High School and a former student of McNeese State University. He is also an Army Veteran who served in the Vietnam War in Southern Asia.

He is a member of the International Association of Assessing Offices, Louisiana Assessor's Association and a Certified Louisiana Assessor. He has served on the Oil & Gas Committee with the Louisiana Assessor's Association since his term began in 1985. He has served under four governors and has seen many changes occur while in office.

The most noticeable was filing hard copy tax rolls to filing tax rolls electronically, a direct result of the computer generation. The result of this new age has had a tremendous effect upon all communications, most noticeable is the time it takes to do business with the Louisiana Tax Commission which can now be done on-line in minutes.

Mr. Conner thanked the citizens of Cameron Parish for allowing him the honor of serving as their Assessor.

Registrar is back in Cameron

After working out of temporary quarters for over a year at Grand Lake, the Cameron Registrar of Voters office is being moved back to Cameron by the Police Jury.

According to Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar, her office will be located north of Hebert Abstract Co. on the east side of the courthouse square.

During the move, the Registrar's office will be closed from Wednesday, May 16 to Monday or Tuesday, May 21 or 22.

New phone numbers will be advertised the week of the move.

Mrs. Sturlese said she was sorry for the inconvenience.

The Registrar's office and most of the other parish offices were relocated following Hurricane Rita in September, 2005. Most have now returned to Cameron.

Williams re-opens her store

Another Cameron business has returned home.

Beatrice Williams announced that her Unique Touch store has reopened at 105 Dan Street in Cameron.

She is the authorized dealer for several mobile phone firms and also has a variety of men's and women's clothing and jewelry for sale.

Telephone 775-5759.



THE SOUTH CAMERON High School girls softball team finished in second place in the Class 1A state playoffs last week. The team had won the state championship last year. Team members, coaches and supporters are pictured here with their trophy. (Photo by Tracy Lannin.)

Graduation dates are announced

Area schools have announced the times at which their graduation exercises will be held. They are as follows:

South Cameron High-- Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m., gym.

Grand Lake High, Rosa Hart Theatre, Saturday, May 26 at 3 p.m.

Hackberry - Graduation, Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the HHS gymnasium.

Johnson Bayou - Graduation - Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the gym.



Allyson Bourriaque

Bourriaque running for assessor

Allyson Bourriaque has announced her candidacy for Cameron Parish Assessor, seeking the seat vacated by retiring Assessor, Robert E. "Bobby" Conner. She has been an employee of the Cameron Parish Assessor's Office for 24 years.

Mrs. Bourriaque is a 1983 graduate of South Cameron High School and a 1987 graduate of McNeese State University. She is married to Kim Bourriaque and they have two children Ryan and Kimily. They live in Creole.

She has been a Certified Louisiana Deputy Assessor and a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers for 15 years. She has 19 years and 290.5 hours of IAAO Education courses.

She has worked in many fields in the Assessor's Office including assessment and transferring of land and buildings, assessment and location of personal properties, assessment of public service properties, mapping, computing taxes, and the change order system for the Louisiana Tax Commission.

Mrs. Bourriaque is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, having served as Youth Director, Lector, Catechism Teacher, Hospitality and Environment Committees member. She now serves as a Commissioner in Charge of Elections and has served as a commissioner for the past 24 years. She is a member of the Tiger Athletic Foundation, American Society of Notaries, McNeese State University Alumni Association and the Cameron Parish Cowbells.

She is the softball score keeper for South Cameron High School, helped with school fundraisers and helped coach league softball and basketball teams.

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Brodney Mouton

Mouton is House seat candidate

Brodney Mouton of Abbeville has announced his candidacy for the District 47 Louisiana House seat which serves Cameron Parish and most of Vermilion Parish. The election will be held Saturday, Oct. 20. Mickey Frith, the present representative, cannot seek re-election due to term limits.

Mouton, 52, is a lifelong resident of Vermilion Parish. He speaks fluent French and is a parishioner of Holy Rosary Catholic Church. He is a graduate of E. Broussard High School and attended U.S.L.

Mouton's families of the Moutons, Dronets, Heberts and Guidrys have deep long ties in the Vermilion/Cameron areas. He is currently a pilot for Omega Protein Inc. in Abbeville.

Brodney is married to Mary, a Vermilion Parish School teacher. He has one son, Brodney Jr.

He is a rice farmer, commercial shrimper, crawfish farmer, and proprietor of "Mouton's Hunting Club".



Mona Kelly

Kelley is assessor candidate

Mona Kelley has announced her candidacy for Assessor of Cameron Parish. Upon graduating from South Cameron High School in 1979, her work experience has been one year of banking at Louisiana Savings and Loan in Cameron and 27 years at the Cameron Assessor's office.

She is a Certified Louisiana Deputy Assessor; a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and a Notary Public.

Some of her responsibilities at the Assessor's office have consisted of working land transfers, running title searches, field inspections, valuing and mapping out properties.

She continues to work closely with all the taxing bodies of the parish assisting them with the process of setting their yearly millages. She has worked at various waterworks offices and multi-purpose buildings helping to complete forms that were mailed out from the Assessor's office.

Mrs. Kelley is a lifelong resident of Cameron Parish, being raised in Grand Chenier. She is married to Jimmy Kelley, and they live in Cameron and have two children; Kayla and Daniel.

Bike rally

The Blazin' Bikes Motorcycle Rally will again be a part of Lake Charles' Contraband Days with rides scheduled May 11 and 12 through Southwest Louisiana including a self-guided tour through the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road in Cameron Parish. The event is sponsored by the Greater Lake Charles Rotary Club.

For rally information, contact Patricia Philmon, at 433-5213 ext. 300 or visit www.blazinbikesinlakecharles.com.



CLEARLY VISIBLE from the air are the effects of Hurricane Rita's flooding on the marsh grasses at Rockefeller Refuge. Some units have recovered well, but others are still devastated. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SHERIFF THEOS Duhon delivered opening remarks at the National Day of Prayer rally held Thursday, May 4, at the Cameron Court House. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funerals



CAPTAIN RON C. GARY SR.

A memorial service for Captain Ron C. Gary Sr., 55, of Hackberry, was held Wednesday, May 9, at 125 Alvin Guidry Circle, Hackberry. The Rev. Jimmy Sanner officiated. Cremation was entrusted to Robison Funeral Home of Sulphur.

Captain Ron died Saturday, May 5, 2007, in an Alexandria hospital.

He was born in Abbeville, and was a lifelong resident of Hackberry. He was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Hackberry and the Operator's Union. He was employed by Fluor Daniel's Construction Company as a Crane Operator for the past eight years. He owned and operated Captain Ron's Charter Service.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mr. Floyd Gary; and one son, Ronald C. Gary Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Gary of Hackberry; two daughters, Susan Gail Gary of Abbeville, and Sarah Lynn Gary of Hackberry; mother, Dorothy Mae Sherman of Kaplan; five sisters, Tina Wilkinson of Lacassine, Nell

Gary of Abbeville, Jennifer Nance of Baytown, Tex., Tammy Simon of Delcambre, Dorothy Mae Gary of Moss Point, Miss.; one brother, Jeff Gary of Washington, D.C.; daughter-in-law, Crystal Marceaux of Kaplan and one granddaughter.



DANIEL ROUX, JR.

Daniel Roux, Jr. of Sulphur died Friday, May 4, 2007.

Mr. Roux was a native of Cameron where he owned and operated businesses for many years, as well as being a cattleman and rancher. After retirement, he resided in Lake Charles.

Mr. Roux was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Dorothy Mae (Miller) Roux. He is survived by his children, Arlene Hobaugh, Jack Roux, Marilyn Lea Roux, and Jean Roux; a sister, Jo Ann Roux; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 7, in Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. Rev. Wallace Primeaux, Jr. and Rev. Lloyd Carroll officiated. Interment was in the First Baptist Cemetery in Cameron.



HANNAH RAE TRAHAN

Hannah Rae Trahan, of Lake Charles, 11 days old, died Friday, May 4, 2007 in a Lake Charles hospital.

Hannah was born April 23. Survivors include her mother, Dana Lynn Trahan; brother, Jonathan Grant Smelley; twin sister, Harleigh Mae Trahan; grandparents, Patty and James Trahan, all of Cameron.

Graveside services were held Sunday, May 6, at Grand Lake Cemetery with the Rev. Joseph McGrath officiating. Burial was in Grand Lake Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles.

BOURRIQUE

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She is the Cameron Parish Jr. Livestock Show Swine Weights and Placings Bookkeeper and on the Cameron Parish Jr. Livestock Sale Work Committee. She also is the Southwest Louisiana District Livestock Show Swine Placings Bookkeeper.

She is a past Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival Little Miss and Mister Cameron Parish and Talent Show Coordinator, South Cameron High School Rodeo Secretary, Cameron Parish Jr. Livestock Board committee member, Cameron Parish Jr. 4-H Executive committee member and South Cameron Elementary PTA officer.

Allyson has been a worker for the Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters, Sacred Heart of Jesus Altar Society, J. P. Boudoin K. C., and South Cameron High School fundraisers, St. Eugene Catholic Church Alligator Festival, Evans P. Mhire K. C. Council Bingo, Our Lady Star of the Sea K. C. Bingo, and Cameron Parish Lions Club Fishing Rodeo, etc.

Letters to the Editor

Opposed to four day school week

Dear Editor:

I am writing today to express my views on the proposed 4-day school week. I am opposed to any of the Cameron Parish schools going to a 4-day school week.

This decision should only be based on what is best for our children. I am no expert, but have always been told that children need a routine. Our children have had to make so many adjustments since Hurricane Rita. They need a break. Keep them in as normal a setting as can be achieved.

Letting our high school children have a 3-day weekend every week is going to create some mischief. Our high school students get bored easily and will find something to occupy their time. Our elementary children cannot take the long school day. The parents of these youngsters should not even be made to worry about their babies having to go for such a long day.

I am pleading with you to all make the same decision. Stay with a 5-day school week. I know for a fact that money is not the issue for you to be considering a 4-day school week. We may have to pay our teachers more, but our children deserve a good quality education and deserve to be like all other children. Don't single out Cameron Parish children. Let them remain the same as our surrounding parish's schools, with a 5-day school week.

I encourage all parents of school age children to contact your school board member or attend the next Cameron Parish School Board Meeting to be held on Monday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Lake High School Cafeteria.

Sincerely,
/s/ Tina Horn
Creole

Vote no to four day week

Dear Editor:

There will be a school board meeting on Monday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria to vote on a 4-day week for Grand Lake. Please attend if you are not in favor. Please attend and speak-up.

/s/ Eva Trahan

Stevens family to bring roses to Cam. Parish

"Nothing prepared my heart for the life changing impact of it all until our family packed up our truck and headed for the South last October." Those are the words of Lee Stevens, a California resident with a passion for roses and people, who traveled more than 6000 miles on a journey to deliver roses and letters of encouragement to the victims of both hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Stevens and her husband, David will return to southwest Louisiana next week to take part in a "Restoring Roses to Southern Gardens" project in Cameron Parish. Arriving with her will be approximately 600 beautiful rose bushes that have been tenderly cared for by the Southwest Louisiana Rose Society in Lake Charles for the past six months.

On May 18, the Cameron Library branch will host a rose planting at the new playground followed by the distribution of approximately 600 roses to individuals and community organizations who have signed up at the library by May 9. In partnership with the Cameron Parish Library and Sempra Energy's Cameron LNG project, there will be a short celebration with local officials, Southwest Louisiana Rose Society members and Cameron LNG representatives at 10 a.m. and a ceremonial planting of approximately 15 rose bushes. Immediately following the celebration, distribution of the remaining rose bushes will begin and last until 12:30 p.m.

Upon learning of the devastation left behind by the 2005 hurricanes, the Stevens felt the need to do something for these communities. As a project of their Riverside Rose Society, they organized the "Restoring Roses to Southern Gardens" initiative which provides rose bushes and letters to hurricane victims across

the Gulf Coast region. "Here I stood in the ruins of people's lives and all I could do was hand them a single rose bush and a packet of letters. It felt so inadequate," said Stevens. "But it became evident that these people needed the beauty of a healthy rose and the comfort of loving words."

They followed through with their plan and continued the rose odyssey, as Stevens calls it, stopping in Lake Charles, Cameron, and New Orleans. It was the stop in Cameron and the 106 rose bushes they distributed that is leading them back to Louisiana with encouragement from Cameron Parish librarian, Charlotte Trosclair and funding for the 600 rose bushes from Cameron LNG's parent company, Sempra Energy.

"This isn't just a one-person or one-rose society project. It is an Americans-loving-Americans outreach that stretches far and wide," said Stevens as she explained the letters are written by people young and old from across the country.

According to Trosclair, there was an overwhelming response to the first rose delivery last October and many people have signed up to receive roses on May 18. If you are interested in receiving a rose or need to make an alternative pick up arrangement, please contact one of the Cameron Parish Library branches.

The public is invited to the celebration and rose planting at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 18 at the Cameron Library Branch.



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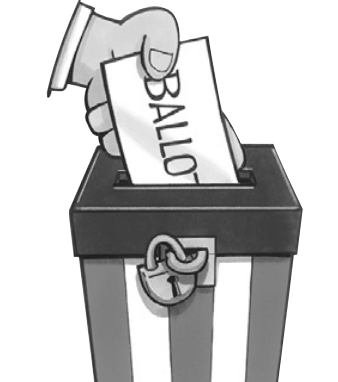
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POLICE JURY

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state and federal agencies as well as drainage boards, Police Jurors, major landowners, and representatives of the various fishing interests.

Oyster Task Force member Adley Dyson said the Jury should stand behind its earlier position and force the applicant to come back with an alternate plan.

The motion to rescind the earlier action passed with one objection, that of Scott Trahan. Juror James Doxey was absent. The permit was then tabled until after the Advisory Committee meeting.

Another permit, that of Pioneer Exploration, LTD. for the King's Bayou facility project in Oak Grove, was also tabled, pending the hearing of objections.

Wilkerson Transportation was granted a permit for a proposed non-processing station for non-hazardous solid waste from offshore operations. Wendell Wilkerson, owner, said the facility will compress garbage from offshore and transport it to out-of-parish landfill sites. He said the waste will be handled inside a building and will not sit on the ground. The facility will be locked after hours.

TREE REMOVAL AND ROAD STRIPING

Bids were opened for the salt water tree removal project, with the low bid being made by Pro Tree Service at \$77,250. Pro Tree was much lower than other bidders because they plan to shred most of the wood, thus reducing the cubic yardage of material to be transported.

Stars and Stripes Traffic Systems was the low bidder, at \$26,123.25, for striping various parish roads with 40 mill thermal plastic reflective material. The heavy duty material will be used on heavily trafficked roads. Rumble strips will be placed at the intersection of Hwy. 27 and Little Chenier Road and Hwy. 1143 and Muria Road in East Creole.

Roads to be striped are: Fournerat Road - Sweetlake, Hebert Camp Road - Big Lake, Little Chenier and Muria Roads - Grand Chenier, Wakefield Road - Cameron, Black Lake and Clarpha Roads - Hackberry. Striping of the rest of the parish roads will be advertised next, with a lighter weight, and less expensive, material, according to Myles Hebert.

PROJECTS ACCEPTED

Several projects, most

relating to hurricane recovery, were accepted as substantially complete. They are: Slab demolition/removal at Police Jury Annex, Deep Bayou Bridge repair, Cameron Fire substation at Ridgecrest, Courthouse basement/DA office, and, conditionally, Creole Fire Station renovation. The Creole Fire station will be used for post-graduation activities by South Cameron seniors, even though it is not quite finished.

A series of road improvement projects in the Cameron area, begun in 2004, was finally accepted as well.

TAX MILLAGES UNCHANGED

The Jury voted to adopt millage rates for 2007 with no changes from 2006. The millages set by the Jury include 10 fire protection districts, courthouse and jail maintenance, library maintenance, parishwide road tax, parishwide tax, and parishwide garbage.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Jury voted to advertise for lease of the Creole Fire Station office. Farm Bureau Insurance has asked to be allowed to lease the space for an office, but it must be advertised for any other bidders first. Reportedly, an outside door will be installed to allow private entrance by clients.

Lane Kyle was appointed to the Hackberry Recreation District, and Heather Trahan and Greg Gray were re-appointed to the Johnson Bayou Recreation District and Mosquito Control Boards, respectively.

The Jury approved the Library's hiring of The Sellers Group of Lafayette, for architectural services in the rebuilding of three library branches.

Resolutions were adopted proclaiming May as Community Action Month, Honoring Older Adults, and acknowledging the efforts of Americorps volunteers.

Volunteers to plant grass at Rockefeller

State leaders and members of AmeriCorps will get their hands dirty at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge on Friday, May 18 by restoring vital coastal wetlands that were damaged by Hurricane Rita.

The members will plant oyster grass in order to sustain a recently rebuilt levee from erosion. The event will feature the formation of the America's WETLAND Conservation Corps, as well as the historic partnership between AmeriCorps, the Louisiana Serve Commission, the LSU AgCenter and the America's WETLAND Foundation.

The America's WETLAND Conservation Corps will build community pride and environmental awareness through volunteerism and education. It will also support collaborative efforts to organize and engage participants in a variety of activities with the message of both responsible stewardship and also a call for action to save coastal Louisiana.

Its members will coordinate hands-on coastal restoration projects that will include vegetative planting, restorative interventions and community-wide clean-ups for volunteers and the communities they will serve that will promote stewardship and conservation.



Mr. and Mrs. Dominique Sandifer Sandifer - Hanks wedding is held in Johnson Bayou

Cheyenne Rae Hanks and Dominique Sandifer were married Saturday, Apr. 21 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic Church, in Johnson Bayou. Officiant at the nuptial Mass was the Rev Roland Vaughn.

The bride is a graduate of Johnson Bayou High School and Stage One Hair School. She is currently employed by Targa Midstream Services as an administrative assistant. She is the daughter of Lynn Griffith and the late Mark Hanks. Pam Hanks of Chula,

Ga. is her stepmother and Joseph Griffith of Grand Lake, her stepfather. Maternal grandparents are Ray and Margaret Young, of Johnson Bayou. Paternal grandparents are Al and Jan Druilhet of Lafayette and Bradley and Nancy Hanks of Dusan. Stepmother, Eula Mae Griffith is from Grand Lake. Greatgrandmother is Zula Reaux of Kaplan.

The groom is a graduate of Johnson Bayou High School and a graduate of Lamar

FEMA reverses decision on college dorm payments

U.S. Sen. David Vitter recently announced that FEMA reversed a previous decision regarding students who were living in university or college owned dormitories during hurricanes Katrina and Rita. FEMA had previously ruled that students who were living in these types of dormitories during Katrina and Rita must return any emergency assistance funds that they received.

"These students had to leave everything behind in their dorm rooms when they evacuated for hurricanes Katrina and Rita. And then they had to enroll in other schools for a semester, compounding the already high cost of higher education," said Vitter. "This reversal will help these students pick up the scattered pieces of their disrupted academic lives back

here in Louisiana." Vitter wrote a letter to Director Paulison in January requesting that FEMA reverse this decision and not require students to return the funds. FEMA's new ruling states that if students can demonstrate that they were housed in university or college owned dormitories for at least six of the twelve months preceding the date of the disaster declaration, they do not have to return the emergency assistance funds that they received.

"I am glad FEMA decided to reverse this decision. We should support these students, especially since so many of them returned to their schools following the storms and are vital to rebuilding and strengthening our communities," Vitter added.

College. He is currently employed by Recon Engineering as a draftsman. He is the son of Dusty and Juanita Sandifer of Johnson Bayou and also the grandson of Charles (Hot Shot) and Claudelle Sandifer, also of Johnson Bayou.

Matron of honor was Jennifer Sandifer, bridesmaids were Nicole Haynie, Megan Guillory, Lauren Orazi, Sabrina Sandifer, and junior bridesmaid was Amanda Hanks. Flower girl was Gracie Young.

Bestman was Marcus Jinks, groomsmen were Michael Fewell, Sean Baxley, Cole Sandifer, and Adam Young. Junior groomsmen was Ian Griffith. Ringbearer was Conner Haynie.

Reader was Michelle Spangler, Anne Trahan directed the music. Ushers were Scott Sandifer and Mark Young. Layne and Reesa

Boudreaux were Eucharistic Ministers.

After honeymooning in Florida, the Sandifers will make their home in Johnson Bayou.

Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.

-Robert Heinlein

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

-William Shakespeare

True happiness comes from the joy of deeds well done, the zest of creating things new.

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Oyster fishermen planning suit against Sulphur

By **HEATHER REGAN WHITE**
Southwest Daily News

As many as 80 workers in the local oyster industry have retained the services of Lake Charles attorney Christian Chesson to bring suit against the City of Sulphur for lost wages due to a ruptured sewer line.

The break occurred on Monday, Mar. 19, at the Bayou D'Inde end of the main line that leads to the Sulphur Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Three million gallons of raw sewage flow through the pipe daily.

The rupture was repaired by Saturday Mar. 24, but deck hands, licensees and other oyster industry auxiliary claim to have lost 35 days of their season as a result.

Chesson said there are no exposure or other types of claims being filed beyond the economic claims for specific damages. He said the lost wages per client are estimated to \$375 a day.

Chesson said the City of Sulphur was approached by the complainants in hopes that a financial agreement

could be reached, but that the city did not make them any offers for compensation.

Sulphur City Attorney Skipper Drost said that he has met with an individual representing some of the local oyster industry's interests.

Drost said in order for the City to determine how to proceed, they need to know if the settlement applies only to the holder of the oyster lease license or to any and every employee of that owner.

Another unknown is whether or not the entire liability for the broken pipe rests with the city of Sulphur.

"I can assure you, if it turns out that the City is totally liable, we are going to stand up and do the right thing. We're going to be fair to those guys," said Drost.

The Department of Health and Hospitals closed two oyster growing areas in the Calcasieu estuary, areas 29 and 30, lower Calcasieu Lake and West Cove.

DHH officials estimated that between 12 and 16 million gallons of sewage entered the bayou during the period the pipe remained broken.

Cameron Outdoors

By **LOSTON MCEVERS**



ROUGH FISHING

Anglers who hit the water with some thoughts of enjoying a nice fishing trip, surely got a surprise, as strong southeast winds, gusting to 25 mph, made seas rough, the lakes, rivers and even the marsh ponds had small white caps.

Anglers from Cameron Parish who fished the Bass Classic out of Cypress Bend last Saturday had a hard time, as you had to launch at the Bend, no trucking to another launch. The part of the lake where Cypress Bend is located has a direct hit from the waves and yes, the anglers I talked to said it was rough. Catching a few small bass, many anglers just pulled up at noon and called it a day.

CALCASIEU LAKE

Anglers were doing great on the lake last week, good catches of redbass at the weirs as well as a few flounders were caught but larger size trout are being taken on the lake from 4 to 9 pounds. I'll say this, May and June are great months for large speckle trout in the lake, using top-water baits early mornings and plastic over reefs such as shrimp and northern eels on a 1/4 to 1/2 lead head does well.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB

The club held their fifth tournament of the year, last Saturday, fishing out of Miami Corporation's Old Amoco Field. Lots of wind, lots of dirty, milky water, but still good bass limits were caught.

Darren and Barry Richard had the largest five bass stringer, weighing 10.40 pound and had a 2.44 largest bass for third place. Ricky and Hunter Canik took second place stringer with 10 pounds and first in largest bass 3.64. Third place stringer went to J. M. Boudreaux and Carl Broussard, 9.30, and second place largest bass 3.32 pounds. Fourth place stringer went to Richard and Jordon

Duhon, 9.08 and fourth place largest bass 2.14. Fifth place largest stringer and largest bass went to Loston McEvers, 6.94 and 1.58. Johnny LeDoux had three bass 2.98 and largest bass 1.16. Johnny won the choupique pot with a hefty 7.12 pounder.

NEWS BRIEF

The La. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries has announced the Louisiana inshore shrimp season in Zone 3, from the western shore of Vermilion Bay to the Texas line, will open at 12 noon, Monday, May 28, which is Memorial Day.

BLUE CAT

Last weekend, as I had my five bass tournament fish, I decided to start hitting different spots to try and catch a large bass, so fighting the wind, I decided I would hit cuts where the wind was driving a current and bait fish were there. I would spend 15 to 20 minutes from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. trying and still be on time for the 3 p.m. weigh-in. I did catch a few bass this way, but nothing to help out. I hit one deep wide cut and the third cast, I had a hard hit, but missed and really knew this was my bigger bass. When I started to catch up the slack, another hit, I set the hook and just knew I had the over five pounder I was looking for. To my surprise the fish was peeling out more line than I was taking in. I finally realized I had a large catfish, 12 pound line and a very small net, but for 25 minutes I fought and got it to the boat, put the tail in the net and lifted it with the rod for help, now the trouble was, my ice chest was too small, so I had to put the blue cat in my storage area under the deck. Yes, this is a true story, a nice 17 pound blue cat.

This next story is not so true, but it's a fisherman's tale. Mickey Miller caught a 65 pound catfish, that dressed 120 pounds of meat. Mickey took a picture of the blue cat and said the picture weighed five pounds.

RECORD CARP

Anglers competing in the six day inaugural American Carp Society, Texas Carp Challenge, saw one angler with a new record carp weighing 43.2 pounds, caught in Townlake, Tex. in March 2006. This carp was worth \$250,000 to the angler, and this is a true story.

MAY

The month of May has come with strong winds, prime time fishing, as we see bluegills begin to bed up. There's nothing more exciting than watching a largemouth bass get into a bluegills bed. You can see the bass slapping the bluegills out of the water. Oysters prepare for early summer spawn as waters warm up. It's time to enjoy fresh Louisiana shrimp, catfish begin spawning and the wild turkey's hatch is underway. It's the month to be careful as common water snakes are here and ready to strike. Saltwater fishing rodeos and tournament season begins. The month of May has three important days, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. Enjoy the month, as hurricane season begins June 1.

No fishing license required June 9 & 10

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission officially proclaimed June 9 and 10 "No License Required" fishing days for Louisiana citizens and visitors during May 3 meeting proceedings. The promotional fishing dates are provided for novices and non-anglers as an opportunity to experience the sport of fishing.

The program provides the public with an open access fishing opportunity in an effort to attract more people into the ranks of licensed fishermen. Those license fees support LDWF's conservation efforts including habitat management.

"No License Required" fishing weekend is a part of the Seventh Annual National Fishing and Boating Week that runs from June 2 - June 10. The event was created to help reverse the trend of declining participation in outdoor activities across America.

According to a survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation, children spend 44 hours a week watching TV, playing videogames and on the computer. Research data, compiled by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, shows that outdoor activities can get kids interested in nature and help with family communication.

Safe Boating Week proclaimed by Blanco

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is pleased to announce that Governor Kathleen Blanco has proclaimed May 19-25 as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana. The announcement came during the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission May meeting.

In Louisiana and across the nation, May 19-25 will be recognized as Safe Boating Week to remind boaters to practice safe and responsible boating by always wearing a life jacket and remaining alert on the water. Statistics show that nearly 70 percent of the boating fatalities in Louisiana are due to drowning and nearly 80 percent of those victims were not wearing life jackets.

Enforcement agents across the state will be highlighting safe boating activities as the summer boating season begins. The Louisiana Wildlife Agent's Association

has also partnered with LDWF to hand out free t-shirts to kids wearing life jackets when agents make random safety inspections on the water. The t-shirts are sponsored by businesses across the state and are inscribed with the slogan: "I Got Caught Wearing My Life Jacket."

LDWF encourages all boaters to enroll in a boating education course. Boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment. Those completing the course are more aware of the risks involved during time spent on the water and understand the need for precautionary measures that protect themselves, their friends, family and others.

For more information on safe boating practices, regulations, or boating education courses, please visit LDWF's Web site at www.wlf.louisiana.gov.

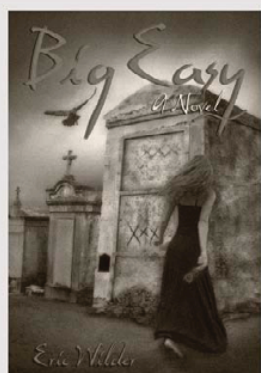


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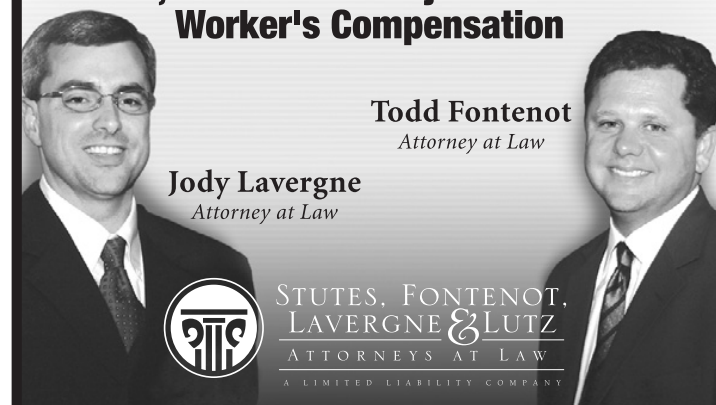
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Tips given on spring fish pond management

After several late season cold fronts, it looks like spring has finally arrived and will likely quickly transition into summer. This was confirmed over the last two weeks by the rash of calls to the local AgCenter office concerning fish pond management. The large majority of these calls are requesting recommendations for controlling filamentous algae, also commonly known as pond scum.

Filamentous alga usually becomes a problem in clear water with shallow areas, which allows sunlight to reach the bottom or near the bottom. This promotes the growth of filamentous algae and eventually other aquatic weeds.

In most instances the pond owner is not aware of the growth until the mats "over-grow" and begin to die back. When this happens, the dead alga begins to decompose, releasing gases. These gases form bubbles in the algae mat and float it, forming a slimy green mass on the surface.

In extreme cases the decomposing mats can consume enough oxygen to cause fish kills. These unsightly mats also make fishing difficult.

The best method to controlling filamentous algae is prevention. If possible, during construction, deepen pond edges so that the slopes and areas less than two feet deep are minimized. Once soil particles settle out of the water following construction and bank edges have established vegetation, ponds usually clear up. This is the critical time in preventing aquatic weed problems.

When water clarity reaches 18 inches of visibility, it's time to either fertilize the pond to promote planktonic algae bloom or dye the water. Since winter time fertilization is ineffective, early spring is the best time to fertilize, once waters have reached 60-65°F. Liquid fertilizers specially formulated for ponds work best when sprayed onto the surface

during bright sun. These pond formulations, usually high in phosphorus, will have ratios such as 0-34-0 and are sometimes called superphosphates.

Planktonic algae not only prevents sunlight from penetrating shallow, clear water areas and unwanted weeds, it also jump starts the food chain in ponds. These microscopic plants undergo photosynthesis, which releases oxygen into the water and provide food for microscopic organisms, insect larvae and larval fish.

Larger fish feed on those, thus driving the food chain up to the desired fish species we often harvest for food. Research has shown that fertilized ponds produce two to three times the fish as unfertilized ponds.

Another alternative to controlling filamentous algae is dye. Several manufacturers sell pond dyes under a variety of trade names. They come in several colors including blue, green and black.

Dyes are recommended in excessive weed growths where fertilizers may exacerbate the problem. These dyes are fairly inexpensive and last for several months so long as the pond does not receive heavy runoff and flow through.

Copper sulfate is the recommended herbicide for controlling algae. However, caution must be used not to treat the entire pond at once since killing large masses may consume dissolved oxygen. Also, copper can be toxic to fish so be sure to follow label recommendations and rates.

(Savoie is a natural resources and fisheries agent based in Lake Charles for the Louisiana Sea Grant Program and the Louisiana State University AgCenter. He can be reached at ksavoie@agcenter.lsu.edu. His column can also be found at <http://www.seagrants.lsu.edu/resource/s/index.html>.)

Grants are told for farmers, ranchers, and businesses

Farmers, ranchers and rural businesses are being encouraged to apply for grant and loan funding through two of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development programs - the Value-Added Producer Grant Program and the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program, according to Kay Lynn Tettleton, LSU AgCenter community development agent.

The deadlines are May 16 and May 18.

"Even if you don't think you can make the deadline for this year, start planning for next year," said Judy Meshe, business and cooperative specialist for the USDA.

Meshe spoke on the Value-Added Producer Grants Program, which can help farmers and independent producers fund planning activities and provide working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products. Her message was one of several at an LSU AgCenter-sponsored workshop May 2 at the Scott Research and Extension Education Center in Winnsboro. The deadline for these grants is May 16.

Examples of projects funded the last four years include a goat farmer who wanted to sell the meat to ethnic groups and needed a marketing plan; a soybean farmer who wanted a feasibility study for grinding beans for energy production; a peach farmer who wanted to market throughout the country and needed working capital, a website, brochures and labels; and a sugarcane farmer who needed a study on converting his stalks to an additive for ethanol, Meshe said.

The second USDA program is for renewable energy and energy efficiency. This can help farmers and small businesses finance renewable energy systems or make energy improvements, said Kevin Boone, renewable energy coordinator for the USDA. May 18 is the deadline, he said.

Only one Louisiana project has been funded.

"We are not proud of that. We need to step up to get additional applications," Boone said.

That project was a Sabine Parish poultry farmer who modeled a similar Mississippi application that reduced energy costs and increased production.

"Biomass is plentiful in Louisiana," Boone said. "Biomass is any organic material available on a renewable or recurring basis and includes agricultural crops, trees grown for energy production, wood waste and residues, aquatic plants and grasses included in the energy matrix, fibers and animal wastes. But landfills do not qualify."

Bayou Wood Products in West Monroe recently secured a \$4.9 million loan guarantee for a renewable energy plant, Boone said. Bayou Wood Products will use the funds to build a facility that will turn

wood waste products into an alternative fuel source. It will take wood scraps and other waste and turn them into wood pellets to be used as a heat source for wood-burning stoves. The facility is expected to produce 60,000 tons of pellets per year.

"The bioenergy arena is so new, but the bottom line is the project must be of commercial nature, not in the pilot stage," Boone said.

He said potential applications include cattle operators in remote areas who want to use solar energy to run pumps. The deadline for the loan guarantee application is July 2.

The USDA got involved with renewable energy in 2002 with Farm Bill 9006, said Boone.

For more information on the loan and grant programs, visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov> or contact Tettleton at (318) 267-6721.

Texan dies in three-car accident on causeway

A three car accident on the Sabine River Causeway in western Cameron Parish resulted in the death of Texas man early Friday morning, May 4.

According to the accident report prepared by Cameron Sheriff's Office investigators, a 1998 Ford Ranger driven by Raonel Flores, 26, of Houston, was traveling westbound onto the causeway when it moved into the eastbound lane, sideswiping a 1996 Ford F250 driven by Paul D. Hicks, 51, of Azle, Tex.

Flores then moved further into the eastbound lane, striking a 1995 Dodge Neon driven by John W. Grant, 25, of Vidon, Tex. head-on. Grant was pronounced dead at the scene, and Flores was transported to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont with serious injuries. Hicks was not injured.

The weather was clear that morning, and no other external circumstances that could have contributed to the collisions were noted. Alcohol is suspected, and charges are pending while investigators

await toxicology results.

Both Hicks and Grant were on their way to work at the Sabine Pass LNG plant when the accident occurred. The bridge was closed until 11:15 a.m., except for a short period to allow other workers to get to the facility. Flores was not employed at the plant.

The Cameron Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Port Arthur Police Department, Port Arthur Fire and Rescue, Acadiana Ambulance of Texas, Cameron Parish EMS, and the Johnson Bayou Fire Department. Investigators on the scene were Deputies Chris Savoie and Charles Smith, assisted by Deputies Michael Groves, Brandon Moses, David Hebert, David French, and Randy Hunt.

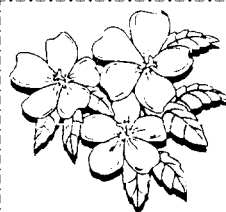


La. Shrimp season to open soon

The opening dates of the 2007 Louisiana spring shrimp season were announced at the May 3 meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

The Louisiana inshore shrimp season in Shrimp Management Zone 1, 2 and 3 will open at noon on May 28. Zone 1 includes state waters from the Mississippi Louisiana state line to the Louisiana's inside waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River. Zone 2 comprises that portion of Louisiana's inside waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island and Zone 3 includes state waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Louisiana/Texas state line.

Development of LDWF management recommendations for spring inshore opening dates utilize criteria which project the date when a minimum of 50 percent of the inshore brown shrimp population sampled reaches sizes of 100 count (per pound) or large.



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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Cameron Pilot, May 9, 1974
WORK BEGINS ON LIVESTOCK BARN
 Members of the Cameron Parish Police Jury inspected the start of work on the new parish junior livestock show barn.

The barn, to be located on a site just off Trosclair Road (Front Ridge), will be a 75' by 150' metal building.

The building will also be used to house the mosquito district's airplane when the building is not in use.

MSU GRADUATES

Commencement exercises are set for 7 p.m., Friday, May 10, in McNeese's Cowboy Stadium. Cameron Parish

students graduating include: Master of Education - Clarence Vidrine, Jr., William John Pinch, Jr.

Bachelor of Arts - Yolanda Daigle Conner, Rita Jo Guidry, Anita B. Swire.

Bachelor of Science - Henry Joseph Dinger, Charles R. Sanner, Janet Gail Riggs, Melodie Ann Swire.

Associate in Science - Robert E. Baccigalopi, Rudolph Bartie, Jr.

RECREATION CONTRACTS LET

Contracts totaling \$119,313.29 were awarded Tuesday by the Cameron Parish Police Jury for the construction of the new Cameron recreation facilities, including swimming pool, bathhouse, tennis and basketball courts, and softball fields.

Dyson Lumber Co. of Cameron was the low bidder. The facilities will be constructed on property located just east of Cameron on property leased from Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

ELEMENTARY 4-H CLUB
 The monthly meeting of the Cameron Elementary Jr. 4-H Club was held May 6. Elected as officers for 1974-75 were:

President, Lori Jones; first vice-president, Carey Bailey; second vice-president, Joe McCall; third vice-president, Kelly Roberts; secretary, Patricia Kelley; reporter, Michael Fontenot; treasurer, Caroline Wilkerson; and parliamentarian, Tandra McDaniel.

WATER, FIRE VOTE SLATED SATURDAY

The residents of Grand Chenier, Little Chenier, Creole, Oak Grove, and Chenier Perdue will get a complete water distribution and fire protection system if three tax propositions are approved Saturday.

One proposition, called for Waterworks District No. 5, would provide for the issuing of \$1,150,000 in bonds to provide for the construction of water wells, tanks and distribution system.

Included in the construction plans are two new water wells with ground storage tanks, two 100,000 gallon elevated storage tanks, water distribution lines, fire hydrants, and an emergency

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PARISH TO BE IN LA. TOURIST FILM

Cameron Parish will be one of the areas featured in a tourist film on Louisiana's "French Country" as a result of action taken by the Cameron Parish Police Jury Tuesday.

Mrs. Ola Mae Word, representing the Louisiana Travel Association and the Louisiana Tourist Commission, appeared before the jury to request the jury sponsor four minutes of the film, to promote such local tourist attractions as the beaches, Fur Festival, game refuges, hunting, and fishing.

Miss Carolyn Ramsey, who will produce the film, outlined to the jury what she wanted to include in the film. She said she was familiar with the parish having produced a film on the Cameron Parish Library some years ago. The jury approved the expenditure.

ROUNDBOUT THE PARISH

Holding trophies which their clubs won as the top senior 4-H clubs at the recent

Website offers map of underwater Gulf debris

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has launched a new website that offers free online maps of marine debris in the northern Gulf of Mexico. The data is the product of the NOAA Office of Coast Survey and Office of Response and Restoration's ongoing sidescan sonar surveys, which began in September.

Users can access interactive maps of debris-laden waters in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. They can also view images and download GPS coordinates of obstructions at <http://gulfofmexico.marinedebris.noaa.gov/>.

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4-H Achievement Day are Cindy Morris, South Cameron; Jill Greathouse, Grand Lake; and Robbie Seay, Hackberry.

Janet Gale Riggs, a senior math major at McNeese, has been chosen for an LSU Honors Scholarship for graduate study.

E. J. Dronet, president of the Cameron State Bank, was among the 100 presidents of smaller banks in the U. S. attending the 17th Forum of Small Banks at Key Biscayne, Fla.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of May, 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Slab Demolition/Removal, East Annex Building - Cameron Square pursuant to the certain contract between HD Truck & Tractor and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 302800 in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
 RUN: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21 (M 39)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 7th day of May, 2007 accepted as conditionally complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2006-15, Post Rita Restoration of Creole Fire Station pursuant to the certain construct by and between Sam Istre Construction, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 301795 in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY
 RUN: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21 (M 41)

— PUBLIC NOTICE —

The Cameron Creole Watershed Advisory Meeting will be held at the Cameron Courthouse in the 3rd floor courtroom on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda items include: (1) Possible modifications in the watershed; (2) DNR Coastal Restoration Division CUP #C20070054.

RUN: May 10 & 17 (M-27)

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— NOTICE —

Lower Cameron Hospital Service District #2 is seeking a full service management company to be responsible for the daily operation and staffing of a medical office in Johnson Bayou, La. To receive an information packet phone 337-794-9609 or email teebee1@bellsouth.net

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CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES SCHOOL YEAR 2007-2008 BID SCHEDULE			
Bid Type	Mail Bids	Bid Award (11:00 a.m.) unless stated otherwise	Bid Period
Supplies	Feb. 17, 2007	May 14, 2007	August 2007 - June 2008
Meats	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August - September, 2007
Canned Goods	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August - December, 2007
Support Foods	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August - December, 2007
Milk Bid	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August 2007 - May 2008
Bread Bid	May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007	August 2007 - May 2008
Meats	August 3, 2007	September 5, 2007	October - November, 2007
Meats	October 5, 2007	November 7, 2007	December 2007 - January 2008
Canned Goods	November 2, 2007	December 5, 2007	January - May 31, 2008
Support Foods	November 2, 2007	December 5, 2007	January - May 31, 2008
Meats	December 4, 2007	January 9, 2008	February - March, 2008
Meats	February 2, 2008	March 5, 2008	April - May 31, 2008

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On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mrs. Morris, the Board adjourned the meeting with the next regular school board meeting being May 14, 2007 at the Grand Lake School cafeteria, 1039 Hwy 384, Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607 at 5:30 PM.

APPROVED:
/s/ Loston McEvers
LOSTON MCEVERS,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:
/s/ Douglas L. Chance
DOUGLAS L. CHANCE,
SECRETARY
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTACHMENT #1

The following resolution was offered by Dot Theriot and seconded by Patty Morris:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana for school purposes, on Saturday, March 31, 2007, to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana for school purposes (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana for school purposes (the "Parish"), on SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007, to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the special election.

SECTION 2. Proces Verbal. A Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Cameron, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Loston McEvers, Dwayne Sanner, Dot Theriot, Patty Morris, Scott Nunez, and Rachel Abadie

NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Marvin Trahan
And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of April, 2007.

/s/ Loston McEvers
President

/s/ Douglas Chance
Secretary

PROCES VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF CAMERON, STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Thursday, April 5, 2007, at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m., at LSU AG Center, 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana for school purposes (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, March 31, 2007, with the following members present:

Loston McEvers, Dwayne Sanner, Rachel Abadie, Dot Theriot, Patty Morris, and Scott Nunez;

There being absent: Marvin Trahan;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following propositions, to wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR, 10 MILLS PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR THE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN CAMERON PARISH.

Shall the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, be authorized to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills (an estimated \$1,452,080 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) on all the property subject to taxation within Cameron Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of giving additional support to the maintenance, improvement and operations of the public elementary and secondary school system in Cameron Parish?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 (TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR, 10 MILLS PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR THE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO GIVE ADDITIONAL

SUPPORT TO THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN CAMERON PARISH.

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There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election **IN FAVOR OF** and **AGAINST**, respectively, the propositions as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES; PROPOSITION NO. ONE; PROPOSITION NO. TWO

Precinct; **POLLING PLACE; FOR; AGAINST; FOR; AGAINST**

1; Johnson Bayou Recreation Center, 135 Berwick Road, Cameron; 40; 7; 40; 7;

2; Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 1222 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron; 6; 7; 5; 8

3; Hackberry Community Center, 986 Main Street, Hackberry; 3; 1; 3; 1

4; Hackberry Community Center, 986 Main Street, Hackberry; 83; 18; 85; 17

5; Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Center Lane, Grand Lake; 45; 27; 44; 27

8; Lowry Fire Station, 460 Lowry Highway, Lowry; 8; 2; 7; 2

9; Klondyke Community Center, 434 Veterans Memorial Drive, Klondyke; 9; 0; 8; 0

12; Fire Station-E Creole/Muria, 129 Muria Road, Creole; 48; 3; 48; 3

13; Savoie Lumber Store, 153 East Creole Highway, Creole; 73; 7; 71; 8

14; Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 1222 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron; 4; 1; 4; 1

15; Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 1222 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron; 34; 5; 33; 6

16; Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Center Lane, Grand Lake; 72; 28; 70; 30

17; St. Eugene Catholic Church, 5035 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier; 70; 15; 70; 15

ABSENTEE VOTES; 40; 17; 36; 19

TOTAL; 535; 138; 524; 144

MAJORITY FOR: 397; 380

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of **535** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 1 and a total of **138** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 1, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **397** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 1 as hereinabove set forth; and it was therefore shown that there was a total of **524** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 2 and a total of **144** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 2, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **380** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 2 as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Propositions as hereinabove set forth were duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of April, 2007.

ATTEST:
/s/ Loston McEvers
President

/s/ Douglas Chance
Secretary

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana for school purposes (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the propositions submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, March 31, 2007, were **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above Proces Verbal.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of April, 2007.

/s/ Loston McEvers
President
RUN: May 10 (M 25)

4- SWEETLAKE FIELD 07-593

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007**, upon the application of **YUMA EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Cris I Zone, Reservoir A**, in the Sweet Lake Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regu-

lations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cris I Zone, Reservoir A.

2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Cris I Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the **CRIS I RA SUA**.

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

4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoirs change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

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

The Cris I Zone is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 4,345 feet and 5,820 feet (electric log measurements) in the Mission Resources Corporation SLL&O No. 1 Well, located in Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 8 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Louisiana** or may be found at the following site: www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:
JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La
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IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.
RUN: May 10 - M 26

PUBLIC NOTICE CAMERON PARISH COASTAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

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

L.C.U.P.# 070526
Name of Applicant: Renford Broussard, 100 Ron Road, Gueydan, LA 70542.

Location of permit: Klondike, Section 13, T12S, R4W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of Work: Mr. Broussard proposes to excavate approximately 4,259 cubic yards of clay, sand, and top soil to provide fill to build up camp lot. The excavated area will be used as a pond for recreational use.

The decision on whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts of the proposed activity in accordance with the state policies outlined in R.S. 49:213.2. The decision will reflect in the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources.

The decision must be consistent with the state program and approved local programs for affected parishes and must represent an appropriate balancing of social, environmental and economic factors. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are flood and storm hazards, water quality, water supply, feasible alternative sites, drainage patterns, historical sites, economics, public and private benefits, coastal water dependency, impacts on natural features, compatibility with the natural and cultural setting and the extent of long term benefits or adverse impacts.

Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water and air quality, laws, standards and regulations will be required before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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

Sincerely,
/s/ Myles Hebert,
Coastal Zone Administrator
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
RUN: May 10 - M 29

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L.C.U.P.# 070527
Name of Applicant: Jake Burr II, 310 Granger Lane, Lake

Charles, LA 70607.

Location of permit: Grand Lake, Section 1, T12S, R9W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of Work: Mr. Burr proposes to excavate approximately 4,036 cubic yards of clay, sand, and top soil to provide fill material which will be utilized for a house pad and driveway. The excavated area will be used as a pond.

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

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Sincerely,
/s/ Myles Hebert,
Coastal Zone Administrator
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
RUN: May 10 - M 30

PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular session on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, due to Hurricane Rita. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Nathan Griffith, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., and Mr. Jim Cox. Member absent was Mr. Lloyd Badon. Guests attending were Mr. Bill English, Mr. Cecil Sanner, Mr. Mike Kelly, Mr. Sonny McGee, and Mr. Lonnie Harper.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Cox and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to approve the bills as paid.

Sealed bids for project 2007-05 were opened at the Waterworks District #10 office. Bids were then reviewed and discussed at the J. B. Baptist Church.

In a response to an advertisement of bids published in the official journal, the following bids were received for Project Number 2007-05, Waterline Extension to Sabine River:

Bidder - Cad-Son Const., Total Bid - \$994,435.60; Bidder - Janco Water Div., Total Bid - \$613,261.30; Bidder - Teche Const., Total Bid - \$583,292.79; Bidder - Ron Williams Const., Total Bid - \$760,000.00.

Considering the bid of Teche Construction to be the lowest responsible bidder, it was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Cox and carried, with Mr. Simon abstaining, Mr. Badon absent, and Mr. Griffith voting yea, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried with the following votes being cast: Yeas: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Trahan, and Mr. Griffith. Nays: None. Abstained: Mr. Simon. Absent: Mr. Badon to adopt an amendment to the cooperative Endeavor Agreement to reflect a contribution by Sabine Pass, LNG, L.P. to be \$405,330.00. The balance of \$194,670.00 or less will be paid by Waterworks District #10 when and if the Pilot Program funding becomes available. If the funding is not available, then Sabine Pass, LNG, L.P. will pay the remaining \$194,670.00.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Cox and carried with the following votes being cast: Yeas: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Trahan, and Mr. Griffith. Nays: None. Abstained: Mr. Simon. Absent: Mr. Badon to authorize President Nathan Griffith to sign the amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with and between Waterworks District #10 and Sabine Pass LNG, L.P.

After reviewing two quotes received for generator maintenance fees, it was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to accept the lowest estimate of Kelly Pump.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the official journal, the following bids were received for a 2008 Extended Cab 3/4 ton pick-up truck:

Wo trade, with trade
Don Shelter Ford, \$27,908.50, \$19,908.50.
Bolton Ford - \$27,105.00, \$19,455.00.
Energy Country - \$27,704.00, \$27,704.00.
Billy Navarre - \$30,614.50, \$20,614.50.
All Star - \$33,952.00, \$22,452.00.
Considering the bid of Bolton

Ford to be the lowest responsible bidder, it was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried, that said bid with trade, be and the same is hereby accepted.

The new building location was discussed and tabled till next meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Griffith adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of June 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in Johnson Bayou.

APPROVED:
/s/ Jessie Simon

Jessie Simon, Vice-President
Attest:
/s/ Connie Trahan
Connie Trahan, Secretary
RUNS: May 10 - M 31

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on **Friday, 8 June 2007** until 2:00 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury temporary office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, Louisiana. (337-775-5719)

Project Number: 2007-04 LCDBG DISASTER RECOVERY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Bids must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, using ink and in both words and figures, with the unit price for the item or the lump sum for which the bid is made. The bidder shall provide all information indicated on the attached forms. Failure to provide the information indicated constitutes an informality in the proposal, rendering it subject to rejection by the owner.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the project on which the proposal is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the proposal form, and preferably sent by registered mail.

For the purpose of award, the product of the approximate quantities of each item shown in the proposal by their respective unit prices will be considered the amount of the bid on each item. The correct summation of these products will be the amount bid on the entire work.

Proposals forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of: Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive any informality.

Cameron Parish Police Jury /s/ Darryl Farque, President
RUNS; May 10, 17, 24, 31 - M 32

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7 until **11:00 a.m. on 4 June 2007** at the Cameron Parish Police Jury temporary office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, LA, 70631. (337-775-5718)

Project Number: 2007-08 Post-Rita Restoration of Recreation facilities

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

Building Construction.
Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7 meeting. The Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities. Cameron Parish Recreation District Number 7 /s/Angela Conner, President
RUNS; May 10, 17, 24, 31 - M 33

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until **9:00 a.m. on 4 June 2007** at the Cameron Parish Police Jury temporary office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, LA 70631. (337-775-5718)

Project Number: 2007-09 Post-Rita Restoration of Holly Beach Drainage Facilities

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

II. Highway, street and bridge construction
9. Earthwork, drainage and levees or
11. Culverts and drainage structures
Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of: Lonnie G. Harper &

Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy 384, Grand Lake Community, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079.

Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive any informalities. Cameron Parish Police Jury /s/ Darryl Farque, President
RUNS; May 10, 17, 24, 31 - M 34

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until **10:00 a.m. on 4 June 2007** at the Police Jury temporary office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, LA, 70631. (337-775-5718)

Project Number: 2007-11 Post-Rita Restoration of Big Lake Pier

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

Heavy Construction.
Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Louisiana Hwy 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities. Cameron Parish Police Jury /s/ Darryl Farque, President
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PARTICIPANTS in the National Day of Prayer Rally held Thursday, May 4, at the Cameron Court House included Judge H. Ward Fontenot, Sheriff Theos Duhon, Mary Cockrell, Susan Racca, Deacon Chairman Emeritus Edgar Wise of First Sixth Street Baptist Church, Port Arthur, NAACP President Louise Cole, Master of Ceremonies Charles Cole, Marilyn Baptiste, and guests. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



EASTER LILIES blooming in front of the Brown Watts home in Cameron emphasize the writing on the wall "Do not remove house." (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



RED CANNAS brighten the roadside in Grand Chenier. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



ROCK BARRIERS now protect the south shore of White Lake in Vermilion Parish as a result of a Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (Breaux Bill) project. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



A CWPBRA PROJECT designed to allow fresh water to flow from White Lake in Vermilion Parish, under Hwy. 82 and into the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge was dedicated Friday. This water control structure will allow fresh water to flow south when there is positive pressure on the north side, countering the effects of salt water intrusion. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Cameron Parish Library News

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL
Children's Festival to be held at each library the week of June 4-6. The festival will include storytime with author, Cindy G. Foust, games with prizes including mini-putt-putt, crafts, balloons, music and special guest, Austin Alligator. The festival is presented by AlphaKidz of Monroe. More information about times, places and dates to follow.

BOOK SIGNING
Hurricane Audrey: The Deadly Storm of 1957 by Cathy C. Post. Mrs. Post will be at the following locations to sign and sell her books:
Thursday, May 17 at Cameron Library from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday, May 17 at Grand Chenier Library from 3 - 5 p.m.
Friday, May 18 at Grand Lake Library from 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 18 at Johnson Bayou Library from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Friday, May 18 at Hackberry Library from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Book signing

The book-signing event at Books-A-Million in Lake Charles --originally scheduled for Saturday, May 19 --has been postponed until they can get more books on the shelves. "Postponed -- To Be Re-Scheduled Soon" is the best way to list that one.

Drainage tax passes

A tax renewal for drainage in Gravity Drainage District 5 was approved by a big margin by voters last Saturday. The district includes the Grand Chenier, Chenier Perdue and Little Chenier area.

The 5.53 mill, 10-year property tax passed 44-10, or 81 percent to 19 percent, according to Cameron Parish Clerk of Court Carl Broussard.

The tax is expected to generate about \$135,000 a year. The money will be used to build, operate and maintain drainage systems in the area.

Restoration projects dedicated at Rockefeller Refuge last Fri.

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Located from Sabine Refuge to Vermilion Parish, seven coastal restoration projects costing \$55.44 million were dedicated last Friday at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. The projects built or under construction include three U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, three U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and one USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service projects, funded through the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPBRA), commonly known as the Breaux Act.

Speaking at the dedication on behalf of the CWPBRA Task Force were Jim Boggs, Acting Field Supervisor, Louisiana Field Office, USFWS; Lt. Col. Murray Starkel, Deputy Commander USACE; Donald Gohmert, State Conservationist, NRCS; and Gerry Duszynski, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, representing Secretary Scott Angelle.

David Richard, Executive Vice President of Stream Property Management, Inc., was Master of Ceremonies. The large gathering of CWPBRA Task Force members, state and local leaders, media, and the public were welcomed by Cameron Parish Administrator Tina Horn and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Administrator Phil Bowman. "Judge" Edwards, President of Vermilion Corporation, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Projects dedicated included two south White Lake shoreline protection projects in Vermilion Parish; freshwater introduction south of Hwy

82 along the Cameron Vermilion parish line; Grand-White Lakes landbridge protection in Cameron Parish; Black Bayou culverts hydrologic restoration; Sabine Refuge marsh creation, Cycles 1 and 3; and East Sabine Lake hydrologic restoration.

Field trips by boat and airboat to two project sites were available, and helicopter and airplane overviews were offered to media and others. The helicopter views were breathtaking, clearly showing the effects of hurricane storm surge as well as the positive influence of the restoration projects.

Lt. Col Starkel said that every 1-2 miles of wetlands reduces storm surge by 1 foot. He reported that after Katrina and Rita, 75% of the CWPBRA projects in place showed no damage, and 18 projects showed only minor damage. Only two, including the Cameron-Creole Watershed, were severely damaged.

State Conservationist Don Gohmert pointed out that in spite of the devastation, damage was less where there were CWPBRA projects. "We need to help nature repair itself," he said.

LDNR representative Gerry Duszynski referred to two other projects about to begin in the Grand Chenier area, a green waste beneficial use demonstration project to use vegetative debris to rebuild marsh at Rockefeller, and a CIAP project to use Calcasieu Parish vegetative waste to rebuild the cheniers.

Louisiana has lost 1.2 million acres of coastal land during the 20th century, and experts say, if nothing is done to prevent it, another 430,000 acres could be lost over the next 50 years. More information about the vanishing wetlands and efforts to protect and restore it can be found on the internet at www.LaCoast.gov.

Lunch menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week are as follows. All meals are served with milk.

Friday, May 11 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, green beans, applesauce cake, wheat sliced bread.

Monday, May 14 - Pizza (cheese) on bun, tossed salad, buttered corn, chocolate pudding, salad dressing, hamburger bun.

Tuesday, May 15 - Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookie, hamburger bun, catsup.

Wednesday, May 16 - Soft tacos, fixings cup, pinto beans, carrot cake, flour tortillas.

Thursday, May 17 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, buttered corn, fruit salad,



A GREAT EGRET displays breeding plumage in Grand Chenier. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



ROSEATE SPOONBILLS and immature White Ibis roosting in Grand Chenier. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SHARON NABOURS taught students at South Cameron High School about the functions of wetland marshes. They created filters and competed to discover what made a good filter. Above, Mathew Miller demonstrates his filter to other students in Tina Savoie's class.

S. Cameron High School news

RECIPE COLLECTION

Ms. Katie Trahan and Ms Ashley Bridges are collecting recipes for a South Cameron area cookbook. We are looking for family recipes that have been handed down for generations. Along with the recipe, we would like for each family to tell a family story or family folk tale pertaining to the recipe. The cookbook will be sold next year. Please send your recipe and story to school with you child, their homeroom teacher will take them up. Or mail your recipe to their attention at South Cameron High, 753 Oak Grove Highway, Grand Chenier, LA 70643.

SCIENCE NEWS

On Mar. 17, Ms. Tina Savoie's Environmental Science class at South Cameron High was fortunate to have Ms. Sharon Nabours be a guest to teach about the functions of our wetland marshes. We created filters and competed to discover what made a good filter. We determined that although not all were constructed alike, they all had value and could be improved upon by some of the ideas of the other group's ideas.

Our wetlands are a benefit to all that live near them as well as to the seafood industry that is vastly distributed around our nation. Thank you, Ms. Nabours for your contribution to our understanding of this knowledge.

Those that participated in the activities both with Ms. Nabours demonstration and activity as well as the class that followed were: Jonathan Alleman, Kassie Benton, Blake Bonsall, Keaton Boudreaux, Karrie Fontenot,

peanut butter cookie, garlic toast.

Jordan Istre, Dylan Jouett, Matthew Miller, Danielle Nunez, and Jacob Trahan. The next class who also participated in the activities were: Scott Barnett, Dustin Boudreaux, Brian Doxey, Bryce Manuel, Dominic Miller, Jill Rutherford, Blane Savoie, Ruston Smith, Angela Trahan, and Bryan Whittington.

DANCELIN NEWS

SCHS Dance Line is selling \$2 raffle tickets for a \$250 gift card to WalMart. The gift card can be used for gas/diesel and/or in the store. The drawing will be May 29, just in time for the summer. You can buy your ticket(s) from any Dance Line member or Ms. Sharon Picou.

Dance Line members are Blair Belanger, Rachael Fountain, Victoria Wilkerson, Jerica Boudreaux, Falon Welch, Molly Alexander, Katelyn Horn, Devon Richard, Hallie Whittington, Kristin Broussard, Lakin LaBove, Jerrica Mock and Meagan Wigley, alternate.

SENIOR NEWS

Awards Night is at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 10. It is mandatory for all seniors. Seniors are to wear their gowns. On May 18, seniors have a mandatory graduation practice along with the senior breakfast. Graduation will be on Saturday, May 19. Seniors must be in the gym by 9:30 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 10 - Awards ceremony 6 p.m. South Cameron Gym.

May 11 - Ring Ceremony 6 p.m. South Cameron Gym.

May 16 - Athletic Banquet at Treasures of Marilyn's 6 p.m.

May 19 - Graduation South Cameron Gym 10 a.m.