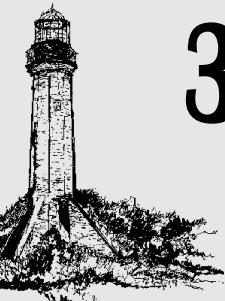


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REPRESENTATIVES of the Sabine and Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuges are shown receiving the 2004 Rhea Barnes Travel Industry award at a ceremony held last week at the Southwest Louisiana Visitors and Convention Bureau in Lake Charles. From left are Diane Borden-Billiot, outreach coordinator for the Sabine Refuge; Darienne Wilson, assistant secretary of the Louisiana Office of Tourism, who made the presentation; and Glen Harris, manager of the Cameron Prairie Refuge.

Two wildlife refuges honored for tourism

Two National Wildlife Refuges located in Cameron Parish were given a special honor at a ceremony held Wednesday, May 5 in observance of National Tourism Week.

The Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau presented the 2004 Rhea Barnes Travel Industry Award to the Sabine and

Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuges for "giving generous amounts of land for the Creole Nature Trail overlooks and turnouts."

Accepting the awards for the refuges were Glen Harris, manager of the Cameron Prairie Refuge, and Dianne Borden-Billiot, out-reach coordinator for Sabine Refuge."

Trahan represents jury at erosion meet in Capitol

Steve Trahan, Cameron Parish Police Jury President, represented Cameron Parish at a meeting hosted by Senator Mary Landrieu Tuesday in Washington to make the case for coastal restoration funding before congressional leaders. Scott Angelle, secretary of the Louisiana Dept. of Natural Resources, and representatives of 11 other coastal parishes attended.

In meetings with Sen. Pete Domenici (R-N. Mex.), chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Joe Barton (R-Tex.), new chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Rep. Ralph Hall (R-Tex.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, the Louisiana leaders said the state deserves a greater share of revenue from offshore oil production, and called for direct funding that could be used for coastal erosion projects.

"Nobody can talk about how coastal erosion affects Louisiana like the people who live in these parishes that are literally disappearing into the Gulf of Mexico," Sen. Landrieu said. "They can speak from first hand experience about how urgent it is that we fund the restoration projects necessary to save the coast. Since many of these parishes are part of the onshore platform that supports the offshore oil and natural gas industry, they can

also argue persuasively about the importance of protecting that infrastructure that provides a quarter of the nation's oil and gas supply."

Sr. Citizen Day is well attended

The Cameron Council on Aging Sr. Citizens Day held on May 6 was very well attended. The day was pretty and everyone seemed to be feeling fine. Over 100 seniors attended the day's events.

The "Medicare Playboyz" band played and Elvis Presley was even in attendance to bring back some of his favorite hits.

Bingo was played and door prizes given out. Special thanks to all of the service providers who attended and set up booths for the seniors to visit.

Thanks to LouEtta Nunez, Entergy, Jeff Davis Electric and the Cameron Parish Police Jurors for donations of door prizes. The next big senior party will be our Christmas party held in December.



CALLIE NICOLE BREVELLE, 7-year-old daughter of Mark and Laurie Brevelle of Grand Lake, recently was crowned Little Miss Contraband at the Contraband Festival in Lake Charles. She is a second grade student at Grand Lake High School and is the granddaughter of Richard and Cindy Foreman of Grand Lake and Ted and Ouida Brevelle of Grapevine, Tex.

Grand Lake woman gets appointment

Dr. Cathy Denison-Wicke of Grand Lake has been named to the Women's Advisory Council of the National Association for the Self-Employed to provide feedback to the Association on the needs of women micro-business owners.

She is a native of Iowa, La. and received her MBA from McNeese and PhD from LSU. She lives in Grand Lake with her husband, Gary, and son, Devin.

Denison-Wicke is President and Senior Consultant for CDW and Associates, Inc. in Lake Charles, which provides strategic planning, project management, grant writing, public/governmental relations, and business consulting services.

She has expertise in developing and managing projects that focus on Telemedicine, Telepathology, Telehealth Education, Distance Learning, Adult/Continuing Education, Technology Education and rural economic development.

Senior Citizen luncheon set

All Senior Citizens are invited to attend a luncheon on Sunday, May 16, at the M. J. Bernard Life Center at 12 noon. The center is located behind Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole.

The meal and entertainment is being sponsored by the Sacred Heart and St. Rose Altar Societies and Court Mary Olive Catholic Daughters. Entertainment will be provided by local musicians.

May is National Book Month



FIVE GRAND LAKE High School students who won a national science award during World Space Week are shown above with *NSYNC star Lance Bass at a ceremony in Los Angeles where they traveled to receive their award. From left are Ryan Monceaux, Corey Broussard, Lance Bass, Lucas Gaspard, Brett Griffith, and Cody Benoit.

They gave Lance Bass a hand

Last October, five 8th grade Earth Science students at Grand Lake High School researched and created a report for "Lance's Lab" during World Space Week.

The purpose of the report was to explain how Lance Bass would live and work on the International Space Station for three months. Under the supervision of Mrs. Bobbie Delaney, the students

described the features of a Space Station module where Lance could live, record music, do experiments for educational purposes, and communicate with people on Earth.

The group's report placed 3rd in the Middle School Division in national competition.

These five students, Corey Broussard, Lucas Gaspard,

Cody Benoit, Ryan Monceaux and Brett Griffith, were the only winners from Louisiana. With funds the students raised themselves and generous donations from the community and businesses, the students traveled to Los Angeles to receive their award at the World Space Week Educational Award Event on April 13.

Students, faculties given praise for achievements

By CYNDI SELLERS

Congratulations were in order all around at Monday's School Board meeting. Many students were honored for winning athletic and academic contests, principals were recognized for the outstanding achievements of their schools, and the school district received excellent results on its 2002-2003 district accountability report.

Early results of BESE's District Accountability Report for 2002-2003 rank Cameron Parish 12th in Louisiana and 3rd in Region V in District Performance and 16th in LA and 4th in Region V in District Responsibility.

Cameron Parish's District Performance Score was 96.0, compared to a state average of 80.6. The score is derived from LEAP/GEE and IOWA test scores, attendance, and dropout rates. Region V is considered the most progressive in the state.

The district's Responsibility Index was 99.3, compared to a state average of 80.5. It is derived from School Improvement (growth) measurements, LEAP21 passing rate, summer school passing rate, and percentage of certified teachers.

Principals Eddie Benoit (SCHS), Austin LaBove (HHS), David Duhon (GLHS), and Doug Welch (JBHS) accepted plaques recognizing the achievements of their schools in academics in the 2002-2003 school year.

South Cameron, Hackberry, and Johnson's Bayou all received the Two Star performance label, while Grand Lake was named a Three Star school.

South Cameron High School received a banner proclaiming its status as a School of Recognized Academic Growth for 2003.

May 12 was proclaimed School Nurse Day and the contributions of Laurie Jones, Cameron Parish School Nurse were acknowledged.

Several teachers who took

the initiative to write for grants for their schools were also recognized. One grant received for Grand Lake totaled \$146,142.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The results for the school uniform survey sent out last month are in. Of the 597 families who responded, 386 (65%) were in favor of continuing the current policy, and 212 (35%) were opposed to mandatory school uniforms. The board voted to continue the current policy for three years.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

A new principal has been appointed for Johnson Bayou School. He is H. E. "Gene" Reynolds, currently employed by the Webster Parish School District as principal of Lakeside High School near Minden. Lakeside is a class 2A school with 422 students.

Reynolds is familiar with the area as he has had a camp at Holly Beach for years. He looks forward to relocating here. Supt. Doug Chance said that no certified applicants from Cameron Parish applied for the position.

Other appointments made were:

Matilda LaBove, Janitor, Cameron Elem.

Shannon Jinks, Instructional Aide, Johnson's Bayou (provisional)

Brandy Jinks, Cafeteria Technician, JBHS

Resignations:

Carol Granger, Custodian, GLHS, July 1

Rick Merchant, Teacher, SCHS, Oct. 15

Jerry Fontenot, Teacher, HHS, May 28

Janie Turnbull, Teacher, SCHS, May 28

Ginger Boudreux, Teacher, CES, May 28

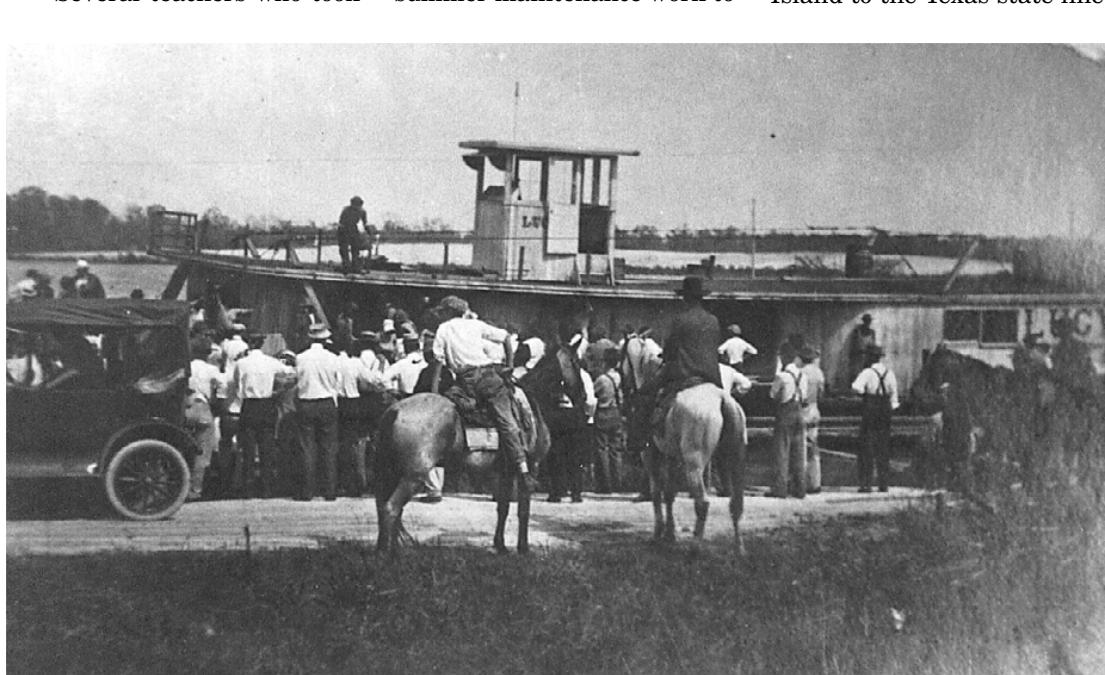
Mary Richard, Librarian, CES, May 29

Leave without pay:

Rachel C. LeBleu, Teacher, HHS, 2004-2005

OTHER MATTERS

Bids were awarded for summer maintenance work to



THIS PHOTO shows a crowd gathered at the docks to either greet or send off the Steamer Lucy, which hauled produce, cotton, and cattle from Johnson Bayou to Orange, Texas between 1905 and 1915. Note the old car on the left--probably a Ford Model T or A. (Photo courtesy of W. T. Block)



SHERIFF-ELECT Theos Duhon welcomed a crowd of about 50 to the National Day of Prayer observance May 6 at the Cameron Court House. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

FUNERALS

VIOLA MARIE BROUSSARD

The funeral for Viola Marie Broussard, 73, of Hackberry, was held Tuesday, May 11, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. The Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in the New Hackberry Cemetery.

Mrs. Broussard died Saturday, May 8, 2004, in her residence.

Mrs. Broussard was born in Grand Chenier. She was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church and was employed with Brown's Grocery in Hackberry for 20 years as produce manager.

Survivors include three sons, Ernest Broussard of Kinder, Gary and Victor Broussard, both of Grand Chenier; three daughters, Wilma Feliz of Alvin, Tex., Debra Broussard of Grand Chenier and Barbara East of Sulphur; two brothers, J. B. and Carroll Nunez, both of Hackberry; four sisters, Mable Heitz of Bastrop, Tex., Lona Hindricks of New Roads and Virginia Jinks and Marie Little, both of Hackberry; 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emile Nolan Broussard; and son, Carl Broussard.

ETHEL OCTAVIA GUILBEAU

Ethel Octavia Murphy Guilbeau, 89, died Friday, May 7, 2004, in a Lake Charles care center.

She was a native of Cameron and had worked as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service until her retirement in 1969, when she moved to Lake Charles.

Survivors include one son, James K. Burton of Sulphur; one daughter, Rose Burton Schram of Lake Charles; one stepson, Rodney Guilbeaux of Sulphur; seven grandchildren; five step grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rodney Guilbeau, Sr.; two brothers, Guy Murphy, Sr. and Arnold Murphy; and four sisters, Allie Henry, Evelyn McCelland, Marguerite Tate and Opal Styron.

Her funeral was held Saturday, May 8, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Monsignor Harry Greig officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery.

She had her husband, Deputy Thomas Mitter, pin her badge on her at the graduation ceremony.



Susan Mitter

Mrs. Mitter graduates from academy

Susan Mitter, the daughter of Larry and Orelia Abshire of Grand Chenier, graduated from the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Academy on March 19.

Bernalillo County is the county in which Albuquerque, N. Mex. is located. Susan will be on patrol as an officer for Isleta Pueblo Reservation. Susan placed fourth in firearms qualification.

The following memorial books have been presented to the Cameron Parish Library. Titles, honorees and donors are listed in that order.



THESE WERE some of the participants in the National Day of Prayer observance held last Thursday at noon on the Cameron courthouse lawn. A number of ministers and public officials took part in the event.

Memorial Books are given here

The following memorial books have been presented to the Cameron Parish Library. Titles, honorees and donors are listed in that order.

Birder's Journal, Gloria and Bubba Higgins by LeAnn Stewart and Kade;

The Complete Low-Fat Cookbook, Lucille Pearce by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;

100 Years of Hunting, Nolan Savoie by Dave and Debbie Savoie and family;

Dimensional Quilts, In Honor of Velma (Kato) Picou's Birthday by Ethelyn Kebodeaux;

The Quilted Cottage, In Honor of Roberta Rogers by Ethlyn Kebodeaux;

Pasta, Dee Roux by George, Marie and Evelyn Kelle;

The Louisiana Shrimp Story, Bolo Trosclair by John (Bud) and Una Mae Rollins;

The Revolutionary War, Gloria Higgins by Elaine and Bill Powell;

The Complete Cooking Light Cookbook, Geneva Conner by Ricky and Kimberly LeBoeuf;

Harley Davidson Motorcycles, Mark Ducote by Ricky and Kimberly LeBoeuf;

Daigle family to gather in Nova Scotia

The May meeting of the Association de la Famille Daigle will take place in the main building at Vermillionville in Lafayette. If you would like to participate and contribute ideas, please come to the meeting on Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m. We will be planning our reunion, which is Aug. 8 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

If you have questions, visit our web site at familledaigle.com.

LSU football tickets now on sale

LSU Football tickets are on sale until June 15. This year's game is against Arkansas State on September 11. Tickets are \$15. If we order early we can get seats in the South End Zone. For more information call the 4-H Office at 775-5516.

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Shoemake named DAR Regent

Calcasieu Chapter, Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the Lake Charles Carnegie Memorial Branch of the Calcasieu Public Library at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. Ms. Deborah Williamson presented a program entitled "A Tour of Three DAR Buildings." Chapter officers for 2004-2007 were installed. Mrs. Colby L. (Lenora W.) Shoemake of DeQuincy was installed as Chapter Regent.

Other Calcasieu Chapter officers installed with Mrs. Lenora Shoemake were: from Lake Charles, First Vice-Regent, Mrs. Terry (Ruth P.) Cleland; Chaplain, Mrs. Erma S. Sellers; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Troy (Sylvia H.) Parsons; and Historian, Mrs. William (Katherine P.) Walker.

Also installed were: Treasurer, Mrs. Donald (Leavon R.) Ladner of Welsh; Recording Secretary, Mrs. March (Virginia H.) Oliver, Ph.D., of Sulphur; and Registrar, Mrs. Buford (Alice M.) Pippin of Sulphur.

Purposes of the National and Louisiana Society, Daughters of American Revolution, are to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, to promote the development of an enlightened public opinion and to foster patriotic citizenship.

Membership in LSDAR is open to women who submit genealogical proof of kinship to a soldier or patriot ancestor who displayed unfailing loyalty and support to the cause of American independence from England during the 1700's. Calcasieu Chapter provides assistance to women who have heard of patriot ancestors through oral family histories and need guidance in gathering documentary evidence. The officers named above may be contacted to begin such procedures.

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Awards presented to South Cameron athletes

The South Cameron High School Tarpons Athletic Banquet was held Monday, May 10, with numerous athletic awards being presented.

The Allen Wayne Vincent Memorial All-Around Athlete Awards were presented to Courtney Conner, Oliver Primeaux, John Paul Trosclair and T-John Henry.

Other award winners were: Scholastic Award - Cassandra Trahan and Michael Bercier.

Rod Landry Memorial Award - Mika Benoit and Justin Theriot.

Academic All-State Award - Brett Baccigalopi and Michael Bercier.

Wrestling Awards: Outstanding Lightweight - Dane Dupont; Outstanding Light Heavyweight - John Paul Trosclair; Outstanding Performance - Justin Picou.

Softball Awards: Outstanding Outfield - Erin Dinger and Lauren Roberts; Best Infield - Laken Mock; Kim Savoie Award - Courtney Conner; Coach's Award - Cassandra Trahan.

Baseball Awards: Coach's Award - John Paul Trosclair and Brett Baccigalopi; Outstanding Infield - Jonathan Trahan; Best Outfield - T-John Henry; Utility Player - Jordan Istré; MVP - Ryan LeBleu.

Girls Track: Outstanding Track - Courtney Conner; Outstanding Field - Christian McCall; Kim Savoie Award - Erin Dinger; Coach's Award - Rachael Fountain.

Boys Track: Outstanding Track - Dane Dupont; Outstanding Field - Oliver Primeaux and Chase Horn; Coach's Award - Jonathan Rutherford and Joe Treme.

Girls Basketball: Best Offense - D'Nae Desonier; Best Defense - Kayla Rutherford; Most Improved - Rachael Fountain; Coach's Award - Jeni Cormier.

Boys Basketball: Best Free Throw - John Lute; Coach's Award - Oliver Primeaux and Dane Desonier; Best Defense - Nick Boudreux; Best Offense - Gerry Lane Thomas.



BRONCOS PLAYED their first game this past weekend at Funday. They are shown above with their coaches (kneeling, from left) Christopher Guillot, Tre Cormier, Jonathan Smelley, Chan LaLande, Josh Hackler; (standing) Coach Nunez, Garrett Mock, Corey Miller, Gage Richard, Garrett Duddleston, DeVaughn Thompson, Jarrett Nunez, and Coach Barrett.

South Cameron High School News

FBLA NEWS

In reference to National FBLA Conference, in Denver in July, Glenn Trahan is also eligible to compete by placing first in Business Calculations. His name was inadvertently left out of last week's story.

AWARDS NIGHT

South Cameron Annual Awards Night will be Thursday, May 13, beginning at 6 p.m. All Seniors will be in attendance. This night is to honor outstanding academic students along with presentation of senior awards and scholarships.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Ring Ceremony will be Friday, May 14, at 6 p.m. Juniors and their parents should be here by 5:45 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS

Memorial Books have been given in memory of Allie Lillia Murphy, "Fabulous Cookies" donated by Jerry, Leslie, and Grant Alan Trahan.

In memory of Allie Lillia Murphy, "Mom's Best Desserts" by Keith, Katie and Caleb Trahan.

In memory of Allie Lillia Murphy, "Foods and You: A Guide to Healthy Habits for Teens" by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Trahan, Tanya, Marcus, Tricia, and Lilly.

FAVORITES

SCHS has named Mr. and Mrs. SCHS - John Paul Trosclair and Cassandra Trahan. Most Beautiful is Kaylee Jo Canik and Most Handsome is John Henry.

The following students were elected by their classmates:

Most Athletic - John Paul Trosclair and Courtney Conner.

M/M Personality - Beau Duhon and Kaylee Jo Canik.

Most Involved - Joby Richard and Cassandra Trahan.

Most Studious - Raphael Heard and Lyndi LeBouef.

Most Spirited - Jacob Johnson and Cassandra Trahan.

Most Unpredictable - John Theriot and Cassandra Trahan.

Junior Class Favorites - John Paul Delaney, Dane Dupont, Matt Miller, Brad Pregeant, Kendall Broussard, Robyn Doxey, Lexie LeBouef, Gambrelle Primeaux and Cana Trahan.

Sophomore Class Favorites - Byron Quinn, Chance

Richard, Matthew Styron, Kyle Trahan, D'Nae Desonier, Christian McCall, Kelli Styron and Meagan Trahan.

Freshman Class Favorites - Alex Broussard, Arlis Duhon, Dominique LeBlanc, Marcus Mudd, Jacob Trahan, Jill Duddleston, Amanda Hackler, Jaclyn Higgins and Haley Willis.

Eighth Grade Class Favorites - Lancey Richard, Ruston Smith, Jonathan Trahan, Thomas Lee Trosclair, Blair Belanger, Cassie Benton, Rachael Fountain, Keyara Lassien and Erika Pickett.

CALENDAR

May 13 - Senior Finals (2nd and 3rd hours); Awards Night - 6 p.m.

May 14 - Senior Finals (1st hour), Senior Breakfast, Graduation Practice, Ring Ceremony - 6 p.m.

May 20 - Spring Football Game (home)

May 22 - Graduation - 2 p.m.

May 24 - 27 - Final Exams

School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for Cameron Parish are as follows:

Thursday, May 13 - Beef nachos, tomato cup, ranch beans, hash brown patty, cinnamon rolls and catsup.

Friday, May 14 - Fish portion, baked beans, oven fries, banana pudding, catsup and hamburger bun.

Monday, May 17 - Chili dog, chili sauce, Tator Tots, buttered corn, chocolate chip cookie, catsup and hot dog bun.

Tuesday, May 18 - Chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread and sliced bread.

Wednesday, May 19 - Meatballs, brown gravy, rice, green beans, chilled peach slices, peanut butter spread and yeast rolls.

All meals served with milk.

Lagniappe 2

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

The magnolia tree, just off my patio, is in full bloom, and I know when to expect each blossom. I guess that I have never had time to count blossoms. I was always busy with more important things, or so I thought...

I read somewhere that "scrapbooking" is sweeping the country. I don't know why, but I immediately thought of "Miss Gladys" McCall. She believed in keeping things and scrapbooks and had such an influence on me. She believed in preserving memories. Maybe this was the artist influence in her because she was wonderful painter. I had a beautiful magnolia blossom picture that she painted for me.

I am learning so much about the Bible these days from attending our weekly Bible class at the clubhouse. Our teacher, Kathryn Carpenter, is the most devout Christian I have ever met and knows the Bible from cover to cover.

I live on Mockingbird Lane, between Oriole and Cardinal Drive. Other streets are Dove Court, Robin Court, Hummingbird Court, and the entry is from Buttercreek Lane, which is off Summa Lane, five miles from Essen Lane. The Cabana, swimming pool and beauty shop are located in the center of the "Village."

The guard is located at the gate house on Quail Drive. He roams the village at night, keeping track of what is going on, and checking on locked doors.

Several couples from "Up North" spend the winter down here. I met a couple last week who just bought a place here and were headed back home to spend the summer with her 94-year-old mother.

Board to meet

The Cameron Area Agency on Aging advisory board will meet on May 18 at 12 noon at the Cameron Senior Center. All members are urged to attend. The meeting is open to the public.

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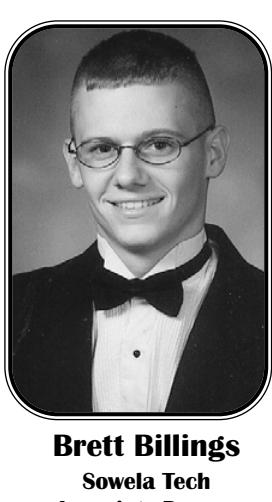
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DYNEGY EMPLOYEES, who helped to put on the benefit last Saturday for Clifton "BoBo" Morris, are pictured above at the skeet shoot location.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Lake Charles American Press, May 10, 1941)

HACKBERRY GIRLS

Katherine Atwell and Ruby Lee Ellender will represent Hackberry May 17, at the Cameron Parish 4-H Club Achievement Day at Creole in the junior demonstration team event in which they will give a demonstration on "A 4-H Girl's Own Room."

The Hackberry 4-H Club is also entering the song and yell contest, with the selection "I Am An American." The club also plans to enter the dress revue and several other contests.

(Cameron Pilot, May 13, 1971)

CATTLE DRIVE HELD BY GENEVA GRIFFITH

Cameron's semi-annual cattle drive was held last weekend when a score or more of Creole area cattlemen and riders drove their cattle from winter ranges at Johnson Bayou to summer ranges in the Creole area.

The Creole to Johnson Bayou trek started in 1940 when the Creole area cattlemen organized to make the 3-day trip and transport their approximately 1250 head of cattle, on foot, to the lush winter range on the extreme western end of the parish. Most of the land is leased from Crain Bros. of Grand Chenier.

Prior to the Johnson Bayou trek, many of the cattlemen drove their cattle to Chenier Teague, on four sections of land which belonged to the McIlhenny family of Tabasco fame. The drive took eight days down the beach to the eastern marsh range. Many of the cattle were lost on high tides along the way.

At night the cowboys would camp out and sleep on the beach. Boats were rented along the many bayous they would have to cross to aid in getting the cattle across.

Some of the oldtime cowboys who drove their herds in these drives from the lower part of the parish were John Meaux, and the late Ojust Richard, Arceneaux Miller and Amedy Welch. These drives started in the late 1800's and continued until around 1956.

Prior to that time, many of the Creole cowboys drove their cattle to St. Martinville. They followed Grand Lake at Catfish Locks until they hit shore close to Lake Arthur. The drive would take about two weeks. Mostly steers would be in the herd, and after being pastured over the

winter they would be taken to the sale in St. Martinville.

There were usually around 600 head and Lynex Richard remembers his grandfather saying that \$17 a head was considered a very good price for a steer. The main cowboys in the drive, all now deceased were Armelian Richard, P. B. Boudoin and Ursin Boudoin.

Richard recalls hearing his grandfather, Armelian tell that they were paid for their cattle in gold which they put in money belts around their waists for the return trip home. The belts were so heavy they blistered the skin.

The alligators were so bad in the marshes they had to ride through they lost many calves. He tells of Adolph Theriot's stirrup being broke in two by an alligator but he managed to escape. Some of the Kaplan helpers on the trip were: Russ Green, Sam Green and "Choppy" Marceaux.

The practice of moving the cattle back and forth between the two ranges help the ranchers in carrying out conservation of their rangelands. The modern rancher is very conscious of good conservation.

The high point of the weekend trip back to "Home range" in Creole took place Saturday morning when the herd reached the Calcasieu River for the swim across from the Holly Beach area to Cameron.

CREOLE TEAM SECOND

The Creole 4-H Club cattle judging team composed of Larry Myers, Cecil Myers, Toby Landry and Russell Savoie placed second in the state contest at the Louisiana Junior Angus Field Day held Saturday at the Reiner Newsom Angus Farm near Tickfaw.

Larry and Toby are 4-H Club members at South Cameron Elementary and Cecil and Russell are members at South Cameron High School.

RADIO SYSTEM TO BE EXPANDED

The first phase of a new \$14,000 communications system in the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department will be started immediately, according to Sheriff Claude Eagleson.

Sheriff Eagleson was presented with the first part of the grant this week by Travis Whatley, District Director of the Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council. The funds are part of the Omnibus Crime Bill

which help small police departments improve their systems.

The main concern in setting up the communications center is to be sure the department will always have a means of radio contact in cases of emergencies such as storms, hurricanes, and power failures. Cameron is in such an isolated area there would be an extreme emergency during a power failure if there were no emergency generator.

MEET THE CHEERLEADERS

The Cameron Elementary School cheerleaders are Yvonne Mouton, Wendy Boudreaux, Patricia LaLande, Rhonda Nunez, Kim Roberts and Christine LaLande.

The cheerleaders were recently judged by Ramona Benoit and Beverly Thomas of South Cameron High School.

A summer cheering session is planned for the pep squad and cheerleaders by their leader, Donna LaLande.

ROUNDABOUT THE PARISH

The Grand Chenier Kindergarten pupils were taken on a field trip to the Rockefeller Refuge Tuesday. Hank Ratcliff took the children around to see the animals, birds and buildings. Chaperones were Mesdames Hulane Kelly, Lorraine Baccigalopi and Mabel Miller. The children also enjoyed the ride in Mrs. Baccigalopi's bus van.

Mrs. Leona McWhirter was elected as Fifth District President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW. The McWhirters reside in the Creole area. They have a daughter, Maude, who is secretary at the Calcasieu-Marine National Bank in Cameron and a son, Mike, who is serving in the Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier, Kitty Hawk.

PFC Jeffery L. Saltzman, presently on leave, recently finished school at Fort Lee, Vir. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilman Saltzman of Cameron, will leave for duty in Alaska on May 30.



SENIOR CITIZENS were entertained by Elvis Presley, courtesy of Keith Estille of Acadian On Call, at the Senior Day festivities May 6.

Library's summer program will be a little "Buggy" here

The Cameron Parish Library is going "Buggy" over their upcoming 2004 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme of "Buggy about Books," features a theme of bugs of all kinds. Cameron Parish Library is joining libraries all across the state as they are buzzing this summer with activities for children.

Weekly activities and performers will feature activities about insects and spiders will have youngsters just itching to read. T-Shirts and book bags are available starting at \$3 each.

Posters, bookmarks and displays about the programs feature lively, colorful bees, ladybugs, ants, butterflies and other insects created by Louisiana artist Steve Shambarger will be popping up all over the parish soon. The library will be offering something different this year. Besides the regular Summer Reading Program performers, each branch library will now offer a library StoryTime each Wednesday at 10 a.m., featuring library staff reading their favorite books about bugs along with crafts, and puppets.

Each branch of the Cameron Parish Library will offer different Summer Reading Programs at different times and dates. A schedule of the "Buggy about Books" programs are listed below:

Main Library:

Monday, June 7, 10 a.m., Pastiche - Musician/ Storyteller

Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m., Storytime

Monday, June 14, 10 a.m., The Yarnspinner-Storyteller

Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m., Storytime

Monday, June 21, 10 a.m., Hobgoblin Puppets

Wednesday, June 23, 10 a.m., Storytime

Wednesday, June 30, 10 a.m., Storytime

Wednesday, July 7, 10 a.m., Harvey Rabbit Puppet Show

Monday, July 12, 10 a.m., Magic of David LeBouef

Grand Lake Branch:

Monday, June 7, 2 p.m., Pastiche - Musician/Storyteller

Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m., Storytime

Monday, June 14, 2 p.m., The Yarnspinner-Storyteller

Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m., Storytime

Monday, June 21, 2 p.m., Hobgoblin Puppets

Wednesday, June 23, 10 a.m., Storytime

Wednesday, June 30, 10 a.m., Storytime

Wednesday, July 7, 2 p.m., Harvey Rabbit Puppet Show

Monday, July 12, 2 p.m., Magic of David LeBouef

Johnson Bayou Branch:

Tuesday, June 8, 10 a.m., Pastiche - Musician/ Storyteller

Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m., Storytime

Tuesday, June 14, 10 a.m., The Yarnspinner-Storyteller

Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m., Storytime

Monday, June 21, 2 p.m., Hobgoblin Puppets

Wednesday, June 23, 10 a.m., Storytime

Wednesday, June 30, 10 a.m., Storytime

Wednesday, July 7, 2 p.m., Harvey Rabbit Puppet Show

Monday, July 12, 2 p.m., Magic of David LeBouef

Knights of Columbus

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EDMOND TRAHAN

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Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m., Storytime

Tuesday, June 22, 10 a.m., Hobgoblin Puppets

Wednesday, June 23, 10 a.m., Storytime

Tuesday, June 29, 10 a.m., The Yarnspinner-Storyteller

Wednesday, June 30, 10 a.m., Storytime

Tuesday, July 6, 10 a.m., Magic of David LeBouef

Thursday, July 8, 10 a.m., Harvey Rabbit Puppet Show

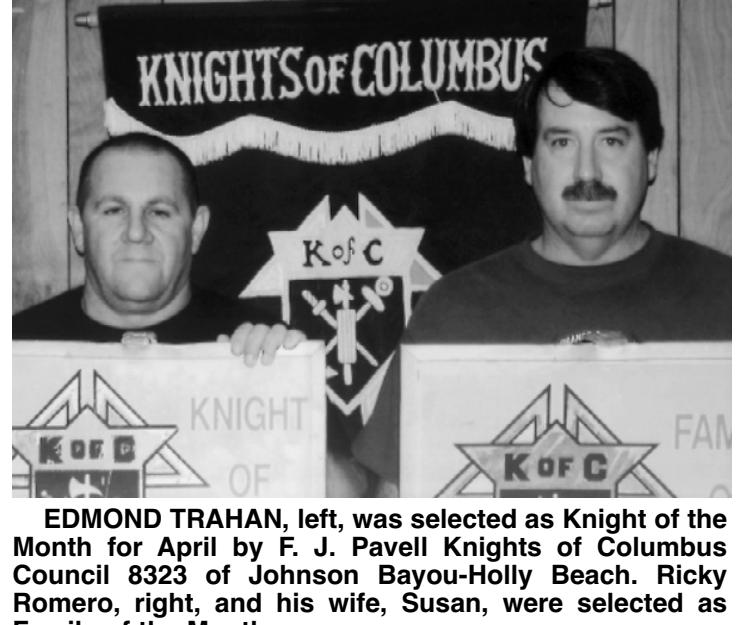
Families are urged to contact the library at any branch to learn more about enriching, entertaining and educational programs available free of charge this summer at the "Buggy about Books" Summer Reading Programs.

The Summer Reading Program "Buggy about Books" is 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 & Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana.



ONE AND A half tons (3000 pounds) of crawfish were boiled and consumed at the benefit held last Saturday in Johnson Bayou for Clifton "BoBo" Morris, who has Lou Gehrig's disease.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



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MICAH BENOIT has been named to the varsity cheerleading team at McNeese State University. She is shown with her parents, Eddie and Peggy Benoit, at the Cameron Parish School Board meeting Monday.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



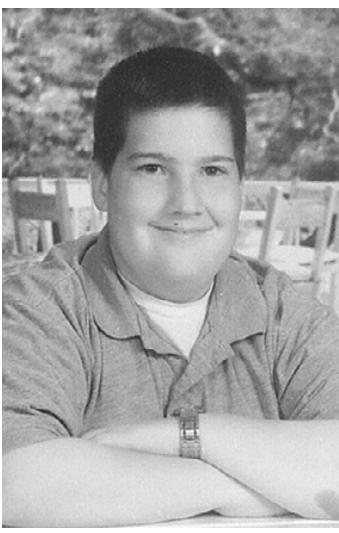
SPECIAL EDUCATION students who won medals at the Special Olympics shown above are, from left: B. J. Primeaux, Hope Morvant, Catina Rogers, Raeleigh Primeaux, and Joel Racca, along with supervisor Willyne Kestel and teachers Sharon Parsons and Pam Theriot.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE CAMERON PARISH Ministerial Alliance hosted a Law Enforcement Luncheon Tuesday, May 11, at the Outrigger Restaurant. Three ministers, Rev. Tom Beeler, Rev. Lannis Joseph, and Rev. Alton Hodnett, along with Sheriff-elect Theos Duhon and 16 other law enforcement personnel attended.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



KEVIN JOHN ORGERON, Hackberry High School student, has been named an All-American Scholar and his photo will be in the All-American Scholar Yearbook. He is the son of Rameaux and Karen Orgeron of Hackberry and the grandson of Evelyn Turner of Hackberry and Lilly Orgeron of LaRose. He was nominated for the award by Randall Von Rosenberg.

A Salute to the Armed Forces Day will be held Saturday, May 15, at 9 a.m. at the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1205 N. Lakeshore Drive.

The public is also invited to support the armed forces overseas by bringing preferred items to the bureau to send over to the troops as a way of saying "thank you." Organized by the State Office of Tourism, the collected goods will be sent to the troops at the conclusion of National Tourism Week.

For more information, please contact the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at (337) 436-9588.

Teachers appreciated at Hackberry

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated this week at Hackberry High School with many daily activities.

Monday, school employees enjoyed donuts for breakfast, sponsored by the Sr. 4-H club.

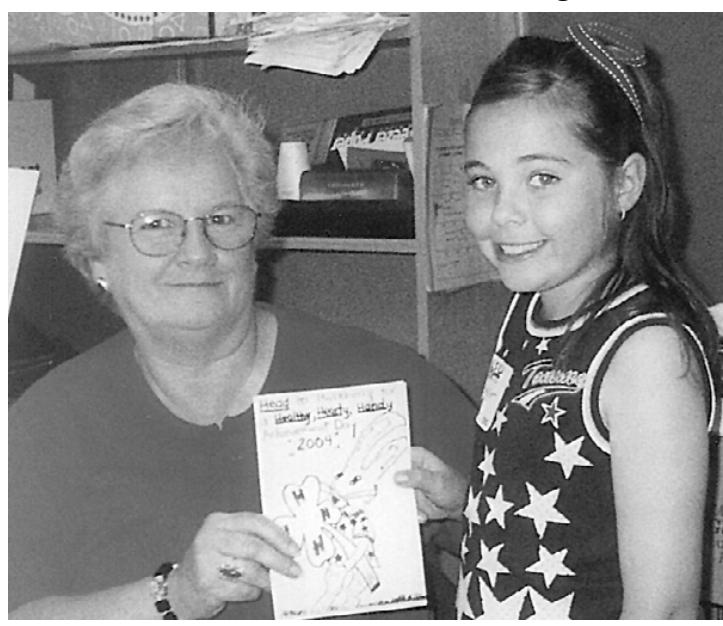
Tuesday, school employees were treated to a baked potato lunch sponsored by the Jr. 4-H club.

Wednesday, employees participated in the Rice Cookery contest by sampling the entries for lunch and casting a vote on the dishes.

Thursday, the school personnel were treated to seafood trays sponsored by Dynegy, and salads from the Jr. 4-H club.

Friday, the week was concluded with tuna salad sandwiches, chips and desserts from the 4-H clubs.

All employees got a small appreciation gift from the office each day and received a thermal bag for Navarre Chevrolet.



MRS. MARGARET SHOVES, Hackberry 4-H club leader, congratulated Abby Miller for winning the Program Cover Contest for the 2004 4-H Achievement Day that was held at the Hackberry School. Abby is a South Cameron Elementary School student.

Cameron Parish should have the right to have a riverboat

Dear Editor:

Representative Mickey Frith's House Bill 186 is a simple bill that will bring economic development to Cameron Parish. The bill designates the lower Sabine River as a gaming river.

Who has a horse in this race?

The Lake Charles Port Commission? I think not. The Lake Charles Port felt that they had to oppose HB 186 to show their support for Pinnacle. As the lesser to Pinnacle, the Port should pass a positive resolution in support of Pinnacle but not a negative resolution opposing HB 186. The port commission shouldn't care one way or the other about gaming on the lower Sabine River.

The city of Lake Charles also felt the need to oppose gaming on the lower Sabine River. I cannot figure that one out. The city won't lose a thing if the lower Sabine River is designated a gaming river. Where is their horse in this race?

The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury also opposed HB 186. We are talking about our sister parish. The parish that Cameron Parish residents support the most. We spend all our money in Calcasieu Parish.

Our take on the matter is threefold: (1) we can attract gaming from Texas along the coast (Port Arthur and Galveston), not the I-10 corridor; (2) we can create jobs and diversify from the oil and gas economy and (3) when Pinnacle opens their doors, these boats are looking for another location anyway. Believe it or not, some of the boats are going to leave Lake

Charles. Why not let them come to Cameron Parish? Give us a piece of the pie for a change.

I must hand it to the Pinnacle lobbyist and the Lake Charles legislative delegation. They are powerful and they were already going to vote against House Bill 186. The Lake Charles Delegation didn't need any more support on this. They do the voting and, believe me, they have already made up their minds.

So why did the Port, the city of Lake Charles and the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury get involved in something that they didn't need to get involved in? Why did they slap Cameron Parish in the face? We know that Calcasieu Parish and its future should come first, but when they can stay out of something that affects their sister parish, shouldn't they? Especially when the outcome is going to be the same whether they say yes or no?

We have a great place for riverboat gaming on the lower Sabine River. Gaming on the lower Sabine River is not going to affect Pinnacle's success. Pinnacle is now in construction and they aren't going to pull out of Lake Charles at this point.

Meanwhile, Cameron Parish is going to ride this horse to the end of the race.

Tina Horn Creole

Hackberry 4-H's sell strawberries

By SEANS HICKS

Nurse Sheila Strother spoke at the April meeting of the Hackberry 4-H Clubs on the members' self esteem.

Lori Beth Shove gave a project talk on Rice Cookery, and announced that the local clubs will have a rice cookery contest on May 5. This contest is the conclusion of her citizenship project. In her project, she did a study on Louisiana customs and products.

Reports were also given on strawberry sales by Kayla Vincent and Awards Day by Colton Sanner. The Hackberry Club won the pizza party for selling the most strawberries. They will have their party at their Awards Day on May 12.

The awards will be presented at a meeting of both clubs at 9:30 a.m. with the pizza party for club members following. Parents are invited to the awards assembly in the school auditorium.

The Hackberry Club sold 332 flats of strawberries. Jonathan Nunez sold 56 flats and was presented with a gift certificate for selling the most berries.

Also recognized for selling over 20 flats were Torri Stansel, Lori Beth Shove, Rachel Wilkins, and Colin and Whitley Reed.



IN SERVICE--Brad Ellender of Hackberry is presently serving with the 256th Delta, 2-54th Infantry, 1st Platoon, Fort Benning, Ga. and mail can be sent to him at that address.

Mayhaw Butter

With 8 lbs. of mayhaw pulp, cook over low heat until thick enough to round up in a spoon. As pulp thickens, stir frequently to prevent sticking. Add:

5 cups sugar
1 Tbs ground cinnamon
1 Tbs ground nutmeg
1 Tbs ground cloves

Continue stirring frequently over very low heat until thick, about 1 hour. When mixture flakes from the spoon, pour the butter into sterilized jars. Seal and process in boiling water bath for 15 minutes.



★ DANCE ★

Mac's Shack - Creole

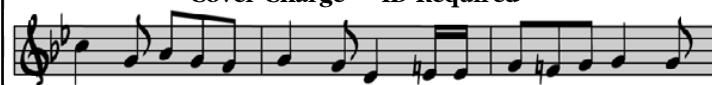
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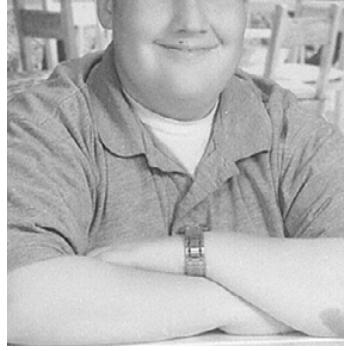
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3 cups sugar
1 cup butter (softened)
6 eggs
3 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp soda
pinch of salt
1 cup sour cream
2 tps rum extract
1 tsp orange extract
1/4 tsp almond extract
1/2 tsp lemon extract
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 cup Lynn Creek Mayhaw Wine
Combine sugar and butter; cream until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each egg. Combine dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream, beating well after each addition. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour batter into a well-greased and floured 10-inch bundt pan or tube pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 20 minutes, or until cake tests done

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HELP WANTED

SECURITY OFFICERS needed in the Cameron Area. Please contact the office at 1-800-759-3660. 5/13-27p.

JOB OPENINGS

Cameron Parish Library is accepting applications for summer employment at the following locations: Johnson Bayou Library, Hackberry Library, and Grand Lake Library. Applications will be available at all locations. Applications will be taken until 4 p.m. on May 17, 2004. Salary: \$5.15 an hour.

Cameron Parish Library does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin or political or religious opinions.

RUN: May 6, 13 (M-15)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Water and Wastewater District No. 1 will receive sealed bids on one Ford 4000 s/n 2720 Tractor with backhoe and front blade. Minimum bid for the tractor will be \$2800.00. The tractor may be seen at the office located at 126 Ann Street in Cameron, La. Bids must be received by 3 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 2004.

RUN: April 29 & May 6 & 13 (A-64)

JOB AD

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for bus drivers (persons wishing to transfer or persons wishing to apply as new bus drivers):

For information regarding qualifications and application contact:

Mr. Ron Vining, Transportation Supervisor, Cameron Parish School Board, P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631. Phone: 337-775-5784, Ext. 14.

The deadline for submitting requests to transfer and new applications is Friday, May 14, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

RUN: April 29 & May 6 & 13 (A-62)

NOTICE

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive proposals for the clean-up of grounds and mowing at Grand Chenier Elementary School, Audrey Memorial Site, and Grand Lake High School until the hour of 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 7, 2004.

A copy of guidelines for submitting proposals may be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 246 Dewey St., Cameron, LA 70631.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted.

RUN: May 13, 20 (M-32)

HELP WANTED

MOSQUITO CONTROL Inspector. The Cameron Parish Mosquito Control is accepting applications for the position of Inspector. Must have high school diploma or G.E.D., clean driving record, good social and communication skills, be physically able to walk marshes and pastures to survey mosquito populations. Expect to work weekends, nights and holidays when needed. Must pass La. Dept. of Agriculture 8A certification within one year of hiring. Applications must be filled out in person at Mosquito Control Headquarters at 149 Leblanc Road, Creole, La. Phone 337-775-5942. We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, the presence of a non-job-related medical condition or handicap, or any other legally protected status.

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MONDAY'S DOGFIGHTS

All afternoon dogfights are opened to the public. A little more info on the Gibbstown Dogfights. Launching is at the Gibbstown Bridge Public Launch, every Monday evening, with registration starting at 4:45 p.m. and blastoff at 5:30 p.m. They say weigh-in is at "dark thirty", but they decide a time before starting out.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 6th day of April 2004 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2003-09: Jetty Pier Pavilion pursuant to the certain contract between H & H Metal Contractors, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 283092 in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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

BY: Steve Trahan, President
RUN: April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20 (A 24)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 5th day of April 2004 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2002-01: Road Improvements in Cameron Parish Asphalt Surface Treatment pursuant to the certain contract between R. E. Heidt Construction and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 275414, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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

BY: Steve Trahan, President
RUN: April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20 (A 25)

CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT NO. 1 P.O. BOX 960 126 ANN STREET

CAMERON, LOUISIANA 70631

Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 will receive sealed bids prior to 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 28, 2004 with all items deliverable to Cameron, Louisiana for the following items.

Please provide prices as specified:

1. 150 lb. cylinder of chlorine gas (per pound).

2. Polyphosphate, condensed inorganic phosphate blend (per gallon).

Bids are based on a 2 year contract period with an option to renew for an additional 2 year period. Bids sheets can be obtained by calling (337) 775-5660 Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and on Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

RUNS: April 29, May 6, 13 (A 69)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWER CAMERON HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of Lower Cameron Hospital Service District met in regular session on Thursday, March 4, 2004. Members present were as follows: Rick Merchant, Chairman; Kyle Theriot, Vice-Chairman; Greg Fawvor, Secretary - Treasurer; Barbara LeBlanc; Tim Dupont

Absent: Stephanie Nunez, Wendell Wilkerson

Guests: David Byrns, PACER Health Corporation; Jennifer Jones, Assistant District Attorney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Merchant

Pledge of Allegiance

Tim Dupont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Change of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. LeBlanc, and seconded by Mr. Dupont to add the following items to the agenda under New Business: Equipment Purchases, and Chairman authority to sign Audit Compliance Questionnaire.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Dupont to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings: January 20, 2004, Regular meeting; January 28, 2004, Special meeting; January 30, 2004, Special meeting; and February 5, 2004, Regular meeting. The motion carried.

Old Business

Enlarging the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District

Ms. Jones informed the Board that Mr. Cecil Sanner, Cameron Parish District Attorney, is waiting on a legal description from the Tax Assessor's Office before he drafts the ordinance to enlarge the District. Once the ordinance is drafted it will have to be approved by the Cameron Parish Police Jury for the new Service District to be created.

Fiscal Agent Agreement

Mr. Fawvor reported to the Board that the papers for the fiscal agent agreement are being drafted by Cameron State Bank for the chairman's signature and should be ready for next month's meeting.

USDA Grant Application

Mr. Merchant reported that the USDA Grant Application had been forwarded to him during the month, that he read and signed the

application and that it had been returned to Mr. Gerard Labat's office for processing.

FHA / HUD Grants

Ms. Jones reported that the Police Jury, at their March 1st meeting, had hired Ms. Lori London of American Marketing Concepts to be the parish's contract grant writer. Ms. Jones stated that Ms. London will be working for all of the parish entities so she will contact her and begin researching any grants that pertain to rural hospital operations.

Disposal of Old Ambulance

Mr. Dupont reported that he had spoken with a member of the Ambulance District # 1 that was interested in purchasing the one remaining ambulance that the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District still owns. The ambulance had been put out for bid several months ago, however no bids were received. On a motion by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Fawvor it was moved that this ambulance was to be sold and removed from the premises for the amount of \$50.00, as is. The motion carried

New Business Management Report

Mr. David Byrns reported to the Board that it has been 5 weeks since PACER had taken over hospital operations and that they continue to make changes so that the hospital can achieve a break-even status. Changes are taking place at both the Hospital and Calcasieu Oaks including: Dr. Jake Holland was named as Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director at the hospital; exam rooms are being set up at the hospital where Dr. Holland will see patients; adjunct Doctors from Lake Charles and the surrounding areas will begin seeing patients at the hospital; new computer equipment is being installed during the next few weeks; all X-Ray and Cat-Scans will be digitized so that they can be transmitted over the internet to radiologists and doctors for consultations. Mr. Byrns also reported that employee morale has stabilized and that everyone is working together to help restore confidence in the hospital.

On a motion by Mr. Theriot, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc the Board accepted the management report for the month of March. The motion carried.

Allocation of Legal Bills

Mr. Fawvor reported that at a previous meeting Mr. Bob Hicks of Camelot Healthcare had agreed to reimburse the Board for legal fees incurred because of lease defaults. The legal firm of Sullivan, Stolier & Resor had faxed Ms. Jones a breakdown of legal fees that were owed for lease defaults and those that were solely the District expenses. Mr. Byrns also stated that he had paid several invoices that were billed to the hospital itself for additional legal fees. Ms. Jones told the Board that she would review the various bills for legal services and get back to the Board next month on how they should be paid out.

Payment of Bills

On a motion by Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Theriot, it was moved that the following bills be approved for payment for the month of March:

Cameron Pilot: \$42.00; Publication of Minutes

Broussard, Poche', Lewis and Breaux, \$475.00; Accounting/Cost Report Services

Broussard, Poche', Lewis and Breaux, \$1,765.44; Accounting/Cost Report Services

Lester Miller, & Wells, \$91.00; Cost Report Services

The motion carried.

Federal Property and Equipment Sales

Ms. LeBlanc reported to the Board that she had contacted officials at the Federal Office of Property and Equipment. This federal office buys equipment in large lots during war time and ships the equipment overseas and when the war is over the equipment is returned to the United States and is sold at greatly reduced prices. Ms. LeBlanc stated that she felt that it may be possible for the hospital to use this avenue to purchase new equipment for the emergency room and other hospital operations. On a motion by Mr. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Dupont it was moved to allow Ms. LeBlanc to forward an equipment list to these officials to see if they have any of the replacement equipment needed by the hospital. The motion carried.

Audit Compliance Questionnaire

It was moved by Mr. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Theriot to give the Chairman authority to sign this year's audit compliance questionnaire and forward that document to the Legislative Auditor's Office in Baton Rouge. The motion carried.

Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Dupont the Board performed a roll call to adjourn the regular session and enter into executive session to discuss Strategic Planning on District operations. Roll was called with the following results:

YEAS: Rick Merchant, Greg Fawvor, Kyle Theriot, Barbara LeBlanc, Tim Dupont

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Stephanie Nunez, Wendell Wilkerson

In addition to the Board the following persons were included in the executive session: Ms. Jennifer Jones, Mr. David Byrns

On a motion by Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Theriot, the meeting was called back into regular session. The motion carried.

Based upon Strategic Planning discussions during the Executive Session, the Board decided to take no actions at this time.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Theriot, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.m.

Approved this 1st day of April,

2004

Approval:
/s/ Rick Merchant
Rick Merchant, CHAIRMAN
Lower Cameron Hospital
Service District

Attest:
/s/ Greg Fawvor
Greg Fawvor, Secretary
RUN: May 13 (M 7)

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
DOCKET NO. PL 04-04-034

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with reference to the provisions of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended by Act 16 of the Extraordinary Session of 1973, being Chapter 7 of Title 30, and particularly Section 542(a) of said Act, a public hearing will be held in the La Belle Room located on the first floor of the LaSalle Office Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on May 20, 2004, upon the application of **TARGA LOUISIANA INTRASTATE LLC**.

At such hearing the Commissioner will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order upon the application of **TARGA LOUISIANA INTRASTATE LLC** for the abandonment of natural gas pipeline facilities from intrastate jurisdictional status in the Parishes of Calcasieu, Beauregard, Allen, Jefferson Davis, Acadia, Lafayette, St. Martin, Vermilion and Cameron, State of Louisiana, pursuant to La.R.S. 30:555(B).

A copy of the application is on file with the Office of Conservation and may be examined during normal business hours.

Comments and views regarding the application should be directed in written form to be received not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m., May 19, 2004. Oral comments will be received at the hearing but should be brief and not cover the entire matter contained in the written comments. If accommodations are required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact the Pipeline Division at (225) 342-5505, within ten working days of the hearing date. Direct comments to:

JAMES H. WELSH

Commissioner of Conservation

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

JHW:DRH:jbt
RUN: May 6 and 13 (M 20)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 P.M., June 7, 2004 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, for an official journal.

By: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner

BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

RUN: May 13 and 20 (M 21)

The Water We Drink

CAMERON PARISH WW
DISTRICT NO 1

Public Water Supply ID:

LA1023001

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2003. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and the services we deliver to you every day (Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.) Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source(s) are listed below:

Source Name, Source Location, Source Type, Source ID Number; Well #1 - Elevated Tank, Chicot, Ground Water, 1023001-001; Well #2 - Courthouse, Chicot, Ground Water, 1023001-002; Well #4 - Tince Murphy, Chicot, Ground Water, 1023001-004; Well #5 - Town & Country, Chicot, Ground Water, 1023001-005; Well #6 - Jimbo's Pasture, Chicot, Ground Water, 1023001-006; Well #7 - Eleven Oaks, Chicot, Ground Water, 1023001-007; Well #8 - Monkey Island, Chicot, Ground Water, 1023001-008.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources.

According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of medium. If you would like to review the Source Water Protection Plan, please feel free to contact our office at the number provided in the following paragraph.

In the table below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected at levels BELOW their maximum contaminant level. These samples, except for Lead and Copper results and surface water systems, were collected at the raw water source and represent water before any treatment, blending or distribution. As such, the consumer tap levels could be less. The last chemical sampling of our source water was collected on Tuesday, April 15, 2003.

Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis, therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

Contaminant, Date, Level, MCL, MCLG, Unit.

Arsenic; Major Sources:

Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass

and electronics production wastes;

3/11/2003, 8.00, 10, 0, ppb.

4/17/2000, 20.00, 10, 0, ppb.

Cadmium; Major Sources:

Erosion of galvanized pipes;

Erosion of natural deposits;

Discharge from metal refineries;

Runoff from waste batteries and paints; 4/17/2000, 1.00, 5, 5, ppb.

Chloride; 3/11/2003, 455.20,

ppm; 4/17/2000, 762.00, 250,

, ppm; 4/30/1999, 294.10, 250, , ppm.

Chromium; Major Sources: Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits, 4/17/2000, 10.00,

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Fluoride; Major Sources: Erosion of natural deposits; Water additives which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories; 6/17/2002, 0.10, 4, 4, ppm.

Lead; Major Sources: Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits, 8/29/2003, 50.50, AL=15, 0, ppb.

There Were No Positive Nitrate Samples During the Monitoring Period of January 1st to December 31st, 2003.

*****Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language*****

Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4761).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

Please call our office if you have any questions.

We at the CAMERON PARWW DISTRICT NO 7 work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

RUN: MAY 13 (M 23)

The Water We Drink
CAMERON PARISH WW
DISTRICT NO 10
Public Water Supply ID: LA
1023005

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2003. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and the services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the drinking quality of your water. Our water source(s) are listed below:

Source Name, Source Location, Source Type, Source ID; Well #1 - Chicot, Ground Water, 1023005-001; Well #2 - Chicot, Ground Water, 1023005-002.

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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets Federal and State requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Rhonda Morrison at 337-569-2110. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month, but you can call us at the above telephone number for a specific date and time.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2003. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, the following definitions are provided:

ND-(Non-Detects)-laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million-(ppm) or milligrams per liter-(mg/L)-one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per billion-(ppb) or micrograms per liter-(ug/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per trillion-(ppt) or nanogram per liter-(ng/L) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion-(pq) or picograms per liter-(pg/L) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter-(pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year-(mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter-(MF/L) - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are no longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit-(NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action Level-(AL) - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Treatment technique-(TT) - a treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level-(MCL) - the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level-(MCLG) - The "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level-(MRDL) - the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal-(MRDLG) - the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access, Room 304M, Headquarters Administration Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Telephone number (225-379-1444) on date(s) shown below, until 9:45 A.M. No bids will be accepted after this hour. At 10:00 A.M. of the same day and date, they will be publicly opened and read in Room 304M, Headquarters Administration Building. Evidence of authority to submit the bid shall be required in accordance with R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c) and/or R.S. 39:1594(C)(2)(d).

BIDS TO BE OPENED: JUNE 3, 2004 AGGREGATE, LIMESTONE

The Department will award the contract to the **LOWEST** responsible bidder without discrimination on grounds of race, color or national origin. Minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids pursuant to this advertisement.

Full information may be obtained upon request from the above address.

The Department reserved the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

JOHNNY B. BRADBERRY, SECRETARY

DANA D. WATLINGTON, DOTD PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

RUN: May 13 (M 26)

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Charles Sorrelles, Jr., please contact Lydia Guillory-Lee, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 121, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70602-0121, Telephone: (337) 436-2266.

RUN: May 13 (M 27)

CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT

NO. 11 PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 7, 2004

There was a meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Gerald Richard, Grace Robideaux, Billy Johnston

ABSENT: Andre Abadie

OTHER ATTENDEES: Kurt Ash, Master Meter

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeffrey Jouett.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the minutes from the March 8, 2004 special meeting were approved as previously mailed out.

The approval of the minutes from the March 9, 2004 regular meeting was tabled for further clarification.

Mr. Kurt Ash of Master Meters addressed the board to answer questions the board previously

able from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

Please call our office at 337-569-2110 if you have any questions.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the O&M Manual is hereby adopted and will be updated as needed.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, James O. Boudreux will be issued a credit for an account he has been paying that does not belong to him.

There was a general discussion regarding the status of fire hydrant locks.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the fire hydrant locks will be purchased and the fire department will be billed for half of the cost.

The issue of work completed for the fire department was discussed. We will begin documenting the work being completed on behalf of the fire department. This is for record keeping purposes only.

On a motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, the bills are to be mailed by the 1st of the month. If situations arise, the Superintendent has the authority to alter this schedule. In case the Superintendent is not available, these decisions will be made by his second in command.

The board reviewed the projects priority list.

Bazile Daigle Road project has been completed.

Vincent Road project will be completed this month.

A financial report was given for the month ending March 31, 2004.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the tap fee will be increased to \$362.00 to cover the additional cost of the new style meters.

On motion of Gerald Richard, seconded by Billy Johnston and carried, all new meters put in from here on out will be electronic meters. Any customer request to change out an existing, operable meter with a new electronic meter will be changed out at a cost to the customer of \$362.00.

The Superintendent's monthly report was given by James Cox. His report included the following items:

Well upgrade was completed

Well tests were performed

New antennas are up to the tower

Usage report

Overtime report

Production Costs

Delinquency Report

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, security lights will be put at the Big Lake tower and well site.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, all bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, on motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: /s/ Jeffrey Jouett, JEFFREY JOUETT, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: /s/ Helen Williams, HELEN WILLIAMS, SECRETARY

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NOTICE

Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access, Room 304M, Headquarters Administration Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Telephone number (225-379-1444) on date(s) shown below, until 9:45 A.M. No bids will be accepted after this hour. At 10:00 A.M. of the same day and date, they will be publicly opened and read in Room 304M, Headquarters Administration Building. Evidence of authority to submit the bid shall be required in accordance with R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c) and/or R.S. 39:1594(C)(2)(d).

BIDS TO BE OPENED: JUNE 3, 2004 AGGREGATE, LIMESTONE

The Department will award the contract to the **LOWEST** responsible bidder without discrimination on grounds of race, color or national origin. Minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids pursuant to this advertisement.

Full information may be obtained upon request from the above address.

The Department reserved the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

JOHNNY B. BRADBERRY, SECRETARY

DANA D. WATLINGTON, DOTD PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

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NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Charles Sorrelles, Jr., please contact Lydia Guillory-Lee, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 121, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70602-0121, Telephone: (337) 436-2266.

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CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT

NO. 11 PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 7, 2004

There was a meeting of the Board of Waterworks District 11 at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at the Grand Lake Waterworks office.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Jouett, Gerald Richard, Grace Robideaux, Billy Johnston

ABSENT: Andre Abadie

OTHER ATTENDEES: Kurt Ash, Master Meter

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jeffrey Jouett.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the minutes from the March 8, 2004 special meeting were approved as previously mailed out.

The approval of the minutes from the March 9, 2004 regular meeting was tabled for further clarification.

Mr. Kurt Ash of Master Meters addressed the board to answer questions the board previously

asked regarding electronic meters.

On motion of Grace Robideaux, seconded by Gerald Richard and carried, the O&M Manual is hereby adopted and will be updated as needed.