



THIS HISTORIC photo was taken from the second or third floor of the Cameron Courthouse on June 27, 1957, the day that Hurricane Audrey devastated Cameron Parish. Several hundred persons in the courthouse survived but about 500 others elsewhere in the parish perished. This photo was taken by the late Hadley Fontenot, who was Cameron's county agent at the time. Audrey's 50th anniversary will be observed Wednesday, June 27 in ceremonies at the courthouse.

Audrey's 50th anniversary to be observed here June 27th

By CYNDI SELLERS

Even as Cameron Parish struggles to recover from the effects of Hurricane Rita, the tragic and devastating impact of Hurricane Audrey in 1957 has not been forgotten. On Wednesday, June 27, the parish will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the deadly storm, which claimed over 400 lives.

The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on the steps of the Cameron Court House, which sheltered hundreds from the fury of the storm. A light lunch will be served after the program, and displays of hurricane information, books, and memorabilia will be available for viewing. In addition, a videographer will be on hand to record first-hand stories of Hurricane Audrey for future generations. Booths will be open until 2 p.m.

Brigadier General Robert Joseph LeBlanc will be the guest speaker, sharing his personal experiences of the storm. Judge H. Ward Fontenot will be the master of ceremonies. Rev. Wallace Primeaux, Jr., Audrey survivor and former pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, will give the invocation, and Msgr. Harry Greig, Diocese of Lake Charles, will give the benediction.

Music will be provided by



Brigadier General Robert J. LeBlanc

a combined choir and musicians, with a solo by Larry Dyson, former Cameron resident and Audrey survivor.

Past Civil Defense Directors will be honored for their efforts to protect the people of Cameron Parish over the years. Police Jury President Darryl Farque and Office of Emergency Preparedness Director Clifton Hebert will welcome and introduce guests.

Displays to be set up in the tent include: National Weather Service - Hurricane Audrey statistics and comparison to Hurricane Rita; book signings by authors Cathy Post and Nola Mae Ross; American Press - new

Hurricane Audrey book; Cameron Parish Library - historical photos; Cameron Pilot - archival materials including the first issue after the storm; KPLC-TV - documentaries and film clips; and the National Hurricane Museum and Science Center.

Corporate sponsors of the commemoration are Cheniere LNG, Semptra Energy, and Cameron Communications.

Oak Grove speaker told

Rev. John Reynolds will be guest speaker at Oak Grove Baptist Church Sunday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m., according to Rev. Jay Van Horn.

Rev. Reynolds is a former pastor of the church. The public is invited to attend with a dinner on the grounds following the service.

For more information call 542-4731 or 542-4747.

Meeting set

The Grand Lake - Sweetlake Action Alliance meeting will be held July 5 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center. All members are urged to attend and the public is invited.



THERE WAS a full house of parishioners and visitors at the rededication and blessing of St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier, Saturday, June 16. The church was badly damaged by Hurricane Rita in September, 2005.

(Photo courtesy of Morris LeBleu.)

Cheniere bill to give parish \$2.6 million

By ELONA WESTON
 (American Press)

A House bill allowing Cameron Parish to grant future ad valorem tax credits based on prior tax collections was favored by a Senate Committee on Monday.

House Bill 567, by Rep. Mickey Frith, D-Abbeville, now heads to the Senate floor for debate.

It has already been approved by House members.

Frith said the legislation became necessary when Cheniere Energy Inc.--which is building a liquefied natural gas facility in western Cameron Parish--offered to pay its ad valorem taxes 10 years in advance.

Geoffrey Emerson of Cheniere Energy told the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs that the advance payment will aid Cameron Parish in its hurricane recovery.

The taxes will mean an infusion of \$2.6 million into the local economy "so that the recovery from the hurricane can commence immediately," Emerson said.

Cheniere has asked for an ad valorem tax credit based on prior collections at the end

of the 10 years.

Cheniere Energy has a history of donating money in Cameron Parish. In 2005, in response to Rita, the company donated more than \$500,000 to fund seven fully furnished classroom buildings to house the students of Johnson Bayou School.

A similar bill has been filed by Sen. Jerry Theunissen, R-Jennings.

G. Chenier church plans dedication

Grand Chenier United Methodist Church will dedicate its restored building on Sunday, July 15. Lunch will be served at noon followed by a dedication service at 2 p.m.

Bishop Bill Hutchinson, Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, will bring the message.

Rev. James Moore, pastor of Grand Chenier UMC, invites everyone to come eat and visit before the service.

Cattlemen to discuss reentry plans

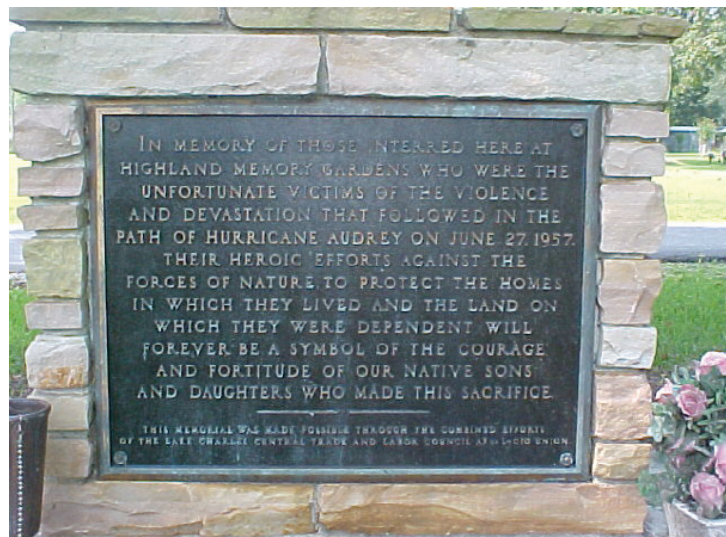
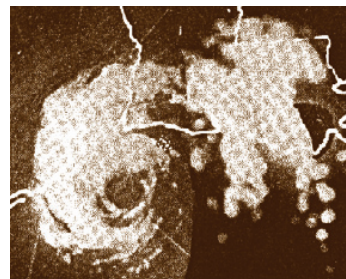
The Cameron Parish Cattlemen Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 28, at the LSU AgCenter office in Calcasieu Parish at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be to discuss the Cameron Parish Hurricane Re-Entry Plan for cattle producers.

All cattle producers will need to be a member of the Cameron Cattlemen Association to be able to re-enter after a hurricane to check on their cattle. Sheriff Theos Duhon will be present to discuss the parish plan.

Any producer will be able to join the Cameron Cattlemen Association at this meeting. Please make every effort to attend this meeting to learn about the Cameron Parish Cattlemen Hurricane Re-Entry Plan.

For more information please contact the Cameron Parish LSU AgCenter office at 905-1318.



ABOVE IS the plaque at the base of a statue that marks a mass grave in Highland Memory Gardens, a Lake Charles cemetery, where a number of unidentified victims of Hurricane Audrey were buried following the June 27, 1957 storm. At right is the statue.



THE MOST REV. Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, is shown rededicating and blessing St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier on Saturday, June 16. The church was badly damaged by Hurricane Rita in September, 2005. (Photo courtesy of Morris LeBleu.)

An Audrey story--'sit up straight'

(EDITOR'S NOTE--One of the most moving stories to come out of Hurricane Audrey was this one written about Frank Reed of Grand Chenier and his grandchildren. Mrs. Harrison, the writer, wrote the news of the black community for the Pilot for many years. The article originally appeared in the Sept. 13, 1957 issue of the Pilot.)

By MRS. LEE J. HARRISON

Frank Reed stood 6 feet 2, weighed 210 pounds, had a shock of white hair and was fond of saying of his nine sons, "I have my own baseball team."

He was born in Grand Chenier, in 1881, when it was all farming and fishing--none of this latter-day offshore oil business.

When he was 21, he married Jeanette Jones, who was only 14. Besides their boys,

they had three girls. After a while the children moved away to places as far as California. But Frank liked to have a houseful of his own grandchildren with him for the summer.

Five of those grandchildren were with him in the roomy old house on his 80 fertile acres on June 27. Two had arrived the day before from San Francisco.

Today Frank Reed lay in a coffin clasping the body of a 4-year-old Frank Reed III. The other grandchildren were dead, too, and so was their grandmother. From Galveston and Lake Charles, and from the far west coast, the Reed children came to mourn.

This was a day for funerals, individual and collective. The community sought to provide burial for the unidentified while keeping a record of clues--such as fingerprints--that might lead to identification later, and private re-burial.

Two group services were scheduled. There was still no firm figure on the unidentified dead.

But as the hastily built coffins were lowered into trenches, it was easy to forget that each individual had an history, and family ties, more or less like Frank Reed's.

Actually, his long life had touched the lives of most of the others. So if you knew something about Frank Reed you knew something about most of those who lived and died in the remote marshland rimming the Gulf of Mexico.

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Funerals

ROLAND JAMES LEBOEUF

Funeral services for Roland "Joe" LeBoeuf were held Monday, June 18, from St. Anne Catholic Church. Father Manger officiated. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Orange, Tex.

Mr. LeBoeuf was born in Cameron. He died June 12, 2007, in Beaumont.

During World War II, he served as a water tender first class in the Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Rowena LeBoeuf; daughters, Linda Grisham and husband Bobby of Clear Lake, Tex., and Debbie Williamson and husband Steve of Beaumont; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, A. M. "Pete" LeBoeuf of Amarillo, Tex., and John Lee LeBoeuf of Texas City, Tex..

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Joseph "Buster" LeBoeuf.

BETTY ANN LAWRENCE MILLER

Betty Ann Lawrence Miller, 82, of Westlake, died Thursday, June 14, 2007, at a Lake Charles hospital.

Betty Miller grew up in Fenton and attended St. Charles Academy and graduated from Fenton High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R. V. "Buddie" Miller.

Survivors include two sons, Rodney and wife



Delores Miller of Cameron and Royce Miller of Houston; one daughter, Roxann and husband Buddy Buller of Westlake; nine grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandsons; one brother, Michael Lawrence; and one sister, Martha Langley.

Her funeral was held Monday, June 18, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Westlake. Burial was in LeBleu Cemetery in Fenton.

CHARLOTTE H. PILKERTON

Charlotte Henrietta Pilkerton, 70, of Lake Charles, died Tuesday, June 19, 2007, in a local hospital.

Mrs. Pilkerton was born in Hope, Ark., and lived in Lake Charles for most of her life. She attended Sulphur High School. She was a member of St. Margaret Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Webster Pilkerton of Lake Charles; two daughters, Debbie McDade and husband Chuck of Sulphur and Kathy Baca and husband Jose of Lake Charles; three sons, Gary Michael Pilkerton and wife Vickie of Gonzales, David Allen Pilkerton and wife Marie of Grand Lake, and John Edward of Lake Charles; one sister, Mary Ann Day of Lake Charles; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Charles McMillin will officiate. Burial will be in Prien Memorial Gardens.

Counseling with grief is offered

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Let's talk about "Weathering the Storm of Grief" with Speaker: Randy Canter, Licensed Clinical Christian Counselor, Certified Temperament Counselor and Ordained Minister.

Meeting will be held at Grand Chenier Library Each Tuesday beginning June 12 through July 17 at 4:30-6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Guidry named to the Kickers

Twenty-six students have been selected for the 2007-2008 McNeese State University Cowgirl Kickers squad.

McNeese Cowgirl Kickers participate at football games with the "Pride of McNeese Marching Band" and at basketball games, as well as other civic appearances in the area.

Students must meet certain criteria and scholarships are available for those students selected for the squad, according to Paige Harkins Caldwell, director.

Brandy Guidry, from Grand Lake, was named co-captain of the squad.

Grand Chenier Library announces its schedule

The Grand Chenier Library has announced its weekly activity schedule, as follows:

Crossword Daze, 10 a.m., Daily.

Monday, June 25: Special Diets Recipe Swap.

Tuesday, June 26: 4:30-6 p.m., Grief Counseling w/

Randy Canter. Wednesday, June 27: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., La. Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team, Arts & Crafts.

Thursday, June 28: 11:30 a.m., Sherry Broussard, Summer Reading Performer.

For more information, please call 538-2214.

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THIS WAS the front page of the first Cameron Parish Pilot printed after Cameron Parish was almost destroyed by Hurricane Audrey on June 27, 1957. Cameron Parish did rise again, but was recently devastated by Hurricane Rita on September 23, 2005. The Pilot ran the same headline after Rita.

General to be speaker at Audrey memorial on 27th

Brigadier General Robert Joseph LeBlanc will be the keynote speaker at the Hurricane Audrey Memorial Day program. The commemoration, 50 years since Hurricane Audrey, will take place at the Cameron Courthouse on Wednesday, June 27 at 10 a.m.

General LeBlanc is from Abbeville and currently serves as the director of Vermilion Parish's Office of Emergency Preparedness. He served the United States in World War II as a Special Operations liaison officer between General Patton's Army and the French Underground.

After Hurricane Audrey, General LeBlanc took over operation of the Civil Defense Office in Vermilion Parish, where he supervised the reconstruction of Pecan Island, Forked Island and the Henry Boston Area. He remained the part-time director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness,

Taylor given scholarship

Sara Elizabeth Taylor of Cameron Parish was one of 41 4-H members who received \$100 Louisiana 4-H Foundation Scholarships during an awards banquet held Tuesday at 4-H University in Baton Rouge. She also received the Gerry Lane Enterprises Scholarship worth \$550.

4-H University was formerly known as the 4-H Short Course.

LSU AgCenter Vice Chancellor Paul Coreil said the scholarship winners represent some of the best of the best in the Louisiana 4-H program.

(Dr. Coreil was Cameron Parish's Fisheries Agent some years ago.)

When Congress created the Cooperative Extension Service of the USDA in 1914, it included within the CES charter the work of various boys' and girls' clubs involved with agriculture, home economics and related subjects. By 1924 these clubs became organized as "4-H" clubs and the clover emblem was adopted.



Jeff Davis Coop annual meeting set for July 9

The Jeff Davis Electric Coop will hold its annual meeting on Monday, July 9 at the Grand Lake High School Cafeteria. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

There will be 44 door prizes, two prizes for children under 16 and a first prize of a big screen television.

All coop members are invited to attend. The Coop serves most residents of Cameron Parish.

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THESE WERE caskets of some of the unknown victims of Hurricane Audrey who were buried in mass graves in several locations 50 years ago. Memorial services were held at the sites of the mass graves.



THIS WAS THE remains of the popular eating place, Fred's Restaurant, following Hurricane Audrey which destroyed much of Cameron Parish on June 27, 1957.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot, June 20, 1974)

SKIPPER THE TAMED OTTER

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

"Skipper," the tamed otter belonging to Mrs. J. A. Miller of Creole, is pictured in a book "The Mammals of Louisiana and its adjacent Water" which has just come off the press.

The book was written by Dr. George H. Lowery, Jr. and the photograph of Skipper was taken by Lloyd Poissenot.

Mrs. Miller, who is often called Madame Lute (French for Otter Lady), has a hobby of training baby otters.

In addition to "Skipper" she also has a pair of otters "Bonnie and Clyde" which she received this year from a trapper who found the baby motherless otters in the marsh. This gift cost Mrs. Miller a trip to the National Outdoor Show in Cambridge to complete in the Ladies Fur Skinning Contest, because she did not want to go off and leave them, for fear they would not live without her constant care.

SHRIMPERS SEEK IMPORT DUTIES

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

A drastic drop in prices due to the flooding of the marked with duty-free imported shrimp has prompted the leaders in the shrimping industry to seek federal legislation to impose duties on imported shrimp.

C. J. Kiffe, a Cameron shrimper who is vice president of the Louisiana Shrimpers Associations, said the shrimpers have asked Congressman John Breaux to introduce legislation to put duty on foreign imports and an anti-dumping bill to keep foreign interests from dump-

ing shrimp on the domestic market at prices lower than the local shrimpers can catch them.

LION OF THE YEAR

Robert E. Farley, superintendent of Skelly Oil Co. of Cameron, was named "Lion of the Year" at the annual Ladies Night and Lion of the Year banquet of the Cameron Lions Club held in the VFW Hall Friday night in Cameron.

Farley, who has been a Lions Club member since 1949, was cited for his faithful service to the local club, in addition to his work in Lionism in helping organize two clubs and his service as past president. The award was presented to Farley by last year's recipient, Ed Kelley.

Robert Farley presented membership service awards to Thomas McCall, Roland Trosclair, W. F. Henry, Claude Eagleson and C. A. "Buster" Rogers, 10 years; J. A. colligan, 15 years; and J. B. Jones, Jr., 25 years.

District Governor Bonin installed the officers to serve for the coming year: Earl Mouton, president; Clifford Myers, first vice president; Ward Fontenot, second vice president; H. L. Dickens, Jr., third vice president; Robert Farley, secretary-treasurer; Andy Miles, tail twister; Robert Fruge, lion tamer; Charles R. Perkins, two year director, Leslie Richard, two year director and Ruben Morales, Robert V. Landry and Carl J. LeCompte, one year directors.

ANCIENT DUGOUT GIVEN LIBRARY

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

A perfectly preserved old fashioned cypress dugout canoe over 100 years old has been donated to the Cameron

Parish Library and put on permanent display there by the late Clifton Broussard of Port Arthur.

For many years Mr. Broussard was a salesman for Sabine Propeller and Marine Service Co. of Port Arthur for South Louisiana.

Captain Leo Cappell of Houma gave the dugout to Mr. Broussard 20 years ago and it was Mr. Broussard's wish that it be put on permanent display in the library so everyone could enjoy it. A brass plaque contains the information by the display.

Carl "Sing" Faulk and W. J. "Bud" Broussard of Cameron and Grand Chenier spent six weeks refinishing the boat.

A dugout is distinguished from a pirogue in that a dugout has a round bottom and a pirogue has a flat bottom.

The Louisiana Indians used dugouts far more than canoes. They even went to sea in these crafts, fishing from them, trading along the shores, and sometimes voyaging as far as Cuba.

ROUNABOUT THE PARISH

Those attending the 15th annual Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress in Sulphur were Mrs. Eula Mae Bartie and L. L. Bartie accompanied by Al Bartie, Michael, Stephanie, Cornelia and Patricia Bartie, Alarec, Vonda and Dietrich LeBlanc, Carol and Drusilla

Cockrell, Phyliss and Monica LaSalle and David. Albert Lute and H. C. and Lester Bartie also attended.

Read a book this summer!



Birth announced

EMMA GRACE EAVES Joe and Stephanie Eaves of Forney, Tex. announce the birth of their first child, Emma Grace on May 8, at the Dallas Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, Tex. She weighed 8 lbs, 14.4oz.

Grandparents are Robert "Bob" and Darla Eaves of Colmesneil, Tex., Fred Butters of Mesquite, Tex.,

Raymond and Shannon Busby of Rockwall, Tex. and Audrey Busby of Iowa.

Great-Grandparents are Leroy and Lorraine Blanchard of Johnson Bayou, and Vivian McDaniel of Colmesneil, Tex.

Joe Eaves as well as Bob and Darla Eaves and Vivian McDaniel are former residents of Cameron.

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THIS PHOTO, taken some days after Hurricane Audrey hit on June 27, 1957, shows Father T. E. Brandley, left, and Johnny Mouton inspecting the wreckage of the Holly Beach Catholic Chapel. It had washed seven miles north into the Sabine Wildlife Refuge. Holly Beach was totally destroyed by Hurricane Audrey and again by Hurricane Rita in September, 2005.

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Library summer programs

The Cameron Parish Library has announced its summer reading program for 2007, as follows:

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National Weather Service has much info on Audrey

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

The National Weather Service in Lake Charles has done a lot of research into Hurricane Audrey lately. The updated statistics are available on their web page,

www.srh.noaa.gov/lch. Roger Erickson, staff meteorologist, shared some of the information at the OEP hurricane preparedness meeting Monday night.

Included are a 1950s radar loop of the path of Audrey, lots of data about wind speeds and barometric pressures all along the path, flood maps, comparisons of Audrey and Rita statistics, and information about prediction of land-fall and intensity of storms historically and today.

There is also a comparison of number and intensity of storms worldwide over the last 20 years which casts the global warming threat into doubt. Erickson showed that globally there have been only 10% more big hurricanes. It just so happened that they were mostly in the Atlantic and Gulf area.

A graph also shows the cycle of 20-30 years of higher and lower storm incidence in the Atlantic basin which is tied to global currents.

The NWS will have a booth at the Hurricane Audrey 50th Anniversary commemoration with much of this information on posters



HACKBERRY STUDENT Mikaela Devall performed in the 38th annual dance production of Karen Ogden Studio in Sulphur. The show, entitled "A Night at the Ball," featured routines relating to dancing at a ball.

and in a special brochure. Erickson, a self-professed "weather geek" will be on hand to discuss the research. He is available for talks to groups on any weather subject, from hurricanes to lightning to tornadoes.

Remediation classes

The Cameron Parish School Board will hold GEE summer remediation classes for Cameron Parish students who will retest June 26-29 according to the following schedule:

Grand Lake High School, serving Grand Lake High School and South Cameron High School:

- Monday: English
- Tuesday: Mathematics
- Wednesday: Social Studies

Thursday: Science
 Hackberry High School, serving Hackberry High School and Johnson Bayou High School:

- Monday: Social Studies
- Tuesday: English
- Wednesday: Science
- Thursday: Mathematics

All remediation classes taught by certified teachers and are offered at no cost to Cameron Parish Students.

No pre-registration required. Classes are held from 7:30 a.m. until noon.

Villegas.

June 28, 9 a.m. - Sherry Broussard.

Aug. 1, 9 a.m. - Harvey Rabbit & Friends.

GRAND CHENIER

June 21, 11:30 a.m. - Peter Villegas.

June 28, 11:30 a.m. - Sherry Broussard.

Aug. 1, 2 p.m. - Harvey Rabbit & Friends.

GRAND LAKE

June 21, 3 p.m. - Peter Villegas.

June 28, 3 p.m. - Sherry Broussard.

Aug. 1, 12:30 p.m. - Harvey Rabbit & Friends.

HACKBERRY

June 22, 9 a.m. - Peter Villegas.

June 29, 9 a.m. - Sherry Broussard.

Aug. 2, 2 p.m. - Harvey Rabbit & Friends.

JOHNSON BAYOU

June 22, 2 p.m. - Peter Villegas.

June 29, 2 p.m. - Sherry Broussard.

Aug. 2, 10 a.m. - Harvey Rabbit & Friends.



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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



TROUT SHOOTOUT

The trout shootout held June 2 saw Will Drost weigh in a 7.02 speckle trout. First place paid \$5,000 to the winner. The S.T.A.R. Tournament leaders were announced for the first part of the western division, and Mark Jeanes leads with a 7.45 pounder, while Will Drost's holds second place. Third place is Lance Stutes with a 7.00 pounder.

The flounder division for the west is led by David Ward, 4.75 pounds, Dr. Sherwood Gill is second with a 4.70 flounder, and holding third place is Jimmy Dale LeBlanc with a 3.95 weight.

RODEO TIME

The Southwest Louisiana Fishing Club's July 4th Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo will be held on June 29, 30, and July 1. Captain's night is June 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the club's clubhouse at I-210 Park, also the weigh-in station. (July 4 is on Wednesday.)

TOLEDO BEND

Several local anglers are preparing to enter the yearly Lake Toledo Bend's McDonald's Big Bass Splash this weekend, June 22-24. This is held at the Cypress Bend Park Marina in Many, where registration takes place from noon to 10 p.m., on Thursday, June 21, also the place to weigh in.

The 12 largest bass will be paid every hour in cash of each tournament day beginning with the 7-8 a.m. hour, and continuing through the 2-3 p.m. hour for the twelve single largest bass weighed in.

LOCAL FISHING

The weather has been a factor for anglers, especially offshore and in the lakes. The thunderstorms, some very strong, with bad lightning and heavy rains has drawn fishermen's attention. Most anglers are fishing early mornings, less thunderstorms and cooler, as some days the heat index was over 100 degrees.

The south end of Big Lake is still very good fishing, throwing top water early in the morning. Late afternoons are good if you don't run into a thunderstorm.

Lacassine Refuge is still producing bass, finding deeper water along the canals or ponds by deep canals early in the morning. You have to use a bait to get the bass' attention.

The heavy rains have muddied up the Grand Chenier and Cameron Jetties, but still fishable if you can catch, especially on an outgoing tide. Now I find fishing along the Mermentau River inlets, I prefer an incoming tide. Really I'm fishing spinner baits for redfish, finding it works well and covers more water faster.

I still like to throw topwater baits for trout, but around the Mermentau River bridge I like to use a cockroach plastic bait on an 1/4 oz. lead head, whereas when the tide runs hard, I go to an 1/2 oz. lead head.

There's plenty of crabs in all our marshes, and fishing the Grand Lake/White Lake area, you'll pick up some nice catfish as well as redfish.

Cameron Prairie Refuge to close for storm repairs

On Monday, June 25, the Visitor Center at Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge will close to the public so building repairs may begin.

The repair process of the visitor center and offices damaged during hurricane Rita may take up to six months to complete, according to Don Voros, Project Leader for the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

All persons needing to do business with refuge staff during the closure will need to call in advance to make arrangements about when and where to meet. The Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge number is 598-2216.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that encompasses more than 540 national wildlife refuges,

thousands of small wetlands, and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

The agency also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.



2 Snappers per person is now the state limit

(Beaumont Enterprise)

Recreational and commercial boats must cut the number of red snapper brought to shore and shrimpers must bring up fewer in their trawls to keep one of the Gulf of Mexico's most popular catches from dying out, federal regulators decided Thursday.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council reduced the recreational catch limit from four fish to two per person, and set a limit for all commercial boats at 5 million for the year instead of 9.1 million as in past years.

The two-fish recreational catch limit already had been put into effect on a temporary

basis this year. And the commercial catch had been put at 6.5 million pounds before the current season began.

The plan also requires anyone going after redfish to use circle hooks, which have points curved inward so they are less likely to hook in a fish's stomach, and which commercial fisheries have used for decades. Commercial and sports fishers also must use tools to improve the survival of fish too small to keep: de-hooking tools and hypodermic-like venting tools to deflate the fish's air bladders so they can easily swim back to the deep waters where they lurk.

Nick Moore is named

By CHRIS AND LAURIE MUELLER

Hackberry's Nick Moore was named to the Louisiana Baseball Coaches' Association Class C All State Team. This team is voted on by members of the LBCA.

During his senior year, Moore compiled a 9-1 record with a 3.14 ERA. He was named to the Class C All State team, All District, All District MVP, and the SW Louisiana Small Schools team.

Have You Applied to The Road Home Program?

Application Deadline Is July 31, 2007.

This deadline applies to applications for the Homeowner Assistance program ONLY. Applications for the Rental program will be accepted during the time that rounds are open.

If you owned and occupied a home in Louisiana at the time of Hurricane Katrina or Rita, and suffered damage as a result of one of the storms, you may be eligible to receive assistance through *The Road Home* program. By completing and submitting an official *Road Home* application, you could receive up to \$150,000 in compensation for your losses.

Even if you aren't sure of your plans yet, you need to apply to *The Road Home* program by July 31, 2007, to make sure that you don't miss out on potential program benefits.

For information on *Road Home* meetings in your area, visit our website at www.road2LA.org.

Your *Road Home* team isn't going anywhere.

We'll be here to help you with the process in the months to come. The July 31 deadline is for new applications only. You will have more time to schedule your appointment with a *Road Home* advisor and to complete other steps in the process. Plus, there's plenty of time to take advantage of *Road Home* Advisory Services.

Unsure if you registered or applied?

The Road Home began accepting applications on August 20, 2006. Even if you registered for the program before then, you need to apply. If you are unsure if you have applied, you can call 1.888.ROAD.2.LA to see if you have an application on file with the program.

Already applied?

Tell your family and friends who haven't applied and may be eligible for the program to apply today!

The Road Home program is helping people just like you to rebuild their lives. Don't hesitate to apply. Call, visit our website, or mail in your application today.

There Are Three Ways To Apply:

Contact us by phone:
1.888.ROAD.2.LA (1.888.762.3252)
TTY: use 711 relay or 1.800.846.5277

Visit:
www.road2LA.org

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HELP WANTED

General farm worker for 20,000 acre farming operation with Little Pecan Island, LLC in Grand Chenier, LA. 40 hr wk appx 9 mo duration at \$8.01 hr or the current adverse effect wage rate. Guaranteed 3/4 work period contract. Work includes general tractor driving for corn, soybean and pea crops along with hay fields and other grazing pastures. Duties include planting, fertilizing and harvesting of crops, baling hay, manual physical labor, hoeing of weeds, spot spraying of treatments and general farm labor. Canal and levee maintenance, pumps and water control for marshy farm land. Repair and maintain animals, mowing weed eating, bush hog, buildings, field, farm, shop, equipment, roads, fences and levees. Job involves stooping, lifting and working outside in inclement weather conditions. All tools furnished. Housing provided. Must have legal authority to work in U.S. Must have 6 mths exp. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the worksite will be provided or paid by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, return transportation will be provided at completion of contract period. Interested parties should contact the SWA Office @ 4250 Fifth Avenue, Lake Charles, LA 337-475-4900 and refer to job order #255934.

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THE U. S. Coast Guard used helicopters to rescue many residents of Cameron Parish who were stranded following Hurricane Audrey on June 27, 1957 -- 50 years ago. Shown here were some of the residents arriving on higher ground.

Audrey remembered

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The following news story on Hurricane Audrey was published in September, 1957 in the "Audrey Reporter," a publication put out by the American Red Cross to sum up the work of that agency in Cameron Parish following Hurricane Audrey on June 27 of that year.)

By JERRY WISE

Audrey was a killer.

The first hurricane of 1957, she was one of the most destructive June hurricanes on record and the Gulf's worst storm since the Galveston disaster a half a century ago.

Forming in the southwest Gulf of Mexico in late June, Audrey swept across the Louisiana and Texas coast the morning of the 27th, claiming at least 371 lives. In addition 191 were reported as missing. Some 3,883 persons were injured and 220 hospitalized. Totally destroyed were 1,316 homes; 1,206 others were heavily damaged. There were 640 farm buildings destroyed and 1,227 received major damage.

Even veteran Red Cross disaster workers stared with disbelief when they arrived on the scene. They had seen greater disasters but never had they seen such a large area which so completely spelled out devastation.

Almost as if destiny-bound, the storm never veered from its northerly course from early Tuesday morning when it was spotted by a Navy reconnaissance plane 380 miles out in the Gulf to when it slammed across helpless little Cameron Parish shortly after dawn on Thursday, June 27.

Gales and hightides raged for several hundred miles to the east and west along the coast, but the small communities of Cameron Parish bore the brunt of death and destruction.

TIDES RISE

The savage elements of the hurricane formed an unholy death-dealing alliance. First the tides began to rise, quickly stealing over the flat marsh country, block roads, marooning sleeping families in their homes; then came the wind and the towering waves, washing homes from their foundations, smashing them to pieces against other buildings; flinging fishing boats into the midst of communities.

Many people died, some in their cars which were engulfed before they could reach safety; others in the swirling water where they were thrown when their houses disintegrated. Families trapped in their home found they had no where to go except up--up in their attics or on their roofs, where they struggled to hold children above the constantly rising water, where they prayed that their houses might hold.

RIDGE WIPED CLEAN

Along the "front ridge" facing the Gulf, only one or two of the hundred or so rural homes did hold. Most of the occupants of the other homes died.

Pleasant little communities such as Oak Grove, Creole, Grand Chenier, and Little Chenier literally were almost washed off the map. Only here and there did a few

sturdy houses stand. In the resort community of Holly Beach, not a single structure was left standing.

Survivors included many who clung to makeshift rafts of debris and were washed for miles before being rescued. One man floated on a dead cow. Some had to fight off poisonous snakes and maddened marsh animals.

A 6-year-old boy later said over and over, "Mommy told me to hang on to the tree." His whole family died, but his mother's last words saved his life.

In the town of Cameron, around a thousand persons were saved by a sturdy concrete and steel courthouse, built twenty years earlier to withstand such a hurricane.

Twenty patients in a frame medical clinic at Creole floated a mile thinking objects passing by were moving, not realizing they, themselves, were traveling. A hundred or more persons survived in the new South Cameron High School by wrapping torn pieces of stage curtain around steam pipes and inching up the pipes as the water rose.

Fifty or sixty persons crowded into the choir loft and two small rooms in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church as the pounding waves took away all four sides of the building. The superstructure held; the people lived.

PECAN ISLAND HIT

On little Pecan Island to the east of Cameron Parish, 89 homes were destroyed or swept away by the pounding waves to finally rest, torn and battered, miles from their foundations in the heart of the swamps, but miraculously only four lives were lost. All were children from the same family; three drowned, one died of snake bite.

Strange as it may seem in this modern day of communications, it was almost 24 hours later before the full extent of the disaster was known to the outside world. Telephone and radio communications went out when the storm hit Thursday morning. All roads into Cameron Parish and Pecan Island were blocked by water and the first rescue boats did not reach the area until early Friday morning.

R. C. ON FIRST BOAT

The first boat into Cameron, laden with fresh water, food and medical supplies, carried a Red Cross nurse and a Red Cross first aid man, and four members of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Department.

The nurse, Ida Mary Dicks of Baton Rouge, tells of that midnight ride:

"We left Lake Charles at 12:30 at night. It took us four hours to go the 57 miles down the Calcasieu River and lake to Cameron. Right after we arrived, a Coast Guard vessel from Sabine Pass and a tug came up from the Gulf. Fifty cases were loaded on the tug, and one of the refugees, Mrs. Russel L. Ringle, a Cameron nurse, took charge."

"We took 456 people on the Coast Guard boat and I accompanied them back to Lake Charles," Miss Dicks said. "We had eight stretcher cases and everyone else was suffering from shock. They were all calm until we landed back in Lake Charles, and with the sight of dry land and

people waiting to meet them, they began to cry and thank us for bringing them to safety."

MASS RESCUE

Then came a mass rescue of almost unbelievable magnitude--almost like Dunkirk being relieved. Armadas of hundreds of motor boats from Lake Charles, Sulphur and Abbeville moved into the stricken areas as dawn broke to begin picking up survivors. Throughout the day tug boats, Coast Guard vessels, fishing and oil company boats arrived at the Lake Charles docks, their decks crowded with dazed and weary refugees.

Dozens of Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and private company helicopters combed Cameron and Vermilion parishes for survivors whom they flew to rendezvous with ambulances and buses at spots beyond the affected area. National Guard amphibious "ducks" from Fort Polk made rescues in many otherwise inaccessible areas.

The injured and ill were taken to Lake Charles and Sulphur hospitals. Emergency shelters for the other survivors were opened in Sulphur and Lake Charles, and eating and sleeping facilities were set up. More than 1,000 refugees were cared for Friday in the largest of these shelters, the enclosed arena at McNeese State College in Lake Charles.

SHELTERS OPENED

Red Cross chapters all along the devastated coastal areas of Louisiana and Texas opened emergency shelters and within the first three days following the hurricane more than 66,000 persons were fed and sheltered by Red Cross.

First reports from the disaster area on the extent of casualties and destruction shocked the nation. Louisiana Governor Earl K. Long placed the full facilities of the national guard and all state agencies at the service of the stricken area. On July 1, Gov. Long issued a statement designating the American Red Cross as the official agency to conduct a program of relief and rehabilitation for the disaster victims. President Dwight Eisenhower declared four Texas counties and twenty Louisiana parishes a national disaster area, and Civil Defense and other federal agencies went into action.

President Eisenhower sent Val Peterson, former civil defense administrator and currently the ambassador to Denmark, into the stricken area on June 29 to observe first-hand the extent of the damage. At the same time Gov. Peterson asked General Alfred M. Guenther, president of the American Red Cross to accompany him on the survey trip. Following their survey of the affected areas, Gov. Peterson said, "This is one of the most disastrous and disheartening catastrophes in my experience."

SEARCH FOR BODIES

Began now the grimmest of all jobs--the search for bodies.

More than 500 persons were reported as missing. Doubtless most of them had died, but their bodies were scattered over an isolated marshy area fifty miles across and thirty miles deep. Many



FOLLOWING HURRICANE Audrey help for Cameron Parish residents who lost their homes poured in from all over the country. This photo showed AFL-CIO volunteers partnering with the Red Cross to build homes for the storm victims.

were buried under debris and in the remains of houses and cars.

Outboard motor boats picked up bodies until the receding waters became too shallow for them to operate in. Sportsmen from East Texas then brought in propeller-driven airboats which could operate in a few inches of water.

Later mammoth "marsh buggies," the only vehicles that can traverse the half-and-half water marshes, joined forces with the helicopters, with the latter crisscrossing the desolate wastelands in a pre-arranged grid pattern, dropping flags on the end of cane poles to serve as markers for the "buggies" which made the pickups.

TEMPORARY MORGUE

A temporary morgue was set up on the damaged Cameron ice house, and later the other bodies were moved to a warehouse at the Lake Charles docks. Tearful survivors and relatives holding wintergreen-soaked gauze squares to their noses, moved down long lines of laid-out bodies in an attempt to identify loved ones.

Of the 371 bodies recovered, 127 were so badly decomposed that identifications were never made, and several days following the storm bulldozers dug huge trenches for mass burials.

Even more sobering is the fact that an untold number of bodies have not been found.

Facing the disaster area now was a herculean cleanup and rebuilding job. Roads were washed out and covered with debris. Houses were stacked together like toy blocks and battered cars were strewn over the landscape. Fishing boats rested high and dry on streets; houses stood deep in silt; utilities lines were down; all water supplies were contaminated.

An emergency communication system was set up between the various communities and the outside area; Civil Defense portable generators were brought in to provide power. Brooms, mops and tools were handed out to returning survivors to start the cleanup of houses which stood. Gasoline pumps were distributed so water wells could be put back into use as soon as the health authorities found them safe.

START CLEAN-UP

Hundreds of Civil Defense-paid workers were brought into the area to remove debris and clean up public buildings and homes.

The Red Cross also was busy. A small field kitchen was brought in from Fort Polk to feed disaster workers and residents. Red Cross volunteers boxed up groceries to be carried by boat or jeep to isolated families. Red Cross nurses set up first aid stations and mobile first aid units began roving the areas.

Four Red Cross disaster mobile canteen units roamed the parish dispensing sandwiches, coffee and cold drinks. Cameron Parish citizens pitched in to help themselves. A voluntary disaster committee headed by Sheriff O. B. Carter was quickly organized and local leaders were assigned to the various jobs--food distribution, water supply, heavy livestock and body recover.

COMING BACK

As survivors began the return to the area and more cleanup workers were brought in, Red Cross saw the need for more feeding facilities. Fourth Army Headquarters answered their call for assistance and in the second week following the storm, three complete field kitchens were set up at Creole, Grand Chenier and

Cameron.

These were the cooperative efforts of the Army, which supplied the equipment and personnel to maintain it; the Air Force, which furnished the cooks; and the Red Cross which provided the food.

This emergency mass feeding operation continued for nine weeks, as no grocery stores or restaurants were yet back in business and few families had adequate cooking facilities.

141,000 MEALS

As high as 3,000 meals were served a day, and a total of 141,000 meals were served during the entire period. A pretty little 6-year-old Cameron girl had the distinction of being served the 100,000th meal and was presented with a cake decorated with a huge red cross in recognition of the event.

Humans were not the only ones who suffered in the storm. Some 25,000 head of cattle in South Cameron-Pecan Island area drowned during the storm, seriously affecting one of the major occupations of the section. The rescue of another 25,500 head which survived is a unique phase of Audrey's aftermath.

Thousands of bales of hay were transported to stranded animals by trucks, boats and Air Force helicopters, under the direction of Civil Defense. Marsh buggies and boats freed cattle from debris drifts and herded them to higher ground, from where they were driven to pastures north of the disaster area. Some cattle were even rescued by helicopters who fastened slings around them and air-lifted them out.

Throughout this period, the cattle rescuers also were supplied with food and water by the Red Cross.

WORK WITH FAMILIES

Red Cross' biggest and most important job was the individual family case work, the meeting of the needs of individual families arising out of the disaster. More than 250 professional Red Cross workers from all parts of the United States--and even Canada--were brought into the area immediately following the storm. They concentrated on studies of the families' needs.

REBUILDING HOMES

The rebuilding or repairing of a family-owned home followed the same pattern, except in these cases Red Cross building advisors were called in to aid. The advisor estimated the cost of repairing or rebuilding the home, and when final approval was given, a similar disbursing order was issued.

The Red Cross also helped restore a family's means of making a living in cases where tools, supplies or equipment of a workman or small businessman were destroyed. Thus in the cases of a number of carpenters, the Red Cross purchased new sets of tools so they could resume their regular carpenter work. Trappers were supplied with new traps. Fishermen had their boats repaired. A small cafe received new tables and chairs and a refrigerator from the Red Cross.

3,687 ASK AID

Altogether a total of 3,687 families requested Red Cross assistance to restore them to normal living. The Red Cross help was given on the basis of disaster-caused need which the families were not able to meet through their own resources, and it was given as a grant--a gift from the American people through the Red Cross. Of the \$2,700,000 total costs, \$2,210,000 was expended in the gigantic task

of rehabilitation families, \$150,000 for mass care, which included care of great numbers over a longer period than usual, included the extended feeding operations, and the remaining \$340,000 for services and administration.

It was almost two months after the storm before any sizable number of families were able to return to the affected areas. This was due to the lack of living facilities, electricity, cafes and grocery stores and various other reasons.

In the interim, the Federal Housing and Home Finance Administration with the assistance of Civil Defense issued tents for family unit living quarters.

KITS ISSUED

"Housekeeping kits" including cots, blankets, pillows, sheets, towels, soap, brooms, mops, and other household items were issued to the tent-dwelling families by the Red Cross, who also provided small kerosene stoves for cooking.

Families now began the job of rebuilding their homes. Many did their own work, with Red Cross furnishing assistance with the materials. Others went through local contractors, with funds coming from savings, insurance, loans or Red Cross grants.

The old American custom of "neighbors helping neighbors" was revived in a unique cooperative effort between the Red Cross and the AFL-CIO Building Traders Council. During six weekend "building bees" volunteer union craftsmen from all parts of Louisiana built a total of twenty-two homes for stricken families, with the Red Cross furnishing the materials and specifications. The workers came in by car, bus and airplane, slept in tents at night, and were fed at Red Cross feeding centers and R. C. canteens.

Labor Day weekend marked the slackening of the work of Red Cross, Civil Defense and other helping agencies in the disaster area. Electrical power was now on; many business places had reopened; new homes were being completed and others repaired. The Red Cross had completed all of its casework and caseworkers were returning home. Doctors' clinics were reopening. Schools were reopening for the fall session.

The return to normalcy had begun.

Post to sign books in L. C.

Cathy Cagle Post, author of the new book, "Hurricane Audrey" has two Lake Charles book signings coming up soon.

She will be at Books-A-Million on Saturday, June 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. The store is located on Ryan St.

She will be at Sam's Club on Saturday, July 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The book tells the personal stories of ten Cameron Parish families during and after Hurricane Audrey which hit the parish 50 years ago on June 27, 1957.

Mrs. Post is a native of Lake Charles.



CLASSIFIEDS

NOTICE

MISSING: 4 month old white female kitten, one blue eye, one grey eye in the Capital One/ Post Office area. Child misses it very much. To return, please contact Darlene Crosby at 337-215-5849. 6/20mc

ESTABLISHED DAY Care: One position available. Full time only, ages 2 - 5. For more information, call Andrea at 598-4665. 6/27p.

STEEL BUILDINGS: Spring clearance of overstocked models, 30 x 42, 30 x 54, 40 x 40. Freight paid to Louisiana. All brand new, never erected. Call 1-800-552-8504. 6/20 - 7/4p.

HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING: Carolyn's Janitorial Service is now hiring. Call 842-3802 for information. 6/21mc.

HOUSE-KEEPER Position: Dependable, honest, hard-working cleaning person needed in Hackberry every Monday. Must be thorough, very reliable and have your own transportation. Good wages for a job well done. Please call Tina (337) 990-1503. 6/21mc.



Saltwater Fishing Festival to be held in Grand Chenier

The 4th Annual Cameron Parish Saltwater Fishing Festival, sponsored by the Cameron Lions Club, will be held Friday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Grand Chenier Park Pavilion again this year due to the damage of the Jetty Pier in Cameron.

Along with the fishing, the festival will have plenty of onshore activities for non fisherpersons and children to enjoy, live entertainment, beauty pageants, jumps, waterslides, food, beverages, fireworks display and many hourly door prize drawings.

The Festival is looking for Cameron Parish civic organizations, church groups, schools and commercial vendors to put up food booths, game booths and arts and craft booths for this event.

Interested organizations or groups are invited to call Carl Broussard at 775-5316 or Penelope Richard at 905-8135 to reserve booth spaces. There will be a small fee charged to each vendor to help with the cost of putting on this event. The last day to reserve a booth is noon, Thursday, July 26.

School Board is offering retesting to students

The Cameron Parish School Board will hold LEAP and GEE summer retesting, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, June 26: Grades 4 & 8 Mathematics; GEE Mathematics; GEE Science.

Wednesday, June 27: Grades 4 & 8 English Language Arts; Part 1, GEE English Language Arts; Part 1, GEE Social Studies.

Thursday, June 28: Grades 4 and 8 English Language Arts, Part 2; GEE English Language Arts, Part 2.

All eligible Cameron Parish Students should retest on these dates. Any non-public, private, or home school students who plan to enter

Cameron Parish Schools grades 5, 9, 10, 11 or 12 this August should contact Lloyd Broussard, District Test Coordinator, at 905-5784, extension 117, as soon as possible to register for testing. No test registration is necessary for current Cameron Parish students.

Students are to report at 7:30 a.m. each test day. Hackberry High School and Johnson Bayou High School students report to Hackberry High School Cafeteria for testing. South Cameron High School and Grand Lake High School students report to Grand Lake High School Cafeteria for testing.

Drunken driving can be costly

Driving while intoxicated is a serious offense in Louisiana, costing a first-offender as much as \$4,500 in fines, lawyer fees, court costs, etc. Penalties—including mandatory jail sentences—increase with each subsequent DWI conviction.

A driver 21 years or older is considered intoxicated if his or her blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level is .08 or higher. A driver younger than 21 years is considered intoxicated if his or her BAC level is .02 or higher. The amount of alcohol a person needs to drink to reach a .08 BAC depends on a wide range of factors, such as a person's weight, gender, age, physical condition and amount of food consumed.

One should be careful when consuming over-the-counter or prescription drugs due to the enhanced effect they have on the effect of alcohol when they are taken in combination.

According to the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, a 180-pound man could reach the .08 level after consuming four drinks in an hour. A 120-pound woman could reach the .08 limit after consuming two drinks in an hour. For comparison purposes, one drink is equivalent to 5 ounces of wine, 1.25 ounces of 80-proof liquor, or 12 ounces of regular beer.

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission reminds motorists that alcohol is a factor in 46 percent of the traffic fatalities in Louisiana. Please don't drink and drive.

Engagement and wedding photos should be submitted to the Cameron Pilot by 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Photos should be clear prints, head and shoulder pose, preferably 5x7.

Announcements and pictures are published free of charge. Engagement and wedding forms are available to be picked up at the Cameron Pilot office, located at 203 E. Harrison St., DeQuincy between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. The forms may be faxed, upon request, by calling 786-8004.

— NOTICE —

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be accepting applications for a full-time supervisor working shift work. Any persons who may be interested in applying can pick up an application at the recreation center during normal operating hours. (Sun.-Sat. from 2-8 p.m.) For any additional information you may contact Christen Trahan at 337-569-2288.

RUN: June 14, 21 & 28 (J-24)



REAL ESTATE

HWY 1144 (Big Pasture) 10.48 acres. Beautiful fenced tract of land presently used to graze horses. Would make a great homesite!! NE corner acre must be sold with this acreage due to separate owner. \$157,500 for 10.48 acres and \$15,000 for adjoining acre. Call Grace today for more details.

•HEBERT CAMP Rd. lots: Tract 1 totals .55 of an acre and is located West of first house on the left going West and Tract 3 & 4 combined totals .63 of an acre is on corner of Hebert Camp Road and Hwy 1144. Restricted lots. No abstract. In Flood zone AE-9.

•VENABLE LANE 4.83 acres: Two strips of land adjoining each other totaling 4.83 acres at the end of Venable Lane in Big Pasture. Pecan and oak trees on the ridge. 600 ft of property goes into the marsh. Would make a great homesite or campsite.

•PRICE REDUCED: Grand Lake-14 acre tract at end of Micheal Lane off Cal-Cam Line for \$199,900. South boundary has 640' m/l on Chesson Rd for 2nd access. Lots C, D, E, and F can be sold separately for \$15,000. ea. Lot G cannot be landlocked and must go with lots on either Michael or Chesson. Call ERA Moffett Realty, Inc. 337-436-6639 and ask for Grace @ 310-5280 Ext. 261 to get a plat of land. 10/4eow

BEACHVIEW LOTS: Corner lot w/fantastic view of beach in Gulf Breeze Sub, 90 x 100, \$65,000. Also 70 x 90 lot just behind corner lot, \$30,000. Call Jerry at 348-1630. 6/27p.



Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

For the Sale of June 16, 2007. Trading was active with a turnout of 1144 Head from 190 Sellers with 89 Buyers Present. All Classes of Cattle were Steady to Lower

DeQuincy (Saturday) June 16: Livestock Receipts: Cattle 656, Horses 2 Hogs 18, Sheep 95, and Goats 373. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 60¢-80¢ per HD, Beef 125¢-175¢ per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.60-1.85 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.30-1.80 per lb., Heifers: 1.20-1.60 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.20-1.50 per lb., Heifers: 1.10-1.35 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.10-1.30 per lb., Heifers: 1.00-1.20 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: 1.00-1.15 per lb., Heifers: .90-1.00 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .90-1.00 per lb., Heifer: .80-.85 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: .49-.53 per lb.; Canners: .45-.49 per lb.; Fat Cows: .46-.48 per lb.; Thin Cows: .33-.37 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .61-.63 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .50-.55 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 800¢-1100¢ per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 650¢-850¢ per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: .30-.33; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .27-.31; Butcher Pigs: .30-.35; Feeder Pigs: .55-.65; Sows 300-500 lbs. .22-.25 per lb.; Boars: .05-.07 per lb. **HORSES:** .25-.31 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 35¢-150¢ per HD.



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CAMERON PARISH LEAP/GEE SUMMER RETEST SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 26: Grades 4 & 8 Mathematics; GEE Mathematics; GEE Science

Wednesday, June 27: Grades 4 & 8 English Language Arts; Part 1, GEE English Language Arts; Part 1, GEE Social Studies

Thursday, June 28: Grades 4 and 8 English Language Arts, Part 2; GEE English Language Arts, Part 2

All eligible Cameron Parish Students should retest on these dates. Any non-public, private, or home school students who plan to enter Cameron Parish Schools grades 5, 9, 10, 11 or 12 this August should contact Lloyd Broussard, District Test Coordinator, at (337) 905-5784, extension 117, as soon as possible to register for testing. No test registration is necessary for current Cameron Parish students.

Students are to report at 7:30 a.m. each test day. Hackberry High School and Johnson Bayou High School students report to Hackberry High School Cafeteria for testing. South Cameron High School and Grand Lake High School students report to Grand Lake High School Cafeteria for testing.

RUN: June 14 & 21 (J 31)

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 29, 2007
9:00 A.M.

Grand Lake High School – Cafeteria
1039 Hwy 384, Grand Lake
Lake Charles, LA 70607

1. Call to order
2. Prayer and Pledge
3. Consider accepting Final Budget for 2006-2007 – Ms. Margaret Jones
4. Receive report from June 20, 2007 Cheniere Pilot Presentation meeting at Hackberry Community Center – Ms. Margaret Jones
5. Receive comments and information from Federal Emergency Management Act and Louisiana Public Assistance personnel – Superintendent
6. Receive update on Lacassine Refuge land swap – Mr. Eddie Benoit
7. Continue discussion from June 11, 2007 regular meeting on the use of corporal punishment for the purpose of discipline – Mr. Eddie Benoit
8. Receive update on final occupancy of Johnson Bayou School and status of pavilion enclosure – Mr. Doug Welch
9. Consider appointing one full-time intervention teacher each at Hackberry High School and Johnson Bayou High School with additional funds for full-time intervention teachers at all four schools to be provided through No Child Left Behind federal grant - Superintendent
10. Consider salary schedules for hourly wage support personnel to align with two different school schedules – Superintendent
11. Receive legislative update – Superintendent
12. Receive report on potential \$11,677,044.00 Community Development Block Grant allotment through the Louisiana Recovery Authority to cover FEMA-ineligible hurricane impact costs – Superintendent
13. Receive new physical address of the Cameron Parish School Board temporary office in Grand Lake – Superintendent
14. Consider personnel recommendations – Superintendent
15. Adjourn

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CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2007

DATE	PLACE	TIME
Mon. June 11, 2007	Creole Fire Station Creole, LA	5:30 P.M.
Fri., June 29, 2007	Grand Lake School Grand Lake, LA - Cafeteria	9:00 A.M.
Mon., July 9, 2007	Creole Fire Station Creole, LA	5:30 P.M.
Mon., Aug. 13, 2007	Creole Fire Station Creole, LA	5:30 P.M.
Mon., Sept. 10, 2007	Creole Fire Station Creole, LA	5:30 P.M.
Mon., Oct. 8, 2007	Creole Fire Station Creole, LA	5:30 P.M.
Mon., Nov. 12, 2007	Creole Fire Station Creole, LA	5:30 P.M.
Mon., Dec. 10, 2007	Creole Fire Station Creole, LA	5:30 P.M.

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— JOB AD —
The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Food Service Technician (7 hrs. per day) at Grand Lake High School. High School diploma is preferred.
To make application contact: Mrs. Cynthia Carpenter, Supervisor, Cameron Parish School Board, 1039 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607. Phone: 337-905-5784 Ext. 113.
The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, June 29, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.
RUN: June 14, 21 & 28 (J-16)

GEE SUMMER REMEDIATION CLASSES
(FOR CAMERON PARISH STUDENTS WHO WILL RETEST JUNE 26-29, 2007)
GRAND LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
(serving Grand Lake High School and South Cameron High School)
Monday English
Tuesday Mathematics
Wednesday Social Studies
Thursday Science
HACKBERRY HIGH SCHOOL
(serving Hackberry High School and Johnson Bayou High School)
Monday Social Studies
Tuesday English
Wednesday Science
Thursday Mathematics
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Classes are held from 7:30 A.M. until noon.
RUN: June 14 & 21 (J 30)



THIS AERIAL photo of the Cameron Courthouse and the town of Cameron, looking south toward the waterfront, was taken a few days following Hurricane Audrey on June 27, 1957. Many of the buildings in the town were destroyed but the courthouse and some of the older houses withstood the storm. (Photo courtesy of Geneva Griffith.)



DO YOU REMEMBER? This photo was taken some months after Hurricane Audrey devastated lower Cameron Parish on June 27, 1957. The picture here shows a local resident and probably her granddaughter watching the progress of a new home being built by volunteers to replace a home destroyed in the storm. Volunteers from all over the nation came in to help Cameron Parish residents rebuild.



THIS OLD HARDWARE store building miraculously, although badly damaged, survived both Hurricane Audrey in 1957 (top photo), and Hurricane Rita in 2005 (lower photo). (Photo courtesy of Pat Ortego.)



TWENTY-TWO CHILDREN attended the Cameron First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School June 5-7, with the theme "Game Day Central". Front row, from left: Anna Dupont, Brittany Cooley, Hunter Theriot, Paul Dyson, Zoey Bailey, Elena Lopez, Kolby Jimenez, Bryce Sutherland. Back row: Kelan Nunez, J'Nae Nunez, James Dupont, Kelsi Moon, Brannon Cooley, Damon Pugh, Andrea Shipman, Hallie Webster, and Ariel Sutton. Not pictured were: Kirsten Landreneaux, Katia Castillo, Gracie Webster, Shane Lopez, and Courtney Cooley. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



MEMBERS FROM the Grand Lake FFA Chapter recently attended the State FFA Convention in Monroe. Members attending are pictured, from top to bottom: Marcus Quintard, Kirstyn Vincent, Sam Richard, Samantha Williams, Levi Stephenson, LaRayne Picou, Andrew Overmyer, Cody Benoit, Corey Broussard, and Jace Laviolette. Not pictured are Advisors Scotty Poole and Kim Montie.

Old Creole store building survived Audrey and Rita

By PAT ORTEGO

One of the few buildings in lower Cameron Parish to survive time and visits from two unwanted ladies—Audrey and Rita—still stands just east of Creole, and houses Creole Lumber Co., run by Kevin & Susan Boudreaux.

My grandfather, J. O. Theriot, who operated Theriot Funeral Home, and his two sons-in-law, Joe O'Donnell and Dick Williams built the cement block building in the late 1940s. It originally was a hardware store, with two apartments in the back where the O'Donnell and Williams families lived.

I remember my grandfather J. O. putting coins in the blocks at each corner—he said "for good luck." Some years later the business was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Al Reese, who had moved to Creole from the midwest, I believe. Their niece, Rosemary, came to live with them and married Norbert LeBoeuf. They operated an appliance store in the building.

In the 1950's Mr. Theriot retired, and my father, Joe O'Donnell, who had gone to embalming school and became a funeral director, took over the funeral home and ambulance business.

On June 26, 1957, my family, like many others, began worrying about a forming storm off the Yucatan Peninsula. We continued to listen to TV, and heard that the hurricane was predicted to hit the east Texas coast late on the 27th.

My parents made some preparations, planning to leave Creole the next morn-

ing. In the early morning hours, my father left in an ambulance to transport an ill man from east Creole to Dr. Carter's Clinic. Before he left, he told my mother to get us children up and we would leave when he returned.

By the time he returned around daylight, we all looked southward and saw a wall of water approaching. Dad said that we would go next door to the store he had built, because he thought we would be safer there. So my family, the Reeses, and the LeBouefs, along with several of Mr. Reese's dogs, climbed up on the counter and into the attic.

We had a bag with bread, fig preserves, a bottle of water, and a portable radio. The rising water reached about one foot below the ceiling of the building. The sound of the wind was deafening. As the appliances below rose and began to float and bang against the walls, the east wall and part of the roof were broken out. The men thought we would have to leave the building and try to reach nearby trees, but the building held.

The news we could hear on the radio stated that the only people left alive in lower Cameron were the 100 survivors in the courthouse. I remember us kids yelling, "Hey, we're here." Of course, no one knew that until late that afternoon when we heard people in a boat come by. We spent the night sleeping as best we could on the rafters in the attic. The dogs were as afraid as we were, but were really well-behaved.

On Friday morning, the water was waist deep when

we came down from the attic. Mr. Reese broke open the coke machine and gave us a coke to drink. After looking around and seeing that our house next door was still standing, but gutted and off the blocks, we began looking for something we could salvage.

My mother saw dry sheets in a bathroom cabinet, but snakes had made their beds there, so we left them! I had a collection of salt and pepper shakers on a little corner shelf in the kitchen—they were still there!

The funeral home next door was almost totally demolished. Cars and the ambulances were nowhere in sight. We walked to the four corners in Creole. We were later loaded onto Army ducks and taken to the Gibbstown bridge. Later we were driven to the McNeese arena where friends met us.

Within the next year my family had rebuilt the business, and remodeled a home where we lived until Dad retired in 1977. The family left Creole and moved to Lake Charles.

Several months after Rita my husband and I rode to Creole and Cameron. I was anxious to see if the old store survived, as well as the home we had built next to the hospital. They were both still standing. Those good luck coins are probably still in each corner of the lumber yard.



SIT UP STRAIGHT

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Frank Reed went through another big blow in 1918. He bought his property the following year. He grew cotton and corn, raised cattle. Later he opened a little store not far from the house. He sold cigarettes and beer and put in a juke box.

His day started at 5 a.m. He fed the pigs and the cattle, before breakfast. He was a mighty eater. His wife knew his favorite dish: it was "Jemaline," blended of shrimp and crayfish.

He loved to teach his children and later his grandchildren to ride. He was a great believer in sitting up straight, in chair or saddle.

"You all act already down," he would say, to one who had slumped. "You've got to sit up straight if you're really alive." But more often than not, he would talk French—the Cajun French of the bayou country.

As the years passed, he discovered television. He watched baseball games televised every Saturday night. If the game was exciting it was no use trying to get him to serve a customer at the store. He never smoked. Once in a while, he would play a harmonica.

He took not interest in politics. He was a Roman Catholic but not a regular



FOUR MEMBERS of the Grand Lake FFA Chapter were recently awarded their State FFA Degrees at the 78th Annual State FFA Convention held in Monroe. This is the highest degree the state FFA can bestow. Each of these members met the requirements and received their golden charm and chain on stage at this year's convention. Degree recipients are pictured with the 2006-07 National FFA Secretary, from left: Corey Broussard; Casey Baugher, National Secretary; Cody Benoit; and Marcus Quintard. Clint Guillory is not pictured.

church-goer. He offered guests steaming hot coffee the minute they dropped in; he liked to have 20 guests for supper. He was no traveler; Cameron Parish was all the world he needed.

So the children kept sending the grandchildren back to see him. The week before the disaster, Jeanette Reed, 6, and little Frank came down from Lake Charles to visit. Ten-year old Bobby Simms was already in Grand Chenier.

On Wednesday morning

Mrs. Reed returned from a trip west with Rebecca and Geraldine Guidry, the California grandchildren. Frank Reed had promised to have them riding horseback in a few days.

Next morning the water overwhelmed the house. Today Mrs. Reed is missing. Rebecca and Geraldine and Jeanette are missing too.

Only little Frank is accounted for. His body was found in old Frank Reed's arms. The two were buried the way they were found.