

THE CAMERON PARISH Sheriff's Office has been given a mobile command center by the St. Martin's Parish Sheriff's Office. The Blue Bird bus has connections for communication equipment and computers, and is equipped with a shower and toilet. It also has three good air conditioners and a new set of tires, says Sheriff Theos Duhon. It will be available for emergencies and for use as a mobile office in case of natural disasters. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

LNG shipments on hold due to overseas situation

By CYNDI SELLERS

Prospective participants in the proposed Cheniere tax prepayment bond issue met with bond attorney Jay Delafield on Tuesday for an update. Concerns about the financial status of Cheniere LNG prompted Delafield to explain the status of the funds.

The Cheniere payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) is in fact a tax, according to the document signed by the company. The annual payments which began two years ago are not a gift, they are regular ad valorem property taxes, paid early but subject to all the rules thereof.

These rules are that taxes must be paid on the property, the plant and pipeline, as specified, whether or not the business is sold. If there is a bankruptcy, Delafield said taxes are the highest priority for payment.

In case of non-payment of taxes, the facility can be seized just like any other property, and sold for the back taxes, but Delafield said it is doubtful that the investors who have spent nearly \$2 billion on the project would allow that to hap-

pen. "They'll pay the taxes," Delafield said.

He recalled that after Trunkline LNG was built in Lake Charles, it sat idle for 10 years, but the taxes were paid early. He said right now no one is receiving any LNG in the United States, due to high demand overseas, but conditions could change at any time.

The several parish entities who are considering entering into the bond issue were asked to make a final decision by the end of the week. Funds from the bonds are to be used for various rebuilding projects, including libraries, a new Mosquito Control building, Cameron Square, and the Sheriff's Department's new law enforcement center and jail.

In the bond process, municipal bonds will be sold to investors by the non-profit Louisiana Community Development Authority. The funds received will be issued to the government entities who will sign a loan agreement. The loans are to be repaid using Cheniere's 10 year PILOT funds. The bond issue gives the entities the opportunity to get all of the money at one time, to facili-

tate hurricane recovery. The entities will be responsible for interest and fees on the loans

These prepaid taxes, estimated to be 25% of the total that would be due when the 10 year tax exemption runs out, will be credited to Cheniere's tax bill at that time. The remaining 75% will still be payable to the parish government.

Assuming that LNG begins to be delivered to the two terminals in the parish, taxes will be levied on the inventory immediately.



Trahan pushes for airstrip; opposes mosquito plans

By CYNDI SELLERS

Police Juror Scott Trahan has requested that the Police Jury purchase land near the Cameron Maintenance Barn and Livestock Arena to make room for an airstrip. The property adjacent to the barn belongs to the Mosquito Abatement District, but a water tower and shooting range have been built on it since it was no longer being used for an airstrip. The Mosquito Board has expressed willingness to sell the land to the Jury.

At Monday's Police Jury agenda meeting, Trahan said the parish should rebuild the airstrip and encourage Mosquito Control to move back to the barn, which is currently being restored. He said it would be less expensive than the new building proposed for the Sweetlake area.

He was concerned that the Mosquito District's tax will not last long enough to pay for the new building, and expressed doubt that the tax will be renewed by the public, given the level of dissatisfaction with spraying efforts, particularly aerial spraying.

Juror Kirk Burleigh said



PARISHIONERS OF Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church joined Father Joseph McGrath on June 27 as he blessed a wreath to be cast into the Calcasieu River in memory of those lost in Hurricane Audrey. Three additional small bouquets were also carried by Audrey survivors. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Deputies called to calm outbreak at jury meeting

By CYNDI SELLERS

Variance requests became the subject of heated debate during the Police Jury agenda meeting Monday night, at one point requiring the summoning of deputies to calm the situation.

After lengthy discussion of variance requests by Douglas "Mac" Haynie and the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Grand Chenier resident Teddy Broussard rose to speak.

He was reminded of the five minute time limit on comments, and responded angrily that he shouldn't be limited, because others before him had spoken longer. Jury President Sonny McGee said Broussard's opinions were already well known, showing him a copy of a newspaper.

Broussard began to shout and point his finger at various jurors, saying they had been "on his back" for some time. McGee said, "You will address this Jury with respect or I will get a deputy."

More shouting ensued on both sides of the table, with Broussard saying "Y'all have been misleading people for a long time with all the rules.

First you say there are no variances and then variances started popping up." He referred to the South Cameron High School restroom/concession stand variance.

Two deputies arrived, having been summoned by staff, and asked Broussard, after his five minutes were up, to be seated or leave the courtroom. After a few more comments he sat down.

VARIANCE SOUGHT

The variance request by Haynie was for permission to build a 3600 square foot building on the site of the former VFW hall in Creole, to house a barbershop, pool hall, dance hall, and bar.

Haynie wanted to build it on a cement slab on the ground so that patrons in wheelchairs could enter safely and also to avoid high liability insurance for the bar. He said many people had been asking him to rebuild his business.

He hadn't formally applied for a variance, nor had he gotten an elevation shot, but he believed he would have needed to elevate about six feet. He said he was willing to wet-floodproof the building, but had not had any engineering work done, because he didn't want to spend the money if the request was to be turned down.

Parish Administrator Tina Horn read from the flood plain manual that in an A zone, a non-residential building can be built on the ground, but it must be "dry-floodproofed" up to the base flood elevation. She said dry-floodproofing requires a

building be hardened and sealed so that no water can enter in case of a flood, which is a very expensive process.

Juror Thomas McDaniel said that a person should be able to apply for a variance without having prior engineering studies, but Horn said procedures require a permit application be submitted before it can be accepted or denied, and this information is needed for the application.

Scott Trahan said he thought the Jury could make a yes or no decision without an elevation shot, and asked that the variance be placed on the agenda.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Jones reminded the Jury that the consequences of giving variances unacceptable to the National Flood Insurance

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Citizens are invited to visit office

In observance of Voter Registration Week, July 14-18, Cameron Parish citizens are invited by Registrar of Voters Suzanne Sturlese to visit her office behind the courthouse to register to vote if not already registered.

"Come see how the new voting machines operate," she said. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 775-5493.

Parish well represented at FBLA National Conference

Six Cameron Parish students attended the Future Business Leaders of America's National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Ga. last week. They were Joseph LeJuine - Hackberry High School, Tony Baccigalopi - South Cameron High School, Kelsey Helmer - Hackberry High School, Corey Broussard - Grand Lake High School, Tiffany Caudill - Johnson Bayou High School, and Jacob Poole - Hackberry High School.

The conference was attended by 4,500 students from around the country. Louisiana was represented by 150 other students from all over the state. Jacob Poole currently serves as Louisiana FBLA District IV Vice President.

They traveled with their advisors, Stephanie East and Kathy Helmer of Hackberry High. Janna Kay Baccigalopi of South Cameron High School and Juanita Sandifer

of Johnson Bayou High School.

While in Atlanta they toured the CNN studio, The World of Coca-Cola, The Georgia Aquarium, Stone Mountain State Park and Six Flags Over Georgia.

The attended various leadership, motivational and college prep workshops during the conference. They served as voting delegates for their school's local FBLA Chapters and represented their prospective schools at the FBLA Southern Region meeting and election of Regional Vice President.

They competed in the following events:

Joseph LeJuine - Personal Finance

Tony Baccigalopi and Kelsey Helmer - Business Calculations

Corey Broussard and Jacob Poole - Impromptu Speaking.

Tiffany Caudill - Business Procedures.



THESE CAMERON PARISH students attended the FBLA national leadership conference last week. From left are Joseph LeJuine, Hackberry; Tony Baccigalopi, South Cameron; Kelsey Helmer, Hackberry; Corey Broussard, Grand Lake; Tiffany Caudill, Johnson Bayou; and Jacob Poole, Hackberry.



THE CONTRACTOR began work this week on rebuilding the Wakefield Methodist Church in Cameron. Plans are to rebuild only the section under the surviving roof, adding classrooms and other amenities. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THIS PHOTO of a roseate spoonbill rookery in Cameron Parish was taken by the late nature photographer Bill Turnbull. Once rare, the pink colored birds were plentiful in the parish before Hurricane Rita.



TWO JOHNSON Bayou boys bagged turkeys on a recent hunt to Uvalde, Tex. Hunter Trahan, 10, top photo, shot his first turkey. He is the son of Eric and Jeffra Trahan and the grandson of Curtis and Loretta Trahan. Owen Trahan, bottom photo, 16, killed a turkey that he called up by himself. He is the son of Curtis and Loretta Trahan.



MARTHA MILLER of Douglassville, Penn., sent the Pilot these two photos of the Grand Chenier High School 1944 class. Shown in the upper "then" photo were: (front row, from left) Alvin Conner, Stephen Carter, Arnold Jones; (middle row) Vernita Landry, Sybil Baccigalopi, Ella Mae Miller, Elougia Sturlese; (back row) Lorine Sturlese, Martha Mhire, and Barbara Doland. In the lower "now" photo are: (front row) Martha Miller, Te Mae Booth, Arnold Jones; (back row) Lorine Baccigalopi, Barbara Courtney, and Ducey Carter. The class recently met for lunch. Sybil Clark, Elougia Richard, and Vernita Landry were unable to meet. Alvin Conner and Stephen Carter are deceased.



CHILDREN IN attendance at the opening of the Grand Lake Recreation pool last Saturday are pictured here. The Recreation board expressed thanks to Aimee Brasseaux for providing cake, Angie Theriot and Cheri Myers for cookies, Kim Nunez for setting up a fun jump, and all the parents who helped with the opening.

Swim lessons

Beginners swimming lesson will be offered Monday-Friday, July 7-11 at the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center from 10 a.m.-12 noon for all non and beginning swimmers.

Children 5-9 years of age must have a responsible person 13 years or older present during lessons.

Children under age 5 must have a responsible person 15 years or older present during lessons.

Contact Christen Trahan at 304-4622 for more information.



THE FIFTH ANNUAL Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8 and 9 at the Grand Chenier Park. Above is one of the contestants in last year's festival with his catch.



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Funerals



BETTY LEDOUX

Betty Jean O'Blance LeDoux, 67, of Grand Lake, died Sunday, June 29, 2008 in a local hospital.

Mrs. LeDoux was born Feb. 11, 1941 in Bell City, and has lived in Grand Lake for most of her life. She was a member of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, where she previously taught Catechism and was a member of the Ladies Alter Society.

She enjoyed her garden and making ceramics. Mrs. LeDoux will be most remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister, who treasured her family and grandchildren.

Mrs. LeDoux is survived by her husband of 49 years, August Bobby "A. B." LeDoux of Grand Lake; sons, Wayne LeDoux and wife Becky of Milburn, Okla, Jonathan LeDoux and wife Dianne of Creole, Joe LeDoux and wife Suzone of Grand Lake, and Justin LeDoux of Grand Lake; seven sisters; one brother; grandchildren, Tuesday Montgomery, Tyson, Brandon, Alexa, Makayla, Larry, Michael, Jeffery, Tammie and Tommie LeDoux; Nikki Landreneau and Kelly Harper; and five great-grandchildren, Austin, Gabe, Baylee, Natalie and Gavin; along with numerous nieces and nephews and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Noah and Ella O'Blance; and brothers, Alcide, J. B. and J. C. O'Blance.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, July 1, at Christ the King Catholic Church. Father Keith Pellerin officiated. Burial was in Grand Lake Community Cemetery. A Cursillo Rosary was recit-

ed Monday, June 20 at the funeral home.

Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net (Paid Memorial)



EMILE "MOE" DOMANGUE

Emile Michael "Moe" Domangue, 55, of Cameron died Wednesday, June 25, 2008 in a local residence.

He was born in New Orleans and lived in Cameron most of his life. Mr. Domangue was a commercial fisherman and worked for Cameron Construction for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Savoie Domangue; two sons, Michael A. and Stephen Domangue, all of Cameron; sisters, Christine, Jeanne, Janet, Marie, Susan, and Meryl; brothers, Carl, Jimmy, Gerald, Thomas, Dale, Larry, and Matthew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Randall James Domangue and Gladys Marie Picou Domangue and one brother Steven Patrick Domangue.

His memorial Mass was held Monday, June 30, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron. Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. The body was cremated under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.



SHERIFF THEOS DUHON is sworn in for his second term by 38th Judicial District Court Judge Ward Fontenot on Monday, June 30.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CAMERON PARISH Clerk of Court Carl Broussard is sworn in for another term by 38th Judicial District Court Judge Ward Fontenot on Monday, June 30.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

There is a point at which we start talking just to hear the sound of our voice and become convinced that what we say is so important that we don't need to follow rules.

It is time to face facts, no matter what problems we are having with the new flood plain maps, etc. If FEMA had not helped us from the start, we would not be anywhere close to where we are today.

It is nice to say that the

people of Cameron Parish would have pitched in to help each other (and we would have), but what would have happened when we had to go back to work?

Some of us had to go back to work almost immediately, at least as soon as the water went down, and were unable to get to see what was left for several weeks. What about the older folks of Cameron Parish? People say their relatives and friends would have helped. Again, when? On weekends, during vacations? And then how would the debris have been moved, and where?

The Police Jury was strapped, their resources would have been wiped out. I don't think we would have had running water or pest free, or relatively pest free, homes. And then again, where would we have been living, and in what?

It is easy now to bring up fiery language, very descriptive about coming in on a white horse and cookie jars with strings attached, but Cameron Parish was knocked down and needed outside help.

Now is not the time for fiery rhetoric and disruptions at meetings, but to come together and try to figure out how to overcome the obstacles being placed in front of us.

/s/ Paul Sellers
Cameron

Memorial books donated to library

Memorial books donated to the Grand Lake Library are listed below by honoree, donor and title:

Derek Thibodeaux, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, Black Top Cowboys; Conway LeBleu, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, Cajun Folktales; Milford Conner, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, A Place Called Home; Anita Burleigh and Jackie, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, Kaffe Fassett's Pattern Library; Bonnie "Fletcher" Miller, The Every Third Woman of the Bible; Oma "Blue Eyes" Miller, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, National Audubon Society Field Guide to Wildflowers;

Mildred Mudd, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, Card Games Encyclopedia; Pat and Margaret Doland, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, Acadian Plantation Country Cookbook; Leola Conner, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, The Art of Fabric Collage; Alvin Murphy, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, Aududon Guide to the National Wildlife Refuges.

G. L. Library schedule set

Grand Lake Library Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, July 9, 9 a.m. - Children's Story time
Wednesday, July 16, 9 a.m. - Ricky Pitman - Story time at Grand Lake Rec. Center

Wednesday, July 23, 9 a.m. - Children's Jewelry Craft ages 3-9, Boys and Girls

Wednesday, July 30, 9 a.m. - Children's Story time
Come join in the fun at the Grand Lake Library.

Please call for more information about weekly programs.



Commissioner classes set for July 7th, 8th & 9th

Any person wishing to become certified to work as a Election Commissioner for Cameron Parish Elections can do so by attending any one of the below listed General Courses of Instructions and passing the written examination prepared by the Secretary of State.

Monday, July 7, Lowery Fire Station, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8, Hackberry Multipurpose Bldg. 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9, Cameron Courthouse Courtroom, 6:30 p.m.

Election Commissioners

working their first (1st) election will be compensated \$100.

Election Commissioners who have previously worked more than one election will be compensated \$200 per election.

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CAMERON PARISH Clerk of Court Carl Broussard administers the oath of office to his Deputy Clerks at Monday's Swearing-in ceremony.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CAMERON SHERIFF'S Deputies take the oath of office during the swearing-in ceremony in the Cameron Parish court room on Monday. Clerk of Court Carl Broussard administered the oath.

Birth is announced



NOAH MICHAEL ORGERON

Michael and Cari Orgeron of Lake Charles announce the birth of their first child, Noah Michael, May 30, at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs.

Grandparents are Karen and Rameaux Orgeron of Hackberry and Marilyn and James Irvine of Glenmora.

Great-grandmothers are Evelyn Turner of Hackberry and Geraldine Early of Belmont.



Grand Chenier Library tells upcoming events

Be a Star at the Grand Chenier Library. The schedule for the week is as follows: "Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily.

Thursday, July 3 - Close at 1 p.m.

Friday, July 4 - Closed in Observance of Independence Day.

Monday, July 7 - Summer Fun at Your Local Library, Book Reading: Exploring a new world, 1-2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8 - "Fitness Program", Elmocize for Children 1 p.m., Low impact walking program 2-3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9 - 2 p.m. - Play a part in Arts and Crafts

Thursday, July 10 - 9-10 a.m. Summer Reading Storyteller

Entertainer Dianne de Las Casas

Friday, July 11 - 1-3 p.m. La. Spirit Arts and Crafts, 3 p.m. Story time

Please call 538-2214 for more information about weekly programs.



Saltwater fishing rodeo schedule

The 5th annual Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8 and 9, at the Grand Chenier Park. The following is the schedule of events:

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

12:01 a.m. - Fishing rodeo begins.

6 a.m. - Redfish challenge begins.

12 p.m. - Weigh station opens

3 p.m. - Festival gates open; Food and craft booths open; 1st day Redfish challenge closes.

6 p.m. - Weigh station closes.

7:30 p.m. - Steel Shot performs.

12 a.m. - Grounds close

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

6 a.m. - Final day of Redfish challenge begins.

9 a.m. - Festival gates open.

10 a.m. - Food booths open; Festival Queen Pageant begins.

11 a.m. - Weigh station opens.

12 p.m. - Teardrops band performs.

3 p.m. - Redfish challenge ends.

3:30 p.m. - Static performs.

5 p.m. - Weigh station closes.

6 p.m. - Recognize corporate sponsors; Festival queen presented; Presentation of fishing awards.

7:30 p.m. - Jamie Bergeron and Kickin Cajuns.

9 p.m. - Fireworks on the river.

9:30 - Jamie Bergeron and Kickin Cajuns band.

12 a.m. - Festival closes.

The Festival committee is looking for food, craft and specialty item booths for the 2008 Festival, Aug. 8 - 9.

All individuals, organizations, church groups, and non-profits are invited to participate.

For more information please contact Carl Broussard at 775-5316 or Penelope Richard at 775-8135.



Arrest made in Grand Chenier murder case

By MARY JANE FARMER (Herald Democrat Sherman, Texas)

A theft report made out by Grayson County Sheriff's Deputy Brent Norris last week helped link homicide victim Kenneth James McMillion with the suspect arrested in Mr. McMillion's death, Harrold Ray Ballard.

The report puts the two men together at Mr. McMillion's property, in Luella, the morning that Mr. McMillion was last seen alive, June 16.

Wednesday, June 18, Grayson County Sheriff's deputies began searching for Mr. McMillion, 53, according to Sheriff Keith Gary. It was that same Wednesday that the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office was called by two fishermen who found a body floating in Joseph's Harbor at Grand Chenier. The body was bound and shirtless, clothed from the waist down, including belt and shoes, found with a gunshot wound in his back, and without identification.

It was Thursday before the two sheriff's offices connected, after the coroner's office in Lake Charles, identified Mr. McMillion by matching his thumbprint with the one taken by the Texas Department of Public Safety when he last renewed his driver's license. Grayson County S. O. had listed Mr. McMillion as a missing person in the National Crime Information Center, where Cameron Parish S. O. located the information about him.

Friday night, June 20, Grayson County S. O. investigators, assisted by the local Texas Ranger, arrested Ballard on a first-degree felony charge of murder. Ballard, a former Whitewright City Council member, remains in Grayson County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Deputy Norris' report said Patricia McMillion, Mr. McMillion's former wife, is still living at the 176 Snap Road house, which was awarded to Mr. McMillion in their divorce decree.

He met his attorney's staff Friday, June 13, at the house and served her with an eviction notice, according to Norris' report. It continues to say she called him at work Sunday night, June 18, and told him his 16-foot flatbed trailer, which she had been using to move from her house, was missing. He left work and called the Grayson County Sheriff's Office to begin the investigation into its disappearance.

Norris and Deputy John Pearson met Mr. McMillion at 8 a.m. Monday, June 16. Their investigation had them talking with Ballard, who said he was there to

help Patricia McMillion move and had been using the trailer. But, he said, when he got to the Snap Road residence Thursday or Friday before, (June 12 or 13) he couldn't remember which day, according to the report, the trailer was gone.

The report states that Ballard told the deputies that there had been words spoken between him and Mr. McMillion on a prior occasion and that Mr. Million had shoved him. Ballard said, according to the report, he told Mr. McMillion that if it happened again he "would do something about."

That Monday, June 16, Mr. McMillion told deputies Ballard "had been confrontational with him... previously" and he wanted Ballard off the property. Norris reported that Mr. McMillion gave Ballard a criminal trespass warning in the deputies' presence, after which Ballard drove off the property.

Deputies found the trailer Thursday, June 19, on the Snap Road property, according to the report.

JUST WONDERING AND PRAYING!

Now would be a good time to take a look at some of the Audrey memorial books. You will see photos of the town of Cameron one year after its devastation; a thriving town. Here we are thirty-four months since Hurricane Rita wiped away our houses, businesses, schools and churches and it makes some cry to see this place.

Yes, Audrey and Rita wiped our communities away, but since Rita, government has taken away our way of life and our homes.

Gary Dimas

JUST A REMINDER. . .

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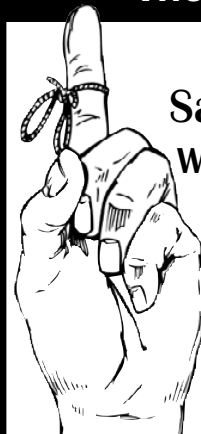
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DEPUTIES

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Program could affect everyone in the parish, as they could lose their flood insurance and have their insured loans called in.

Jurors decided to put both the Haynie request and a variance request from Ebenezer Baptist Church on the agenda for the voting meeting Monday, July 7. A response to a request to FEMA for an opinion on the church variance was read. It said the local community should consider "whether that need outweighs the local need for federal flood insurance."

Jurors also explained to another resident that the engineering now required for building in the parish is a State of Louisiana requirement, not FEMA. FEMA gives suggestions for building in the coastal zone, but the International Building Code adopted by the state after the hurricanes requires engineering for wind resistance.

Jones said the administration is working on permission to allow accessory buildings up to 600 square feet to be placed on the ground, even in a V zone.

RECOVERY REPORTS

Parish Planning and Economic Development Director Ernie Broussard reported that Jason DeBarge, who was contracted to operate the ice making plant sent to Hackberry last year, has asked to be released from the contract. The ice plant was donated through the LSU AgCenter and was to have been installed and operated by DeBarge for the use of Hackberry fishermen, but he found it too expensive to set

up. Broussard said the plant can be moved to Cameron Fisheries, which is operating the other donated ice plant in Cameron. The owner, Larry Miller, has already set up a conveyor to move the ice, and is willing to operate the second plant, which makes a different kind of ice. The contracts were placed on next week's agenda.

Broussard also reported that the Holly Beach Sewer System project was awarded \$50,000 in construction funds under Priority 2 in this year's legislative budget. The remaining \$450,000 is still in Priority 5. He said this was good news, since the governor had slashed some \$300 million worth of projects from the budget.

He stressed that the engineering, which has already been funded, must be complete before the rest of the funds will be made available.

GRANTS TOLD

Fire departments around the parish are set to benefit from \$240,000 in grants from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Broussard said.

He is still working on funding the Cameron waterfront development, with meetings scheduled for later this month.

Cameron Parish OHSEP Director Clifton Hebert reported that he has been attending a class on grant applications for some \$3 million in competitive grants to help residents elevate after the hurricane. The funds, which can be used for existing structures or new construction, could help as many as 300 residents to elevate, he said, and the class has revealed additional grants which Cameron Parish can apply for.

Hebert said he is working with the Coast Guard to get GPS coordinates on all kinds of storm debris still in parish waters. Even destroyed boats and docks will be submitted. He is requesting any fishermen, commercial or recreational, to turn in GPS coordinates or grid locations of debris so they can be submitted to the Coast Guard.

He said the Coast Guard had used sonar only on the ship channel before, but this project is on a much larger scale, and will include some targets too big to pick up the last time a clean up was done. "We're going to list everything and let them tell us what doesn't qualify, then start negotiating," he said.

Salt-water-killed tree removal had been delayed while the contractor acquired an arborist license. Hebert said the Department of Agriculture and Forestry had put a cease and desist order on the project, but the contractor now has his license and meets all the criteria.

BEACH NOURISHMENT

McGee asked about beach nourishment, and learned that a permit is being prepared, and state surplus funds have been set aside for the project. The Grand Lake shoreline restoration permit has been signed and is ready to be awarded. It is to be funded through CIAP funds.

The potentially "horrendous" cost of insurance for public buildings is being addressed by Jones, who is trying to get a partial waiver, as was promised by the Commissioner of Insurance. Buildings rebuilt with FEMA funds must be insured to the full replacement cost, unless the state insurance commissioner gives a waiver, which was done for South Cameron Memorial Hospital. The matter was sent to the Finance Committee.

REBUILDING PROJECTS

Royal Engineering, the consulting firm recently hired by the Jury to help expedite FEMA rebuilding projects, gave a presentation on their progress so far. Program Manager Mitch Andrus reported that the firm has received over 300 project worksheets (PWs) and has identified 60 quickstart projects to get reviewed in the first 60 days. They have looked at 14 in detail, and requested new versions on three. They have mobilized most of their staff, set up an office next to the OEP, and begun to meet with the various architectural and engineering firms working on the projects.

Andrus said their job is to expedite versions, keep the ball rolling on PWs, and get more consistency. A web site is planned to allow the public to track the progress of all the projects. He said that, while it is a "challenge" to work with FEMA, "You (the parish) is going to get audited. Our job is to make sure your paperwork is in order."

Andrus has worked in southeastern Louisiana's hurricane recovery, and said Cameron Parish is most similar to St. Bernard Parish in scope of destruction and types of residents. He said projects there were costing up to four times the original FEMA estimate. His firm's process is to prove the validity of the cost increases and get the most money possible for the parish.

"It's their money, so you play by their rules, and even



A GIANT AUGER drills holes Monday for pilings to be poured at the site of the new East Annex on Couthouse Square in Cameron. The large pipe on the right is the form for the reinforced concrete, below ground pilings that will support the structure. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Sheriff's Report

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff Dept. June 24-July 1:

Clay Elliot Sonnier, 30, Lafayette, Bench Warrant.

William Preston Dewveall, 60, New Iberia, Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Assault.

Sidney S. Tate, Jr., 57, 231 Lillian St., Cameron, Out of Parish Warrant.

Mary Alice Trahan, 35, 125 Adam Roux Trailer #9, Cameron, Careless Operation, No Drivers License in Possession.

Claude Edward Jinks, 38, 157 Main Street, Hackberry, Bench Warrant (2 counts).

John Paul Trahan, 28, 108 Uriah Lane, Johnson Bayou, Bench Warrant.

Vincent Touson, Jr., 44, 157 Main St., Hackberry, Bench Warrant.

Erik Darrell Black, 35, Brandon, Miss., Left of Center.

Jerry Nelson George, 22, 7114 Carbine Rd. Lot #9, Lake Charles, Pull Bond.

David Rodney Welch, Sr., 69, 292 Hicks Lane, Hackberry, Other Agency Warrant.

Michael Shawn Haig, 32,

148 Long Acre, Lake Charles, Other Agency Warrant.

Daniel Flake McWhorther, 20, Kingwood, Tex., D.W.I., Careless Operation, No Drivers License.

Dirk Douglas LaLonde,

31, Opelousas, Simple Criminal Damage To Property, Theft of Oil, Theft Simple Burglary.

Fernando Teoba Pucheta 44, Rayne, Speeding, No License in USA, Illegal Alien.

Kenneth William Thornton, 57, Morgan City Bench Warrant.

Kent A. Duhon, 35, 142 Alvin Road, Cameron Intimidating/Simple Assault

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Monday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

To learn how to qualify for a Jump Scholarship and what to bring to orientation, go to jumpscholarships.com.

Financial assistance for your final year of education may include, but is not limited to payments for: tuition, books, supplies, uniforms, childcare, meals, travel, etc. Questions about Jump Scholarships? Call the Louisiana Works Business & Career Solutions Center at 475-4900. But hurry—mandatory orientations begin July 21.

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PICTURED ABOVE ARE Cameron Parish 4-H campers, Ericka Williams and Ally Thomas. The girls are shown shaking a bag of ingredients to make ice cream during a chemistry lesson at Camp Grant Walker. Over 80 Cameron Parish 4-Hers are attending this year's camp and learning through participation in educational tracks. Camper will return from Pollock on Friday.

Jump scholarships available for parish students

The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury in conjunction with the Work Force Investment Board and the Louisiana Department of Labor announce the availability of funds from the National Emergency Grant for eligible students residing in Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis Parishes, who were affected by Hurricane Rita in 2005 and are entering their final year of post-secondary education or apprenticeship. Locally, these grants will be known as "Jump Scholarships," and will be used to aid students in tuition fees, and other costs related to education. More information on this program is available at <http://www.jumpscholarships.com>.

The program is meant to help students graduate in a timely manner so their degree or apprenticeship certification can help meet the local demands of certain jobs that are currently underemployed. Demand majors are listed below. Most schools and institutions in the state are participating in this program.

Eligible students interested in Jump Scholarships must attend one of the four Jump Scholarships Orientations to complete the application. Orientation dates are Monday, July 21, and Monday July 28. There are two sessions on both days, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The orientations will be held at the Louisiana Works Business & Career Solutions Center Calcasieu Consortium, 4250 5th Avenue, Lake Charles. To qualify for Jump Scholarships, students must meet the following requirements:

You are required to have been a resident of Calcasieu, Cameron or Jeff Davis

Parish during Hurricane Rita and still live in one of these three parishes.

You are a student entering your final year.

You must be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary educational program. You must enroll and maintain at least a 12-credit-hour schedule.

You must have already applied for the Federal Pell Grant.

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 In order to qualify, students must bring the following to the Jump Scholarships Orientation:
 Proof of Citizenship (Birth Certificate)
 Males: Selective Service Verification
 Proof of Current Address
 Proof of Pre-Hurricane Rita Address (school record, paycheck, cell phone bill, etc. during the month of September 2005).
 Social Security Card
 Social Security Number of all residents living in the

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oughfare. While merging, the driver should travel the same speed as other vehicles to keep a safe flow of traffic.

Some motorists incorrectly believe that vehicles already on an interstate are required to move to the left lane to allow merging traffic in. While that is a common courtesy, the driver entering the highway is responsible for yielding to vehicles already on the interstate.

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission reminds motorists that merging onto an interstate requires the driver's full attention and concentration, especially in heavy traffic.

household over the age of 14. Letter of award/denial from the Federal Pell Grant.

The purpose of National Emergency Grants (NEG) is to provide supplemental dislocated worker funds to States, Local Boards and other eligible entities in order to respond to the needs of dislocated workers and communities affected by major economic dislocations

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New boating regulations explained by LDWF

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Law Enforcement Division (LDWF/LED) is advising boaters to be aware of new boating regulations, effective July 1, that affect hand tiller outboard motorboats and towed water sports participants.

The LDWF/LED researched boating incident statistics to determine factors that would reduce boating accidents and boating accident fatalities. Based on recommendations prompted by that research, new recreational boating regulations were implemented by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. From July 1 forward, anyone boating recreationally in Louisiana waters should be aware of the following:

Anyone onboard a vessel less than 16 feet (Class A), propelled by a hand tiller outboard motor is required to wear a Type I, II, III, or V United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) while the vessel is underway.

A hand tiller outboard is described as an outboard motor that has a tiller or steering arm attached to the outboard motor to facilitate steering and does not have any mechanical assist device which is rigidly attached to the boat and used in steering the vessel, including but not limited to mechanical, hydraulic, or electronic control systems. This does not include any type of electronic trolling motor.

Anyone onboard a vessel less than 26 feet (Class A and Class One), propelled by hand tiller outboard motors in excess of 10 horsepower, is required to use an engine cut-off switch while underway, if the outboard motor is equipped with such device.

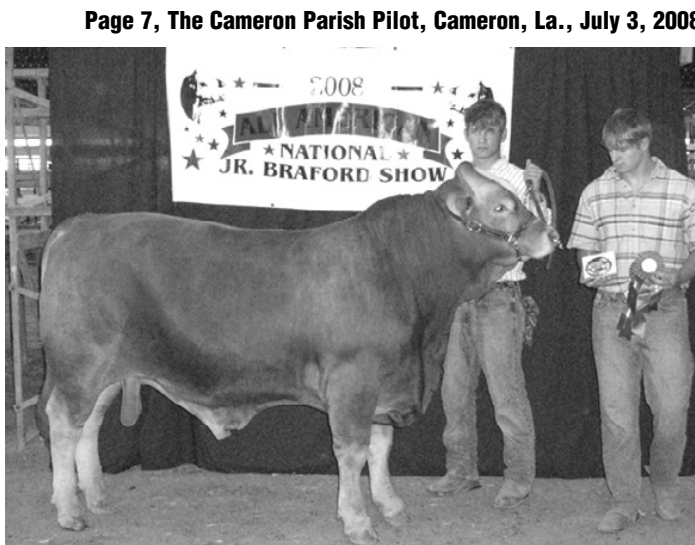
An engine cutoff device can be described as an operable emergency cut-off engine stop switch installed on a hand tiller outboard motor and that attaches to the motorboat operator by an engine cut-off switch link. These regulations do not apply to sailboats and vessels

engaged in licensed commercial activity.

Persons engaged in water sports, which includes but is not limited to waterskiing, towing a tube, wake boarding, wake surfing, etc. . . must wear a Type I, II, III or V PFD. An inflatable PFD does not meet the requirement. Vessel operators cannot tow a water sports participant who is not wearing a PFD. Certain exceptions are applicable for marine events that have been issued a permit by LDWF/LED and/or the United States Coast Guard.

The LDWF/LED also wants to remind boaters to follow the Boating Safety "Rules of the Road", wear a PFD and designate a sober vessel operator this holiday weekend to keep Louisiana's waterways safe for all boaters. For more information on boating regulations or boating safety, please visit the LDWF website at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/boating.

For more information, contact Sgt. Rachel Zechenelly at 225-765-2984 or rzechenelly@wlf.louisiana.gov.



GABE LALANDE exhibited the **Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Braford** bulls at the **2008 All American National Jr. Braford Show** which was held at the **Burton Coliseum** in Lake Charles on June 26-28. Gabe is a senior at South Cameron High.

Cameron Outdoors

By **LOSTON MCEVERS**

DID YOU RENEW? Check your fishing licenses. Did you renew it? If your going to be fishing this July 4 weekend. Whatever you are doing July 4, think of our service men and women, who are fighting for a cause.

If your on the water, a lifejacket is your friend, but it won't work if you don't wear it!

DEEP SEA RODEO
The 71st annual Southwest Louisiana Fishing Club's Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo will see contestants leaving on Thursday July 3 and returning Sunday morning, July 6, for weigh-in time. This used to be a Cameron Parish affair, and many of us can remember the event on the Courthouse Square, boiled shrimp, music and passing a

good time for three or four days.

Many anglers will travel offshore for the big fish, but many won't travel far, run slower and troll very little, as gas prices have put a damper on recreational fishing.

Deep sea anglers will be after the Tarpon, but the cobia is a fine catch along with Red Snapper and Redfish in Louisiana waters, as well as Speckle Trout, Flounder, and Gar Fish. There are several different species on the board, like the shark where Tebov McCall of Cameron set a record in 1971, weighing in one at 1,175 pounds.

CCA'S STAR
The CCA's Star Louisiana Statewide Tournament and Anglers Rodeo has a few new leaders on the board for our Western Division. Speckle Trout - Ted Bercier 7.80 pounds is now leading in the men's division and Ellen Drinkard's 7.95 pounder, has taken over the women's division; which is statewide in the Largemouth Bass Division. Roger Logan had been leading for three weeks, but has been bumped down to third place with his 7.15 bass, while Kenny LaRocca weighed in a 9.15 largemouth. Alfred Mouton has a second place largemouth weighing 7.45 pounds.

BRIEFS
We already know we have a dead zone in our gulf water covering a large area, however with all the floods in our northern states, there will be lots more nutrients like nitrates and fertilizer coming down. This will surely add on to the large area we already have, with no oxygen, there's no fish life.

YOUTH HUNTS
Two new acts into law from the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have changed some hunting regulations. One will allow the use of crossbows during our deer archery season for licensed hunters. Also muzzleloader season will now be primitive firearm season for hunting regulations for the 2008-09 season.

Our youth hunts will now see 17 years of age, instead of 15 years of age.

GIBBSTOWN TOURNAMENT
John and Chris Louviere's 9.92 stringer took first place,

Hunter ed is needed

As the fall hunting season draws closer, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Hunter Education Section will offer more courses in hunter education and bow hunter education with classes being added every week.

For those needing to get their hunter education certification for the 2008-09 season, now is the time to start looking for a session. LDWF is encouraging all aspiring hunters to not miss a hunting opportunity this year because they waited too long and missed the classes offered in their area.

For more information on LDWF's hunter education program, to view a list of current classes or to find contact information for your regional coordinator, visit the LDWF Web site at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/education.

The free hunter education course is mandatory for anyone born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, who plans on purchasing a hunting license. Anyone can participate in the basic student course, but only those persons 10 years of age or older are eligible for certification.

Hunter education certification cards can be obtained a couple of different ways from the LDWF Hunter Education Program. The traditional standard hunter education course is taught in a classroom setting by an LDWF hunter education instructor. The standard course usually takes place over a two or three-day window and includes a mandatory live fire.

The home study program can be taken over the

Brett Baccigalopi and Kaleb Trahan had second place with 7.50 pounds and Johnny and Justin LeDoux held 3rd place with 6.32 pounds, but took Big Bass honors with a 4.03 largemouth.

HAYES TOURNAMENT
Chance and Jarod Baccigalopi had a first place stringer, with 6.46 pounds, and also the largest bass weighing 3.05. Second place went to Joe Natali and Harris O'Blanc with 4.42 and Trey Wilkerson had third with 4.40.

CAPTAIN'S NIGHT
Captain's Night for the Southwest La. Fishing Club's Deep Fishing Rodeo will be at 6:30 p.m., Friday at the Clubhouse by LaFleur Park. For more information call 485-1540.

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For more information, contact Johnathan LeBlanc at 225-763-5788 or jblanc@wlf.louisiana.gov.

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- 10:00 AM - FOOD BOOTHS OPEN
- 11:00 AM - WEIGH STATION OPENS
- 12:00 NOON - TEARDROPS BAND PERFORMS
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THURSDAY	Noon - 5:00	Noon - 5:00		
FRIDAY	Noon - 5:00	Noon - 5:00		
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THURSDAY	12:00 - 4:00	12:00 - 4:00		
FRIDAY	12:00 - 4:00	12:00 - 4:00		
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MONDAY	8:00 - 3:00	8:00 - 3:00		
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FRIDAY	1:00 - 4:00	1:00 - 4:00		
SATURDAY	9:00 - 5:00	9:00 - 5:00		
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WEDNESDAY	1:00 - 5:00	2:00 - 6:00		
SATURDAY	9:00 - 5:00	10:00 - 6:00		
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A GIANT AUGER drills holes Monday for pilings to be poured at the site of the new East Annex on Courthouse Square in Cameron. The large pipe on the right is the form for the reinforced concrete, below ground pilings that will support the structure. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Chenier Ecology

By KEVIN SAVOIE

Considered by many to be the most delectable seafood of all, the blue crab is quite abundant and widespread along Gulf and Atlantic coastal states. Its scientific name, *Callinectes sapidus*, which translates to "beautiful swimmer," was more than likely given the blue crab due to its bright colors of green, blue, red and white and not its swimming grace.

Adult male crabs can be distinguished from females by their blue claws, while the females' are tipped with red. Louisiana is the nation's top blue crab producing state at over 52 million pounds landed in 2006, with a dockside value of \$31.7 million dollars.

Female blue crabs become sexually mature immediately following their pubertal

time and mate only once in their lives (immediately following this molt). When approaching this pubertal molt, females release a pheromone in their urine that attracts males. Male crabs vie for females and will carry and protect the female until molting occurs.

Following this molt, when the female's shell is soft, the pair will mate. During mating, the female captures and stores the male's sperm in sac-like receptacles so that she can fertilize her eggs at a later time. Once the female's shell has hardened, the male will release her and she will migrate to higher salinity waters where as many as 1 million eggs will be spawned.

The eggs are laid in the female's apron in a large mass called a sponge. They are carried until mature and hatching begins, at which

time the female shakes them into the tide to be carried into the estuaries.

The larval crabs undergo metamorphic changes and at times do not even resemble a crab. The first larval stage is the zoeae stage, in which the crab lives a plankton-like existence, floating near the water's surface and filter feeding. After two to four weeks and four to seven molts, the crab enters the megalop stage and is approximately 1 mm in width. (A U.S. dime is 1 mm thick.) The megalopae remain in the higher salinity estuarine areas during this stage, at which time they become free swimmers. After one to three weeks, the megalop molts into a first-stage juvenile and looks like an adult crab for the first time.

During these the larval and juvenile stages, crabs are preyed upon heavily by fish, birds and other estuarine animals. Survival rate to adulthood is very low, but like most estuarine-dependent species, this is overcome by sheer numbers.

Crabs spawn in Louisiana throughout the spring, summer and into the fall. This protracted spawning period, along with Louisiana's vast estuaries and coastal marshes, is the right combination for crab production.

(Savoie is a natural resources and fisheries agent based in Lake Charles for the Louisiana Sea Grant Program and the Louisiana State University AgCenter. He can be reached at ksavoie@agcenter.lsu.edu)

All-In-One Salad

4 ounces uncooked dried fusilli (corkscrew pasta)
1 cup Italian dressing
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves

1 15-ounce can garbanzo beans, rinsed & drained
1 cup whole kernel corn, cooked & drained
1/4 pound Swiss cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1/2 cup sweet red peppers, cut into strips
1/2 medium cucumber, sliced and quartered
3 - 4 green onions, sliced

Cook fusilli according to package directions. Drain, rinse with cold water, and set aside.

Combine Italian dressing and basil leaves in large bowl; mix well. Add cooked fusilli and remaining ingredients to dressing mix; toss to coat well. Cover, refrigerate at least one hour to blend flavors.

Let Freedom Ring!

Ways of strengthen homes against high winds told

Wind is the most common and most costly cause of damage to homes and other "light frame structures" in the United States. The 75-mile-per-hour-plus winds experienced in hurricanes put tremendous pressure on the roof, walls and foundation, and windblown debris can significantly increase the damage.

Although some measures, such as trimming trees and making sure your yard is clear of objects that could become flying debris, are things you can do right before a storm to protect your home, LSU AgCenter disaster recovery and mitigation specialist Pat Skinner says homeowners can do other things for more long-term protection.

"Studies completed following hurricanes show that typical light frame structures (stick-built homes) have some weak spots," Skinner said. "By strengthening these crucial points, you can make your house much safer against wind."

Among the points of where traditional frame houses are most likely to fail are the roof, exterior doors and windows, garage doors and connections between the wall and the roof and the wall and the foundation.

Gabled roofs

According to Skinner, two types of roofs are common in light frame structures. Those are gabled roofs and hip roofs. A gabled roof looks like an "A" on the ends, and a hip roof slopes upward and toward the ridge from all sides of the structure.

Gabled roofs are more vulnerable to wind force. Most gable ends are simple triangular frames set on top of the wall, forming a joint at the level of the ceiling. This joint typically has very little support.

"The gable end wall is pushed and pulled by wind forces and may be pulled completely out of the building if not properly braced," Skinner explained, adding, "A failed gable end wall causes extensive damage to the structure - allowing the water and wind to go inside."

Fortunately, installing braces inside the attic can provide the strength necessary to keep the gable end wall in place during hurricanes.

Bracing involves tying several rafters together, tying several ceiling joists together and adding diagonal pieces to strengthen the top and bottom of the gable end. Rafters are tied together by installing 2-by-4 or 2-by-6 "strong backs" between them. A strong back is two pieces of lumber joined with the narrow edge of one piece nailed or screwed to the face of the other piece, and

Skinner says ceiling joists can be joined in the same way.

"With these strongbacks in place, the movement of the gable end is resisted by the combined strength of the set of braced rafters and joists, not just by the one rafter the gable end is attached to," Skinner explained, adding that for rafters at the gable end, you should start about 18 inches from the roof ridge.

The gable end wall itself is braced by running 2-by-4s or 2-by-6s from the top of the gable to a ceiling joist that is the same distance from the gable end as the height of the gable. (If the gable is 10 feet high, above the ceiling, the brace point should be 10 feet in from the gable. This will require a board roughly 14 feet long. Then a second brace - of equal length - is run from the bottom of the gable, where it joins the wall framing, to the roof-rafter, forming an X with the first brace.

Exterior doors and windows

Stopping wind from entering your house is very important, Skinner said, even when that wind is not carrying rain.

"When high winds enter a home, they create an internal pressure that can contribute to the roof being pulled off the home," she said. "All of the exterior doors and windows should be secured properly."

Storm shutters are one way to secure the housing envelope. Shutters can be installed over all windows and doors that have glass.

"Shutters provide effective protection," Skinner said, adding, "Several kinds of shutters and impact-resistant screens are available for homeowners. These include panels made of plywood or other materials, which can be bought for a minimal cost but must be stored when not in use. There also are operable impact-rated colonial and bahama shutters, shutters that roll up and down and shutters that close accordion style."

Replacing windows and doors with impact-resistant units is another measure homeowners can take to protect their homes. These windows or doors may be more expensive than shutters, but they provide a natural-looking alternative and work when no one is home to install them or make sure they're closed.

Garage doors

Securing garage doors is another step homeowners can take to protect their homes against wind damage. Garage doors, especially double-wide (two-car) doors, can be very dangerous during high winds. They can be pulled off their tracks as a result of wind pressure. So these doors need to be strengthened to withstand high winds, and the framing around the garage door needs to be "beefed up."

"Commercial retrofit kits are available for garage doors," Skinner said. "Installing horizontal braces to the panels, replacing existing hinges with stronger ones and checking the center and end support for wind loads will strengthen your garage door against wind."

Because of the tremendous forces involved in a larger garage door, however, Skinner advises replacing the door with one that is hurricane-rated, if at all possible, and having it installed professionally.

Connections

Hurricane winds impose three types of forces on a building - uplift, lateral load and shear. Connections between the framing members (rafters and walls) and between the walls and foundation are important for keeping the house "plumb" and for appropriately transferring all the loads to the ground.

"Hurricane straps, clips and anchors provide a very effective solution to this problem," Skinner explained. "Homeowners can use straps to connect the roof rafters to the studs of exterior walls, as well as using them to connect wall studs to the bottom plate (the piece that sits on the slab, in a slab home). Anchors can be added to hold the bottom plate to the slab."

"For homes with a raised-floor foundation, straps can be used to hold the bottom plate or sill to the foundation framing and the framing to the piers or foundation wall," she added. "Piers may be the weakest point, depending on their construction."

Skinner said a block pier with reinforcing bars and concrete-filled cells, set on a continuous grade beam is ideal. If this is not achievable, efforts should be made to anchor the floor framing to the ground.

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Variance granting is explained by FEMA

By CYNDI SELLERS

The subject of variances from required floodplain elevations has been debated quite often recently. An e-mail message from David Hiegel of FEMA Division 6 to Parish Administrator Tina Horn helps to clarify the issue.

Horn wrote to Hiegel in reference to a variance request from the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Cameron for a 6 foot reduction in the requirements at their site on Trosclair Road. The Advisory Base Flood Elevation at the site is 12 feet above sea level. The ground is 3 feet 8 inches and the church proposed to add 2 feet 2 inches of fill, making the height 6 feet. The site is in an AE zone. If a variance of 6 feet is granted, the parish would still require the church to elevate electrical and mechanical service above ABFE, and also some wet-floodproofing, according to Horn's letter.

Hiegel responded that the FEMA Technical Bulletin #7 about wet-floodproofing in Zone AE mentions variances for: functionally dependent use structures, historic buildings, accessory structures (two car garage size), and certain agricultural buildings. He said that "per NFIP standards, the described variance would not be appropriate," and gave references.

Excerpts from the Louisiana Floodplain Management Desk Reference of June 2004 explain FEMA's position on variances and hardship. "A variance is a grant of relief from the terms of a land use, zoning, or building code regulation. Since a variance can create an increased risk to life and property, variances from flood elevation or other requirements in the community's flood damage ordinance should be rare."

"Granting variances is a local decision that must be

based not only on NFIP criteria, but also on state law and other provisions the community may wish to require. The community's review board must consider that every newly constructed building adds to the local government's responsibilities and remains a part of the community for the indefinite future. An unwise decision could last a long time."

"Variances are based on the general principal of zoning law in that they pertain to a piece of property and are not personal in nature. In general, a variance is granted for a parcel with physical characteristics so unusual that complying with the ordinance would create an exceptional hardship to the applicant or surrounding property owners. Those characteristics must:

*Be unique to that property and not to adjacent shared parcels

*Pertain to the land, not to the structure, its inhabitants, or the property owners.

A hardship example was given describing a situation where a homeowner would have to spend a large amount of money to elevate and build a ramp for a handicapped family member. The example concludes that:

The hardships pertain not to the property, but are personal; a variance is not necessary for access, because a ramp or elevator can be installed; and having a handicapped person occupying a flood-prone dwelling raises a public safety concern both for the residents and emergency responders.

(FEMA's model envisions floodwaters rising with the handicapped person still inside the dwelling, which is more likely to occur in river-type flooding than in a coastal hurricane where evacuations are called.)

FEMA cites several complaints about floodplain rules that are NOT good

cause for a variance:

The value of the property will drop somewhat

It will be inconvenient for the property owner

The owner doesn't have enough money to comply

The property will look different from others in the neighborhood

The owner started building without a permit and now it will cost a lot to bring the building into compliance.

In conclusion, Hiegel says, "I suppose that the next steps in that process is for the local community to request an exception and/or to consider the local need for other variances, and whether that need outweighs

the local need for federal flood insurance."

As Horn explained to the Police Jury on Monday, the parish does give variances in a specific limited set of circumstances, as listed above. These do not include physical hardship or monetary problems because FEMA excludes these conditions.

The South Cameron High School variance was given for "accessory structures, less than 600 square feet, not suitable for habitation, unfinished inside, and wet-proofed, with electrical service above ABFE." It is the only variance given in recent months.

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- 4) those who are or expect to be temporarily outside the territorial limits of the state or outside of their parish of registration during the early voting period **and** on election day;
- 5) those who have moved their residences to another parish more than 100 miles from the parish seat of their former residence after voter registration books have closed;
- 6) those who are involuntarily confined in an institution for mental treatment outside of their registration parish and who are not interdicted and not judicially declared incompetent;
- 7) those who are residing outside the United States;
- 8) those who expect to be hospitalized on election day and either were hospitalized and expect to be hospitalized during the early voting period, or did not learn that they would be hospitalized until after the early voting period expired, or were hospitalized and released but restricted to bed by their physician during the early voting period and on election day;
- 9) those who expect to be out of their precinct upon the waters of the state both during the early voting period and on election day because of their employment or occupation (e.g., working offshore);
- 10) those who are approved for the Special Handicap Program and are living at home, not in a nursing home;
- 11) those who are incarcerated in an institution inside or outside their parish of registration and are not under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony;
- 12) those who are 65 years of age or older; or
- 13) those who have a mobility impaired identification card issued by the office of motor vehicles (include a copy of mobility impaired i.d. card with your application.)

For more information please contact the Registrar's Office a 1-337-775-5943.

It is very important that those who choose to vote by mail must send a written request for a ballot. This must be done in advance for time reasons and must be done starting now. Request will be stopped 4 days before the elections (requirements of State law.)

Our mailing address is: Registrar of Voters Office, P. O. Box 1, Cameron, LA 70631

Thank you, Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar

RUN: June 26 & July 3 (J 59)

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD 2008-2009 Current Openings and New Positions

For all positions listed, applicants should download the appropriate application from www.camsch.org; and schedule an interview with the contact person listed for the position in which the applicant is interested. The applicant must submit the completed application to the contact person at the time of the interview. Applicants interested in itinerant positions involving two schools must schedule interviews with and provide copies of application to both contact persons.

Cameron Parish Pupil Appraisal Center

Contact: John White, Director (337) 540-0405; School Psychologist (full or part-time position available)

Grand Lake High School (5 day week)

Contact: David Duhan, Principal (337) 598-4774 or 302-2763

Teacher of the Visually Impaired; Non-Categorical Pre-School Handicapped; Mild/Moderate Special Education or Severe Profound; Head Boys Basketball Coach with Middle School Social Studies or Science; Special Education Teacher for Alternative Program with other teaching duties; Teacher Aide for Alternative Class with other Duties; Computer Lab Paraprofessional

Hackberry High School (4 day week)

Contact: Brenda Sanders, Principal (337) 762-2069 or 558-7175

School Counselor; Adaptive Physical Education Itinerant (Hackberry High School and Johnson Bayou High Schools); Special Education Teacher for Alternative Program with other teaching duties; Teacher Aide for Alternative Class with other Duties

Johnson Bayou High School (4 day week)

Contact: Gene Reynolds, Principal (337) 569-2773 or 569-2168

Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Combination; Lower Elementary (2 positions); Adaptive Physical Education Itinerant (Johnson Bayou High School and Hackberry High Schools)

South Cameron High School (4 day week)

Contact: Carol Wainwright, Principal (337) 802-0973 or 538-2179

Sweeper; Lower Elementary (2 to be hired); Mild/Moderate Special Education

Deadline for all applications is Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 12:00 Noon

Available positions will continually be updated at www.camsch.org. Appointments will be approved at monthly meetings of the Cameron Parish School Board.

RUN: June 26 and July 3 (J 66)

LEGAL NOTICES

SHERIFF'S SALE
THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
21ST MORTGAGE
CORPORATION
VS. NO. 10-18242
SERENA MORVANT

By virtue of a writ of a EXECUTORY PROCESS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITHOUT the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

1999 CRESTRIDGE 82 x 16 MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER CRH1TX09637 seized under said writ.
Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.

/s/ Theos Duhon
Theos Duhon, Sheriff
CAMERON PARISH, LA.
Sheriff's Office, Cameron,
Louisiana May 30, 2008

KAREN TREVATHAN
RICHARDS
Attorneys for 21ST MORTGAGE
CORPORATION
RUN: June 5 & July 3 (J 6)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Recreation District #9 until **2:00 p.m. on 7 July, 2008 at the Police Annex located at 122A Recreation Ln., Cameron, LA 70631 (337-775-5718 ext.105).**

Project Number: 2007-27 POST RESTORATION OF THE GRAND CHENIER RECREATION COMPLEX

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

1. Building Construction
Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the **Cameron Parish Recreation District #9.**

Full information and proposals forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Louisiana Hwy 384, Bell City, LA 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.
Recreation District #9
/s/ Darrell East
RUN: June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3 (J 14)

NOTICE
38TH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEBBIE SAVOIE
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
SUCCESSION OF NO. 300-3456
PAUL GAUTHIER AND
ANNA BELLE GAUTHIER
FILED: MAY 10 2008
CAMERON PARISH, LA.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT
PRIVATE SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT CARL BEN GAUTHIER, Administrator of the Succession of PAUL GAUTHIER and ANNA BELLE GAUTHIER has petitioned this court for authority to sell immovable property of the Succession at private sale in accordance with the provisions of Article 3281 of the Code of Civil Procedure for \$5000,00 cash, all as set forth in the Agreement to Purchase an Sell attached to the petition for authority on file in these proceedings. The immovable property proposed to be sold at private sale is described as follows:

Beginning at a point one hundred forty (140) feet West, fifty (50) feet North of the Southwest corner of Lot Twenty-four (24) of the ABRAHAM "BLACK" PESHOFF SUBDIVISION of part of Lot 2 of the John M. Peshoff Subdivision of the South part of Fr. Secs. 12 and 13 in Tp. 15 S.R. 9 West, as per plat filed July 16, 1946, recorded in Book 1 of Plats at page 123, Bearing File No. 50413, records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana; THENCE running West 100 feet; Thence running North 50 feet; thence running East 100 feet; thence running South 50 feet, to the point of beginning. And

Lot No. 84 of the Abraham "Black" Peshoff Subdivision No. 3 of Part of Lot 2 of the J.M. Peshoff Subdivision in the South Part of Irregular Sections 12 and 13 in Tp. 15 S.R. 9 West, as per plat of Survey made by D.W. Jessen & Associates dated March 17, 1958, Filed: for record March 24, 1958, recorded in Book 1 of Plats at Page 220, bearing File No. 80405, records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Municipal Address: 150 S. Abraham Street, Cameron, Louisiana.

Any heir, legatee, or creditor who opposes the proposed sale must file his or her opposition within seven (7) days from the date on which the last publication of this notice appears.

/s/ Debbie Savoie
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
Date: May 16, 2008
RUN: June 19 & July 10 (J 33)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Cameron Parish School Board until 11:00 A.M., Monday, July 7, 2008 at the Cameron

Parish School Board Central Office, 1027 Hwy 384-Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607, for an official journal. Sealed bids may be mailed to: P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631.

By: /s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE RODRIGUE,
SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: June 19, 26 and July 3 (J 44)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

By virtue of and in conformity with the procedures of Section 151 through 158 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, sealed bids will be received at the office of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana, on or before the **14th day of July, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**, at which time all bids received will be opened by the Cameron Parish School Board for a lease covering the oil, gas, and other liquid gaseous hydrocarbon mineral rights in, to and under the following described property:

That certain tract of land estimated to contain 320.00 acres, more or less, being all of South Half (S/2) Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 15 West, Cameron Parish, for an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease.

Bids may be for the whole or any particularly described portions of the tract advertised herein.

All bids are to offer a CASH PAYMENT, one-half (1/2) of which is to be bonus as full and adequate consideration for every right granted by the lease and one-half (1/2) of which is to be rental for the first year of the lease, for a lease having a primary term which shall not exceed **three years.** ANNUAL RENTAL for the second and third years shall not be less than the aforesaid cash payment. The lease is to be granted without any warranty or recourse against lessor whatsoever, either expressed or implied, not even for return by lessor of any payments received under the lease or being otherwise responsible to lessee. Minimum royalties shall be one-fourth (1/4) of all oil and gas produced and saved or utilized. This lease excludes free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and other solid minerals. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such solid mineral deposits.

All leases awarded shall be executed upon terms and conditions provided in the current Cameron Parish School Board lease form with all applicable riders appended thereto, including Approved Rider for Attachment to State Agency Lease Forms, and including, but not limited to, provisions as follows: Should lessee fail to begin the actual drilling (spudding in) of a well on the lease premises within one year from the date of the lease, the lease shall terminate as to both parties to the lease, unless on or before such anniversary date, lessee shall pay a delay rental [which shall in no event be less than the aforesaid cash payment offered for the lease], which shall cover the privilege of deferred drilling operations for a period of one year. Upon like payments annually, drilling operations may be further deferred for successive periods of one year each during the primary term of three years. The lease shall provide for drilling of offset wells where necessary to protect the Board's interest and shall contain the provisions against the assignment of sublease of the lease unless approved by the School Board. The lessee shall have the right to enter into pooling or unitization agreements with respect to development of the leased premises subject to the approval of the School Board. The Lessee shall not have the right to conduct geophysical or seismic activities or exploration on the leased premises under this lease. Such activities may be conducted only if a separate written contract or permit is granted to Lessee by the Cameron Parish School Board for which additional rights separate and additional consideration shall be paid.

Any lease granted hereunder shall be on the regular current Cameron Parish School Board lease form with Approved Rider for Attachment to State Agency Lease Forms and shall be subject to the approval of the State Mineral Board. A copy of the said lease form and rider are available for inspection at the office of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana. Certified check, bank money order, or cashier's check, payable to the Cameron Parish School Board for the full amount of the bonus, shall accompany and be submitted with each bid; and no bid thus submitted may be thereafter withdrawn or canceled; and the cash bonus accompanying the bid of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the Cameron Parish School Board should he not return the written lease, duly executed, within twenty (20) days after his receipt of the same.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to grant a lease on any portion of the tract advertised for a price not less than proportionate to the best bid offered for the lease on the entire tract.

CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
BY: /s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE RODRIGUE,
SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: June 26, July 3 & 10 (J 47)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center located at 135 Berwick Road, Cameron, LA 70631 will be accepting sealed bids on the following:

Purchase of weight room equipment equivalent to a normal exercise facility.
*The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center is tax exempt. Bid price is to include shipping and installation. Bids shall be sealed and clearly marked "Johnson Bayou Recreation Center Weight Room Equipment" on the outside. Bids may be mailed or dropped off at the Recreation Center Temporary Trailer located at 135 Berwick Road, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, 70631. Payment will be made upon acceptance of equipment and installation.

All bids shall include itemized price list.
All bids shall include name, address, phone number and name of authorized representative.
For a list of the equipment and to obtain a bid form contact Christen Trahan at 337-304-4622 or 337-569-2288. All bids must be submitted on JBRC bid forms.
Deadline to submit a bid will be Friday, July 11, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.
RUN: June 19, 26, & July 3 (J 50)

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RUN: June 19, 26, & July 3 (J 50)

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COURSE OF INSTRUCTIONS

Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, Carl Broussard, in accordance with R.S. 18:431 A. (1) (a), will be conducting General Courses of Instructions for ANY-ONE WISHING TO BECOME CERTIFIED TO WORK AS A CAMERON PARISH ELECTION COMMISSIONER. These General Courses of Instructions are also for all Commissioners-in-Charge, Commissioners, and Alternate Commissioners who have previously been certified, but must be recertified under the Clerk's new term of office. These courses will be held on the following dates, times and at the locations listed below:
Monday, July 7th, 2008; Lowery Fire Station, 6:30 p.m. Lowery, La.
Tuesday, July 8th, 2008; Hackberry Multipurpose, 6:30 p.m. Hackberry, La.
Wednesday, July 9th, 2008; Cameron Courthouse Courtroom, 6:30 p.m., Cameron, La.
RUN: June 26 & July 3 (J 64)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT NO. 1

May 22, 2008
The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 Board met in regular session on Thursday May 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the water district office located at 126 Ann Street in the town of Cameron, Louisiana.

Members present were: J. C. Murphy, James Boudreaux, Tammy Peshoff and Tony Porche.
Absent: Bobby Doxey, Angie Brown.
Guest: Police Juror Kirk Burleigh.
President J. C. Murphy called the meeting to order.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Tony Porche and carried to approve and dispense from reading of the April minutes.

On a motion by Tony Porche, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to approve the financial statement.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Tony Porche, and carried that the bills for the month be paid.
On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Tony Porche and carried to adopt millage rates for maintenance at 5 mills for the 2008 tax roll.

YEAS: J. C. Murphy, Tammy Peshoff, James Boudreaux and Tony Porche. NAYS: None. ABSTAINED: None. ABSENT: Bobby Doxey and Angie Brown.

On a motion by Tony Porche, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to have CSDC to install and setup a database on a second computer for look up purposes only.

On a motion by Tammy Peshoff, seconded by Tony Porche and carried to amend page one of the water policy.

On a motion by Tony Porche, seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried there being no further business the meeting stand adjourned.

/s/ J. C. Murphy
J. C. Murphy, President
Cameron Parish Water & Wastewater District #1

/s/ Kathryn Guilbeau
Kathryn Guilbeau,
Secretary
RUN: July 3 (Ju 1)

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3.

Held on Tuesday May 20, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Water District No. 1 building, Cameron, La.

Members Present: Scott Henry, Mike Johnson, Chad DeBarge and A. J. LaBove.

Member Absent: Coy Mudd
Others Present: Kirk Peshoff, Paul Alexander and Ed Peterson.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Scott Henry and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2008 regular meeting as written.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Chad DeBarge and unanimously carried to approve the financial statement for the month of April as presented.

A motion was made by A. J. LaBove, seconded by Mike Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the following bills for payment:

- Lake Charles Diesel
- L&L Oil Co.
- Production Filters

A motion was made by Mike Johnson to appoint Chad DeBarge as Secretary/Treasurer to replace Lisa Stewart who gave her resignation at the March 18, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by A. J. LaBove and unanimously carried that Chad DeBarge be appointed Secretary/Treasurer.

A discussion took place regarding the renewal of CDs. It was agreed that several financial institutes be contacted and get a representative from each one to present options and their best rates.

Scott Henry reported meeting with Chenier about fixing the North Cameron Levee. It was agreed that Chenier will be responsible for all cost. Ed Peterson suggested to get 3 bids on repairing the levee then present it to Chenier. Scott Henry made a motion to ask for bids. Mike Johnson moved to accept bids. It was seconded by Chad DeBarge and unanimously carried.

The board decided to proceed with the crossing over W-1 West beginning on the East end.

A discussion took place about the drainage for Louise Street. Scott Henry explained how Louise and Pierre Streets drainage are maintained the same way. We can not dig ditches because we don't have permits, so we keep the marsh and grass cut. We do this several times a year to make sure everything can drain properly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

E. Scott Henry,
President
Chad DeBarge,
Secretary-Treasurer
RUN: July 3 (Ju 2)

PROCEEDINGS

A regular monthly meeting of Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana.

Member present: Mr. Alton Schexnider, Mr. Donald Broussard, Mr. Richard Erickson, Mr. Darrell Duhon, and Mr. Anthony Hicks. Members absent: None. Employees: Mr. Kelly Cloud, Mr. Glenn Welch, and Mrs. Marilyn LaBauve. Guest: Mr. Michael Elliott, Elliott & Associates and Mr. Tommy Goodrich.

Mr. Schexnider opened the meeting.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Erickson seconded, and carried to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Broussard moved, Mr. Hicks seconded, and carried to accept Lancon Engineers recommendation of Kaough & Jones's bid of \$216,000.00 to do the electrical work at Well Sites 2 & 3.

Mr. Broussard moved, Mr. Erickson seconded, and carried to accept the 2007 audit.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Hicks seconded and carried to pay the bills.

Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Broussard seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Alton Schexnider,
President
Richard Erickson,
Sec/Trea
RUN: July 3 (Ju 3)

38TH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CARL BROUSSARD
CLERK OF COURT
SUCCESSION OF NO. 300-3449
TERRENCE RAE MCADA
FILED: JUNE 26, 2008
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT LINDA K. COURVILLE, executrix of the estate of TERRENCE RAE MCADA, has petitioned this Court for authority to sell at least \$158,000 cash, the premises described as:

Lot 38 of the East 50 acres of Fractional Section 50, Township 12 South, Range 10 West, as per plat of survey of Lonnie G. Harper, P.E., recorded under File No. 176944, records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon.

AND
Lot 57 of the East 50 acres of Fractional Section, 50, Township 12 South, Range 10 West, as per plat of survey of Lonnie G. Harper, P.E., recorded under File No. 176944, records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon.

AND
Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 38 of the East 50 acres of Fractional Section 50, Township 12 South, Range 10 West, as per plat of survey of Lonnie G. Harper, P.E., recorded under File No. 176944, records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, thence West a distance of 200 feet along the north boundary of Lots 38 and 37 to the Northwest corner of Lot 37, thence North 30 feet, more or less, to the Southwest corner of Lot 56; thence East a distance of 200 feet along the South boundary of Lots 56 and 57 to the Southeast corner of said Lot 57, thence South 30 feet, more or less to the Northeast corner of said Lot 39 and the point of commencement, together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon.

located at 105 Alvin Guidry Circle, Hackberry, Louisiana, after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of the publication of the second notice.

Any heir or creditor who opposes the proposed sell or lease of the premises must file his opposition within seven (7) days from the day on which the last publication of this notice appears.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:
/s/ Debbie Savoie
DEPUTY CLERK
DATED: June 26, 2008
Run: July 3 & 10 (Ju 4)

GRAND JURY LIST

The following Cameron Parish residents have been summoned to appear in Cameron District Court in Cameron on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008 to serve as potential Grand Jury members:

Orelia A. Abshire, Grand Chenier; Todd Abshire, Gueydan; Darla K. Ali, Cameron; Sara B. Augustine, Hackberry; Barbara L. Barras, Gueydan; Edith M. Bellard, Cameron; Charlotta L. Benoit, Gueydan; Lynn D. Berry, Bell City; Joseph Curtis Bertrand, Lake Charles; Orson R. Billings, Cameron;

Linda B. Boudreaux, Creole; Kristy L. Broussard, Bell City; Paul A. Broussard, Creole; Brenda Burroughs, Cameron; Patricia G. Carroll, Lake Charles; Kelley D. Christie, Cameron; Terry Conner, Abbeville; Isaac Paul Corbello, Grand Lake; James O. Cornelius, Cameron; Lucille D. Cozine, Southaven, Miss; Austin W. Dean, Cameron; Peter A. Demarets, Lake Charles; Randall V. DeMary, Scott; Ernie K. Desormeaux, Hackberry; Wayne K. Devall, Jr., Lake Charles; Jeanette M. Doucet, Cameron; Selema A. Duplechian, Creole; Melissa A. East, Hackberry; Mary Anna P. Faul, Creole; Stephen R. Ferguson, Lake Charles;

Lester Joseph Fontenot, Jr., Grand Chenier; H. Warren W. Hebert, Bell City; Lena H. Hebert, Grand Lake; Debra L. Heboote, Cameron; Monica Helene Hill, Cameron; Charlotte L. Jinks, Cameron; James L. Jinks, Cameron; Jerry G. Jones, Jr., Lake Charles; Emerson A. LaBove, Lake Charles; Alfredo B. LaFluer, Lake Charles;

Lena C. LaFosse, Cameron;

Aron P. Lagneau, Cameron; Marlene Landry, Hackberry; Marthia Alicia Leija, Cameron; Lori A. LeMaire, Gueydan; Randall Long, Cameron; Daniele N. Lormand, Hackberry; Lawrence H. Mallet, Cameron; Edwin Dwight Mhire, Bell City; Sheila B. Mhire, Lake Charles;

Emerlene L. Miller, Creole; Miller, Jennifer P. Hackberry; Tefany A. Miller, Creole; William O. Morris, Creole; Shirley F. Murphy, Cameron; Ronald G. Nunez, Sr., Cameron; Walter W. Pechoff, Cameron; Betty J. Phillips, Cameron; J. T. Primeaux, Creole; Helen J. Reed, Lake Charles;

Timothy W. Reon, Bell City; Paul G. Richard, Lake Charles; Grace M. Roberts, Cameron; Cindy L. Savoie, Creole; Jacqueline R. Savoie, Lake Charles; Leroy J. Simon, Hackberry; Michael D. Skipper, Sr., Cameron; Thomas Frederick Smith, Big Lake; Connie Lynn Taylor, Cameron; Hilda B. Temple, Hackberry;

Malcolm D. Trahan, Cameron; Roland G. Vaughn, Cameron; Ethel L. Walker, Jones; Joseph D. Williams, Cameron; Irvin M. Yerby, Cameron.

Run: July 3 (Ju 5)

14th JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CALCASIEU
STATE OF LOUISIANA
TINA JARDNEAUX
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
SUCCESSION OF
NO. 41,233, DIV. B
CONSTANCE BONSCALL SIMS
FILED: JUNE 26, 2008
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR AUTHORITY TO GRAND
MINERAL LEASE

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT Gerald K. Sims, the duly appointed Administrator of the Succession of Constance Bonsall Sims, has applied for authority to grant a mineral lease to Cash River Exploration, Inc., as lessee, of the Succession's minerals and mineral interests (including executive rights) in the following described immovable property situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, consisting of 63.50 acres more or less, to-wit:

East Half of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 14; and the East Half of Fractional Section 48, LESS AND EXCEPT strip one acre wide off the West end thereof, Township 15 South, Range 5 West; Four (4) acres, more or less, off the West part of Fractional Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 14, as excepted and retained by James H. Bonsall in a deed in favor of Mitchell Montie dated June 15, 1915, recorded in Book U at page 212, Conveyance Records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, Township 15 South, Range 5 West, being the land marked in red on Plat of Survey of F. Shutt's Sons, dated June 29, 1939, shown as Exhibit 1 attached to Suit #1991 of the 38th Judicial District Court for Cameron Parish, Louisiana; Lot 2 of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 15 South, Range 5 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

The mineral lease provides for a bonus of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five No/100th's (\$15,875.00) Dollars (or \$250 per acre) for the 63.50 acres, a primary term of three (3) years, delay rentals in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty and No/100th's (\$250) per acre (or \$15,875), and a one-fourth (1/4th) royalty. The other terms and conditions of the proposed mineral lease are set forth in the petition and the mineral lease attached thereto.

An opposition to the proposed order may be filed at any time prior to its issuance. The order may be issued at any time after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 26, 2008
/s/ Tina Jardneaux
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
RUN: July 3 (Ju 7)

38TH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CARL E. BROUSSARD
CLERK OF COURT
CAMERON PARISH, LA.
JUDITH ANN
JONES HALBROOK
VS. 10-18219
BRYANT EUGENE WILKINSON

FILED: JUNE 30, 2008
JUDICIAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO Bryant Eugene Wilkinson, the absentee defendant in the proceeding entitled "Judith Ann Jones Halbrook versus Bryant Eugene Wilkinson", No. 10-18219 of the docket of the 38th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, that the plaintiff in this proceeding instituted on April 2, 2008, is seeking to have the property described below partitioned in kind, and that the absent defendant has fifteen (15) days from the date of the publication of this notice to answer the plaintiff's petition.

The property sought to be partitioned in kind in the proceeding mentioned above is situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and is described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot One (1) of the Aladin Miller Heirs Partition North of the public road in irregular Section 40, Township 15 South, Range 6 West, as per Plat of Survey attached to and made a part of that certain boundary agreement between Charlie Davis, et al., dated December 18, 1952, filed for record January 3, 1953, recorded in Book 90 of Conveyance at Page 613, bearing File No.64682, records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana; thence running North 10 degrees 30 minutes East, a distance of 695.1 feet to a point; thence running North 2 degrees East, a distance of 592.6 feet, to the Mermentau River; thence running North 7 degrees 53 minutes East, a distance of 650.5 feet;

LEGAL NOTICES

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thence running in a Southerly direction, parallel with the West line of said Lot One (1) of the said Aladin Miller Heirs Partition, to the North boundary line of the public road or state highway; thence running in a Westerly direction 208.7 feet, to the point of beginning; being situated in Irregular Section 40 and Sections 2 and 3, Township 15 South, Range 6 West, Louisiana Meridian.

By order of the Court, Carl Broussard, Clerk of the 38th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, June 30, 2008.

/s/ Carl Broussard
Carl Broussard, Clerk of Court
38th Judicial District,
Cameron Parish, Louisiana
RUN: July 3 (Ju 8)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9 MAY 29, 2008

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in regular session on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., at Waterworks Office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Wendell Rutherford, Thompson McCall, Velma Doland. Members absent: Tina Horn, Theodore Broussard.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Doland and carried, that the meeting be called to order.

It was moved by Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, and carried, that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Doland and carried, that the Financial Statement for the month of May, 2008, be and the same is hereby approved.

It was moved by Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, and carried, that a per resolution, attached hereto and made a par hereof (Marked Exhibit "A"), adopting millage levy for year 2008, said millage is hereby levied.

It was moved by Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, and carried, that all monthly bills be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mrs. Doland, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/ Thompson McCall
THOMPSON MCCALL,
PRESIDENT

CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9

ATTEST:
/s/ Wendell Rutherford
WENDELL RUTHERFORD,
ACTING-SECRETARY

EXHIBIT "A"
CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 9
RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2008 tax roll on the property subject to taxation by the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9:

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 Maintenance, MILLAGE, 6.410 Mills
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property administrative officials of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish of the year 2008, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the District, according to law, and that the tax herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on the property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Wendell Rutherford, Thompson McCall, Velma Doland.

NAYS: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE
ABSENT: Tina Horn, Theodore Broussard.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 29th day of May, 2008.

APPROVED:
/s/ Thompson McCall
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:
/s/ Wendell Rutherford
SECRETARY

CERTIFICATE
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 29, 2008 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

Grand Chenier, Louisiana, this 29th day of May, 2008.

/s/ Thompson McCall
Thompson McCall, President
Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9

AFFIDAVIT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the aforesaid parish and state, personally came and appeared, Thompson McCall, who, after first being duly sworn, did depose and say:

That he is the duly authorized President of the Waterworks District No. 9, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

That a public meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law at R. S. 42:1, et seq. to adopt the millage rate for the 2008 tax year.

That public written notice of the agenda, date, time, and place

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot July 3, 1975 JONES BACK ON THE JOB

"I'm back in business," Jennings B. Jones, Jr. told the Cameron Police Jury Tuesday as he returned to work advising the parish political bodies.

Jones, long time assistant district attorney for Cameron Parish, had been critically ill for a number of months due to a heart ailment. He recently underwent heart surgery in Houston and since then has made a rapid recovery.

"I'm almost good as new," Jones stated, reporting that he had walked two miles that morning.

As the legal advisor to the police jury, school board and all other political bodies of the parish, Jones has been in the forefront of parish affairs for more than twenty years.

He is also the president of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, has a law office and is co-owner of an insurance agency here.

Police Jury President Roland Trosclair expressed the sentiments of most of the other citizens of the parish Tuesday when he said, "We're glad to have you back."

CAMERON FOLKLORE By BERNICE STEWART

I have been skimming through the autobiography of Mr. F. H. Granger of Grand Lake and cannot resist shar-

ing with you some of the incidents he mentions. In 1948, at the age of 75, he wrote:

"Fifty years ago we had our mail from Lake Charles on horseback. One man made two trips a week to Lake Charles to get the mail. He had to go the long road--25 miles going and 25 miles coming back. Next we had a steamboat to carry the mail. Now we got a car. Next, it will be an airplane, I guess."

Again he writes: "I went to Cameron 30 years ago. In winter time they were trapping in the Chalkley Canal. Some trappers came to Cameron. They had 200 coon hides. The price was good. But now (1948) the coons don't sell at all. That is the reason we got so many coons."

He continues: "The Parish of Cameron was born in 1870. We came to Grand Lake in 1882. The sheriff was using the jail house to keep his corn. That was all that he could jail at that time."

And: "I got my first shoes when I was six years old. Nowadays babies are near born with shoes on, and know more when they are ten years old than men when I married at 19, because of pictures, cars and airplanes. We never heard of them. I was about 15 years old, the first steamboat I ever saw in the lake--Calcasieu Lake, the same lake they call Big Lake and Grand Lake. We used to have a post office at Grand Lake.

of the hearing was posted on the building where the meetings of this taxing authority are usually held at least 24 hours before the meeting.

That a quorum or simple majority of the total membership of the taxing authority was physically present and voting at the public meeting, which was held on the 29th day of May, 2008, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., at Waterworks District No. 9, 4011 Grand Chenier Hwy, Grand Chenier, Louisiana. The meeting was conducted in accord with the prior noticed agenda. Matters not included on the agenda were not discussed without the approval of two-thirds of the members present.

Copies of all required notices and agenda are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

/s/ Thompson McCall
THOMPSON MCCALL,
PRESIDENT
P. O. Box 339
4011 Grand Chenier Hwy
Grand Chenier, La. 70643
SWORN TO AND SUB-
SCRIBED Before Me, this 29th day of May, 2008 at Cameron, Louisiana.

/s/ Earnestine T. Horn
NOTARY PUBLIC
ID # 50259

Run: July 3 (Ju 9)

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF W.L. VINCENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that W. L. Vincent Limited Partnership ("Partnership"), a Texas corporation, pursuant to the authorization of its shareholders, is to be liquidated out of court and that Charles W. Vincent's current mailing address is 7556 Sam Vincent Road Sulphur, LA 70665, and Cheryl Vincent Longuet's current mailing address is 2007 Woodland Drive, Richmond, Texas, 77469; have been appointed as the co-liquidators. Each liquidator shall have the sole authority to act on behalf of Partnership in carrying out its liquidation. All creditors of, all persons believing they have valid claims against and all persons having unfulfilled contracts with Partnership must present any claim they may have in writing to the liquidators at the above address within six (6) months of the publication of this notice.

Run: July 3 & 10 (Ju 10)

Meeting to be held in the Courtroom of the Cameron Parish Courthouse

CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
AGENDA
JULY 7, 2008
5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Additions to Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Proclamation - Vans Warp Tour Day/Unite the United Day of Volunteerism
7. Drilling and Pipeline Permits:

a. Rozel Operating Company - Offshore, West Cameron Area, (proposed well location to drill SL 18521 Well No. 4), Cameron Parish, LA. (080701)

b. Samuel Gary, Jr. & Associates, Inc. - Willow Bayou Field, Sections 26 & 35, T13S, R14W, Sections 2 & 3, T14S, R14W, (proposed 4-inch pipeline & (2) 6-inch pipelines from Texaco 26 No. 1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080702)

c. Samuel Gary, Jr. & Associates, Inc. - Willow Bayou Field, Sections 2,3,4,5,6 T14S, R14W, Section 31, T13S, R14W, (proposed 4-inch pipeline & (2) 6-inch pipelines from Texaco 2 No. 1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080703)

d. ExxonMobil Production Company - North Holly Beach, Section 9, T14S, R11W, (proposed board road, drill site, & structures for drilling Chevron No. 4

Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080706)

e. Duncan Oil, Inc. - Johnson Bayou, Louisiana Point Field, Section 25, T15S, R15W, (proposed to drill SWD BPA 26 SWD No. 1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080707)

f. Rozel Operating Company - Creole, Section 4, T15S, R8W, (proposed after-the-fact to drill Troy Bailey SWD Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (080711)

8. Other Permits:
a. Lance Blanchard - Johnson Bayou, Section 4, T15S, R14W, (proposed to construct crawfish pond), Cameron Parish, LA. (080704)

b. Samuel Gary, Jr. & Associates, Inc. - North Sabine Lake Field, (proposed site clearance work at SL 7555 Well No.9), Cameron Parish, LA. (080705)

c. ExxonMobil Production Company - Grand Chenier, Deep Lake Field, Section 35, T15S, R3W, (proposed site clearance work at Miami Fee No. E-1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080708)

d. James H. Welsh/Commissioner of LA Office of Conservation - Offshore, East Cameron Block 17 Field, (proposed to plug/abandon 2 orphan well sites and removal of production platform), Cameron Parish, LA. (080709)

e. LADOTD - Parish Wide, (proposed maintenance, repairs, erosion protection, & restoration along public highways), Cameron Parish, LA. (080710)

f. Patricia Hayes - Big Lake, Manning St., Section 9, T12S, R9W, (proposed additional 22 ft. of bulkhead), Cameron Parish, LA. (070906)

9. Appointments:
a. Waterworks Dist. #9 - Teddy Broussard, Tina Horn - term expired

b. Waterworks Dist. #10 - Lloyd Badon - term expired

c. Mosquito Control - Tina Barrett

d. Recreation Dist. #7 - Ricky Miller - resigned - Gabe LaLande

e. Industrial Inducement Board - Gary Billedeaux - resigned

f. Lower Cameron Hospital Service Dist. - Lisa Billiot

10. Acceptance of Bids:

a. Stationary Compactor

11. Advertise for Bids:

a. Compressor/Cascade Installation & Equipment - Fire #9

b. Computer - Library - \$25,000 Grant - State Contract

12. Resolution - CDBG - LTCRP - Engineering Services

13. President Authority to Sign:

a. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement - DOTD - Donation of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP)

b. Lease - Big Lake Parking Lot

c. Contract - DOTD - Mowing & Litter Pickup

d. Cancellation of Contract - Jason DeBarge

e. Contract - Cameron Fisheries - Larry Miller

f. Road Damages Settlement

14. Plan Change:

a. Project #2007-10 - #2 - Holly Beach Roads - + \$150,450

b. Project #2007-14 - #6 - Muria Fire Station/Office - \$6,232.74

c. Project #2008-08 - #1 - Cameron M/P Bldg. - \$30,654.96

15. Intention to Abandon - Parish Road #205 - Bill Morris

16. Cameron Communications - Trina Johnson

17. Variance Requests:

a. Ebenezer Baptist Church

b. Mack Haynie

18. Letters of Support:

a. Brown Lake Project

b. 2014 Congress Mondial Acadien

19. Request for Qualifications - Hazard Mitigation Program - Elevations

20. Land Acquisition - Mosquito Control site - Creole

21. Staff Report:

a. Set September meeting date * INDICATES ADD-ONS

Run: July 3 (Ju 12)

SEAFOOD FIRM OPENS HERE

Mr and Mrs. Don Bailey recently opened a new business here--Bailey's Seafood--and it is quite an eye-catcher.

The building for the new business is built in the shape of a fishing boat and its sign and its delivery truck are decorated with colorful fishing scenes.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE FOR HARRY CUNNINGHAM

Mr. Harry Cunningham was given a surprise birthday party for his 70th birthday, Saturday, June 28, by Mrs. Harry Cunningham. Helping him celebrate this occasion were:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lefort and family of Lake Arthur, Myron Dian Picou of Creole, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Venable and family, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Conner and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Picou, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Authement, all of Cameron.

Mrs. Cunningham served shrimp gumbo with rice, fresh garden peas, potato salad, and cake. A good time was had by all.

CAMP MARYHILL

Enjoying Camp Maryhill for a week were Sheila and Denna K. Conner, Flourette Miller, Pam LeCompte, Carla, Jody and Monica Reyes, Francis and Alfredo Saltzman, Racheal Watkins, Ingrid Abrahamsen, and Pammie Dronet. The girls enjoyed horseback riding, boat riding, swimming, hiking and games while at camp.

Pammie had such fun that she stayed for an additional week. Camp Maryhill is sponsored by the K. C. Council, and is located in Pineville.

COUSINS TO GO TO U. S. FINALS

Cameron Parish will be represented at the National Rodeo finals in Gallup, New Mexico, August 4-10 when a team composed of two cousins, Beverly Cox and Joey Reina pit their skills in team roping against 1,500 contestants from all over the United States and Canada.

Beverly, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cox of Sweetlake, and Joey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reina of Oak Grove, qualified for the national finals by placing third out of 26 competing teams at the state finals in Sulphur.

In the Dally Team Roping competition (also called heading and heeling), Joey is the header and Beverly is the heeler. Joey ropes the horns of the steer while Beverly ropes its heels and they stretch it out in the timed event. The winner is the team performing in the fastest time.

The young cousins have been working together as a team for a year and practice at the James Cox area in Sweetlake.

COUPLE ON DUTY IN FLORIDA

An Air Force husband and wife team -- Staff Sergeants William A. and Phyllis J. Poole -- have arrived at Tundall AFB, Fla., for duty. William, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Poole of Hackberry, is an air traffic control technician with the 2021st Communications Squadron. He is a graduate of Hackberry High School.

Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Beck of Scotia, N. Y., is an inventory management specialist with the 4756th Headquarters Squadron, a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command. She is a graduate of Scotia-Glenville High School.

Try growing these herbs in hot weather, says LSU

By DAN GILL
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

used just like the leaves.

Mexican tarragon

I like to cook with French tarragon, but it simply won't grow here in summer. Mexican tarragon (*Tagetes lucida*), however, is native to Mexico and Guatemala and loves the heat and humidity, providing abundant leaves for cooking all summer. The flavor is remarkably similar to French tarragon, but more intense, so you should use less in cooking.

Mexican tarragon is also called Mexican mint marigold. Although not related to mint, it is in the same genus as marigolds. This becomes apparent in late summer and fall when these plants burst into bloom with clusters of bright gold flowers.

This reliable perennial grows in sunny spots and goes dormant when winter freezes arrive. New growth begins in March and continues all summer -- culminating in a burst of edible flowers in fall. By then plants are generally about 3 feet tall, depending on how much you have harvested them.

Mexican oregano

Oregano doesn't mind the heat so much and continues to produce during the summer. But Mexican oregano (*Poliomentha longiflora*) has an intense oregano flavor and is so attractive I like to grow it anyway. This herb makes an attractive small woody shrub with small, bright-green leaves. In early summer it is covered with a profusion of tubular flowers in shades of pale lilac and lavender.

This plant is native to Texas and apparently is indispensable for authentic Texas style chili powder. I often use it in Italian dishes. Transplants are typically available and should be planted into well-drained, sunny locations. It looks great in containers.

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Garlic chives

Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*) grow little during the summer, preferring to hunker down and sulk until the weather cools. Garlic chives (*Allium tuberosum*), on the other hand, don't mind the summer heat at all. Larger and more robust than chives, the flavor is somewhat milder but will do in a pinch.

Garlic chives produce stalks with round clusters of white flowers that are attractive and edible. Deadhead to remove the faded flowers and prevent seed formation because this plant self-seeds freely. This evergreen perennial herb is attractive year-round, easy to grow and a great addition to your herb garden.

I'd like to mention a couple of other herbs that thrive in the heat of summer. Both are annuals.

Sesame (*Sesamum indicum*) is easily grown from seeds on upright plants that reach about 3 feet tall. Although they're best planted from seeds in May or early June, they might still let you sneak in a crop if you plant seeds now.

Perilla (*Perilla crispum*) produces a plant with purple, ruffled leaves in its most common form. It's similar to purple-leaf basil. Easily grown from seeds or transplants in part shade to full sun, the plant foliage has a flavor that's unique and is used in Asian dishes and teas. It's so attractive I plant it every year in my flower beds.

Cameron Parish School Board

presents

"A Summer of Adventure"

A Three Day Technology Camp for Cameron Parish Students

(K through 6th grade) offered at each school site!

July 14, 15 and 16, 2008 at Hackberry High School and Johnson Bayou High School

• 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. at Hackberry High School

• 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. at Johnson Bayou High School

July 28, 29 and 30, 2008 at Grand Lake High School

• 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Session

• 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Session

August 4, 5, and 6, 2008 at South Cameron High School

• 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Session

• 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Session

No tuition or fees! One snack provided daily

Meet in the school computer lab each day.

No pre-registration – attend any number of days.

Activities: Power Point, Digital Camera, Scavenger Hunt, Drawing Using Paint

Run: July 3 & 10 (Ju 13)

Just Hidding



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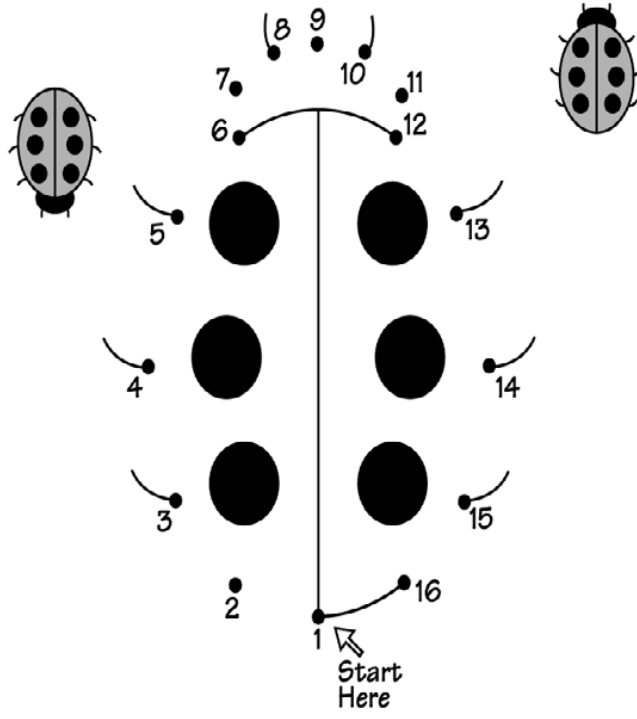
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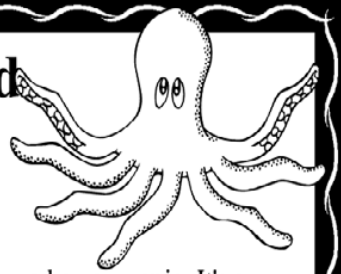
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Eight-Legged Ocean Creature



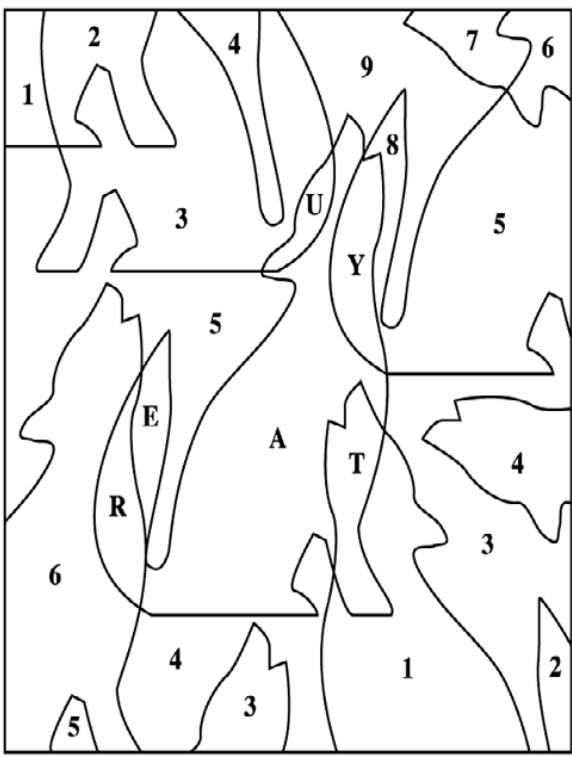
No. It's not something from a horror movie. It's an octopus, and it really does have eight legs that are lined with suckers. Check out some facts about these ocean creatures.

The octopus:

- Uses the suckers on its arms to move on the ocean floor and to capture prey. It can have as many as 240 suction cups.
- Moves by jet propulsion, which means it sucks water in, then pushes it out the other end.
- Has a hard beak like a parrot's. The beak is used to kill and tear flesh from prey.
- Lives alone on the sea floor in a den.
- Ranges in size from less than half an inch to more than 16 feet long. The biggest is the Giant Pacific Octopus, which can end up weighing almost 600 pounds.
- Has blue blood.
- Uses poison to kill prey. The poison is pretty weak in most types of octopus and cannot harm humans. However, the Blue Ringed Octopus from Australia has enough poison to paralyze and kill a human.
- Protects itself by changing colors to blend in with its surroundings.
- Sends out a cloud of purple-black ink to confuse its enemies.

There are about 200 known species of the octopus around the world. The larger ones are usually found in colder water.

HIDDEN PICTURE

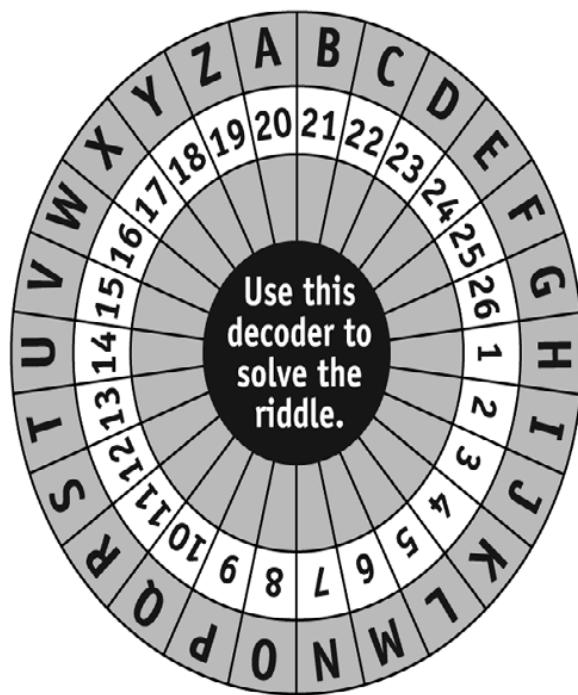


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SECRET CODE

Why do cows have bells?

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The Drawing Toy

This year, the popular Etch A Sketch® will be 40 years old. The first Etch A Sketch toys were made July 12, 1960, but the work on them started years before that.

Arthur Granjean invented the L'Ecran Magique in the 1950s in his garage. Granjean took the toy to the 1959 International Toy Fair in Germany. And even though the Ohio Art Company representatives saw the toy there, they weren't interested in it. They did decide to take a chance on making the toy after they saw it a second time.

After renaming and making the toy, the company ran TV ads for the Etch A Sketch. The Etch A Sketch became so popular, the company decided to keep making them until noon Christmas Eve 1960.

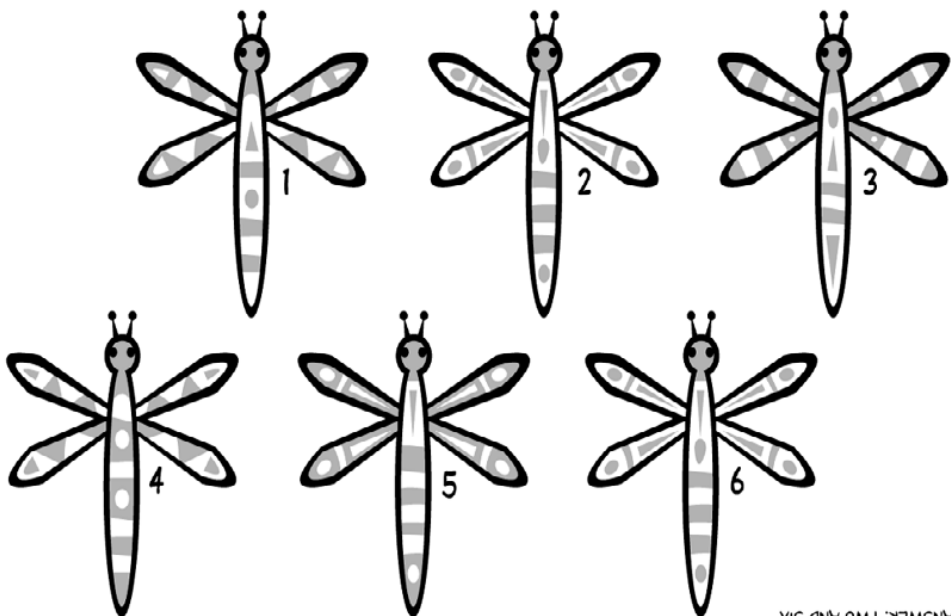
But the Ohio Art Company has not stopped making the Etch A Sketch, and very little has changed in the drawing toy. The left and right knobs on the frame control the movement of the drawing line. The other side of the screen is coated with aluminum powder and plastic beads. As the knobs are moved, the screen is actually scraped, leaving the line you see.

Other toys have joined the family of the Classic Etch A Sketch, including a travel version and a pocket version. If you want to learn more about these drawing toys, you may visit the Etch A Sketch Web site at www.etch-a-sketch.com/.

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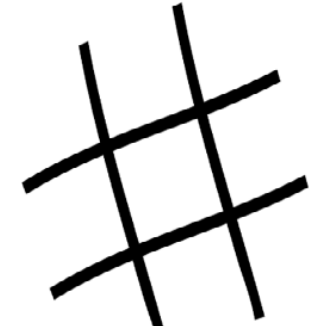
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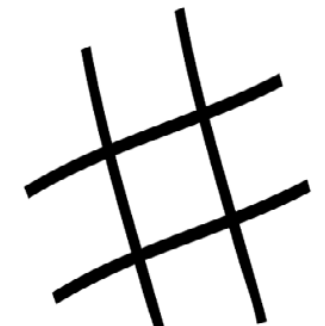


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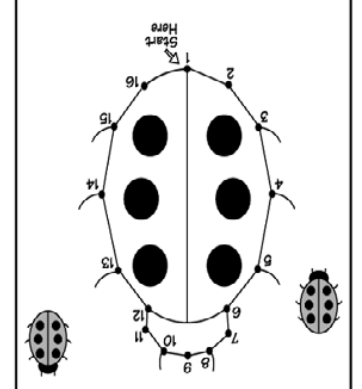
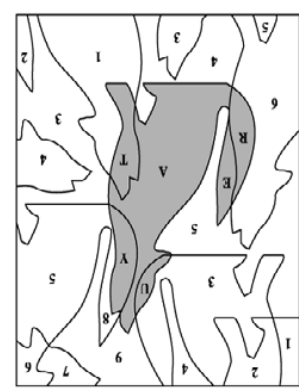
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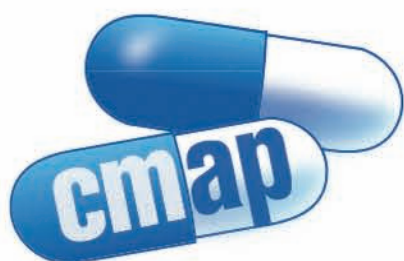
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THE DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

Bishop Provost Announces Year of St. Paul for the Diocese

June 11, 2008
The Feast of St. Barnabas

My dear People of God,

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has named this the Year of St. Paul, to begin on the evening of Saturday, June 28, 2008 and to end on the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, June 29, 2009. His Holiness wishes us to focus our attention on the life and writings of this great "Apostle to the Gentiles." In so doing we can learn a great deal about Christ, His Church, and the mission to spread the Gospel, commonly called evangelization. To assist us all in this Pauline Year, I am announcing for the Diocese of Lake Charles a number of observances.

First, I have requested that all parishes offer to their parishioners Bible Classes in Advent and Lent during the Year of St. Paul. The topic of these Bible Classes will be the teaching of St. Paul as found particularly in his letters and the Acts of the Apostles. I will also teach the same in my monthly Bible Classes. We anticipate that this will open up for us as Catholics a new appreciation for reading the Sacred Scripture in context. As Pope Benedict XVI so eloquently describes it in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, "The People of God—the Church—is the living subject of Scripture; it is in the Church that the words of the Bible are always in the present."

Second, in keeping with the spiritual treasures entrusted to the Church by Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, Pope Benedict XVI is granting a Plenary Indulgence to those who participate in this Year of St. Paul. A Plenary Indulgence is a celebration of the abundant Grace of Jesus Christ in His Church. In the words of the official decree from Rome, an indulgence renews and reinforces the "intentions of supernatural salvation" in the "faithful for their sanctification." The Plenary Indulgence is first granted to those who make pilgrimage to the Basilica of St. Paul in Rome. It is also extended to the local Church.

In the Diocese of Lake Charles, I have designated the Church of St. Paul in Elton as our pilgrimage site. Founded in 1913, this Church is the only parish in our diocese named for the great apostle. The Plenary Indulgence from temporal punishment due to sin is granted to all who visit there and who are truly repentant and have received absolution in the Sacrament of Penance and participated in Holy Communion, as well as have offered prayers for the intentions of the Holy

Father. The days of pilgrimage to the Church of St. Paul in Elton are the following: June 29 of both 2008 and 2009; the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, November 18, 2008; the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25, 2009; the feast day of St. Timothy and St. Titus, January 26, 2009; the anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Lake Charles, April 25, 2009; the feast day of St. Barnabas, June 11, 2009. This same indulgence is extended to our sick and homebound or those who for some important reason cannot make pilgrimage and have fulfilled the same conditions of sacramental absolution, Eucharistic participation, and prayers for the Holy Father.

Third, I also encourage on these days parish pilgrimages, days of recollection, and Eucharistic devotion in our own parishes. In this way, may the honor we give St. Paul assist us in the spiritual life and encourage us to greater charity and good works.

I pray that this Year of St. Paul bears much fruit. Three important subjects come to mind: Sacred Scripture, the Church, and the Eucharist. May it help increase our knowledge and love of the Sacred Scripture. May we come to love more deeply the Body of Christ to which we belong, that St. Paul taught was the Church (Ephesians 1:15-23, Colossians 1:18, Romans 12:4-8) and that we celebrate in the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-29). May true blessings flow from our prayer, reflection and charitable works.

With every best wish and beseeching the intercession of St. Paul, I remain

Devotedly yours in our Lord,

+ Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

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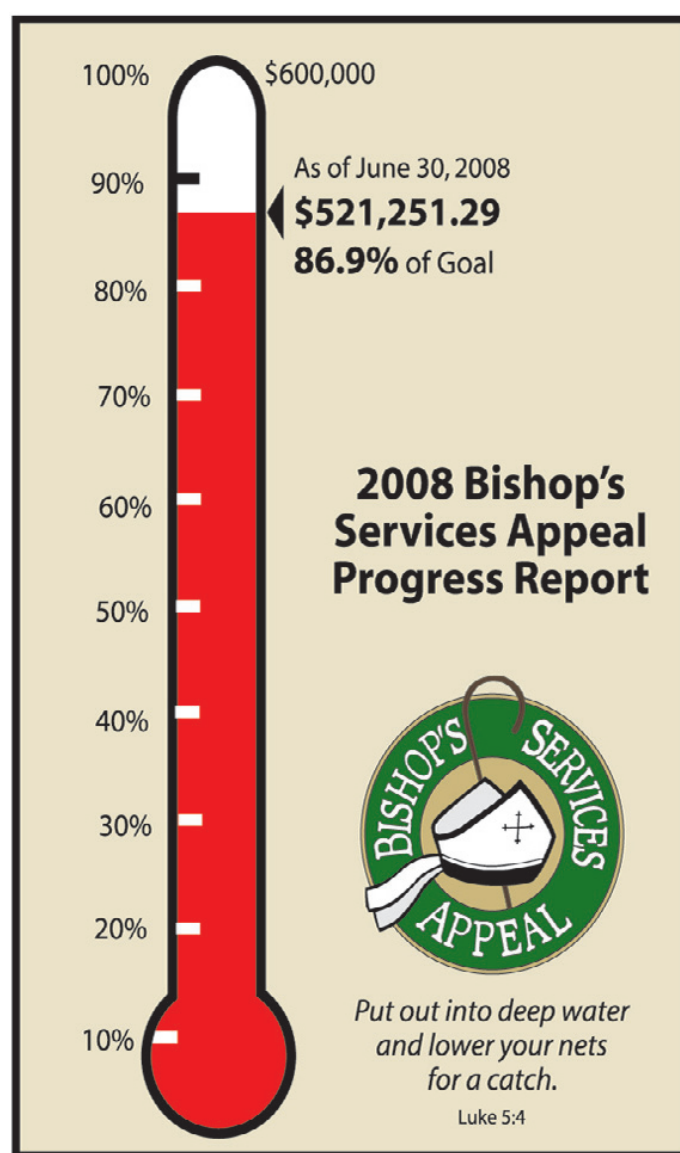
LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, commissioned 24 missionaries from the Diocese of Lake Charles at the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception last Sunday, June 29 – the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, at the inauguration of the Pauline Year (June 29, 2008 to June 29, 2009) here in the diocese.

The two dozen missionaries from various parts of the diocese will begin their journey to the Archdiocese of Managua in Nicaragua to spread the Good News of Salvation by being "ambassadors of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program, which is under the auspices of the Diocese of Lake Charles and the spiritual direction of Rev. Daniel Torres, Vicar General of the diocese and Pastor of St. Henry Catholic Church, was formed when Hurricane Mitch devastated the Central American countries of Nicaragua, Honduras, and parts of El Salvador and has led 10 mission trips to Nicaragua.

The weeklong mission/retreat (July 5 through 13) will entail communal prayer, daily Mass, daily recitation of the Rosary, working at different sites for six to eight hours, praying for the intentions of the Diocese, working side-by-side with people native to Nicaragua, doing construction work, evangelizing the Catholic Faith to all who are encountered, providing a medical clinic, feeding the poor, and simply sharing the love of Christ.

For information on next year's trip as well as ways of making a tax deductible contribution to the mission program, please contact Fr. Torres at 337-439-7400, or write to the Diocese of Lake Charles, Attn: Fr. Torres, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601.

In the top photo, at left, missionary Nick Maskas helps build a cabinet for the Pan Amor School in Mercado Central of Managua while in the bottom picture Benjamin and Noel prepare to read at the Mass that was celebrated overlooking the Pacific Ocean.



Did you know ...

The Rev. Theophilus Herlong was honored on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at a special liturgy celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church on June 14. Father Herlong is currently in residence at Villa Maria and, though retired, continues to work diligently among the People of God. Three other priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles have achieved 50 or more years of priesthood. The longest serving is the Rev. Gerard Smit, who retired outside the diocese, with 58 years; while Msgr. Joseph A. Bourque celebrates 53 years of priesthood this year and the Rev. Charles Soileau has been a priest for 51 years.

Two parishes of the Diocese celebrated their Golden Jubilees of establishment this year. Do you know which ones? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Friday, July 4, in honor of the national holiday. The offices will reopen Monday, July 7, at 8:30 a.m. God Bless America!



The annual Bookkeepers Workshop for staff at parishes and schools, sponsored by the Office of Fiscal Administration, was recently held at Saint Katharine Drexel Conference Center at Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. Bishop Glen John Provost opened the gathering with prayer and then spoke to the group of 52, the largest number to ever attend the yearly workshop, about the importance of good fiscal management.

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LCCB Board hires Associate Director

BATON ROUGE — The Board of Directors of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops has named Robert M. Tasman to the new position of Associate Director. The appointment took effect May 5, 2008.

Tasman has an undergraduate degree with majors in Communications and Theology from Boston College as well as a Masters Degree in Theology from Boston College. He earned a Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Civil Law from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in May of 2008.

Tasman has taught courses at Boston College High School, Catholic High School in Baton Rouge, and for the Diocese of Baton Rouge before joining the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Robert M. Tasman

He is married to Katie Dietz Tasman and they have a son Mack Virga Tasman.

July schedule for Extraordinary Form of Liturgy

LAKE CHARLES – The Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy is celebrated each Sunday here in the Diocese of Lake Charles. The following is the schedule for the month of July.

July 6, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 2 p.m., Father Joseph McGrath, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.

July 13, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 2 p.m., Father Rommel Tolentino, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

July 20, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino, 10th Sunday after Pentecost.

July 27, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 2 p.m., Father Roland Vaughn, 11th Sunday after Pentecost.