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GOV. KATHLEEN BLANCO assisted area children at the opening of the Hackberry Recreation Center pool last Wednesday. The Recreation Center and pool were refurbished with the help of Sempra Energy. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

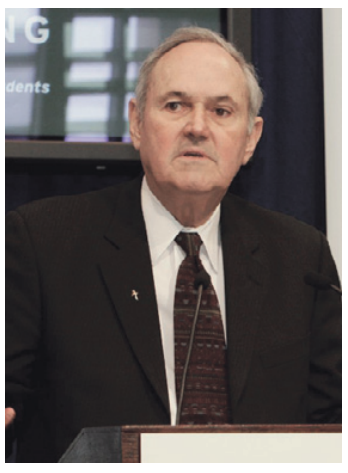
Chevron to fund schools $2 million

Energy for Learning has been developed to meet the academic and technological resource needs that will build capacity of Cameron Public Schools affected by Hurricane Rita. The $2 million in funding will be directed toward academic resources and technology such as Information Technology equipment, school libraries, and high tech science labs.

It is anticipated that funding will be available during the 2006/2007 school year. To administer the program, Chevron has identified non-profit agencies with proven capacity to manage the project in each region.

In Cameron Parish, the program will be administered by Community Foundation of Acadiana. A Chevron Energy for Learning project manager will be appointed soon, and will be meeting with local school board officials to discuss how the program can help meet education resource needs.

Dr. Cecil Picard, LA Superintendent of Education and Melody Meyer, vice-president of the Gulf of Mexico Business Unit of Chevron announced the funding.



Dr. Cecil Picard

Melody Meyer

Cameron to continue to get clean up aid -- Blanco

(Beaumont Enterprise)

Work to clean up from Hurricane Rita is slowing down here because of a decision by the federal government not to keep paying for the full cost of debris removal, Cameron Parish officials said.

But on Saturday, Gov. Kathleen Blanco said she would come to the aid of Cameron and other parishes that face paying a share of the cleanup costs, a move that may keep the cleanup on track.

"We cannot afford to interrupt the important cleanup and recovery work," Blanco said. "We will devote the resources to get the job done as quickly and seamlessly as possible."

On Thursday, President Bush excluded Rita-hit areas from a list of parishes receiving time extensions on full federal coverage of expenses for hurricane debris clearing. As of Saturday, parishes like Cameron had to pay 10 percent of those costs.

Tina Horn, parish administrator, said the parish's share of the remaining work would be about $3 million if it has to pay 10 percent.

"We don't have it," she said. She added that demolitions of public buildings have not even begun.

"Now all debris-removal work will stop until we can make a decision or get word that we are getting an extension," said Clifton Hebert, the parish emergency operations director.

Blanco has written a letter to the Bush administration asking for a reconsideration of its decision.

The decision to prolong paying for the clean up was based in large part on how far along each parish was in disposing of its waste, Federal Emergency Management Agency officials said.

But U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany, R-Lafayette, derided the decision as a "bean-counter approach" and a "slap in the face."

He charged that the federal government offered 100-percent coverage for debris cleanup with no time limits after 1992's Hurricane Andrew--which hit Florida and Louisiana--and 2001's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York.

Local water district tells new policy changes

Policy changes affecting rates, billing, and access were adopted by the board of the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District #1 at their meeting June 29.

Meters are presently being installed within the district, and new rates have been adopted to accomodate the new system. The rate for water will rise from a flat rate of $.90 to $2 for the first 5000 gallons of water and $2 per thousand gallons over that. Water district foreman Edward Peterson said that most districts charge extra after the first 2000-2500 gallons, so the Cameron district will still be a bargain.

At the same time, the district has lowered its sewage fee from $18.50 to $17.50, resulting in only a $.10 increase in overall fees.

The district adopted a policy providing authority for water district employees to enter private property to conduct emergency repairs to its systems. If the owners do not grant right of entry, the district shall have the authority to terminate services supplied by the district.

Another new policy adopted by the district provides for the billing of all trailers in trailer parks that are deemed active, which are: "any and all units which are set up and readily available for any and all utility services, including water and sewer." The board will charge fees to any livable unit within the district that is deemed active.

These policies were made necessary by the number of travel trailers being set up in the district, even if only used part time, according to Peterson.

Bible School is announced

Vacation Bible School will be held at the First Baptist Church of Cameron July 10-14 and will have the theme of " Arctic Edge".

Children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend the sessions from 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday.

For more information call 775-7586.

DR. DOUG CHANCE, Cameron Parish School Superintendent, spoke to the 2006 Athletic Banquet of Oakton High School near Washington, DC on June 21. Students at Oakton High School conducted successful fundraising activities for students of South Cameron due to the destruction of Hurricane Rita. Dr. Chance was sharing expressions of appreciation on behalf of school board members, students, and citizens of Cameron Parish.

Churches to honor Rita responders

The Cameron and Vinton First Baptist Churches and Vinton's Crossroads Baptist Church will jointly sponsor "An Arctic Blast of Summer Fun" Friday, July 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Cameron.

Emergency responders, city employees and many volunteers will be honored for their efforts following Hurricane Rita last September.

From 6 to 6:45 p.m. hamburgers and hot dogs will be served in the tent at the Cameron church.

From 6:45 to 7 p.m. the hometown heroes will be honored.

At 7 p.m. there will be praise and worship presented by Bro. Scott Ward of the Grand Ave. Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark., construction team.

Everyone is invited to the celebration. For more informatin call 589-4811 or 589-7140.

Shrimping resumes in Cal. Lake

Shrimping has resumed in Calcasieu Lake since the Coast Guard opened the area following the Citgo oil spill.

Local shrimper Phillip Dyson reported that he had sent samples of lake shrimp to be analyzed after finding black spots on some of his catch. The results showed there was no hazard with the shrimp.

Students on honor list

Two local students attending Nicholls State University have been named to the president's list of their respective colleges.

Chef John Folse Culinary Institute, Jana A. Billiot, Cameron; University College, Timothy Paul Mohon, Cameron.

This honor is achieved by maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

'Massive' mosquito outbreak is fought

By JULIAN ROBICHEAUX
Cameron Mosquito Control Director

Due to heavy rains during June, Cameron Parish is experiencing very high mosquito populations. With the rain over the Fourth of July weekend and with rain in the forecast for the rest of the week, more broods are expected to continue hatching a week after each rain.

The main mosquito causing our problems is the tan salt marsh mosquito. They lay their eggs in salt marshes and brackish marshes right above the water line. When it rains, or a tide covers these eggs they will hatch and produce a brood of mosquitoes a week later.

They are capable of multiple broods if it rains a few days in a row. After they hatch they can travel up to 45 miles a day. The fact that they can travel so far in one day allows them to move into our communities from remote areas.

The massive outbreak of mosquitoes is a direct result of environmental factors left behind by Hurricane Rita. Ever since Hurricane Rita the marshes, water pools, and ditches are still inundated with salt water. This has increased the habitat of these mosquitoes to the point they can hatch over the entire parish of Cameron. With that much area to cover it may take multiple sprayings to even notice a difference.

There is nothing any where that kills the eggs of mosquitoes. There is nothing to prevent mosquitoes from hatching out of the marshes throughout the parish. The only method of reducing mosquitoes in Cameron Parish is to spray where the highest populations are every day until the numbers are reduced to tolerable levels.

There are regulations that Mosquito Control adheres to. It is illegal to apply insecticides inconsistent to the chemical label. According to the label it is illegal to spray in winds over ten miles an hour, to spray over bodies of water, and to spray during day time hours. Spraying over a federal refuge is a violation of federal laws.

Aerial spraying in winds in excess of six miles an hour greatly reduces the effectiveness of the application with the plane. If you spray too much when it is not necessary the mosquitoes can become resistant to the insecticides.

The mosquitoes are worse than they have been in a very long time. They may even be worse than ever in the history of the Parish. This is a direct result of the hurricane. The trucks and plane have been spraying every night since June 24 that the weather has permitted and will continue until the numbers are reduced.

Mosquito Control will be checking mosquito populations and spraying the entire parish until tolerable levels are reached.

For the fastest response to your questions and concerns please call the Mosquito Control office directly at 905-5941.

Anniversary

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Cameron will celebrate its 128th Church anniversary on Sunday, July 16 at 2:30 p.m. at the Old Greater St. Mary Baptist Church, 1917 Harless Street, Lake Charles. Rev. Lannis Joseph is pastor.

Fishing Fest. meet set

A sign that life is beginning to return to normal in Cameron parish is the announcement that the third annual Cameron Salt Water Fishing Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4 and 5.

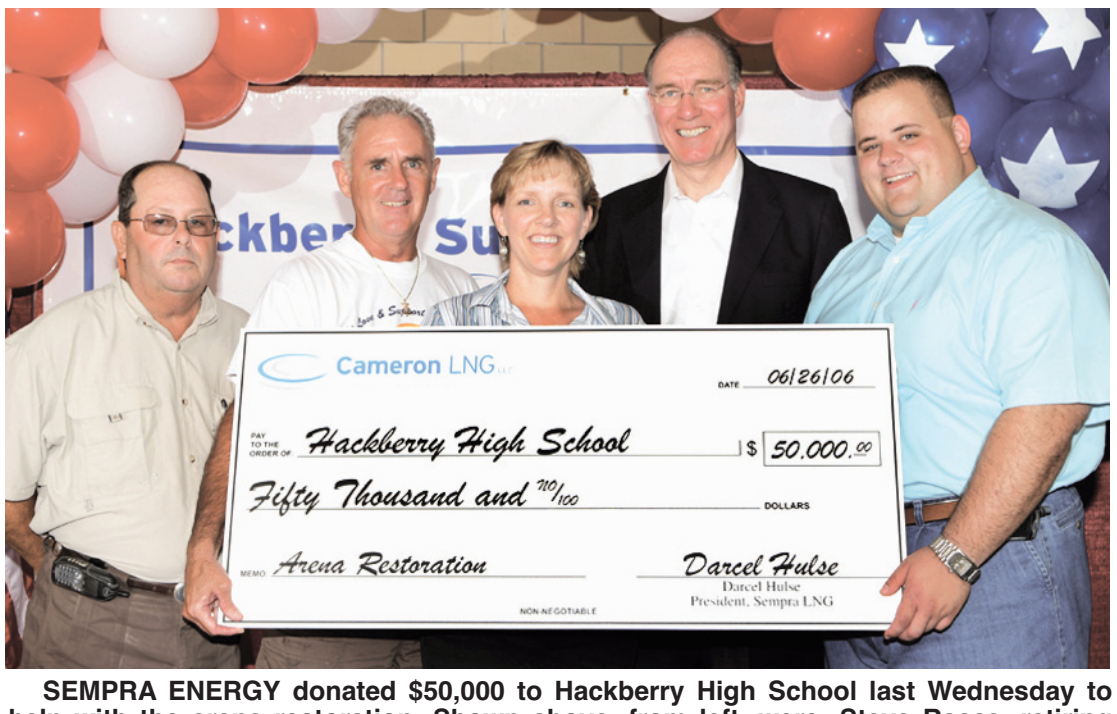
The festival has been held for the past two years at the Cameron Jetties Pier pavilion just south of Cameron. However due to the heavy damage to this facility by Rita the festival will be held at the Grand Chenier Park on the Mermentau River.

It is hoped that the festival can be returned to Cameron next year after repairs are made.

In addition to the fishing rodeo, a variety of activities will be held at the Grand Chenier Park including a pageant, food and craft booths, games for children, and live bands Friday night and during the day Saturday.

Interested organizations are invited to attend an organizational meeting in the Cameron courthouse courtroom on Thursday, July 6 at 12 noon.

If you cannot attend and are interested in reserving a booth, call any of these numbers: Carl Broussard, 775-5316, Penelope Richard, 905-8135; or Yvonne Mhire, 775-7108.



SEMPRA ENERGY donated $50,000 to Hackberry High School last Wednesday to help with the arena restoration. Shown above, from left, were: Steve Racca, retiring Hackberry High School FFA/Rodeo Advisor; Bryon Gibbs, Hackberry School Assistant Principal; Kelly Prasser; Sempra Energy Community Relations Manager; Darcel Hulse, Sempra LNG President; and Kevin Moreau, Hackberry High School FFA/Rodeo Advisor. (Photo courtesy of Sempra.)

MEMBERS OF THE Hackberry Recreation District Board accepted a donation of $50,000 from Sempra Energy last week. Pictured are, from left: Barry Stine, Alan Zachary, Dwayne Sanner, Ken Welch, Carrie Hewitt, Sempra Energy President Darcel Hulse, Blane Buford, and Mike Devall, Jr. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funerals

LARRY "PETE" BOUDOIN

Larry "Pete" Boudoin, 66, of Grand Lake, died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, in a local hospital.

Mr. Boudoin was born June 29, 1940 in Creole. He lived in Lake Charles for fifteen years before moving to Grand Lake nine years ago. He attended South Cameron High School. In 1986 he retired from IMCO Services, a division of Halliburton, where he was employed for nineteen years. Mr. Boudoin attended Christ the King Catholic Church and made the Cursillo when he was younger.

Mr. Boudoin is survived by his wife, Gayle Granger Boudoin of Grand Lake; one son, Terrell Boudoin and wife Ginger of Cameron; one daughter, D'Junna Boudreaux and husband Chris of Singer; one step-son, John Granger and wife Ashley of Lake Charles; one brother, Darrell Boudoin of Creole; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 7, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Father Wayne LeBleu will officiate. Burial will follow in Highland Memory Gardens. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Thursday from 5-10 p.m., with a rosary being recited at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday from 8 a.m. until the start of the service.

BETTY LOU SAVOY

Betty Lou Savoy, 75, of Cameron, died Thursday, June 29, 2006, in a Lake Charles hospital.

She was a native of Jefferson Island, and lived in Cameron. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathryn Guilbeau and husband Francis "Giz" of Cameron; two brothers, Claude Hebert of Lacassine and Richard Hebert of Basile; one sister, Eldie Cheramie of Cameron; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Savoy.

Her funeral was held Saturday, July 1, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in Our Lady Star of the Sea Mausoleum under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles.

Ban on smoking due Jan. 1

Gov. Kathleen Blanco signed a smoking ban on Friday that will prohibit all smoking in restaurants in Louisiana, but not in bars and casinos.

The new law goes into effect on Jan. 1, over the objections of restaurant owners who argued that it will hurt their business by steering customers into barrooms where they can puff without restrictions. On behalf of restauranteurs, several legislators tried to amend the measure to add a loophole for bar areas inside restaurants, but that effort failed.

The measure, by Sen. Rob Marionneaux, D-Livonia, will allow smoking only at restaurants' outdoor areas.

The ban has the support of anti-smoking groups the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society.

DO YOU REMEMBER? 49 years ago as of last week, Hurricane Audrey devastated Cameron Parish. This historic photo was taken from the Cameron Parish Courthouse by County Agent Hadley Fontenot and shows cars submerged by the storm-driven water. In the background can be seen buildings on Main Street. Cameron Parish is now recovering from another storm, Rita, which hit last September and did even more damage than Audrey. However, there was only one death in Rita, as compared to an estimated 500 deaths in Audrey.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick

(Cameron Pilot, July 5, 1973)

BICENTENNIAL PLANS

Plans for Cameron Parish's celebration of the National Bicentennial in 1976 were made at a meeting of the Cameron Parish Bicentennial Planning Commission held Thursday night. Mrs. Conway LeBleu, chairman, presided.

Dr. Donald J. Millet, chairman of the Calcasieu Parish Bicentennial Planning Commission, discussed in more detail the Calcasieu plans. He said that their committee is making plans to construct an exact replica of the sternwheeler "Rex" which played such an important part in the early history of both Calcasieu and Cameron parishes. (The replica was not constructed.)

Plans are to use it as an excursion boat to make river tours down to Cameron, on the exact route it made around the turn of the century.

The following plan was adopted by the committee.

I. HERITAGE - A set of programs devoted to the brave and priceless heritage of ours, the Nation's past.

a. Excurstion tours and docking facilities for the replica of the Rex and historical and industrial points of interest in Cameron.

b. Dedication of the 1976 La. Fur and Wildlife Festival held the second weekend in January each year in Cameron, to the preservation of the parish, state and national identity.

c. Develop excursion tours of "Monkey Island" with emphasis on historical points of interest, including the development of burial grounds of the dead from the Civil War battle "The Battle of Calcasieu Pass" fought here.

d. Construct a road to the historic Sabine Lighthouse, located on the Sabine River on the extreme western end of Cameron Parish and at the present time accessible only by boat.

II. OPEN HOUSE, USA - Concentrating on revealing and unveiling the nation in its present form to all people of the world.

a. Develop a park, museum, recreation and parking area for campers at Rockefeller Refuge at Grand Chenier.

b. Construct a "Trapper's Cabin" in a museum depicting a typical cabin in the area.

c. Craft shop offering items for sale made from items local to the area, such as shells that are found along the 70 miles of Cameron beaches.

d. Develop boat and walking tours through the Refuge.

e. Develop a brochure of tourist attractions and display them in the Civic Center in Lake Charles and other areas.

III. HORIZON - Concerns goals and achievements and will look toward the future.

a. Construct an airport in Cameron. At the present time Cameron does not have an airport.

b. Develop a multipurpose center in the Sweetlake-Grand Lake area which will include a recreation area, craft workshop, and place for family outings.

c. Construct a fishing pier and roadside park at Holly Beach. The committee felt that this is a very necessary project and one that would attract tourists to the area to try their luck at all forms of Gulf fishing.

Others attending the meeting were: Mrs. Charles S. Hackett, Howard Romero, Mrs. Geneva Griffith, Mrs. Carl Hebert, Mrs. Elwood Robicheaux, and Miss Cindy Trahan.

DOCK COLLAPSE

The quick thinking of Robert Ingles of Lake Charles was credited with helping save many lives when an overcrowded pier collapsed Saturday during the Southwest Louisiana annual fishing rodeo in Cameron.

He was watching the race from his boat nearby and quickly came to the rescue of the victims who were floundering in the water. It was estimated that between 30 and 50 people were saved and no one was hurt, which was a miracle.

PARISH QUEEN FESTIVAL GUEST

Debbie Precht, Miss Cameron Parish, represented the parish at the Peach Festival held in Ruston Friday and Saturday.

Miss Precht was accompanied to Ruston by her mother, Mrs. Herman Precht and sister, Mrs. Garner Nunez.

MCCALL FAMILY REUNION

Descendants of Dr. Milledge McCall and his wife, the former Sarah Bray Martin, the first permanent settlers of Grand Chenier, gathered on Saturday in the Gauthier summer home at Morgan Shores, near Lake Arthur. Attending were 55 persons.

Miss Forest Fern Gauthier of Jennings and her brothers, Gordon of Lake Charles, Boyd of Lafayette and Clyde of Houston, hosted the event.

ROUNDABOUT THE PARISH

Mrs. Curley Vincent has her front yard decorated for July 4. She has made an imitation hill and placed a flag on top.

Glenda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domonic Miller, received her diploma Friday from Delta School of Business in Lake Charles.

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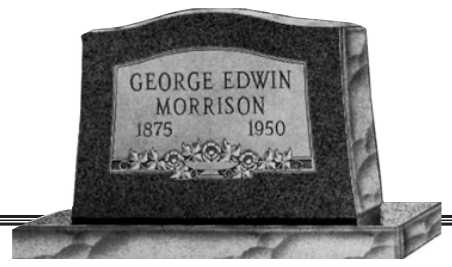

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The Fishing Festival will return to Cameron as soon as repairs are complete to the Jetty Pier Facility

Along with the Fishing Rodeo, there will be:
• Pageants • Food & Craft Booths
• Games For The Kids
• Live Bands Friday Night And Throughout The Day on Saturday

Interested Organizations or Groups who would like to set up booths are invited to attend an organizational meeting at the Cameron Courthouse Courtroom on Thursday, July 6th at 12:00 noon.

If you cannot attend this meeting and are interested in reserving a booth, call one of the following numbers for further information:

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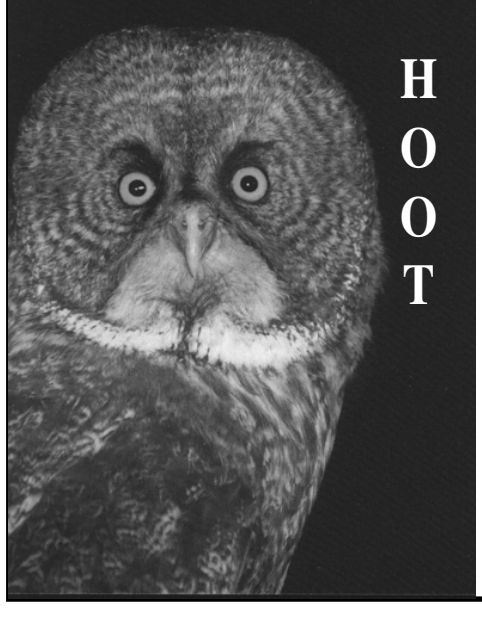

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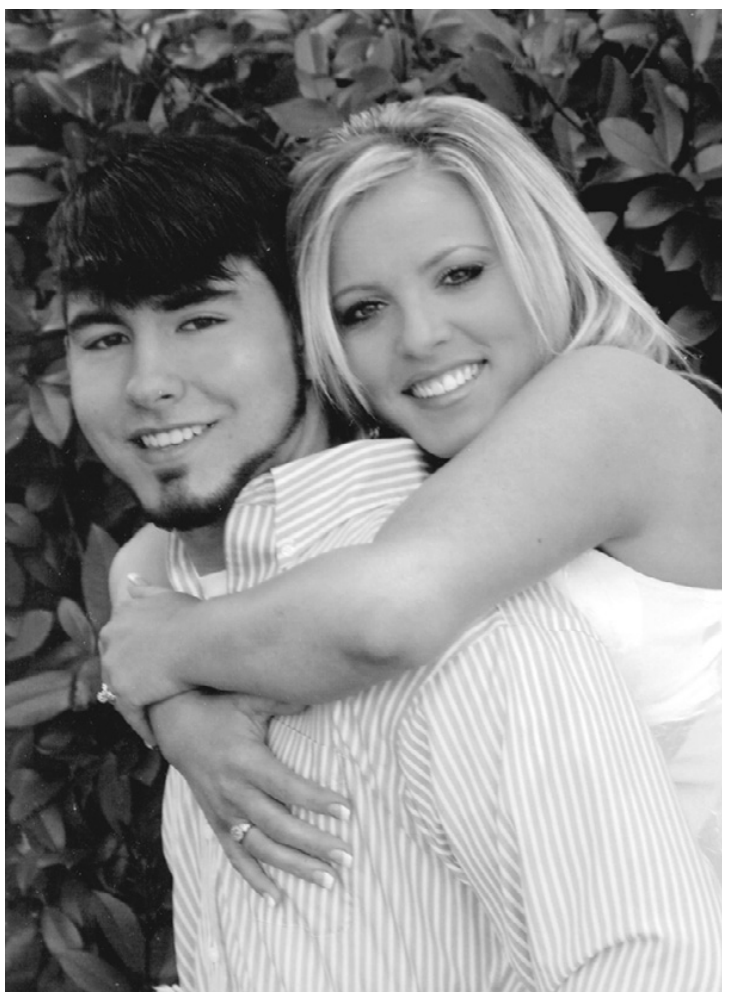
SHOWN ABOVE on the occasion of Sempra's significant contribution to the restoration of facilities at Hackberry High School are, from left: Dwayne Sanner, vice-president of the Cameron Parish School Board; Superintendent Doug Chance; Neal E. Schmale, President and Chief Operating Officer for Sempra Energy; and Darcel L. Hulse, President of Sempra LNG Mr. Sanner joined Dr. Chance in sharing expressions of appreciation for Sempra's support of programs that "Touch the Students of Cameron Parish Schools."

GOVERNOR BLANCO and Doug Chance on the occasion of Doug Chance expressing appreciation for the Governor's assistance with Act 8 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of 2006 and Act 443 of the Regular 2006 Session. Both Act 8 and 443 directly impact the students and employees of Cameron Parish Schools in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita.



MICHELLE BRANKLINE of Iowa announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Mandi Brankline, to Shawn Miller, son of Glenn and Lorena Miller of Lake Charles. The wedding is set for Saturday, July 29 at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Lake Charles at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow at the Lake Charles Civic Center in the Buccaneer Room on the third floor. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Evans and Ursula LaBove of Creole.

Johnson Bayou recreation facilities to open July 15

Because of weather conditions, the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will postpone the opening of its facility from Saturday, July 8 to Saturday, July 15. Call 569-2288 or 802-8383 for more details.

The recreation center will be open from 2-8 p.m., and the swimming pool will be open from 3-7 p.m. Barbecue and refreshments will be served from 3-7 p.m. Music will be provided by Deep South Productions.

The recreation center's tentative hours are daily, 2-8 p.m. Pool hours are daily, 3-7 p.m. Concessions are sold daily, 3-7 p.m. The recreation center is closed every Wednesday.

Thanks to the generous donation by Cheniere Energy, Inc. and Enbridge Energy Inc. The recreation center is up and running. Cheniere Energy donated the funds to purchase new playground equipment and repair the swimming pool. Enbridge Energy donated the building which will provide daily activities for residents and shade awnings throughout the facility grounds.

The recreation center would also like to thank the following for the donation of time and equipment to help reopen the center: Enviro Solutions, Bayou Construction, Benton Construction, Johnson Bayou Parish workers, J. B. Water District workers, Cameron Parish Police Jury, Jeff Davis Electric, Targa, Americorp volunteers, Rite Way Developers, Pesson Plumbing and Heating, Larry Jinks, Karl Romero, Recreation Center workers and the many volunteers from throughout the country.

Cameron School goals being met, says Supt.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005, the third morning after Rita had destroyed homes, businesses, churches, and schools in Cameron Parish, Dr. Doug Chance, Superintendent, began asking for help to share the news that "We will complete the 2005-2006 school year!"

Walking in floodwater, mud, and debris left on Highways 27 and 82 by Hurricane Rita, Dr. Chance began asking cowboys who were swimming cattle out of the floodwater to assist him by telling others of three new goals for Cameron Parish Schools.

The goals were: (1) adopt a calendar that would permit all Cameron Parish students to complete the 2005-2006 school year in Cameron Parish; (2) all seniors would be able to graduate from their respective high schools; and, (3) all employees would keep their jobs for the 2005-2006 school year.

Later in the semester, Chance added two other goals. One dealt with extending the term of school board members for one year due to the long-term evacuation and massive destruction in Cameron Parish. And, the fifth goal involved continuing a 10 mill ad valorem tax for one year since the regularly scheduled election could not be conducted due to Hurricane Rita.

On the last day of school, Friday, June 2, the first three goals were achieved. Graduations had been conducted for the senior classes at Johnson Bayou, South Cameron, Hackberry, and Grand Lake, all students had an opportunity to attend Cameron Parish schools after the storm, and all employees had continued to work at regular salary for the entire year.

Goals four and five had involved legislation, the governor, and the United States Department of Justice. Chance expresses appreciation to Governor Blanco, Senator Theunissen, Representative Frith, all members of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Justice Department for their assistance in extending the terms of school board members for one year and continuing an ad valorem tax through 2006.

Additionally, Senate President Hines, Senator Ullo of the Senate Education Committee, House Speaker Joe Salter, Representative Crane of the House Education Committee, and Lonnie Bewley of Foley and Judell made significant contributions to the success of these two goals.

Many individuals and firms assisted in these endeavors. Jeff Davis Electric, Entergy, Cameron Communications, Superintendent Picard, BESE, the State Department, teachers, principals, supervisors, school board members, donors and students from other schools, individuals, and businesses contributed to this success.

Perhaps most important, the spirit of self-reliance, resilience, and initiative of students, parents, grandparents, teachers, and principals of Cameron Parish led to a successful 2005-2006 school year in spite of the destruction of Hurricane Rita.

Dr. Chance, as Superintendent of Cameron Parish Schools, expresses appreciation to all of these and other for making 2005-2006 a successful year.

Broussard to present program on Cameron

The Propeller Club Ports of Southwest Louisiana will have their monthly meeting at Fire Mountain on Ryan St. in Lake Charles, Tuesday, July 11, at noon to hear a presentation by Cameron Parish Economic Development Director Ernie Broussard on Cameron Parish's progress since Rita and their objectives for future progress.

Anyone interested in hearing this timely update is invited to attend. For more information call Ship to Shore at 474-0730.

Workshop set in LC

Attorney General Charles C. Foti, Jr., along with AARP Louisiana and several other consumer agencies has announced a series of statewide fraud prevention workshops titled "Dollar Defense: Protecting Your Money, Personal Identity, and Home Equity."

The workshops are free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided. Workshop topics will include identity theft, predatory mortgage lending, Medicare fraud, home repair fraud, payday and other non-mortgage predatory lending, investment fraud, and many other scams.

Partners include the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, LSU Ag Center, Entergy Corporation, Latin American Civic Association of Louisiana, AARP Consumer Protection Unit, and Calcasieu TRIAD.

The Lake Charles Dollar Defense Workshop will be held on Thursday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

To register for the workshop, call 1-877-926-8300.

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THIS SHIELD CLOUD was photographed as heavy rain approached Cameron on Monday. The rain fell throughout the parish, which should help the marshes, but will undoubtedly increase the already severe mosquito problem. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

HAPPY CHILDREN leap into the Hackberry pool after the ribbon cutting by Gov. Kathleen Blanco last Wednesday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

THE REOPENING of the Hackberry Pool is especially welcome with the summer heat! (Photo courtesy of Sempra Energy.)

CHILDREN JUMPED into the newly opened Hackberry Recreation Center pool. (Photo courtesy of Sempra Energy.)

Letters to the Editor

Reader likes online paper

Dear Editor:

I used to live in Cameron and was very interested in all the news since Hurricane Rita. Thank you so much for putting the paper online. You have provided an invaluable service to people like myself.

/s/ Kathleen McKinstry

Littering is not needed

Dear Editor:

My family has been repeat visitors to Holly Beach and Johnson Bayou for generations.

Even though we knew the hurricanes had destroyed the beach, we decided to pack our tent and spend the July 4th weekend there.

We were very sad to see the damage caused by the hurricanes.

But what really upset us was all of the recent trash left everywhere by visitors and/or residents. Beer and drink cans, coke, shampoo, and detergent bottles, trash everywhere.

When we visited our favorite crabbing spot, on Deep Bayou Road, we saw that the hurricane had blown a huge house boat up on the ground and it was very badly damaged. But the cans, bags, plates, string lines and rotting bait being left there now, after the hurricanes, is horrendous.

We spent an hour picking up trash, cutting lines, and picking up rotting bait just so we could use the damaged bridge with enjoyment and take pictures of the kids crabbing without a bunch of trash in the picture. We went back the next day and the bridge was cluttered again with chicken containers, string, beer and cold drink cans.

On our way back to our tent, we wanted to stop at the Rita Dump, but it was closed. That dump should be open 24/7 so that whoever does pickup their trash has a place to bring it.

I understand it takes effort to pick up the stuff, but if you bring it with you, take it with you, even if it is stinking, rotting bait.

Can trash barrels be put out? Probably not, who would empty them?

Can signs be put out - "take your trash with you?"

The area desperately needs an anti-litter campaign. Who is going to pick all that stuff up?

The hurricanes did enough damage - it is sinful that humans are making a bad situation worse.

We want to see Holly Beach rebuilt, and it will be easier to rebuild if that is the focus. Having to go and pick-up trash being left now is a waste of effort that could be used elsewhere.

We appreciated the Port-o-lets everywhere – there was even toilet paper, surprising. How about putting trash barrels by the port-o-lets? Something needs to be done, please.

/s/ The Burleigh Family

GOVERNOR KATHLEEN BLANCO is shown around the interior of the new Sempra LNG plant being constructed in Hackberry. (Photo courtesy of Sempra Energy.)

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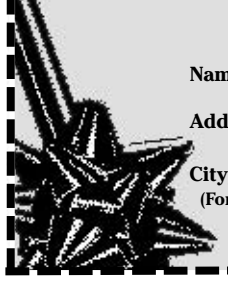

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AT A PRESS conference in Slidell, Brigadier General Hunt Downer, Assistant Adjutant to the State of Louisiana, announced that General Motors has extended for one year the loan of 12 Hummer H3 vehicles, which have been used by various state agencies for hurricane recovery since last fall. Vermilion Parish and Cameron Parish each have the loan of one of these vehicles and Cameron's Sheriff Theos Duhon has used his H3 for recovery of items from marshes, driving generals and ex-presidents through devastation. Downer is shown above thanking General Motors and Reggie Bush, recently drafted running back for the New Orleans Saints who is affiliated with Hummer, for their assistance with Louisiana's hurricane recovery efforts. Since signing with the Saints and moving to the state, Bush has given his personal and financial support in helping Louisiana recover from the devastation. (Photo by Mike McCall.)

Sheriff gets to keep his Hummer a year longer

Brigadier General Hunt Downer, Assistant Adjutant to the State of Louisiana, announced that General Motors has extended for a year the loan of 12 Hummer H3 vehicles, which have been used by various state agencies for hurricane recovery since last fall.

In September of 2005, after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, General Motors and Hummer provided 12 Hummer H3 mid-size sport utility vehicles to the state for use in transporting relief workers, food, water, and medical supplies. Built locally at the GM Shreveport Assembly Plant, the H3s were equipped with the full range of OnStar assistance services.

"Many communities lost their own heavy duty vehicles in the hurricanes but first responders still needed to get through high water and debris," said General Downer. "When the state requested their aid, Hummer and GM stepped up to loan a dozen trucks that were invaluable in saving lives."

In the past nine months, the H3s have worked like tireless volunteers in several communities that were devastated by the hurricanes. The vehicles were used by police, fire and National Guard members to deliver desperately needed supplies, in search-and-rescue missions to gain access to stranded victims, and to search areas that could not have been reached in a vehicle without the H3's extreme off-road capabilities.

While the H3s were most often employed to transport food, water and medical supplies and rescue hurricane victims, they were also put to work by the New Orleans EMS to provide emergency medical services to citizens and visitors who came to the city for Mardi Gras in February.

One of the examples of how the Hummer H3s have served Louisiana in the past nine months include:

• Cameron Parish - Sheriff Theos Duhon has used his H3 for recovery of items from marshes, driving generals and ex-presidents through devastation.

Reggie Bush, recently drafted running back for the New Orleans Saints, spoke at the press conference as a new member of the New Orleans community and through his affiliation with Hummer. "I'm honored to have the opportunity to lend my personal support to helping New Orleans and its neighboring communities get back on track," Bush said. He announced that he would donate a number of autographed footballs to the Slidell Police Department that will be auctioned to raise money for the following charities:

Community Christian Concern - assistance, food and clothing, etc., to the community's needy.

Children's Advocacy Center - coordinated multidisciplinary services to child abuse victims and their families.

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GOVERNOR BLANCO is shown around the Sempra LNG plant under construction in Hackberry. (Photo courtesy of Sempra.)

SBA to continue storm aid

Although the Federal/State Disaster Recovery Center located at 1701 Ryan Street in Lake Charles closed on Friday, June 30, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will continue to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster victims impacted by the hurricanes. Monday, July 3, SBA opened a Disaster Outreach Center in Lake Charles.

The center is located at the Capitol One Building at 1 Lakeshore Drive, suite 1160. The hours of operation will be Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SBA Customer Service Representatives will continue to be on hand in Lake Charles to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explalin the application process and help each individual with the loan closing process. In addition, SBA will continue to accept applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs from small businesses affected by Hurricane Rita. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. The deadline for businesses affected by Hurricane Rita to apply for an EIDL loan is July 28.

Individuals and businesses unable to visit SBA in person may obtain information and loan application by calling toll free (800) 659-2955.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

SPLASH DAY

The Hackberry recreation swimming pool was reopened Wednesday, June 28. Governor Kathleen Blanco was there for the dedication of the newly restored Hackberry Recreation Center.

BANK TO REOPEN

The Hackberry branch of Cameron State Bank will be announcing their opening date soon. There will be an ATM outside of this branch for customers' convenience.

What creature can fly straight up like a helicopter? Hmmm... a hummingbird.

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Oil spill update is told

(Southwest Daily News)

Commercial traffic is moving again through the Calcasieu Ship Channel, but sections of the channel remained closed to recreational traffic because of a two-week-old oil spill.

U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Adam Eggers said that recent rain storms in southwestern Louisiana forced response teams off the water at times. But the rain may be helping the cleanup effort by flushing oil out of unreachable areas into the channel where it can be recovered using booms. The storms also can push together patches of oil that might ordinarily be too small to recover individually.

Areas that remain closed to recreational traffic include Moss Lake and parts of the channel from mile marker 115 down to marker 92.

Some 47,000 barrels of waste oil, left over after the refining process, spilled out of storage tanks at the Citgo refinery during heavy rains on June 19, authorities said. The cause remains under investigation.

More than 36,000 barrels had been removed from the water as of Monday.

The spill was discovered June 20 and led to the closure of the ship channel--a key lane for carrying petroleum to and from the area's four refineries--until Friday, when a few boats were allowed to head downriver. Commercial shipping was allowed in both directions Saturday, and overnight use of the channel was returned on Sunday.

The cutoff of a major transportation route for oil to and from the refineries was blamed in part for recent increases in oil prices and led the U.S. Department of Energy to authorize a loan of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to two refineries.

Marinas and seafood businesses in the channel area were also affected by the spill, some shutting down for several days.

Show info

The possession date for 4-H livestock exhibitors at the State Fair in Shreveport is coming soon. Please pay close attention to the following schedule:

Market Steers, Market Lambs, and Market Goats Possesion Date - July 1.

Commercial Heifers Posession Date - July 1.

Market Hogs Possession Date- Aug. 1.

Commercial Heifers will not be required to DNA test, but must be validated.

Market Hogs will be validated in August.

Entry deadline will be Sept. 7. Late entries will be accepted Sept. 8 thru midnight Sept. 21 at double the regular entry fee.

Please read all the rules and regulations in our premium book online atwww.statefairoflouisiana.com

The 2006 Validation Schedule for Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, and Commercial Heifers is as follows:

Iowa - July 14, 1-7 p.m. at Iowa High School - Ag Barn.

Baton Rouge - July 18, 1-7 p.m at LSU Livestock Facility.

Alexandria - July 19, 1-7 p.m. at LSU - Alexandria - Livestock Facility.

Monroe - July 20, 1-7 p.m. at Univ. of Louisiana at Monroe - Jim Shipp Memorial Complex.

Shreveport - July 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at State Fair of Louisiana- Livestock Facility.

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Johnson Bayou Recreation Center. . .

. . Due to weather conditions, we will be postponing the opening of our facility from Saturday, July 8 until Saturday, July 15, 2006 (if weather permits). Call 337-569-2288 or 337-802-8383 for more details.

Splash Day Celebration
Saturday, July 15, 2006

• Recreaton Center will open from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
• Swimming Pool from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
• Barbecue and Refreshments from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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The Recreation Center's Tentative Hours:
Center's Hours: Daily -- 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Concession: Daily -- 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Center Will Be Closed Every Wednesday
(Times and dates may change at any time)

Thanks to the generous donation by Cheniere Energy, Inc. and Enbridge Energy, Inc. we were able to get the Recreation Center up and running. Cheniere Energy donated the funds to purchase new playground equipment and repair the swimming pool. Enbridge Energy donated the building which will provide daily activities for residents and shade awnings throughout the facility grounds.

The recreaton center would also like to thank the following for the donation of time and equipment to help reopen the center: Enviro Solutions, Bayou Construction, Benton Construction, Johnson Bayou Parish Workers, Johnson Bayou Water District Workers, Cameron Parish Police Jury, Jeff Davis Electric, Targa, Americorp Volunteers, Rite Way Developers, Pesson Plumbing and Heating, Larry Jinks, Karl Romero, Johnson Bayou Girls Softball Team and Parents, Recreation Center workers and the many volunteers from throughout the country.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS

Since Hurricane Rita, things were going on fairly well, then, here comes the "oil spill." This has really set back our commercial fishing, shrimping, crabbing, oyster beds, all of our guide services, folks with marinas and all our docks.

As I write this, things do look brighter as they have opened the Intracoastal Waterways, Prien Lake, Big Lake, but Moss Lake remains closed. Ships and boat traffic started over again, but I'm sure there's plenty left to clean up on the lake and river banks.

How much damage to our fishing industry, how much contamination is in our waters, and do we eat our catches? What about swimming and skiing? I do believe it will haunt us for years to come.

FISHING RODEO

The 69th annual Southwest Louisiana Fishing Rodeo did not let the oil spill upset their event as anglers hit their favorite spots inland and offshore. Weather held up well and seas were not too choppy. Good fish hit the weigh-in scales. Many boats launched out of Grand Chenier Park. Cameron had a number of boats launched there.

BIG BASS SPLASH

I forgot to mention that Carl Broussard and Ricky Canik also took part in the Big Splash Event. The official placement was as follows: 1st, James Elliot, Center, Tex., 12.38 lbs.; 2nd, Ricky Broadway, 10.77 lbs.; 3rd, Eddie Rhea of DeRidder, 10.25 lbs.; 4th, Terry Dewitt, 9.55 lbs.; and 5th, Tri Brewer of Alexandria, 9.46.

SWLA RODEO RESULTS

Good catches of fish were weighed in at the 2006 SWLA Rodeo, with some records broken. The inland fishing results top fish were: Speckled trout-Scotty Ritchey, 5.51; Redfish, John McRay, 38.8; Black Drum, Lori Reed, 58.5; Flounder, Mark Thompson, 3.6; Croaker, Steve Taylor, 1.86; Garfish, David Potts, 53.0; Sheephead, Kevin Natali, 7.19.

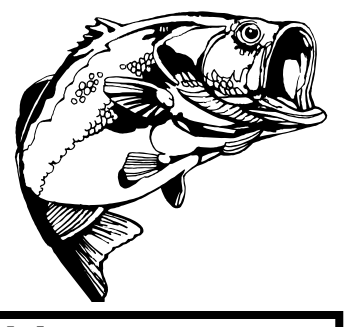
Offshore results were: Red Snapper, Sammy More, 26.16; Amberjack, Jeff Kudla, 59.3; King Mackeral, Roger Benoit, 53.9; Spanish Mackeral, John Van Norman, 5.67; Mangrove Snapper, Sammy More, 9.86; Dolphin, Steve Nelson, 32.7; Barracuda, Pete Johnson, 25; Bonito, Michael Stulb, 13.33; Grouper, Roger Benoit, 48.4; Bluefish, David McElven 3.07; and Tuna, Robert Hinch, 182.6. The tuna and sheephead records were broken.

Also in the offshore division: Daniel Jones, Triggerfish, 7.37; Wahoo, Carl Dubois, 78.1; Tripletail, Mike Crawford, 8.43; Spadefish, Dan Fuselier, 7.54; Blackfish Tuna, Wayne Miller, 28.41; Cobia, Bill Hathaway, 55.6; and Jackfish, Beau Tate, 27.

The fly fishing was weak, as no tripletail, bluefish, or speckle trout were weighed. Michael Duhon had a redfish weighing 2.87, while Rusty Dawdy had a 2.92 dolphin. Spanish Mackeral, Michael Duhon, 2.02 and Chad DeBarge had a 0.94 flounder.

The junior division had good entries, a good feeling our young anglers are enjoying our Louisiana outdoors. Bonito, Garrett Blanchard, 12.86; Gaftop catfish, Dustin Kelly, 6.66. He also entered the inland division with adults, and had the top gaftop catfish and the top spadefish 5.7. Triggerfish, Stephen Bourque, 3.27; Croacker, Kayla Self, 1.42; Redfish, James Poul, 32.8; Spanish Mackeral, Nathan Poul, 2.99; Flounder, Molly Matthews, 2.76; Speckle Trout, Jameson Picou, 3.48; and Red Snapper, Grace Solari, 19.22.

The top junior angler was Dustin Kelly, top offshore angler Sammy Mier and Roger Benoit, top inland angler, Kevin Natali and the top lady angler was Lori Reid, while the outstanding fly fisherman went to Michael Duhon.



Calcasieu Lake oyster harvest affected by bill

By REP. MICKEY FRITH

House Bill 802, which I authored and was signed by the Governor, will assist a volunteer-driven coastal protection project in Vermilion Bay and fine-tunes the method of oyster harvesting for Sabine and Calcasieu Lake.

I filed House Bill 802 and then amended it at the request of the Louisiana Wetlands Association to authorize the transplanting of oyster cultch and live oysters in an area of Vermilion Bay. This Act will allow Louisiana Wetlands Association to hire an oyster farmer to harvest oyster material, transport and lay the materials at the Prien Point Cove.

This reef will be constructed totally of oyster shells. It will provide shoreline protection and enhancement of marine habitat and will naturally enhance fishing opportunities by increasing the size of the reef.

Most of the credit goes to the Louisiana Wetlands Association for spearheading his coastal restoration effort. Live oysters or oyster cultch will be replanted into the area classified as "restricted" inside Harvest Area 26. Oysters won't be harvest-able and can not be removed from the area.

As it grows, the reef will provide protection to our oyster beds and our coastline by slowing down erosion due to the tides and storms. Ultimately, the project will create new fishing grounds for our sportsmen.

As a member of the Louisiana Wetlands Association, I would also like to thank other partners in this endeavor: NOAA, Gulf of Mexico Foundation, Pearl Reef Oysters, Grand Isle Shipyard, Abbeville Harbor & Terminal, Black's Oyster Bar, Dupuy's Oyster Shop, Don's Seafood Hut, Chapman Construction, and Vermilion Shell for their support on this project.

Special gratitude goes out to Captain Sammie Faulk on his assistance and testifying on behalf of local oyster farmers in Cameron Parish.

We appreciate the support of Governor Kathleen Blanco, who is a strong advocate of coastal restoration activities and who knows the importance of our oyster industry to Vermilion Parish. By creating Act 398, the governor has given us her endorsement of this important ecosystem project, one that will further enhance recreation fishing opportunities.

The legislation also provides that oysters may be harvested in both Sabine and Calcasieu Lakes using tongs, a hand dredge, a single dredge with mechanical assist that has a tooth bar no more than 36 inches long, or a single scraper with mechanical assist with a flat bar no more than 36 inches.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission would set the season closing date for 2007 through 2010 after considering recommendations by the Oyster Task Force.

After 2010, the season closing date is set for April 30. Harvest limits would be set by the commission in consultation with the task force. The minimum harvest limit is increased from 15 to 25 sacks per boat per day.

Assistance is offered affected tax payers

Recently released guidance from the IRS clarifies methods taxpayers can use when figuring a hurricane-related casualty loss.

To determine your loss from a casualty, first figure the decrease in fair market value of your property as a result of the disaster. To do this, you must determine the fair market value of your property both immediately before and immediately after the casualty. Compare the decrease in fair market value with your adjusted basis in the property. The adjusted basis is usually the cost of the property plus or minus certain adjustments. From the smaller of these two amounts, subtract any insurance or other reimbursement you receive or expect to receive. The result is your loss from the casualty.

Taxpayers may always determine the fair market value of their property immediately after a casualty loss by obtaining an appraisal or by using the amount of repair or rebuilding expenses they actually incurred and paid. For property in Hurricanes Katrina or Rita, the IRS has also outlined three safe harbor methods for determining the fair market value of their property after the hurricane:

Insurance Safe Harbor method - In this straightforward method, the taxpayer uses the estimated loss as assessed by the taxpayer's flood or homeowner's insurance company.

Contractor Safe Harbor Method - In this method, the taxpayer uses the cost of contemplated repairs specified in a contract with a licensed or registered building contractor. This determines the FMV to the extent the repairs bring the property to the condition it was in immediately prior to the storm. To use this method, the taxpayers must have a binding contract signed by both the builder and the homeowner.

Cost Index Safe Harbor Methods - In this method, the taxpayer uses a cost index to determine the decrease in FMV.

Three separate indexes were created for different types of structures:

- Personal residence
- Detached structure on property associated with personal residence
- Pressure treated wood deck associated with personal residence

The indexes for personal residences also vary depending on the amount and type of damage. Taxpayers use the specified cost index amount for their sized home and multiply that number by the home's damaged square feet to determine the decrease in FMV.

For more information on these new guidelines, see Revenue Procedure 2006-32, available on www.irs.gov.

Reuters, one of the first news services to provide political, economic and general interest news to European newspapers, began its service using pigeons to carry messages between the terminals of telegraph lines.

Exactly who started using curling irons remains a mystery but records indicate that the Romans in the reign of Emperor Titus, A.D. 79 to 81, employed little hollow tubes filled with boiling water for that chore.

Here is how to figure hurricane related losses

Since the 2005 hurricane season, many Louisiana taxpayers have needed help with unresolved tax problems and related issues resulting from the disaster. Taxpayers needing special help with unresolved tax problems and related issues may have a place to turn for help: the Taxpayer Advocate Service.

TAS is an IRS program that provides an independent system to assure that tax problems, which have not been resolved through normal channels, are promptly and fairly handled. The goals of TAS are to protect taxpayer rights and to reduce taxpayer burden. The Taxpayer Advocate independently represents your interests and concerns within the IRS by ensuring that taxpayer problems which have not been resolved through normal channels, are promptly and fairly handled

Generally, the TAS can help if, as a result of the administration of the tax laws, you:

- Are suffering, or are about to suffer, a significant hardship
- Are facing an immediate threat of adverse action
- Will incur significant cost (including fees for professional representation)
- Will suffer irreparable injury or long-term adverse impact
- Have experienced a delay of more than 30 days to resolve the issue
- Have not received a response or resolution by the date promised

Case Advocates will listen to the taxpayer's point of view and will work with them to address their concerns. The advocate provides taxpayers an impartial and independent look at their problem with a speedy resolution. TAS, however, is not a substitute for established IRS procedures or the formal Appeals process and cannot reverse legal or technical tax determinations.

Find out more information about the Taxpayer Advocate Service and their services at www.irs.gov or contact TAS by calling 1-877-777-4778.

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Are you ready for an emergency?

In the event of a sudden emergency, you may have just minutes to gather your family and important papers, and get out of your house, possibly for good. Are you prepared? Where would you go? What would you take with you?

Taking the time to map out an evacuation plan ahead of time, will ensure that when a fire, a hurricane or a flood threatens you and your family, you will know how to respond quickly. By planning ahead, you will know exactly where to go, and what your family will need while away from home.

"With preparation and practice, families stand the best chance of getting out with what they need, and ending up in the right place," says Loretta Worters, vice president for the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I.). "The key is to plan ahead, so your evacuation will be smooth and fast."

The I.I.I. suggests a five-step plan to get your and your family on the road to safety:

1. Arrange Your Evacuation

• Map out your primary route and a backup route in case roads are blocked or impassable.

• Ask an out-of-town friend or family member to act as a contact person in case your family is separated during the evacuation.

• Identify a specific place to meet in case your family members are forced to flee separately.

• Listen to local radio and television reports when disaster threatens. Use travel routes specified by local authorities—don't use shortcuts because certain areas may be impassable or dangerous.

2. Create a Home Inventory

Create a complete home inventory of your personal property. A home inventory will help you ensure that you have purchased enough insurance to replace your possessions. It will also speed the claims process, and will substantiate losses for income tax purposes.

The I.I.I. has created the Know your Stuff home inventory software, which can be found at www.knowyourstuff.org. This free, downloadable software helps you organize and list your possessions on your computer and then and burn the finished inventory onto a CD-ROM; you can also print a copy for your records. Whether you do your inventory electronically or on good, old-fashioned notepaper, make sure you keep a copy with your important papers and a second copy in a safe place outside your home (in a safe-deposit box, or with an out-of-town family member or friend).

3. Plan What to Take

• Medicines and prescriptions

• Clothing

• Blankets and toys

• Flashlight and battery-powered radio

• Computer hard drive or laptop

• Photographs

• Pet food

4. Gather Important Financial Documents

Keep important financial documents in a safe place that you can access easily. In the event of an evacuation take the following documents with you:

• Insurance policies

• Birth and marriage certificates

• Passports

• Drivers license or personal identification

• Social Security cards

• Recent tax returns

• Employment information

• Wills, deeds and recent tax returns

• Stocks, bonds and other negotiable certificates

• Bank, savings and retirement account numbers

• Home Inventory

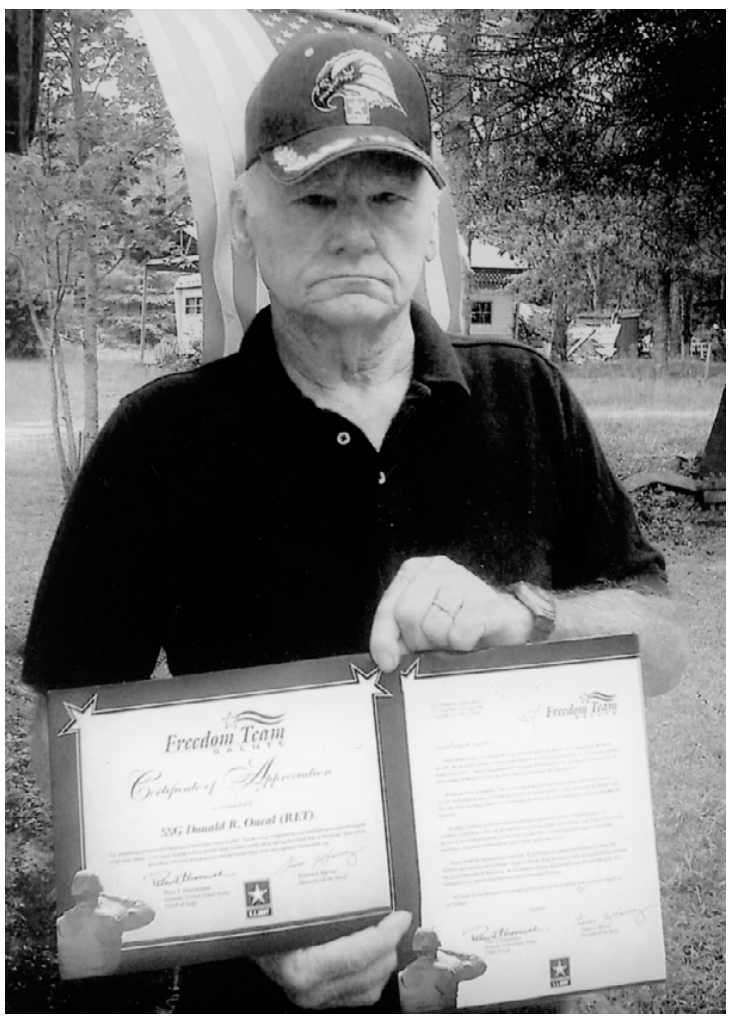
5. Take the Ten-Minute Challenge

To find out if you are ready, do a real-time test. Give yourself just 10 minutes to get your family and belongings into the car and on the road to safety. By planning ahead, families are able to gather their children and pets, along with the most important items they will need, calmly and efficiently, with a minimum of stress and confusion.

For the video news release, Ten-Minute Challenge, go to: http://www.iii.org/static/video/mediaplayer/evacuation.wmv

To download our free home inventory software, go to: http://www.knowyourstuff.org.

For more information about disaster-preparedness, go to the I.I.I. Web site: http://www.iii.org.



Staff Sgt. Donald O'Neal

SSG O'Neal receives citation & letter

Staff Sergeant Donald R. O'Neal received a citation and letter of salute on June 3. These awards were for serving his country and teaching new recruits about the operation of equipment used by the military.

Staff Sergeant O'Neal retired with four years Navy and 21+ years in the Army.

Now the "Old Sarge" enjoys his retirement with his wife, the former Virgie Fountain and his grandchildren.

Take 'Hurricane Quiz' Now Before A Storm

LSU Agriculture Center News Release Distributed 05/22/06

This game of 20 questions can help you determine whether you and your family will be prepared if a hurricane comes your way, according to LSU AgCenter experts.

"Having the right answers before a storm comes your way can help you be prepared if a hurricane strikes," says LSU AgCenter housing specialist Dr. Claudette Reichel. "Even if you've been through a hurricane before, it's easy to forget some of the preparations that can protect your property and family. A lot of people learned that lesson the hard way last year."

Reichel and LSU AgCenter disaster education coordinator Pat Skinner offer a 20-question quiz you can take to refresh your memory about storm precautions you can take now – saying these measures can "save time, money and hassles after a storm."

If you answer "No" or "I don't know" to any of these questions, the experts say you should take action now to make sure you're as well prepared as you can be:

–Do you have a disaster survival plan?

–Have you planned an evacuation route and destination?

–Do you have an emergency communication plan for staying in touch or getting messages to friends and family?

–Is your homeowner's and flood insurance coverage up to date and sufficient to replace your home and belongings if they are damaged or destroyed?

–Do you have an inventory of your property and belongings?

–Do you have copies of your policies, inventory, other important papers and valuables in a safe place – one that's waterproof and fireproof?

–Do you know how to turn off your utilities (electricity, gas and water)?

–Do you have a plan and supplies on hand to protect and secure your home, outdoor items, boat, pool and so forth?

–Has your roof been inspected within the past six months?

–Have you trimmed the trees and shrubs around your house?

–Has your car been maintained, and are the tires, including the spare, in good condition?

–Do you have a plan of what to do with food in your refrigerator and freezer in the event of a possible power outage?

–Is your emergency phone list up to date and handy?

–Do you have emergency survival supplies such as batteries, a battery-operated radio, flashlights, lanterns, fuel, nonperishable food for three days, water jugs, manual can opener, medicines, traveler's checks or cash, and so forth on hand?

–Do you have an emergency supply kit for your car?

–Do you have a plan of how to take care of family members with special needs (infants, the elderly or those with disabilities) in the event of a disaster?

–Have you decided what you will do with your animals if you must evacuate because of various types of hazards?

–Have you budgeted for the added expenses to protect your home, buy supplies, evacuate, clean up and recover?

–Have you discussed your emergency plans, duties and rules with your family?

–Do you know that the LSU AgCenter offers publications and other free information on disaster cleanup and recovery on its Web site (www.lsuagcenter.com) and through its parish LSU AgCenter Extension offices across the state?

"Don't flirt with disaster for your family or your home," Skinner cautions. "Make sure you have the right answers now – before a major storm heads our way."

For more information on preparing for a disaster or recovering from one, visit www.lsuagcenter.com and click on the contact your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office.

Laughter can improve health

(NAPSA)—Laughing frequently could give you more to smile about than you might expect—it may help improve your health.

Research shows that laughter lowers blood pressure and protects the heart. Laughing has also been shown to strengthen the immune system and provide a boost to virus- and tumor-destroying cells.

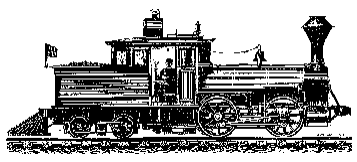
Laughing may help your mental and emotional health as well, meaning a good chuckle could help change your perspective. To help people add laughter to their lives, the Alliance for Affordable Services—an association that works to help people live better and save more—offers these tips:

• Smile! - It is much easier to find something to laugh about when you're smiling rather than frowning.

• Laughter loves company - Expose yourself to funny people, and try to take negative attitudes with a grain of salt.

• Something to laugh about - Rent a funny movie or watch a sitcom. They can be great ways to de-stress, sit back and laugh.

The Alliance for Affordable Services uses its group buying power to attack soaring health care costs through wellness programs, information, legislative advocacy and incentives to control medical costs. For more details, visit www.AffordableServices.org or call 800-733-2242.



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— Cameron Parish School Board — Regular Meeting Schedule

DATE	PLACE	TIME
July 10, 2006	Grand Lake School 1039 Hwy 384, Grand Lake Lake Charles, LA 70607	3:00 P.M.
August 14, 2006	Hackberry High School 1390 School Street Hackberry, LA 70643	3:00 P.M.
September 11, 2006	Johnson Bayou School 6304 Gulf Beach Hwy Cameron, LA 70631	3:00 P.M.
October 9, 2006	South Cameron School Site 753 Oak Grove Hwy Grand Chenier, LA 70643	3:00 P.M.

RUN: Jun. 22, 29, Jul. 6 (J 48)

Classifieds

Real Estate

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NEW LISTING: 132 Willow Ridge Lane. Two 2 acre tracts in Grand Lake area all for $30,000. Doublewide will be demolished and removed. Lots had water during hurricane. Low but can be built up for mobile home. Minimum 1300 sq ft on homes.

4.429 ACRES in Grand Lake. Was originally set up for mobile home with mechanical system and electricity and water. Motor missing on mechanical. Priced at $42,000.00.

Call ERA Moffett Realty, Inc. and ask for Grace for more info. 1/11tfc

HI FRIENDS in Cameron Parish! If you are interested in buying or selling houses/properties, please call me. RE/MAX Realty Pros at 478-2668 or 274-9996. Ask for Analee Guilbeaux Gregory. 6/1 - 7/26p.

ATTENTION HUNTERS: Land for sale in East Creole. 80 x 150 Great place for a camp or to live! New mechanical system on land. Asking $15,000, but negotiable. Please call (337) 377-6811 or (337) 377-6803 anytime. 6/28p

FOR SALE: 90 acres of land in Welch area. Underground irragation with surface water. Call (home) 734-4727 or (cell) 475-8333. Ask for Bill. 6/22 & 6/29p.

LAKEFRONT HOME: 9000 sq lakefront home, currently operating as B&B, on 1.3 acres in Lake Arthur area – 5 bedroom, 6 bath, formal dining, indoor BBQ room, wet bar, office, 2 car carport, furnishings can be sold separately. Call 337-536-9520 for more info. SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY! 6/22 - 7/13p.

HOUSE FOR Sale. Elevated home on 1.25 acre lot in Garber Subdivision. Approximately 3 miles from Down Town Cameron. Over 3000 sq-ft of heated living. 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. Floor sits 15.6 feet above flood elevation. House experienced damage from Rita and needs repairs. Call (843) 402-9695 6/29 - 8/31p.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

-Booker T. Washington

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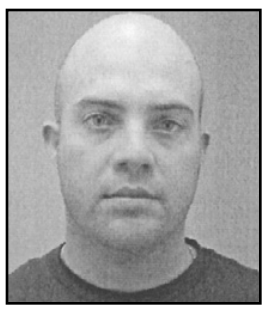
Sex Offender



UNDER ACT 962 of the Louisiana Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is I, Brent David Trahan, have been convicted of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenille/Performing Sexually Immoral Act. My address is 136 Alvin Lane, Johnson Bayou, LA 70631..

Race: White. Sex: Male. DOB: 07/02/80. Height: 5'10". Weight: 215 lbs. Hair Color: Brown. Eye Color: Blue.

JU-2- (Runs: 7/6 & 7/13)

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the folowing project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until **10:30 a.m. on 10 July 2006** at the Police Jury Temporary Offices, 10080 Gulf Hwy., Grand Lake Community, Lake Charles, LA 70607.

Project Number: 2006-07

Restoration of Fire Stations and Maintenance Barn in Cameron Parish

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

I. 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 Police Jury.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., Post Office Box 229, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643-0229, (337) 538-2574. 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 schedules Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish Police Jury
/s/Douaine Conner, President
Runs: June 22, 29, (J 39)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, July 20, 2006, in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 10080 Gulf Highway, Grand Lake, Louisiana, for the purchase of three (3) 2006 or 2007 Diamond SPEC 74400 SBA 6 X 4 Dump Trucks (or the equivalent), as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 10080 Gulf Highway, Grand Lake, Louisiana, during normal business hours.

BY:
/s/Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
Run: June 29, July 6, 13 (J 50)

AUTO BID

BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY CAMERON PARISH SHERIFF FOR THE PURCHASE OF (3) THREE 2006 GMC SIERRA PICKUP 1/2 TON CREW CAB 2-WHEEL DRIVE, (2) TWO 2006 GMC SIERRA PICKUP 1/2 TON CREW CAB 4-WHEEL DRIVE, (4) FOUR GMC ENVOY SUV, 4-DR, 2-WHEEL DRIVE, (1) ONE 2006 GMC SIERRA PICKUP 3/4 TON REGULAR CAB 2-WHEEL DRIVE.

SPECIFICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED AT CAMERON PARISH SHERIFF OFFICE, 119 SMITH'S CIRCLE, CAMERON, LA. 70631 AND BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO P.O. BOX 1250 CIVIL DEPT. CAMERON, LA. 70631 ON OR BEFORE 1:00 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 10, 2006. THE RIGHT IS RESERVED BY THE SHERIFF TO REJECT ANY AND ALL OR TO ACCEPT ANY BIDS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE SHERIFF WILL BE OF THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PARISH OF CAMERON AND THE CAMERON PARISH SHERIFF DEPARTMENT.

CONTACT: DANNY LAVERGNE 337-775-5176

/s/Theos Duhon
THEOS DUHON, SHERIFF
RUN: JUNE 22, 29, JULY 6 (J 51)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until **10:00 a.m. on 26 July 2006** at the Police Jury Temporary Offices, 10080 Gulf Hwy., Grand Lake Community, Lake Charles, LA 70607.

Project Number: 2006 - 09

Post-Rita Restoration of Cameron Parish Jail and Kitchen Facility

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

I. Building Construction

IV. Specialty.
Subclassification: Plumbing,
Subclassification: Electrical
Subclassification: Mechanical;
Subclassification: Painting

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Cameron Parish Police Jury
/s/ Douiane Conner, President
Run: July 6, 13 and 20 (J 57)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 9
APRIL 27, 2006

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 met in regular session on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 4:00 P.M., at Temporary Office, 113 Dennis Lane, Sweetlake, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Wendell Rutherford, Thompson McCall and John Allen Conner. Members absent: Russell Savoie. Also in attendance, Douaine Conner, Police Juror.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that the financial statement for the month, be and the same is hereby approved.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Rutherford and carried, that Cameron Workforce be contacted for temporary personnel to assist Kevin Warner, District Superintendent.

It was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the following resolution be and the same is hereby approved.

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 2006 tax roll on the property subject to taxation by the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9:

Millage; Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 Maintenance, 6.34 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 2006, 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: Thompson McCall, Wendell Rutherford, John Allen Conner.

Nays: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Russell Savoie.

Adopted and approved this 27th Day of April, 2006.

APPROVED:
/s/ Thompson McCall
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:
/s/ John A. Conner
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Conner, 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 Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

APPROVED:
/s/ Thompson McCall
THOMPSON MCCALL,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 9

ATTEST:
/s/ John Allen Conner
JOHN ALLEN CONNER,
ACTING SECRETARY
RUN: July 6 (Ju-1)

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KINGS BAYOU FIELD
06-811

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

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2006,** upon the application of **JORDAN OIL COMPANY.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the **10400' Zone, Reservoir A,** in the Kings Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 10400' Zone, Reservoir A.

2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the 10400' Zone, Reservoir A.

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

4. To designate Jordan Oil Company as the unit operator for the proposed unit.

5. To designate the Jordan Oil Company - Carter A No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit.

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

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

The 10400' Zone, Reservoir A, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 10,416 feet and 10,456 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Jordan Oil Company (McCormick Oil & Gas Corporation) - Dr. S. O. Carter No. 1-A Well, located in Section 10, Township 15 South, Range 7 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Lafayette,** Louisiana.

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:
JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF
CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La
6/27/06; 06/30/06
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IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.

RUN: July 6 (Ju-3)

MEETING TO BE HELD AT
CAMERON COURTROOM
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
AGENDA
July 10, 2006
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Minutes
4. Drilling Permits:

a. Rozel Operating Co - Cameron, West Cameron Area, Block 2, S.L. 18423 Well No. 1, (proposed pipeline installation), Cameron Parish, LA. (060703)

b. Cameron LNG, LLC - Hackberry, Sections 1 & 12, T12S, R10W and Sections 43 & 44, T12S, R9W, (proposed revisions to LNG Terminal Expansion), Cameron, LA. (060704)

c. The Meridian Exploration & Production, LLC - Lowry, Section 26, T12S, R4W and Section 35, T12, R3W, Grand Lake Prospect Well No. 1 & 2, (proposed wheel washing and drilling structures), Cameron Parish, LA. (060705)

d. Ballard Exploration Company, Inc. - Sabine Lake, Latitude 29°53'15", Longitude - 93°49'20", SL 18158 Well No. 001, (proposed (2) 6 inch flowlines and 20'X 20' heater platform), Cameron Parish, LA. (060706)

e. Hilcorp Energy Company - Hackberry, Section 11, T12S, R10W, (proposed site clearance No. 05-0089), Cameron Parish, LA. (060709)

f. Hilcorp Energy Company - Hackberry, Section 18, T12S, R10W, SL 42 #194, (proposed site clearance No. 05-0086), Cameron Parish, LA. (060710)

5. Other Permits:

a. Christopher M. Granger - Grand Lake, Section 2, T12S, R9W, (proposed excavation and fill), Cameron Parish, LA. (060701)

b. Global Pollution Services - Cameron, Section 4, T15S, R9W, (proposed mooring facility), Cameron Parish, LA. (060702)

c. Cingular Wireless, LLC - Gibbstown, Section 10, T13S, R7W, (proposed cell tower), Cameron Parish, LA. (060707)

d. Cingular Wireless, LLC - Johnson Bayou, Section 14, T15S, R15W, (proposed cell tower), Cameron Parish, LA. (060708)

e. Louisiana Dept of Wildlife & Fisheries - Calcasieu Lake, Latitude 29°50'31.39", Longitude 93°18'7.44", (proposed installation of 2 fin fish reefs and 6 oyster reefs), Cameron Parish, LA. (060711)

6. Appointments:

a. Beachfront Dev. Dist. #2 - JoAnn Nunez -term expired

b. Waterworks Dist. #9 - Thompson McCall, Russell Savoie - terms expired

7. Liquor Permits:

a. Eric & Kristie Richard - Kountry Store, Inc. - Creole

8. Advertise for Bids:

a. Culverts (Plastic)

9. Acceptance of Bids:

a. Project #2006-06 - Post-Rita Restoration of Cameron Courthouse Basement, Jail & D.A. Office

b. Project #2006-07 - Restoration of Fire Station & Maintenance Barns in Cameron Parish

c. Project #2006-06 - Renovations to Cameron Health Unit

10. Acceptance of RFP for Professional Services

11. President Authority to Sign:

a. Contract for Professional Services - Economic Development

b. CZM Contract -2006-07

c. Contract for Professional Services -CPA -FEMA projects

12. Ratify Calling of Election - Lower Cameron Hospital Service District

13. Pay June, 2006 Bills

14. Staff Report:

Run: July 6 (JU 4)

LEGAL NOTICE

Any relative or anyone knowing the whereabouts of any relative of the deceased Dupre Hebert, Jr., please contact attorney, David P. Bruchhaus, MUDD & BRUCHHAUS, L.L.C., 214 E. Nezpique St., P.O. Box 558, Jennings, LA 70546, telephone number (337) 824-5063.

RUN: July 6 and 13 (Ju-5)

Minutes of Meeting
Cameron Parish Drainage
District #9
May 17, 2006 06:00 PM
Hackberry Community Center
Administrative

Reuben LaBauve (President) calls meeting to order.

Members Present -Scott Benoit, Alex. Seay, Bill Delcambre

Members absent - Paul Constance

Guests Present - None

Minutes for previous meeting were distributed to Board members prior to meeting. S. Benoit motioned to approve minutes of previous meeting as prepared. A. Seay seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers' Report: $66144.74 - Checking Account; $150,000.00 - CDs

A. Seay motioned to approve treasurer's report as read. S. Benoit seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were open for the following:

A. Seay motioned to adopt a millage rate of 4.5 mills for the Tax Year of 2005. S. Benoit seconded the motion. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried unanimously. The appropriate information will be forwarded to the Parish Tax Assessor's Office.

Discussions were opened on drainage West 390 on Jim Gray Rd. S. Benoit motioned to issue a work request to the parish for repair to drainage. A. Seay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were open on drainage from Old Town road to Channel View Dr. A. Seay motion to contract out the removal of debris and sludge to help with drainage. S. Benoit seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were opened Myers Rd. drainage block across form Desormeaux. S. Benoit motioned to issue a work request to the parish for repair to drainage. A. Seay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Benoit went over the meeting held with FEMA rep. Matt Willie. Some of the projects not accepted by NRCS may qualify for assistance through FEMA. Mr. Willie will notify after all projects are reviewed.

S. Benoit presented invoice for approval to pay. A. Seay made a motion to pay the invoices. S. Benoit seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed culvert applications. A. Seay motioned to accept all applications presented with some stipulations as made by the board. S. Benoit seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed permit applications. S. Benoit motioned to accept all applications presented with some stipulations as made by the board. A. Seay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further new business presented, the meeting was adjoined.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Scott Benoit, Secretary-Treasurer.

/s/ Reuben LaBauve
REUBEN LABAUVE,
PRESIDENT

/s/ Scott Benoit
SCOTT BENOIT,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
RUN: July 6 (JU 6)

PROCEEDINGS
Parish of Cameron
June 29, 2006

The Cameron Parish School Board met in special called session on this date to consider the items listed herein. The following members were present: Loston McEvers, Pat Howerton, Dot Theriot, Rachel Abadie, and Patricia Morris. Absent members were: Dwayne Sanner and Marvin Trahan.

Mr. Loston McEvers, Board President, called the special meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mrs. Morris, the Board approved the final budget for 2005-2006 as presented by Miss Margaret Jones.

On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mrs. Morris, the Board approved the selection of the followings members for the Parishwide School District Board of Directors:

Chairman – Dr. Douglas L. Chance (by Act 443 of 2006)

Vice Chairman - Mr. Loston McEvers (by Act 443 of 2006)

Secretary - Mrs. Dorothy Theriot

Treasurer - Mr. Pat Howerton

Member Rachel Abadie

The Board also approved the Cameron Pilot as the Official Journal for the Parishwide School District Board.

The Board was advised by a report on cafeteria provisions for the South Cameron High site.

On motion of Mr. Howerton, seconded by Mrs. Abadie, the Board voted to adjourn.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Douglas L. Chance
DOUGLAS L. CHANCE,
SECRETARY
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
RUN: Jul. 6 (JU 7)

CONSTRUCTION ON Sempra's Cameron LNG Terminal at Hackberrry is progressing. Gov. Kathleeen Blanco and state legislators visited the facility last Wednesday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

THE SAVVY SENIOR

By JIM MILLER

Dear Savvy Senior,

With all the news last month about the identity theft of our U.S. veterans, it got me thinking about my own identity safety. What I can do to better protect myself?

Unidentified Senior

Dear Unidentified,

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs "identity theft" scandal last month was another stark reminder of how vulnerable we all are to this huge problem. Identity theft affects more than 10 million Americans every year – many of whom are seniors. While there's no ironclad protection against ID theft, and with many factors beyond your control, there are some things you can do to minimize your risks. Here's what you should know.

Protect Yourself

Identity theft occurs when someone obtains access to your Social Security number (SSN), bank or credit card account number, or other identifying information and uses it to steal from you. Here are some tips to help you protect yourself:

· Review your monthly bank and credit card statements carefully for fraudulent activity and request a copy of your credit report every year and check it for errors. To get your free annual report, call 877-322-8228, or visit www.annualcreditreport.com.

· Don't give out your SSN or financial information over the telephone, in person or over the Internet unless you initiated the contact.

· Make sure your SSN is not on anything that doesn't require it, like your checks or drivers license.

· Try to add passwords to all your financial accounts, so that anyone who calls needs more than your name, address and SSN to impersonate you.

· If you use the Internet, delete without replying to any suspicious e-mail requests.

· Buy a paper shredder and shred all records, statements, mail solicitations or other papers you throw out that has your financial or personal information.

· Secure your mail. Empty your mailbox quickly, or get a locked mailbox or P.O. Box.

· Don't carry your Social Security card or any other card that has your ID number including your Medicare card. Instead, carry a photocopy of the front and back of the card and black out your SSN.

· Take your name off marketing lists. You can cut down the junk mail and e-mail you receive at www.dmaconsumers.org. To stop telemarketers, call the National Do Not Call Registry at 888-382-1222 or visit www.donotcall.gov. And, to opt out of future credit card solicitations visit www.optoutprescreen.com, or call the credit reporting industry 888-567-8688 (they will ask for your SSN).

· Freeze your credit files. In 17 states you can stop ID theft by putting a freeze on your credit files so no one can open new lines of credit in your name. For more information or to find out which states offer this service visit www.idtheftcenter.org/vg124.shtml.

· A credit monitoring service is another way to keep a close eye on your credit report. The three credit bureaus offer this service for around $10 to $15 per month.

Take Action

If you suspect you've become a victim of identity theft there are several steps you can take to help protect yourself, but act quickly.

· Contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax 800-525-6285, Experian 888-397-3742 or Trans Union 800-680-7289) and place a "fraud alert" on your credit file. The alert lasts 90 days. As soon as the credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the other two credit bureaus will be notified and you will be sent free copies of your credit report. (Note: you can extend the alert to seven years, but only if you've been a victim of identity theft and can provide a police report.)

· File a report with your local police department and get a copy of the report in case your insurance company, bank, credit card companies or others need proof of the crime. Also, file complaint with the Federal Trade Commission ID theft hotline at 877-438-4338.

· Close the accounts that you know, or believe have been, tampered with or opened fraudulently, and dispute any unauthorized charges.

Savvy Tips:

For more information on identity theft visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft. Military veterans, active-duty, National Guardsmen, Reserves and their family members that have questions about the recent data security breach should call the VA hotline at 800-333-4636 or visit www.firstgov.gov.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS-
Revised

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until **10:00 a.m. on 10 July 2006** at the Police Jury Temporary Offices, 10080 Gulf Hwy., Grand Lake Community, Lake Charles, LA 70607.

Project Number: 2006-06

Post-Rita Restoration of Cameron Parish Courthouse Basement and District Attorney's Office.

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

I. Building Construction

IV. Specialty.
Subclassification: Plumbing,
Subclassification: Electrical,
Subclassification: Mechanical;
Subclassification: Painting

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

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., Post Office Box 229, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643-0229, (337) 538-2574. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of $50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish Police Jury
/s/ Douaine Conner, President
Run: June 22, 29, July 6 (J 38)

Thanks for bringing new energy

You've weathered a historic storm
and yet your spirit and resiliency continue to shine bright.

We are proud to salute the many volunteers who worked tirelessly
to help restore the Hackberry Recreation Center and to make the
First Annual Hackberry Summer Splash a success.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Dwayne Sanner and Jerry Constance
The Hackberry Recreation Center staff
The employees of Aker Kvaerner/IHI
James Construction
Johnny and Gwen Poole, Targa Resources
Steve Racca and Coach Byron Gibbs
The Hackberry Recreation Center Board of Directors
Buddy Oakes and The Hackberry Duck-off
The Cameron Parish Policy Jury

Balloon Delights
Big Draws, Beth Hebert
Deep South Productions, Marvin Simon
Grand Rental Station, Dean Henagan
JohnAvantArtist.com
Louisiana Express
Monsour Photography, Victor Monsour
Occasions Catering, Roderick Stutes
Southern Engraving & Monograms
Tommy's Printing, Tommy Joyce

Thanks for making us part of your community.

Cameron LNG LLC
AN AFFILIATE OF SEMPRA LNG

Cameron LNG is a liquefied natural gas receipt terminal currently under construction in Hackberry, La.
For information about jobs available at the Cameron LNG facility, visit www.cameronlng.com.