

Pink dolphin swimming in Gulf of Mexico
Courtesy of Calcasieu Charter Services

Rare pink dolphin seen in ship channel at Cameron

This extremely rare and beautiful "pink dolphin" was spotted and photographed by Capt. Erik Rue of Calcasieu Charter Service on June 24, during a charter fishing trip on Calcasieu Lake south of Lake Charles.

It appears to be an uncanny freak of nature, an albino dolphin, with reddish eyes and glossy pink skin. It is small in comparison to the others it is traveling with and appears to be a youngster traveling with mama.

After spotting the beautiful mammal cruising with a pod of four other dolphins, Rue and his guests Randy

and Peyton Smith and Greg and Sam Elias of Monroe idled nearby while watching and photographing the unusual sight for more than an hour.

"Our expectations are high that we will see this amazing mammal again as it was in an area frequented by the gentle mammals and one confirmed report has it being spotted at least a month earlier in a nearby location," Capt. Rue said.

More photos of the pink dolphin can be viewed on the Calcasieu Charter Service website: www.calcasieucharacters.com.

'Pinkie'-- attraction for Trail?

By JERRY WISE

The recent discovery and photograph of a rare pink dolphin in the ship channel near the Cameron Ferry by Capt. Erik Rue of Calcasieu Charter Services could be a rare opportunity to get national attention for the Creole Nature Trail and All American Road that circles through the parish.

In 1984, a lone wild dolphin was seen escorting the fishing boats of the Dingle on the Dingle Peninsula, Ireland to and from port. "Fungie," as he was subsequently named, became a big tourist attraction and seemed to enjoy putting on a show for visitors.

Should Cameron's pink dolphin decide to stick around and show off for visitors, he, or she, could become one of the biggest attractions on the nature trail. We would have to come up with a catchy name for him or her. Maybe we could hold a contest to choose a name.

"Pinkie," (How's that for one suggestion?) could even become the mascot for the Creole Nature Trail. (Gumbaux Gator already has plenty on his plate serving the Lake Charles/Calcasieu area.)

Joy and I visited the Dingle Peninsula a few years ago and while we missed seeing Fungie in person, we did see a statue of him in the town. Here is what the Dingle website has to say about Fungie:

FUNGIE'S HISTORY

In 1984, Paddy Ferriter, the Dingle Harbour lighthouse keeper, first began watching a lone wild dolphin escort the town's fishing boats to and from port. By August of that year, local Ministry of Marine manager Kevin Flannery was able to officially record the dolphin as a "permanent" resident of the entrance channel and self-appointed "pilot" of the fleet.

Two years later the continuous investigations of a couple of cetacea enthusiasts, Sheila Stokes and Brian Holmes, brought them to Dingle Pier and into conversation with the seamen who were still being entertained by the dolphin.

Nine months of intensive aquatic contact later, the dolphin had decided to develop from a timid but inquisitive observer of the human visitors into a playful, though mischievous, companion. It

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Magnus "Sonny" McGee

McGee asks re-election to the Jury

Magnus "Sonny" McGee of Johnson Bayou has announced his candidacy for re-election for Police Juror District 1 in the October elections.

He is a lifelong resident of Johnson Bayou, a graduate of Johnson Bayou High School and has an associate of Science Degree in Management. He had been employed with Williams Co. for 28 years and is presently employed with Cheniere Energy.

He and his wife, Cindy Trahan McGee, have five children, Selina, Regina, Chris, Katrina, and Hunter and eight grandchildren.

He and his family are active members of Assumption Catholic Church. He is a member and former Grand Knight of F. J. Pavell Knights of Columbus Council 8323.

He currently serves as Vice-President of the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Tarpon Cuts is now open

Joni Rutherford has announced the opening of her shop, Tarpon Cuts, located just east of South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

She offers cuts, colors, perms, highlights and Matrix products.

The shop accepts walk-ins only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Ms. Rutherford has had more than three years of experience in her field.

On this day in 1804, Alexander Hamilton, 1st United States Secretary of the Treasury, died as a result of a wound suffered in a duel with Aaron Burr the previous day, July 11.



WORKMEN ARE shown installing a new elevator in the Cameron courthouse. The old elevator was badly damaged by Hurricane Rita 20 months ago. The elevator is primarily used by persons ascending to the courtroom on the courthouse's third floor. It is the only elevator in the parish. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Ronald Nunez

Nunez seeks Police Jury position

Ronald Gayle Nunez has announced that he is a candidate for Police Juror, District 6 of Cameron Parish.

Nunez is a lifelong resident of Cameron and the son of Burnell and Eddie (Te) Nunez who are natives of Cameron.

He has two children. His son, Ronald G. Nunez, Jr., is married and also resides in Cameron, along with his wife and children. His daughter, Lauren Elise, is married and resides in Ft. Irwin, Calif., with her husband and children.

Nunez is currently running his own business, The Pit Stop, and has been doing so for four and a half years.

King Fur nominations are sought

A Fur and Wildlife Festival Board meeting will be held on Sunday, July 22 at 3 p.m. at Lake Charles Central Library located on Ernest Street.

All persons interested in helping plan the 2008 festival are encouraged to attend. Officer elections will be conducted at the meeting.

The fur industry will be honored during the 2008 festival. Nominations for Fur King are currently being accepted.

Please mail you nominee from the fur industry to Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, P.O. Box 19, Cameron, LA 70631.



Dorothy Theriot

Mrs. Theriot re-election candidate

Dorothy Theriot of Grand Chenier has announced she will be a candidate for re-election to the Cameron Parish School board from District 4 in the fall election. Mrs. Theriot was first elected to the board in 2001.

She is married to Freddie Theriot and they have five daughters, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Theriot retired from the U. S. Postal Service where she had worked for more than thirty years. She was postmaster in Creole, Grand Chenier, and retired as postmaster in Cameron. She is a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church, altar society and choir.

Registering set for Oct. election

Cameron Parish residents who are not presently registered to vote and wish to vote in the Oct. 20 election should register by Sept. 19, according to Suzanne Sturlese, registrar of voters.

Oct. 20 is the "big" election with numerous state and parish elections on the ballot including the one for governor.

You can register by mail by requesting a form or go by the Registrar's office located behind the Cameron Courthouse in the first trailer to the right.

For more information call 775-5493 for more information.

Hebert tells improvements

Freddie Hebert, owner/operator of Hebert's Mini Warehouse, a 20 unit self-storage facility located at 7150 McCown Road, off of Manchester Rd. in Lake Charles, has announced plans to increase his facility with 40 more units. The facility currently has 20 units.

For more information, call 912-0408. Mr. Hebert is a former resident of Creole.

Bank honors Ms. Mhire

Capital One Financial Corporation has announced that Yvonne Mhire, Manager of the Cameron branch of Capital One Bank has received the company's National Volunteer of the Year Award for "her inspiring and selfless commitment to her community."

Mhire, who was also recognized as the regional Volunteer of the Year from the Lake Charles region, was one of seven regional winners from around the country.

She is a member of the Cameron Lions Club, serves on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, and volunteers with 4-H. She contributed 200 volunteer hours during 2006, regularly making the one-hour trip from her recently rebuilt home in Cameron to support Capital One sponsored activities in Lake Charles.

J. B. school repairs near completion

By CYNDI SELLERS

Repairs to Johnson Bayou School have been substantially completed, with final walk through to take place this month, the Cameron Parish School Board was told Monday evening at its regular monthly meeting. School Board Accountant Margaret Jones said repayment from FEMA is expected within 4-6 weeks.

Now that students will be in their building, the temporary classrooms are to be removed, along with the walkways and canopies. The classrooms and the wooden walkways were paid for by Cheniere LNG, but the School Board paid \$50,000 for the canopies. After asking for bids for moving the walkways and canopies to South Cameron School, the Board found that it would cost more than the material was worth to tear them down and reassemble

Bible School

The Hackberry First Baptist Church will hold a Vacation Bible School from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., July 16-20 at the church on Amoco Road.

Open to children ages 5 through the sixth grade, the event will include Bible stories, crafts, music, snacks, etc.

The Gloster Baptist Church will assist with the Bible School.

Board meeting

The Cameron Community Action Board of Directors will meet on Monday, July 30 at 12 noon at the Grand Lake Fireman Center. All members are urged to attend. The public is also welcome.

In recognition of Mhire's outstanding service, Capital One will make a donation to both the Cameron Lions Club and the South Cameron High School Library in her name.



Yvonne Mhire



BUDDY, a white cat with one green eye and one blue eye, is missing his sister Gizzy, who looks just like him. Both cats belong to young Paul Dyson of Cameron, who named them after his dogs, which he was not able to keep after Hurricane Rita. Gizzy has been missing for over two weeks, and little Paul, who is autistic, wants her back. If anyone has information about the whereabouts of Gizzy, they may call Darlene at 215-5849.

Funerals



CLYDE J. GUIDRY

Clyde J. Guidry, 94, died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, in a local hospital.

He was a native of Rayne and a lifelong resident of Hackberry. Clyde enjoyed listening to French music. He was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry.

Survivors include one son, Carroll J. Guidry and wife, Ellen of Toledo Bend; three daughters, Mary Lou Little and husband, Clifford of Hackberry, Twiley Ann Broussard and husband, Bubbie of Hackberry, and Betty Jo Lejeune and husband, James of Lake Charles; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leora Guidry; one brother; and three sisters.

His funeral was held Wednesday, July 11, in Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. The Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in St. Peter the Apostle Cemetery in Hackberry.



THOMAS HUBERT HASHA

Thomas "Tommy" Hasha, 76, of Hackberry died Saturday, July 7, 2007 in his residence.

Mr. Hasha was born and raised in Lake Charles and had lived most of his life in Lake Charles before settling in Hackberry. He served the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked as a Millwright for the Local Union #1476 for nearly 35 years before retiring. He was a member of the Carpenters & Joiners Local #953, the VFW and the American Legion. Mr. Hasha loved to cook and entertain family and friends. He also enjoyed fishing in his catfish pond. He was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

He leaves to honor his memory, his companion of 34 years, Amy L. Romero of Hackberry; four sons, Daniel Gary Hasha of Sulphur; Dane Gregory Hasha and Donald Glenn Hasha, both of Lake Charles and Thomas John Hasha and wife Sheila

of Lafayette; two daughters, Deanna Gay Myers and husband Dwight of Conroe, Tex. and Donna Gail Buffa and husband Jerry of Detroit, Mich.; one sister, Juanita Bishop and husband Jack of Jacksonville, Fla.; lifelong friend and mother of his children, Dorothy Broussard Hasha of Lake Charles; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one stepson, Aaron Romero of Baytown, Tex.; three stepdaughters, Sylvia Lovelace of Lake Charles, Linda Ann Lisotta of Vinton and Diana Leger of Lake Charles; eleven step-grandchildren and twenty-one step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 11, in St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry. Father Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in New Hackberry Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net

(Paid Memorial)



DR. JOSEPH KAOUGH

Graveside services for Dr. Joseph B. Kaough III, 72, of Hackberry, were held Saturday, July 7, at Mimosa Pines Cemetery in Carlyss. Dr. Marvin Douglas and Rev. Jason Dunham officiated.

Dr. Kaough died Friday, July 6, 2007, in a Sulphur hospital. He was born in Houston, Tex., and was a resident of Hackberry. He was a United States Army veteran.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Eljay Foundation for Parkinson Awareness Inc., 715 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, La. 70601.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Lee Kaough.

Survivors include his wife, Francis Phillips Kaough, of Hackberry; one son, Kenneth James Kaough and wife Jenny of Houston, Tex.; one brother, Dr. Richard Kaough of Redmond, Ore.; one sister, Patricia Maddox of Conroe, Tex.; and two granddaughters.



LESTER "BUSTER" REEVES

Lester "Buster" Walker Reeves, 61, of Nashville, Ark., died Friday, July 6, 2007, in a local hospital.

Mr. Reeves was a member of St. Martins Catholic Church in Nashville. He was a Navy veteran and a graduate of the University of Southwest Louisiana. Several years ago Mr. Reeves and his wife moved to Nashville from Hackberry and was the past owner/operator of Reeves Farms in Nashville.

He was a Rodeo Announcer in Louisiana. He was a member of the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association and was retired from Mobil Oil Corporation.

Preceding him in death were his father, Elray Reeves; one brother, Leonard "Boomer" Reeves; and one sister, Madeline "Puddy" Solina.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Burpee Reeves of Nashville; his mother, Alice Reeves of Hackberry; one daughter, Janice and husband Mark Trout of Nashville; one son, Sam and wife Anne Reeves of Carlyss;

two brothers, Gilbert Reeves of Hackberry, and David Reeves of Lafayette; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, July 8, at Nashville Funeral Home with James Spradlin and Danny Daniels officiating.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, July 10, at St. Peters Catholic Church in Hackberry. Burial followed in St. Peters Cemetery.



RICKY LEE TAYLOR

Ricky Lee Taylor, 51, of Grand Lake, died Monday, July 9, 2007, in a Lake Charles hospital.

Mr. Taylor was born in Lake Charles and lived all of his life in Grand Lake. He was an employee for PPG Industries for 18 years, where he worked as a lead operator. He was a member at Christ The King Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda Prejean Taylor of Grand Lake; son, Rusty Taylor of Lake Charles; daughter, Sara Taylor; his parents, Mervyn and Lerdie Taylor; brother, Terry Taylor; and sister, Sherry Lavergne, all of Grand Lake.

His funeral will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, July 12, at Christ The King Catholic Church under direction of Johnson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Memory Gardens in Lake Charles. Visitation will continue in the funeral home on Thursday from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

in death by her parents, Severin and Lidian B. Miller; son, Francis Melvin Theriot; granddaughter, Jennifer Lurlie Richard and numerous brothers and sisters, including Laura Nunez and Clayton Theriot.

Mrs. Theriot was born in Grand Chenier, where she lived all of her life. She was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church. There she served as a Eucharistic Minister, a leader of the Holy Rosary, a member of the Catholic Daughters, the Ladies Altar Society. She was selected as an Alligator Festival Queen.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier Friday, July 6. Burial was in the St. Eugene Catholic Cemetery.

LOLA MAE DOMINGUE

Lola Mae Domingue, 92, of Cameron, died Monday, July 9, 2007, in a Jennings hospital.

She was born in Johnson Bayou to Charles Trahan and Susan LeBouef Trahan. She worked as a nurse's aide at South Cameron Hospital for 32 years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughters.

She is survived by one daughter, Elora Styron of Cameron, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Enos "Chick" Domingue; son-in-law, Wallace Styron Sr.; two brothers, Murl Trahan and Henry "Bud" Trahan; and two sisters, Ruby Vincent and Thelma Reed.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 12, in Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. The Rev. Joseph McGrath will officiate. Interment will be in Highland Memory Gardens under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles.

FAYE RAY

Faye Ray, 73, of Evans, died Friday, June 29, 2007, in



MACILDA CECILIA THERIOT

Macilda Cecilia Theriot, 91, died Wednesday, July 4, 2007 at Christus St. Patrick's Hospital.

Mrs. Theriot is survived by her husband, Charles; two daughters, Mae Ann and husband Carl "Mickey" Hebert and Lidian Faye and husband Lester "Ferpo" Richard, all of Grand Chenier; daughter-in-law, Allie Mae Theriot of Grand Chenier; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Theriot was preceded

Sulphur. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 1, at Hearts United Church in Evans with Rev. George Jeane and Rev. Kevin Coward officiating. Burial was in Evans Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Laney Smith of Evans; three daughters, Brenda Primeaux and husband Earl of DeRidder, Diane Lott of Eunice, Velma Tuck and husband Jim of Leesville; two brothers, Rev. Roger Jeane of Evans and Rev. Loyd Jeane of Evans; one sister, Frances Egan of Evans; 16 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

DUDLEY JOSEPH SWIRE

The funeral for Dudley Joseph Swire, 77, was held Thursday, July 5, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, with the Rev. Clyde Thomas officiating. Burial was in Andrus Cove Cemetery.

Mr. Swire died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at his residence in Lake Arthur.

He was a lifelong resident of Grand Chenier and a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church. He retired as a heavy-equipment operator for the Cameron Parish Police Jury. He trapped for over 50 years on the Miami Corp. land. Mr. Dudley was the last maker of cane syrup, Uncle Dad's syrup, in Cameron Parish.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda Vincent Swire of Lake Arthur, formerly of Grand Chenier; two daughters, Marlene Swire of Grand Chenier and Nancy Hunter and husband Jeff of Phenix City, Ala.; five sons, Roy Keith and wife Andrea, Rudolph and wife Charlene, Asa and wife Shelly, Anthony and wife Judy, and Oliver Swire, all of Grand Chenier; one sister, Ida Boudreaux of Lake Charles, formerly of Creole; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Swire was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Clarissa Miller Swire, and 11 siblings.

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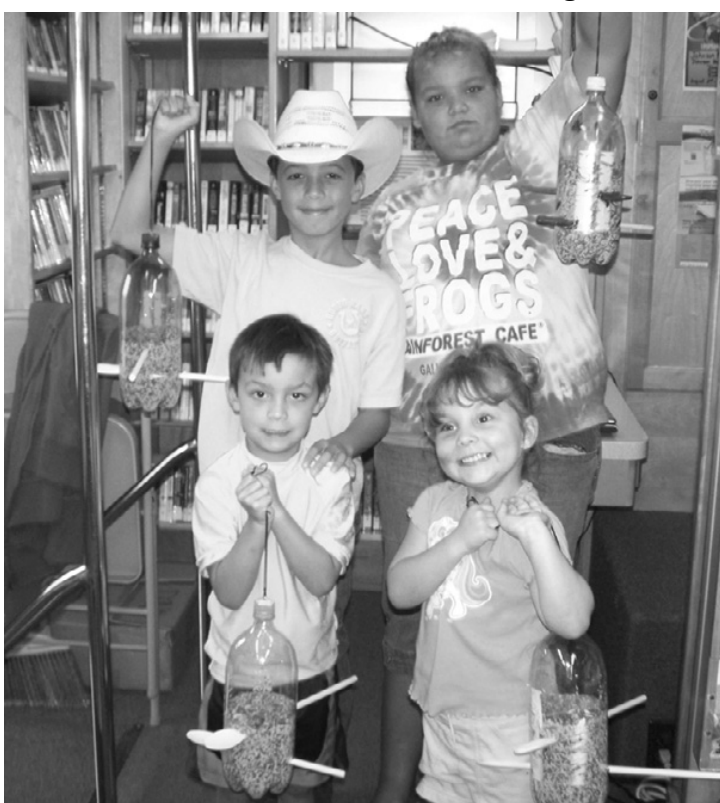
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BAILEY AND BRITNEY Bourriague are shown displaying the Chinese Clothespin Dolls they made on Craft Day at Johnson Bayou Library. Due to bad weather on Friday, Craft Day was incorporated with Travel to China Day, which included games, activities, books and food related to China. Johnson Bayou Library will travel to a different country every Friday during the month of July.



DEREK STORM, Bailey Bourriague, Joe Storm, and Michelle Gulino are shown with their bird feeders they made on Craft Day, July 3, at Johnson Bayou Library. The Johnson Bayou Library will host a Children's Craft Day every Tuesday during the month of July.

(Photo by Julie Carlson)



MELISSA-ANNE Crittenden and Joshua Cain Walker of Cameron announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Sharon Shipp and Charles Crittenden of California. The groom-elect is the son of Janet and Charlie Walker of Cameron. The wedding is set for Saturday, July 28 at the VFW Hall Post #993, Hwy. 171, Moss Bluff at 4:30 p.m. A reception will follow. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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also soon became apparent that having become accustomed to them, all humans, particularly females, would be welcome.

Now each and every person receives the same special preferential treatment, be they swimmers, divers, canoeists, windsurfers, or children paddling from the small adjacent beach.

The working vessels that regularly cross the dolphin's chosen territory, however, remain his main priority, and it is a rare and special privilege when he remains with a vessel during their seaward or homeward passages.

On occasion he has been seen to clear the water to the height of a vessel's bridge, but usually he seems to "roll" ahead in the bow wave, appearing so quickly as to give the impression that there must be more than one.

The Dingle Dolphin-or Fungie, the name given to him by the fishermen-is a

J. B. Library
events told

The Johnson Bayou Library has announced a schedule of events as follows:

Tuesday, July 17: 10 a.m., Children's Crafts.

Wednesday, July 18: 10:30 a.m., Story time and book signing with Tommie Townsley.

Thursday, July 19: 10 a.m., Pokeno.

Friday, July 20: 10:30 a.m. Travel to Italy-Stories, Games, Crafts, and Food.

For more information call 569-2892.

fully grown, possibly middle aged, male bottlenose, Tursiops Truncatus. He weighs in at around 500 lbs. and measures in the region of 13 feet. Although it is by no means unique to find these usually social, open creatures living alone in a "restricted" zone and befriending humans, it is still a relatively rare world event, and Fungie is Ireland's first recorded occurrence.

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allow displaced students to attend school out of their parish of residence, but some Calcasieu parents used the opportunity to enroll their children at Grand Lake rather than at their assigned schools in Calcasieu.

Rodrigue said that these students cannot be sent back to Calcasieu since they were legally enrolled, but there will be no more such enrollments. She will check with the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to see if they must be allowed to remain in Cameron Parish Schools until graduation.

She said no transportation is provided for these out of parish students, although some of the parents did not understand this when they enrolled their children. Cameron Parish does provide buses to transport approximately 50 children from the Klondike and Lowry communities to Jefferson Davis Parish schools each year. Cameron Parish pays a per capita fee, amounting to around \$120,000 per year, to Jeff Davis for educating these students.

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND FEMA

The Board heard from Kisha Kilmer, FEMA coordinator for the Louisiana Public Assistance program, that plans for a two story building at South Cameron may have to be changed in order to capture the most federal dollars for rebuilding. Kilmer, who directed the Emergency Operations Center in Cameron after the storm, now works for the state, helping local governments negotiate the maze of federal regulations associated with recovery.

The Board learned that FEMA lawyers want changes to the architect's contracts for the school and the central office before design work can begin. Kilmer is working with FEMA to determine whether a two story building will be within the scope of a replacement or whether it must be considered an "improved" project, which caps the repayment at FEMA's estimate. The proposal to raise the school to 19' above sea level also exceeds guidelines. The rules are complicated, but Kilmer said she will work with the Board and the architects to get the most federal money possible.

At the August meeting, the Board will decide what kind of facility to build to replace Grand Chenier Elementary

and Audrey Memorial School, which were being used as warehouse and bus maintenance facilities. The current proposal is to combine both functions at the Audrey Memorial site.

OTHER BUSINESS

Changes to the Student Code of Conduct were approved providing for corporal punishment for grades Pre-K-3 only, and only as a last resort. Another change clarified the rule against earrings/piercings for boys and girls. The only items allowed are earrings for girls.

Bids for a concrete sidewalk, canopy, and curb repair at Grand Lake School were received, with the contract awarded to Michael J. Leblanc Construction for \$48,369. Bids for new athletic lockers for SCS were rejected as too high, and will be re-advertised for a less expensive product.



Beef cattle short course to be held Aug. 5 - 8

The 2007 Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M will be held Aug. 5-8. This three day seminar represents the culmination of knowledge of industry leaders and experts.

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ing the producers.

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4TH ANNUAL CAMERON SALTWATER FISHING FESTIVAL
Grand Chenier Park
Grand Chenier, LA
August 3 & 4, 2007



Along with all of the inshore activities we will again be having our Saltwater Fishing Tournament, with two fishing (2) divisions for the adults to compete in...

- Offshore Division • Bay and Surf Division And A
- Junior Division (For those anglers 15 years or younger)

This year as an added attraction, the Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be sponsoring the 1ST ANNUAL CAMERON SALTWATER FISHING FESTIVAL REDFISH CHALLENGE.

The Redfish Challenge has a team tournament format where teams will be fishing for two (2) Redfish per day, between the slot size limit of 20 inches to 27 inches, over the two (2) days of the Festival. Contestants must use all means to weigh fish in alive, dead fish will be weighed but a 1/2 pound penalty per dead fish weighed in will be subtracted from the days total weight. This is a two day event with the top three (3) teams with the largest 2 day total weight winning prize money.

— SPECIAL NOTICE —
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Anglers who enter our fishing events prior to and on Captain's Night will be treated to a fish dinner, refreshments and will be eligible for the many door prizes given away at this function.

CAMERON SALTWATER FISHING FESTIVAL TICKETS and CAMERON SALTWATER REDFISH CHALLENGE ENTRY FORMS, ALONG WITH OFFICIALS RULES may be acquired at these fine merchants:

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- JOHNSON BAYOU: Bayou Convenience
- LAKE CHARLES: Gulf Coast Tackle & Lake Charles Tackle
- SWEETLAKE: Chesson's Grocery



CATHY CAGLE POST, right, is pictured with Senator Willie Mount who asked her to speak to the Louisiana Senate and House recently concerning her new book, "Hurricane Audrey."

be allowed to address the Senate--much less both chambers."

The people of Cameron ask for so little, and yet they deserve so much. My only question now is, "When is Senator Mount going to run for governor?" I have never witnessed such effective, yet delicately forceful persuasion in getting word out regarding Cameron Parish. I'm a long-time Republican, but this Democrat gets my vote.

The book continues to top the best-sellers on Amazon.com (in its category) for the 11th straight week.

/s/ Cathy Cagle Post

Courthouse architect praised

Dear Editor:

While my wife was enjoying a respite at Holly Beach and Cameron last week, she bought a copy of the June 7 Pilot in which the feature article involved construction of your courthouse. As Herman J. Duncan, my uncle, was the architect for the Cameron Parish Courthouse, I enjoyed reading that bit of history.

One of the first architects in the state of Louisiana, his registry is #3 dated 1912, he was strong willed and arrow straight. It was said that he never stooped to pay off any "nair do well." When truckers wanted extra money to haul supplies to the Cameron courthouse job site because they had to pay off two ferries, he quietly and quickly arranged to have the supplies barged in from Lake Charles.

He received many a joshing for designing 12 inch concrete walls from contractors and fellow architects, a criticism the Louisiana and the American Architect Associations withdrew after the 1957 Audrey storm.

Anyway, here are a few pages from his notes put into book form in 2003. You are in the center of history and culture. Treat it well.

Sincerely,

/s/ Windsor P. Thomas, Jr.
Pineville

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Mr. Thomas enclosed with his letter a copy of a Shreveport Times editorial published in August, 1957, just weeks after Hurricane Audrey in which the paper praised Mr. Duncan for his foresight in designing a building that would be safe in a hurricane--which it proved to be both in Rita. The editorial read in part:)

While the memory of Hurricane Audrey is still fresh in mind, it seems well to retell in editorial form the story of a Louisiana architect, the late Herman J. Duncan of Alexandria, who designed the Cameron Parish courthouse which withstood the twisting furies of the hurricane and provided a safe haven for hundreds in the great catastrophe.

The courthouse was completed in 1938. In 1939, in a booklet dealing with construction, Mr. Duncan wrote that the site of the courthouse "faces the sea and is subject to winds of hurricane fury, and to tidal waves of great destructive possibilities since the land lies low and rises very gradually from the beach."

Continuing, Mr. Duncan wrote that "a definite consideration in designing the building was its possible use as a storm refuge; this requires a building of strong, durable construction." Walls of the courthouse are 12 inches thick. They are buttressed by battered pylons and braced by concrete floor and roof.

"Aside from adding strength to the walls," Mr. Duncan wrote in 1939, "The battered pylons give an architectural appearance of mass and strength that are most reassuring in a community that has no other permanent building of any kind."

Unfortunately, Mr. Duncan died six months

Marshland Festival schedule

The Marshland Festival, a philanthropic event reaching out to support various youth, church and school activities, is a celebration of life, music, culture, family, friends and good times in Southwest Louisiana. Founded in 1989 by the community of Hackberry, the 18th annual Marshland Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, July 27-28, at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

The festival was created to raise money for the non-profit organizations of Hackberry. The primary focus for funding is the children of Hackberry. With the funds raised by the festival, the youth of Hackberry are able to participate in sporting events and youth organizations at local, state and national levels.

The festival includes a business expo, games, novelty and sales booths, arts and crafts, food and beverage booths, Kids' World and live entertainment.

Festival gates will open at 5 p.m. on Friday and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$8 for adults on Friday and \$10 on Saturday. Admission is \$1 for children age 7-14, and those six and under are admitted free.

For more information, visit the festival website, www.marshlandfestival.com or www.visitlakecharles.org.

Where to find old Pilots

The old files of the Cameron Pilot, which was 50 years old last October, are an important source for persons doing research on family and parish history.

A recent request from a California resident to the Cameron Parish Library bore evidence to this.

The person was trying to find information on a Cameron teenager who was killed in a wreck in August, 1975--33 years ago.

The Library's microfilm of the Pilot's issues since June, 1957 were destroyed by Hurricane Rita, but bound copies of the Pilot for the past 50 years were still on file in the newspaper's office and we were able to make a copy of the wreck story for the inquirer.

All of the Pilot's issues are on microfilm at the LSU Library and Cameron Library Director Charlotte Trosclair said she will obtain copies as soon as she is able to obtain microfilm readers and find room for them.

In addition, the old Pilot files are also on microfilm at the McNeese Library, with the exception of recent years.

All of the Pilot's issues for the past six months can be found on the internet at this address:

<http://www.dequincynews.com/pilot/>

before Hurricane Audrey struck. Had he lived, he would have known that the peril which he visioned in 1938 was not imaginary and, more important, that his design to meet the peril was drawn in the best traditions of fine architecture.

Not only does the building stand today. During hours of terror its "architectural appearance of mass and strength" were, to put it mildly, "most reassuring" to the Cameron community when the rest of it was wrecked by Audrey's onslaught.



4th annual Fishing Fest to be Aug. 3-4

The 4th annual Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be held Aug. 3 and 4, 2007, out of the Grand Chenier Park.

The Saltwater Fishing Tournament, will have two fishing divisions for the adults to compete in the Offshore Division and Bay and Surf Division. There is also a Junior Division, for anglers 15 years and younger.

This year as an added attraction the Festival will sponsor the 1st Annual Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival Redfish Challenge. The Challenge has a Team Tournament format where teams will be fishing for two redfish per day over the two days of the Festival between the slot size limit of 20 inches to 27 inches.

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The Festival will have a

Road Home will not affect benefit eligibility

The Road Home program benefits will not affect eligibility status for Social Security, Medicaid or Medicare benefits, program officials confirmed today.

Agencies and non-profit organizations providing services to individuals and families who are Medicaid, Medicare or SSI recipients and also own homes that were damaged in Hurricane Katrina or Rita are urged to inform recipients that the award from The Road Home program will not impact their benefits.

"Many homeowners who may be eligible for The Road Home have not applied for fear of losing some or all of

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their benefits, and that clearly is not the case," said Michael Taylor, director of the Disaster Recovery Unit, Office of Community Development. "They may be losing out on an opportunity to possibly be compensated for damages to their home suffered as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita," he said.

Those who are eligible for the program must apply by July 31, 2007.

To start your application to The Road Home program, visit www.road2LA.org or call 1 . 8 8 8 . R O A D . 2 . L A (1.888.762.3252). TTY callers use 711 relay or 1.800.846.5277.

Letters to the Editor

Post book well received

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, June 26, I was invited by Senator Willie Mount to speak before both the Louisiana Senate and the House at the state capitol in Baton Rouge. At the opening gavel of the Senate, Senator Mount opened the session with the prayer, then invoked the 'rare privilege' to introduce the author of *Hurricane Audrey*, a book she had highly recommended as a part of Louisiana history. Senator Mount tied the introduction of the book into the Senate record by pointing out that June 27 marks the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Audrey.

She then introduced me

and asked me to speak before the standing-room-only crowd. I thanked the senators for all they had done in the hurricane stricken areas along the Louisiana coast, and encouraged their continued, specific focus on the devastation in Cameron Parish.

I followed Mount into the House side of the legislature. State Representative Dan "Blade" Morrish paused the proceedings for a word about the book. Rep. Morrish called attention to the devastation in Cameron Parish. Again, I was asked to say a few words.

I was truly impressed with the reception the book received in both the Senate and the House.

I was later told by a congressional staffer that "this is virtually unheard of--that an outsider, someone who was not an elected official, would

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4th Annual Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival
Grand Chenier Park
FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2007

12:01 AM - FISHING RODEO BEGINS
6:00 AM - REDFISH CHALLENGE BEGINS
12:00 NOON - WEIGH STATION OPENS
3:00 PM - FESTIVAL GATES OPEN
1ST DAY OF REDFISH CHALLENGE CLOSES
6:00 PM - WEIGH STATION CLOSES
7:30 PM - STEEL SHOT BAND PERFORMS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2007

12:00 MIDNIGHT - SALTWATER FISHING RODEO CONTINUES
6:00 AM - FINAL DAY OF THE REDFISH CHALLENGE BEGINS
9:00 AM - FESTIVAL GATES OPEN
10:00 AM - FESTIVAL QUEEN PAGEANT BEGINS
10:00 AM - FOOD BOOTHS OPEN
11:00 AM - WEIGH STATION OPENS
12:00 NOON - TEARDROPS BAND PERFORMS
3:00 PM - FINAL DAY OF REDFISH CHALLENGE CEASES
3:30 PM - GUY THERIOT BAND PERFORMS
5:00 PM - WEIGH STATION CLOSES
6:30 PM - RECOGNIZE CORPORATE SPONSORS
FESTIVAL QUEENS PRESENTED
PRESENTATION OF FISHING AWARDS
7:30 PM - KALEB TRAHAN & FRIENDS BAND PERFORMS
9:00 PM - FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON THE RIVER
10:00 PM - KALEB TRAHAN & FRIENDS BAND PERFORMS

— REGISTRATION —
DEADLINE FOR
OCTOBER 20, 2007 ELECTION

In order to vote in the October 20, 2007 election you must be registered by September 19, 2007.

You can **Register** by mail (by requesting a form) or you can come to our office located in Cameron behind the courthouse 1st trailer to the right. Our phone number is (337) 775-5493.

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School Board deals with construction challenges

By **STEPHANIE RODRIGUE**
Cameron Parish School Superintendent

Kisha Kilmer, Group Leader for Special Projects for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Billy Crabb, Cameron Parish Liaison to Louisiana Public Assistance, addressed the Cameron Parish School Board on Monday, July 9, concerning construction challenges in the design of both the Cameron Parish School Board Office and South Cameron High School.

Issues with both new structures include replacing the formerly one and one-half story central office structure on Dewey Street with a two-story structure on Marshall Street and three formerly single story schools with a one and one-half story school in Creole.

Additional areas of discussion include the heights of both new construction projects. Any increase in height beyond that of the Above Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) are not covered with FEMA funding without extensive research that proves highest water levels and/or levels of highest wave action.

While the Cameron Parish School Board can elect to authorize the higher than regulation elevation and fund the increased elevation with local or other available funds, they must take into consideration vulnerability to wind issues at the higher elevation, increased insurance premiums due to higher wind vulnerability, and possibility of structural damage if a bus or other large vehicle were to hit a piling.

Because of the fact that both construction projects involve a change of address, as well as changes in number of stories and square footages, requests for Improved Projects must be filed with hopes that the requests will be rejected.

Improved Projects cap the obligations at estimated costs rather than actual costs which could be financially disadvantageous to the School Board. FEMA field personnel are currently working toward proving the cost-effectiveness of the additional stories at

both projects.

If the projects result in Improved Project classifications, hazard mitigation funding would not be available. The projects will only be eligible for new codes and standard requirements and raising previously on-ground buildings to the Above Base Flood Elevation in the area of mitigation.

Kilmer commended the Cameron Parish School Board for moving cautiously in these two projects so as not to face the problems that other hurricane-impacted school districts have faced with large projects. Many projects across the state received funding that later had to be paid back to FEMA for not following all the policies of the Stafford Act which funds FEMA.

FEMA personnel are scheduled to meet with Architect Steve Shows of Sulphur who is heading the South Cameron High School project and Architect Gayle Zembower of Lake Charles who is heading the central office project on July 19, 2007.

In addition to square footage, foot print and elevation issues, it is hoped that architect contract issues might also be resolved by that meeting. The contract issues involve verbiage to hold the architects accountable for FEMA construction policies that will assure full FEMA funding and very limited change orders.

The School Board has paid serious attention to being fiscally responsible in these construction projects to assure that general fund monies remain available for student needs at all four school sites, as well as to continue to move toward raises for all employees with local funds.

The next Cameron Parish School Board construction projects will include replacement of the warehouse, formerly housed at Grand Chenier Elementary School and the bus fleet maintenance facility, formerly housed at Audrey Memorial School.

As Kilmer indicated, these total construction projects are actually designing the template for public buildings in Louisiana, since these are of the very few not involving modular or pre-fabricated buildings within the projects.

Cameron Outdoors

By **LOSTON MCEVERS**



The Lemesche Bass Club will hold their seventh club tournament of the year this Saturday, July 14, fishing out of the old Amoco Field. Launching will be at the Superior Landing (Miami Corporation Launch), according to Carl Broussard, president of the club.

CAMERON FESTIVAL

The Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be held at the Grand Chenier Park, Aug. 3 and 4. Anglers may begin fishing at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, as long as the area is open for fishing. The competition will cease at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, and scales will be closed.

Captain's Night will be at the Grand Chenier Park Pavilion on Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at a reduced price of \$25 at that time. Anglers who purchase fishing festival tickets will be treated to a fish dinner. Refreshments will be available and door prizes will be given out.

Regular price tickets are \$30, but anglers must choose to fish either the offshore division or the bay and surf division.

Junior division anglers must be 15 years of age or younger, entry fee is \$15, but they may enter both divisions by purchasing an additional \$30 ticket. Only juniors can fish both divisions. Adult

anglers have to check the box for the division they want to fish. All entrants have to present their entry stub before weighing in fish.

There will be no alcohol or alcoholic beverages consumed by entrants while fishing during official Festival competition hours or until the fish have been weighed in. Boats competing must stay 50 feet from each other, unless permission is granted. All state and federal fishing laws and size limits must be obeyed.

Weigh in is 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Be in line before the scales close to be able to weigh-in your fish.

Plaques will be awarded for first, second and third place largest fish in each category. Anglers can weigh in more than one fish in each category in the division that they entered and can win more than one award.

There will be outstanding angler male and female trophies for offshore and the bay and surf divisions, and also a junior outstanding angler in their division.

Fish may be taken with either artificial, live or dead baits, not by nets, seines or other non-sporting methods.

All entrants who purchased rodeo tickets are eligible for door prizes drawn after weigh-in.

I'll have the big fish money bingo and the redfish chal-

Short course New books to be held at Library

The 2007 Beef Cattle Nutrition Short Course will be hosted over interactive video at sites throughout Louisiana from 6-8 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. each evening. Check the schedule for details and times.

The topics include assessing cattle nutrition needs and feed sources, reducing stored feed needs, weaned calf development and economics, commodity feeds in detail, and applied nutrition tools.

For further information and forms contact the LSU AgCenter, Cameron Parish Office, Gary Wicke at 905-1318.

The following memorial books have been donated to the Cameron Parish Library. Honorees, donors and titles are listed in that order:

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Robert "Bob" LeBert, Charlotte Trosclair Family, Breaking 100, 90, 80;

Emma L. Theriot, Ty and Lucas Trosclair, Kallan and Ali Conner, Eagle Brand Simple 1, 2, 3;

Thomas Randle, Charlotte Trosclair and Family, Eyewitness Books: Shark and Eyewitness Books: Plant;

Lucille M. Landry, Gail Mudd, 21 Terrific Patchwork Bags, Easy Beaded Jewelry, and Sulky Secrets to Successful Stabilizing;

Emma "Tou" Theriot, Dave and Debbie Savoie and family, Thai Cooking and More;

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| (1) 12 oz. Philly Steak Portions | (1) 7.5 oz. Mac & Cheese |
| (1) 2 lb. Popcorn Chicken | (1) 16 oz. Frozen Baby Carrots |
| (1) 16 oz. Smoked Sausage | (1) 16 oz. California Blend Veggies |
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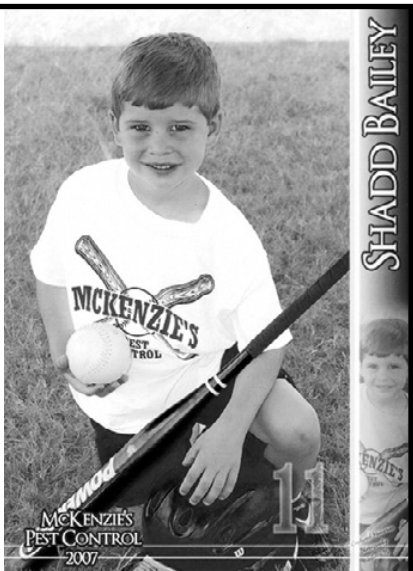
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MEMBERS OF THE Hackberry Gladiators 9 & 10 year old baseball team are shown above: (back row, from left) Coach Drost, Braxton Jinks, Aric Carroll, Blake Drost, Head Coach Pago, Quinton LaSage, Blake Perkins, Tyler Hatten, Coach Carroll; (front row) Matthew Lancto, Austin Bazinet, Kory Kyle, Tim Savage, Caleb Dowling, and Hayden Pago.



— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is considering the following ordinance for possible adoption:

**PUBLIC HEALTH - SANITARY CODE
SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

Responsible Parties:

A person who owns, operates, manages, or otherwise controls any premises shall provide for sewage disposal in a manner which is in compliance with this Code.

Discharges:

A person shall not directly or indirectly discharge, or allow to be discharged, the contents or effluent from any plumbing fixtures, vault, privy, portable toilet, or septic tank, into any road, street, gutter, ditch, water course, body of water, or onto the surface of the ground.

Land Application:

No sewage sludge or sewage treatment effluent shall be applied to land for treatment, disposal, irrigation or other purposes without a permit from the state health officer.

Violations; penalties:

Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be liable in damages to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as well as for any personal injury or property damage, including environmental damage that results from such violation.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article, or any permit issued hereunder shall, in addition to any other penalty or remedy provided hereunder or by any law, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or thirty (30) days in the parish jail or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

RUN: July 5, 12, 19, 26 (JY 5)

**Boating class
to be held**

Lake Charles Power Squadron will hold a one day Safe Boating Class on Saturday, July 21, at their clubhouse located just past the I-210 boat launch past Laffleur Park.

The class is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Boaters with insurance may get a discount by completing this approved class. Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988, must take the class before operating a boat over 10 hp.

This class will cover all aspects of safe boating along with information on the hazards of our local waterway. A lite lunch will be provided or you can bring a sack lunch.

The class is free and all ages are invited to attend. For more information on the Power Squadron Safe boating classes call Ship to Shore at 474-0730.

**Donations
to fund trip**

Cameron Communications Public Relations Coordinator Trina Johnson presented a check to Allyson Bourriaque for the Cajun Heat girl's softball and Debbie Savoie for the Stars and Stripes girl's coach pitch teams.

The donation will be used to fund their teams' trip to Panama City for a tournament which be held from July 8-15.

**Dedication of
complex set**

The dedication of the South Cameron baseball complex, located on the site of the former South Cameron Elementary School, and Fun Day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18. More information will be made available at a later date through Cameron Communications.

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

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

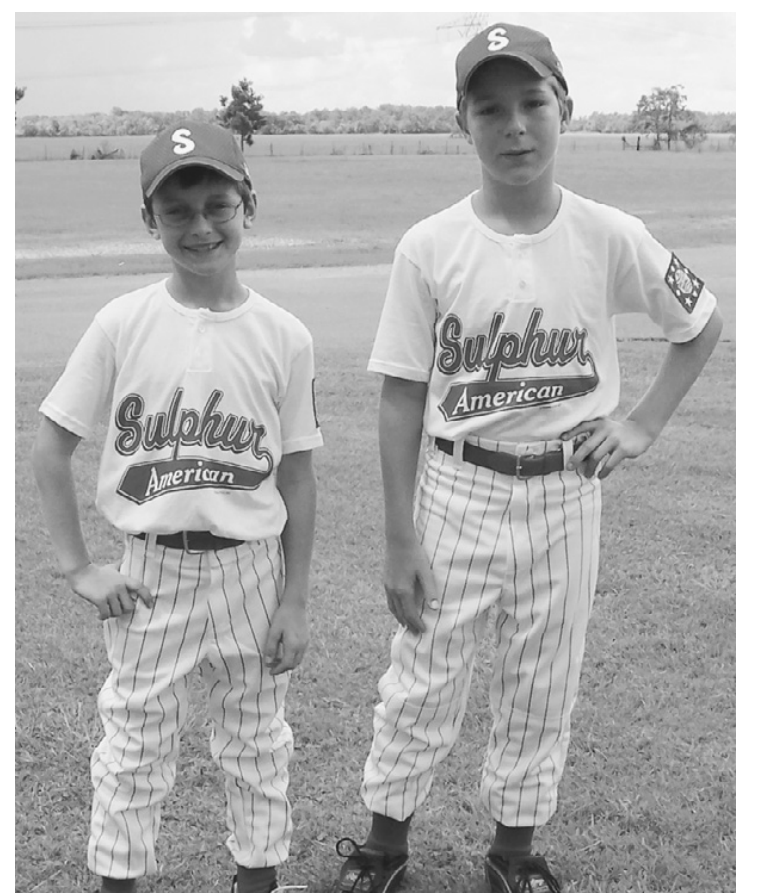
•PRICE REDUCED: Grand Lake--14 acre tract at end of Micheal Lane off Cal-Cam Line for \$199,900. South boundary has 640' m/l on Chesson Rd for 2nd access. Lots C, D, E, and F can be sold separately for \$15,000. ea. Lot G cannot be landlocked and must go with lots on either Michael or Chesson. Call ERA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

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PRAYER

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your powers Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times) Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (three times) Holy Spirit, who solve all problems, light all the roads so that I may attain my goal. You who must give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things, and to confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted this prayer must be published after the favor is granted. JT



KORY KYLE and Braxton Jinks, formerly of the Hackberry Gladiator 9 and 10 year old baseball team, made the Sulphur American All-Star team. They competed in the Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament in DeQuincy last week. Kory Kyle played shortstop while Braxton Jinks played first base and pitcher.

**Cameron
Parish
Residents**

July 15th, 2007

**Grand Lake
Multipurpose
Building
at 12 Noon**

July 17th, 2007

**Cameron EOC
Building at 6 p.m.**

July 18th, 2007

**Hackberry
Multipurpose
Building at 6 p.m.**

**Refreshments and
Community
presentations on
Mental Health
Services available
and funded by a
Federal Grant**

Join us for refreshments and a presentation on Mental Health Services available in your community. If you live in Cameron Parish or if you were displaced from your home by Hurricane Rita, you qualify for grant services. On-site Mental Health Professionals will be available to answer your questions.



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**Cameron Saltwater Fishing
Festival Pageant**

Saturday, August 4, 2007

Grand Chenier State Park, Grand Chenier, La.

\$2.00 Per Person to Get In Gate - 10 & Under Get In Free

Deadline for entry form is Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

DRESS CODE: Casual Dress

(Capri, Shorts, Skirt, Sun Dress, Etc.) - Straight Modeling

NO BEADING, SEQUINS OR RHINESTONES ALLOWED!!

Hair and makeup should be age and outfit appropriate.

Competition Starts Promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please be there at 9:30 to register. **PLEASE COME DRESSED.** There will be no dressing facility. The pageant will be held under a covered pavilion.

— AGE GROUPS —

0-11 Month Girls.....Baby Miss

12-23 Month Girls.....Tiny Miss

2-3 Year Girls.....Toddler Miss

Crowning of the Above Age Groups

4-6 Year Girls.....Little Miss

7-9 Year Girls.....Petite Miss

10-12 Year Girls.....Deb Miss

13-14 Year Girls.....Teen Miss

15-16 Year Girls.....Junior Miss

17 Years + Girls.....Miss

Queens: Crown and Banner

Alternates: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Runners-up

— Entry Fee is \$25.00 —

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SOUTH CAMERON High School teacher Della Vaughan and a group of her students are pictured at one of the sites which they recently visited on an educational trip to San Francisco, Monterrey and Carmel, Calif. They visited Alcatraz prison, rode a San Francisco cable car and dined in Chinatown. They also visited the Carmel Mission, where the late Pope John Paul II would frequently pray when visiting the U. S.



A PRESENTATION on electrical safety at fire scenes was recently made to Grand Lake - Sweetlake Volunteer Fire Department members by Eddie Ware and crew from the Beauregard Electric Co-op in DeRidder. A small house on a trailer with a meter and small utility pole was used in the presentation. The firemen and presenters are shown above. (Photo courtesy of Dinah Landry.)



LOGIC will begin training project soon

Partners in the Louisiana Oil & Gas Industry Collaborative Workforce Training Project, designed to help provide quality-wage jobs in the area affected by Hurricane Rita recently met with area oil and gas industry businesses to determine their present and future employment needs, including Martin Midstream Partners, Cheniere LNG, Bechtel Becon Corporation, Roy Bailey Construction, Levingston Engineers, Talen's Marine and Fuel, Jeff Davis Electric Co-op, Inc., Polaris Engineering, Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Sasol North America, Inc, Lake Area Industry Alliance



LOGIC WORKFORCE Training Project partners are shown visiting with Michael Heinen of Jeff Davis Electric Co-op, Inc. Pictured from left are Cody Martin, ICF Caliber; Rebecca Mulvaney, ICF; Dr. Cathy Denison, CDA and Associates; Renee Rainey, ICF Caliber; and Mr. Heinen.

(LAIA), and the LSU College of Engineering.

Project partners also took part in the Hurricane Audrey 50th Anniversary memorial activities held in Cameron as part of a tour to inspect the impact of the storm in the seven-parish area.

The LOGIC Workforce Training Project proposes to retain and expand the South Louisiana oil and gas industry workforce by providing access to supportive services and stipends for low income participants. "We are thankful for the vast knowledge and expertise shared with us by oil and gas industry professionals during our recent tour of the region," said LOGIC program partner Cathy Denison, Ph.D., MBA.

The target area for these industries includes all parishes labeled as "more affected", including Cameron, Calcasieu, and Vermilion. A large number of employees working on offshore rigs live in or near Rita-affected coastal Louisiana parishes.

LOGIC will launch the application process and training programs in August. For more information about the LOGIC Workforce Training Project contact Cathy Denison, Ph.D., at 479-1082.



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Chapter 14 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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A. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle on any parish road shoulder when such stopping or parking on the highway shoulder shall obstruct the flow of traffic or is a hazard to public safety, unless such stopping, parking, or standing is made necessary by an emergency, except:

(1) By any public utility personnel or public utility equipment engaged in the operation of the utility business, public vehicles owned by public bodies which are engaged in the conduct of official business, or privately-owned vehicles which are engaged in services authorized by the local government authority.

(a.) In case of an emergency, the driver of a vehicle may lawfully operate the vehicle on any parish road shoulder in accordance with the normal standards of prudent conduct to protect himself or others from harm. When the emergency ends, the vehicle shall not be operated on the parish road shoulder.

Violations; penalties.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article, in addition to any other penalty or remedy provided hereunder or by any law, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or thirty (30) days in the parish jail or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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Blessing of graves of unidentified from Audrey held July 1

LAKE CHARLES - Remembering in prayer the dead of Hurricane Audrey, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, blessed the gravesites of more than 150 unidentified victims of the June 1957 storm on Sunday, July 1. Bishop Provost began the afternoon's blessings at Combre Memorial Park and then traveled to Highland Memorial Gardens to complete the rite.

The ceremonies began at each site with a reading from Scripture by the Rev. V. Wayne LeBleu, pastor of Christ the King Church in Lake Charles and a native of Cameron Parish. Following the prayer, Bishop Provost gave a short homily and then led the people in the Litany of the Saints. He then walked the length and breadth of the gravesites blessing those interred and then blessing those in attendance.

In his homily, the Bishop said, "We come together in a very special way to recall the tragic events of 50 years ago. It was on July 1st and July 2nd, 50 years ago, that the burials at these sites began to take place and we thought it appropriate for us to recall this moment in the history of this community and the deceased, these tragic victims of this hurricane.

"We have to recall the very real way that God's will, and his plan for us, is always mysterious and that God can use whatever he wishes to reveal that mysterious plan to us, even suffering and tragedy." Bishop Provost continued. "We know because God assures us in the Sacred Scriptures and also in his revelation of Jesus Christ himself, that very often through death comes promise and hope."

The Bishop referred to the Gospel of John, in which Jesus speaks about the grain of wheat.

"Did not our Lord himself say, 'unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and die, it remains just a grain of wheat.' Didn't He say in the Gospel, that unless we take our Cross daily and follow in his steps we are not worthy of Him.

"I recall reading many years ago, a very wise person's comment on suffering, that suffering was God screaming at us," the Bishop said. "God captures our attention with suffering. So often we lead daily lives, in and out, somewhat humdrum lives, with schedules that are very predictable. This causes us to forget, very often, the presence of God in our midst. Look how unfortunate that is.

"So often suffering is an opportunity for us to recall that God's



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, left, speaks at the July 1 blessing of the gravesites of the unidentified victims of Hurricane Audrey at Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Lake Charles. At right, the Reverend V. Wayne LeBleu, pastor of Christ the King Church, reads the Gospel at the ceremony held at Combre Memorial Park Cemetery. Bishop Provost blessed the mass graves of the storm's victims on the 50th anniversary of the burials.

plan for us is a plan of love," he continued. "Somehow, somehow God's will is hidden mysteriously in every event and it is for us to understand that. This is why St. Paul in that beautiful reading that we heard at the beginning of our prayer this afternoon, says that we must never yield to sorrow, we must never yield to grief because we have a promise. That promise is hidden in God's mysterious will and yet revealing itself in many, many ways.

In closing his remarks, the Bishop said, "So, this afternoon we restore our faith, we reaffirm our faith and our hope in eternal life for these victims buried here. It moves me a great deal just to think that we are standing on a site where there are victims

buried, who were unidentified and who were brought to this resting place, somewhat like lost souls.

"Some of their families don't know that they are buried here. There is something very tragic about that. But at the same time, we are here and we are praying for them and we are united with them in a very special way. They live in our memory, we do not forget them and we should not. There is no more powerful a memory than the memory of God. They live with God and in his memory, He who never forgets. Let us then pray for them and pray for all of us who are left behind, may our hope and our faith be restored.



The Reverend E. Joseph McGrath, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole, prepares to rededicate the Hurricane Memorial in front of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Cameron on June 27, the 50th anniversary of the landfall of Hurricane Audrey. Father McGrath celebrated the first Mass in the newly completed Cameron church that day. The wreath on the monument was later laid on the water at the Cameron Jetties to commemorate the loss of life from the storm.

Abortion: The First Human Rights Abuse

Torture, political imprisonment, sexual slavery, genocide - these are a few of the examples one would think of when it comes to human rights abuses. These are heinous abuses that not only Catholics, but all people of good will should fight. But in this list of atrocities, many people can forget that abortion is the earliest and most fundamental attack on human rights.

Until recently, Amnesty International documented and decried China's policy of coercive abortion as a human rights abuse. But earlier this year, Amnesty International changed its generally neutral stance on abortion in favor of a policy supporting abortion rights for any woman who "becomes pregnant as the result of rape, sexual assault, or incest, or where a pregnancy poses a risk to a woman's life or a grave risk to her health." "Health" can and has been interpreted very broadly, and so this new policy opens the door to abortion on demand. By pitting women's

"rights" over the right to life of the unborn, this policy will increase the injustice unborn babies suffer worldwide everyday.

A mother's womb should be the place where the smallest of God's children are nurtured and protected, but abortion advocacy makes the womb a place of violence and bloodshed. Human rights groups like Amnesty International should fight to protect the beginning of life as much as they fight to stop the abuses affecting those already born, since the right to life is the foundation for every other human right.

Amnesty International's new policy fails to recognize not only the dignity of the child, but also the reality that many women suffer mentally, emotionally and physically after abortion. The regret from taking part in the death of their child can leave lifelong sorrow. People often don't consider that men can suffer too. Men who encouraged or who didn't have the power to stop the abortion can also be

greatly impacted by the loss of their child.

Amnesty International should reconsider their new policy. If they attack the fundamental right to life, the foundation for all other human rights, then they have no credible grounds to stand upon to promote other human rights. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

As a people of faith, we have to work to prevent human rights abuses from occurring, most importantly, in the womb. We must strive to increase respect for human life from conception to natural death, to prevent abortions and the suffering of men and women. We must all work together to protect those unable to speak for themselves, born or soon to be born.

Ken Ong is Staff Assistant to the Executive Director at the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



The photo above shows the image of the mural at St. Eugene Church in Grand Chenier as it was following Hurricane Rita, which damaged it and the church severely. Recently, St. Eugene was blessed and re-dedicated including the new and enhanced image, left, painted by internationally known local artist Elton Louviere along with his wife Pat. The original mural was commissioned by the parish a number of years ago having been a project under consideration by the Rev. Vincent Vadakkedath since 1994 when he was named pastor.