

Schools to begin here Aug. 12th

The Cameron Parish School Board announces that the first day of school for students will be Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Effective Monday, July 28, Grand Lake, Hackberry, Johnson Bayou, and South Cameron High Schools, the school offices will open Monday through Friday, with office hours of 8 a.m.-3 p.m., until the first day of school.

The Cameron Parish School Board office hours will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Fridays, once schools are open. The office is temporarily located at the northwest corner of Grand Lake High School.

The personnel reporting dates are as follows:

July 28 - Principals, Assistant Principals, Pupil Appraisal Team, Registered Nurses, SBLC Coordinators, Counselors, Bookkeepers and School Secretaries.

Aug. 4 - School Clerks.
Aug. 11 - Teachers, School Food Service Managers and Technicians.

Aug. 12 - Teacher Aides, Computer Lab Managers, Interpreters, and Licensed Practical Nurses.

Reading parties

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Cameron, 469 Marshall St.;
Johnson Bayou, 4586 Gulf Beach Hwy.;
Hackberry, 983 Main St.;
Grand Chenier, 2867 Grand Chenier Hwy.;
Grand Lake, 961 Hwy. 384.

It is requested that reading logs be turned in at any library location by Friday, Aug. 1. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded for Reading Logs.

Tax is renewed

A 5-mill, 10 year maintenance tax for Recreation District 5 of Cameron Parish was approved by district voters 71 to 31 in a special election held on July 19, according to the Cameron Clerk of Court's office.

The district includes the Grand Lake and Sweet Lake areas.

Board to meet

Fur Festival officers were recently elected. The next festival board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 24, at 5 p.m. at the Creole Fire Station. The festival will be held on Jan. 9-10.

Marshland Festival to be held Aug. 1 & 2 in L. C.

The southeast Tourism Society (STS) recently honored the Annual Marshland Festival as a 2008 Top 20 Event for the month of August.

The Marshland Festival, a philanthropic event reaching out to support various youth, church and school activities, is a celebration of live, music, culture, family, friends and good times in Southwest Louisiana. Founded in 1989 by the community of Hackberry, the Marshland Festival will be held Friday through Saturday, Aug. 1-2, at the

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School variance allowed to stand by Police Jury

By CYNDI SELLERS

The South Cameron High School variance drama came to a close Monday night during a special voting meeting by the Cameron Parish Police Jury. Several jurors had sought to rescind a variance given on June 2 for the construction of two 362 square foot restrooms and a 423 square foot concession stand next to the South Cameron High School football stadium home bleachers.

Jurors Darryl Farque and Thomas McDaniel were not able to acquire the necessary two thirds vote to bring the item back to the table for a vote. Voting with them were Charles Precht and Kirk Burleigh.

Voting against consideration of the matter were Scott Trahan, Steve Racca and Jury President Sonny McGee, who made the point that as president of the Jury he still may vote on any issue, though he is not required to unless there is a tie.

In order to rescind a previous action, a member of the prevailing side must make a motion to reconsider, supported by two-thirds of the members. Farque was on the prevailing side when the variance was given.

The special meeting was called at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 25, and local media were notified. The reason given for the meeting was to vote on land acquisitions for the Cameron Square project. The variance issue was added in order to limit the possible liability of the Jury for construction expenses on the School Board buildings, according to McGee.

As soon as the special meeting was called to order, McDaniel moved to table the land acquisition item, with no explanation given.

RODRIGUE'S STATEMENT

Superintendent of Schools Stephanie Rodrigue read a prepared statement detailing the School Board's position in asking for the variance and reasons for declining to stop work when notified about the possible action.

Her points were:
The Project Worksheet approved by FEMA for the South Cameron High School

project included these three accessory buildings.

The buildings were designed to be under 500 square feet based on information received in June of 2007 from the Cameron Parish Permit Office. (A variance was later requested when this figure came under question.)

The variance was granted on June 2, 2008, and the project permitted on June 3, 2008, based on space constraints and a letter from David Heigel, FEMA Natural Hazards Program Specialist.

Rodrigue pointed out that the School Board has shown itself to be fully supportive of elevating, with the South Cameron High School building and the Central Office meeting not only current elevation requirements but also the possible future DFIRM requirements.

She pointed out that the Board decided not to request a variance for enclosing a pavilion at Johnson Bayou School, preferring to build a new gym, if needed, at proper elevation.

She repeated that the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements would not allow the construction of the members. Farque was on the prevailing side when the variance was given. The special meeting was called at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 25, and local media were notified. The reason given for the meeting was to vote on land acquisitions for the Cameron Square project.

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Tax roll up is approved by District

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District #1 held a special voting meeting on Monday, July 29, to vote on a property tax roll-up, as discussed at the public hearing held on July 17.

According to Director Julian Robichaux, the vote could not be held at the hearing, because there were not enough board members present to roll up a tax. Three members were present, a simple majority quorum, but for a roll-up a two-thirds majority of the total membership is needed, requiring four.

At the hearing, no public comments were received, either in person or by letter. The District was seeking to roll its millage back up to the full allowable 10 mills from an adjusted rate of 9.9 mills. The roll-up would provide \$18,600 more for the coming year. Robichaux said the increased cost of fuel, chemicals and "everything else" necessitated the increase.

The full five-member board was present at the special meeting on Monday and voted unanimously to increase the millage. The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, Aug. 11.

Two new board members will be added on Aug. 15, when the legislation increasing the board size to seven goes into effect.



Vernon Primeaux

Primeaux candidate for J. Peace

Vernon Primeaux has announced for Justice of the Peace in Ward 3, Cameron Parish. The election will be held Sept. 6. He provided the following information on himself.

I am 51 years old. I'm a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Creole.

Currently, I am working for Air Logistics, LLC at their Creole Heliport. I am a board member of Waterworks District #7, Creole, and I'm the primary caregiver to my father, Roland Primeaux.

I am the Post Commander for American Legion Post 176, Cameron, LA.

I hold life memberships in the American Legion, National Rifle Association, North American Hunting Club, American Quarter Horse Association and Woodmen of the World (were I was Secretary of local Camp 706 until Hurricane Rita).

I graduated from South Cameron High School in 1974. I was in Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout) and 4-H.

I joined the Army after high school, became a combat medic, stationed at Ft. Polk, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex, and Hiedelburg, Germany. I was discharged in 1977 with rank of Sgt E-5.

I joined the National Guard in 1977 and attended further training at Ft. Sam Houston and became Patient Care Specialist/Practical Nurse December 1980. I was then discharged from National Guard in 1990.

I worked at South Cameron Memorial Hospital from 1981 until 1984 and from 1987 until 2000 as an LPN. I attended LSU majoring in general studies from 1984 to 1987. I had one semester of Louisiana History and two semesters of Pre-Law.

Recipes sought for cookbook

2009 Fur & Wildlife Festival committee is requesting recipes for their Cookbook.

The festival will be honoring the cattle industry this year. Recipes can be emailed to Shirley Murphy at smurphy65@suddenlink.net or mailed to 2899 Sugarloaf Dr. #114 Lake Charles, LA 70607.



ONE OF THE participants in last year's Cameron Saltwater Fishing Rodeo at the Grand Chenier Park was this proud youngster. The 2008 festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8 and 9.

Saltwater Fishing Rodeo to be held next weekend

The Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be held on Aug. 8 and 9 at Grand Chenier Park in Grand Chenier. There are four divisions: Offshore, Scuba, Bay & Surf, and Junior.

Ticket prices are \$30 per contestant for the Offshore, Bay & Surf, and Scuba Divisions. The Junior Division ticket price is \$15 per contestant for youth 15 years or younger.

a penalty deduction of 8 ounces (1/2 lb.) per dead fish weighed.

The penalty will be deducted from that day's total weight. Placing will be determined by adding the total weight of both day's catches, with the largest weights determining the awards.

PAGEANT

The Annual Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival Pageant will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9, at Grand Chenier Park Pavilion. The entry fee is \$30 with a \$10 discount for additional siblings. The dress code is casual dress. Please come dressed as there are no facilities available. For additional information on age groups, see advertisement within this newspaper.

Family fun and excitement can be had at the Grand Chenier Pavilion with a \$3 gate fee on Friday and a \$5 gate fee on Saturday. Children under 12 are admitted free. No ice chests, please. Bring your own lawn chairs and towels.

All proceeds will be used for the Cameron Lions Club Crippled Children's Camp, Eyeglass Foundation, Cameron Lions Club Scholarship, and to assist Cameron Parish youth groups. For additional information, see advertisement within this newspaper.

REDFISH CHALLENGE

The 2nd Annual Redfish Challenge will be held this year, separate from the other fishing divisions. The challenge is a team format in which a team, comprised of 1 or 2 members, fish for two (2) Redfish per day of the slot size from 20 inches in length up to 27 inches.

To promote conservation, it is asked that these fish be weighed in alive, and in good condition. Dead fish will be weighed, but will be accessed

Police Jury decides not to seek pay increase here

By CYNDI SELLERS

Cameron Parish police jurors decided not to seek a pay increase, even though a raise of up to \$400 per month was allowed by the state legislature this session. Juror Steve Racca brought up the subject, mentioning the increased cost of fuel and the parish's lower than average mileage reimbursement. A pay raise would require a public hearing before a vote. Jurors currently earn \$1200 per month plus travel expenses.

Racca said the federal reimbursement rate is now 58 cents a mile. Parish Treasurer Bonnie Conner pointed out that the state rate is now 52 cents a mile, but the parish has not increased from 44 cents. She said it was the intent of the Jury to follow state travel guidelines, but parish rates have not kept up. Daily meal allowances are still at \$26 per day, and the state guideline is \$34.

Racca said the Hackberry Water Board recently gave its employees a 30% raise, as did the Mosquito Control Board several months ago,

and he was not looking for the same level of recriminations that they received. Even though the jurors' in-parish mileage reimbursement is capped at \$200, he would not press the raise issue if no one else wanted to.

So, a raise is not on the agenda, but travel reimbursements rates will be.

Also on the agenda are the appointments of two new Mosquito Control Board members. The legislature approved the increase in size of the board from 5 to 7 members. One member will be appointed from the Cameron area and one from the District 7 (Big Lake) area, with terms of 2 and 3 years beginning Aug. 15.

ADD ON ITEMS

Jurors were notified that as of Aug. 15 any add-on agenda items must be approved by a unanimous vote, instead of the current two-thirds. The legislature made this change to curb the habit of some agencies of adding on items to avoid public notification.

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GEORGE MACK, Cameron Communications general manager, is shown presenting a \$6,500 check to Kevin Moreau for the Marshland Festival which will be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center Aug. 1 and 2. Cameron Communications is one of the major corporate sponsors of the festival. Also pictured are youngsters representing Hackberry organizations which benefit from the annual festival. Shown above are (front row, from left) Lauren Johnson, Mason Hicks, Lesley Sanner, Allyson Sanner, and Garrett Guidry; (back row) Kevin Moreau and George Mack.



REPRESENTATIVES of Sempra Energy and Ducks Unlimited are pictured at a ceremony where Sempra presented a check for \$25,000 to Ducks Unlimited for marsh restoration. Members of the Southwest Louisiana Community Advisory committee are also shown.

Funeral



GARY WAYNE GIBSON

Gary Wayne Gibson, 54, of Moss Bluff, went to be with his Lord and Savior on July 25, 2008 after a lengthy battle with diabetes.

Gary was born Nov. 3, 1953 in Palacios, Tex. He was raised in the Cameron area, where he graduated from South Cameron High School in 1972, and has resided in the Lake Charles and Moss Bluff area over twenty years.

He attended McNeese State University along with numerous schools for Law Enforcement. Gary began his career with the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department for five years.

He continued to serve nineteen years with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Department, holding numerous positions, including, Patrol Deputy, Patrol Supervisor, Lieutenant over Traffic Division, and the Civil Department.

He also worked as a security officer for Day & Zimmerman and as Security Supervisor for FEMA. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and an avid LSU, McNeese and South Cameron fan.

He also enjoyed coaching his daughters' softball teams. He was a wonderful husband and provider, super daddy, paw paw, son and brother and will be greatly missed.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sandra Materne Gibson; daughters, Tracy Lynn Reed and husband Aaron and Rhiannon Brooke Gibson, all of Moss Bluff; mother, Dorothy Marie Gibson; sister, Gay Lynn Gibson, both of Lake Charles; grandchildren, Tyler and Haley Reed; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Gibson, Jr.

Funeral service and cremation will be private, under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to help with medical expenses.

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

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Do You Remember?

(Cameron Pilot Oct. 7, 1976)

A group of Cameron "Soap-Opera" fans, who really take their programs seriously, this week held a wedding reception for two of the principals, Julie and Doug Williams, who got married on the "Days of Our Lives" program.

The reception was held in the home of Mrs. Larry Taylor.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Taylor who escorted them into the reception room where the table was decorated in fall colors and hearts and flowers.

A sign was posted proclaiming the wish for happiness to Julie and Doug.

Petifours, dips and drinks were served to the guests.

Out of town guests attending were Mrs. Dot Bulluck and Mrs. Nettie Foley of Florella, Ark.



MEMBERS OF the Marshland Festival board are shown accepting the Top 20 Award from Shelley Johnson, right, executive director of the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau.

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.

-Jacqueline Kennedy

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

Father Rommel Tolentino was recently installed as the Pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hackberry.

The rebuilt church hall was blessed by Vicar General Fr. Danny Torres in the absence of Bishop John Glen Provost of Lake Charles.

The Bishop could not be there as he was ill. The Church and new office will be blessed on Aug. 16, by the Bishop.

Participating in the installation were Rev. Msg. Jace Eskind, Deacon Patrick LaPoint, and Deacon Michael Tramel. Also, the Pastoral Council and Finance committee from St. Peter's, Tammy Welch, Lance Romero, Darrell Duhon, Gene Little, Bobbie Fountain, Pat Vaughn, Pam Kovach, Johnny Poole, and Mae Doris Little.

Visiting Altar Servers were Mister David Hardey - Seminarian, Palmer Marsh, Our Lady of Assumption in Johnson Bayou, servers Kasa Benoit and Tristan Trahan, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church servers Jonathon Landry, Sean Hicks and Clinton Granger.

Readers were Johnny Poole and Cheryl Addison, Gift Bearers were the Mark and Angie Granger Family.

Music was by the St. Peter the Apostle Church Choir.

A reception was held in the hall under the direction of Ladies of St. Peter Parish and Knights of Columbus.

Former Pastors and present pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church are listed as follows:

Rev. Theodore Brandey, M.S. 1955-1960
Rev. Francis Lundgren, M.S. 1960-1962

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She also said that if FEMA retracts its approval in the future, the Board would be willing to tear down the buildings. In two years, when the new school opens and the temporary buildings are removed, there will be room to elevate, she said.

She reminded the panel that there will be no appliances or storage in the buildings, they will not be air conditioned, and they will be built with flood resistant materials and vents for water to pass through.

The buildings are to be oriented on a north-south axis as suggested for minimum flood impact, and will be built to IBC wind codes at 5.5 feet above sea level.

The possibility of attaching the buildings to the existing gym, thus coming under the 50% of existing value clause, was precluded by the already approved construction of the Vocational-Agriculture department and other secondary classrooms and labs at ground level, granted for safety reasons.

These areas will be used daily by students, while the restrooms and concession stand will only be used a few days a year for football games, she said.

Rodrigue asked the Jury to clarify the difference between a variance for accessory buildings, that "accessorize" or further complete the function of an original building or complex, and variances for stand-alone, inhabitable buildings such as businesses, homes, and churches.

"To attest that you cannot approve one without approving all compares "apples to oranges" and is very confusing to the public," she said.

"Equally confusing and misleading is to use this variance to suggest that we, as residents of Cameron Parish, will lose our ability to pur-

chase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Plan. I believe you are fully cognizant that inhabited dwellings that are on the ground now are what may place our parish in a probationary position, not accessory buildings."

PLEA TO WORK TOGETHER

Finally, she made a plea for both agencies to continue to work together for the good of the parish, and said it was distressing to find the bodies in opposition "at a time when we need to work in concert, to work together as one."

She asked that the Police Jury and the School Board "work together in a united manner to move Cameron Parish to full recovery rather than allow two restrooms and a concession stand that will be used less than ten times per drive us apart."

Parish Administrator Tina Horn said that, from her 26 years of working with flood insurance requirements, she believed that granting this variance would not cause the parish to be put on probation, but that granting either of the other requests set for next week's regular meeting probably would.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

The agenda for the Aug. 4 meeting includes variance requests for a Creole business by Mac Haynie and for the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Cameron.

McDaniel repeated his belief that "if you give it (variance) for one you give it to all." Resident Teddy Broussard spoke in favor of variances. Jay Rutherford said they are needed, but almost impossible to get, and will get the parish in trouble.

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-Denis Waitley

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Free immunizations to be given parish children

In order to help parents prepare their children for school and day care this fall, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health, through its Shots for Tots Program, is holding a back-to-school event for children in Southwest Louisiana.

At these events, children can receive their required immunizations for free, and the Shots for Tots Program will continue toward its goal of having every child in Louisiana up-to-date on their immunizations.

The events will take place as follows:

Johnson Bayou Recreation Center, Wednesday, July 30, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., 135 Berwick Rd., Cameron.

Grand Lake Recreation Center, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 108 Recreation Ln., Grand Lake.

Cameron Parish Health Unit, Friday, Aug. 8, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 107 Recreation Center Ln., Cameron.

Hackberry Rural Health Clinic, Friday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 1020 Main St., Hackberry.

Appointments are not necessary. Parents should bring their children's shot records. While children are the primary focus of the program, older children and adults may also get any necessary immunizations, such as tetanus shots.

"Having children fully vaccinated is one of the most successful and cost-effective public health initiatives available to improve our state's health," said Alan Levine, DHH secretary. "But we need the public to take an active role in this effort."

That's why our health professionals are going out to several different locations, to make visits as convenient as possible. We're making the shots free. We're not requiring appointments. We're trying to make it very simple for parents to get their children fully immunized."

LeBlanc graduates from Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Matthew Giles LeBlanc of Sweetlake, a Bell City High Freshman, graduated from the U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps in Lavania, Tenn. on Saturday, July 26. He is the son of Kim and Malcolm Hebert and the grandson of Nona and Jeral Helms, all of Sweetlake and Tommy Allison of Lake Charles.

While in training, Matthew received expert Marksman honors in both the AR-15 and M-9 Baretta qualifications was the Recruit Petty Officer in Charge of his company. He received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award and was given the Company Honor Flag.

The USNSCC is a Navy-based youth organization that serves to teach youths about sea going military services, community service, citizenship, discipline and teamwork.

Graduates of this recruit training may receive an



Matthew LeBlanc

advanced pay grade of E-3 if they join the Marine Corps, Navy, or U S Coast Guard.

After graduation from basic training, advanced training is available in many different fields depending on personal interests.

The USNSCC is the federally-sponsored Nationwide youth association within the U S Department of Defense.

Matthew is also a 2007 graduate of the United States Young Marines boot camp.

The albatross sometimes follows a ship for days, but is seldom seen resting. It feeds on scraps of food thrown from the ship, or on fish and squid.



GUARDING THE Darlene Crosby home in Cameron is this small chihuahua. The home, like all other new ones, must be elevated to meet new building codes. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

J. B. Library Schedule

The Johnson Bayou Library schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, July 24 - Children's Board Game Day 10-11 a.m.

Friday, July 25 - Children's Story Hour 10-11 a.m.; Children's Karaoke 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, July 28 - Adult Book Club 2 p.m.

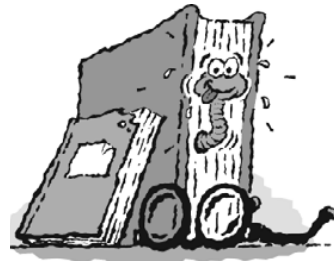
Tuesday, July 29 - Christmas in July -Crafts for all ages 10-11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 30 - Children's Craft Day 10-11 a.m.; Create a Book - Part 3 (Grades 5th- 8th) 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thursday, July 31 - Harvey Rabbit & Friends 2-3 p.m. Johnson Bayou Baptist

Church Fellowship Hall Friday, Aug. 1 -Children's Costume Party, Come dressed as your favorite movie, TV, or book character - 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

For more information contact Johnson Bayou Library at 569-2892 or visit the web at www.cameron.lib.la.us.



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information on the department, please check our website @ cameronso.org. Make sure to sign up for our alert system which will contact you about weather conditions, special events, ferry updates, and emergency situations throughout the parish. If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to call.

Theos Duhon
Sheriff Theos Duhon

Sheriff Theos Duhon Reporting To The People of Cameron Parish Total Arrests Made July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Total Arrests Made	This Year	Last Year							
DWI	110	144	BURGLARY	18	23	ORAL SEXUAL BATTERY	1	0	
UNDERAGE DWI	1	7	UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY	4	8	SIMPLE RAPE	1	0	
DWI - CHILD ENDANGERMENT	1	3	TRESPASSING	25	13	CRUELTY TO THE INFIRM	0	1	
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	32	35	PUBLIC INTIMIDATION	6	11	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	5	5	
RECKLESS OPERATION	18	21	ILLEGAL USE OF WEAPON	3	4	TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	9	6	
HIT AND RUN	4	8	CARRY CONCEALED WEAPON	7	2	CONTRABAND INTO PENAL INSTITUTE	7	3	
OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY	2	3	ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARM	0	4	OBSCENITY	1	2	
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	176	215	THEFT	66	48	REMAIN AFTER FORBIDDEN	19	11	
TERRORIZING	1	1	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOVABLE	12	13	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	2	7	
THREATENING PUBLIC OFFICIAL	1	2	ILLEGAL POSSESSION STOLEN THINGS	7	8	CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	1	0	
SIMPLE BATTERY	107	37	FORGERY	0	6	PROBATION/PAROLE VIOLATIONS	29	28	
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	15	7	WORTHLESS CHECKS	26	25	BENCH WARRANTS	240	183	
2ND DEGREE BATTERY	9	2	UNAUTHORIZED USE ACCESS CARD	2	0	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL UNDER 21	0	5	
AGGRAVATED 2ND DEGREE BATTERY	3	4	ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT	6	0	WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS	23	6	
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	28	19	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	59	48	JUMP BAIL	0	1	
SIMPLE ASSAULT	26	8	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA W/ INTENT	0	2	INDECENT BEHAVIOR W/ JUVENILE	1	0	
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	0	1	POSSESSION OF CDS	83	73	ATTEMPTED 1ST DEGREE MURDER	0	2	
DOG FIGHTING	0	1	POSSESSION OF CDS W/ INTENT	8	4	SEXUAL BATTERY	4	3	
PRINCIPAL	2	0	DISTRIBUTION OF CDS	3	3	REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER	2	3	
ATTEMPTED	4	0	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	20	32	INSURANCE FRAUD	0	1	
NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE	2	0	RESISTING AN OFFICER	41	27	ILLEGAL ALIEN	45	8	
CONTRACTORS MISAPP. PMTS PROHIBITED	3	1	SIMPLE CRIMINAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	48	37	OBSTRUCT PUBLIC PASSAGE	1	0	
ASSAULT ON SCHOOL TEACHER	0	1	AGGR. CRIMINAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	3	0	OPERATE VEHICLE W/O LAWFUL			
SIMPLE BATTERY ON INFIRM	0	2	CONTRIBUTE DELINQUENCY JUVENILE	17	5	PRESENCE IN UNITED STATES	15	0	
SOLICITATION FOR PROSTITUTION	3	1	DISTURBING THE PEACE	159	78	HATE CRIME	1	0	
BATTERY ON AN OFFICER	20	11	ATTEMPTED NEGLIGENT INJURY	0	3	INJURING PUBLIC ROAD	2	0	
FLIGHT FROM AN OFFICER	8	5	INTERFERE WITH CHILD CUSTODY	0	1	MISREPRESENTATION DURING BOOKING	3	0	
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	58	20	DEFAMATION	0	2	SIMPLE BURGLARY OF MOVABLE	7	0	
CRUELTY TO JUVENILE	1	3	LOOTING	0	5	THEFT OF OIL AND GAS EQUIPMENT	2	0	
MOLESTATION OF JUVENILE	2	2	VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	5	2	AGGRAVATED INCEST	2	0	
CARNAL KNOWLEDGE OF JUVENILE	2	3	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT W/FIREARM	4	0	POSSESSION OF LEGEND			
			AGGRAVATED RAPE	1	0	W/O PRESCRIPTION OR ORD	18	0	

ARRESTS MADE PER MONTH

2007	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2008	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
JULY	75	33	JANUARY	58	33
AUGUST	83	63	FEBRUARY	55	48
SEPTEMBER	62	41	MARCH	76	56
OCTOBER	61	49	APRIL	72	42
NOVEMBER	59	36	MAY	67	51
DECEMBER	53	53	JUNE	62	62
TOTALS	783	567			

SHERIFF'S FUND July 2007 - June 2008

	District Sheriff	Police Attorney	Clerk of Court	Indigent Defenders	Crime Lab	La Comm on Law Enf	Wildlife & Fisheries	State Police	38th Judicial	State Treasurer	Head & Spinal Injury	TOTAL
July	\$2,491.16	\$5,181.10	\$9,007.00	\$1,728.75	\$4,877.50	\$1,370.00	\$132.44	\$5.00	\$125.00	\$2,920.00	\$610.00	\$28,839.95
August	\$4,149.34	\$8,297.87	\$17,389.42	\$2,346.25	\$7,012.30	\$1,610.00	\$198.66	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$4,250.00	\$568.00	\$46,696.84
September	\$4,625.58	\$9,598.94	\$18,208.32	\$2,995.50	\$8,820.00	\$2,360.00	\$480.36	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$5,235.00	\$702.00	\$54,210.70
October	\$4,845.44	\$9,699.76	\$18,533.49	\$3,015.00	\$9,027.50	\$2,680.00	\$295.82	\$100.00	\$225.00	\$5,265.00	\$706.00	\$55,368.01
November	\$4,431.78	\$9,277.72	\$16,714.70	\$2,925.50	\$8,363.20	\$3,110.00	\$179.74	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$5,075.00	\$682.00	\$51,974.64
December	\$2,357.04	\$4,153.42	\$8,956.66	\$1,252.75	\$4,122.50	\$1,750.00	\$357.38	\$25.00	\$175.00	\$2,125.00	\$286.00	\$26,095.75
January	\$7,693.10	\$10,143.88	\$28,215.72	\$2,450.62	\$9,882.31	\$5,370.53	\$2,410.55	\$15.00	\$742.20	\$3,639.83	\$556.48	\$72,495.22
February	\$5,326.49	\$9,849.87	\$22,439.81	\$2,741.50	\$8,783.33	\$3,695.40	\$1,284.20	\$90.00	\$119.00	\$4,681.50	\$652.00	\$60,443.10
March	\$8,619.86	\$16,798.73	\$34,073.41	\$5,154.17	\$15,121.92	\$5,425.38	\$1,162.36	\$49.38	\$367.80	\$8,698.95	\$1,165.54	\$98,483.28
April	\$5,921.86	\$10,439.77	\$22,808.09	\$3,042.50	\$10,268.70	\$4,024.36	\$1,000.58	\$60.00	\$237.10	\$5,180.20	\$709.00	\$64,726.78
May	\$3,185.26	\$5,357.96	\$10,679.10	\$1,560.12	\$5,265.83	\$2,772.41	\$512.46	\$30.00	\$175.00	\$2,724.24	\$364.90	\$33,189.88
June	\$5,496.40	\$9,231.52	\$24,704.88	\$2,357.25	\$8,385.20	\$3,438.70	\$687.18	\$135.00	\$144.00	\$4,212.40	\$566.00	\$60,696.63
TOTAL	\$59,143.31	\$108,030.54	\$231,730.60	\$31,569.91	\$99,930.29	\$37,606.78	\$8,701.73	\$944.38	\$2,685.10	\$54,007.12	\$7,349.92	\$652,620.78

Area high school students take part in M.A.S.H.



SAMUEL RICHARD, left, of Grand Lake High School, and Rachel Whitstine, of DeQuincy High School, studied the anatomy of a male torso model during a summer camp at McNeese State University. They were among 14 Southwest Louisiana students taking advantage of this unique camp called Medical Applications of Science for Health (MASH), a program that offers high school students who are interested in health care an opportunity to study biology and medical technology essential to health care professionals. McNeese is one of only two state universities to offer this summer MASH program. (McNeese Photo)

Fourteen high school students from around Southwest Louisiana took turns dissecting the male torso model, affectionately called "Sampson," in Room 139 of Frasc Hall to learn about his heart, his kidneys, his stomach and much more during a summer camp at McNeese State University that explores health science careers.

These students were part of a two-week program - Medical Applications of Science for Health, which is sponsored by the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center. MASH offers high school students an opportunity to study biology and medical technology essential to health care professionals, according to Dr. Juliana Hinton, McNeese assistant professor of biological science and an instructor for the MASH camp.

This is the MASH program's 14th year on the McNeese campus hosted by the McNeese department of biological and environmental sciences. "These students live on campus, attend labs and class lectures taught by professors and tour area medical facilities to learn more about health career opportunities," Hinton said.

Rachel Whitstine, who attends DeQuincy High School, said she is interested in pursuing a medical career. "MASH camp has allowed me to learn more about the

health sciences and what to expect. It's been a cool experience."

Josiah Eastman of Jennings High School wants to be a physical therapist and said that MASH provided him with a good start. "It also gave me a taste of college life."

Barbe High School student Hillary Smith, who also wants to be a doctor, said MASH provided in depth classes on biology, anatomy and physiology. "I now know what it will take to major in pre-medicine."

McNeese is one of only two Louisiana universities to host a MASH camp. "Students successfully completing the MASH program at McNeese can receive college credit if they enroll here," said Hinton.

Students attending this year's MASH camp are: Bonnie Bernard, Huma Javaid and Hillary Smith, Barbe High School; Jasmine Jeff, DeRidder High School; Rachel Whitstine, DeQuincy High School; Samuel Richard, Grand Lake High School; Josiah Eastman, Christian LeBlanc and Matthew Tucker, Jennings High School; Quinn Quebodeaux, Kaplan High School; Celeste Edwards, Lafayette High School; Jared France and Victoria McDaniel, St. Louis Catholic High School; and Donavan Tietje, Welsh High School.

Former South Cameron High teacher gets fellowship



MCNEESE STATE University graduate student J. Craig Moss, of Sulphur, prepares some samples of crawfish to run through some tests on the high-pressure liquid chromatograph for the detection of organic substances. Moss, who is a chemistry teacher at Sulphur High School, has been attending McNeese on a graduate level fellowship in environmental and chemical sciences funded by the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund. (McNeese Photo)

Sulphur High School students returning to classes in August will notice that chemistry teacher J. Craig Moss is back with a bounce in his step. Moss, a chemistry teacher at Sulphur High since 2001, has been sharpening his chemistry skills while on sabbatical at McNeese State University to work on his master's degree in chemistry with the help of graduate level fellowship in environmental and chemical sciences for certified Louisiana high school teachers.

Moss was awarded a \$21,500 fellowship for the 2007-2008 academic year by the McNeese department of chemistry from the Board of Regents Support Fund. He will conclude his fellowship next summer and receive his master's degree in December 2009.

A 1988 Sulphur High graduate, Moss received his bachelor's degree in general business from McNeese in 1992. He had several jobs after graduation, but he decided he wanted to teach, and with the support of his wife, Beth, who is a social studies teacher at Vinton Middle School and also a McNeese education graduate, he returned to McNeese to take 50-60 hours of math, chemistry and education courses to become certified to teach chemistry.

He finished certification in 1999 and began his career as a teacher at South Cameron High School. "It

took me two years to obtain my certification," said Moss. "I was teaching classes at South Cameron, taking classes and labs in organic chemistry at McNeese, while my wife was pregnant with twins. It was crazy there for a while."

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PAY RAISE

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Add-ons are items added to the agenda after the 24 hour notification period. According to state law, they should be of an emergency nature, such that the matter cannot wait for the next voting meeting.

Jurors discussed insurance with representatives of two companies. They finally decided to give Louisiana Companies agent Logan Pruitt, who has been the Jury's agent for 20 years, a letter designating him agent of record in order for him to receive quotes from all underwriters.

Another company had made inquiries with the intent of presenting a pro-

posal to the Jury, but those inquiries blocked Pruitt from receiving quotes and led to the threat of cancellation of some volunteer fire departments' Workman's Compensation policies. Most of the Police Jury's property and personnel insurance is due for renewal on Sept. 15.

CHENIER POST OFFICE

Former Cameron postmistress Dot Theriot reported that she has received approval for the construction of a Creole/Grand Chenier Post Office at 7X Square in Oak Grove. She said the door is still open for Grand Chenier to get its post office back at a later date. Parish Administrator Tina Horn said she is in discussion with the Postal Service for a drop box at Brown's Grocery in Grand Lake. A traffic counter may be set up to verify traffic volume at the store.

CHENIER HOUSE

Scott Trahan asked about the progress on the proposed "Chenier House" model home construction in Cameron that was to house the LSU Extension Office. Apparently the funding for the materials has failed and other sources are being sought.

Trahan said the office, which is currently being housed in a temporary office in Grand Lake, needs to move back to Cameron if construction is not imminent.

No matter what anyone says, it's impossible to drink like a fish. Fish don't drink. When they take in water it passes through their gills so they can extract oxygen.

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- Junior Division (For those anglers 15 years or younger)

We will again be having the 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 —

The Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival will be having a Captain's Night at the Grand Chenier Park Pavilion on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. All questions about the rules and the festival will be discussed at this meeting. Redfish Challenge entries and discounted Fishing Festival fishing tickets may be purchased at this event.

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.

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New programs, activities told for Cameron Parish schools

All administrative offices of Cameron Parish Schools opened this Monday, July 28, 2008. The school offices are open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday until students report on Aug. 12, 2008. As of Aug. 12, school offices will be open during each school's individual daily schedule.

Parents of students whose families recently moved within the parish or moved into the parish are asked to enroll their children as soon as possible so that schedules can be finalized and materials can be ordered.

All records that can be provided at the time of registration are appreciated and will help expedite the enrollment process. Parents of families who have moved to Cameron Parish from another location outside of the parish are reminded that they will be required to provide official proof of actually living within Cameron Parish on a regular, daily basis.

This proof includes documents such as utility bills and invoices, voter registration and homestead exemption. Verification of the actual residence will also take place.

While the school offices are busy, so are Cameron Parish teachers. July 28 through Aug. 8, are very busy as various professional development opportunities are taking place, all designed to bolster teacher effectiveness in the classroom and increase student achievement.

One of the most exciting trainings, Ensuring Literacy for All, the Louisiana Department of Education's newest reading program for students in grades Prekindergarten through fourth is underway this week.

While most parishes are training only one school with grant funding, Cameron Parish School Board has decided to train and implement the program for regular education and special education students at all four sites.

Trainings are also being conducted as software initiated in 2007-08 is fully implemented in 2008-2009. The Scantron training will assist administrators and teachers in determining individual strengths and weaknesses of students and predict results on the LEAP, GEE and iLEAP tests.

All students will complete pre-assessments in August and mid-session assessments in January to best determine any remediation needs prior to April's state-wide tests. Parents will receive copies of their child assessment results. These assessments also will provide students with the opportunity to practice the exact same format of

state-wide testing. PLATO software has been in Cameron Parish Schools for many years. The enhanced web-based version was used during Summer Remediation and will be used extensively during the school year to provide individualized focus in the core curriculum areas of reading, writing, English, mathematics, science and social studies.

Science students in all grades will use probes in various experiments with results tabulated by their computers. Additionally, numerous environmental awareness and coastal preservation activities are being introduced during these professional development trainings, as well as reinforcement of teaching strategies using the probes and other technology.

On Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008, professors, architects, teachers, engineers and administrators from throughout the state will participate in the Southwest Louisiana High Performance Schools and Green Building Workshop at South Cameron High School.

The purpose of the workshop is to promote environmental stewardship of school building issues. The workshop is sponsored by Global Green USA and is underwritten by the Bush Clinton Katrina Fund. Registration is free and available at (504) 525-2121.

With electronic teaching and learning boards in most classroom settings in the parish, teachers at each school site will have the opportunity to learn how to most effectively use them in their teaching and by their students.

The ACT program Princeton Review was successfully used in 2007-08 and teachers are being trained into more sophisticated uses of the software.

New teachers in Cameron Parish will join colleagues in Calcasieu Parish next week in a partnership grant to better prepare them for their new careers.

A variety of activities, including visits to model classrooms, will be conducted. Likewise, teachers of special education students will have the opportunity to learn the latest updates, regulations and procedures.

All of these opportunities were scheduled prior to the start of school to minimize teacher time away from the classroom.

The My State Alert system through the Cameron Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, in conjunction with the Cameron Parish School Board, is scheduled to be tested prior to the first day of school.

Parents who did not complete the appropriate form at

the end of school, are asked to download the form at www.camsch.org and follow the directions for submission, if they are interested.

On Aug. 12, 2008, when students return home from the first day of school, they will have very important informational packets that parents will be asked to read.

Parents will be required to return a signature form indicating that the information was received. They will also receive school calendars with progress and report card dates, as well as other information.

Information about Cameron Parish Schools is regularly updated on the Cameron Parish School Board Website at www.camsch.org. Questions specific to a school may be answered by contacting the school office.

Schedule announced for Cameron Parish schools

The Cameron Parish School Board announces that the first day of school for students will be Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Effective Monday, July 28, Grand Lake, Hackberry, Johnson Bayou, and South Cameron High Schools, the school offices will open Monday through Friday, with office hours of 8 a.m.-3 p.m., until the first day of school.

The Cameron Parish School Board office hours will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Fridays, once schools are

Sowela tells new courses this year

Sowela is offering Bank Teller, Medical Coding and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) courses for individuals interested in careers in these fields. Bank Teller courses begin Sept. 9, Medical Coding courses start Aug. 18 and CNA courses begin Sept. 2.

Registration for each of the courses is Aug. 13-19. All classes are completed in one semester and provide the training necessary to enter the workforce upon completion.

Additionally, grant money may be available for individuals enrolling in these courses, please call 491-2684 for more information.



60 Grand Lake students to go to Washington, D.C.

Sixty middle school students at Grand Lake High School will be taking an educational field trip to Washington D. C. to participate in the Presidential Inauguration festivities in January 2009.

The students will tour the D. C. area which will include the monuments, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown.

Two special tours that the students will participate in are the Pentagon and the White House. In addition to the tours, the students will attend the inaugural parade, swearing in of the president and the inaugural address.

The students are current-

ly participating in activities to raise funds to help defray the cost of their trip. On Saturday, Aug. 2, they will have a bake sale at Boone's Corner for donations beginning at 5 a.m. until all is sold.

Then on Saturday, Aug. 9, there will be a car wash at the school from 8 a.m. until noon. The car wash will be for donations as well.

On behalf of the student travelers, thank you for your support of this once in a lifetime chance. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the trip coordinator, Felisha Nunez at 1039 Highway 384, Lake Charles, LA 70607 or call 905-2231.

Chenier Library schedule

Be a Star at the Grand Chenier Library. The schedule for the coming week is as follows:

"Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily

Thursday, July 31, Kids Fun Day, Nintendo Wii Games & Online Computer Games 1 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 1, Arts & Crafts 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 4, Story time with puppet 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 5, Fitness

Programs, ElmoCize for Children 1 p.m. Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 6, Story time with puppet 1 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 7 Summer Reading Party 2 p.m., Kids Fun Day Presentation of certificates, crafts and refreshments

Friday, Aug. 8, La. Spirit, Arts & Crafts 1-3 p.m.

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Tourism industry improving

By ANN MCMURRY
American Press

The tourism industry in south Louisiana almost collapsed when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the state three years ago, but officials have been working hard to rebuild the business and re-energize the market.

"We're doing pretty well," said Shelley Johnson, executive director of the Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Most of our visitors are a drive market, so it's been a rebound from the 2005 twin storms. Overall, in 2008, we've come just about full circle."

"It's definitely a building process," Johnson said. "And it's taken this much time to fully recover, especially with Cameron Parish being so devastated. A lot of people working in Cameron Parish are staying in Calcasieu."

The Creole Nature Trail is

an important element of the tourism industry, she said.

"We've been working very hard to bring that back up to having the visitor experience be worthwhile. We've been doing very well, she said.

The Sabine National Wildlife Refuge has opened up the Wetlands Walkway on the western side. The refuge has also opened up the Blue Goose Trail, and a blue crab recreation area.

"That's been very important to having the opportunity for it not to be just a scenic drive, but for the visitor to have the capability of getting out of his car and walk and hike and take a look at the wildlife and the flora and the fauna up close and in person," she said.

The next big project will be on the eastern side at Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge.

"We're working on the Pintail Drive, with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife, and we're going to have a boardwalk there," Johnson said.

"We were able to get a grant with the National Scenic Byway Program with the Federal Highway Administration to help us do that."

Before Hurricane Rita, the Creole Nature Trail had 300,000 visitors a year, and Johnson said a major goal of the bureau and Creole Nature Trail boards has been to try to bring it back.



Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



The month of August is here and it's a good time to visit the offshore artificial reefs, and for good crabbing, work our local beaches, as blue crabs congregate along our beaches or small islands like in Lake Misere or Grand Lake to White Lake.

As soft shell turtles finish laying their eggs, what did Dolly do to the beaches of South Texas and Mexico? Several hundred dead sea turtles could be found in the flooding aftermath of Dolly. I'm sure many more turtle eggs were washed away as well.

Towards the end of August, we'll see shorebirds beginning a southern migration throughout our state, and we could start seeing Blue Wing Teal towards the end of August come into our marshes.

AREA FISHING

These are the hard, hot days of summer, from 10 a.m. to late evening. Its tough and hot; however, we did get some much needed rain from Dolly, but those west/southwest winds have made lake fishing rough.

Big Lake fishing for speckle trout is at its best; anglers are hitting Oyster Bayou and the old jetties, as some fishermen find catches of flounder are being taken. The flounder fishing should be very good throughout August, unless we get a surprise storm in the Gulf.

For those of you who are in the CCA's Star Rodeo, this is a good month to try and catch a big flounder. The top of the board is 7.60 pounds, but it can be bested.

The only change on the board this week is in the King Mackerel, a 44.40 weight is the leader. I still believe we will see a 9 to 10 pound trout in our Western Division to top the 8.85 pound currently held.

The Big Burns area is slow, we did get rain which helps. It seems our bass are in some of the area towards the central part of the Burns. There are very seldom any trailers parked on the south side of Gibbstown Bridge to fish the Big Burns. It's not crowded at all when you are cutting across to the east, except for late evening, you just don't see much moving.

GIBBSTOWN CONTEST

Johnny and Justin LeDoux, 3.48; Ricky and Hunter Canik, 3.00; Darren and Barry Richard, 2.57. Canik's team won Big Bass at 1.18.

HAYES CONTEST

Doug Logan and Lance Wallace, 15.67 and the Big Bass of the evening weighing 6.20. This is a good stringer. Harris O'Blanc and Joe Natali had 6.07, Channing Beard and Justin LeDoux, 4.47.

LNG CONCERNS

The LNG plants are a boost to our economy, but anglers are worried about losing access

to key fishing areas. It is said that the Coast Guard has established a safety and security zone around both LNG and liquefied petroleum gas vessels which would extend two miles in front, one mile a stern and between 500 and 1,000 yards to either side of ships.

Sabine Pass anglers already were ordered to leave a popular wade fishing spot, where a LNG boat has docked.

Shutting down channels when LNG vessels move through results in anglers not being able to fish their favorite spots in ship channels, when large ships come to port. There are no rules on how long these areas would be closed, as of now, but rumors are that channels could be closed an hour before ships come through and maybe an hour after the ship passes.

This would really affect the Cameron jetties all the way up the ship channel, which would include Oyster Bayou, West Cove, all of Big Lake, and Calcasieu Lake on both sides along the ship channel and also up to the old Cameron Jetties. This is a wait and see situation, but something we all have to live with.

BRIEFS

Captain's Night, Thursday, July 31, at Grand Chenier Park for the Fifth Cameron Saltwater Rodeo and onshore activities, to be held Aug. 8 and 9.

Lemesche Bass Club meets Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 6:30 p.m. for plans for their Final Club Tournament to be held on Aug. 23.

Anglers who want to enjoy Miami Corporation Permit Fishing need to work hard during the month of August, as all of the permit fishing to include the Big Burns will close on Sunday, Aug. 24, at sunset until next March, 2009.

Good advice

(EDITOR'S NOTE-- Much of the information from individuals printed on the internet has to be taken with a grain of salt, but here is one good and original piece of advice posted by someone and passed along to numerous online friends):

I thought this was great advice. PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation.

Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar, rapist won't stick around. . . after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

Marsh restoration aided by Sempra donation

Ducks Unlimited has received \$25,000 from Sempra Energy Foundation to help restore over 900 acres of eroded marsh in Cameron Parish. The California-based company joined forces with DU to protect the rapidly disappearing coastal marsh. The Sempra Energy Foundation supports sustainable, measurable community-based change in places where Sempra Energy does business.

"DU will leverage this gift with funding from other partners to secure a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant," DU Manager of Conservation Programs Bob Dew said.

The project includes construction of approximately 70,000 feet of earthen terraces and associated vegetative plantings at two project locations. The Black Lake Tract is located five miles west of Hackberry and the East Cove Unit is located within and adjacent to the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

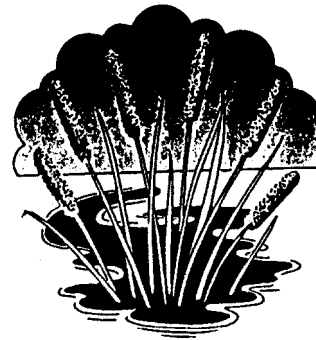
Terraces reduce wave energy and improve water clarity, promoting the growth of submerged aquatic vegetation like widgeon grass, pondweeds and other beneficial waterfowl foods. Reduced wave energy also diminishes erosion of marshy land containing shallow ponds that provide habitat for a variety of waterfowl and other wildlife,

as well as commercially or recreationally important fisheries for white and brown shrimp, red drum and blue crabs.

Sempra Energy Foundation joins other partners on this project including the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, BP America, Miami Corporation and private landowners.

"This is a valuable project Ducks Unlimited is undertaking and we are very excited to help them secure funding for this much-needed grant," said Frank Urtasun, executive director of the Sempra Foundation.

With more than a million supporters, Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest and most effective wetland and waterfowl conservation organization with almost 12 million acres conserved. The United States alone has lost more than half of its original wetlands - nature's most productive ecosystem - and continues to lose more than 80,000 wetland acres each year.



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- 6:00 AM - REDFISH CHALLENGE BEGINS
- 12:00 NOON - WEIGH STATION OPENS
- 3:00 PM - FESTIVAL GATES OPEN
- FOOD & CRAFT BOOTHS OPEN
- 1ST DAY REDFISH CHALLENGE CLOSSES
- 6:00 PM - WEIGH STATION CLOSSES
- 7:30 PM - STEEL SHOT BAND PERFORMS
- 12:00 AM - GROUNDS CLOSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2008

- 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 - REDFISH CHALLENGE ENDS
- 3:30 PM - STATIC PERFORMS
- 5:00 PM - WEIGH STATION CLOSSES
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- 12:00 AM - FESTIVAL CLOSSES

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2008-2009 Current Openings and New Positions

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

Cameron Parish Pupil Appraisal Center
Contact: John White, Director (337) 540-0405
School Psychologist (full or part-time position available)

Johnson Bayou High School (4 day week)
Contact: Gene Reynolds, Principal (337) 569-2773 or 569-2168
Certified Bus Driver

Deadline for all applications is Thursday, August 1, 2008 at 12:00 Noon

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

RUN: July 17, 24 & 31 (JU-22)

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Thanks again, Jack & Inez of Dugas Landing

Cameron Parish Sheriff's Report

Cameron Sheriff Department arrests for July 22-28 are as follows:

Shawn Stephen Calhoun, 9942 Broussard Rd, Bell City; Resisting an Officer, Remaining after Forbidden, Property Damage, Domestic Abuse Battery and Simple Battery.

Patricia Ann LeJeune, 629 East St, Vinton; Left of Center and DWI.

Chasity Lynn Touchet, 162 B. John St., Cameron; Simple Battery.

Herbert Edwin Carver Jr., 162 D. John St., Cameron; Simple Battery.

Anita A. Abshire, 141 B. K. Ellender, Hackberry; Left of Center and DWI.

Ernie E. Smith, 2512 3rd Ave., Lake Charles; Serving Sentence.

Jason Kyle LaCombe, 5727 Carlyss Dr., Sulphur, Pulled Bond.

Dalton G. Rhodes, 1002 Iris St., Lake Charles; Pulled Bond.

Michael James Carter, 396 Day Rd, Ragley, Bench Warrant.

Walter James Dukes, 112 Savoy Rd, Sulphur; LaFourche Parish Warrant.

Timothy Carl Chesson, 1515 W. McNeese, Willow Bend #92, Lake Charles; Domestic Abuse Battery.

Brandon Lewis Magnuson, 3781 Little Chenier Rd, Creole; Public Intoxication, Possession Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Larry Louis Bacque, 144 East Lane, Hackberry; Careless Operation and DWI.

Roy Chester Willis, 16209 Hwy. 182, Baldwin, Fugitive Warrant.

John Sahualla II, 1624 E. School St., Lake Charles, Bench Warrant.

Joseph Ray Womble, 11312 Hwy. 613, Moss Point, Miss; Theft of Goods.

Micha Christopher Kinchen, 9267 Hwy. 613 #1, Lucedale, Miss; Theft of Goods.

Herbert Edwin Carver Jr., 162 D. John St., Cameron; Disturbing the Peace by Loud and Profane Language.

Late registration set at McNeese

Late registration for the fall 2008 semester at McNeese State University begins at 7:45 a.m. Aug. 14 and ends at 11:59 p.m. Aug. 20.

Students registering late must register online or with their faculty adviser. Students must also be admitted to the university prior to registration. Classes begin Aug. 18.

To late register, students can go online at www.mcneese.edu <<http://www.mcneese.edu>> and click on Banner Self-Service to begin the registration process.

Students who late register must pay fees in Smith

Kent completes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Alexis M. Kent, daughter of Annette M. and Michael J. Kent of Lake Charles, recently completed U. S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Kent completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire-fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

"Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Kent is a 2008 graduate of Parkview Baptist High School of Sulphur.

Duhon graduates at Fort Benning

Army National Guard Pvt. Arlis Duhon has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions.

Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Duhon is the son of Tony and Rhonda Duhon of Creole.

In 2007, the private graduated from South Cameron High School, Creole.

Hall by 4 p.m., Aug. 21 or all courses will be dropped. Fee invoices will not be mailed to late registrants.

Students who late register and have received a financial aid notification letter stating the amount of financial aid awarded should report to the fee assessor's area in Smith Hall after they register for classes.

Students who have not received a financial aid notification letter should check with the Office of Financial Aid after registering to determine eligibility to use financial aid toward semester expenses.

A \$50 late fee will be charged for those who participate in late registration. Students who sign up for three hours or less or are first-time freshmen do not have to pay late fees.

During late registration, students who wish to drop or add classes can do so online. Additional fees for added classes must also be paid by 4 p.m. Aug. 21 or all courses will be dropped.

For more information on McNeese's late registration for the fall semester, contact the registrar's office at 475-5356 or 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5356.

Grand Lake swim team results

Grand Lake Summer League Gator Swim Team competed on Friday, July 18, at Greywood Estates. They competed against Greywood Estates and the Moss Bluff Marlins swim teams.

The swimmers competed in age divisions in freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke, and butterfly.

In the Free Relay, the swimmers each swim one leg of the freestyle stroke; and in the Medley Relay the swimmers each swim a different stroke (back, breast, fly, and free).

The following results list the swimmer, age, and places in each of their events.

Matthew Brasseaux, 8, 10th free, 4th breast, 5th fly.

Zachary Brasseaux, 10, 8th free, 7th breast, 5th back.

Victoria Canter, 6, 6th free, 2nd breast, 2nd back.

Gabby Conner, 8, 9th free, 2nd breast, 4th back.

Morghan Dimas, 8, 12th free, 4th breast, 9th back.

Christian Doucet, 10, 4th free, 3rd breast, 2nd back.

Cavan Duhon, 10, 3rd free, 6th breast, 4th fly.

Hope Duhon, 8, 14th free, 4th fly.

Marissa Dupont, 9, 5th free, The2nd back, 3rd fly.

Erin Gilbert, 13, 3rd free, 5th breast

Katelynn Granger, 9, 7th free, 2nd breast, 4th back.

Andrew Moss, 9, 6th free, 5th breast, 3rd fly.

Ellie Nunez, 4, 9th free.

Jarrett Nunez, 12, 1st free, 1st breast, 1st fly.

Alanah Theriot, 8, 2nd free, 3rd breast, 2nd back.

Julie Theriot, 13, 6th free, 6th breast, 4th back.

Karissa Trahan, 13, 5th free, 7th breast, 3rd back.

Age 8 & Under 100 yard Medley Relay - 3rd - Gabby Conner, Morghan Dimas, Matthew Brasseaux, Alanah Theriot

Age 9-10 100 yard Medley Relay - 2nd - Andrew Moss, Christian Doucet, Marissa Dupont, Katelynn Granger

Age 13-14 200 yard Medley Relay - 3rd - Karissa Trahan, Julie Theriot, Erin Gilbert, Jarrett S. Nunez

Age 9-10 100 yard Free Relay - 3rd - Christian Doucet, Zachary Brasseaux, Cavan Duhon, Andrew Moss

Age 13-14 200 yard Free Relay - 3rd - Erin Gilbert, Karissa Trahan, Julie Theriot, Jarrett S. Nunez

Age 10 & Under 100 Free Relay - 1st - Alanah Theriot, Victoria Canter, Hope Duhon, Gabby Conner.

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Cameron Parish School Board
2008-09 School Year
CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE OFFICE HOURS

Grand Lake, Hackberry, Johnson Bayou, South Cameron High Schools School Offices will open Monday through Friday with Office Hours until First Day of School:
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Cameron Parish School Board Office (temporary location – northwest corner of Grand Lake High School)
Monday through Friday Office Hours when Schools are Open:
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Mon –Thurs) 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM (Fridays)

Personnel Reporting Dates
(all personnel report to school sites as follows)

- Available at schools beginning this week: Pupil Appraisal Team, SBLC Coordinator, Registered Nurses, Principals, Assistant Principals, Counselors, School Secretaries and Bookkeepers
- Monday, August 4th**, School Clerks report to schools
- Monday, August 11**, Teachers, School Food Service Managers and Technicians report to schools
- Tuesday, August 12**, Teacher Aides, Computer Lab Managers, Interpreters, Licensed Practical Nurses report to schools

Monday, August 12, 2008
First Day of School
for Cameron Parish Students
for more information, visit www.camsch.org

Run: July 31 (JU-39)

Biology Central Gulf of Mexico, at the J.L. Scott Marine Education Center, Ocean Springs, MS, June 21, 2008 through June 27, 2008 (Funded by Chevron)

On the motion of Mrs. Nunez, seconded by Mr. McEvers, the Board approved to search for available current bids for a handicapped-accessible School Bus for Johnson Bayou area as presented by the Superintendent.

Personnel Recommendations: The following personnel items are recommended by the Superintendent

Stephanie D. Rodrigue, Superintendent 6-9-2008
Personnel Report

EXTENDED SICK/MEDICAL LEAVE/RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSE

Hayes Picou, Jr. Johnson Bayou High School, Principal, extended sick/medical leave through September 30, 2008; resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective October 1, 2008

RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT
Roxanne Richard Hackberry High School, Teacher, Effective May 30, 2008

RESIGNATION
Marla Raffield Hackberry High School, Sweeper, Effective May 15, 2008

SABBATICAL LEAVE - MEDICAL

Jeanne LaFleur Hackberry High School, Teacher, 2008-2009 school year

Harriet Savoy Hackberry High School, Teacher, 2008-2009 school year

SABBATICAL LEAVE - PROFESSIONAL AND CULTURAL IMPROVEMENT

Pat Reinecke Grand Lake High School, Teacher, 2008-2009 school year

MATERNITY LEAVE
Angela Little Hackberry High School, Teacher, August 11, 2008 - September 22, 2008

EXTEND 11 MONTH SUPERVISORY CONTRACT TO 12 MONTH CONTRACT

Cynthia Carpenter Supervisor, School Food Service

APPOINTMENTS
Martha Reynolds Temporary Gifted Teacher, home-based at Hackberry High School/Substitute

Curriculum Supervisor
Brenda Sanders Principal, Hackberry High School

Carl Langley Assistant Principal, Hackberry High School

Robert Kimble Assistant Principal, Johnson Bayou High School

Kelly Huffer School Registered Nurse at Grand Lake High School and South Cameron High School

Ashley Granger School LPN at Grand Lake High School

Frances Fazio Art Education, Hackberry High School and Johnson Bayou High School

Erin Canik Art Education, Grand Lake High School and South Cameron High School

Paulette Campbell Middle Core English/Language Arts Teacher, Johnson Bayou High School

Tammy Guidry Lunchroom Manager, Grand Lake High School

Patty Trahan Lunchroom Technician, Grand Lake High School (transfer from South Cameron High School)

Vernice Drounette Sweeper, Hackberry High School

Notice of teachers with special assignments during the 2008-2009 school year to align with reading initiatives, grades preK-5:

Reading Coach Intervention Teacher(s)

GLHS Nanette Fontenot, Teresa Roach, Becky Trahan

HHS Ruth Billedeaux, Betty Hicks

JBHS Marilyn Trahan, Dorine Bearden

SCHS Virginia Jones, Amanda Trosclair

(These special assignments, transfers and appointments will create additional transfer/new employment opportunities for the 2008-2009 school year. These and other existing openings will be advertised in the Cameron Pilot and at www.camsch.org. Appointments will be approved monthly until all positions are filled)

Janice Pilate Mild/Moderate Special Education Teacher, Grand Lake High School

Ashley Kedodeaux Middle/Secondary Social Studies Teacher, Hackberry High School

Lauryn Martin Middle/Secondary Family and Consumer Science (filling/1 year Sabbatical), Hackberry High School

Gingi Lockhart Mild/Moderate Special Education, Hackberry High School

Rachel Lancon Middle/Secondary English (filling/1 year Sabbatical), Hackberry High School

Heidi Baccagaliopi Middle/Secondary Family and Consumer Science, South Cameron High School

Joby Richard Secondary Science and Math, South Cameron High School

ADVERTISING (new positions in addition to current openings and open for transfer of active employees)

Regular Education and Special Education

Alternative Teacher

One (1) each to be hired at Grand Lake High School and Hackberry High School (one site on each side of parish)

Assigned to teacher suspended and expelled students while excluded from school population during length of suspension/expulsion;

When there are no students to teach, Alternative Teachers will serve as in-house substitute teachers for any teacher documented as absent;

If no substitutes are needed, both will remediate regular and

special education students, respectively;

Special Education teacher will only be assigned to alternative class when Special Education services are required

Alternative School Teacher's Aide

One (1) each to be hired at Grand Lake High School and Hackberry High Schools;

When there are no alternative settings student, will serve as in-house substitute or perform all other duties assigned by School Principal.

On the motion of Mr. McEvers, seconded by Mr. Nunez, the Board adjourned the regular school meeting.

APPROVED:
Dwayne Sanner, President
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:
Stephanie D. Rodrigue, Superintendent
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT AS OF MAY 31, 2008

Cash Revenues: MTD, YTD
Ad Valorem Taxes \$819,376,
\$10,138,614

Tuition from Other Sources \$0,
\$2,950

Bus Rentals \$5,823, \$9,008
Interest on Investments \$48,006, \$809,201

Royalties/Leases/Right of Ways \$118,118, \$1,245,214

Rentals \$0, \$1,200
Contributions and Donations \$0, \$1,000,866

Medicaid \$3,642, \$32,475
Equalization \$174,930,
\$5,650,851

Other Restricted Revenue \$418,838, \$418,838
Special Education \$0, \$3,238
Educational Support (8G) \$57,911, \$57,911

PIP \$8,397, \$18,585
Other Restricted Revenues \$52,025, \$1,306,189

Revenue Sharing \$36,883,
\$55,862

Other Restricted Revenues State \$0, \$2,245,870
FEMA \$361,437, \$5,100,863
Total Revenue \$2,105,386,
\$28,097,735

Cash Expenditures:
Monthly Payroll \$952,394,
\$9,287,879

Employee Benefits \$366,517,
\$3,797,949

Purchased Services \$27,161,
\$246,101

Pension Fund \$0, \$272,450
Architect Fees \$8,100,
\$589,840

Other Fees \$668, \$67,141
Repairs and Maintenance \$51,670, \$1,362,714

Insurance and Bonds \$0,
\$731,318

Telephone, Travel, Postage \$16,585, \$144,789

Textbooks and Supplies \$46,017, \$652,833

Utilities and Gasoline \$62,818, \$482,738

Equipment, Furniture, Buildings, Vehicles (\$2,890),
\$980,901

Other Expenses \$7,536,
\$232,223

Total Cash Expenditures \$1,536,576, \$18,848,876

Total Cash Operations \$568,810, \$9,248,859

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET - MAY 31, 2008

Assets
Cash \$1,524,071
Investments \$26,510,273
Interfund Receivable \$680,565

Total Assets \$28,714,909

Liabilities
Due to Payroll \$902
Due to Other Fund \$1,275,000

Total Liabilities \$1,275,902

Equity
Encumbrances \$16,914,246
Total Operations \$9,248,859
Total Liabilities and Equity \$28,714,909

LAMP INVESTMENTS FUND, TERM, RATE,
DISTRICT #4 TAX, 2.36%,
\$382,491.78

DISTRICT #5 CONST, 2.36%,
\$59,905.09

DISTRICT #5 TAX, 2.36%,
\$428,039.75

DISTRICT #15 TAX, 2.36%,
\$354,067.99

WORKERS COMP, 2.36%,
\$98,775.25

DISTRICT #4 CONSTR, 2.36%,
\$82,716.94

DISTRICT #10 TAX, 2.36%,
\$65,126.53

16TH SECTION, 2.36%,
\$218,509.89

GENERAL FUND, 2.36%,
\$5,387,912.94

CHENIERE TAX PREPAY, 2.36%,
\$1,639,548.41

SPECIAL PROJECTS, 2.36%,
\$469,555.20

PROTEST TAX, 2.36%,
\$1,719,846.74

TOTAL LAMP INVESTMENTS \$10,906,496.51

CD INVESTMENTS FUND, TERM, RATE,
AMOUNT, SUB TOTAL
GENERAL FUND, 180,
3.30%, \$1,000,000.00

GENERAL FUND, 152,
3.30%, \$1,000,000.00

GENERAL FUND, 179,
2.78%, \$1,205,591.67

GENERAL FUND, 120,
1.61%, \$1,222,410.14

GENERAL FUND, 180,
2.55%, \$1,002,750.00,

\$5,430,751.81
16TH SECTION, 180, 2.91%,
\$871,713.42

16TH SECTION, 180, 2.88%,
\$3,345,891.06

16TH SECTION, 180, 1.25%,
\$2,087,123.78, \$6,304,728.26

DISTRICT #10 TAX, 240,
2.87%, \$265,000.00, \$265,000.00

PROTEST TAX, 182, 3.45%,
\$1,698,760.37, \$1,698,760.37

TOTAL CD INVESTMENTS, \$13,699,240.44

GENERAL FUND, 12/8/08,
3.50%, \$1,087,761.76

GENERAL FUND, 1/5/09,
3.35%, \$999,594.16, 8,888,092.94

16TH SECTION, 11/17/08,
3.75%, \$1,099,031.66

16TH SECTION, 4/15/09,
3.65%, \$1,010,530.04,
2,109,561.70

TOTAL BOND INVESTMENTS, \$10,997,654.64

UBS INVESTMENTS FUND, MATURITY, RATE, AMOUNT

GENERAL FUND, 2/25/08,
3.05, \$778,035.17

GENERAL FUND, 2.67,
\$497,780.28

TOTAL UBS INVESTMENTS, \$1,275,815.45

TOTAL ALL INVESTMENTS, \$36,879,207.04

TOTAL INVESTMENTS BY FUND

DISTRICT #4 TAX \$382,491.78

DISTRICT #5 CONST \$59,905.09

DISTRICT #5 TAX \$428,039.75

DISTRICT #15 TAX \$354,067.99

WORKERS COMP \$98,775.25

DISTRICT #4 CONSTR \$82,716.94

16TH SECTION \$8,632,799.85

GENERAL FUND \$20,982,573.14

SPECIAL PROJECTS \$469,555.20

PROTEST TAX \$3,418,607.11

DISTRICT #10 TAX \$330,126.53

CHENIERE TAX PREPAY \$1,639,548.41

TOTAL \$36,879,207.04

INVESTMENT TYPE, % OF TOTAL

TOTAL LAMP INVESTMENTS, 30%

TOTAL CD INVESTMENTS, 37%

TOTAL BOND INVESTMENTS, 30%

TOTAL UBS INVESTMENT, 3%

100%
Cameron Parish School Board
Special School Projects
As of May 31, 2008

Johnson Bayou, Hackberry, Grand Lake, South Cameron, Total

Allocations Made \$50,000.00,
\$50,000.00, \$50,000.00,
\$50,000.00, \$200,000.00

Additional Allocations
\$67,058.33, \$67,058.33,
\$67,058.33, \$67,058.33,
\$268,233.32

May Interest \$339.24,
\$339.24, \$304.15, \$339.24,
\$1,321.87

Allocation Subtotal
\$117,397.57, \$117,397.57,
\$117,362.48, \$117,397.57,
\$469,555.19

Expenses \$-, \$-, \$12,110.00,
\$-, \$12,110.00

Ending Balance \$117,058.33,
\$117,058.33, \$104,948.33,
\$117,058.33, \$456,123.32

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT #5 AND DISTRICT #4 BONDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

BOND ISSUE AMOUNT, BOND EXPENDITURES, AMOUNT REMAINING

DISTRICT #5 BOND (JOHNSON BAYOU), \$3,200,000,
\$3,139,814, \$60,186,

DISTRICT #4 BOND (GRAND LAKE) \$5,000,000,
\$4,915,049, \$84,951

TOTAL, \$8,200,000,
\$8,054,863, \$145,137

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish School Board has received an application to advertise for bid for a lease for oil and gas from Gray Production Company covering the following described tract of land:

That certain tract or parcel of land containing 320 acres, more or less, described as the North Half (N/2) of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 15 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, containing 320 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, said application was accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 payable to the Cameron Parish School Board, as required by law, and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish School Board is desirous of advertising for bid the above described tract of land as requested.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish School Board does hereby authorize and request its Superintendent, Stephanie Rodrigue, to advertise, pursuant to the terms of R.S. 30, Sections 151 through 158 as amended, for an oil and gas lease, covering and affecting the following described tracts of land:

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Said advertisement shall further provide that said bids shall be received on or before the 14th day of July, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the office of the Cameron Parish School Board, and that the Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Stephanie Rodrigue, Superintendent of the Cameron Parish School Board, is empowered to do each and every thing that is necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of this resolution and that such actions are hereby approved and ratified as actions of this Board.

Adopted and approved the 9th day of June, 2008.

APPROVED:
Dwayne Sanner, President
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:
Stephanie Rodrigue, Secretary
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish School Board has received an application to advertise for bid for a lease for oil and gas from

Gray Production Company covering the following described tract of land:

That certain tract or parcel of land containing 320 acres, more or less, described as the South Half (S/2) of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 15 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, containing 320 acres, more or less.

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CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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PROCEEDINGS

Parish of Cameron June 24, 2008

The Cameron Parish School Board met at its special meeting on this date, members in attendance are: Karen Nunez, R. Scott Nunez, Loston McEvers, Dot Theriot, Dwayne Sanner, Marvin Trahan; absent: Marsha Trahan.

The prayer and the pledge were led by staff members.

On the motion of Mrs. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved the agenda.

On the motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. McEvers, the Board approved preliminary revisions to the budget for 2007-2008, as presented by Mrs. Smythe.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board received the Memorandum Ruling from Judge Patricia Minaldi on the granting of State Farm's Motion to Dismiss in Cameron Parish School Board versus State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board approved the renewal of the annual contract with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital Sports Medicine, inclusive of a 10% increase (\$880.00) due to fuel costs as presented by the Superintendent.

On the motion of Mr. Nunez, seconded by Mrs. Nunez, the Board approved the following personnel report.

Personnel Recommendations: The following personnel items are recommended by the Superintendent

Stephanie D. Rodrigue, Superintendent 6-24-2007
Personnel Report

RESIGNATIONS
Neal Kiser Grand Lake High School, Teacher/Coach, effective June 10, 2008

APPOINTMENTS, per principals' recommendations, effective August 11, 2008

Kempa Savoie Grand Lake High School, Elementary Teacher

Mandy Soileau Grand Lake High School, Elementary Teacher

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July 31, 2008

Bishop provides Recommended Bible Study Resource List

LAKE CHARLES – In a letter to the Clergy and Religious Educators of the Diocese of Lake Charles, Bishop Glen John Provost has provided a Diocesan Recommended Bible Study Resource List to aid in the observance of this Year of St. Paul. The celebration of the Pauline Year, which continues until June 29, 2009, was directed by Pope Benedict XVI and began on June 28.

Bishop Provost has requested that all parishes offer to their parishioners Bible Classes in Advent and Lent during the Year of St. Paul.

"The topic of these Bible Classes will be the teaching of St. Paul as found particularly in his letters and the Acts of the Apostles," Bishop Provost said. "I will also teach the same in my monthly Bible Classes. We anticipate that this will open up for us as Catholics a new appreciation for reading the Sacred Scripture in context. As Pope Benedict XVI so eloquently describes it in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, 'The People of

God—the Church—is the living subject of Scripture; it is in the Church that the words of the Bible are always in the present.'"

In observing the Year of St. Paul, Bishop

All, but especially our Catholics, need to hear the Sacred Scriptures preached, taught, and interpreted 'from the heart of the Church.' They deserve a faithful communication of what the Word of God teaches from the context of the Catholic Church."

- Bishop Glen John Provost

Provost is also preparing for the October Bishops' Synod in Rome, whose theme will be the "Word of God."

"Both of these important events emphasize the importance of the Sacred Scriptures for us as

Catholics in the life of the Church," the Bishop said. "Our thoughts also turn to the essential work of evangelization. All, but especially our Catholics, need to hear the Sacred Scriptures

pastors and religious educators had brought to his attention the need for a list of recommended texts and study resources that could be primarily used in the parishes for adult education.

"They were aware, as was I, that sometimes texts were chosen for adult Scripture study that were neither Catholic nor specifically biblical in nature," he said. "They wanted good, solid programs that would fit the diverse needs of our parishes and communicate faithfully the intimate connection between the Sacred Scriptures and what we believe as Catholics.

"Toward that goal, the Diocesan Recommended Bible Study Resource List is presented," the Bishop concluded. "You may find the list on the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles (www.lcdiocese.org) or by contacting the priests, deacons or religious educators in your parish."

Diocesan group attends "One Bread, One Cup"

Eleven local young people, members of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Core Team, along with their adult leaders, represented the Diocese of Lake Charles at "One Bread, One Cup," a youth liturgical leadership conference, held recently on the campus of Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana.

During the weeklong conference, the youth learned about their Catholic faith through sessions of catechesis, liturgical, and spiritual formation, and participation in liturgies. They also trained in liturgical ministries, such as lecturing, extraordinary ministry of communion and cantoring, learning skills that they can use in their parish and high school.

The youth spent their time not only learning about their

faith, but also experiencing the different cultures around the U.S., as well as from South America and Europe. The participants representing the various places shared stories and explained the lifestyles of the communities in their state or country. A new respect and understanding of culture diversity was instilled in the teenagers. The Louisiana participants shared stories of Mardi Gras and the Cajun culture. Mardi Gras beads and Tony Chachere's seasoning was a taste of home that was shared in Indiana.

Youth attending the conference represented eight church parishes, Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Welsh; St. Lawrence Church, Raymond; Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; St. Phillip Neri, Kinder; Cathedral of Immaculate

Conception, Lake Charles; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Oakdale; St. Margaret of Scotland, Lake Charles. Attendees were Alyssa Watkins, Haydee Courville, Jordan Pickle, Jacob France, Jared France, Laura Adams, Laura Prejean, Vanessa Landry, Blake Bruchhaus, Amy Arnold, and Leslie Guillory. Adult leaders included Milissa Thibodeaux, director of youth ministry for the diocese, along with Corrine Granger and Marie Prejean.

The "One Bread, One Cup" conference is held three times each summer as a program of Saint Meinrad School of Theology. The school is operated by the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and offers initial and continuing education for priests, deacons, and lay ministers.



Members of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Core Team and adult leaders who attended "One Bread, One Cup" included, top row, from left, Laura Adams, Jared France, Vanessa Landry, Blake Bruchhaus; middle row, Marie Prejean, Jacob France, Jordan Pickle, Amy Arnold, Leslie Guillory; bottom row, Corrine Granger, Laura Prejean, Milissa Thibodeaux, Haydee Courville, and Alyssa Watkins.



The Rev. Rommel Tolentino, left, stands before the altar after praying the Collect prior to the reading of the Epistle at the celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Father Nathan Long and Deacon Scott Conner stand in line behind Father Tolentino. At right in the pew is Bishop Glen John Provost, center, with Rev. Joseph McGrath, left, and Rev. Douglas Courville, right, serving as Chaplains to the bishop. The Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy is celebrated each Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral. Check the Diocese of Lake Charles website – lcdiocese.org – for a complete schedule of the celebration of the Extraordinary Form.

Proud2BCatholic Family Music Festival slated

SULPHUR – The Third Annual Proud 2B Catholic Family Music Festival of Louisiana will be held Saturday, September 6, from 12:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sulphur High School freshman campus. The family-oriented, indoor event, whose theme this year is "Witness 2B Hope," is sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles and the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette.

Doors open at noon and celebration of the Mass will be at 6 p.m. The event will close with Eucharistic Adoration on the main stage.

A variety of Catholic-Christian music will be performed by Steve Angrisano, Matt Maher, Josh Blakesley, Cooper Ray, Kelly Pease, Clay Vessel, Augie Leal and others.

Tickets for the event may be purchased online at www.proud2bcatholic.com or by contacting the Diocese of Lake Charles at 337-439-7426, Ext. 301. Lower rates apply on bulk purchases for larger groups.

Let Us Pray

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2008 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey in 1957.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

O God, master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.

The sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
Second Bishop of Lafayette

Bishop Provost to host Women's Prayer Luncheon, September 2

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost will host a Women's Prayer Luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at Reeves Uptown Catering, 1639 Ryan Street, beginning at noon.

Women who would like to attend should register their intention by calling the Diocese of Lake Charles at 439-7400.

The small fee of \$10 per lunch will be requested.

Voucher program will aid students in failing schools

By Laura Deavers
Editor,
The Catholic Commentator
Diocese of Baton Rouge

Through a bill passed in the recent legislative session, students who are trapped in failing schools in Orleans Parish can receive vouchers to attend non-public schools giving them an opportunity to get a solid education, said Danny Loar, executive director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops (LCCB) and one of the lobbyists for the Louisiana bishops.

Loar said the LCCB has tried for 40 years to get the legislature to see the viability of non-public schools, especially Catholic schools, for the education of all children in the state.

The voucher bill was one of several issues Loar and Robert

Tasman, the new LCCB associate director, worked on during the session, which ended June 23.

Eight bills concerning immigration were defeated. Legislation for cloning, funding for required services, mandatory contraception insurance and education were also high priority issues for Loar and Tasman.

The amount of the voucher Orleans Parish students will receive to attend a Catholic school in New Orleans will depend on several factors because of the tuition structure of each school, said Loar. Schools have different tuition for students who are members of the church parish, members of an adjoining church parish, and children who are not Catholic.

With the current education situation in Orleans, Loar said national educators are watching to see what will work to turn around a system that is failing so many of its students.

The Louisiana bishops were told last November that immigration bills would be on the agenda for the 2008 regular session, according to Loar. "This is the first time the issue of immigration came up in the state of Louisiana," Loar said. He added that the bills that were introduced are part of the national climate to ban all illegal immigrants from the United States.

The bishops were concerned about the legislation because of what the laws could do to break down families.

Hispanics are a large part of the Catholic population, said Loar, and they were very concerned about the legislation on immigration.

The bills, which were either defeated or withdrawn, would have required a police officer, during booking, to check the status of the individual being arrested; made it a crime to transport an illegal immigrant; would have prohibited harboring an illegal alien; and would have prohibited state agencies from contracting with persons who employ illegal immigrants. It would have also prohibited

renting property to illegal immigrants; would prohibit illegal immigrants from bringing medical malpractice suits; and would have allowed undocumented immigrants to continue to work in Louisiana only if they had obtained a Louisiana government-issued biometrics card.

Immigration is a federal issue, said Tasman, who graduated from LSU Law School in May, and needs to be addressed in Congress, not in state legislatures. He mentioned several states, among them Texas, Arizona and Oklahoma, that have passed immigration legislation. These laws are being challenged and the states are paying millions of dollars in legal fees to defend them, according to Loar.

The laws that other state legislatures have passed are unconstitutional, said Loar. "The church is for enforcement and a path to citizenship," to provide for those wishing to better their lives by coming to this country and for those who are already here, Loar said.

Loar and Tasman said the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is working closely with Congress on the immigration issue.

The issue of embryonic stem cell research was presented again during the session. "The state can't fund embryonic stem cell," said Loar.

A bill will become law, which bans funding for embryonic stem cell with an amendment that "the use of federal funds for research using embryonic stem cell lines approved for federal funding prior to Aug. 9, 2001, shall not be prohibited." "Not one cure has been derived from this type of research," said Loar, who plans to bring up a ban in 2009. "Science is on our side."

Catholic school superintendents will receive an additional \$1 million to pay for required services, Loar reported.

Information about legislation that the LCCB considered of interest is available at www.lcccb.org.

Did you know ...

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish was established on Dec. 7, 1891 with Rev. Cornelius Van de Ven as the founding pastor. In early 1892 Father Van de Ven was transferred to Immaculate Conception Church in Lake Charles and was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Peeters. It was Father Peeters, a native of Belgium, who left a large imprint on the Catholic Church in Jeff Davis Parish. With his brother's aid, blueprints were made for the new church building, which is constructed of concrete blocks made on the site. Work was begun in 1907 and moved forward as money was raised so the building was not dedicated until Feb. 29, 1916, taking nine years for Father Peeters and workers from within the church community to complete. The design of the structure is based upon the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

In the area of what is now the Diocese of Lake Charles two parish churches and a chapel have been destroyed by fire over the years, one on two occasions. Do you know which churches they are? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

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