

From Iraq with love - husband

Chris Mooney, owner of Chris' Place in Cameron, probably will get a pleasant surprise when she gets her issue of the Cameron Pilot this week.

In this week's paper is an ad for her business which was placed by her husband, Anthony Mooney from Mosul, Iraq where he is working as a paramedic for KBR Services, a private business working with the military.

Anthony spent six months in Kuwait and has been in Iraq for almost a year. He was in Mosul on Dec. 21, 2004 when the chow hall was blown up.

Chris' Place, which opened a few months ago, offers manicures, pedicures, tanning and lotions and is located at 1401 Marshal street.

The ad, to be found elsewhere in this issue, is signed: "Paid for by your loving husband."

Older worker to be named Sept. 20th

The Cameron Council on Aging joins the rest of the state in celebrating Older Workers Month during September. "The Legacy of Achievement Award" will be given out on Sept. 20 during a festive celebration at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Center in Grand Lake at 5 p.m.

Nominees for the award for Cameron Parish are as follows: Lena Guidry, Robert Lee Hebert, Elray Lebleu, John T. Constance, Larry Eagleson, Peggy Eagleson, C.S. Darbonne, Richard Poole and Gloria Kelley.

The winner of the award will receive a plaque from the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs. All persons over the age of sixty who are still actively employed are eligible for the nomination. The Cameron Council on Aging urges all businesses to honor their older workers during the month of September.

Registration

Cameron Recreation Center 2005-2006 dance registration will be held Wednesday, Aug. 24 - Thursday, Sept. 1 between 4-6 p.m.

Children age three through high school

Dances: Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop, Danceline preparation

Call Kristi Conrad for questions 912-2435.

Open house

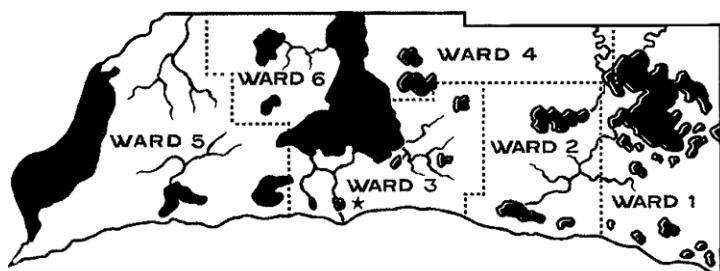
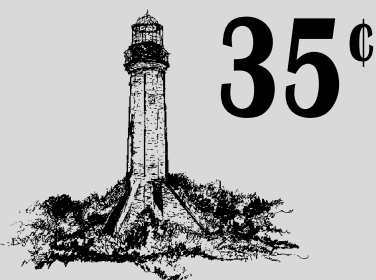
Cameron Elementary School will hold an Open House on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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THIS MAP, which can be found on Cameron Parish Assessor Bobby Conner's letterhead, shows the wards in Cameron Parish. Wards are no longer used for parish elections other than for justice of the peace and constables.

J. P. position filled; one more opened

One Justice of the Peace vacancy has been filled in Cameron Parish but a second one has now opened.

Sallie Domingue was the only one to file for the Ward 2 J. P. post when qualifying ended Aug. 12.

She will replace Catherine Miller who resigned from the office when moved from the ward. Ward 2 includes the Creole area.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is a proclamation by Gov. Kathleen Blanco calling an election for the Ward 1 J. P. position for Saturday, April 1, 2006.

Willie Mae Gary, the current Ward 1 J. P., has resigned from the post.

Qualifying for the position

will be held Feb. 8-10, 2006 in the Clerk of Court's office.

Ward 1 includes the Grand Chenier, Lowery and Klondike areas.

Cameron Parish has six wards and for many years most parish officials represented wards. However, following redistricting some years ago, police jurors and school board members are now elected from districts which cross ward lines.

Justices of the Peace and constables are the only public officials left elected by wards in the parish.

Other parish wards are: Ward 3-Cameron area; Ward 4-Grand Lake-Sweet Lake area; Ward 5-Hackberry-Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach area.

Courthouse repairs cause disruptions

By CYNDI SELLERS

The deconstruction is over - the reconstruction has begun. That is the good news for everyone affected by the renovations to the Cameron Parish jail which have been going on for two months.

A delay was caused when the shower stalls did not fit and new ones had to be ordered, but now all the shiny new stainless steel fixtures have been installed, and the plumbing inside the jail, which dated to the 1930's, has been completely replaced.

In the final phase of the renovation, the entire jail will be repainted and damaged ceiling tile and carpet in the Sheriff's department will be replaced.

While repairs have been underway, prisoners have been housed at the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office substation near the Lake Charles Regional Airport. This arrangement has required more travel time for deputies

transporting prisoners upon arrest and also for court appearances.

Also, due to the requirements of the Calcasieu jail system, more jailers have been needed, requiring many extra hours of overtime for Cameron deputies.

When prisoners are brought down for court appearances, they are now kept in the court room all day, since they can't just go back to their cells. Meals must be brought in, and extra deputies are needed to manage the larger groups.

Cameron Parish dispatchers and 911 have been located in the Office of Emergency Preparedness quarters on the third floor of the court house for the duration of the repairs. OEP Director Freddie Richard, having tried to share during a tropical storm alert earlier this season, has made plans to set up his office in the Police Jury Annex if another storm threatens.

The public, too, has been inconvenienced by the dislocations. Anyone looking for the Sheriff's Office in the court house is directed back out to the Records and Investigation building on Marshall St. Sheriff Theos Duhon hasn't had an office of his own for two months.

No exact estimate of a completion date has been given, but everyone involved is very glad the end is in sight.

Man dies from natural causes

A Grand Lake man was found dead at a motel in Cameron last week. Gary Johnson, 51, of 482 Big Pasture Road in Big Lake, died of apparently natural causes during the night of Aug. 16.

Emergency personnel were called to the Town and Country Motel on Hwy. 27 at 7:03 a.m., Aug. 17. Ambulance personnel notified the coroner, Dr. Richard Sanders, who ordered the body to be removed for autopsy.

The deceased was known to have multiple health problems, and no foul play is suspected, according to the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office.

Hackberry man dies in wreck

Saturday, Aug. 20, at 7:42 p.m., the Louisiana State Police investigated a one vehicle motorcycle crash resulting in a fatality. The crash was located on LA 27 south of DeQuincy.

The crash occurred when a 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle, driven by 46 year old John Backlund of Hackberry, was traveling south on LA 27. The driver traveled off of the roadway on the right side and crashed into the cement curb. The driver lost control and was totally ejected from the motorcycle. He was wearing a safety helmet at the time of the crash, but it came off during the crash due to the strap breaking during the accident.

Mr. Backlund was killed from injuries to his head suffered in the crash.

The crash was investigated by Tpr. Joey Babineaux and assisted by Lt. Robert Broussard.

Blood is still needed in the area

By TOOTSIE FOURNET
LifeShare Blood Center

With school starting, people tend to think it marks the end of summer, but it is still summer as far as the blood supply is concerned. Summer traditionally is a slow time for blood donations but there is usually an increase in the usage of blood during this time of year.

Our community must be prepared for any emergency that might occur. The need for an adequate blood supply is real. LifeShare Blood Centers, your community blood center supplying all 11 hospitals in SWLA, is asking anyone eligible to please give blood. The gift of blood allows you to save lives with little or no effort and no financial cost to you.

Please donate at the Police Jury Annex in Cameron on Friday, Aug. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All blood types are in short supply at this time. Over 60% of America's population is eligible to give blood, but less than 5% actually do. If every blood donor committed to giving every 56 days, we would never have a blood shortage.

You must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, be 17 years of age or older and know the names of any medications you are taking and why you are taking them. Most medications do not prevent you from donating even those for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, depression, and pain. If you have questions about medications please call LifeShare Blood Centers at 436-4932 or 1-800-256-4932.

Sub teachers

Any persons wanting to substitute teach at Grand Lake School should attend a meeting in Grand Lake School's library Friday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m.

If you are interested, but cannot attend please call 598-2231.



THIS PHOTO shows how the beach between Holly and Constance Beaches in Cameron Parish has built up since the stone breakwaters, on the left, were installed some years ago. White sand has also been pumped in on the beach from offshore. The Holly Beach-Johnson Bayou road can be seen on the right.

(American Press photo by Brad Puckett.)

Officials tour coast and ship channel

STORY BY MIKE JONES
American Press

U. S. Rep. Charles Boustany and Maj. Murray Starkel of the army Corps of Engineers toured the Cameron coast and Calcasieu Ship Channel by helicopter Tuesday to assess the strategic, environmental and economic situation of the western Gulf area.

Both said they understood the need for coastal restoration, the economic importance of the ship channel, and the national security importance of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve site at Hackberry.

Boustany said he has seen the maps and photographs, but that viewing the site is important both for him and Starkel.

The flight went down to Holly Beach and back up following the ship channel, he said.

The restoration projects already under way were impressive and look to be

effective at reclaiming land, Boustany said.

The House of Representatives has already passed the Water Resources Development Act, which contains 41.2 billion for Louisiana coastal restoration, and the Senate will take it up when Congress returns in September, he said.

Boustany is a member of the House Transportation Infrastructure Committee, among other assignments.

He was also impressed by the importance to the nation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, he said.

He said \$15 million needed to dredge the Calcasieu Ship Channel has been funded, but that more will be needed next year to bring the ship channel up to where it needs to be.

Starkel, who is deputy district engineer of the Army Corps of Engineers, said he was amazed by all of the industry on the ship channel and the importance of keeping it open.

New school food rules questioned

By DR. DOUG CHANCE
Cameron Parish
School Supt.

Personnel in each of the schools in Cameron Parish are adjusting to new food and refreshment/concession regulations signed into law by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco. The new law places many restrictions on students and schools.

If a student enrolled in a Cameron Parish school comes home with a story about changes in the breakfast, lunch, refreshment or concession procedures at school, then it is important to note that these changes represent a new state law, not a school board policy.

Members of the Cameron Parish School Board have worked tirelessly to improve the academic, social, civic, and physical well-being of all students. Individually and collectively, members of the

Board are concerned about the nutritional content of breakfast, lunch, and refreshments served within the school day.

Equally, members of the Board prefer that our students have nutritional choices without the interference of outside groups with specific personal or economic agendas.

Louisiana's new regulations as provided in Act 331 have many restrictions. A large number of school officials opposed the content of the new law while continuing their efforts to improve the health of all students.

In opposing the negative language in the law, school personnel were steam-rolled by lobbyist from within and outside of the state.

For example, a California based group is seeking legislation to have some soft drinks labeled as "dangerous

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PLUMBING REPAIRS are nearly complete at the Cameron Parish jail, and final reconstruction has begun. New pipes and stainless steel fixtures have been installed and the entire jail has been prepared for repainting. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THIS MOBILE HOME in Oak Grove burned last week. Firefighters were able to keep the blaze from spreading to nearby structures. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funerals



JOHN C. BACKLUND

A funeral Mass for John C. Backlund, 46, of Hackberry, was held Wednesday, Aug. 24, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry. Father Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in Hackberry Cemetery under the direction of Robison Funeral Home.

Mr. Backlund died Saturday, Aug. 20, in a traffic accident in DeQuincy. He was born in Ardmore, Okla. and was a lifelong resident of Hackberry. He graduated from Hackberry High School Class of 1976 and attended Sowela Technical College.

He was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Harley Owners Group, The Cattleman's Association and was active in community affairs, particularly in the support of United Way, Rodeo Club, Cameron Beach Cleanup Yearly Project and 4-H livestock projects.

He was an Instrument Electrical Technician for Dynegy of Hackberry for 16 years.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Kathy Penny Backlund

of Hackberry; one daughter, Miss Kayla Marie Backlund of Hackberry; one son, Mr. Jeb Edwin Backlund Hackberry; father, Benny Roy Backlund and stepmother Virginia Backlund, both of Leesville; three brothers, David Backlund and wife Ginger, Grand Lake, Michael Backlund and wife Evelyn Carlyss, and Frank Backlund and wife Joyce, Carlyss.

SHIRLEY MARY BERGERON

Shirley Mary Savoie Bergeron, 68, of Gibson, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005.

She was a native of Creole. Her funeral was held Wednesday, Aug. 24, in Chauvin Funeral Home Inc., in Houma.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred Bergeron Sr. of Gibson; mother, Mary Labouve Savoie of Lake Charles; one son, Anthony Bergeron and wife, Tammy, of Gibson; daughters, Angela Landry and husband, Jeffery, of Schriever, and Damien Savoie Daugird and husband, David, of New Orleans; stepsons, Cleus Bergeron and wife, Darlene, and Alfred Bergeron Jr. and wife, Kim, of Houma; stepdaughter, Cindy Bergeron of Houma; brother, Lynn Savoie and wife, Jeanette, of Lake Charles; seven grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.



AIRMAN RUSTIN TRAHAN of Johnson Bayou and Trainee Willey Clement of Hackberry both are stationed at Lackland Airforce Base in San Antonio, Texas.

HACKBERRY NEWS

By GRACE WELCH

MILITARY NEWS

Sgt. Edward Morris of Copperas Cove, Tex. left Saturday Aug. 20 for Fort Jackson, SC, where he will be in training for seven weeks. He is the husband of Caryn Renee Morris and the son-in-law of Patricia and Roland Kershaw of Houston and grandson-in-law of Irene Kershaw and Grace Welch of Hackberry.

YOUTH RALLY

A Youth Rally will be held Saturday, Aug. 27 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center at 1 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. in Lake Charles.

PIE SALE

A pie sale will be held Sept. 9, 10 and 11. Please contact Velma Lowery, Lou Johnson at 762-4756, or church office at 762-3365 for pies.

GARY JOHNSON

Gary Johnson, 51, died Thursday, Aug. 18, 2005 in Cameron Parish. He had lived in Big Lake the last 20 years. He was a former welder.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Ellender Johnson; son, Josh Johnson and wife Amanda; one grandson; brothers, Greg Bourque and Daryle Bourque; and sister, Fleda Clark. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Julie Johnson.

His service was held Sunday, Aug. 21, in Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Ronnie Estes and Charles Troutman officiated. Burial was in Oakhill Cemetery in Oakdale.



Macedonia Baptist Church Sparkling Angels

Contest winners told

Macedonia Baptist Church held their first annual Sparkling Angel contest on July 17. There were eight contestants.

Shown above, from left, were: Men'lei An-Mei January, Synia Yerby, JaCorey Yerby and their mother, Alnetta Yerby, Gabriel Johnson, his mother, Amanda Johnson, Dwight Johnson Jr., Maryana January, Joseph January, and

Alethia LaSalle (mother Alnetta Yerby.)

Synia Yerby was the winner in the 0 - 3 years old Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Yerby.

Dwight Johnson, Jr. was the winner in the 4 - 6 years old. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Johnson.

Joseph January was the winner in the 7 - 9 years old. Mother is Ms. Sharika January.

Church tells services at Johnson Bayou

Bayou Lighthouse Church services are now at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings at the Johnson Bayou Fire Dept. on Berwick Road. The church is non-denominational. Anyone with prayer requests can call the number below.

Special services for Dedicating Children To The Lord will be held Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m.

A Sing-A-Long is scheduled for Sept. 30 and Dec. 30 at 7 p.m.

For more information call Rev. Linda Pickett, Sulphur at 583-7632, Debby Griffith at 569-2571, Carol Romero, 569-2489 or Vicky Trahan, Johnson Bayou at 569-2231.

Memorial books at Library

New Memorial Books at the Cameron Parish Library include:

The Five Books Of Moses, James LeBoeuf by Paul and Bonita Wagner;

World War II, Alton Trahan by Joel, Jadenda, James Prochaska and Amanda Strong;

Bayou Farewell, Budgie Precht by Terrance, Crystal, Dusty, Scott and Ty Savoie;

Decorating Fabric, Bobbie Lane Boudoin by Bob and Lee Anna Caldwell, Kent and Patricia LaBove and family, Charles and Tammy Vincent and family;

Low Fat Low Cholesterol, Joyce Murphy by Bob and Lee Anna Caldwell, Kent and Patricia LaBove and family, Charles and Tammy Vincent and family;

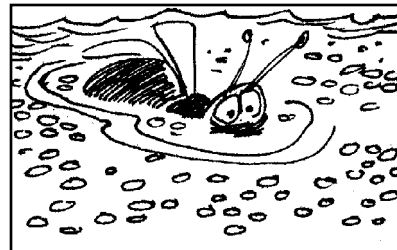
Forensics True Crime Scene Investigations, Claude Eagleson by Bob and Lee Anna Caldwell, Kent and Patricia LaBove and family, Charles and Tammy Vincent and family;

1) The Ultimate Book Of Small Gardens 2) Traditional Gardens, Christopher Hebert by Carla Chrisco;

100 Years of Aviation, Thomas Broussard by Charlotte Trosclair;

Simple Potatoes & Rice, Emma Joy Howerton by Charlotte Trosclair and family;

1) Sunrise Hill 2) A House For Wanda Wood Duck, Alton Trahan by Charlotte Trosclair and family.



Most gnats lay their eggs on water, where they float for several days before hatching.

Thank You THANK YOU Thank You THANK YOU

THANK YOU,

We would like to thank all the members of Macedonia Baptist Church who sponsored the children in the Sparkling Angel Pageant Contest, the parents, and everyone who contributed to these contestants.

Unfortunately there was someone going around soliciting money for the contest who was not affiliated with the contest at all.

If you have given donations to anyone who is not affiliated with the contest above, please contact Rev. Willie Smith, Sr. at (337) 942-1252, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church or any church member.

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SUZANNE STURLESE, Cameron Parish registrar of voters at right, led a voter education class at the Cameron Parish Library recently.

Voter education seminar is given by registrar

Suzanne Sturlese, Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters, recently gave a Voters Education Seminar to celebrate Voters Education Week.

Sturlese also broadcasted the seminar to Beauregard Parish via video conference. Ms. Sturlese came prepared to register anyone needing to register to vote. She also told how to register to vote by coming into her office, or how to register to vote by mail.

She brought voter education materials to help inform voters on the choices of different ways to vote.

Sturlese also told how to vote by mail. Voters can request a ballot by phone to be mailed to their residence up to 45 days before an election. The ballot must be mailed back and reach the registrar at least four days before the election to allow time for counting. Sturlese also showed an example of the mailing ballot, how to fill it out and how to fill out the envelope with helpful hints

on voting by mail. Information was given out on what the Registrar of Voters is doing to help make sure that your identity is protected.

Sturlese also brought an absentee voting machine and demonstrated how to use the machine. Participants were able to vote absentee in a mock election. She showed how to get a correction on your absentee voting before pressing the vote button. Absentee voting is always held the week before regular election days.

Sturlese told that election locations should have handicap accessibility and help is available for handicap people once they are in the location. She told how to become an election worker. If you name changes please make the changes with the registrar's office at least one month before election. Call 775-5493 to ask questions or ask for assistance at the polls.

J. B. classes are told

The Institute of Martial Arts of Louisiana (Traditional Okinawan Shorin Ryu) will be resuming classes with two new instructors, Bill Castleman and Tommy Page beginning Monday, Aug. 29, at the Johnson Bayou Community Center.

Kids class are on Mondays from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Adult class is on Mondays from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Anne Trahan 569-2220, Marsha Trahan 569-2661 or Bill Castleman at 409-540-6688.

South Cameron High School News

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Any student interested in Driver's Education needs to sign up in the office. Fees of \$50 need to be paid before classes begin. Classes are open to any student 15 or turning 15 before next school year. The classes began Monday, Aug. 22 in the school cafeteria from 3:15-4 p.m.

IOWA JAMBOREE

Advanced tickets can be purchased in the school office for \$5. Tickets will be \$6 at the gate. South Cameron Tarpons will play East Beauregard at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Everyone is encouraged to continue collecting "Box Tops for Education". With the gracious help of everyone we collected \$277. We would like to thank everyone who collected.

Please continue collecting these products Ziploc, General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Hamburger Helper, Pop Secret, and any other product that has the "Box Tops for Education" logo.

COMMUNITY COFFEE UPC

Please continue saving "Community Coffee UPC" symbols. We will ask for you to send them in at a later date.

ROSTER T-SHIRT SALE

The Cheerleaders are selling Football Roster t-shirts. The cost is \$10-\$12. If you would like to order t-shirts contact a cheerleader or leave a message in the school office.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Students that are 18 or over, or 18 by Oct. 15 will have the chance to register to vote on Thursday, Aug. 25 at SCHS in Tarpon Hall.

Exercise your right to vote

NEW FOOD

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to your health."

Many school people are particularly opposed to outside groups lobbying for their self-interest in a manner that might negatively impact the rice and sugar cane industries, other businesses, and schools in Louisiana.

In addition to the bill signed into law by Governor Blanco, the federal government is becoming involved in changing the breakfast, lunch, and refreshment programs at school through the National School Lunch Act, Child Nutrition, and Food and Nutrition Services bureaus.

Many school personnel can relate to the interest of citrus growers in Louisiana, Florida, and California; however, when these interests are over-shadowed by the interest of growers and farmers from outside the United States, then it becomes apparent that the interest of the lobbyists is not about the nutrition of students, but financial advantage.

Members of the school board and the employees of Cameron Parish Schools are genuinely interested in promoting the health, physical, and academic well-being of all students. Members of the board and employees will continue to work to provide healthy breakfast, lunch, and refreshment choices for students in a wholesome environment while resisting non-United States interest promoting self-centered gain.

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OPEN HOUSE SCHS

Open House will be on Tuesday, Aug. 30 beginning at 6 p.m.

THANK YOU!

South Cameron High would like to thank all the parent volunteers that have been working toward promoting school spirit. These spirited parents have painted the school parking lot, cleaned the stadium, set-up concession stand for the scrimmage, decorated the boy's varsity locker room, placed the tarpon logo throughout our community, and have done a great job! The parents are an asset to our community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 25 - Iowa Jamboree SCHS vs East Beauregard 6 p.m.

Aug. 30 - Open House 6 p.m.

Sept. 1 - JV Football Game DeQuincy (home) 5 p.m.

Sept. 2 - Football Game DeQuincy (away) 7 p.m.

Sept. 5 - Labor Day Holiday

Go Tarpons!!

School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for the week beginning Aug. 25 for all Cameron Parish schools are as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 25 - Beef nachoes, tomato cup, Ranch Beans, steamed broccoli, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips, milk.

Friday, Aug. 26 - Hot ham and cheese sandwiches, lima beans, Tator Tots, chocolate cookie, hamburger bun, catsup, milk.

Monday, Aug. 29 - Chili dog, chili sauce, carrots, apple/orange wedges, royal brownies and chocolate glaze, hot dog bun, milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 30 - Chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread, wheat sliced bread, salad dressing, milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 31 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, chilled pear halves, brown gravy, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls, milk.

Arrest told

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents cited a commercial fisherman for allegedly using crab traps without the required markings in the Calcasieu Ship Channel in Cameron Parish on Aug. 5.

Agents observed Roger B. Kelly, 39, of Hackberry as he tended his crab traps. A subsequent check revealed that some of his traps were not properly tagged with the fisherman's license number, and the two traps were seized as evidence.

The penalty for using traps without the required markings is a fine up to \$750, or up to 120 days in jail or both, plus court costs.

Participating in the case were Sgt. David Liles and Senior Agent Keith Aucoin.



ROBERT TURLEY, LSU AgCenter agriculturalist, recently presented a gardening class at the Cameron Parish Library.

Gardening tips given by LSU horticulturist

LSU AgCenter Horticulturist, Robert Turley, recently gave a "Successful Gardening Tips" seminar for the Elderly Education program at the Cameron Parish Library. In this seminar that was broadcast to Beauregard Parish via video conference, Mr. Turley discussed some helpful hints that will make gardening easier for people in our area.

Some of the tips that Mr. Turley gave the participants were:

* Place your garden in full sun and in an open breezy area.

* Plant your garden when it reaches 60-70 degrees, usually mid-March.

* Early morning sun is

important as is fertile soil with a PH of 6-7.

* Test your soil every 3-4 years.

* Manage garden pests and spray fungicides.

* Keep your garden free of weeds and away from trees and bushes.

* A small well cared for garden will produce more than a large unkempt one.

For more information on gardening tips, please contact the Cameron Parish AgCenter at 775-5516. They have a lot of handouts with recommended plants for our area, advice on pest control, and time tables for plantings. The AgCenter can also test the soil of your garden for a small fee.

New complaint form announced by state

The State Inspector General, Sharon Robinson, and Governor Kathleen Blanco announced a new online complaint form that will allow any Louisiana citizen to report fraud, abuse, or waste in state government over the internet.

"In keeping with our Stamp Out Fraud campaigns, citizens now have an efficient, cost effective way to fight fraud and waste in our state government" said Governor Blanco.

The public and state employees can access the new complaint form by going online to the web address, www.doa.louisiana.gov/oig/inpector.htm.

Inspector General Robinson said in today's release, "I am pleased that

people can now go to our site, fill out the form and send it electronically, or print it and send it in the regular mail according to the instructions on the form."

The new service will help the Inspector General determine if the complaint should be investigated by her office or referred elsewhere.

Inspector General Robinson also noted that complaints could be filed without providing contact information, but she said, "Doing so might limit the Inspector General's ability to do a thorough investigation".

Until the new internet complaint form was added to the I.G. web site, fraud and waste complaints in state government came primarily from telephone or traditional mail.

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SPECIAL NOTE:

CPTR 1000 course may be moved to Wednesday evenings to avoid conflicting school and community events.

The decision will be made during class on Thursday, August 25, 2005.

Cameron Parish School Board in partnership with SOWELA Community College will offer CPTR 1000, Introduction to Computers

South Cameron High School, Creole, Louisiana

Course Information:

Description: Introduction to computer hardware, operating systems, Internet concepts, microcomputer applications, and security and ethical issues.

Number: CPTR 1000

Title: Introduction to Computers

Credit: Lecture 3, Lab 0, 3 Credit Hours/45 Contact Hours

Prerequisite: None (NO ADMISSIONS TEST REQUIRED)

Textbook: Microsoft Office XP, ISBN: 0-619-11045-7, Publisher is Course Technology

Number of classes: Fifteen

Meeting dates/times: Thursdays, 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm beginning on 8/25/05 thru 12/8/05

Registration: Thursday, August 25, 2005, 4:00 PM

Supplies: Textbook and copier paper; Home computer with Office 2003 is helpful; Thumb drive/Memory stick

Objective: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate with a minimum of 70% accuracy an understanding of computer technology and how technical skills affect our personal and professional lives, efficient, productive, and creative skills in searching the Internet for information, the ability to distinguish computer hardware and software and perform specific skills relating to each.

Outline: At the completion of this course, the student will be able to create professional looking documents using a word processor, create basic spreadsheets, databases, and presentations.

Minimum age for enrollment: 17

Tuition: \$160.00, payable to SOWELA Technical Community College on August 25, 2005, upon registration

For more information, contact: Stephanie Rodrigue, Supervisor, Cameron Parish School Board, 775-7393, extension 30.

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BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT leaders attended the Cameron Parish United Way kickoff luncheon Monday at the Council on Aging office in Cameron. Tom Morris (standing), president of SWLA United Way, presented a video highlighting the work of the agency. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

United Way campaign begun in the parish

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

United Way of Southwest Louisiana held its Cameron Parish 2006 Campaign Kick-off Monday at a luncheon at the Cameron Council on Aging. Parish Chairman William Daigle announced that the parish goal for this year's campaign is \$35,500, an increase of \$1500 over last year which he is confident the parish can reach.

To encourage participation, Cameron Parish United Way will be holding a prize drawing at the end of the campaign. Everyone who gives at least \$25 will be eligible to win gifts such as a television and a DVD player.

Speaking for the Council on Aging, which receives funds from United Way, Dinah Landry pointed out that the Council's allocation of \$60,000 is far more than the parish is being asked to raise. Without these funds, the Council would not be able to provide as many services to parish elderly as it does now. She cited a \$10,000 grant

from United Way that has enable the agency to meet emergency needs of senior citizens this year.

CCOA is the only parish agency on United Way's roster, but many other United Way agencies provide services to the parish including Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army, Family and Youth Counseling, Calcasieu Women's Shelter, American Heart Association, and others. Altogether, 4,328 individuals were helped by SWLA United Way agencies last year.

Tom Morris, President of SWLA United Way highlighted some of the direct services that the organization has begun to provide to the area. The Youth Advisory Council includes 65 youth from 7-10 area high schools, not including Cameron Parish yet. The SWLA High School Sports Hall of Fame recognizes 4-5 area seniors each year who are nominated by their schools.

In response to the needs of military families created by

Pascale has completed Navy basic

Navy Seaman Apprentice Joshua M. Pascale, a 2003 graduate of Bell City High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Pascale completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Letter to the Editor

Parish will seek day in court

Dear Editor:

A recent article by columnist Jim Beam portrays the West Cameron Port as "playing old time Louisiana politics" by trying to 'shakedown' the Lake Charles Port.

I have been a faithful follower of Mr. Beam's articles for a very long time and am shocked that he would not have researched the facts before printing this. The issue is not only about money, but as in all dealings with the Lake Charles Port, it is involved. The article states that the Cameron Dock Board is trying to take advantage of the Lake Charles Port. As a citizen of Cameron Parish I take great offense at that.

For as long as I can remember the Calcasieu channel has supported the growth and success of Lake Charles but has had very little economic effect in Cameron. Could it be because that almost all the land on the channel in Cameron that could be developed is held as spoil placement areas by the Lake Charles Port?

For over 50 years we have watched as the ships of opportunity went north and we never complained. For over 50 years the Lake Charles Port did great things in their district and nothing in Cameron Parish.

Now that the West Cameron Port is attempting to create opportunity in our own district the Lake Charles Port is trying to muscle in by building and operating a wharf in Cameron. This in itself could threaten the very existence of the West Cameron Dock Board.

Cameron has too long trusted the Lake Charles Port to do the right thing for regional economic growth. We trusted them and the Federal Government when the channel was dug to build a bridge (which was promised but never done), we trusted them to help when we wanted a gambling boat in Cameron but they had already promised otherwise.

We ask the 'Regional Lake

Charles Port' to show what they have done for Cameron in their 50 plus years?

The fact that the Lake Charles Port can own property in Cameron for the maintenance of the channel has not been challenged, the fact that they are trying to operate a business outside their district is. The rights of the two port boards are described in the state statutes.

The fact that the Lake Charles Port operates on a budget of 70 to 80 million dollars a year and the West Cameron Port has to borrow money to defend itself does not look like a 'shakedown' to me.

The new LC port also has some nerve questioning how another Port gets money when they just squeezed percentage money from the New LC casino, money that was supposed to go to schools and other worthwhile needs.

The LC Port also neglected to tell Mr. Beam that they purchased the property where the Sempra project will be located knowing that the project was in the works for about five hundred thousand dollars and are getting five hundred forty thousand dollars in yearly leases and will receive another million plus dollars in yearly dock fees when the project comes on line. The LC Port should clean up its own act before trying smear tactics on others.

The simple fact that Cameron would welcome an opportunity to do business with the LC Port as a joint venture is never mentioned. Maybe that's because it would mean that Lake Charles Port would have to work with lowly Cameron and not be able to totally control them as they have until now. Many people in Cameron parish say that it is time that Cameron stands up and says 'no more'!

We also will seek our day in court if necessary because we are protecting our rights. We are not trying to do business in the LC Port's district, they are in ours and if they do not want to work with the people of Cameron in our district then they should get out.

Sonny McGee
Cameron Parish Citizen

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By **Geneva Griffith**



We have had three accidents here during the last few weeks - falls by residents, including me. I have been down and am trying hard to slow down. I was so used to doing everything in a hurry, but that is all in the past. One of the residents fell in her house and was unable to get up. Her children came to check on her when they couldn't get an answer on her phone and found her on the floor where she had been all night. She ended up with a broken leg.

The other fell on the concrete street and landed on her face breaking out her front teeth, among other injuries. Luckily it was witnessed by the yard men who rescued her.

I had my fall in the clubhouse when I got tangled up in my chair. My companions helped me up, and I was able to walk home, with their help.

Then today I had a fall in my front yard, when on my way to the beauty shop. I have been going to a chiropractor for my first fall which injured my lower back, and am to go to an orthopedic doctor next week. Times sure have changed. We used to

have one doctor that treated everything, now all we have are specialists who treat only one ailment ...

I wear a call button around my neck which is connected to Acadian Ambulance that has all the telephone numbers to call if I have no one around. I am headed to the clubhouse tonight for our monthly social, a dinner cooked by some of our great cooks at the Village. Everyone here looks out for one another. We all look after one another and are always sharing food and other things with one another.

Guess what? The party and supper was Edie and Aymie's 55th wedding anniversary. The food was delicious, and I brought back a doggie bag for Beau.

I had to miss a very important wedding in Houston, Tex. this weekend because I just couldn't sit for the five hour ride to get there. My whole lifestyle has had to change.

It looks to me like Cameron Parish is really getting the publicity, what with so many things happening there. I am glad that everyone will realize what a wonderful place it is.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By **Keith Hambrick**



Lake Charles American Press, Aug. 24, 1942. MCCALL URGES CARE IN PICKING, HANDLING COTTON

Good grades of cotton will be more important this fall than heretofore, because of the requirements of materials for military purposes, states Carroll H. McCall, county agent.

McCall points out that the condition in which cotton is brought to the gin is one of the most important factors that determine the grade of the lint and the quality of the ginned seed.

When dews are heavy, seed cotton will generally be too damp, the county agent says, for good ginning, if picked before 10 o'clock in the morning. Damp pickings of early morning should be sundried long enough to remove the excess moisture.

Cameron Pilot, Aug. 24, 1972. GAS SEEPAGE FOUND OFF CAMERON COAST

Oceanographers at Texas A&M have pin-pointed a major source of natural hydrocarbon pollution in the Gulf of Mexico. The find indicates natural gas seepage from more than a dozen areas, some up to 100 miles apart, may contribute to pol-

lution of Gulf Coast beaches, reported Dr. William E. Sweet, Jr., TAMU research oceanographer.

Dr. Sweet said he found and photographed the natural seeps last week in approximately 120 feet of water on the continental shelf south of Cameron.

Dr. Sweet pointed out offshore oil rigs have been blamed for much of the gulf water and beach pollution. His findings show the natural seepage is a major pollution source.

Dr Sweet has insisted for years that most lumps of tar found floating in the northwest portion of the gulf are not reined products, but naturally occurring hydrocarbons seeping from faults.

TOBACCO GROWN HERE

By **Geneva Griffith**
J. B. Jones, Assistant District Attorney for Cameron Parish, has introduced a new crop into the parish to be used as a border plant in his flower bed.

Jones had admired the tobacco fields in North Carolina and had expressed a desire to have some plants for foliage in the flower bed of his office, located behind the Cameron Courthouse.

Mrs. Buddy Willis, whose father owns a tobacco farm in North Carolina, brought Jones some small plants in a bucket and he planted them in his flower bed. The plants are now approximately four feet high with beautiful green foliage.

Jones said that he plans to have the leaves cured to be used for chewing tobacco.

Dudley Swire, Grand Chenier, will do the curing for him. Swire grows small patches of tobacco in his home garden for his personal use.

DOLAND & RIGGS ARE WINNERS

One incumbent won reelection while another was defeated in two Cameron

Comments are sought on Cam. Prairie Refuge plans

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is pleased to announce the availability of a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Cameron Prairie is one of three refuges within the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The Service is seeking public comments on the draft plan through close of business on Sept. 5.

The proposed plan was developed by a planning team consisting of representatives from the Service, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, McNeese State University, and other wildlife and public use professionals. Input from the public was solicited and considered during development of the draft plan.

According to Project Leader Don Voros, "the plan will provide the refuge with a 15-year strategy for achieving the purpose of the refuge and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System".

Copies of the draft plan may be obtained by contacting Judy McClendon, Natural Resource Planner, 1428 Highway 27, Bell City, LA 70630; Phone: 337-598-2216, or by electronic mail to:

judy_mcclendon@fws.gov. A copy of the plan is also available on our website at: <http://www/fws.gov/south-east/planning/DraftDocs.htm>

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that encompasses more than 540 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands, and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. The agency also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

Parish School Board races Saturday.

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Riggs, Ward 6 board member for the past six years, defeated her opponent, Mr. J. A. Lowery, in the race.

In the Ward 2 race, Pat Doland of Grand Chenier won over the incumbent, Lee Conner of Creole.

In the race for delegate to the Constitutional Convention from District 36, State Rep. Conway LeBleu of Cameron led the field with 2,476 votes with Dr. William S. Boyd of Lake Charles taking second with 1,545 votes.

In other races, Frank Salter, who was easily re-elected District Attorney for Cameron and Calcasieu parishes, defeated his oppo-

nent, James Cox in the Cameron boxes.

2247 PUPILS ENROLLED IN 1972

A total of 2,247 students enrolled in Cameron Parish schools Monday for the 1972-73 session, according to Supt. W. R. Smith. This was a slight increase over the first day enrollment last year which was 2,232 students. The enrollment by schools, including kindergarten figures were: Cameron Elementary--449; Grand Chenier Elementary--134; Grand Lake High--337; Hackberry High--359; Johnson Bayou High--188; South Cameron Elementary--320; South Cameron High--460.

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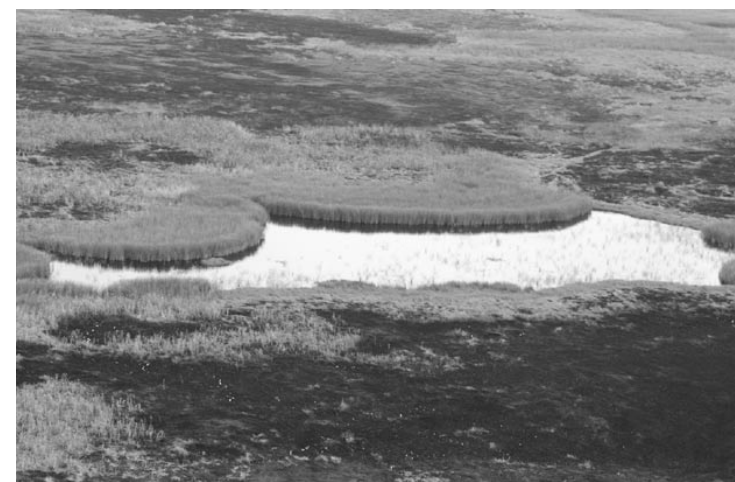
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2825 ACRES ON Sabine National Wildlife Refuge burned last week after being started by lightning. The fire is now out. The photo above shows the mosaic-like pattern of the burn. At left, vegetation close to refuge ponds stayed green throughout the fire. The fires did not seem to deter the wild-fowl, who continued to visit the ponds. (Photos courtesy of Sabine Wildlife Refuge.)

Fire burns nearly 3000 acres on refuge

Hunt Unit E Wildfire has burned 2825 acres on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge.

Fire management officials of Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex continued to monitor the wildfire started by lightning on Sabine NWR late Tuesday.

The wildfire at Sabine is completely out on the perimeter but continues to burn small pockets of vegetation on the interior of the unit. Total acreage only increased about 25 acres throughout the night. Helicopter overflights completed earlier today allowed fire officials to view and photograph the mosaic pattern of the burn.

Mottled ducks, blue-winged teal, and black-bellied whistling ducks were observed using ponds

throughout the unit.

Additionally, numerous shorebirds and wading birds were feeding throughout the freshly burned area. Many of the marsh ponds within Hunt Unit E are still surrounded by green vegetation that did not burn during the fire.

The Sabine National Wildlife Refuge is one of 544 National Wildlife Refuges in the U.S. (www.refuges.fws.gov). The 124,000-acre refuge has 10 management units in Cameron parish and is home to many species of wildlife and more than 250 species of birds, many of whom are dependent on fire-maintained ecosystems.

For more information, contact the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge at 762-3816 or visit <http://sabine.fws.gov>.

Taking the bite out of mosquitoes

By C. Dayton Steelman and Dennis L. Walette Jr. LSU AgCenter

Throughout Louisiana's history, massive numbers of mosquitoes have thrived along the Gulf Coast from Plaquemine west through Cameron Parish. These parishes include rice production, swamps and bayou areas. Massive outbreaks occurring on seven- to 10-year cycles, and especially after hurricanes, often have resulted in cattle and other domestic animal deaths because of blood loss and suffocation caused by blockage of air passages.

The impact of mosquitoes on tourism and their potential as carriers of organisms that cause disease resulted in the establishment of mosquito abatement districts in Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard and St. Tammany parishes in the early 1960s.

Because of public concern over the continued impact of mosquitoes on humans, domestic and wild animals, the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station created a position for a scientist to do research on mosquito population management in 1965. Research was conducted in cooperation with the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association, which had researchers at New Orleans, Lafayette and Lake Charles, the existing mosquito abatement districts and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Mosquito Research Laboratory at Lake Charles.

A significant effort was immediately initiated wherein the mosquito abatement districts provided funding for a laboratory technician at LSU to determine the susceptibility of mosquitoes to the insecticides in use in mosquito control programs. Abatement district personnel collected mosquitoes from their respective parishes and delivered them to LSU where the tests were conducted. The baseline data established in these tests later identified the development of insecticide resistance in mosquitoes to several insecticides that had been in constant use in the various parish programs.

This information provided advance warning that resulted in preventing resistance development in the districts by their changing to alternative insecticides.

In 1971, mosquitoes carrying Venezuelan encephalitis crossed the border between Mexico and Texas, killing horses and dogs and threatening the human population. Massive numbers of mosquitoes were in coastal Texas and Louisiana at this time, and this stimulated the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct an emergency adult mosquito control program in Texas that included Cameron and Calcasieu parishes in Louisiana.

The emergency program involved the aerial application of ultra-low-volume insecticide and effectively controlled adult mosquitoes and protected the horse population for a three-week period until a horse vaccine could be administered. LSU AgCenter scientists worked with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) personnel during this program. No horse or human cases of Venezuelan encephalitis occurred in Louisiana. This mosquito control program provided a large-scale demonstration that proved to the citizens of the coastal parishes that mosquitoes could be controlled effectively.

LSU AgCenter scientists went on to help form mosquito control programs in Cameron, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis and Vermilion parishes. Later, the LSU AgCenter led the way to initiating mosquito control

programs in East Baton Rouge and Ouachita parishes. Since the mid-1970s, many other mosquito control programs have been initiated in other parishes.

Research on mosquitoes at LSU has included the identification of the mosquitoes responsible for transmitting dog heartworm, anaplasmosis and equine infectious anemia (swamp fever), identification of host animals that provide most of the mosquito blood meals and the impact of wildlife habitat management on mosquito production. The mosquito research program at LSU received national and international recognition for its leadership in a consortium of scientists from rice production states that conducted research from 1979 to 1993 on the biology and control of mosquitoes produced in rice fields.

In addition, landmark research that determined the effect of mosquito attacks on cattle production, identifying Brahman-breed resistance to mosquitoes, was conducted at the Rice Research Station in Crowley. The mosquito abatement districts have received helpful information on the integrated management of mosquitoes in many aquatic habitats, impact of insecticides applied for mosquito control on non-target aquatic organisms and mark-release-recapture studies that determined mosquito dispersal. Countless experiments have been conducted to determine the efficacy of many different insecticides, biological agents and habitat manipulation for managing mosquito populations.

Sheriff's Report

Arrests made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office recently include:

Aug. 10: Fredria M. Bertrand, 21, 4165 Evangeline Hwy., Iota - Theft

Aug. 11: Candy S. Conner, 33, 146 Willow Ln., Cameron - Simple battery, resisting an officer, remaining after forbidden; Spencer Conner, Sr., 32, 146 Willow Lane, Cameron - Resisting an officer, remaining after forbidden; Ray A. Lagarbo, 47, 110 Marbules, Morse, LA - DWI

Aug. 13: Eby Bertinot, Jr., 54, 204 Canal Lane, Houma - DWI; Chase M. Ducote, 21, 744 Little Conner, Hessmer, LA - DWI

PACE alerts citizens on coastal concerns

In response to signals from the White House that they have backed off on their earlier stated support for coastal restoration efforts in Louisiana, now opposing revenues for states that produce the lion's share of domestic energy, Parishes Against Coastal Erosion (PACE) leaders passed a resolution to assemble city and parish attorneys to consider legal options available to achieve the same results through the courts.

Author of the resolution, Jefferson Parish President Aaron Broussard said, "We are learning our lesson that we cannot rely on hollow promises of help from outside and will need to use all means at our disposal. That is why in response to requests at our last PACE meeting to seek legal recourse; we are assembling our city and parish attorneys in a special committee to prepare a list of legal options that will demonstrate to the Feds that we mean business when it comes to protecting our citizens from the ravages of our coast."

"We are in the middle of a land loss crisis here in America's WETLAND and need our government to hold true to promises of help to turn back the tide of erosion which threatens not only our land and livelihood, but the nation's supply of vital energy resources that protect all Americans from the vulnera-

bility of foreign sources," said PACE President Benny Rousselle, Plaquemine Parish President.

Charlotte Randolph, Lafourche Parish President, warned the Congress and Administration not to liken Louisiana's coastal crisis to the Florida Everglades. "We are a working wetlands, and the work we do here in South Louisiana brings enormous revenues to the federal treasury. Everyone should know that something of this value does not come without a price, and our price has been a steep one and will be an even steeper one for the nation if something isn't done soon to halt erosion of the land that protects over \$100 billion in infrastructure supporting safe delivery of energy to all Americans."

Parishes Against Coastal Erosion (PACE) was formed in 2003 to unite and organize local governments to assist their individual efforts to raise the important issues of the loss of coastal wetlands to federal and state policy makers. As part of its efforts to alert and inform citizens about the issues surrounding Louisiana's coastal land loss and restoration, PACE has become an active partner with America's WETLAND: Campaign to Save Coastal Louisiana.

For more information about Parishes Against Coastal Erosion, visit www.paceonline.org.

Low Fat Blueberry Lemonade Cake

1 package blueberry muffin mix (1 pouch muffin mix and 1 can blueberries)
1/2 cup lemonade concentrate
1/2 cup water 1 egg
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
powdered sugar (optional) fresh blueberries (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Drain and rinse blueberries and place on a paper towel to drain; set aside. Place muffin mix, lemonade concentrate, water, egg and lemon zest in medium bowl. Stir together until moistened, about 40 strokes. Gently fold in drained blueberries. Spoon batter into lightly greased, 9-inch round cake pan. Bake 27-32 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar and serve with fresh blueberries, if desired.

*Nutrients Per Serving (1/8 cake): Calories 220, Total Fat 1.5g, Sat. Fat 0g, Cholesterol 25mg, Sodium 440mg, Total Carb. 50g, Dietary Fiber 3g, Protein 3g *Nutrient contribution from optional ingredients not included.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



FALL SEASON

Fall season is creeping up on us. All of Miami Corporation's Permit Fishing ends this Saturday - Sunday. There's still plenty of saltwater fishing, as the fall season is always a good time to catch trout, red fish and flounder. These are great fun to catch this time of year. Also freshwater catfish fishing is also good in the fall.

CCA's Star Tournament and Rodeo ends in September. The Lemesche Bass Club finishes their tournament year this Sunday and the Gibbstown Dogfight had their regional dogfight this past Monday to qualify for the Toledo tournament.

Dove season in our area opens Saturday, Sept. 3 and closes Sunday, Sept. 11. Remember the first three days of opening, shooting hours don't start before noon, with an eight dove limit.

Teal (special) season opens on Saturday, Sept. 17 - 25, nine days with a four duck daily limit, 1/2 hour before sunrise to legally shoot. Gallinules season also opens for nine days along with teal season Sept. 17 - 25, with a daily bag limit of 15.

The bow season in our Area 3 for deer opens Sept. 16. Check your pamphlets for all the rules and regulations. Alligator season also opens in September, so traveling in our marshes for either hunting or fishing, be extra careful of the hooks set and hunters using rifles in our marshes and canals.

GIBBSTOWN DOGFIGHTS

Week 18 of the Gibbstown dogfights had only seven boats, lots of fish were caught. Johnny LeDoux and Matthew Griffith took first place with a 6.76 pound three bass stringer, and Matthew had

the largest bass weighing in at 3.31 pounds, caught on a fluke in the Big Burn.

Week 19 had only five boats enter and again Johnny LeDoux and Matthew Griffith took the largest string with three bass weighing 8.14 pounds. Matthew again caught the largest bass on a fluke in the Big Burn.

The regional was held this past Monday.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB

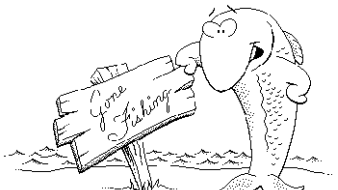
The club fishes their last pick-your-partner this Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Amoco field, launching at the superior boat launch. Weigh-in is at 3 p.m.

The members are reminded that the last meeting of the year, will be held at the KC Hall in Creole, on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m., this being because of the upcoming alligator season. This will give members who hunt alligators a chance to make this last meeting, as they prepare for the opening of alligator season.

We should begin to see some cool fronts move in, this should bring us in some teals and other ducks, initiate movement of flounders, red-fish, sheephead and black drum from marshes to deeper waters.

It's time to plant winter wheat and clover food plots. White shrimp migrate to the Gulf as water temperatures cool. Young oysters build reefs and provide fish habitat. Summer spotted sea trout spawning season ends.

Fall season officially begins on Sept. 22.



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